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WAR DIARY for record of this unit from 13th August 1914 to 23rd February 1915, is forwarded herewith.

Any suggestions as to keeping of same will be thankfully received. It was not known when the Diaries commenced as to what information was desired. Possibly a lot which is therein contained is unnecessarily included.

*Replied by memo letter
26/2/15*

Lieut-Col

Commanding 2nd Battalion.

*O to R.F.C.
for filing
26/2/15*

Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
1914 August 13	STONEY AM 11	Victoria Barracks - saw Col. McHaurin who accepts services in his Brigade A.I.F. nominated to command Second Battalion	
15	PM 2	visited Randwick Racecourse inspected quarters Conference. details announced for enrolling members, pay, route to training quarters period of enrolment etc	
17	AM 9 PM 3:45	Victoria Barracks enrolling members Marched 244 men to Randwick Racecourse. Capt. Wallach (Adjutant)	
18	AM 6:45	mustered and squadded men. 63 added squad drill	
19	PM	? ? ? ? ? 41 ?	
20	PM 5	Brigade Conference parents processed	

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1914			
August 20	(Ranswill)	5 P.M. Pres. Insp. uniform. Officers. Musketry Instructors	
21		Brigade Conference - stamping equipment	
		Officers mess - Equipment - 161 men added	
22		Church Parade -	
		5 P.M. Brigade Conference - Horses. 5.5 M.	
		Night training to begin of 50 men for Soldier's	
		Campout - Officers kits. Attestation of men	91 added
23	10 A.M. Church Parade	Brigade Conference	6 added
24	5 P.M.	Brigade Conference - Enrolment	
		Musketry. Advance for uniforms & equipment	
		Conference with Mr. De Witt (P.M.)	33 added
25		Brigade Conference. Rifles. Harnesses	
		Acquisition. Drill - moving back	87 added

Wm. F. Bennett Lt Col

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August 26	SVOONEY ^{PM.} 5	Brigade's Conference - Cooks - Instructors - Pioneers - Sanitary Squad - Col Foster lectures discipline SSM & men. - Public Trustee - Special Musketry Instruction - Books. 48 men added	
27	" "	Brig's Confer. Plates Blankets to come outfits of C.O. & A.Sgt. Small Boats Rifles 67 men added	
28	" "	Brig's Confer 78 added	
29	" "	- Establishment 1 Hoq. Major	
		2 Senior Coy (under Major) - R.R. 450. Press information. Leave presents & other material. C.O. powers of punishment Coy under to deal with minor offences 18 men added	
30		Church Parade - Leave 24 men added	

J. B. Billet

Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
SYDNEY	1914		
August 31	Dunsmuir 9 AM 5 PM	Moved out to Kensington - Brig Confer. March Discipline - Passes Batment forms galathea - must be handed	
September	Kensington 5	Brig Conference. Principles. SS. M's to be senior & all C.S's	
2	-	4.30 Brig Confer. Lecture Col Foster - 5 PM.	
3	-	5 " " Rd. to carry rifle & wear equipment. Musketry. Rel lab offer of help. March Discipline	
4	"	Brig Confer. Power of Discharge AIF Order No 4	
5	-	Polling Day - Visit of Gen Gen announced	

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September 5	Kensington 5	Day (ante) appo. - Musketry - march Discipline - Evade	
6	-	Church Parade	
7		Brig Conference. march Discipline Repl Police - Diaries night parades	
8			
9		Musketry Randwick R.K. Mess app from Field Marshall Earl Roberts &c. K.C. K.P. to A.S.T.	
10		night alarm	
11		Brig Conference	
12		.	
13		Church Parade (leave) Brig Confer.	
14		date of disembarkation. Equipments. Vehicles & Horses	

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Sept	14 Kensington	Route march. Brig Camp. wet & raining	
	15		
	16		
	17	Route march. wet & raining - fog -	
	18	Closing of Canton (112 abseil w/ bad lead inspected by Gunnar General	
	19	Brig Camp. Subaltern details & orders for Troopship discussed	
	20	Church Parade	
	21	Brig Route march	
	22		
	23		
	24		
	25	Sundays for Subalternation	

J. D. G. G.

Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
1914 September 25	Kerryton	Embarked C Coy under Major Gordon Prepared camp to move out on 26 th and orders received 10.45 PM to discontinue embarkation - Pay	
26		Route march through city	
27			
28		Long Bay - musketry	
29		Field Training Commenced.	
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October 1		Mr Baylis's sickbed after C.M.	
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3		City Regent formation by Major Gordon	
4		Church Parade Inspection of lines	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
October 5	Hemryfa 5	Brig. Confer. Venereal Diseases.	
		Auto of Embarkation - Route March	
6		City Route March	
7			
8		<p>(Brig Inspection & Kit Inspection. MC Complaints Brig Conference. med. officers. Boots. Horses and transport Field Training -</p>	
9		Field Training -	
10		Inspection lines of Ball matches. MC Brig Confer	
		re Emb. Med Insp. Ven Dis. (to 1/5 Dick & camp)	
11		Ch. Parade - Leave 2pm to 10.30 P.M.	
12		Pay Distrib. (Mrs. Heath called re bar)	
13		52 men abs. w/o leave Route March Postory	
		55 fell out. Attack Practice. Major Stafford	
		present. Return Officers wearing 'discipline'	
		mt. called re field over	J. B. Litch

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1914	Am		
October 14	Kensington 9.30	marched Long Bay, Musketry 300/500 yds - 3 hrs 15 min prisoners taken out, Companies on out post -	
15		Long Bay prisoners again taken 1 hr 20 min Mr V. de V. called - prisoners mainly in guard tent.	
16		Inspected kits. Claimi Dps Col forwarded orders emb ^d issued attend Ohurst Garrison re JACKSON - prisoners leave 2.30-10 PM.	
17		Heavy Rain, no parades. Company Ralls Completed. Attestation that's forwarded Heavy Bay sent 'SUFFOLK.' 'E' Company sent on board under Capt WATSON	
J. F. B. M. G.			

Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
<p>1914 October 18</p>	<p>SYDNEY 5 AM</p>	<p>Reveille - moved out Camp 7.45 AM. trans to Shurst. Embarked "SUFFOLK" ^{9.15 AM.} time 22 min - Distr Comm^o Present Colonel Wallack - Comments re Bn Order T.O. No 2 State Governor Sir Gerald Strickland & A.D.C. Gen Finni, very complimentary report on successful embarkation Heavy Camp Equipment shipped 11 AM, moved out stream 12. noon. sailed 4.30 PM. Complete ^{31 off.} 979 others Shorses - wrote orders - men settled down well - quarters excellent At Sea - Spent day adjusting minor irregularities & spots allotted training spaces - concert evening - no complaints</p>	
<p>19</p>		<p>J. B. Stal</p>	

Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
¹⁹¹⁴ October 19	AT SEA	Fifth year reported parading Cooks & reselling rations & went to Ship's Master. weather moderated during day. SS 'Africa' passed in morning inspection 10 AM. men sitting down well. quarters kept better & cleaner. Parade Physical Exercises. men getting sea legs arranged details guards boat of fire stations. found three instances men gambling - had dice & collected men to parade of Room. Concert night weather fine & clear sea smooth visited Ship's Deck in cabin. men examined Ven. Div. 17 c/s. set	
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J.F.B.

Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
<p>1914 October 22</p>	<p>AT SEA 10 AM</p>	<p>Inspected Ship. - Clean & in order. Rearranged Sergeants Mess approved quarters for Dentist also library on Troop Deck Morning Parade - Musketry Instruction Afternoon had inoculated against Typhoid. Bugler Parsons handling private revolver shot the trigger in thigh - Interviewed Major Dignam on habits & warned him intemperance inevitably recommend any officer's return home 5.30 PM fell & fractured ankle whilst exercising with comrades. now in hospital 8 Sgt Fleming suffering hysteria. went down</p>	

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<p>1914 October 22</p>	<p>AT SEA</p>	<p>hmi with Capt KANE. afterwards was interviewed by Capt RAMSDEN re disposal of case weather fine & calm during day was examined by K. who found it broken result of horse rearing back & falling on Bth rib. run of ship 292 miles</p>	
<p>23</p>	<p>" "</p>	<p>P. found men gambling referred to S.M. Complaints re shortages both meat & bread forwarded to Capt DAVIES. 7.30 am Officers physical exercise, as usual - 9.30 no cases orderly room. 10 AM. Parade. Muster 10.15 Inspected ship clean alterations to Supt mess effected. Rpt Hair Dresser established.</p>	

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<p>1914 October 23</p>	<p>AT SEA. 2.30 PM</p>	<p>Men 4th Bn found in Bakehouse - reported not aware being searched for. Men inoculated - parades musketry contd. "F" Coy. Report from Capt. Lane re dispute Capt. Ramsden. Interviewed Cook re Sea & bags for making same to be prepared 8th Lecture to Officers discussion on course of instruction - weather fine but cloudy to 4 P.M. then foggy & closed to rain, ^{squalls} calm otherwise</p>	
<p>24</p>	<p>Am 9.30</p>	<p>Parade with life belts worn - Instructions refitting - every member supplied with belt in good order 9.30 Orderly Room. Captns Ramsden & Lane J.F.B.</p>	

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<p>1914 October 24</p>	<p>AT SEA.</p>	<p>9.30 Settles differences & instructs officers line's procedure to avoid further complications</p> <p>10 Inspects Ship-Companies on Parade Physical Training & Musketry</p> <p>11 Interviewed Capt. Davies & Chief Engineer re water supply - working out 7 gal per man per day - ordered more rigid economy in usage supply - Complaint re 8 light fittings investigated</p> <p>pm 2 Orderly Room ^{heard} Complaint man charged with mutiny.</p> <p>7.30 Concert & Sports on Deck</p> <p>8.30 Lecture by self to officers "Orders in the field"</p>	
<p>weather fine - run states for previous day 29 miles J.H.D.</p>			

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<p>1915 October 25</p>	<p>ALBANY</p>	<p>Entered Harbor 5.30 AM. anchored in Roadstead</p> <p>10 AM Inspection Parade - Physical Drill</p> <p>10.15 Commandant NES boarded Transport: Spoke Mr Hughes re lay Touches</p> <p>10.30. Tipped Anchor to move to Jetty for water</p> <p>10.45 Church Service conducted by self. C of S. General</p> <p>Rel. by Captain DIGNAM - Alongside Jetty</p> <p>11.15 - taking in water. "INDARRA" also alongside - visited Lt Colonel KINGDON who also came on board A.23. - "1" - sailed 12.30 PM.</p> <p>4 Spoke Capt DIGNAM. & afterward interviewed with Mrs SCOBIE GORDON Capt WALLACKYRANE</p> <p>6.15 Investigated alleged larceny case - no result</p> <p>8.30 Lecture of R. Brown "Use & Benefit of Physical Training"</p>	

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<p>1914 October 26</p>	<p>ALBANY</p>	<p>A.M. 4.55 Left Wharf to Roadstead Anchorage</p> <p>9.30 Orderly Room - A.C.O. (L. Cpl.) requests Ranks and return fatigue's Concealment Ven. Disease</p> <p>Two A.C.O.'s Orderly Sergeants "G" & "H." cautioned for not rousing out men at Reveille - LATER. One man 3 days cells - disobedience orders on 25th - being off ship & refusing come aboard when directed</p> <p>10 Inspected Ship - weather raining - men at messes all correct - enquired re missing money - no report mail came aboard with A.S. orders - Signal order additional also received</p> <p>P.M. 2.30 Parade Orderly Room - interviewed Capt. DANIES re Convoy Orders & Code Signals - J.F.R.</p>	

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1914 October 26	ALBANY	PM. 8 ^{PM} Lecture officio Capt. CONCANON "Cultivation Spirit local patriotism among members" - Discussion - weather squally & showery all day	
27	" "	AM 9.30 Orderly Room - no cases, prepared papers for G.O.C. - Received signals - Conference cancelled for day - weather conditions preventing 10 Inspection - two men sleeping hammock racks "B" by decks requiring attention in three or four places 11.30 Trip along side mails exchanged - papers forwarded 12.15 G.O.C. Complaints shortages meet in vestibule & enquiry with Master, Chief Steward, Cook &c. 2.30 Parade marching order. unsatisfactory too many men below - decided hold similar next day	

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<p>1914 October 27</p>	<p>ALBANY in roadstead</p>	<p>P.M. 3 orderly room. Detail arranged KELLY. advised £5 for necessaries for Troops P.M. 8. Lecture Capt. CAMPBELL "Scouts & Scouting" Discussion Weather Squally & Raining. Cleared all the day 9.30 Capt. STEVENS. Office for Day complained of bad hanging of hammocks</p>	
<p>28</p>		<p>Attended Conference G.O.C. on "ORVIETO" - points discussed - "Censorship" - "Training of Troops" "Returns" "Supplies" Returned 4 P.M.</p>	
<p>30</p>		<p>Capt. Kane & Kelly on shore for supplies Ship's Steward also on shore Capt. Kumsden on shore for supplies</p>	
<p>31</p>		<p>A.M. 7.45 Capt. Kane on shore Ret. 6.15 P.M. Steward also ashore 9.15 Brigadier Col. McLean & staff (Capt. Irvine & the King)</p>	
			<p>J.P.B.</p>

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1914			
November 5	AT SEA	Escort Conway "MINOTAUR." "SYDNEY" "MELBOURNE"	
		and a Japanese Cruiser	
6		3 AM Ches. Gelding NO 1786 (A) 2 Hind Stockings	
		Died (Pneumonia) Carcass thrown over.	
		Board held & finding filed.	
7		Case brought against Capt Mackay - Orderly	
		(night) Hospital referred to Court martial	
		for bearing - Finding "not guilty"	
		weather since leaving ALBANY. Fine	
		and calm. Routine work fulfilled	
8		10.30 Church Service. Signal message received. Enjoyed	
		Good HOPE - MONMOUTH - GLASGOW GNEISEN - DRESDEN SCHARNORST	
		2.15 Parade. Marching order. NUREMBERG LEIPZIG.	
		6 AM Received signal order use care darken lights	

J.P.C.

Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
<p>1914 November 9</p> <p>10</p> <p>11</p> <p>13</p>	<p>ATSEA</p> <p>P.M.</p> <p>3</p> <p>AM</p> <p>8.</p>	<p>Passed Cocos Islands about 6.A.M.</p> <p>Signal message received "SYDNEY" engaged "EMDEN" this morning and EMDEN beached avoid sinking - SYDNEY casualties 2 killed 13 wounded. Two had great reception on board & announced all on parade. Chorus given for NAVY & the SYDNEY. Ship darkened at nightfall as before</p> <p>MINOTAUR. left Convoy - other service.</p> <p>MELBOURNE left Convoy. Japanese Cruiser acting as escort thereafter</p> <p>Crossed line at 7:30 A.M. Usual Celebrations at 2 P.M. most of officers sipped some of beer</p> <p style="text-align: right;">J. T. B.</p>	

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1914			
November 15	COLOMBO	P.M. 2.30 Anchored in Roadstead - Lt. Chingise aboard. 9 P.M. meeting of officers & mess for ship supplies	
16		A.M. 8.30 Capt. Davies ashore. Application for leave for 10 refused from "ORVIETO" - Supplies for troops not obtained. - weather fine	
17		A.M. 10 Reported Capt. DAVIES officers complained cooking of food and want of cleanliness. weather fine	
		NOON 12 Left anchorage with rest of division. Saluted "ORVIETO" also WILTSHIRE division. Russian Cruiser "ASKOLD" who returned salute and sheers. also H.M.S. "HAMPSHIRE", who dipped flag in return to salute, also checked letters.	
18	AT SEA	3 cases for G.M. (Theft. and Insub. 5 NCO. R.C.M. and 1 Insub. to Officer for G.M. Passed to Kelly on matter of discipline.	

J. K. B.

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November 19	AT SEA. AM 10	Complaints Theft numerous - Increased number of police by four - Two men at odd job room for theft - broaching ship's stores (Beer) - Paraded Capt. Dignam and cautioned him
20	P.M. 2.30	Paraded Troops - R.C.M. decision re LCE (pl AMOS read and sentence read 21 days for gross insubordination & indecent language to N.C.O. stripe removed publicly
21		D.C.M. on Pt. MORTIMORE sat (not concluded)
22	10	Church Service held. Stable project reported Stoker MORRAY for striking horse. Capt. DAVIES informed
23	AM 7	SOCOTRA sighted - passed during day - N. of island abeam at 6.30. P.M. D.C.M. on Pt. M. continued Stoker paraded and cautioned in presence Capt. DAVIES

J.F.B.

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1914			
December 24	AT SEA	DCM. and Lt MORTIMORE concluded	
25		Paper DCM. RCM. received from Major SCOBIE)	
		ADEN sighted, anchored of inner light house 5 P.M.	
26		sailed without convoy. PERIM passed at 4.30 P.M.	
		no signals exchanged	
27		Finding sentence DCM. Lt MORTIMORE sent back for	
		revision and received again at 9.30 P.M. without	
		alteration } 1 year imprisonment with hard labour	
		} & discharge with ignominy	
28		Reviewed DCM. and varied sentence to 6 months	
		paraded Troops & Lt MORTIMORE paraded under guard	
		sentence read. Message received re complete	
		training at AIRO & go from there to front	
		Major Lt KNIGHT. referred for DCM (making false accusation)	
		J.G.B. against NCO. comrade	

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<p>1914 November 29</p> <p>30</p>	<p>AT SEA.</p>	<p>AM 6.10 Capt KANE R.M.O. reported that Greaser P. SWEENEY had died during night in hospital. After consultation with Capt DAVIES R.M.O. & Capt RAMSDEN. It was agreed to hold post exam - found he had old & chronic stomach trouble</p> <p>10AM (cancerous perforation) - Buried at 10AM. Service readily self pronounced troops. Church service held</p> <p>PM 2.15 Pay distributed - Letter Received letter from Capt DAVIES (also signed photo) speaking in high terms of discipline & behaviour of troops on board</p> <p>Case Pte HOLMES referred D.C.M. Capt DIGNAM at orderly</p> <p>1PM Room 11 AM. Convoy in single line 1PM for Canal</p> <p>2.15 PM D.C.M. on Pte KNIGHT sat - continued at 7.45 PM.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">J.G.B.</p>	

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1914 December	AT SEA	<p>AM 9.15 Attended D.C.M. - sitting concluded Capt DIGNAM condition noted. Reports obtained S.M.O. & R.M.O. Finding of D.C.M. reported PM 1.30 by Adjutant (verbal) SUEZ reached & anchored at 2.15 PM Conference Major SCOBIE. Captains RAMSDEN & KANE. Closed Saloon caterer except for morning breakfast officers. Capt (ANCAVON) affected by drink.</p>	
2	SUEZ	<p>Anchored. Health officer boarded & granted pratique 14 Meric Transports arrived (E. Surrey, 5 MUNISICULLEN dragons & marten troops, Fehmanowa "DUREIK is conveying warship - guns & received salute from latter - No lights available for Canal</p>	
3		<p>AM 6.30 10 more transports arrived. 8 Sailed from SUEZ - D.C.M. proceeding (KNIGHT received) at 11.30 AM, passed through Canal & reached J.F.B.</p>	

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1914	SUEZ			
December 3	CANAL	AM	PORTSAID at 10 PM.	
4	PORTSAID	9 AM	<p>Left for ALEXANDRIA. Paraded 5 prisoners in Cells & remitted unexpired term of detention & made excellent general conduct of troops on voyage.</p> <p>Address to troops on conduct in foreign countries</p>	
5	ALEXANDRIA	PM	<p>1.30 reached ALEXANDRIA GLOIGNAN proposed & ordered to pick up any goods in possession - $\frac{1}{2}$ bot handed to Aquitani</p> <p>Parade 10.45 AM Finding of D.C.M. P. HOLLIES confirmed & read. 90 days. Prize money £20 distributed for Boxing contests. Packing stores.</p> <p>20 captured GERMAN on + 4 Australian steamers in port captured. Capt DAVIES gave £20 for</p>	

F.S.B.

Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
1914 December 5	ALEXANDRIA	astore (Friday) to men assisting ships Cooks Butcher & ^{stolen} during voyage. Provost Sgt reported man passing notes in ships canteen	
6	AM 10	Service held - Band on deck afternoon. LIMESTON BROOK reports men down hawse pipe attempting escape number men found gambling in galley. Capt KANE informed	
7	6	ashore with Capt DAVIES saw Major BROOKEBENT disembark - officer - informed 'SUFFOLK' coming along side proceeded 1 P.M. moved - KANE left 1.10 P.M. with list Drags (41) returned 4.30 (one only obtained)	
		men landed stern starboard boat ashore. General muster held 21 absent - Issued disembark orders	

S. F. B.

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December 7	ALEXANDRIA	also health hints to troops. Officers given chivalry Major GORDON on town picket (30 men)	
8		Desimberkation Major SCOBIE (^{4 coys} A.C.O.E. Coy) & baggage entrained at 9.45 AM. Self. No. 100 M.G. Set B.F.G.H.	
9	AM 2:30	horses and baggage entrained 9.45 pm for CAIRO Reached Camp at foot of pyramids (MENA) bivouacked - on leaving ship prisoners escaped -	
	AM 7	Reported Brigade HQ. visited other Regts who kindly extended invitation officers to breakfast & dinner. General fatigues throughout day	
	PM 3:30	Only room could not be held. absence of many officers. Capt HARRIS asked to be passed to Brigade Duties very limited. 3 per Company. bivouacked	

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December 10	MENA Camp AM 8.	additional tents received - Camp planned out surroundings. Parade 9 A.M. Paraded Capt WANE to Brigades 2 P.M.	
11	AM 8.20 PM 2	Orderly Room - several cases, held over, dealt with - notably men breaking ship on night 7/8 were Prisoners marched to Detention Barracks, CAIRO, but were returned - no accommodation - at 7.30 AM Reported to Brigade office from barracks for 2me "SUFFOLK" to Brigades Conference.	
14		Commenced Dr. Training on Allotted Area Several Cases Breaking Camp at Orderly Room	
15		Interview at Bedd's of the Capt DIGNAM in parade	
16		R.C.M. sitting on Pel Park - list of Officers raised	
19		Detention "F" Coy complained re Breakfast and refused	

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1917 December 19	MENA Camp	- Parade - orders extra batts - Revised list of officers sent forward.	
20		Accession Ceremony in CAIRO. Sultan HUSSEIN proclaimed.	
21		Men paraded for training - 14 days C.C. -	
24		Route March MINSHAT. EL. BAKKARI - TOLOMES - GIZEH to MENA 13 miles troops marched very well 8.45 to 3.30 PM. Hot weather & several halts	
30		Sgt. REID addressed troops. Capt STEVENS took over duties of Adjutant - vice Capt WALLACK transferred to HQW Companies detail	

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1915 JANUARY	MENA	New Companies grouped and transfer of lines effected when necessary	
2	5.	Bipassio Camp	
4/7		Staff Rides and Tactical Schemes country around Camp. Bn out training Area 1 & 4	
8		Company & Bn Drills. orderly room case afw/L. Report received of equipment & transport of pack	
9/11		Boy & Bn Training	
13		(1) Lecture of Lt SKEEN "uses in war"	
		Returned Lt (24 notes) to Pte ^{FREEMAN} WARREN stolen from him on S.S. "SUFFOLK" redeemed by me from Officer's stores on board w. did not want to receive them	

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January 14	MENA	Musketry Training - Divisional Duties	
15		" " Capt. DIGNAM absent from	
16		parade was duly paraded. placed under	
		arrest on 14 th inst 8.45 AM.	
	Arr 8:30	Mobilization Inspection by Brigadier	
18	Arr 8:30	at KAFR EL SEMMAN:	
	Arr 5	Visit of Nation Plenipotentiary to Ba.	
19		Route march	
20		Bn Training	
23		Bishop of Jerusalem preached at Church Parade	
24		GENERAL BIRDWOOD present "held march past	
25		Interviewed at Ba of 4 or 5 undesirable	
26		Divisional Duties. Forwarded applications	
		for Commissions in Indian Army	
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1915 January 27 28 29 30	MENA	(27 th) Khamsen blowing. Battlefield training Field Training - GENERAL WALKER on parade Bn out for night outposts at Area K ^{NORTH} SOUTH returned for night & rode out at 5 AM. and morning was equipment inspected	
31 February 1	8 AM	Returned via SUEZ 13 unwell 3 sick but these returned to camp again 3 PM. Capt GORDON in charge but trip was postponed	
2		Bn in Attack on GEN BRIDGES & GEN WALKER present. Attended Brigadier with ^{applicants} applicants for Commissions all endorsed order for G. C. M. on Capt DIGNAM received	
3		Promotions of Officers promulgated	

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1915 February 4/5	MENA	<p>Bn. Field Firing Competitions. G.C.M. of Capt DIGNAM sitting adjourned to 5th. Capt KANE elected. Mrs President Mrs GORDON resigned.</p> <p>(5) Lt DANSON reports with reinforcement</p>	
6/7		<p>Bn Holiday. Death of Lt W.R. LAW 1760 Pneumonia 7th Buried at OLD CAIRO Capt CONNOR in charge of funeral - first casualty for Bn. Divisional Duties</p>	
8		<p>Bn in Attack & Defense. Attended Army Range Practice. Invitation GEN. BIRDWOOD received too late. Death 424 Corp AGMYALL. Pneumonia</p>	
9/10		<p>Bn on 28 hr test at BENI. YUSEF on outpost and entrenched at dusk during night. Retained</p>	
<p style="text-align: right;">J.F.B.</p>			

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1915 February 11	MENA	Bn Field Firing. R.C.M. on the NICHOLAS & MAGINNIS. Finding Sergeant Capt DIGNAM promulgated. NOT GUILTY on first charge. GUILTY on second - Reduced in Seniority to	
12 12 16		Date from 14-10-1914 No. 8 of Pte O'Donnell died ABBASSIA Isolation Hospital Smallpox Buzasi Training Commenced	
14		Parade moved out to BENI YUSEF & engaged in Buzasi Schemes. Dates indelible.	
15		Men rested. General Fatigue - Home allotter to Coy Comd'r rather	
		Annual Holiday for Bn. Pte Patrick Smith remained for R.C.M. Vaccination of Bn completed letters written by Lt Habbo	

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1915 February 18	MENA	and Johnston (NZ F.A.B) re use of penance for for Pte O'DONNELL's funeral. (Pay Day Camp very noisy. several c/s drunk Hennessy. Cater closed by Major SCOBIE	
19		Reconnaissance of ground for Divisional Services 2nd Bn to occupy line N of palace Bani BATHMA HAMAM Lt GRIFFIN absent for parade & reported	
20		Divisional Duties. Br. Staff on Divisional Services	
22		2nd Bn. selected and turned out for Field Service	
23		for inspection by G.S. officers from 2.00 PM to 8.45 A.M. Major VALLIERE, STUART & WAGSTAFF	
		Brigadier informed me we were to go to EUROPE in fortnight. Men received news with cheering	

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