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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
TURA.	5.1.16.		3 a.m. The B.A.C. and 400 horses in good condition arrived, only six were lost on the voyage i.e. 1.5%. Weather very cold and still no bathing accommodation.	
	6.1.16 to 9.1.16.		The arrival of the horses has necessarily increased the daily work. Gunners hard at gun laying, drivers at driving drill and signallers are practicing semaphore and morse code signalling with flags, telephones, lamps, and heliographs.	
	10.1.16		Received our final lot of horses from ABBESIA Remount Depot but cannot work all Batteries yet. The 15th. Battery is the worse off. The horses which arrived by the 'Bulla' have been ashore only 6 days. Weather still cold and foggy up to 9 a.m. Staff Officers from Divisional Headquarters since arrival have given lectures on practical points in Field Artillery.	
	11.1.16		Instructions received for the Brigade to move to TEL-EL-KEBIR.	
TEL-EL-KEBIR.	12.1.16		Struck camp at 5 a.m. and proceeded by Batteries to CAIRO. Entrained at 2.40 p.m. and arrived at TEL-EL-KEBIR at 7.40 p.m. The weather is still cold. The arrangements for rations are poor. A quantity of stores and forage were dumped on the station and left for the night under the charge of a guard. Brigade bivouaced for the night.	
	13.1.16		Batteries had to move their position by about 100 yards, all busy pitching camp and general routing work.	
	15.1.16.		The Divisional Artillery was inspected by General Sir A. MURRAY. All ranks were issued with our colours (Red and Blue Diamonds).	
	16.1.16 to 30.1.16.		Battery Drill, Gun laying, Fuze setting, Signalling and Driving Drill are being carried out daily. The horses may be worked but not to full extent.	
	31.1.16		The Brigade has not yet been drilled as one Command. The Brigade is regaining some of its smartness which naturally dissappeared during the voyage and the stay at TURA.	