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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
FERRY POST EAST	1.5.16	1400 to 1800	Practice shoot was carried out at ranges of from 2300 ^x to 3400 ^x . Each Battery fired two series - all satisfactory. 35 horses (draught) transferred from 8 th Infantry Brigade	
	2.5.16		1 Sgt & 24 men (drivers and gunners) taken on strength from Artillery Detach at Tel-el-Kebir, and posted to Batteries. Lieut Gregory transferred from 1 st Training Battalion and posted to Bde. Am. Column 5 draught horses taken over from 13 th Brigade F.A.	
	3.5.16		1 man transferred to 5 th D.A.H. & Co. - Received 5 D.A. - B 16 $\frac{5}{16}$ ordering puttees to be worn instead of leggings	
	4.5.16		2/Lt. Forrest reported for duty and taken on strength of Bde Head Quarters as Orderly Officer.	
	5.5.16		200 horses evacuated (1 Riding & 1 Draught)	
	6.5.16		26 men transferred to 5 D.A.C. being over strength.	
	7.5.16		1 man transferred from 7 th Light Battalion, 1 man returned from Hospital over canal - retaken on strength Mallein testing for Horses - Mounted work ceased for 2 days.	
	8.5.16		Mallein testing for horses...	
	10.5.16		2/Lt. Newmarch, Cairnes & Makinson in orders as receiving commissions on 2.5.16 Firing Practice by Mobile battery - 15 Rds fired. 1 man struck off - evacuated over Canal.	5 DRO Para 300.

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FERRY POST EAST.	11.5.16		Orders received that wagons drawn for 60 th Battery to be returned to Ordnance. This battery not to be equipped yet.	
	12.5.16		Mobile battery took part in a Divisional exercise. Nominal rolls of personnel surplus to establishment forwarded (S.D.A. - A48) 7 men transferred to Cyclist Coy. Lt Kemp and 3 other ranks transferred to Artillery Detail TEL EL KEBIR 1 man evacuated. Ordnance have been issuing stores the last few days rather well.	
	13.5.16		Capt Parker (from Camel Corps) + 2/Lt Newmarch (14 th F.A. Bde.) reported for duty + posted to 60 th Battery.	
	14.5.16		Received 10 mules from 14 th F.A. Bde.	
	15.5.16		Firing practice 58 th Battery 13 men ("unsuitable") transferred to TEL EL KEBIR. 1 man transferred from 21 st Battalion.	
	16.5.16		Very hot day 115° in tents. D.R.O. Para 345 New Routine Issued. - Reveille 0400. Breakfast before morning Parade. 0515 to 0845 morning Parade, afternoon Parade 1700 to 1800. Retreat 1900. Lights out 2130 etc. 5 men transferred to Pioneer Battalion, 1 to 5 th Div. Head Quarters, 5 evacuated over Canal.	
	17.5.16		Again intensely hot 115°. S.D.A. B 92 1/2 received, notifying alterations in establishment	
	18.5.16		S.D.A. BM 429 + 430 received directing that C.M. Sentenon or Fredericksen and Harris to put into execution and suspending those on Henderson, Duffey and Smith. 17 men transferred to TEL EL KEBIR, 1 other struck off - evacuated. Received notification of service numbers allotted to vehicles of this Bde - Nos 221 to 322	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
FERRY POST EAST	19.5.16		Staff Exercise for Divisional Staff, C.O's and Adjutants - based on March of Division and belleting in ISMAILIA overnight then advancing toward TEL EL KEBIR next morning. 1 man arrived from 22 nd Battalion. Sgt Willis (59 th Battery) promoted to B.S. Major.	
	20.5.16		5 Div. Memo received reducing total parades on Thursday to 1 hour only in morning - remainder of day - holiday. 5 D.A. - A 97 re filling N.C.O. ranks in view of probable early departure. Sgt Creeke promoted B.S.M. (59 th Bty) 1 horse struck off strength - evacuated. 1 horse received from Remount Section.	
	21.5.16		Special return of personnel called for - B.A.C. to be abolished.	
	22.5.16		Divisional exercise.	
	23.5.16		4th Forrest appeared in orders as being commissioned on 17.5.16 (D.R.O. Para 392) 1 Draught Horse struck off - evacuated.	
	24.5.16		5 D.A. A 114 - Memo from B.G.C.D.A. asking C.O's opinion on present hours of training and meals	
	25.5.16		Lieuts Pease & Matthews transferred to Artillery Detach at TEL EL KEBIR. with 112 other ranks on account of breaking up of B.A.C. Lt Gregory unable to go owing to an injured knee. Review of Division by Cdr in Chief. 3 batteries mounted. 60 th Battery posted on "Passing line"	
	26.5.16		Mustering Parade of 15 th Brigade J.A. held as ordered by 5 D.R.O. 374. Kits, Clothing, rolls etc checked. Lieut Gregory sent to hospital. 3 men evacuated.	

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FERRY POST EAST	27.5.16		29 M.C.O.s and men transferred to D.A.C. and 3 other ranks to 13 th F.A. Brigade. D.A.C. now all transferred. Prediction sent to Citadel Cairo under C.M. sentence 4 months I.H.L. 12 ammunition wagons handed over to D.A.C. 1 mule lost.	
	28.5.16		4 officers' charges transferred to 5 th D.A.C. 2 riding horses to 5 th Div. Head Quarters. Court martial (F.G.) held on Sgt. O'Shaughnessy + Lt. Trimm.	
	29.5.16		Firing practice by all batteries from positions under cover. Equipment of 15 th B.A.B. being handed over to 5 th D.A.C. - returning surplus stores and equipment of 60 th Battery to Ordnance. off saddles drawn from Ordnance.	
	30.5.16		off saddles which were drawn + issued to batteries were all old gear and in bad order very dirty. 7 H.S. wagons returned to Ordnance; 8 G.S. lumbered wagons; 1 G.S. wagon + 1 water cart handed over to D.A.C.	
	31.5.16		Brigade moved to MOASCAR ISMAILIA as "B" echelon of 2 nd Flight of 5 th Division. D.A.C. formed remainder of "B" echelon. Lt. Col. Lucas 15 th F.A. Bde. was C.O. of the echelon. Brigade moved out of camp at FERRY POST EAST at 1445 and arrived at MOASCAR at 1700. Ferry Post camp taken over by 2 nd Welsh F.A. Bde. Territorials. 12 riding horses transferred to 160 th Brigade (English). Shelter erected for 13 th + 14 th Brigade horses, but none for horses of this brigade. Am informed that they will be started tomorrow. No mess huts for the men or stabling for horses.	

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