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1914-18 War

Infantry

Item number: 23/22/13

Title: 5th Infantry Battalion

March 1916



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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
1916			
Mar 1	CANAL ZONE FORWARD TRENCHES.	Works 58, 59, 588a 58b 589c being continued S. Officers, Lt Fitzgerald, 2nd Lieut O'Sullivan, Hooper, Griffiths & Carter and 21. O.R.	
2	✓	proceeded to Bde HQs for School of Instruction Lt Fitzgerald returned from School.	
3	✓	Bn carrying out Coy Training and Grenade work	
4	✓	2nd Lt Roach and 11. O.R. to School of Instruction ZEITOUN.	
5	✓	2nd Lieut Burke and 3. O.R. returned from School of Instruction ISMAILIA.	
5	✓	6. Sigs 7th Bn left Camp to rejoin Unit. Works S. 58b completed.	

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Apr 6	CANAL ZONE FORWARD TRENCHES	✓	
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Date. 1916	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
Mar 13	STABING CAMP SERAPELUM.	Bn commenced setting up drill and Musketry Instruction etc.	
14	✓	Capt LEY (a.a.m.c.) reported for duty as R.M.O. vice. Capt KIRKWOOD to 1st Bn. 2nd Lt J. Young reinforcement Officer reported for duty.	
15	✓	Brigade parade, farewell address by G.O.C. Division Major General Chauvel	
16	✓	Inspection of Bn by G.O.C. Brigade.	
17	✓	2 boys Musketry Practice, 2 Coys Coy Trg. 49 reinforcements arrived.	
18	✓	Bn being inoculated against para typhoid	

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1916 Mar 19	STAGING CAMP SERAPEUM.	H.R.H. The Prince of Wales, Generals Bidwood, Walker, Smythe, White, Chauvel, Forseyth & Staffs visited and rode through lines.	
20	✓	Muster. Parade, checking nominal rolls and kits.	
24	✓	Left SERAPEUM at 2000 arrived ALEXANDRIA 0440 25th.	
25	H.M.T. BRITON	Embarked on board H.M.T. BRITON about 0800	
30	✓	Arrived MARSEILLES 1830.	
31	MARSEILLES	Left MARSEILLES by train at about 1130.	
	Note.	Works hampered at times owing to shortage of material and nails etc.	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
1916 Nov 31		Effective Strength as at.	
	Nov 4	16 officers 989 o. Ranks	
	11	21 ✓ 1115 ✓	
	18	21 ✓ 1095 ✓	
	25	24 ✓ 986 ✓	
		W. Lighthelm Adjutant	

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