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Artillery Brigade

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
1/6/16 Herapum	1/6/16		General preparations for evacuating Herapum Camp.	
	2/6/16		Advance party, sent on to Alexandria to arrange troopship facilities.	
	3/6/16	7:30 AM	The brigade moved out from Herapum by 2 trains, the latter leaving 11-10 PM. good trip down. horses good journey very well.	
	4/6/16		Embarked on H.M.T. "EURE" for France, 24 th Oct occurred ship with 20 wagons belonging to various units also 19 Indulgence passengers	
At sea	5/6/16		horses comfortable, stabled, rough off feed, owing probably to draughts of environment.	
	6/6/16		raining, water hampered owing to rough weather.	
	7/6/16		Nil.	
	8/6/16		Nil.	
	9/6/16		horses lying very much off colour, rough weather with much sleet.	
	10/6/16		Nil	
	11/6/16		1 horse died just out of marseilles of Quamonia.	
	12/6/16		Arrived at Marseilles 4:30 PM, stabled out on stacks.	
	13/6/16		Embarked & remained for 2 days, 1st of pyramids coming on at 10 AM	

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14/6/16.	France		Battery head Quarters en route. Horses doing well.	
15/6/16			Arrived at Hava 3:30 AM. detoured towards to 107 Camp "Savig". 1st camp.	
16/6/16			Brigade equipping at Hava. to new establishment 3/18 par. Batteries 2/14 15 16 17 numbered the 40 th 44 th 48 th 52 nd 56 th 60 th Batteries. Re 11 th being handed complete from 12 th Brigade F.F. Personnel of Howitzer Brigade retained by us and trained to 12 par. work. Requisitioning by remounts.	
17/6/16.			Arrival of second Battery from Maveller. 11 horses were sent to Veterinary Hospital Hava, as unfit suffering debility.	
18/6/16.			Horses & mules drawn to complete Brigade (117 th Bty. ⁽¹⁴⁰⁾ moved with mules) Batteries equipping at Oranance. Facilities both at Oranance. Remounts were exceedingly good. Advance Party proceeding to destination to arrange billets for the Brigade.	
18/6/16			The Brigade proceeding to billets in 11 trains, 1 Battery per train, 10 th train having 8700 followed at intervals of 90 minutes.	
19/6/16			Arrived at destination, the detoured, and marched to billets 10 miles from station.	
25/6/16			Men very busy in their billets, absolutely no possibility of mobile training owing to growing crops & pasture land. Party of 1 Officer & 25 C.R. each Bty detailed to proceed to front line.	

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France	21/6/16		4 th Australian Division transferred to 1 st A.N.Z.A.C. inspected 24 th Pac at work generally.	General Pondwood
	22/6/16	1100	General Sir Douglas Haig inspected 24 th Brigade dismissed.	
	23/6/16		General training. Officers + 100 P.R. marched out to front line today.	
	24/6/16		Nil.	
	25/6/16		Most numerous training being carried out. 3 horses dead, 1 mule and 1 bullock destroyed broken leg.	
	26/6/16		Temporary Captains Turner, C.R. Pybus, etc. of his Brigade to be Captains.	
	27/6/16		Hawkins 15 th Coy + 9 B.H.Q. moved to the front line.	
	28/6/16		Nil.	BRO 99 part 11
	29/6/16		Inspection held by CO, who passed comments circulated in Bde Order 99 part 11. Adj. Sgt Whittle moved out to attend Artillery School at Felgues. duration 14 days.	" 99 part 13
			Temp. Promotions confirmed Bde Order 99 part 13.	
			Glanders discovered by V.O. in 44 th Bty. Two horses shot (Bay Mare N°F. 2262. J162)	
			Bay geld. N°F 2235. J.135) Post Mortem held. Diagnosis confirmed.	
	30/6/16		Hosebays of 44 th Bty destroyed. 160 new ones drawn from P.A.D.O.S. Picketing gear etc. disinfected.	
			Lt Thompson + 1 Sgt from each Bty attending 2 day "Gas School."	

4th Div Army HQ

MOVE - ORDER NO: 1

by

LIEUT COL WAITE W.C.N. - COMMANDING
24TH HOW: F. A. BRIGADE

1ST JUNE, 1916

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(1) ADVANCE PARTY - Lieut: B. Thompson will proceed with 2 men from each Battery and 1 from Headquarters to Alexandria by 0905 train on Friday, 2nd instant, as advance party of Brigade. The men detailed from respective units will parade at Brigade Headquarters, full marching order, at 0830 on that date (48 hours ration).

(2) PREPARATION FOR ENTRAINING - Vehicles will be taken down to Railway Station during the day of Saturday, 3rd instant, to be placed ready for entraining under instructions of Lieut: H. Nagel, who will be in sole charge of loading. As time laid down for loading is limited, Os C must do all in their power to assist him in this work. Attention is drawn to Circular No: 4

(3) ENTRAINING - Trains will be loaded as follows :-
1st train to commence loading at 1915 and to carry :-
110th Battery - 4 Howitzers 4.5" and 8 Ammunition Wagons
111th Battery - 4 " " " 5 " "
110th Battery.....41 horses
111th Battery.....46 "
112th Battery.....46 "
Headquarters.....18 "

110th Battery.....46 Drivers and 25 Other Ranks
111th Battery.....46 " " 25 " "
112th Battery.....46 " " 25 " "
Headquarters.....20 " "

The following Officers will also proceed by this train :-

- Lt: Col: W.C.N.Waite.
- Lieut: A.C.R.Waite (Adjutant)
- Capt: C.T.McKenna (Veterinary)
- Capt: G.E.Cole (Medical Officer)
- Capt: R.K.Pybus
- " C.R.Turner
- Lieut: W.E.Cox
- " H.A.Willison
- ~~" H.J.Copley~~
- " G.E.Wells
- " W.G.Jolly
- " S.A.Macnamara
- " W.L.Sanderson.

This train will depart from Serapeum at 2055

2nd train will be ready for loading at 2055 and will be loaded as follow :-

110th Battery.....1 Water Cart
111th Battery 3 Ammunition Wagons 4.5" Howitzer and 1 Water Cart
112th Battery.....1 Water Cart
Headquarters.....1 Telephone Wagon; 1 Maltese Cart 1 Cooks Cart
110th Battery.....63 Other Ranks
111th Battery.....63 " "
112th Battery.....63 " 3
Headquarters.....21 " "

The following officers will also proceed:-

- Capt: P.M.Edwards
- Lieut D.O.L.Kitto
- " H.J.Copley
- " H.Nagel

MOVE - ORDER NO: 1 (CONTD)

This train will leave Serapeum at 2110.

As absolutely no extension of these hours of departure can be granted, the C.O. wishes to emphasise the necessity of avoiding any waste of time during both entraining and embarking.

- (4) RATIONS - As evening meal is the first issued on board ship on Sunday, 24 hours ration will be carried by all ranks.
- (5) TENTS - All tents will be struck before departure and stacked by Batteries, 20 yards North of men's dining huts. Ground vacated by units must be left in a Sanitary condition.
- (6) LOADING OF VEHICLES - Efforts will be made by Os C Units to obtain nails and chocks for wheels, to ensure safe riding of vehicles.

(7) *Nominal Rolls must be prepared of personnel proceeding in each train, and called at first opportunity after entraining.*

A. R. Wake Lieut:

Adj: 24th Howitzer F.A. Bde

S e r a p e u m
31st May 1916

Office D. M. P.

Move of the 24th Howitzer Brigade:

The 24th Howitzer Brigade will entrain at Serapeum Main Station on the Night of 3rd/4th June, to Proceed with the 2nd Flight, 4th Australian Division. Timetable and capacity of train here-under;

No of Train	Type	Loading Station	Time ready for loading	Time due to leave	Arrive
832/745A	Cavalry	Serapeum West	1915	2055	0315
To Carry Officers 13	O.R. 233	Animals 144	Guns and Limb; 8	Limb; Wagons 13	

The second train will move as under, great care being taken in the reading of instructions for same;

No of train	Type	Loading Station	Time ready for Loading	Time to Leave	Arrive
836/703	22 Flats 8 open	Serapeum Siding and Serapeum West	1900 1915 2045	2055 2110 2110	0645
This train will carry Officers 4	O.R. 200	Animals 000	Limb: Wagons 03	Telephone Wagon 1	Water Cooks Cart etc 5

These trains Proceed to GABBARY QUAYS Alexandria; the Brigade has been allotted H M T S Elele;

Individual Battery instructions will be issued later:

*Serapeum
31/5/16*

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Confidential,

June 1st, 1916.

11th A.F.A. Brigade.
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ALEXANDRIA.

Embarked on H.M.T. "Haverford".