

**AWM4**  
**Australian Imperial Force unit war diaries,**  
**1914-18 War**

Infantry

**Item number:** 23/2/10 PART 2

**Title:** 2nd Infantry Brigade

December 1915 - February 1916



AWM4-23/2/10PART2

WAR DIARY

Army Form C. 2118.

Instructions regarding War Diaries and Intelligence Summaries are contained in F. S. Regs., Part II and the Staff Manual respectively. Title pages will be prepared in manuscript.

or  
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
LEMNOS	27 <sup>12</sup> / <sub>15</sub>	-	GOC 2nd Inf Bde took over command of remaining portions of 1st Aust Div at SARPI.	
	29 <sup>12</sup> / <sub>15</sub>	-	Lt Col Brand 8th Bn to hospital Major G Conter to command temporarily.	
LEMNOS	1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>76</sub>	2400	Orders received to embark 7th & 8th Bn on 2/1/1916	
	2 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>76</sub>	1100	Bde Hd Qrs, Signal Section, 7th & 8th Bn embarked on H.M.T. 'EMPIRESS OF BRITAIN'. About 950 men of various Imperial units on board who were embarked at Alex. GOC assumed command as ofc Troop. BM. as Ship's Adjutant. Staff Captain as Ship's D.M.	
	3 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>76</sub>		5th & 6th Bn, details of Army Corps Hd Qrs, 1st and 2nd Divisions. Hd Qrs embarked on EMPIRESS OF BRITAIN.	
	4 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>76</sub>	0800	Sailed from LEMNOS for ALEXANDRIA. Total strength on board.	

1577 Wt. W10791/1773 500,000 1/15 D. D. & L. A.D.S.S./Forms/C. 2118.

86

WAR DIARY

Army Form C. 2118.

Instructions regarding War Diaries and Intelligence Summaries are contained in F. S. Regs., Part II. and the Staff Manual respectively. Title pages will be prepared in manuscript.

or  
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices																								
ALEXANDRIA	6 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>6</sub>	0730 0930 1500 1615 2400	<p>Arrived outside Alexandria, after uneventful voyage, calm weather</p> <p>Entered Harbour. 2 Mts went ashore in launch re Tents</p> <p>Tied up to MOLE</p> <p>First troops disembarked</p> <p>Disembarkation completed, except Imperial units who were ordered to remain on board till next day. Ship searched &amp; all spare equipment and rifles collected.</p> <p>All units of 1<sup>st</sup> Div embarked for TEL EL KEBIR</p>																									
	7 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>6</sub>	-	<p>Arrived TEL EL KEBIR. Bde Transport already in Camp. also following reinforcements &amp; returned wounded. Total</p> <table border="0" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <tr> <td>Bde, H Q</td> <td>+ 10ff</td> <td>8 other</td> <td>+ Captain Finlay</td> </tr> <tr> <td>5<sup>th</sup> Bn</td> <td>20ff</td> <td>404 "</td> <td>+ Captain V.O</td> </tr> <tr> <td>6<sup>th</sup> Bn</td> <td>20ff</td> <td>383 "</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>7<sup>th</sup> Bn</td> <td>40ff</td> <td>268 "</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>8<sup>th</sup> Bn</td> <td>40ff</td> <td>216 "</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2"></td> <td style="border-top: 1px solid black;">130ff</td> <td>1279.</td> </tr> </table>	Bde, H Q	+ 10ff	8 other	+ Captain Finlay	5 <sup>th</sup> Bn	20ff	404 "	+ Captain V.O	6 <sup>th</sup> Bn	20ff	383 "		7 <sup>th</sup> Bn	40ff	268 "		8 <sup>th</sup> Bn	40ff	216 "				130ff	1279.	
Bde, H Q	+ 10ff	8 other	+ Captain Finlay																									
5 <sup>th</sup> Bn	20ff	404 "	+ Captain V.O																									
6 <sup>th</sup> Bn	20ff	383 "																										
7 <sup>th</sup> Bn	40ff	268 "																										
8 <sup>th</sup> Bn	40ff	216 "																										
		130ff	1279.																									

87

WAR DIARY

Army Form C. 2118.

Instructions regarding War Diaries and Intelligence Summaries are contained in F. S. Regs., Part II. and the Staff Manual respectively. Title pages will be prepared in manuscript.

or  
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
TEL EL KEBIR	8 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>16</sub>	-	Commenced reorganization, overhaul of clothing & equipments, boards on deficiencies, Junior Officers and NCO's classes, and Field Training of units. No tents available for Bde Hd Qrs or personnel who arrived from LEMNOS.	
	10 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>16</sub>	-	Field Training, and as above. Lt Cameron 5 <sup>th</sup> Bn appointed Bde Grenade Officer <sup>11/1/16</sup>	
	15 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>16</sub>	-		
	14 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>16</sub>	1400	Rehearsal parade of Division for Inspection	
	15 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>16</sub>	1400 1530	Inspection by Gen Sir A Murray, C.I.C.	
	17 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>16</sub>	-	Regt Grenade Schools commenced. 2 <sup>nd</sup> weeks Field Training including one Half days musketry practice for each Bn, & one night operation. Tents being obtained a few every day. Men in shelter constructed of their own WP sheets & blankets	
	20 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>16</sub>	-	Strength of Bde.	

Bde	Hd Bn	6 offrs	19 other
5 <sup>th</sup>	Bn	24	987
6 <sup>th</sup>	"	22	924
7 <sup>th</sup>	"	25	1070
8 <sup>th</sup>	"	25	1055

102 - 3655.

88

WAR DIARY

Army Form C. 2118.

Instructions regarding War Diaries and Intelligence Summaries are contained in F. S. Regs., Part II. and the Staff Manual respectively. Title pages will be prepared in manuscript.

or  
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
TEL. EL. KEBAR	21 <sup>st</sup> / <sub>16</sub>	2030	GOC. and Bde Major to ISMAILIA. Instructions received during afternoon for move of two battalions to SETRAPEUM on 23/1/16	
	22 <sup>nd</sup> / <sub>16</sub>	0900	GOC & Bde Staff left ISMAILIA by motor launch for SETRAPEUM when houses were waiting. Road hard along route when sand, hail & water are to go then turned South to HABASHI. From HABASHI road North along selected defence line to HABEITA, thence returned SETRAPEUM 1810. ISMAILIA 1910. TEL. EL. KETBIT 2230. Move of 5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> Bn postponed 24 hours	
	23 <sup>rd</sup> / <sub>16</sub>	1130	Informed that first train ready for loading 12 noon 24 <sup>th</sup> . Subsequently discovered that 12 midnight on 23 <sup>rd</sup> / <sub>16</sub> was intended	
		2230	Major Stewart 5 <sup>th</sup> Bn to SETRAPEUM as Staff Officer to arrange Camp with 8 <sup>th</sup> Bde	
		2400	First train commenced loading. Left TEL. EL. KETBIT 0200 2 <sup>nd</sup> 5 <sup>th</sup> Bn arrived SETRAPEUM 0440. Met by Major Stewart.	
		0700	1 <sup>st</sup> Punt load of 6 <sup>th</sup> Bn crossed Canal	
		1700	Bde H. Q. Signal Section. 5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> Bns established in camp SETRAPEUM (E. of CANAL) Weather Wind Squalls with rain.	

89

WAR DIARY

Army Form C. 2118.

Instructions regarding War Diaries and Intelligence Summaries are contained in F. S. Regs., Part II. and the Staff Manual respectively. Title pages will be prepared in manuscript.

or  
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
SERAPEUM	25 <sup>th</sup> /16	1030	Bde & Bn Staffs set out to reconnoitre forward line. Proceeded about 2 miles when severe dust storm sprang up, lasting for over 10 minutes followed by drenching rain. Reconnaissance abandoned for the day. Wind: - Cold.	
	26 <sup>th</sup> /16	1000	G.O.C. with Co & staff of 5 <sup>th</sup> to right of intended forward line at KATIB EL HABASHI South of HABEITA	
		1000	B.M. with Co & staff of 6 <sup>th</sup> to left of "	
		1400	2 days supplies for 6 <sup>th</sup> Bn. dispatched to HABEITA	
		2000	Arrangements completed for move of 6 <sup>th</sup> Bn. to forward line	
	27 <sup>th</sup> /16	0900	Camels arrived late, due to no European or interpreter in charge to direct them. 90 Camels used. Engineers received no instructions from C.D.E. not able to move out till 1200. Engineers: no plans of works or direction in the possession or had been seen by them.	
		1420	Head arrived destination 7 1/2 miles	
		1607	Tail arrived. Day cool, cloudy. No men dropped out. Engineer material arrived, & two days rations brought from HABEITA	
	28 <sup>th</sup> /16	-	Commenced excavation & construction of works. Borrowed plans from 4 <sup>th</sup> F.E.	

1577 Wt. W10791/1773 500,000 1/15 D. D. & L. A.D.S.S./Forms/C. 2118.

92

WAR DIARY

Army Form C. 2118.

Instructions regarding War Diaries and Intelligence Summaries are contained in F. S. Regs., Part II. and the Staff Manual respectively. Title pages will be prepared in manuscript.

or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
SERAPEUM	29/7	1050	<p>5th Bn moved out having been waiting for Camels since 0900, which again had gone to wrong place owing to there being no European or interpreter to instruct. Weather hot &amp; muggy. Distance 9 miles, over grassy flats except last two miles, when foot hills of sand drift had to be crossed where going was exceptionally heavy, practically impassible for wheeled transport. M/L Lumber took 8 horses. MALTESE CART 4 horses. These the only vehicles taken to forward line with units. 8 riding &amp; 4 pack horses kept at forward line, remainder of horses &amp; transport handed over to Dev Train.</p> <p>Route taken was not shortest due to desire of OC Batta to follow valleys &amp; avoid climbing. Result. Units arrived at dusk &amp; had to arrange outposts &amp; camp in dark.</p> <p>B.M. caught up with column &amp; remained over night.</p>	
		1500		
	30/7	-	<p>5th Bn pitched camp in spot selected in rear of Support 58. Engineers still have received no plans from CDE, but are working on copies of those borrowed from Bde Staff from 4th FE.</p> <p>6th Bn making good progress on 8 out of the 12 posts in their section.</p>	

1577 W.C. W10791/1773 500,000 1/15 D.D. & L. A.D.S.S./Form C. 2118

WAR DIARY

Army Form C. 2118.

Instructions regarding War Diaries and Intelligence Summaries are contained in F. S. Regs., Part II and the Staff Manual respectively. Title pages will be prepared in manuscript.

or  
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
SERAPEUM	31/16	-	<p>Engine stores despatched to 5th Bn, who started marking out.</p> <p>1400 Notice received that 7th &amp; 8th Bn would arrive 1st Feb. Necessary requisition for camels &amp; transport forwarded to War Train &amp; approved.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">February 1916.</p>	
SERAPEUM	1/16	1030	<p>7th Bn arrived RAILHEAD (WEST BANK). First vehicles and all pack horses had crossed pontoon bridge by 1110. Head of Battalion crossed 1115 Train cleared 1122. War Train only supplied half required number of waggon for transport of tents &amp; rest equipment, which delayed clearing <u>mainly</u> of platform.</p> <p>1400 3 Coys 8th Bn arrived, &amp; informed Bde Hd Bn that composition of train had been altered, and that another train had been added to time table. As Bde Hd Bn had not been informed of actual time of arrival, transport arrangements for West Company of 8th Bn uncertain.</p> <p>2030 Last Coy of 8th Bn under Major Truckey arrived, and contrary to order</p>	

bivouacked on WEST BANK of CANAL for night

94



WAR DIARY

Army Form C. 2118.

Instructions regarding War Diaries and Intelligence Summaries are contained in F. S. Regs., Part II. and the Staff Manual respectively. Title pages will be prepared in manuscript.

or  
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

Hour, Date, Place	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
<p>SERAPEUM 0700 FEB. 2<sup>nd</sup> 1915.</p> <p>1000 15 1730</p>	<p>B<sup>n</sup> Coy 8<sup>th</sup> Pom, under Major Truckey marched into Staging Camp.</p> <p>G.O.C. and C/O's 7<sup>th</sup> &amp; 8<sup>th</sup> Pom inspected OUTER LINE of defence.</p>	
<p>FEB 3<sup>rd</sup></p>	<p>No movement to forward line owing to difficulties of transport of water and rations. Informed probable date of moves indefinite.</p>	
<p>FEB 4<sup>th</sup></p>	<p>Divisional Duties at SERAPEUM permanently allotted to 2nd Bde, which duties took up whole of one battalion leaving extra fatigues required by Division to be supplied by the other battalion.</p> <p>buttrick (one coy of 7<sup>th</sup> &amp; 8<sup>th</sup> Pom) also to be supplied <i>nightly</i></p>	<p><i>Major BM</i></p>

WAR DIARY

Army Form C. 2118.

Instructions regarding War Diaries and Intelligence Summaries are contained in F. S. Regs., Part II and the Staff Manual respectively. Title pages will be prepared in manuscript.

or  
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

Hour, Date, Place	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
-------------------	-----------------------------------	--------------------------------------

FEB 4<sup>th</sup> (continued)  
SERAPEUM.

Brigadier & Staff Captain to forward line of defence; 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Bns. who are making good progress with trenches though owing to the fineness of the sand which will not stand at anything like an ordinary slope, excavating unless it can immediately be resetted, is waste labour. To date, the men are easily ahead of the supply of resetting material.

Day: Sundry, windy

FEB 5<sup>th</sup>  
SERAPEUM

400 & Staff Captain returned from Outer Line 1800. Wind of yesterday has filled up all trenches that were not resetted. Portions of sandbags supplied are not suitable for the fine quality of the sand at 5<sup>th</sup> Bn section of defence; as, when bag is touched, the sand trickles through in a stream. In one place, the parapet has sunk nearly a foot from this cause.

+ Called by Engineers attached "Sandbag special".

Officer Major  
BM

94

WAR DIARY

Army Form C. 2118.

Instructions regarding War Diaries and Intelligence Summaries are contained in F. S. Regs., Part II and the Staff Manual respectively. Title pages will be prepared in manuscript.

or  
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

Hour, Date, Place	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
<p>SERAPEUM FEB 6<sup>th</sup></p> <p>1600</p>	<p>Handles with Russian or material behind are being used for revetting when sand is too fine. Double sand bags are also being used, but as construction of works are now regulated by supply of material, they will take proportionately twice as long to complete.</p> <p>1 officer 14 other ranks NZMT attached to Bede for patrol duties. To go out daily returning at dusk.</p> <p>Captain DT Bain 5<sup>th</sup> Bn Lieut S. Poyser 6<sup>th</sup> Bn Lieut Hammett 7<sup>th</sup> Bn Lieut Waller 8<sup>th</sup> Bn</p> <p>Lieut Lilliey 5<sup>th</sup> Lt J. P. Poyser 6<sup>th</sup> Lt J. Thompson 6<sup>th</sup> Lt Neal 7<sup>th</sup> Bn Lt Sprunt 8<sup>th</sup> Bn</p>	
<p>1130</p>	<p>left for school of instruction ZETOUN. Rained continuously heavy last night.</p>	<p>Officer Major T.M.</p>

WAR DIARY

Army Form C. 2118.

Instructions regarding War Diaries and Intelligence Summaries are contained in F. S. Regs., Part II and the Staff Manual respectively. Title pages will be prepared in manuscript.

or  
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

Hour, Date, Place	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
SERAPEUM FEB 7 <sup>th</sup>	<p>Outposts permanently allotted 7<sup>th</sup> Bn, from HABEITA road exclusive South and WEST to CANAL? 8<sup>th</sup> Bn from HABEITA Road inclusive North and WEST to CANAL. Strength 1 Coy each.</p>	
1030	<p>At Court of Enquiry Lt Col L. Macfarlane 5<sup>th</sup> Bn } purchase Major Jess B. Major } of "Shurtki" Captain Levy 5<sup>th</sup> Bn } by 8<sup>th</sup> Battn.</p> <p>Captain C.C. Dobbie arrived to give evidence.</p>	
1100	<p>Aeroplane (friendly) flew over camp in North Westwardly direction.</p>	
FEB 8 <sup>th</sup>	<p>Nothing to report.</p>	<p>Major BM</p>

WAR DIARY

Army Form C. 2118.

Instructions regarding War Diaries and Intelligence Summaries are contained in F.S. Regs., Part II. and the Staff Manual respectively. Title pages will be prepared in manuscript.

or  
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

Hour, Date, Place	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
<p>SERAPEUM FEB 9<sup>th</sup></p> <p>1500</p>	<p>General Godley, accompanied by Admiral Wemyss &amp; GOC Division inspected forward line.                  GOC Bde was instructed to meet party at South end of Bde Section at 1100 but General &amp; party arrived about 12 noon at North Section &amp; consequently were not met by General Foyth (GOC 2<sup>nd</sup> Bde) until they had nearly completed inspecting the section occupied by 6th Bn, (1245) Coys                  GOC Wemyss considered that generally the trenches were in the wrong place with too short a field of fire &amp; ordered that new positions be selected with field of fire at least 400 yds, and necessary work commenced, thus rendering all previous work useless.                  113 M.P. troops rejoined their regiments</p>	<p>BM</p>

WAR DIARY

Army Form C. 2118.

Instructions regarding War Diaries and Intelligence Summaries are contained in F. S. Regs., Part II and the Staff Manual respectively. Title pages will be prepared in manuscript.

or  
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

Hour, Date, Place	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
SERAPEUM 10 <sup>th</sup> FEB	<p>GOC<sup>Osle</sup> who had remained overnight at OUTER LINE, spent day inspecting locality with view of selecting better positions for trenches, in accordance with - GOC. Army Corps instructions, but could find <del>nothing</del> to change his opinion that line and positions selected are absolutely the best possible for defence.</p> <p>Returned 1835 to Sleeping Camp</p>	
SERAPEUM 11 <sup>th</sup> FEB	<p>British Aeroplane flew in a South Easterly direction over OUTER LINE at 1100.</p>	
SERAPEUM 12 <sup>th</sup> FEB	<p>General Court Martial on Ptes Martin, O'Rourke, Page and Edwards, all of the 6<sup>th</sup> Bn, who were acquitted.</p>	
	<p>1 new 14 men NZMR patrol passed through 6<sup>th</sup> Bn section going EAST at 1000.</p> <p>British Aeroplane flew SE over OUTER LINE at 1030</p>	<p><i>Officer Major B.M.</i></p> <p>98</p>

WAR DIARY

Army Form C. 2118.

Instructions regarding War Diaries and Intelligence Summaries are contained in F.S. Regs., Part II. and the Staff Manual respectively. Title pages will be prepared in manuscript.

or  
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

Hour, Date, Place	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
<p>SERAPEUM FEB 13<sup>th</sup></p>	<p>G.O.C. Bn. re-inspected OUTER LINE of Defence with G.O.C. Bde. &amp; concluded that position originally selected and which 5<sup>th</sup> &amp; 6<sup>th</sup> Batts had been working on, is the best possible except for a slight alteration to work on 5<sup>th</sup> Bn. Section.</p> <p>TABLE of Organization of 13<sup>th</sup> &amp; 2<sup>nd</sup> Division into the nucleus of 5 divisions received. This was first intimation.</p> <p>Battalions in forward line given a day's rest. The first (Sundays included) some arrival at defence sections.</p> <p>The cheerful and energetic manner in which the men of the 5<sup>th</sup> &amp; 6<sup>th</sup> Batts have worked, despite the disappointing nature of the sand which falls in nearly as quickly as shovelled out, &amp; the fact that one windy day will destroy all trace of excavations that have not been re-settled, is worthy of the highest praise.</p>	<p>Officer Major B.M.</p> <p>99</p>

WAR DIARY

Army Form C. 2118.

Instructions regarding War Diaries and Intelligence Summaries are contained in F. S. Regs., Part II. and the Staff Manual respectively. Title pages will be prepared in manuscript.

or  
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

Hour, Date, Place	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
<p>SETRAPEUM FEB 13<sup>th</sup> (Continued)</p>	<p>An Evening patrol of 6<sup>th</sup> Bn returned at 1900 to their Camp and reported track of naked feet, coming from EAST towards our line, and then striking North. Patrol followed till dark and then returned.</p>	
<p>FEB 14<sup>th</sup></p>	<p>0530 A patrol of 3 men on foot followed tracks North and discovered where man had slept previous night. Tracks lead towards lines of 3<sup>rd</sup> Bde who had captured the man near their lines.</p> <p>A mounted patrol left Camp at same time <sup>and above</sup> followed back along tracks to EAST for about 15 miles where tracks were lost on hard ground in vicinity of which were seen camels grazing. No sign of human life.</p>	<p><i>Officer Major B.M.</i></p>



WAR DIARY

Army Form C. 2118.

Instructions regarding War Diaries and Intelligence Summaries are contained in F. S. Regs., Part II and the Staff Manual respectively. Title pages will be prepared in manuscript.

or  
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

Hour, Date, Place	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
SEITAPEUM FEB 15 <sup>th</sup>	<p>Captain CC Lobbie gave evidence Court of Inquiry re Purchase of "Shorts" 8<sup>th</sup> Bde. Material for reworking still awaiting slower than progress of excavation.</p>	
FEB 16 <sup>th</sup>	<p>Orders received re subdivision of Battalion to form Nucleus of 15<sup>th</sup> Inf Bde. Drafts from 5<sup>th</sup> + 6<sup>th</sup> to move to TEL EL KEBIR on 18<sup>th</sup> to become 57<sup>th</sup> + 58<sup>th</sup> Bns. Drafts from 7<sup>th</sup> + 8<sup>th</sup> to move on 21<sup>st</sup> to become 59<sup>th</sup> and 60<sup>th</sup> Bns.</p>	
FEB 17 <sup>th</sup>	<p>Lt Col Elliott 7<sup>th</sup> Bn (appointed to Temp' Command 1<sup>st</sup> Inf Bde) left for TEL. EL KEBIR last night. 1000 Gen Sir A Murray + Staff accompanied by 400 Div + 400 2<sup>nd</sup> Bde inspected outer line. Approved of present sites remaining in defence works.</p>	

*[Signature]*  
BM

101

WAR DIARY

Army Form C. 2118.

Instructions regarding War Diaries and Intelligence Summaries are contained in F. S. Regs., Part II and the Staff Manual respectively. Title pages will be prepared in manuscript.

or  
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

Hour, Date, Place	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices																		
<p>SERAPEUM FEB 17<sup>th</sup> (Continued)</p>	<p>Drafts from 5<sup>th</sup> &amp; 6<sup>th</sup> Bns returned to Staging Camp from forward line. Day Cool. Time 4 hours.</p> <p>Officers transferred to 57<sup>th</sup> and 58<sup>th</sup> Bns:-  <u>5<sup>th</sup> Bn to 57<sup>th</sup> Bn.</u>      <u>6<sup>th</sup> Bn to 58<sup>th</sup> Bn</u></p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Major J C Stewart</td> <td>Captain J S Tait</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Captain A J Dwyer</td> <td>" Gilchrist</td> </tr> <tr> <td>" B Jacks</td> <td>Lieut T. E Tait</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Lieut Cameron</td> <td>Serjeant Rogers</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2/Lieut Harris</td> <td>2/Lieut J Longdon</td> </tr> <tr> <td>" Tomlinson</td> <td>F Dawson</td> </tr> <tr> <td>" Dickenson</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>" Taylor</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>" Ferris</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p>396 other ranks</p> <p>408 other ranks</p>	Major J C Stewart	Captain J S Tait	Captain A J Dwyer	" Gilchrist	" B Jacks	Lieut T. E Tait	Lieut Cameron	Serjeant Rogers	2/Lieut Harris	2/Lieut J Longdon	" Tomlinson	F Dawson	" Dickenson		" Taylor		" Ferris		<p>Officer Major B.M.</p>
Major J C Stewart	Captain J S Tait																			
Captain A J Dwyer	" Gilchrist																			
" B Jacks	Lieut T. E Tait																			
Lieut Cameron	Serjeant Rogers																			
2/Lieut Harris	2/Lieut J Longdon																			
" Tomlinson	F Dawson																			
" Dickenson																				
" Taylor																				
" Ferris																				

WAR DIARY

Army Form C. 2118.

Instructions regarding War Diaries and Intelligence Summaries are contained in F.S. Regs., Part II and the Staff Manual respectively. Title pages will be prepared in manuscript.

or  
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

Hour, Date, Place	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
<p>SERAPEDM FEB 18<sup>th</sup></p>	<p>Move of drafts for 57<sup>th</sup> and 58<sup>th</sup> postponed. 1045 British Aeroplane flew north over forward line. Outer line of works now held by only two battalions of 5<sup>th</sup> + 6<sup>th</sup> Bns and consequently construction of defence works delayed.</p>	
<p>FEB 19<sup>th</sup>  1530</p>	<p>System of standing patrol of NZMTC about 2 miles EAST of KATYB EL HABASHI commenced. Patrol of 1 officer 20 men leave staging camp at 1700 daily reporting to 5<sup>th</sup> Bn as they pass through lines to take up their positions returning at 1030 next day. 8<sup>th</sup> Bn relieved 1 Coy of 24<sup>th</sup> Bn in North &amp; South Posts on the Canal. Captain Hardy placed in command of both posts.</p>	<p>Officer Major BM.</p>

WAR DIARY

Army Form C. 2118.

Instructions regarding War Diaries and Intelligence Summaries are contained in F. S. Regs., Part II and the Staff Manual respectively. Title pages will be prepared in manuscript.

or  
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

Hour, Date, Place	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices		
FEB 19 <sup>th</sup> (continued)	<p>452 received to have two coys always ready to move at half an hours notice with 150 rounds and one days ration.</p> <p>As duty battalion daily is completely absorbed with Bde, Divisional and Engineer tasks, only one platoon is left daily from the two Battalions for training (see under)</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> <p><u>Duty Batta (7<sup>th</sup>)</u>                      Entirely taken up with duties                      1 Platoon outpost</p> </td> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> <p><u>Remaining Batta (8<sup>th</sup>)</u>                      2 Coys - Standing by:                      1 Coy at M+S post.                      1/2 Coy at TRAILHEAD                      1 platoon outpost</p> </td> </tr> </table>	<p><u>Duty Batta (7<sup>th</sup>)</u>                      Entirely taken up with duties                      1 Platoon outpost</p>	<p><u>Remaining Batta (8<sup>th</sup>)</u>                      2 Coys - Standing by:                      1 Coy at M+S post.                      1/2 Coy at TRAILHEAD                      1 platoon outpost</p>	
<p><u>Duty Batta (7<sup>th</sup>)</u>                      Entirely taken up with duties                      1 Platoon outpost</p>	<p><u>Remaining Batta (8<sup>th</sup>)</u>                      2 Coys - Standing by:                      1 Coy at M+S post.                      1/2 Coy at TRAILHEAD                      1 platoon outpost</p>			
FEB 20 <sup>th</sup>	<p>SUNDAY. Gen Smyth &amp; Major Jones to forward line to select new site for work 58. Remained with 5<sup>th</sup> Bn overnight</p>	<p>Major Jones BM</p>		

SERAPEUM.

WAR DIARY

Army Form C. 2118.

Instructions regarding War Diaries and Intelligence Summaries are contained in F. S. Regs., Part II and the Staff Manual respectively. Title pages will be prepared in manuscript.

or  
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

Hour, Date, Place	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
<p>FEB 21<sup>st</sup></p> <p>SERAPEUM</p>	<p>Aeroplane having reported presence of about 200 Camel men about 30 miles out along BITT MOYH Rd, a patrol of the Group NZMT sent to 3 miles SE of HABASH, at 0600 to remain out till returned by night standing patrol.</p> <p>Drafts for 5<sup>th</sup> &amp; 6<sup>th</sup> Bns left Camp at 1130 amid Cheers of 7<sup>th</sup> &amp; 8<sup>th</sup> Bns addressed by Gen. Forsyth at SERAPEUM roadhead at 1330.</p> <p>New reinforcements for 5<sup>th</sup> &amp; 6<sup>th</sup> Bns arrived at Staging Camp at 1530.</p> <p>Officers: In 5<sup>th</sup> Bn. Lt. Hallerton &amp; Gray (returned from Hospital) Lt. Macleay &amp; Atropia (TR)</p> <p>In 6<sup>th</sup> Bn - Captain Ulrich Lt. Owen (returned) Lt. Johnston Lt. G. &amp; Forbes (TR)</p>	<p>⊕ Lt. Leslie also returned</p> <p>(TR) = reinforcement</p>
<p>FEB 22<sup>nd</sup></p>	<p>Reinforcements for 5<sup>th</sup> &amp; 6<sup>th</sup> Bns marched to forward line leaving Staging Camp at 1000.</p>	<p>Officer Major BM</p>

WAR DIARY

Army Form C. 2118.

Instructions regarding War Diaries and Intelligence Summaries are contained in F. S. Regs., Part II. and the Staff Manual respectively. Title pages will be prepared in manuscript.

OR  
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

Hour, Date, Place	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
<p>SERAPEUM FEB 23<sup>rd</sup></p>	<p>2<sup>nd</sup> Bde took over control of GEBEL MIRIAM, TOUSSOUM and DEVERSOIR POSTS* on CANAL with 8<sup>th</sup> Batta from 8<sup>th</sup> Bde. Then leaving in <sup>(remaining men)</sup> Staging Camp: - 7<sup>th</sup> Bn and draft from the 8<sup>th</sup> Batta who are to proceed to TEL EL KEBIR to form nucleus of the 60<sup>th</sup> Batta. Barely enough to supply duties Major Peters, Captain Jermann 6<sup>th</sup> Bn &amp; Lt Hurray <sup>8<sup>th</sup></sup> arrived from Hospital.</p>	<p>⊕ Men selected to remain with 8<sup>th</sup> Bn. * Major G Conter 8<sup>th</sup> Bn is command.</p>
<p>FEB 24<sup>th</sup></p>	<p>G.O.C. Iron accompanied Brigadier and approved of altered site of work 5B. Machine Gun sections of 7<sup>th</sup> &amp; 8<sup>th</sup> Bn, were marched to forward line: - 7<sup>th</sup> Bn attached to 5<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> Bn attached to 6<sup>th</sup> Bn. Drafts from 7<sup>th</sup> &amp; 8<sup>th</sup> Bn, proceeded to TEL EL KEBIR to form nucleus of 59<sup>th</sup> &amp; 60<sup>th</sup> addressed by General Frost at 1130 left camp 1200. Cheers heartily given for old Battalions and new ones.</p>	<p>Officer Major B.M.</p>

WAR DIARY

Army Form C. 2118.

Instructions regarding War Diaries and Intelligence Summaries are contained in F. S. Regs., Part II. and the Staff Manual respectively. Title pages will be prepared in manuscript.

or  
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

Hour, Date, Place	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
<p>FEB 24<sup>th</sup></p> <p>SERAPEUM.</p>	<p>1530 Reinforcements for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Batts marched into Camp. No officers for 7<sup>th</sup> Bn who are thus left with 9 officers to carry on.</p> <p>4 Conducting Officers, who arrived with reinforcements for 7<sup>th</sup> Batta, returned for duty. names 2/Lt T P O'Connor HA Sutherland W F Appleton A F Phillips</p> <p>8<sup>th</sup> Batta received following officers:- Lt Loden Lt Campbell Wm Cludge W. Grant J C Hogg R J Hillard G. Lovett.</p> <p>Sent to 6<sup>th</sup> Bn from 8<sup>th</sup> Bn. Major F. Fricker, Captain R. Jennings Lt Wronski, Lt Robertson, 2/Lt Burchell 2/Lt E. M. Swain, Cpl Roberts, W. Keen. 2/Lt Bayless returned for duty till appointment of transport officer.</p>	<p>Officer Major BM</p> <p>ZAB 993.</p>

WAR DIARY

Army Form C. 2118.

Instructions regarding War Diaries and Intelligence Summaries are contained in F. S. Regs., Part II. and the Staff Manual respectively. Title pages will be prepared in manuscript.

or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

Hour, Date, Place	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
<p>FEB 24<sup>th</sup> (cont'd)</p>	<p>Major Peters from 6<sup>th</sup> Bn also left to join 58<sup>th</sup> Bn. Officers from 7<sup>th</sup> Bn to 59<sup>th</sup> Bn:- Major HTC Layh. Major C. Daniels, Captain Liddleton Captain H Kearney 2/Lt Young, D/R Crooks, SN Neale, J.E. Foster, K McDonald, F.H. Hewitt Quinn, Wragley, Severy, Mowbray Munson, Bury</p>	
<p>SERAPEUM.  FEB 25<sup>th</sup></p>	<p>8<sup>th</sup> Bn increased garrison of CANAL POSTS as under GETZEL MIRIAM — 1 Platoon Lt Fay TOUSSOUM — 1 Company Captain Krich NORTH SOUTH POSTS — 1 Company Lieut Hurry (at Cuning) — 1 Company Captain James DEVERSOIR — 1 Company STAGING CAMP + TRAILHEAD — HQ Bn and 3 Platoon Captain Mitchell Adj. 8<sup>th</sup> Bn relieved Captain S Hardy of Command of B Coy. Captain Hardy appointed Adj. 8<sup>th</sup> Bn (temporarily) All 7<sup>th</sup> Bn on fatigues, and as required till further orders, as no other unit available till arrival of 10<sup>th</sup> Bde. In organization or training possible</p>	<p>Lt Col CAT Brand DSO took over command of all Posts.  Adj. Major BM</p>



WAR DIARY

Army Form C. 2118.

Instructions regarding War Diaries and Intelligence Summaries are contained in F. S. Regs., Part II and the Staff Manual respectively. Title pages will be prepared in manuscript.

or  
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

Hour, Date, Place	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
FEB 26 <sup>th</sup>	Major T. F. Barnett 6 <sup>th</sup> Bn reported as B.M. vice Major O'Farrell appointed to command 7 <sup>th</sup> Bn.	
FEB 27 <sup>th</sup>	General Bardwood Carruthers attended Church parade 1015, and later addressed troops.	
FEB 28 <sup>th</sup>	2/Lt S.V. Burrows 16 <sup>th</sup> King's Regt (Imp. Coy) reported and was attached 7 <sup>th</sup> Bn temporarily. Major O'Farrell took over command of 7 <sup>th</sup> Battalion. One battalion of 10 <sup>th</sup> Bde arrived.	
FEB 29 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup> Bde took over Northern section of Outpost LINE.  No training whatever has been possible since 19 <sup>th</sup> inst. no bombs have been available for instruction of Grenadiers	Major O'Farrell B.M.