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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Outpost Line	29/4/16		(12) Twelve officers and 60 O.R.s left to attend the Imperial School of Instruction ZEITOUN. Three Lewis guns were received from Ordnance. 25 draught horses were taken away and given to the 13th Field Artillery Bde. 4 Vickers were received from Ordnance.	111
do-	1/5/16		The G.O.C. 2nd ANZAC and the G.O.C. 5th Division inspected the Brigade training. Owing to large number of reinforcements and so many men being in the trenches the showing was not good.	
do-	2/5/16		The 59th & 60th Bns took part in a Div. Exercise. The general idea was that the 60th Bn represented a Turk Brigade driving back the 59th Bn near ALBURY HILL the 60th Bn was attacked in flank by the 8th Inf Bde.	
do-	3/5/16		The 57th & 58th Bns repeated Tuesday's exercise near Mt AVCKLAD working with the 14th Bde. 32 O.R. joined a School at FERRY POST for Lewis Gun instruction.	
do-	4/5/16		Lieut Gen Godley and Maj Gen McCay inspected the whole front line between 0700 and 1100. One Vickers gun was mounted at Railhead for use as anti-aircraft gun.	
do-	5/5/16		The Brigadier and Bde Majors conferred with Brig Gen Hill, 8th Bde regarding the defence of the gap NORTH of GUNDAGAI. The Brigadier decided to construct a new work & call it BACKSHEESH POST. Down Coys of the 58th Bn took over M Sector from the 57th Bn & 4 Coys 60th Bn took over M Sector from 59th Bn. This strengthening of the line was due to precautionary measures in view of the Turk and Arab concentration at UM MUKSHIEB (about 25 miles East). In addition Battalion reserve of S.A.A. and one days ration water was accumulated in the trenches.	
do-	6/5/16		In a Divisional Exercise the 57th Bn and 59th Bn represented a Turk Force under Col. Elliott and attacked ALBURY HILL defended by the 8th Brigade. The 14th Bde counter attacked from right flank. The exercise was instructive and our 2 Battalions carried out the attack very well.	1

H.Q. 15th Infantry Bde

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Railhead FERRY POST	6/5/16		Orders received from 5th Aust. Division that owing of possibility of an early Turkish attack, two Battalions of the 14th Brigade would reinforce on Monday and that the defence would be reorganised, all support troops ordered to stand to arms at 0330 daily.	+
do-	8/5/16		The 57th Bn took over the right half of M Sector and the 58th the left half. H.Q. at SPHINT and WALLON respectively. The 59th Bn came from DUNTRON PLATEAU and went into reserve there. The 54th Bn relieved the 60th Bn in the right half of M Sector and the 56th Bn relieved in the left half. The N Sector was put under the command of Lt Col. CASS, 54th Bn. The G.O.C. 5th Div. visited Roadhead South at 1650.	
Road head SOUTH (Hogs Back Camp)	9/5/16		The H.Q. 15th Inf Bde & 15th M.G. Coy took up quarters at 0700. The 60th Bn arrived at 1000 and went into reserve. The Staff Captain (Capt LEGGE) was admitted to hospital. Telephonic Communication established between all Coys and Bn H.Q. and between Bn. H.Q. and Brigade H.Q. The water trouble is acute. The pipe line to HOGS BACK Camp does not yet give water and Camel transport is still in vogue. Horses had to be taken into railhead for water. 250 men were detailed for duty work on pipe line and Camel tanks. In preparation for defence Battalion reserves of S.A.A. and reserves of rations and water are accumulated in the trenches.	
do-	10/5/16		The G.O.C. 5th Div. carefully inspected the trenches in M Sector. It was decided to work more in groups and in consequence several outlying trenches were abandoned (the SOUP PLATE and lower PLATEAU being examples). All old trenches now being cleaned out.	
do-	11/5/16	0800	The C. in C. in Egypt (General MURRAY) arrived at GAZELLE HEIGHTS and rode along the trench line as far north as HOGS BACK. The C. in C. expressed his great appreciation of the work in the front line. The Duke of Sutherland's yacht party was shown around KATOOMBA. 280 MK IV rifles received from Ordnance.	2

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Remarks and
references to
Appendices

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
ROAD HEAD SOUTH	17/5/16		75 men surplus to Establishment of the 14th Bde were sent to 15th Bde as reinforcements. 40 men unfit for service were evacuated to TEL-EL-KEBIR. The new men are very poor.	
do -	13/5/16		The Staff and training personnel for the 15th Training Battalion were ^{are} despatched to TEL-EL-KEBIR. The G.O.C. 5th Div. inspected the N Sector and decided to group the works more. This means abandoning a number of trenches on MT KEMBLA and GUNDAGAI.	
do -	14/5/16		The Lewis gun School rejoined. A new School was started. The day was very hot - 109° was registered in the Office Marquee.	
FERRY Post Staging Camp	15/5/16	0300	Orders were received for the relief of the Brigade by the 14th Inf Bde. See Appendix 4. The Ad Qrs 14th Bde took over charge of the Outpost line at 1100. The 53th and 55th Bns relieved the 57th and 58th Bns at the 1800. The march to Ferry Post was carried out as in Bde Order 7 attached. The heat was very marked and the day was the most trying then even the previous day. Nevertheless only 20 men staggered in the 60th Bn and none in the 59th Bn. The Brigade immediately became duty Brigade and was required to furnish approximately 1000 all ranks from Retreat. The Brigade now occupies the 14th Bde camp site.	Appendix 4
do -	16/5/16		The 57th Bn, 58th Bn and W.S. Coy reported from the Outpost line. The march was very trying owing to the heat wave. The Brigade was engaged on Divisional duties.	
do -	17/5/16		Heat wave still continues. The Brigade (less Div. duties) carried out an attack exercise about 3 miles East of the Camp which ^{which} was fairly well done.	
do -	18/5/16		Owing to the extreme heat no work was done during the day. Medical officers reported that the men were suffering from overwork and consequently a holiday was ordered. All animals, except 40 riding horses, all harness and saddlery, and all vehicles except 20 G.S. Limbers wagons are now in our possession. Two Battalions are without H.V. rifles. 71 men (overflow from 14th Inf Bde) joined. St. Alb. Field, 60th Bn, was admitted to 15th Field Ambulance.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Staging Camp Ferry Post	19/5/16		A billeting exercise directed by the H.Q. Army Corps was carried out in ISMAILIA. All Divisional & Brigade Staff and Adjutants took part. The weather is now much cooler. The balance of the transport was received from Ordnance leaving only Cookers deficient.	5 11
do-	20/5/16		The 11th 57th Bn drew H. V. rifles. Horses completed to Establishment. All harness except pack saddlery completed. Officers S.O.R. returned from ZEITOUN SCHOOL.	
do-	21/5/16		Full complement of Cookers issued today. The Brigade took over Garrison duty at ISMAILIA & MOASCAR (200 all ranks)	
do-	22/5/16		Divisional Exercise held. The Brigade was called on to deploy from the Column and attack. This was fairly well carried out. Capt Legge, Staff Captain returned to duty.	
do	23/5/16		58th Bn, 15th W. Coy and BHO drew H. V. rifles. Lt Col. Field returned to duty.	
do-	24/5/16		148 reinforcements arrived from TEL-EL-KEBIR. There are men who lately arrived from Australia - they appear a good class but have had little training. Lt Col. Field was re-admitted to Hospital.	
do-	25/5/16	1630	A rehearsal of the afternoon Review was held with satisfactory results. The Division was reviewed by the C. in C. (General Murray) at 1730. There were 3400 of the Brigade on parade (200 at MOASCAR could not attend) and the 1st line transport also paraded. The Division marched Past after the inspection. Later the C. in C. warmly congratulated the Division on its excellent showing.	
do-	26/5/16		During the week Battalions practiced Advanced Guards, Artillery Formations and Grenade Attacks.	
do-	28/5/16		5th Div Order N° 20 received. Brigade Order N° 8 was issued as a preparatory step (appendix 5a)	Appendix 5a
do-	31/5/16		5th Div Order N° 22 received. Brigade Order N° 10 issued (appendix 5b and c)	5a 5b 5c

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5th DIVISIONAL ORDER No. 11Ferry Post,
14th May 1916.

1. The front line will be taken over by Colonel H. Pope C.B. from Colonel C.E. Elliott on 14th and 15th May.

2. The troops allotted for the outposts and supports are:-

8th Light Horse Regiment
14th Infantry Brigade
14th Field Company Engineers
14th Field Ambulance

3. The following order was issued at 2000 on 13th May:-

"G.3.703 of thirteenth. The 14th Brigade will take over
"the Front Line from the 15th Brigade on Monday and Tuesday
"next as follows aaa 14th Brigade less 2 Battalions move out
"to Southern Roadhead morning Monday 15th.aaa Two Battalions
"15th Brigade move into Ferry Post Monday morning aaa No move
"of tentage is required for this. On Tuesday two battalions
"and Machine Gun Co 14th Brigade will take over front line
"Southern Sector, and remainder of 15th Brigade will return
"to Ferry Post bringing tentage for two battalions and
"Machine Gun Co aaa All the details to be arranged between
"Brigades and with O.C. Divisional Train and Senior Supply Officer
"aaa Addressed 14th and 15th Brigades repeated O.C. Div. Train
"Senior Supply Officer, A.D.H.S. Div. Signal Co."

4. In continuation of the foregoing instructions, formations and Units will report to Divisional Headquarters when moves are completed.

5. All maps, plans of works, orders regarding the front line, and correspondence referring to it, will be handed over by 15th Brigade to 14th Brigade.

6. 14th Brigade will report ^{where} ~~when~~ headquarters are established, and will make any necessary alterations in signal communications, reporting when these are complete.

7. 14th Brigade will arrange to draw and maintain 280 rounds S.A.A. Mark VII per rifle for units which have been re-armed, and 3,500 rounds per machine gun. Mark VI Ammunition in excess of scale will be collected and returned to Ferry Post.

Cumwagstaff

Lt. Colonel,
Gen. Staff 5th Australian Division.

Issued to:-

14th Brigade
15th
8th Light Horse Regiment
C.D.E.
A.D.H.S.
D.A.D.O.S.
O.C. Div. Amn. Column
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Q.

Copies to:-

8th Brigade
C.D.A.
G.S. Files
2nd ANZAC
4th Division.

15th Brigade Order No. 7
By Colonel H.E. ELLIOTT, Commanding.

Appendix 4(a)

RAILHEAD SOUTH
14th May 1916.

Relief.

1. The 15th Infantry Brigade will be relieved in the Outpost line by the 14th Brigade on 15th and 16th inst.

After relief the Brigade will assemble at the FERRY POST STAGING CAMP, in accordance with the following instructions.

Move

2. MARCH (a) The 15th B.R.Q., 59th Bn and 60th Bn, in that order will pass the native canteen at 0630 on 15th May.

The detachments at Railhead will remain on duty until 1200. They will march to the Staging Camp at 0400 under the orders of the senior officer. 7600

Each battalion will detail one section to remain at Roadhead and one platoon (less one section) to halt at Railhead to handle baggage. On completion of this duty the parties will report to the C.O. Detachment at Railhead.

(b) The 57th Bn, 58th Bn and 15th M.G. Coy will be relieved during the evening of 15th inst. and will then return to, and bivouac at, Roadhead South.

The 57th Bn, 58th Bn and 15th M.G. Coy (the column under the command of Lieut. Col. Davies, 58th Bn) in that order will pass the ~~existing~~ native canteen at 0630 on 16th May and march to Staging Camp.

Each Battalion will detail one section at Roadhead and one platoon (less one section) at Railhead to handle baggage. On completion of this duty the senior platoon commander will march the party to the Staging Camp.

Details

3. Ammunition-All Mk VI S.A.A. will be returned to Railhead with baggage and handed over in charge of a guard.

Tents-Tents in the front line will be left standing. Tents at Roadhead will be struck by the 59th and 58th Bns and sent to staging camp.

Reserve rations and water in the front line will be carefully handed over to incoming units and receipts obtained.

Cleanliness of lines and camp areas will be scrupulously observed.

Transport

4. Wheeled and camel transport will be provided at Roadhead at 0700 on 15th and 16th inst. All baggage &c will be stacked at the roadside ready for loading by 0600. Transport will work between Roadhead and Railhead. There will be no through transport.

Return journeys of ration camels should be utilised to full extent.

Reports

5. Reports will be sent to 15th Infantry Brigade H.Q. at Ferry Post.

Geo. J. Trevelyan Major.
Brigade Major, 15th Inf. Bde.

Copy 1 5th Div.
2. 57th Bn
3. 58th Bn
4. 59th Bn
5. 60th Bn
6. 15th M.G. Coy.
7) 15th B.R.Q.
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Appendix 5

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5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER No. 20

Headquarters, FERRY POST.

28th May 1916.

MOVE

1. The 5th Australian Division will entrain at MOASCAR STATION commencing about 6th June 1916, and will proceed to a port of embarkation for service overseas. Prior to entrainment the units of the Division will move into Camp at MOASCAR.

FLIGHTS

2. The embarkation will, as far as possible, be carried out in flights in the following order:-

1st Flight

8th Infantry Brigade & Machine Gun Co.
 18th Co. A.A.S.C.
 13th F. Art. Bde.
 8th Field Co.
 8th Field Ambulance
 Hd. Qrs. Div. Train.
 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th D.U. of S.

followed by:-

Div. Headquarters
 Div. Artillery Headquarters
 Div. Engineers Headquarters
 Div. Signal Co.
 Cable Section
 13th Light Horse Regt. Hd. Qrs. & M.G. sect.
 Div. Light Horse Squadron
 Div. Cyclist Co.

2nd Flight

15th Infantry Brigade & Machine Gun Co.
 28th Co. A.A.S.C.
 15th F. Artillery Brigade
 15th Field Co.
 15th Field Ambulance
 25th Howitzer Brigade
 5th Pioneer Battalion

3rd Flight

14th Infantry Brigade & Machine Gun Co
 29th Co. A.A.S.C. (from TEL-EL-KEBIR)
 14th F. Artillery Brigade
 14th Field Co.
 14th Field Ambulance
 5th Sanitary Section
 10th Co. A.A.S.C. (Hd. Qrs. Co. Div. Train)

followed by:-

5th Mobile Vet. Section
 5th Field Butchery
 5th D. A. Column
 5th Field Bakery (from TEL EL KEBIR)
 5th Aust. Div. Record Section (from ALEXANDRIA)
 Inf. Base Depot (from TEL EL KEBIR)
 Hd. Qrs., M.C. Section, and 1 Sqn. 4th L.H. Regiment

PERSONNEL. 3. All units in the Division will proceed overseas at strengths laid down in V.E. Part VII.

ANIMALS. 6.
 GUNS. 4. 36 18 pr. guns with 3 ammunition^W/agons per gun will be taken. No howitzers or LEWIS guns will be taken. Surplus 18 pr. guns with 3 ammunition wagons per gun and all LEWIS guns will be handed in to the Ordnance Depot at FERRY POST.

VEHICLES. 5. All service pattern vehicles (horsed and mechanical) motor cycles and bicycles actually^{in fact} will be taken, but only the following G.S. Wagons will accompany units:-

Pioneer Bn.	1 per Co.
Field Companies	1 " "
Div. Sig. Co.	1 G.S. R.E.
Div. Train	1 per Co.
D.A.C.	5

The above G.S. Wagons will be taken to allow of the small technical stores, artificers tools etc. being conveyed without special packing.

Vehicle equipment will be taken for all vehicles taken.

All surplus vehicles will be handed over to Ordnance Department under instructions to be issued later.

ANIMALS. 6. The following horses will be taken:-

(a) Chargers and riders ✓

All units except Artillery will embark up to full establishment.

Artillery will only embark 45 chargers and 43 riders distributed as under:-

Hd. Quarters	8 chargers	7 riders
13th F. Art. Bde.	7 "	7 "
14th F. Art. Bde.	7 "	7 "
15th F. Art. Bde.	7 "	7 "
25th How. Bde.	8 "	7 "
D. A. C.	8 "	8 "

Total 45 Total 43

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(b) Light Draught

13th F. Art. Bde.	120
14th " "	120
15th " "	120
25th Howitzer Bde.	100
D. A. C.	106
Div. L.H.	13 (includes 2 pack)
Cyclist Co.	3
Cable Section	18
Total	600

(c) Heavy Draught

Hd. Qrs Div. Train	2
10th Co. A.A.S.C.	214
18th Co. " "	58
28th Co. " "	58
29th Co. A.A.S.C.	58
3 F. Ambulances @ 8 ea.	24
3 F. Cos. @ 12 each	36
Total	450

No horses or mules other than the above will be embarked. Further instructions will be issued as to the handing over of all surplus horses and mules.

HARNESS & SADDLERY. 7. All saddlery and harness for full establishment will be taken, with the following exceptions:-
As to G.S. Wagons and Officers Mess carts, saddlery and harness only for G.S. Wagons and Officers mess carts actually taken.
Saddlery and harness will be packed in sacks and labelled. The sacks will be drawn from the D.A.D.O.S. on demand.

AMMUNITION. 8. 120 rounds S.A.A. on the man and 3500 rounds per Vickers H.G. will be taken.
No other gun or S.A.A. will be taken

STORES & EQUIPMENT 9. All stores and equipment constituting the loads of all vehicles will be taken.

GAS HELMETS 10. No service gas helmets will be issued before embarkation. The practice ones at present on issue to units will be taken for practice during voyage.

ADVANCE PARTIES. 11. The following Officers will proceed in advance of the Division.

(1) For disembarkation and entrainment.

G.S.O. 2	
Major H.T.C. Layh	59th Bn.
Major T.S.S. Anderson	56th "
Capt. R.A. Geddes	32nd "
Lieut. F.W. Harris	57th "

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Lieut. E.W.S. Stutchbury	53rd Bn.
Lieut. J. Chapman	30th "
Lieut. S. Evers	53rd "
Lieut. H. Cox	31st "
2nd Lieut. G. W. Lay	59th "

(2) For detrainment and billeting duties

D.A.A. & C.M.G.
 Staff Captains Div. Art., 8th, 14th and 15th ^{Inf} Bdes
 S.S.O.
 D.A.D.O.S.
 D.A.D.H.S.

This advance party must be ready to proceed at very short notice.

KITS & 12. (a) Officers
 BAGGAGE

Field Kit 50 lbs for C.O.'s
 35 lbs for other Officers

Base Kit 100 lbs for all Officers

These weights are not to be exceeded.

Other ranks

Instructions will be issued later as to black kit bags.

(b) All rank will embark in khaki drill clothing with felt hats. Helmets will be returned to Ordnance Depot. ~~WERRY POST~~ before entrainment. On sailing serge clothing will be taken into use and khaki drill will be packed ready for return to Egypt at the port of disembarkation.

Lieut. Colonel.
 Gen. Staff 5th Australian Division.

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 A.D.C. to G.O.C.
 Camp Commandant
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 "C" file
 Divl. L.H. Squadron
 Div. Cyclist Co.
 C.D.A.
 C.D.E.
 8th Inf. Bde.
 14th Inf. Bde.
 15th Inf. Bde.
 5th Pioneer Bn.
 O.C. Div. Train
 A.D.M.S.
 A.D.V.S.
 D.A.D.O.S.

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War Diary
of

Head Qrs 15th Aust. Inf Bde
from

1st to 30th June 1916

Appendix 5a

15th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No.9.

Headquarters FERRY POST.

28th MAY. 1916.

MOVE

1.. The 15th Infantry Brigade will shortly move to MOASCAR Camp, prior to entrainment for a port of embarkation.

PERSONNEL

2.. All Units will proceed overseas at strengths laid down in W.E. Part VI.

GUNS

3.. All Lewis Guns will be handed into Ordnance Depot at FERRY POST.

VEHICLES

4.. All vehicles (except G.S. wagons) and bicycles will be taken and should be completed as regards equipment.

ANIMALS

5.. ~~XXX~~ Horses and Mules as per Establishment will be taken.

SADDLERY &

6.. Saddlery and Harness for vehicles taken will ^{be} packed in sacks and labelled. Sacks will be drawn from D.A.D.O.S.

HARNESS

AMMUNITION

7.. 120 rounds S.A.A. on ^{the} man and 3500 rounds per Vickers Machine Gun will ^{be} taken.

STORES &c

8.. All stores and equipment constituting the loads of ~~all~~ vehicles will be taken.

GAS HELMETS

9.. No service gas helmets will be ~~taken~~ issued before embarkation. Practice helmets will be issued to units for use on the voyage.

ADVANCE

10.. The following officers will hold themselves in readiness to proceed at a moments notice:-

PARTIES

For Disembarkation and Entrainment

Major H.T.C. Layh.	59th Bn
Lieut F.W. Harris	57th Bn
2/Lieut C.W. Lay.	59th Bn

For Detrainment and Billeting Duties

Captain R.G. Legge. Staff Captain.

KITS &

11.. (a) OFFICERS

Field Kit 50 lbs for C.O.'s
35Lbs for other officers.
Base Kit 100 lbs for all officers.

These weights are not to be exceeded.

OTHER RANKS

Instruction re black kit bags will be issued later.

(b) All ranks will embark in Khaki Drill clothing with hats. Helmets will be returned to Ordnance Depot Ferry Post. before entrainment. On sailing serge clothing will be taken into use and khaki drill will be packed ready for return to Egypt at the port of disembarkation.

Geo F. W. Harris
.....Major.
Brigade Major, 15th Infantry Brigade.

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15th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No.10

Headquarters

FERRY POST

JUNE 1st 1916.

Reference Brigade Order No. 9

- TENTS 1. All tents will be struck by ¹⁴⁰⁰~~1050~~ on 1st June and ~~stacked on the NORTH side of the railway.~~ *packed on the wagons not later than 1445* Careful search must be made for pegs, tent and peg bags. Tents will be taken to MOASCAR. *A baggage guard of two men per wagon will march with the ~~camp~~ tents at 1500.*
- BAGGAGE 2. Kit bags will be stacked by companies NORTH of the railway by 1700 on 1st June. Picquets will be mounted thereon.
- TRAIN
WAGONS 3. Train wagons will be available for blankets &c and should be packed immediately after Reveille on 2nd June.
- LUMBER 4. Rough furniture, mats and other tent fittings will be stowed neatly in one mess hut per battalion, on 1st June.
- INCINERATOR 5. Incinerators will be cleaned out and debris disposed of prior to departure.
- CAMP AREA
STABLES
MESS HUTS 6. These must be left perfectly clean and tidy.
- ADVANCE PARTIES 7. Each Battalion and the M.G. Company will supply an advance party of 1 Officer 1 N.C.O. and 10 men, to report to Captain Legge at MOASCAR. These parties will parade at Brigade Headquarters at 0630 on 1st June. The 59th Battalion will provide one limbered wagon to carry blankets in the limber and one dixie, firewood and tea &c for 24 hours per unit, in the rear portion - load to be put on at Q.M. Stores commencing at 57th Battalion at 0610. Drivers to report at Brigade Headquarters when loaded.
- BIVOUAC 8. Units will bivouac on present camp sites on night 1/2 June.
- FOUL GROUND 9. All foul ground will be properly marked.

GEO. F. WIECK Major,
Brigade Major 15th Inf. Brigade.

- Copy No. 1 5th Aus. Division
2 Brigade Headquarters
3 57th Battalion
4 58th Battalion
5 59th Battalion
6 60th Battalion
7 15th M.G. Company
8 Bde. Sig. Section
9 15th Field Ambulance
10 15th Brigade Headquarters.

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5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER NO.22

Headquarters, Ferry Post.

31st May, 1916.

MOVES.

1. The remaining units of 5th Division in "B" Subsection will move to MOASCAR CAMP in four Echelons on dates as follows:-

June 2nd 1916.

"A" ECHELON

Commander
Br.Gen.H.E.Elliott

15th Inf. Bde. & M.G.Co.
No.4 Sect. Div. Sig. Co.
15th F. Amb.
21st, 22nd, & 25th Depot Unit of Supply.

June 3rd 1916.

"B" ECHELON

Commander
Lt.Col.A.B.Carey C.M.G.

Div. Hd. Crs.
Div. L.H.Squadron
5th Cyclist Co.
Hd.Crs. Div. Engineers
14th & 15th F.Cos. Engineers
Hd.Crs. Div.Sig.Co. & No.1 Sect.
5th Pioneer Bn.

June 4th 1916

"C" ECHELON

Commander
Lt.Col. F.H.Francis

Hd.Crs. Div. Train
10th Co. A.A.S.C.
5th Mobile Vet. Section
5th Field Butchery
23rd & 24th D.U.of Supply

Date not yet fixed

"D" ECHELON

Commander
Col. H. Pope C.B.

14th Inf.Bde. & M.G.Co
No.3 Sect. Div.Sig.Co
28th Co. A.A.S.C.
14th Field Amb.
5th Sanitary Section

SUEZ CANAL
BRIDGE

2. Each echelon will clear the pontoon bridge over the SUEZ CANAL by 0630 on its day of march and will move to MOASCAR CAMP by the main road through ISMAILIA. The C.R.C. (FERRY POST) will arrange to have the pontoon bridge thrown over the SUEZ CANAL between 0500 and 0630 daily from June 2nd to June 4th both dates inclusive.

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3. Orders for the march of this Echelon will be issued by each Echelon Commander.
- TENTAGE. 4. Echelon Commanders will arrange with O.C.Div. Train for transport to move tents from Staging Camp to MOASCAR CAMP using Lorries from West bank when necessary. Only the authorised scale of tents will be moved.
- ADVANCED PARTIES 5. A small party to be settled by Echelon Commanders from each Echelon will move to MOASCAR CAMP a day in advance.
- REPORTS. 6. Reports will be sent to Div. Hd. Qrs. at FERRY POST until after 0700 on June 3rd when Div. Hd. Qrs. will be established at MOASCAR CAMP, East of the Railway Station.

Stuart Major for Lt. Colonel,
Gen. Staff 5th Australian Division.

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15th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 11

Headquarters,
FERRY POST
JUNE 1st 1916.

INFORMATION

1. For the purpose of the MOVE the 15th Infantry Brigade and M.G. Company, 21st 22nd and 25th Depot Units of supply and the 15th Field Ambulance have been formed into "A" Echelon under Brig. General H.E. ELLIOTT.

INTENTION

2. The "A" Echelon will march to MOASCAR Camp, on Friday 2nd June.

MARCH

3. The column will pass the starting point viz:-

Headquarters 15th Inf. Bde.
57th Battalion
58th Battalion
59th Battalion
60th Battalion
21st Depot Unit of Supply
22nd do
25th do
15th Field Ambulance
Baggage Train under Lieut David A.S.C.

1st M.G. Coy }

the point where the road passes the wire entanglements at 0450.

CHECKS

4. In the event of checks on the Pontoon Bridge Units will collect their 1st Line Transport on the west bank before marching on.

HALTS

5. Halts will be made from 0600 to 0610 and thereafter for 5 minutes each clock hour.

REPORTS

6. Reports will be sent to the head of the column.

GEO. F. WIECK Major,
Brigade Major 15th Infantry Bde.

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