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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
TEL-EL-KEBIR & FERRY POST.	1.2. 16 to 8.2.16.		For the first seven days of this month we have been practicing digging in, building gun pits etc. and general tactical exercises including repelling attack by guns and Infantry. The major part of the benefit was lost owing to the bad arrangements of the Divisional Signal Company. Left TEL-EL-KEBIR at 7 p.m. 7.2.16, slept on the railway platform and left by 8 a.m. 8.2.16 for ISMAELIA arriving there at 9.30 a.m. and marched to FERRY POST, crossing the SUEZ Canal by a Pontoon Bridge. We arrived at 4 p.m. and pitched camp on a good site.	
FERRY POST.	9.2.16.		In view of the rumours of the likelihood of an advance by the Turks accross the desert the C.R.A. and C.O. left Camp at 8.30 a.m. to inspect positions some 5 miles inland for the Batteries. No maps available and no preparation for defense.	
	10.2. 16 to 17.2.16		The Battery Signallers are being given a great deal of practice on their instruments and flags daily. Gun laying and fuze setting is continuing.	
	18.2. 16		The C.O. has been out to the positions selected daily and has selected positions for Batteries and Observation Posts. It is thought that we can resist any attack. Captain J. RAY joined the Brigade at 10 a.m.	
	20.2.16.		General Sir W.R. BIRDWOOD visited the Camp today.	
	22.2.16		General GODLEY, GEN. LEGGE, Gen. NICHOLLS and Lord DENBIGH visited Positions and expressed their approval.	
	26.2.16		The Brigade shifted camp 200 yards more East on account of proposed defence works.	
	28.2.16 to 29.2.16		The C.O. visited the selected Battery Positions daily and is satisfied.	