

APRIL, 1916.

Wednesday 5

Another bit inspection this morning, after which we packed our gear and put the belts out ready to go away. Had tea early and fell in in full marching order about 4:30 p.m. marched to Ismaïlia station and got aboard the train in open trucks. Left at 6:30 and arrived at Port Said about 9. Had to load all gear and baggage on waggons, and then marched through them to ship. Got aboard soon after midnight.

Thursday 6

We have all got pretty good bunkers. The ship is the "Frankonia" and is a good size. I have taken on mess orderly for the trip. The food today has been very good. We are lying in the entrance to the canal close to De Lesseps' statue. One of the main streets is just opposite. Nice clean looking town. Had some drinking boys alongside today.

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Friday 7

We sailed about 10:30 this morning. Some of the French residents waved us farewell. Sea is very calm, there is hardly a motion to be felt. We have been told off to our boat stations, and have to wear our lifebelts always.

Saturday 8

We had two destroyers with us this morning. Passed a good deal of shipping. Put up before orderly room this forenoon, not having my bunk laid out in the regulation manner. Got two days C. B. with 2 hours pack drill.