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12th. Aus. Field Artillery Brigade

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Tel-el-Kebir. EGYPT.	4/4/16		<u>MOVE.</u> Move of 12th.F.A.Brigade to SERAPEUM. W. (See page 9)	
	6/4/16		<u>TAKEN ON STRENGTH.</u> 2nd/Lieut.Sharp F. to 12th.F.A.Brigade dated 6/4/16 " " Gray D.A.F. do. do. " " Brough H.W. do. do. " " Setton L.C. do; do. " " Clark R.H. do. do.	
			<u>APPOINTMENTS.</u> Lieutenant E.W.Richards to be Temporary Captain to date from the 12/3/16. Captain I.C.Haines to be Medical Officer 12th.Aus.Field Artillery Brigade 6/4/16 Captain R.De-Courty Talbot to be Veterinary Officer 12th.F.A.Brigade. dated 7/4/16	
	8/4/16		<u>POSTING OF OFFICERS.</u>  <u>HEADQUARTERS.</u>  To Command Lieut-Col. R.L.R.Rabett, C.M.G. Adjutant Lieut. L.H. Callinan Ord.Officer 2nd/Lieut.G.Goldfinch	



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Tel-el-Kebir. EGYPT.	8/4/16		<p><u>POSTING OF OFFICERS.</u></p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> <p><u>45th. BATTERY F.A.</u></p> <p>To Command Captain J. R. Ellis Lieut. E. Levy 2nd/Lieut. F. Sharp</p> </div> <div style="width: 45%;"> <p><u>46th. BATTERY F.A.</u></p> <p>To Command Lieut. R. C. Mc. Kay " J. R. Fleming 2nd/" B. J. Keys " " D. A. F. Gray</p> </div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> <p><u>47th. BATTERY F.A.</u></p> <p>To Command Capt. E. W. Richards 2nd/Lieut. A. O. Smith " " H. W. Brough</p> </div> <div style="width: 45%;"> <p><u>48th. BATTERY F.A.</u></p> <p>To Command Lieut. E. A. Collins " N. P. Webbe 2nd/" L. H. Scarrott " " L. C. Setton</p> </div> </div> <p><u>BRIGADE AMMUNITION COLUMN.</u></p> <p>To Command Lieut. E. J. Marsden " G. R. IRVING 2nd/" R. H. Clark " " L. H. Lewis</p>		



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Serapeum EGYPT	6/4/16		<u>MOVE.</u> The Brigade camped about 500 yards from Serapeum, West Station on soft sand. Transport being very difficult. All water required carting to lines from tanks at Railway Station. This supply carting practically monopolised all available draught horses in the Brigade.  Official information received that the 4th. Aus. Division was expected to leave Egypt for France at the end of May and training was to be expedited accordingly.	
	8 12/4/16		<u>TRANSFER.</u> To the 12th. F.A. Brigade 2nd. Lieut. Dardel A.R. " " Isaac P.R. " " Keys B.I.	
	12/4/16		<u>FARRIER.</u> Farrier's class started by the Vet. Ofcr.  <u>HARNESS.</u> Harness being issued in small lots. Dubbin almost being unobtainable.	
	13/4/16		<u>TRANSFERS.</u> To the 12th. F.A. Brigade (temporarily) Lieut. E.S. Sutton 2nd/ " K; Ewen.	
	16/4/16		<u>PROMOTIONS.</u> to be Captain Lieutenant E. W. Richards dated 12/3/16 No. 8733 A/sgt. G. H. Adams to be 2nd/Lieut. dated 11/4/16 1998 Sgt. C. E. Peel do. do. do. <del><u>TRANSFERS.</u> Lieut. E. W. Richards from 1st. Div. Art. dated 12/3/16</del>	



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Serapeum EGYPT.	15/4/16 19/4/16		<p><u>TRANSFERS.</u> Lieut. C. W. Hicks from R.A.N.B.T. Dated 10/4/16 1 Other Rank from the 50th. Battln. 2 " " " " 46th. " 2nd/Lieut. Scarrott L. to 4th. D. A. C. " " Darral A.L. " " " " Isaac P.R. " " 2nd/ Lieut." Ewan K. 11th. F.A.B. Lieut. Hicks C. W. " " " Irving G.R. " " To 12th. F.A.Brigade 2ndLieut. B. Fairfax. Ross from 12th.L.H. Lieut. E.S.Sutton from 1st. L.H.Details</p>	
	23/4/16			
	25/4/16		<p><u>GENERAL.</u> ANZAC DAY, GALLIPOLI LANDING, celebrated as a holiday. Memorial Church Parade and Swimming Carnival in the Suez Canal.</p>	
	28/4/16		<p><u>PROMOTIONS.</u> (Temporary) 13 (temporary) Sergeants 4 " Corporals 12 " Bombadiers</p>	
Serapeum.W.	3/5/16		<p><u>UNDESIRABLES.</u> O'sC: Units asked for list of men and N.C.O's not likely to become efficient Artillery men" 50 names submitted to D.A.H.Q. mostly light Horse men from Details.</p>	
	5/5/16		<p><u>RECONNAISSANCE</u> <u>BY</u> C. O. and Battery Commanders of Front Line Defences, Serapeum Sector.</p>	
	6/5/16 3/5/16		<p>Selection of positions. <u>TRANSFERS.</u> 19 Other Ranks from Artly Details, Tel-el-Kebir mostly with F.A.experience all good type of men.</p>	