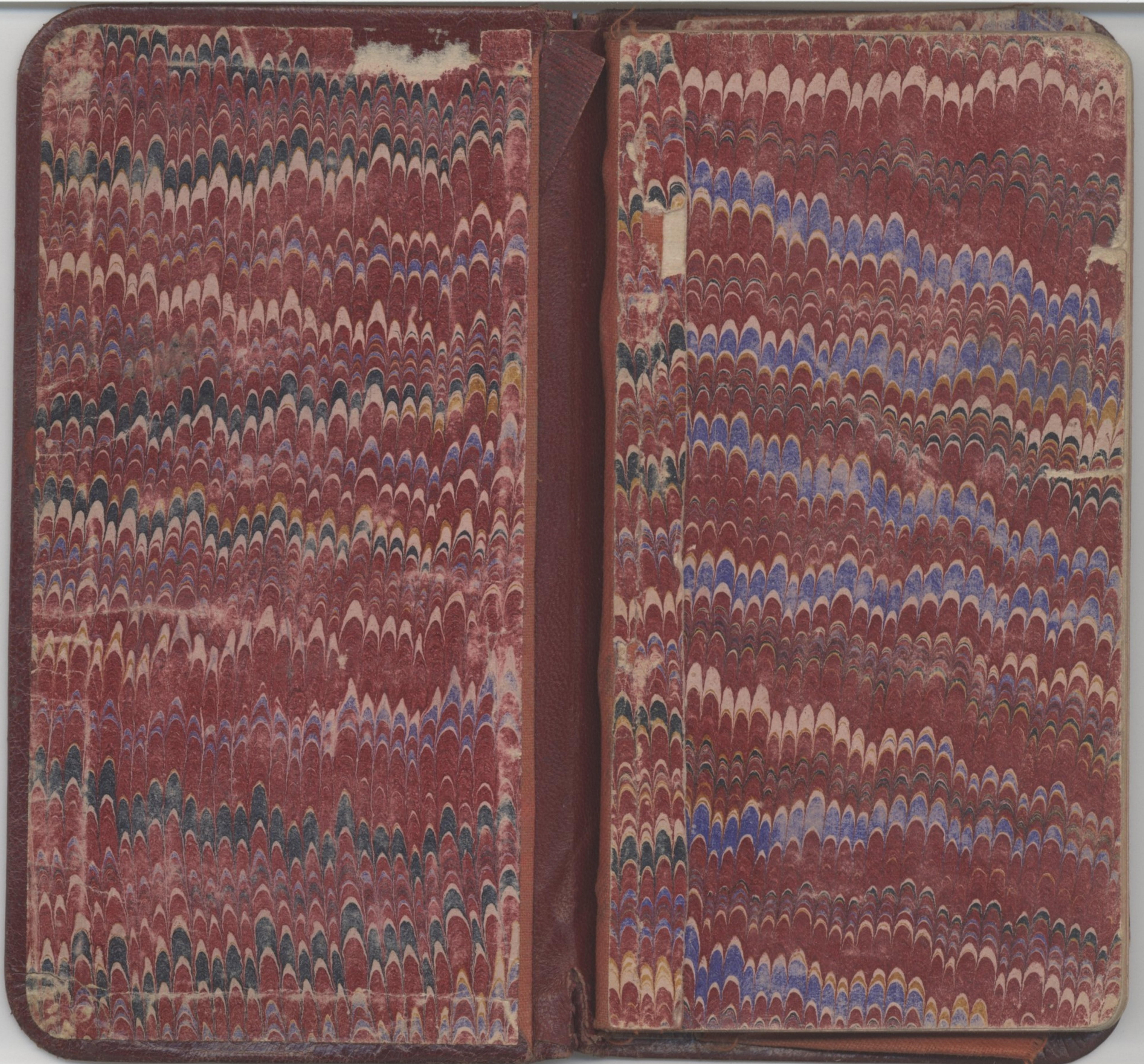


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8th Battalion

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c/o Capt. Coulter D. Coy. Australian
Victoria

Chamber of Commerce
Bresser in Commerce
Rue de Babes, Cairo

~~House of order books~~

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Family

20th March

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2 Batt

1st Lt Bryan

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A. M. Brown	"
West	pd.
Toole	pd
J. Park	pd
C. Jones	pd
G. Murray	pd.
Sgt M. Jones	pd
Bed. Geary	pd

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Edinburgh	
Hewitt	pd.
Carter	pd.
Barkehead	pd.
Beatty	pd.
Fred. Fisher	pd.
Geo. Booth	pd.
W. Galadys	pd.
J. Wilkins	pd.
L. Conn	pd.
Kippers	pd.
Vergeth	pd.
Blayton	pd.
Portman	pd.
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Leech	pd.
J. P. Scott	pd.
Turner	"
Steele	pd.
Peacock	pd.
Cozett	pd.
Quant	pd.
J. Auer	pd.
McCarty	pd.
C. Topliffe	pd.

John Stewart Dd

Left Mena on Sunday 5th
1915 for Dardanelles
on board No. 46 Troop
"Blair Mc Gillivray"
on Monday morning
6 o'clock.

Tues. Still on board - waiting
for stores - Am working
in Dry Canteen - Getting
good meals & tobacco
Wednes. Stores just arrived
probably sail this evening

Thurs. Still at Alexandria -
Graham went ashore -
no mails - disappointed
all round.

6-30 - off at last - don't
know destination yet -
Friday 9th Good trip so far -
thought many men
sick.

Saturday 17th Apr.
Landed at Lemnos Island -
38 miles from Dardanelles

Left Lemnos on Saturday
morning 21st April -
sailed for 2 hours & then
anchored - we go ashore
to fight tomorrow (Sunday)
Turks entrenched in hills
with artillery & guns
2 1/2 miles from our
landing place - will
close this now till after
engagement - might get
killed - somehow feel as
if I will be - anxious
to be there at the same.

Transferred to 8th
Battalion on ~~Monday~~
29th. March 1915.

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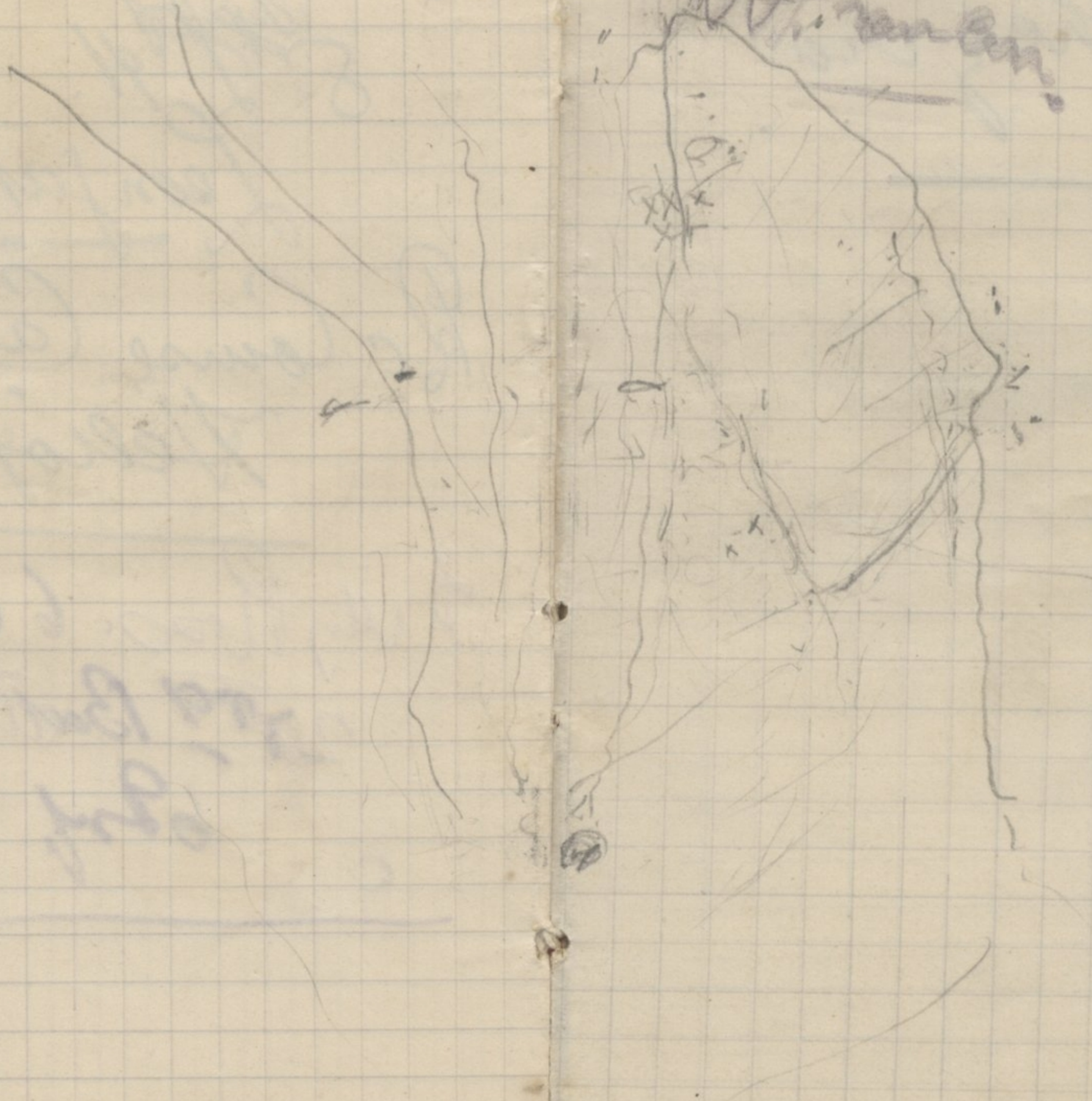
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C/o J. S. Clan Macgillivray
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Wellbourne
Australia~~

W. S. Naismith
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Kilmarnock Rd.
Newlands
Glasgow
Perthshire

Drew from 8th Batt.

WESSEL
COTTON

~~101 - Capt. Dale 9-
Geatam 35-~~

Jack Maybury
HT Coy.
1st Regt of 14 Bat

Heilmann

Jack Brown
18 Regt 18 Bat

Heilmann
James J. Cullin
8th Batt
qua B de

Landed at Gillipie
Kaba Tete
Peninsular on
Sunday 25th April
under heavy shell &
rifle fire. Got straight
intoxication - and it
was hell - God how
the shells poured over
us while the bullets from
the enemies rifles poured
into us - what a day
of horror - men shelled
to pieces, an oh the
sight - & the horror
poor fellows left out on
the field to die, all
through a wet cold
night. ^{Monday 26th} Many missing.

This morning - Officers
dead - Poor Rupert
Barrett - Lt. Paul, Major
Lt. Stanley Close
Capt. Sergeant - Truckey
of our Batt. Wounded
Graham don't know if
seriously did not see
him. Lt. Bennett
Lt. Close & God only knows
how many more -
There are 4000 Casualties
The enemy still in strong position
in the hills - but will try
& get them out tonight - with
our artillery who
have just landed -
fought all last night
it came on wet -
we had some idea what
the trenches are in Belgium.
God knows how many
will be left tonight but
we must go on & on
till we beat them
Graham & wounded
taken to Alexandria -
Monday saw Graham not wounded,
was reported - busy all morning digging
our selves in together & together -
afternoon enemy got busy so did we

a red hot time. heavy fire all night no sleep since we left the boat. No sleep, waiting, no sleep waiting reinforcements, must soon have them or God knows what will happen - ~~the~~

Tuesday. Still holding out not many casualties shells flying in hundreds also rifle fire.

2-30. Holding our position still fire awful, like Hell or worse - one of our destroyers sunk - nearly dead beat for sleep & tucker - men fighting like the devil - every man a hero - not a cold foot amongst us - here -

Wed. Heavy fire until mid-night then a lull until daybreak - they made a charge for our trenches but we drove them back with heavy loss -

3pm - Fairly quiet expect another charge tonight. Guns from warships still firing heavy shells - Price killed. Mc Cormack killed next to me. Thursday. A stiff night, dreadfully cold. no charge as expected but heavy rifle fire, sniping - very annoying & doing a lot

of damage. Casualties small 2-30. Heavy Shrapnel fire from enemy answered by our Artillery which is doing good work. Been in trenches now ~~for~~ since Sunday night -

Friday. Relieved from trenches by The 3rd Brigade. Thank God too dead feet for want of sleep - will have 3 days spell back on the beach.

2-30 Fixed up in dug-outs on the beach. Marines landed expecting big reinforcements of Indian troops - plenty of Shrapnel falling around us & spent bullets. one man of ours just shot dead washing his hands in the sea - so one has to be careful -

1st Lt. Marines made a charge last night & cut up a few trenches. Went & saw my old mate in the 2nd - many of the boys have been killed especially my 2 special mates. Charlie Toplight & Williams.

apt Dale made O.C. of C. Coy.
" Ham comes to D in his place
I am made a Lt Colonel
Graham 2nd in Command

Sunday May 2nd

A week today since landing -
what horrors + changes in
our ranks since last Sunday -
only had one day's rest, have
to go into the firing line again
all hustle getting away -

Something good to be done this
coming week - Still heavy
losses - Heavy firing -

Take no notice of bullets
whizzing by now - As I
write shells are bursting
all around.

Mon 3rd. Heavy shelling + rifle
fire on our trenches -

3 men killed 2 wounded
from the 5th Batt.

1-30 Another man just shot in
the leg - our numbers getting
smaller - going out tonight

a risky trip this afternoon
in putting barbed wire out
in front of our trenches.

Had a great dinner today
(green peas (tinned) mixed with
potatoes onions + bully beef.

Tues 4th. Quiet day today -

a couple of men shot

4th. Brigade had a bad
time last night - Have

been digging support
trenches all day -

Have to go out again tonight -
Not much rest - just snatch
a wink when one can -
We go for another 24 hours
spell tomorrow, down to
the beach - it is only about
3/4 mile from our position.

Still holding our position
easily - Turks very quiet
today - a few shells
this morning burst
a few yards from our
"bivvy". I ~~do~~ expect the
Turks will make it lively
tonight. This is the quietest
day since being here -

Wednesday 5th. Turks attempted

to push our trenches, could be
heard 50 yards away talking -
evidently disagreeing - Came
no closer - left for the beach
this morning + left we are
for 24 hours spell -

2-30 Order just coming to have
water bottle full, rations + ammunition
to be ready to move out - do
expect to go any moment now
this end of our spell -

3-30 a piece of shell just
grazed my head + fell
at Graham's feet - whilst

we were having tea -
just reminds us how close
we are to going out for
good. nearly as bad here
as in firing line -
Thursday 6th

30m
Left last night for Cape Helles
the south of Peninsular on right
in the Dardanelles - one of
Battle ships - only 14 miles from
our 1st place. Took about
an hour, landed at 6 a.m.
and marched & entrenched
just behind firing line (about
1/4 mile - spotted all
day. The French, Tommies &
Dublin Fusiliers & Algerians
are in the front trenches -
1 Coy. West. Highlanders badly wounded.

Friday 7th Not called out
last night - Our Allies did
good work took all trenches
except one from the enemy
who tried to retake them
last night but were repulsed -
hundreds of wounded being
brought back. Expect to
take our turn sometime
today - some of our Chap.
hit with stray shrapnel
last night.

8th 12-30
Advanced towards
Aka - Bahi Fort &
Kala Village going to
have a lively time now
just halted for a few
minutes spell.

Sunday 9th

Monday 10th

Tuesday 11th 12-30

I stopped a bullet in the head
(only scalp wound) on Sat. just
before moving - got it dressed
& started after the Coy. only
20 minutes but could not
find them - got in with
Plymouth Royal Marines
Sir A. Melwin in charge -
advanced with them, crawled
along a Turkish trench over
the dead - about 1 every 10
yards also some of our
own men - just after dark
we went ahead & no trenches
all flat country, crossed
white road to the right. 2
machine guns on us a hail of
lead - not 100 yards from
Turkish trenches, platoon cut
up - only 7 of us got

Got a bullet on my cap badge
back to Lark's trenches
about 2 am. laid down
amongst the dead & wounded
cries for stretchers & stretchers
all about. wounded crying
for help. bound up ^{wounds}
& covered them up. God!
it was terrible. at daybreak
got up no sleep. buried
3 of our men (marines)
pushed back to my ^{own} trench
found some ^{of} the 8th in a
gully - pushed till 12 am
went ahead ^{cried} of
all the time. Got to the
support trenches & stayed
I volunteered to carry a
wounded sergeant of the 7th
back to dressing station.
a hell of a time getting there.
carry a man with a
shattered leg on an overcoat
over rough ground no joke.
Came across 2 more wounded
came back with stretchers
for them - then to front.
I my way back to trenches
2 of lock in the morning
on my own, bullets flying
got there at last - slept
till morning 9 am.

Monday

10 a party to bury the
dead near trenches was
digging when a bullet
struck the badge of my
cap about 1/2 inch from
the hole - must have
been spent - did not
go through - stayed in
support trench until
afternoon went into
fire line with 5th Batt.
crowded out - ordered
out - helped carry a
machine gun man
from 8th (Poulting) shot
thru head - till stretcher
came - got to gully &
about 3 am - slept
till 10 or 11 & here
I am on Tuesday morning
forgot - got a bullet thru my
pants but my leg slightly
Three hits & still kicking
Tuesday just heard we are to be
relieved today. heard
nothing of Graham Poyning
he is alright - Capt Forryham
slut Gardale killed
Ed Antson & God know
how many more. Can't
be many of us left -
Australians doing most

of the work - advancing -
on Sat. night advanced the
front line 300 yards -

Wed 13th came out of
trenches for a spell. 30th
The hottest days we have
had, one continual fire
all the time, our platoon
18 strong out of 45. Went
to dressing station & got
my leg & head dressed again,
spent night there - rained
- heavy, slept like a log -
best sleep since leaving boat
met Graham quite well he's
made O.C. of the Batt.
I am made full Corporal,
our strength last close on 3000
men -

Thurs 14th Camped near beach
but not too comfortable - Heard
guns firing from the beach
all round us, even
killing somebody - digging in

as fast as we can.
Sooner be in trenches
Capt. Hunter killed -
front landing -

As soon as shells cease
am going to get head dressed
& leg again - R.M.C
men good fellows -

Lost many men last engagement
- 57 buried in one grave -
too terrible for words -
one cannot express the horror
of this war - wounded men
crying out for help - a m. Corp
quite inadequate for their
sort of Campaign - helped
carry 2 men who had lain
for 28 hours in awful agony.

Sunday¹⁵ Hear we are to move
again - back to Kaba Tete
where rest of Aust. are
shells whizzing everywhere
Sat¹⁶ Still camping expect
move anytime - thousands
of troops landing French, Algerians
& Tunisians -

Sunday¹⁷ Moved from Cape
Hellas to Tete on "Dionian" landed
Monday morning under fire
dug in again. bad place for
camps many men getting
hit with shrapnel - at

monotonous cry is "Stretchers
Bearers -"

Monday 18. Have to keep ready to
reinforce 1st Brigade who are
up in trenches. Continually getting
men hit with shrapnel -

Tuesday 19. Still in our dug outs or
tunnels, hardly dare to show
our nose out - No one knows.

Wednesday 20. Orders to sleep in
equipment ready to move at a
moment's notice and last night
heavy firing - Turks must have
tried to take our trenches, haven't
heard yet - told they have been reinforced
by 12000 men - hope not true -

We are off again to trenches in
firing line. Have to run the
gauntlet of heavy rifle & machine
fire along a steep path to
get there. Sure to lose some
men - Goodbye if I can't continue
this -

Thursday 20th. We got to trenches
with only a few wounded -
sent back to our resting place
as no room in firing line - just heard
Turks rushed our trenches, got as
far as parapets some dropped
in trenches, bayonets & rifles
used. Drove them back with
heavy loss, they are game enough,
reported thousands of Turk
casualties - our own very
big also - Mann in charge of

burial party this morning
they are bringing our dead in
up to now have buried 25
& still coming in, scene & sight
something awful - from 6 to 15
or more in one grave - Chaplain
reads one service over all.
The wounded coming down in
hundreds along this track -
Some on stretchers, some
carried on backs & hands
limping & crawling - God what
sight some are - German
Torbe just passed over, so
we can expect some shrapnel
shells soon in this gully.
Nearly all our men busy
this morning, making a safe
road to the beach from the
firing line - Colonel Bolton
going to leave us, invalided
home - Col. Warless our
Brigadier now - get sorry to
lose our Col. My promotion to
confirmed as from 6.5.15. also
G. Baker as Sgt.

Sunday, not had time to write up
since Thursday - Syd's birthday
Friday 21. Sent into firing line on
Thursday night, on our way
heavy shrapnel fire as we
advanced - one of my section
poor young Bennett killed
pieces of shell struck him
nearly severed his head.

Friday 22nd. In trenches - Turks
approached with white flag
wanted to bury dead -
allowed them 2 hours, they
only buried a few & retired, found
out they only wanted to quiz
our position - as soon as
they got back we opened out
on them our guns searching
their trenches, must have
killed many.

Sat 22nd - lucky time last
night - Turks used trenches -
mounted our parapots -
bayoneted them as they came
shot them down like rabbits
they lost their head didn't
seem to know what they
were to do - Australian
oaths poured out as well as
our bullets - fought like
hell - we just went mad
I think what with our yell
& the Turks war cry "Allah akbar"
it was awful, we fought
& pulled each other down to
get at them - no one afraid
everyone wanted blood &
quite satisfied we are
What a sight this morning,
piles of enemy fall around
& in our trenches further
back there are pots & pans
& their supports mowed

down by our machine guns
There is the usual sad event
on our side too - many of
our lads have shouldered
their rifle for the last time &
odd ones are lying amongst
the dead Turks - don't know
how many yet - going to try
and dig up a bit to eat - now
feeling awfully hungry I am
ashamed to say.

S. Welch - Reported 700 Casualties
on enemies side - by the look of
them lying about must be nearly
right. also killed were 28
& about 200 wounded - Capt.
Wallace, Sgt Brand & Serjt Hancock
of the 2nd killed -

Sunday 23rd. Came out of trenches
last night & returned to our dugouts
Dead tired & weary, after reaction
gets in, one feels pretty sick of
it - Spill to day - Went to Communion
service at 7am this morning -
Finlan, self + Gordon Crocker & about
20 or more - held in a little hollow
of the hills - with the murmur of
bullets for accompaniment
"Peace & Good Will towards men"
What does it mean -
kneeling there with the solemn
words of the Chaplain - with
death all around & one wonders
how God works it out

^{23rd}
Sunday night - Have had a
nice quiet day no work - a
mail was delivered but none for
me - I feel like an outcast again
I know they have gone astray since
joining the 5th. Graham got one -
What excitement it means
when the mail arrives -
Good night - Sunday the 23rd
tomorrow Empire Day

Mon. 24th - Empire Day.

No fighting today till 4 pm
Turks asked for armistice
of 8 hours to bury their
dead. Granted -
Official printed report on
the attack of Turks on
our position.

On Thurs. evening a Turkish Staff
& 2 med. off. approached with
white flag & Red Crescent & said
as our Red Cross. One of our
Commanders went & met them -
They said they wanted to remove
their dead & wounded - but the
time & also the fact that the
barricades were lined with 2 rows
of armed troops with bayonets
fixed on the evening light & they
were told to return in the morning
They were told that hostilities
would resume in 10 min.

They withdrew & we had not long
to wait to see through the
ruse they contemplated - & to see
that under the Cloak of Humanity
the enemy were seeking to gain
the advantage of the darkness
in order to escape the fire of
our guns which had caused
them so dearly in their last
assault. From the Turk trenches
advanced unarmed men behind
which were thousands in mass
of fully armed soldiers, they
saw the unarmed as a deception
thinking we would be deceived
they were ~~given~~ surrendering
but we saw thru it -
they made a rush but we
beat them off easily with
great slaughter.

Tues²⁵ Came back to our "Dragon's"
again, went again into
trenches at night - "Bismillah" ~~was~~

Wed²⁶ Had charge 8 men on observation
post - nothing doing much -
one man just shot thru heart
belonging to me - Letter from Mother
dated 7th April.

7.0 AM on Tuesday a awful Catastrophe
happened our friend the Triumph
Lage Warship - who has been with
us all thro' was sunk by a
Turk torpedo - we all came here
off - it was awful to watch
her heel over & sink with

hundreds of the crew clinging to her - about 70 or 80 went with her - it has cast a gloom over us all.

Thurs 27. Just got a word that another of our Warships was sunk at C. Helles last night - the Majestic. That makes 6 in this part. A terrible loss this means to us - as we always advance under protection of their fire. Things were lively last night - haven't heard yet what was doing but heard plenty of firing - Some of our slightly wounded returned today also about 200 reinforce men to make up our strength.

Friday 28. Light horse advanced & took about 40 prisoners. Took Turks trenches. Heavy loss on our side also many on our own. Heavy shell fire all the night. We had killed 19 wounded in the 8th. (McLean killed).

Saturday 29. We went up in support trenches. plenty of sniping.

Sunday 30. Quiet day very little fighting.

Monday 31. Went in charge of 21 men to make "hand grenades" (small bomb) mousetrap & shot - etc. with Capt Waite DSO, R.E., N.Z.

Tuesday 1st June. Wounded in leg.
Wednesday 2nd " on way to Lemnos.
Thursday 3rd Two days away to write up. On Tuesday morning I had my men digging out place to make the "bombs" when a shell burst right over us (22) Out of the lot two of us were hit - I got one in my left ^{put a few} leg ^{free} - it stopped there somewhere on the bone - ~~was~~ thought my leg was gone when it hit - very painful carried down to beach & got it dressed ^{but} would not try & take it out so had to go on "Hospital ship". The "Franconia" (Harvard Line) Boat crowded - bullet still in my leg, very painful. Night operation on me today - The other Chap hit with one Bray also from Ball. got one thru the arm travelled thru the stomach & was just under the skin on right side. We both laid all day Tuesday night also Wed. until we came to Lemnos before we got any attention. I saw only the roughest treatment, too many cases to attend to, an awful lot of malingers on board mostly Tommies who are a "rotten" lot - half of them of the lowest & not worth their uniform - God pity England to have to depend on the sample of Tommies in this

Thurs 3rd part of the Campaign -

Today is King's birthday - heard a rumor that there is to be a big charge at Caba Te today - wish I was back - will clear from here as soon as I get a chance - better in the trenches would get more attention from my own mates. Must go now + fall in for Dr. parade - I can hardly stand yet - have to stand in a line for an hour or two till your turn comes.

Friday got my wound dressed again but they will not try to get bullet out - awful pain cannot stand up. I am ashamed how men are treated. lucky to get any treatment at all - bad food no attention - bunks & blankets crawling with vermin. This is a ship-hospital for English Tommy's or loafers - over 1/2 are well & strong, ~~the~~ & only malingering & scheming not to get back to Australia & scheming to get back. No news of any kind, no books - just like a prisoner, only if a prisoner would get better treatment. One must go down to the big saloon for meals and the Tommys are like a lot of hungry savages. The wounded

are pushed & knocked about - trying to get down & if you don't get on early you get nothing - Roughest time I've had since joining the Regt - no news from Caba Te today

Sat 5th Dr won't take bullet out of leg, says to leave it for some days until it moves very painful & discharging pus. Things rotten on board leaving for Alexandria tonight Sunday 6th. We left last night 8 pm for Alexandria all lights out - leaving submarine leg no better today. No news of war.

Mon 7th arrived at Alexandria safely - go up to Cairo to Heliopolis hospital tomorrow. A boat 2000 wounded + sick on board -

Tues 8th arrived at hospital beautiful building & place for sick - cost about 2,000,000 made comfortable will dig for bullet tomorrow -

Wed 9th. Had a good night's rest wrote to Graham & David Spr

Thurs 10th. Went under X Ray
to locate bullet. & then under
chloroform to extract bullet, which
was successful - very rest
all night.

Friday 11th. A bit dizzy today
wound dressed.

Saturday 12th. A right today
sitting up & writing letters
to Mother & Paddy Cavanaugh
wound looking alright.

Sunday 13th. A lot of visitors from
Cairo, with papers & cigarettes -
feeling O.K.

Monday 14th. Feeling good - wound

Tues 15th. Healing

Wed. 16th. Healing

Thurs 17th. Brought to Luna Park
Hospital - different treatment
had food & attendance - too
many malingerers, cold feet etc -
This is where the loafers are -

Friday 18th. Luna Park - everything
rotten - my wound not so
good - started to swell up &
fester -

Pat. asked Dr. to send me to
some other hospital - see what
he can do -

Sunday 20th. Saw Dr. again will
be removed tomorrow
to Helouan - Convalescent
Hospital -

Mon 21st. Removed to Helouan

In train 20 miles from Cairo -
another lovely place - noted for
its Sulphur baths etc. all the
Crown Heads have stayed here
sometimes or other. A sort of
sanatorium - See from here
all the Pyramids etc in the
distance, the winding Nile is
about 2 miles from here -

Splendid attendance here -
Met Sister Wallace also
Sister Quintermain, once matron
of Ballt. Hospital -

Thurs. Everything of the best here
am hobbling about now -

Wed 23rd. Still getting on well,
many new arrivals, also
many departures every day.

Thurs 24th. Wrote to Mother, Gra.
& Paddy. Nurse Wallace
dresses my wound every day.
lent me an Australasian &
Argus -

Friday 25th. Still at "Al -

"Fayat" Hotel - long
talk Nurse Wallace about
Mother & Home - Saw in
Australasian about Edie's boys

Sat. 26th. Weather very hot &
trying - wound dressed
getting on well -

July 2nd. Left Helwan
Hospital for Detail
Camp, Zeitoun

Arrived at Zeitoun
a rotten Camp - had
food - no attendance
Officers only boys who
know nothing & care
less -

July 3rd. Went into Cairo to
see if any letters - none.

July 4th. Stayed at Camp -
orderly Cpl.

July 5th ditto -

July 6. into Cairo - to see
if Capt. Dale was there -
did not see him

July 20th Went into Cairo
to meet Capt. Dale - also
Capt. Murray, Hony &
Major & Lieut's resp. Lazarus
& Blackburn. Said
Goodbye - last time

in Cairo. Going to start
back tomorrow.

Wed. July 21st. Started for
Alexandria, & boarded
Troop ship; Kingstonian
absolutely the dirtiest &
stinking boat on the
sea. Horses just taken
off from England & never
cleaned, about 1800 men
on now - awful food
no sleeping quarters - the
stench is awful. Officers
never come below.

Sat. 24. Nearing Lemnos -

& not sorry. Many men
sick, & no attendance
20% will have to return.
Am feeling none too
well myself - If G. wasn't
at front - I would not
go on, as my leg has
broken out again -

Sunday 25th July. At
Lemnos Island once again
Hundreds of Troop & Battle
ships here. We are to move
tomorrow at 2 p.m. Not
sorry - This is an awful
boat - The stink terrible -
We have to eat & sleep on the
3rd low. deck where the
horses urine & the smuck and
refuse from them has never
been cleaned up - so one
can imagine what it is
like - We (who have been to
the front before) have no
money tobacco etc - though
the troops just arrived have
been paid on board &
can buy themselves luxuries
from the Kanteen. We have
no officer over us - they
wanted us to do guard but
we refused straight but -
Let them treat us the same
as the new soldiers. Am
longing to see Grabara again.
July 27 Back again in
the trenches & saw
Graham, how glad
we were to meet -
He is not well - had
breakfast with him -

but he would eat nothing
Had to go away & get equipped
again -
July Wed. 28th - a terrible shock
to me & all of us this morning
poor little Gordon Crocker
was in charge of a
part of the trenches -
when a shell burst into
it - poor Gordon got the
full explosion - in the face
he was taken away at
once unconscious - did
not think it too serious -
So have just been down
to the beach to find out
what a shock - he was
dead - lying there on a
stretcher - Oh my God
this is too horrible this
bloody war - everyday some
one getting killed - besides
Gordon lying is major
aide-de-camp to General
Birdwood - no respects
to rank or person - my
heart feels broken now - he
& I were real pals - he was
loved by all his mates too.
Thus got equipped out
again - so am

Thurs 29th July

Ready once again for
the trenches. Last night I
went down & saw Gordon
buried at 1/2 past 8 at night.
Jack Vipond, mine, Talla, +
ridicible & many more who
were not on duty also came.
we saw the last of poor

little Gordon buried in a
shallow grave with 3 other
soldiers side by side - the
earth covered them, no pomp
or glory, no coffin etc. the
service was read by a

young clergyman from Sydney.
We all left the grave yard
very sad - everyone has to
be buried at night-time as
it is the only safe time, other-
wise one would be shot at.

As it was the shells were
screaming over head as the
service was on.
Friday 30th Heavy shells
on our trenches - 3 men
killed. Capt Hartland killed

45 killed & wounded
this last fortnight - Thro'
shells in our trenches -
they blow them clean out
& then there is the work
to build them up again

which is risky work, as the
enemies' snipers are very busy.
~~Friday~~ Saturday 31st

Still plenty of shell firing -
supposed to be going to attack
tonight.

Iskander Gurgis
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School
Cairo

Pt. J. Larkins
Weenis Creek
Co. of 2nd. Batt
M. S. W.

83 G. Brooker 24/70
28 July

Recd. from Graham

Cigarettes

30 P.T.

1 tin.

50 "

1 "

50 "

Riley
Galley
Buster.

Cor.
Sgt. May Jones of 10. owes me

£ 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. }
- pt. pt. pt. } 120 P.T.
2 pt. 20 20 20.

Corps. Murray holds £ 14 paid.

C. McInnes.	£ 7. 0. 0
J. Chalmers	7. 6
J. Crookes	3. 10. 0
J. Woods.	1. 10. 0
Dickson	10. 0
McCarthy.	4. 0
E. Geary.	3. 0
	£ 13. 6. 6
	1. 4. 0
	£ 14. 10. 6

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