

FEBRUARY, 1916.

Sunday 13

Went to Church parade this morning. Church was just about full. After tea walked into Romford & spent the evening there.

Monday 14

Usual marches to-day. I heard this evening that the draft is to go away on Wednesday. Walked into Romford again this evening.

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Tuesday 15

Had a muster parade of the draft this morning. Roll was called & reported. Went for a short march. This afternoon we packed our kits and had them at the store by 3 p.m. We were served with rations for 1 meal. After tea Andy & I went into Romford for a walk. Miserable night, very wet.

Wednesday 16

Reveille at 5:30 this morning. Breakfast at 6 a.m. Draft left for the onechurch station about 7. Contained three & went straight through to Southampton. Went on board the Olympian enormous troopship. 200 Australians & a lot of British soldiers on board, about 8000 all told. Our quarters are very crowded we all to sleep in hammocks.