

DIARY 1915

19th August 1914

Fred Webb

"St Helena"

Longwood East

Victoria

Australia

Lieut. F. H. Webb T. O.

7th Battalion 2nd Infantry Bde

A. J. E. Force

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AUSTRALIAN DIARY

NORMAN BROS.

Australian Postal Information

Calendar for 1915.

January					February					March						
S	3	10	17	24	31	S	7	14	21	28	S	7	14	21	28	
M	4	11	18	25		M	1	8	15	22	M	1	8	15	22	
T	5	12	19	26		T	2	9	16	23	T	2	9	16	23	
W	6	13	20	27		W	3	10	17	24	W	3	10	17	24	
T	7	14	21	28		T	4	11	18	25	T	4	11	18	25	
F	1	8	15	22	29	F	5	12	19	26	F	5	12	19	26	
S	2	9	16	23	30	S	6	13	20	27	S	6	13	20	27	
April					May					June						
S	4	11	18	25		S	2	9	16	23	30	S	6	13	20	27
M	5	12	19	26		M	3	10	17	24	31	M	7	14	21	28
T	6	13	20	27		T	4	11	18	25		T	1	8	15	22
W	7	14	21	28		W	5	12	19	26		W	2	9	16	23
T	1	8	15	22	29	T	6	13	20	27		T	3	10	17	24
F	2	9	16	23	30	F	7	14	21	28		F	4	11	18	25
S	3	10	17	24	31	S	1	8	15	22	29	S	5	12	19	26
July					August					September						
S	4	11	18	25		S	1	8	15	22	29	S	5	12	19	26
M	5	12	19	26		M	2	9	16	23	30	M	6	13	20	27
T	6	13	20	27		T	3	10	17	24	31	T	7	14	21	28
W	7	14	21	28		W	4	11	18	25		W	1	8	15	22
T	1	8	15	22	29	T	5	12	19	26		T	2	9	16	23
F	2	9	16	23	30	F	6	13	20	27		F	3	10	17	24
S	3	10	17	24	31	S	7	14	21	28		S	4	11	18	25
October					November					December						
S	3	10	17	24	31	S	7	14	21	28	S	5	12	19	26	
M	4	11	18	25		M	1	8	15	22	M	6	13	20	27	
T	5	12	19	26		T	2	9	16	23	T	7	14	21	28	
W	6	13	20	27		W	3	10	17	24	W	1	8	15	22	
T	7	14	21	28		T	4	11	18	25	T	2	9	16	23	
F	1	8	15	22	29	F	5	12	19	26	F	3	10	17	24	
S	2	9	16	23	30	S	6	13	20	27	S	4	11	18	25	

Australian Postal Information.

UNIFORM COMMONWEALTH RATES OF POSTAGE.

Interstate also refers to New Zealand, Fiji, Papua (British New Guinea), but not to New Hebrides.

LETTERS.

Within the Commonwealth and to all places in the British Empire, and to New Hebrides, Banks and Torres Islands, per $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. .. 1d
To all other places, per $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. .. $2\frac{1}{2}$ d

POST CARDS.

Within the Commonwealth, and to all places in the British Empire and United States of America, and to New Hebrides, Banks and Torres Islands, Single 1d., Reply 2d
To all other places Single .. $1\frac{1}{2}$ d
Reply .. 3d

LETTER CARDS.

Within the Commonwealth Single 1d
Reply 2d
To all places in the British Empire, and to New Hebrides, Banks and Torres Islands .. Single .. 1d
To all other places .. Single .. $2\frac{1}{2}$ d

NEWSPAPERS.

Within the Commonwealth and to New Zealand, Fiji, and Papua, 10 ozs. .. $\frac{1}{2}$ d
Newspapers printed or published outside the Commonwealth, when posted in Australia, are subject to Magazine rates of postage.
Newspapers printed and published in Australia, posted by registered newspaper proprietors, within the Commonwealth, or to Papua, 20 ozs. .. 1d
To United Kingdom, 8 ozs. .. 1d
8 ozs. to 10 ozs. .. $2\frac{1}{2}$ d
Each additional 2 ozs. .. $\frac{1}{2}$ d
To United Kingdom, All Sea Route, 16 ozs. .. 1d
To all other places, 4 ozs. .. 1d
Each additional 2 ozs. .. $\frac{1}{2}$ d

BOOKS.

Within the Commonwealth and to Papua—
If printed in Australia, 8 ozs. .. $\frac{1}{2}$ d
If printed outside Australia, 4 ozs .. $\frac{1}{2}$ d

To New Zealand, Fiji, New Hebrides and Solomon Islands (British), 4 ozs. .. 1d
To all other places, 2 ozs. .. 1d

CATALOGUES.

Wholly set up and printed in Australia for delivery within the Commonwealth, 4 ozs. .. 1d
If printed outside Australia, 2 ozs .. $1\frac{1}{2}$ d
To all other places, 4 ozs. .. 1d
Each additional 2 ozs. .. $\frac{1}{2}$ d

MAGAZINES.

Within the Commonwealth and to Papua—
If printed in Australia, 8 ozs. .. 1d
If printed outside Australia, 4 ozs. .. $1\frac{1}{2}$ d
To New Zealand, Fiji, New Hebrides or Solomon Islands (British), 8 ozs. 1d
Each additional 4 ozs. .. $\frac{1}{2}$ d
To all other places, 2 ozs. .. 1d

PATTERNS AND SAMPLES.

To all places, 2 ozs. .. 1d

COMMERCIAL PAPERS.

Within the Commonwealth, 2 ozs. .. 1d
To all other places, 2 ozs. .. 3d
Each additional 2 ozs. up to 10 ozs. $\frac{1}{2}$ d
Beyond that, 1d. for every 2 ozs. up to 5 lbs.

PRINTED PAPERS.

Within the Commonwealth, 2 ozs. .. $\frac{1}{2}$ d
To New Zealand, Fiji, New Hebrides and British Solomon Islands, 4 ozs. .. 1d
Each additional 2 ozs. .. $\frac{1}{2}$ d
To all other places, 2 ozs. .. 1d

MERCHANDISE.

Within the Commonwealth, and to New Zealand, Fiji, and Papua, 2 ozs. .. 1d
To all other places Merchandise must be sent by Parcel Post.

AUSTRALIAN POSTAL INFORMATION—continued.

PARCELS

Within the State, 1 lb. .. 6d
Each additional lb., 3d., up to 11 lbs.
Interstate and to New Zealand, Fiji, and Papua, 1 lb. .. 8d
Each additional lb. 6d., up to 11 lbs.
To United Kingdom, by Long Sea Route, 1 lb. .. 1s
Each additional lb., 6d. up to 11 lbs.
Via Italy, Overland Route, per lb. 2s
Each additional lb., 6d. up to 11 lbs.
To United States of America, via 'Frisco, 1 lb. .. 1s
Each additional lb., 6d., up to 11 lbs.

MONEY ORDERS.

Within the Commonwealth—£5, 6d ; £10, 1s ; £15, 1/6 ; £20 .. 2s
To Papua—£5, 9d ; £10, 1/6 ; £15, 2/3 ; £20 .. 3s
To New Zealand and Fiji—£2, 6d. ; £5, 1s ; £7, 1/6 ; £10, 2s ; £12, 2/6 ; £15, 3s ; £17, 3/6 ; £20 .. 4s
United Kingdom, other British possessions, and Foreign Countries. 6d for any amount up to £2, and 3d for each additional £ or fraction of £.

POSTAL NOTES.

Payable throughout the Commonwealth—6d, 1/-, 1/6— $\frac{1}{2}$ d ; 2/-, 2/6, 3/-, 3/6, 4/-, 4/6—1d ; 7/6—2d ; 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/—.. 3d

TELEGRAPHIC RATES.

City and Suburban, or within 15 miles of sending station—
Sixteen words, including address and signature .. 6d
Each additional word .. 1d
Country—Sixteen words, including address and signature .. 9d
Each additional word .. 1d

Interstate—Sixteen words, including address and signature .. 1s
Each additional word .. 1d
Urgent Telegrams and Sunday, double the above rates.
To New Zealand—per word .. $4\frac{1}{2}$ d
To New Caledonia .. 9d
To Norfolk Island .. 3d
To United Kingdom .. 3s
To Suva and Fiji .. 8d
To New York .. 2s 8d

DEFERRED TELEGRAMS (Cables) will be accepted for certain Foreign Countries at half ordinary rates. These Telegrams are despatched daily, AFTER all the Telegrams paid for at full rates have been dealt with.

WEEK-END CABLES for United Kingdom are accepted up to Saturday in each week for delivery on the Tuesday following, at 9d per word, with a minimum of 15/-.

Week-end Cables for South Africa (as above), 7d per word ; minimum, 11/8.

WIRELESS TELEGRAMS.

To and from any ship registered in Australia, 6d per word.

To and from any ship not registered in Australia, 11d per word.

Land Charges are added to above, viz :—
City and Suburban, 6d ; Country, 9d ; Interstate, 1/-, for the first sixteen words, and 1d per word additional.

LETTER TELEGRAMS to addresses within the Commonwealth will be forwarded by Telegraph during the night, and delivered as ordinary letters by first delivery—Forty words, 1/- ; each additional word, $\frac{1}{2}$ d.

Australian Seasons.

Autumn commences March 21
Winter June 22
Spring September 23
Summer December 22

Standard Time.

(East of Greenwich).
West Australia 8 hours
South Australia 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours
Victoria, New South Wales, Queensland, Tasmania .. 10 hours
New Zealand 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours

Fixed and Movable Feasts, Holidays, etc., 1915.

January 1 .. Commonwealth Day	May 23 Whit Sunday
January 6 Epiphany	May 24 Empire Day
January 26—Foundation of Australia 1788.	May 26 Birthday of Queen Mary
January 31 .. Septuagesima Sunday	May 30 Trinity Sunday
February 14 .. Quinquagesima, Shrove Sunday	June 1 Foundation Day (West Aus.)
February 17 .. Ash Wednesday (Lent begins)	June 3 Birthday of King George V.
February 21 Quadragesima, 1st Sunday in Lent	June 23 Corpus Christi
March 1 St. David	June 23 Birthday of Prince of Wales
March 17 St. Patrick	July 1.. .. Separation Day (Victoria)
March 25 .. Annunciation Lady Day	August 2 Bank Holiday
March 28 Palm Sunday	September 29 .. Michaelmas Day
April 2 Good Friday	October 4 .. Eight Hours Day (Sydney)
April 4 Easter Sunday	October 13 .. Eight Hours Day (Adel.)
April 5 Easter Monday	November 1 .. Eight Hours Day (New'tle)
April 11 Low Sunday	November 2.. .. Melbourne Cup Day (Public Holiday in Victoria)
April 23 St. George	November 23 .. Proclamation Day (Vic.)
April 26 .. Eight Hours Day (Melbourne)	November 28 .. 1st Sunday in Advent
May 3.. .. Eight Hours Day (Brisbane)	November 30 St. Andrew
May 6 Accession Day George V.	December 1 .. Birthday Queen Alexandra
May 9 Proclamation Day	December 10 .. Separation Day (Qld.)
May 13 .. Rogation Sunday	December 25 Christmas Day
May 13 .. Ascension Day, Holy Thursday	December 26 Boxing Day
	December 28 .. Proclamation Day (S. Aus.)

Help in Case of Accidents.

Burns and Scalds.—Cover with Cooking Soda and lay wet cloths over it. White of Eggs and Olive Oil, Olive or Linseed Oil, plain, or mixed with Chalk and Whiting.

Lightning.—Dash cold water over person struck.

Sunstroke.—Loosen clothing. Get patient into shade, and apply ice cold water to head.

Mad Dog or Snake Bite.—Tie cord tight above wound. Suck the wound and cauterize with caustic or white hot iron at once, or cut out adjoining parts with a sharp knife.

Venemous Insect Stings, etc.—Apply weak Ammonia Oil, Salt Water, or Iodine.

Fainting.—Place flat on back; allow fresh air, and sprinkle with water.

Tests of Death.—Hold mirror to mouth. If living, moisture will gather. Push pin into flesh. If dead, the hole will remain; if alive, it will close up.

Cinders in the Eye.—Roll soft paper up like a lamp lighter and wet the tip to remove, or use a medicine dropper to draw it out. Rub the other eye.

Phases of the Moon, 1915

BRISBANE, SYDNEY, MELBOURNE and HOBART.

Jan. 1—Full Moon .. 10.20 p.m.	July 4—Last Quarter .. 3.54 p.m.
9—Last Quarter .. 7.12 a.m.	12—New Moon .. 7.30 p.m.
16—New Moon .. 12.41 a.m.	20—First Quarter .. 7.8 a.m.
23—First Quarter .. 3.32 p.m.	26—Full Moon .. 10.11 p.m.
31—Full Moon .. 2.41 p.m.	8—Apogee .. 8.8 p.m.
13—Perigee .. 12.1 a.m.	24—Perigee .. 3.4 p.m.
24—Apogee .. 6.7 p.m.	
Feb. 7—Last Quarter .. 3.10 p.m.	Aug. 3—Last Quarter .. 7.27 a.m.
14—New Moon .. 2.31 p.m.	11—New Moon .. 8.52 a.m.
22—First Quarter .. 12.58 p.m.	18—First Quarter .. 12.17 p.m.
7—Perigee .. 11.3 p.m.	25—Full Moon .. 7.40 a.m.
21—Apogee .. 3.17 p.m.	5—Apogee .. 12.6 p.m.
	21—Perigee .. 12.2 a.m.
Mar. 2—Full Moon .. 4.32 a.m.	Sept. 2—Last Quarter .. 12.56 a.m.
8—Last Quarter .. 10.27 p.m.	9—New Moon .. 8.52 p.m.
16—New Moon .. 5.42 a.m.	16—First Quarter .. 5.21 p.m.
24—First Quarter .. 8.48 a.m.	23—Full Moon .. 7.35 p.m.
31—Full Moon .. 3.37 p.m.	2—Apogee .. 7.2 a.m.
5—Perigee .. 1.0 p.m.	15—Perigee .. 1.3 a.m.
21—Apogee .. 11.2 a.m.	30—Apogee .. 2.8 a.m.
April 7—Last Quarter .. 6.12 a.m.	Oct. 1—Last Quarter .. 7.44 p.m.
14—New Moon .. 9.35 p.m.	9—New Moon .. 7.42 a.m.
23—First Quarter .. 1.39 a.m.	15—First Quarter .. 11.51 p.m.
30—Full Moon .. 12.19 a.m.	23—Full Moon .. 10.15 a.m.
2—Perigee .. 9.6 a.m.	31—Last Quarter .. 2.39 p.m.
18—Apogee .. 1.6 a.m.	11—Perigee .. 10.1 p.m.
30—Perigee .. 5.2 p.m.	27—Apogee .. 9.1 p.m.
May 6—Last Quarter .. 3.22 p.m.	Nov. 7—New Moon .. 5.52 p.m.
14—New Moon .. 1.31 p.m.	14—First Quarter .. 9.3 a.m.
22—First Quarter .. 2.50 p.m.	22—Full Moon .. 3.36 a.m.
29—Full Moon .. 7.32 a.m.	30—Last Quarter .. 8.10 a.m.
15—Apogee .. 7.4 a.m.	9—Perigee .. 12.3 a.m.
29—Perigee .. 3.6 a.m.	24—Apogee .. 9.7 a.m.
June 5—Last Quarter .. 2.32 a.m.	Dec. 7—New Moon .. 4.3 a.m.
13—New Moon .. 4.57 a.m.	13—First Quarter .. 9.38 p.m.
21—First Quarter .. 12.24 a.m.	21—Full Moon .. 10.52 p.m.
27—Full Moon .. 2.27 p.m.	29—Last Quarter .. 10.58 p.m.
11—Apogee .. 10.4 a.m.	7—Perigee .. 11.3 a.m.
26—Perigee .. 12.1 p.m.	21—Apogee .. 10.6 a.m.

ADELAIDE AND PERTH.

January—	Adelaide	Perth	February—	Adelaide	Perth
1—Full Moon	9.50 p.m.	8.20 p.m.	7—Last Quarter	2.40 p.m.	1.10 p.m.
9—Last Quarter	6.42 a.m.	5.12 a.m.	14—New Moon	2.1 p.m.	12.31 p.m.
15—New Moon	12.11 a.m.	10.41 p.m.	22—First Qter.	12.28 p.m.	10.58 a.m.
23—First Quarter	3.2 p.m.	1.32 p.m.	7—Perigee	10.33 p.m.	9.3 p.m.
31—Full Moon	2.11 p.m.	12.41 p.m.	21—Apogee	2.47 p.m.	1.17 p.m.
14—Perigee	11.31 p.m.	10.1 p.m.			
24—Apogee	5.37 p.m.	4.7 p.m.			

PHASES OF THE MOON—*continued*

Month	Adelaide.	Perth.	Month	Adelaide.	Perth.
March—			August—		
2—Full Moon	4.2 a.m.	2.32 a.m.	3—Last Quarter	6.57 a.m.	5.27 a.m.
8—Last Quarter	9.57 p.m.	8.27 p.m.	11—New Moon	8.32 a.m.	6.52 a.m.
16—New Moon	5.12 a.m.	3.42 a.m.	18—First Qter.	11.47 a.m.	10.17 a.m.
24—First Quarter	8.18 a.m.	6.48 a.m.	25—Full Moon	7.10 a.m.	5.40 a.m.
31—Full Moon	3.7 p.m.	1.37 p.m.	5—Apogee	11.36 a.m.	10.6 a.m.
5—Perigee	12.30 p.m.	11.0 a.m.	20—Perigee	11.32 p.m.	10.2 a.m.
31—Apogee	10.32 a.m.	9.2 a.m.			
April—			September—		
7—Last Quarter	5.42 a.m.	4.12 a.m.	2—Last Qter.	12.26 a.m.	10.56 a.m.
14—New Moon	9.5 p.m.	7.35 p.m.	9—New Moon	8.22 p.m.	6.52 p.m.
22—First Quarter	1.9 a.m.	11.39 p.m.	16—First Qter.	4.51 p.m.	3.21 p.m.
29—Full Moon	11.49 p.m.	10.19 p.m.	23—Full Moon	7.5 p.m.	5.35 p.m.
2—Perigee	8.36 a.m.	7.6 a.m.	2—Apogee	6.32 a.m.	5.2 a.m.
18—Apogee	12.36 a.m. (17th)		15—Perigee	12.33 a.m. (14th)	
		11.6 p.m.			11.3 p.m.
30—Perigee	4.32 p.m.	3.2 p.m.	30—Apogee	1.38 a.m.	12.8 a.m.
May—			October—		
6—Last Quarter	2.52 p.m.	1.22 p.m.	1—Last Quarter	7.14 p.m.	5.44 p.m.
14—New Moon	1.1 p.m.	11.31 a.m.	9—New Moon	7.12 a.m.	5.42 a.m.
22—First Quarter	2.20 p.m.	12.50 p.m.	15—First Qter.	11.21 p.m.	9.51 p.m.
29—Full Moon	7.2 a.m.	5.32 a.m.	23—Full Moon	9.45 a.m.	8.15 a.m.
15—Apogee	6.34 a.m.	5.4 a.m.	31—Last Quarter	2.9 p.m.	12.39 p.m.
29—Perigee	2.36 a.m.	1.6 a.m.	11—Perigee	9.31 p.m.	8.1 p.m.
			27—Apogee	8.31 p.m.	7.1 p.m.
June—			November—		
5—Last Quarter	2.2 a.m.	12.32 a.m.	7—New Moon	5.22 p.m.	3.52 p.m.
13—New Moon	4.27 a.m.	2.57 a.m.	14—First Quarter	8.33 a.m.	7.3 a.m.
20—First Qter.	11.54 p.m.	10.24 a.m.	22—Full Moon	3.6 a.m.	1.36 a.m.
27—Full Moon	1.57 p.m.	12.27 p.m.	30—Last Quarter	7.40 a.m.	6.10 a.m.
11—Apogee	9.34 a.m.	8.4 a.m.	8—Perigee	11.33 p.m.	10.3 p.m.
26—Perigee	11.31 a.m.	10.1 a.m.	24—Apogee	8.37 a.m.	7.7 a.m.
July—			December—		
4—Last Quarter	3.24 p.m.	1.54 p.m.	7—New Moon	3.33 a.m.	2.3 a.m.
12—New Moon	7.0 p.m.	5.30 p.m.	13—First Quarter	9.8 p.m.	7.38 p.m.
20—First Quarter	6.38 a.m.	5.8 a.m.	21—Full Moon	10.22 p.m.	8.52 p.m.
26—Full Moon	9.41 p.m.	8.11 p.m.	29—Last Qter.	10.28 p.m.	8.58 p.m.
8—Apogee	7.38 p.m.	6.8 p.m.	7—Perigee	10.33 a.m.	9.3 a.m.
24—Perigee	2.34 p.m.	1.4 p.m.	21—Apogee	9.36 a.m.	8.6 a.m.

Calendar Notes, 1915.

Golden Number 16. Epact 14.
Dominical Letter C.

Julian Period (year of) 6628.

The Year 5676 of the Jewish Era begins on September 9th.

The year of 1334 of the Mohammedan Era begins on November 9th.

Ramadan (the month of abstinence observed by the Turks) begins on July 13th.

Eclipses, 1915.

In the year 1915 there will be two Eclipses, both of the Sun.

I.—An Annular Eclipse of the Sun, February 14th.

II.—An Annual Eclipse of the Sun, August 10th.

Tables of Weights and Measures.

LIQUID MEASURE.

60 minims	= 1 drachm
8 drachms	= 1 ounce
20 ounces	= 1 pint
8 pints	= 1 gallon
1 minim	= 1 drop
1 drachm	= 1 teaspoonful
2 drachms	= 1 dessert "
4 drachms	= 1 table "
2 ounces	= 1 wineglassful
1 gallon pure water	= 10 lb.
4 gills = 1 pint	= 34.66 cubic inches
2 pints = 1 quart	= 69.318 "
4 quarts = 1 gallon	= 277.274 "
1 pint of water weighs 20 ozs.	

Old Apothecaries' Weight (superseded in 1864):—20 grains = 1 scruple; 3 scruples = 1 drachm; 8 drachms = 1 ounce; 12 ounces = 1 pound.

BEER, &c., MEASURE.

9 gallons	= 1 firkin
8 gallons	= 1 kilderkin
36 gallons	= 1 barrel
54 gallons	= 1 hogshead
72 gallons	= 1 puncheon
108 gallons	= 1 butt
216 gallons	= 1 tun

DRY MEASURE.

2 pints	= 1 quart
2 quarts	= 1 pottle
4 quarts	= 1 gallon
2 gallons	= 1 peck
4 pecks	= 1 bushel
2 bushels	= 1 strike
4 bushels	= 1 coomb or sack
8 bushels	= 1 quarter
5 quarters	= 1 load
10 quarters	= 1 last

Boll of Meal = 140 pounds.
2 bolls = 1 sack.

Cereals are generally sold by weight.

A bushel of wheat = 63 lbs.; barley = 52 to 56 lbs.; oats = 40 to 42 lbs.; rye and maize = 60 lbs. A truss of straw weighs 36 lbs.; old hay, 56 lbs.; new hay, 60 lbs. A load is 36 trusses.

CLOTH MEASURE.

2½ inches	= 1 nail
4 nails	= 1 quarter
4 quarters	= 1 yard
3 quarters	= 1 Flemish ell
5 quarters	= 1 English ell
6 quarters	= 1 French ell

ADMIRALTY CASKS.

(sizes and contents).

	Length	Diam.	Cont.
	Ins.	Ins.	Gals.
Leager	59	38	164
Butt	53	33	110
Puncheon	41½	30	72
Hogshead	37	28	54
Barrel	31½	24.5	36
Half-hogshead	28	22.5	27
Kilderkin	22	19.75	18
Firkin	22	17	12

WINE MEASURE

42 gallons	= 1 tierce
63 gallons	= 1 hogshead
84 gallons, or two tierces	= 1 puncheon
2 hogshds, or 126 galls.	= 1 pipe or butt
2 pipes, or 252 gallons	= 1 tun
A hogshead = ½ a pipe or butt, or 2 quarter casks, or about 52½ gallons.	
A pipe of port = 115 gallons, or about 56 dozen bottles.	
A butt of sherry = 108 gallons, or about 52 dozen bottles.	
A hogshead of French wine = 46 gallons or about 22 dozen bottles.	
An aum of Rhenish = 30 gallons, or about 15 dozen bottles.	

AVOIRDUPOIS WEIGHT.

27 5/16 grains	= 1 drachm
16 drachms	= 1 ounce = 437½ grs.
16 ounces	= 1 pound (lb.) = 7000 grs.
14 pounds	= 1 stone
28 pounds	= 1 quarter (qr.)
8 stones	= 1 hundredweight (cwt.)
20 cwt.	= 1 ton
A cental	= 100 lbs.
1 cwt.	= 1 small sack
2 cwt.	= 1 dble "
20 cwt. or 10 dble sacks	= 1 ton
3 bushels of coke	= 1 sack
12 sacks	= 1 chaldron
21 chaldrons	= 1 score

DIAMOND WEIGHT.

16 parts	= 1 grain (8/10ths grs. Troy)
4 grains	= 1 carat (3 1/5th " " "

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES—continued.

MEASURE OF SURFACE.

144 sq. inches	= 1 sq. foot
9 sq. feet	.. = 1 sq. yard
30½ sq. yards	.. = 1 rod, pole or perch
16 sq. poles	.. = 1 chain
40 sq. poles	.. = 1 rood (1,210 yards)
4 roods or 10 sq. chains	} = 1 acre (4,840 ..
640 sq. acres	.. = 1 sq. mile
1 hectare	.. = 2.471 acres
30 sq. acres	.. = 1 yard of land
100 acres	.. = 1 hide of land
40 hides	.. = 1 barony

MEASURE OF SOLIDITY.

1728 cubic inches	.. = 1 cubic foot
27 cubic feet	.. = 1 cubic yard
40 cubic ft of mer-	
chandise	.. = 1 shipping ton
42 cubic ft of timber	= 1 shipping ton
108 cubic feet	.. = 1 stack of wood
Ton of displacement of a ship	= 35 cubic feet
A load of earth is	27 cubic feet.
A load of bricks is	500.

TROY WEIGHT.

3.17 grains	= 1 carat
24 grains	= 1 pennyweight
20 pennywts.	= 1 ounce = 480 grains
12 ounces	= 1 lb. = 5,760 ..
100 lbs.	= 1cwt.

Standard Gold consists of 22 parts pure gold alloyed with 2 parts of copper or other metal, and according to the quantity of alloy is called 9, 12, 15 or 18 carat, i.e., that quantity of pure gold out of the twenty-four.

A TON WEIGHT OF THE FOLLOWING WILL AVERAGE IN CUBIC FEET:

	Cubic ft.
Earth	.. .. 27
Clay	.. .. 18
Chalk	.. .. 14
Coal, Newcastle	.. .. 43
Pitt Sand	.. .. 22
River Sand	.. .. 19
Thames Ballast	.. .. 20
Coarse Gravel	.. .. 19
Coal, Welsh	.. .. 40
Marl	.. .. 18
Shingle	.. .. 23
Night Soil	.. .. 18

A CUBIC FOOT of pure Gold weighs 1210 lbs.; pure Silver, 655 lbs.; Cast Iron, 450 lbs.; Copper, 550 lbs.; Lead, 710 lbs.; pure Platinum, 1220 lbs.; Tin, 456 lbs. Aluminium, 163 lbs.

MEASURES OF LENGTH.

12 lines	.. .. = 1 inch
12 inches	.. .. = 1 foot
18 inches	.. .. = 1 cubit
3 feet	.. .. = 1 yard
6 feet	.. .. = 1 fathom
16½ feet	.. .. = 1 pole
5½ yards	= 1 rod, pole or perch
4 poles	.. .. = 1 chain
100 links	.. .. = 1 chain
66 feet	.. .. = 1 chain
22 yards	.. .. = 1 chain
220 yards	.. .. = 1 furlong
40 poles	.. .. = 1 furlong
8 furlongs	.. .. = 1 statute mile
1,760 yards	.. .. = 1 statute mile
5,280 feet	.. .. = 1 statute mile
6,080 feet	.. .. = 1 nautical mile or knot
1 cable's length	= 100 fathoms
7.92 inches	.. .. = 1 link
3 miles	.. .. = 1 league
60 nautical miles	= 1 degree
69½ geographical miles	= 1 degree
The English mile is	1,760 yards
Scotch	.. .. 1,984 ..
Irish	.. .. 2,240 ..

ANGLO-FRENCH WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

WEIGHT.

1 cwt.	= 50.80 kilos
1 lb. ..	= 454 grammes
1 oz.	= 28 grammes
1 kilo	= 2 lbs. 3½ ozs.
5 kilos	= 11 lbs.
If 1 kilo costs 1 fr., 1 lb. will cost 4d.,	
and 1 cwt. will cost 40s. 7½d.	
If 1 lb. costs 1s., 1 kilo will cost frs. 2.76	

MEASURE.

100 centimetres	= 1 metre
1 metre	.. = 39½ inches
1 aune	.. = 45 inches
1 yard	.. = 91½ centimetres
If 1 metre costs 1fr., 1yd. will cost 8½d.	
If 1 yard costs 1s., 1 metre will cost fr. 1.37.	

LIQUID MEASURE.

1 litre	= about 1½ imperial pints
1 quart	= 1 litre, 14 centilitres
If 1 litre costs 1 fr., 1 gallon will cost 3s. 7½d.	
If 1 gallon costs 1s., 1 litre will cost 27½ cents.	

Table showing the Approximate Sums Payable in Foreign Currencies by the Commonwealth Postal Authorities on Money Orders issued in the Commonwealth.

Holland and Dutch East Indies Dutch West Indies Surinam		Belgium, Italy and Switzerland. Brazil, Congo Free State Monte Negro, Uruguay		German Empire Possessions, etc.	British Money.	United States, Canada, Cuba, Hawaii, Philippines, Porto Rico.	Egypt.	Denmark, Faroe Islands, Iceland, Finland, Sweden.
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	10	20		17	2	4	8	15
	15	30		25	3	6	12	22
	20	40		34	4	8	16	30
	25	50		42	5	10	20	37
	30	60		51	6	12	24	45
	35	70		59	7	14	28	52
	40	80		68	8	16	32	60
	45	90		76	9	18	36	68
	50	1 0		85	10	20	40	75
	55	1 10		93	11	22	44	83
	60	1 20	1	2	1 0	24	48	90
1	20	2 50	2	4	2 0	49	97	1 81
1	81	3 70	3	6	3 0	73	146	2 72
2	41	5 0	4	8	4 0	97	195	3 62
3	02	6 30	5	10	5 0	1 22	243	4 53
3	62	7 50	6	12	6 0	1 46	292	5 44
4	22	8 80	7	14	7 0	1 71	341	6 34
4	83	10 0	8	16	8 0	1 95	390	7 25
5	43	11 30	9	18	9 0	2 19	438	8 16
6	04	12 60	10	20	10 0	2 44	487	9 07
6	64	13 80	11	22	11 0	2 68	536	9 97
7	24	15 10	12	24	12 0	2 92	585	10 88
7	85	16 30	13	26	13 0	3 17	633	11 79
8	45	17 60	14	28	14 0	3 41	682	12 69
9	06	18 90	15	30	15 0	3 65	731	13 60
9	66	20 10	16	32	16 0	3 90	780	14 51
10	26	21 40	17	34	17 0	4 14	828	15 41
10	87	22 60	18	36	18 0	4 38	877	16 32
11	47	23 90	19	38	19 0	4 63	926	17 23
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Directions for Making a Will.

A Will must be written in ink, and be signed by the Testator in the presence of at least two witnesses, and if written on more than one sheet, each sheet should be signed by testator and witnesses. Persons under 21 years of age cannot legally make a will. Particular attention should be paid to the fact that witnesses must not be in any way interested in the will. Any error in this respect may upset the validity of it in a Court of Law.

FORM OF WILL.

Here put full Name, } This is the last Will and Testament of Me,.....
 Occupation and }
 Address of Testator. }

And I do hereby give and bequeath my whole estate and effects, real and personal, of which I may die possessed, or be entitled to, unto

Here insert Person or }
 Persons' Names. }

and I appoint.....
 executors of this, my Will, and I hereby revoke all former Wills and Codicils, I also ordain my said executors to deliver to the persons after-named, the following legacies out of said estate.

In witness whereof I have subscribed these presents at
 this.....day of.....one thousand nine hundred and
 years, in presence of two witnesses.

* Person granting Will signs here.

Witness, Name, Occupation, and Address.

Witness do.

FEDERAL LAND TAX.

The Land Tax is a graduated tax, as set out below, levied on the unimproved value of land.

all owners of land of the unimproved value of £3000 and upwards must make returns.

Rate of Tax when owner is not an absentee

For so much of the taxable value as does not exceed £75,001, the rate is 1d. in the £, and shall increase uniformly with each increase of £1 in such manner that—

The increment of tax between £15,000 and £15,001 shall betwopence
 The increment of tax between £30,000 and £30,001 = threepence
 The increment of tax between £45,000 and £45,001 = fourpence
 The increment of tax between £60,000 and £60,001 = fivepence
 The increment of tax between £75,000 and £75,001 = sixpence
 For every £ over £75,000 = sixpence
 Exemption £5,000.

The rate of tax for so much of the taxable value as does not exceed £75,000 may be calculated from the following formula:—

R = rate of tax in pence per pound sterling.

V = taxable value in pounds sterling.

$$R = \left\{ 1 + \frac{V}{30,000} \right\} \text{pence.}$$

EXAMPLE A—

Land valued at £15,000, less exemption £5,000=£10,000.

$$R = 1 + \frac{10,000}{30,000} = 1\frac{1}{3} \text{ pence in } \pounds$$

$$10,000 \times 1\frac{1}{3} = 13,333 \text{ pence} = \pounds 55 \text{ 11s. 1d.}$$

EXAMPLE B—

Land valued at £50,000, less exemption £5,000=£45,000

$$R = 1 + \frac{45,000}{30,000} = 1 + 1\frac{1}{2} = 2\frac{1}{2} \text{d. in the } \pounds.$$

$$45,000 \times 2\frac{1}{2} = 112,500 \text{ pence} = \pounds 468 \text{ 15s.}$$

An allowance of £5,000 is made when owner is resident of Commonwealth, but

Rate of Tax when owner is an absentee.

For so much of the taxable value as does not exceed £5000=1d. in £.

For so much of the taxable value as exceeds £5000, but does not exceed £80,001=2d. in the £1 where the excess is £1, and shall increase uniformly with each increase of £1 in such manner that—

The increment of tax between £20,000 and £20,001 shall be threepence
 The increment of tax between £35,000 and £35,001 = fourpence
 The increment of tax between £50,000 and £50,001 = fivepence.
 The increment of tax between £65,000 and £65,001 = sixpence.
 The increment of tax between £80,000 and £80,001 = sevenpence
 For every £ over £80,000=sevenpence
 No exemption for absentees.

The rate of tax for so much of the taxable value as exceeds £5000, and does not exceed £80,000 may be calculated from the following formula:—

R = rate of tax in pence per pound sterling.

E = excess of taxable value over £5000 in pounds sterling.

$$R = \left\{ 2 + \frac{E}{30,000} \right\} \text{pence}$$

EXAMPLE C—Land valued at £15,000.

$$R = 2 + \frac{10,000}{30,000} = 2\frac{1}{3} \text{ pence in } \pounds \text{ (on the amount in excess of } \pounds 5000).$$

$$10,000 \times 2\frac{1}{3} = 23,333 \text{ pence} = \pounds 97 \text{ 4 5}$$

$$5,000 \times 1\text{d.} = 5,000 \text{ pence} = \text{20 16 8}$$

Total Tax .. £118 1 1

NOTES FROM 1914.

Calendar for 1916.

January			February			March										
S..	2	9	16	23	30	S..	6	13	20	27	S..	5	12	19	26	
M..	3	10	17	24	31	M..	7	14	21	28	M..	6	13	20	27	
T..	4	11	18	25	..	T 1	8	15	22	29	T..	7	14	21	28	
W..	5	12	19	26	..	W 2	9	16	23	..	W 1	8	15	22	29	
T..	6	13	20	27	..	T 3	10	17	24	..	T 2	9	16	23	30	
F..	7	14	21	28	..	F 4	11	18	25	..	F 3	10	17	24	31	
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July			August			September										
S..	2	9	16	23	30	S..	6	13	20	27	S..	3	10	17	24	
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T..	4	11	18	25	..	T 1	8	15	22	29	T..	5	12	19	26	
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Jan 1st 1915 Have sent home account of doings to 31.12.14. Yesterday Sir Geo Reid inspected the other half of our division the Artillery & Light Horse marched and looked well. We had celebrations last night seeing the old year out & New year in. It is nearly 4 mos now since we started soldiering we have made much progress since the 19th August when we went into Camp at Broadmeadows.

I sent a cable home from the Euroa & Longwood boys, to the Advertiser Euroa wishing greetings signing it with 27 names of us that are from there, the cable was sent at the expense & instigation of the majorities of us who had a discussion re the matter the cable should reach Euroa on Tuesday 5th Jan. The Euroa boys received a cable from their Parents for Xmas day. We have experienced glorious weather since we came to Egypt no wonder that this is a world famed summer resort. Last night a meeting of Transport Officers & 2. Masters was held at the Senior Supply Officer's Mess. There was a number of us present. On Monday next the Div Train will supply the wagons & drivers to convey supplies to our units under the guidance of Transport Officers. The Camp is now assuming a permanent appearance.

NOTES FROM 1914.

Numerous wooden buildings have been erected for men's messes etc. From the Pyramids the Camp presents a grand sight there are between 4000 horses & to see them going to water is fine. Roads through the Camp (made by a road machine) are fast being completed. It is a great relief to leave the soft desert sand & get out to a decent road.

31 Days

JANUARY 1915

1st Month

1 January FRIDAY 1-364
Commonwealth Day—Public Holiday.

A glorious day for the Commencement of the New Year. The Battalion marching out to work present a grand sight in the mornings. We are getting used to marching through the desert sand. Lieut Finlayson (Adjutant) was appointed Capt to-day. Lieut Davies & self had a grand donkey ride round the pyramids ^{tonight} in the moonlight.

2 SATURDAY 2-363

Arose at 5:30 am getting horses to water at 6 am to enable them to move out with the Battalion at 8 am. Went with Chaplain Miles & Eller through the excavations of the pyramids the drawings & tombs, Mastaba's & mummies' places were very good. procured a few curios. Sent home per registered post. Umbrellas, & part of Gordon shell & desert stones this morning. Received present chocolate from Australian Anti London. Australian War Contingent wishing us a happy new year to one and all.

3 SUNDAY 3-362

Went with S.S.M Burrows snipe shooting. (I had droppings, beaks, pins etc. birds). Had a fine day shot 2 snipe several other water fowl. we passed through three native villages their customs, irrigation machinery & cultivated fields interested us warmly. returned at 5 pm. Eller & Capt Hankin came to see me. Hankin arrived from Alexandria with our convalescent horses (3) yesterday.

4 MONDAY 4-361

The Battalion left for attack + defence at 12.15 pm + 1 pm
sent out 8 pack animals all carrying loads on
AVB Companies with them For first time reported
at H 2nd Divisional Train (at 2.42 pm) for
purpose of escorting + taking charge of baggage
and supply wagons, that convey stores + supplies
to the Battalion. Went to dinner at 6th Bn
C Major Maygar, Col Long + Major Clark were there also

5 TUESDAY 5-360

The Battalion went out again at 1 pm and returned
at 9 am. The pack horses had a rough time
Went in charge of two G.S Cooks wagons to
Kash-el-Kil Barracks loaded with baggage for
city market in charge of Capt Bowick 6th Bn. Brought
back mess tents for officers 7th Bn reaching Camp at 9.15 pm
Had a good trip, the horses worked well. I had
afternoon tea with the Lancashire Fusiliers in their mess
at the Barracks

6 WEDNESDAY 6-359

The Battalion moved out to training area at 8 am
16 pack horses accompanied them. Carried forms
and tables for mess messes the morning from
Supply Dept (A.S.C) Great excitement.
A mail arrived from Australia direct
got two letters a long one from home dated
Dec 9th read the letters in bed + Frank
also very pleased they were the first letters
since Albany

7 THURSDAY 7-358

A blousy cold dusty day the fine sand
find its way into everything the desert is
not pleasant when the wind blows hard
Had our lines, harness, horses, equipment
inspected this afternoon by Major Justice (Oldman)
Capt Gellebrand, had everything up to the mark
well pleased. Read the home letters again
to day - they were grand to read + get.
part in a turning out tent between 11.35
took camp out tonight

8 FRIDAY 8-357

Bde transport. O. this morning, very cold + blowing, rose
at 5.30 am. Carried on routine work during
the day At 7.30 pm the alarm was sounded
In a very short time and almost perfect silence
but the whole of us turned + marched out to
the Bde alarm post where we formed up
The transport worked well. we marched to
Rockwall valley + then came back at 11 pm
Capt Hankin came to dinner but did not come to the night march

9 SATURDAY 9-356

A nice day, no dust. The pack horses went
out with the Batt at usual time. Spent
morning dubbing harness. New catering
for mess installed at more reasonable figures
Don't care much about nigger catering!!
Turned in early.

10 SUNDAY 10-355

Church Parade + route march. Stopped in horse lines
numbering spaces logs etc

11 MONDAY 11-354

Took three lumbered wagons & Malloni Car to Govt-Carriage works Cairo for minor repairs & spares Smith, Eller & Bollovi also. We had a grand time after arranging duties. Mr Singleton mgr of the works invited us to his house where his wife & sister entertained us royally. Procured a forge & anvil from Mr Singleton returned to Camp 10.45 pm after spending a splendid afternoon

12 TUESDAY 12-353

Took G.S. Cooke wagon to Kasr el Nil barracks bringing home baggage of City Regent arrived Camp 7.15 pm Another the 2nd Australian mail came in very pleasant to receive the 4 letters I got from home, Alexandra, Clifton Hill. Heard rumours of Turkey trouble & the probability of us shipping to some place to be in readiness

13 WEDNESDAY 13-352

Got permission from C.O. to buy chains to tie up horses. Capt Whitfield tells us we may go somewhere at end of week, making arrangements to get our wagons from Govt Carriage works immediately. Together with Lt Johnson, 2 Mrs Picketts & a resident of Cairo I went to Mr Lodge opposite Kasr el Nil & was initiated to Mark. M. Fellowship. We had a grand night

14 THURSDAY 14-351

Eller, Bollovi & self went to Govt-Carriage works for our wagons & to get spare parts. Mr Singleton & his wife & wife's sister entertained us. We went through the Bazaars where we saw superb & magnificent brass & silver & gold work. The things we saw were amazing, beautiful & expensive; Purchased a few articles to send home. I would like £1000 to spend in the Bazaars! Had dinner & spent evening with Mr & Mrs Singleton & friends

15 FRIDAY 15-350

A big day, a rouse march of 10 miles to Talbia then across through villages back to Camp. The transport went fully loaded. The Div train wagons (4) carried our baggage for first time, myself in charge. We only went to Corner El. Talbia & Shara el Haraw then returned by same road reached Camp at 1.15 pm. A cold blowy day. With Eller & Bollovi had an interview with British Brigadier re transport

16 SATURDAY 16-349

Made arrangements to buy forge & anvil at Reg expense for 400 masts. The forge will be a great help to us. Carried on routine work. Am paradisiis officers groomed (balmis) for absence from stables tomorrow. Rde T. O. today. The horses are going back. Amak's condition & feed the cause. Forge & anvil arrived (a little beauty). Produced in loading & unloading wagons of first & second line transport. Had a very busy day attended orderly room not too satisfactory

17 SUNDAY 17-348

Produced in loading & unloading wagons of first & second line transport. Had a very busy day attended orderly room not too satisfactory

18 MONDAY 18-347

Marched out with Transport fully loaded with the Battalion at 8.30 am. Impeded by Bde Major Cook & returned to camp at 10.30 put in the afternoon making chains dubbing harness & branding horses with consecutive numbers. The horses are improving arranged for large drum to boil ^{barley} for horses. The fodder issued is ^{dry} broken ^{up} straw, barley & bran & ^{green} Borseen (Clover)

19 TUESDAY 19-346

Misty morning, rose at 5.45 am. 4th Coy Pinder took out S.A. with the Battalion at 7.15 for musketry. Spent day branding horse loops & nose loops. Went for practice under Capt Whitfield from 9.30 to 11.30 instruction in marching with Transport behind Infantry. Continually hearing rumours of our departure for fresh fields. Papers state unlikelihood of Turks advancing on Egypt.

20 WEDNESDAY 20-345

Bde Transport Officer, carried on routine work. Battalion returns now at 4 pm. Weather fine getting hotter. Received chg from Regt funds for tools & fittings (from Major Mitchell). Capt Hankin came up after dinner & stopped to supper. There were many other guests including Col Long A.L.H. & Col Semmens 6th Inf.

21 THURSDAY 21-344

Morning, Serd + Transport went out for musketry with the Bde. Afternoon practised loading Transport wagons with baggage. Blanket & water proof sheet weights 7 lbs. 320 filled G.S. wagon. Plenty of rumours afloat re our future doings. The invasion of Egypt by the Turks does not augur well for the Turks by all accounts.

22 FRIDAY 22-343

Nothing much doing, same old thing, weather getting warmer. Troops & horses working pretty hard. The officers grooms require much looking after to see they attend stables & do their work. It is difficult for batmen to attend to their officers and look after their horses also.

23 SATURDAY 23-342

Route march. Transport fully loaded as far as equipment and loads issued. Made out further list of deficiencies & shortages of equipment. Looks as though will be shortly short.

24 SUNDAY 24-341

Church Parade, Loading practice (cancelled before completion) to get on with checking of clothing & equipment.

25 MONDAY 25-340

Received welcome letters from home dated Xmas day & Boxing days. Glad to hear of them getting needed rain. Charlie is coming in the 3rd Light Horse & not in the second as I thought. We hear that the second force is now at Alexandria & that they will be camped at Mbradi near Abyasia. Had a letter from Uncle C also.

26 TUESDAY 26-339
Foundation of Australia—Public
Holiday

Battalion practiced attack & defence manoeuvres in the day. Left out at 7.40 pm moved out to Roqum rocks in a night march returning at midnight. The C.O. is in bed with influenza. Made arrangements with native saddler to make sample section bags for carrying baggage at cost of 20 P.T. & 35 P.T.

27 WEDNESDAY 27-338

Spent the day in cleaning saddles etc. The horses being on the lines all day, but those the C.O. & other officers rode out for a staff ride. Saddler brought out sample bags of coils & canvas. Showed same to C.O. & received instructions to order 70 canvas bags at cost of 35 P.T. each. Numerous rumours going round that we are off somewhere soon.

28 THURSDAY 28-337

Completion of Musketry. (All those who were not qualified). Two limbers & water cart went with the Party at 7.10 am. Heard that the New Zealanders have had a brush with the Turks. 7 Zealanders left here, for down the Canal somewhere, yesterday. We are wondering where our marching orders will come. The authorities are buying Camels I think, about 1000 have been brought in for purchase, or here. Went to dinner A.S.C. had a good time.

29 FRIDAY 29-336

Rose 5.30 am. Park loan one water cart & limber accompanied the Battalion at 9 am. to be out on a Bde Advance Guard to return at midnight with the 2 M. took out G.S. wagon & limber loaded with dunnage & evening meal for the troops. Brought transport back at 6.30 pm excepting 2ool pack animals & one limber. Very pleased with the transport = had 6 horses in G.S. Cooks cart & 3 each in water carts. Troops arrived back in Camp at before midnight.

30 SATURDAY 30-335

Capt Blyard who was mess president at dinner last night - we had a jollification there were about 10 of us including one visitor. Field prizes for those not yet qualified in Table B left Camp at 7.30: the remainder of Battalion left to cover ground worked last night at 9 a. Lot busy day.

31 SUNDAY 31-334

Masjed Church Parade then march past Lt General. Birdwood in morning. Afternoon ½ holiday a very hot day.

1 February MONDAY 32-333.

C.O. Major & Adjutant doing staff ride. The Bn doing Coy training under their O.C.'s. Weather very hot. Sent lumber cart to Abu Abbassia for baggage of our guard on duty there. Shew some hand forged axes this morning from Ordnance, they are queer looking things have requested for more pack horse leading reins & other needed harness that has become unserviceable. Over 200 men were sent home today from our Regt. ^{unwounded} ^{innumerable} ^{generals etc}

2 TUESDAY 33-332

The men to go home by Kyarra yesterday were returned owing to Canal not being clear. There is danger of being shelled by Turks. B.O. this morning states parades in future will be 6 hours duration (40 hrs a week.) one whole holiday a week & Sunday a rest day excepting Church parade. Sgt. in charge took water cart for staff ride officers, ^{1 1/2 miles} south of small pyramid 11 pm roused out of bed to go to Bde HQ with C.O. Major Adjt & 2 M. received orders to shift to Samalia at 10.30 am tomorrow hurrah!

3 WEDNESDAY 34-331

Packed up & shifted bag and baggage by 10.30 reached Cairo (Mabouli Stn) at 3 pm entrained (two trains) and reached Samalia at 12 o'clock. detraining went splendidly got to our Camp, we carried all blankets etc in the 9.5. wagon got to bed about 4.30. Heard of brushes with the Bedouins & Turks by the troops already camped here. Other captures 300 prisoners a shell fell 1/2 mile from our Camp

4 THURSDAY 35-330

Rose at 6.30, a very cold night too, but worked all day fixing up our horse lines etc. Saw two aeroplanes flying round when going to water, the flying sheds are near the water troughs there are 30000 troops here. The N. Zealanders & Indian troops close to us. There are Camel Corps also. Tucker pretty short to day. We have to be ready in an hour notice to shift to the trenches. Train load of enemy ^{at station} close by this morning. Getting settled in ^{at station} ^{our new surroundings}. The Hampshire Tommies come in from Abbassia last night. Have received orders to alter the composition of the horses for vehicles, we are using 3 horses instead of 2 we will have to leave Cooks & load carts & 1 S.A.P. Orders to be in constant readiness (for anywhere) are promulgated. Saw 4 flying machines over us today. Reported the Turks have been driven back 10 miles. The desert sand here is much finer than at Abena (very hard pulling for horses) very busy altering harness to suit the new arrangements.

6 SATURDAY 37-328

Evidences of engagements with the Turks by the Indian & Territorial & N Zealand troops are many wounded & prisoners coming in every day. We are in constant readiness to shift to the trenches. Carried 382 boxes Amm this morning from the 1st Bde. Supplied lumber for a funeral (Hong Meng in charge) Had a busy day, rumours of our going into action soon. Went to Camp Station ^{SUNDAY 38-327} fully equipped & entrained then immediately detrained. Things went pretty well. The C.O. roused a lot, returned Camp 1.15. Then horses to water had dinner 2.30

We now form part of the Canal Defence Forces
2nd Month FEBRUARY 1915 28 Days

under Major Gen Wallace, C.B. (11th Div Indian Army)

8 MONDAY 39-326

Rose early. Sgt conveyed baggage of two platoons of A. Coy to boat on canal whence they go to relieve the N.Z. in the trenches. Reports ^{are} coming in, of large bodies of Turks advancing on Kantara: we could hear the artillery going last night between 8 + 10 pm in the direction of Kantara. Later reports state that the Turks have retired. There is something not understood about their movements: went to Ismailia Carpenter's providing chocks for wagon wheels when in trucks

9 TUESDAY 40-325

Cool, received chq for 100 piastres from Reg Fund to buy 90 chocks & nails: Reports state that the Turks have retired a long way back, so the prospect of an early engagement is doubtful: no afternoon parade today. 6 to 8 pm parade and sent received orders to practice loading Camels (24) with baggage, amm & rations as they will be used for desert marching. The nights are very cold

10 WEDNESDAY 41-324

Raining slightly very cold: received word at breakfast that we go back to Mena on Friday. The Turks have cleared so we are not wanted here longer: very disappointed at having to go back to our old camp. Our two platoons came from the trenches at 8 pm with many tales of the wounded or dead Turks they saw being buried afresh. They brought back trophies of clips, bullets & so on etc.

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11 THURSDAY 42-323

It is said that many of the Egyptians ^{& others} working on the piers here have fled & that we are returning to Mena because being harder to supply than the Indian troops which will remain: A report is current that the Turks are advancing again: they retired 40 miles back to a depot where they have reformed etc. At the Custom house Jerry are ^{the} Turkish boats brought for crossing the Canal, captured by the British, some have bullet holes in them. Have taken 7 vehicles to the Station ready for loading first thing tomorrow

12 FRIDAY 43-322

Rose at 4 am and got first train with left half Battalion 30 horses & baggage away in good time the right half with personnel & Bede H & 2rs went in second train at 7.30. The loading was done excellently - the C.O. was pleased. 9 am en route for Cairo. The country is mostly desert interspersed with villages & many green places. 10 am reached Zagazig a big place country magnificent, flourishing crops of beans, berseem, rice etc. ~~passed through Tel el Kebir~~ ^{before Zagazig} reached Cairo 12-15. Marched to Mena reached there 4.30 Wed & hungry. Refreshed by getting some letters

13 SATURDAY 44-321

Frank & I got letters last night & this morning: the news was very surprising. Charles's letter especially so. It is a nice day to day, & we have a holiday, half of the Transport are granted leave. It is quite natural to be here again: we did not expect to come back here though, when we left for Ismailia. It is grand to take off our clothes & get into fresh ^{or clean} ones

14 SUNDAY 45-320

attended meeting at Bede H & 2rs. Afternoon P. Swift & self went to Helipolis where the 2nd zone are camped had a good look round. Went to Khusab in the evening, supped at Saults & reached home 11 pm. Had a good day

15 MONDAY 46-319

Routine work again - created new horse lines in place of the old ones (that the A.M.C. walked off with when we went to Ismailia). Space is limited for the horses, am putting down 3 breast lines instead of two. Rumours are still rife re our future doings. I think that we may be here for some time yet. Our reinforcements are undergoing special instruction to bring them up to standard. L. Black is O.C. in charge. Weather keeping pleasant with cold nights.

16 TUESDAY 47-318

Completed horse lines this morning - had difficulties in procuring suitable timber for the posts. Borrowed some coal from the 6th Bn to carry on shoeing etc. Those who have failed in musketry have been attached to the reinforcements to get further instruction. Battalion went out for a night march at 6.30 pm about 3 miles into the desert. The O.C.'s Corps previously inspecting the route in daylight. The Bn reached Camp again at about 11 pm.

17 WEDNESDAY 48-317
Ash Wednesday

Holiday to day. The question of leave for the transport drivers is difficult - have arranged for 2 of the drivers to get away, the other 2 on Sunday. The Officers' batmen (rooms) who have horses to see to, are a constant source of annoyance. They are not to be depended on - The Officers' horses on the lines are the worst, I have to show the need of more attention. Am arranging to procure better Battalion farriers for shoeing.

18 THURSDAY 49-316

blowy and dusty. Routine work in progress. Made corn sack nose bags. The fodder issue is not sufficient, only 120 lbs bran + 150 lb maize with the tiben. The service nose bag is not large enough to feed tiben in. The horses are looking pretty well, but not so good as they were before we went to Ismailia: Shoeing today (Chrisfield as farrier). Went with Capt. McCrae to picture theatre (below Div H. 2nd) to night. The show was not much.

19 FRIDAY 50-315

The Battalion is remaining in Camp this morning for further vaccination. Small pox cases are reported in the camp. The paper states that Germany intends to seize neutral vessels: Germany will have America for an enemy before long. Battalion went out on a night operation + bivouac left at 3.30 and returned at 10.30. Took animals accompanied, but no transport. Had a quiet day and went to bed early.

Reported that the men to be sent home to Australia are being left to garrison Aden.??

20 SATURDAY 51-314

An Army Corp scheme is being carried out to day. Sent in a report recommending that three horses be cast as unsound and unfit for service. These horses are those forced on us just prior to our leaving for Ismailia. Capt. Hankin visited me in the evening.

21 SUNDAY 52-313

Put in a great afternoon with Hankin & Eller. We went to the Zoo, Grotto, native quarters then to Jany Club for dinner. Had a splendid time arrived home 11.05 pm.

22 MONDAY 53-312

Cold and foggy morning, but warm later. Major Malson, Lieut Smith & Capt Whitfield inspected the horses recommended for casting. A Chestnut horse 5636 was discarded only. Their views on horses are beyond comment. To night at dinner the Major announced our departure for France about the 9th of next month. The troops (all of us) are very pleased & there is much pleasure expressed. He stated that the 9th & 11th leave for Turkey ^{next} Saturday.

23 TUESDAY 54-311

Very hot. Battalions going out for bivouac ^{from 3 to 4 pm} ^{pm}. Cool cats, Cooks, mallees & Parks & water carts accompanying. All sorts of rumours are afloat re our probable destination when we shift. It may be Jerusalem, Jaffa, Syria, France or England. Latest states we will move sometime next week. An Australian mail came in quite a budget of letters from home & friends. Only 4 of us to dinner the rest are out bivouacking.

24 WEDNESDAY 55-310

Troops arrived back at 8 am. Dried and hungry. A lot more letters this morning papers also. Good news from home makes one happy. The troops are incensed at reports published in Australia by the Press correspondent. It is most unfair to call the troops wasters etc. There are some, we all know but the majority of them behave excellently.

25 THURSDAY 56-309

Received instructions to carry $\frac{1}{2}$ Battalion baggage out to a bivouac on the front line transport. Utilized Limbers & Park animals. 9 am rec'd orders from Major Marsh to report to him at 10 am for the purpose of attending a 3 days trek with the Div train. Four of us Battalion Transport Officers attended and marched to the other side of Meadi about 16 miles had a late lunch & returned to Camp at Meadi for the night.

26 FRIDAY 57-308

The P.S.C. 2nd Bde Light Horse made us welcome to their mess had tea & breakfast with them. Major Marsh accompanied in a car & on horseback. We left Meadi went through towards Helwan (Meadi is a picturesque spot). The streets are very narrow in parts treks about 8 miles had lunch and returned again to Meadi where we bivouacked & were again made welcome at the hand of the Officers there. Went to bed early feeling unwell.

27 SATURDAY 58-307

Rose at 6.30, feeling slightly better. Went to breakfast with the A.S.C. Officers. Capt. Thomas Lewis Smith Lt. Thomas Price, & others. Left Meadi at 9.15 reached Cairo Abbas II Bridge at 10.0 am. Stopped at Giza for a spell and arrived back at Meadi at 11.15. Feeling ill think I remain poisoning had too many ^{lunch} cherries yesterday. The 3rd Bde left & we leaving to day destination unknown. Bay Sea is all we know as yet. A dusty horrible day. Feel pretty ill. Took castor oil, then opium pills having a rest to day & feel in need of it.

28 SUNDAY 59-306

1 March MONDAY 60-305

Feel much better; the ~~it~~ fixed me up last night. Captains Pleyard and Jackson were promoted to Majors on Saturday. Capt. Burt took in G.S. wagons of the Bde to Govt Carriage works for alterations and strengthening. Received orders to paint the transport vehicles a variety of colours for the object of making them less distinguishable. Rumours are various re our probable destination. The bombardment of the Dardanelles indicates the likelihood of our going to Dunkirk.

2 TUESDAY 61-304

Had an easy morning. At 3 pm the Bn went out for a route march bivouack towards Shara el Harou. Two lumber wagons were taken instead of G.S. Coops. After evening meal the transport returned to camp. The Bn bivouacked then made a night attack on the Camp reaching there about midnight. Today orders state Bn to hold itself to embark at short notice so we take it we shall be off soon but where to time will show. Drew new nose bags & 4 saddles today.

3 WEDNESDAY 62-303

Holiday today most of the Officers and men went on leave. Plenty of rumours about when we go and our destination. Exchanged two draft horses for two riding horses through Capt. Whitfield. A Private Barber is transferring to the A.S.C. A Private Hampton from A.S.C. exchanging. Nothing doing. Will be glad to get away.

4 THURSDAY 63-302

Routine work. Bagnel fishing in the morning rest in the afternoon. Received instructions regarding a Durational Scheme which takes place tomorrow. Am hampered in shoeing horses through being unable to draw nails from Ordnance. 11^{am} received order stating the Sgt to go to Govt Carriage works for the G.S. wagon tomorrow.

5 FRIDAY 64-301

Rose early & got baggage packed on three train wagons. Capt. King men carried on first line transport. Marched with the train with the baggage wagons to Park opposite Zos had lunch there. After afternoon tea with Major March. Left for bivouack at 5.45 pm (lost my watch then) reached end of road towards bivouack at 9.15 pm found bivouack after a long hunt, where after heavy & strenuous work on the horse part arrived with last load at 12.45^{am}. We had as many as 16 horses in a wagon to pull through the desert 1 1/2 miles.

6 SATURDAY 65-300

Rose at 4.30. Packed wagons by 5.20. Ballahoi shot to arms & were in action by dawn. The A.S.C. horses arrived at 7 am looked in 6 boxes a wagon and got back to camp at 8 am tired but happy. Had a rest for remainder of day. Gave a further order for 70 section bags. 1000 Mare very ill. Hunt through poison. By eating flowering berseem. Have altered my allotment to 10/- per day to Savings Bank (to take effect from April 1st). Attended at H-200 to receive instruction from Major. All Officers were present.

7 SUNDAY 66-299

8 MONDAY 67-298

Herang more much improved. The Battu went on a route march returned at 3.30 pm & dirt hot day. No transport went out, so the horses had a needed spell. Received 70 more section bags with cord fastenings, which are superior to straps. The cost of bags totalled 2380 P.T. Contractor to be paid on Thursday when the money will be collected from the Corps. Went to an interesting lecture on Jerusalem at the Y.M.C.A. given by an American

9 TUESDAY 68-297

No news of our shipping yet. We hope it won't be long before we go. The island of Lemnos is spoken of as our destination. Part of the L.H. (L.H. Home) is moving to day. Have heard that a new lot of Light Horse from Australia have arrived in Alexandria. Am wondering if Charlie is with them & when I'll see him. The Bu have gone out for 8 hours trench digging they left at 7 am took transport accompanied. Expect an Australian mail in to night

10 WEDNESDAY 69-296

Very hot. Bu went out at 7.30 am with transport accompanying. The 10th Light Horse have arrived they are camped where the 3rd Bde were. Couldn't find Charlie there this morning. An post mail came in bringing me letters from home, telling of Charlie's departure & farewell. Am surprised at father letting Cannos for 5/- an acre. Have heard that Charlie is at Alexandria with sick horse

11 THURSDAY 70-295

Wrote to Alexandria to Charlie this morning. The Bu have gone to the zoo (on a route march). It is a beastly day, hot with a dust storm prevailing. Will be glad to get out of here. It must be a hot place in the summer!! The transport remained in to day. There's nothing to write about. Spent most of the day reading Australian papers & letters. The hot weather is conducive to her consumption.

12 FRIDAY 71-294

Charlie turned up last night I did not see him till this morning. We had a great yarn: he had a good trip; but is not looking as well as he should. Read the home letters. Glad to hear my parcels arrived home safely. The Bu went out for the morning. A night attack is fixed from 9 to 3 tonight. Weather much cooler & enjoyable to day. 150 2nd reinforcements came in this afternoon. We are now 10% over strength & ready to move

13 SATURDAY 72-293

Had the bad luck to lose a draught horse last night. He was breaking a leg. Destroyed it with revolver bullet. One of the best horses I possess, worse luck? Holiday to day for 25%. A nice pleasant day. Had an early time slept most of the afternoon and wrote home

14 SUNDAY 73-292

Fine morning. Went with Charlie & Frank up top of Cheops. Had a grand afternoon together. Dined at Athena Cafe returned Camp 9.30 pm

15 MONDAY 74-291

More letters arrived: Battalion work transport went out at 4 pm to take up defensive position. It rained at 3 pm putting off march out for an hour. Reached the trenches S.W. of Pyramids at 5:20. Brought the horses back to Camp for the night, leaving vehicles at rear of position: Had to double bank the water carts for last $\frac{1}{2}$ mile to the Brevoort, the pulling was very heavy.

(Frank's birthday today) 16 TUESDAY 75-290

Turned out at 4:30 am. to send horses back for transport which they brought to Camp at 7 am. The Batta came home at 4:30. At 5:30 it rained heavily. It is thundery to day and raining at times. It is very strange to see rain here so seldom does it fall: Reported in papers that war minister of Turkey was murdered. Greece does not seem very anxious to declare war.

17 WEDNESDAY 76-289

An Italian Brigade scheme to day - Our Bde fighting a delaying action: Went out at 7:15 am & returned at 3:30 pm. C.O. says our Bn did well, receiving praise from the General. No further news re our departure: The transport, all excepting Cooks cart, which remained in Camp worked splendidly: The horses worked splendidly, considering the feed they get. Charlie came round in the evening. Spent part of time with ^{Mr. Elder}

18 THURSDAY 77-288

Paid native contractor 2400 piastres for 70 pebbles bags. The Bn has gone out to fill in trenches dug by us during training. The tool carts & tool pack horses accompanied. We borrowed the 5th Bn shovels to facilitate the work. There is nothing fresh re our departure. Something has evidently prevented us from going immediately. Went to variety entertainment in the evening.

19 FRIDAY 78-287

Battalion left at 8:30 to complete filling of trenches returning to Camp at 3 pm. There is nothing of interest to write. - Have heard that the 3rd Bde who ostensibly left for Luchon some time ago, are still in Macedonia. 19 of us Officers went to variety show (Red Cross) in the Cinema opposite our lines in the evening.

20 SATURDAY 79-286

Holiday to day. Have complied with order to hand in swords. Officers will be fitted out with ^{the} web equipment & revolver, only (no rifle, entrenching tool or bayonet). "Egyptian Mail" reports sinking of "Bouvet", "Irresistible" & "Océan" in the Dardanelles. I wonder if we will go to the Dardanelles. Went with Capt Sergeant & Lt. Whelan to Abbasia picked out a draught: Sgt. & Wignell took it back to Camp - Had lunch with Mr. & Mrs. Hartnell most enjoyable: Went to Helipoli & Citadel after

21 SUNDAY 80-285

22 MONDAY 81-284

Yesterday had a great time with Whitehead. The Citadel, Armoury, + Hattinalls were splendid. The Bn has gone out to erect wire entanglements, the 5th borrowed our tools for entrenching. Am arranging for coal with A.S.C. There's nothing doing! + nothing fresh to write about. Expect a mail in to day. Received orders to report O.C. 3rd A.S.C. tomorrow

23 TUESDAY 82-283

Reported to Major Tadder at A.S.C. 7.30 am taking Balman + valise. The 2nd + 1st Bde Transport Officers were present also. Two Corp of A.S.C. with us in attendance took us to a spot past Meadi. The scheme embraced an attack on the convoy + bringing baggage to bivouacs. The 6th A.S.C. at Meadi Camp invited us to dinner at 8 pm when we dined famously. Had a saddle + bridle stolen last night!

24 WEDNESDAY 83-282

Camped near the horses last night. Rose at 6.15 am. Stables occupied to 7.30. Attended lecture given by Col Marsh in Mess hut of 6th A.S.C. at Meadi Camp. Tracked for Mena at 10 am reaching there 3 pm. The trip was interesting and instructive. Had a good time of it together with the Transport Officers of the 1st + 2nd Brigades. The 6th A.S.C. at Meadi treated us splendidly. Got a grand budget of letters on arrival back

25 THURSDAY 84-281

Charlie came round last night. Have recommended him to Major Tadder A.S.C. He is applying for a transfer Battalion holiday to day. putting in some reading letters + papers and replying to them. The 3rd Bde Light Horse have all arrived now. Have heard another batch of 500 men have been sent home to Australia. The wastage from all causes are considerable in the Division since we came to Egypt. This place is not healthy for troops

26 FRIDAY 85-280

Have received orders to hand in Sam Brown belt and frog. Applied for clippers to clip horses. We have been issued with our first colours viz chocolate and red. The colours are sewn on the arms of the jackets just below the shoulder strap. The Bn goes out to night at 6 pm. A big scheme no blankets are taken. Have heard that big bodies of front English troops are ^{coming in +} concentrating at Alexandria. Bn arrived back in Camp 7 am Saturday

27 SATURDAY 86-279

Had an easy day resting after last night's work. The Russians seem to be doing well taking Pyrenay etc. I wonder if Italy will join us. [?] lead to day "black book" on German atrocities in Belgium. Visited one of my drivers in Mena hospital (Maldonald) He had just passed the crisis (pneumonia) ^{ANDAY 87-278} is recovering. The nurses tell me. A vile Ramadan blew all day sand covered everything. The evening was a relief when it got cool

29 MONDAY 88-277

Early a/c this morning - General Sir Ian Hamilton reviewed our Division. We were formed in mass. ~~was~~ imperfect and then marched past palatine base. Our Bn looked a.l. & the Transport also. The General asked me how the horses were? I said "tip top" We finished up at 11^{am}. The Brigadier expressed approval of the Bde. The Gen (Sir Ian Hamilton) also of the review of the Division.

30 TUESDAY 89-276

The Bn practised Guards & sentries in the morning and afternoon. Attended lecture at Bde Hqs. All officers of the Bde were present. Brigadier lectured on notes from the front. Telling us that we would be going shortly, as he knew he could not tell us where & when. Feel pretty sure the Bardanelles are our destination & that we will be off within 10 days.

31 WEDNESDAY 90-275

The last day of March. another month gone. Plenty of rumours re our departure and destination. Bn practised Guards & sentries in the morning and went out from 6.30 pm till 10 pm at outposts. Capt Mason has gone to Abbasia to train reinforcements. Other Officers of the Bde have gone also. Transferred Driver Evans to Machine Gun ^(M.G. Co) at M. Whelan's request.

1 April THURSDAY 91-274

A big day to day. Divisional scheme of disembarkation for taking pen of cultivation N.E. of Camp as the Sea. Our Batta left at 6.15 am. Riddle went at 5 am. Bn mostly arrived back at 3.30 pm tired and thirsty. The troops had a strenuous time some of them traversing 15 miles. Made arrangements with natives to clip the horses at price of 7 piastres fully and 5 piastres half.

2 FRIDAY 92-273
Good Friday

Church Parade in the morning. Rest of day for some a holiday. Heard that Major McNeill has been transferred to 6th Bn as C.O. Col Semmens having been granted 6 months leave. Capt Mason has been promoted to Major Lt Lyle to Captain. We are likely to leave soon. 6 ppts of our Bn have been granted Commission in the English Army.

3 SATURDAY 93-272
Easter Saturday

Supposed to be a holiday to day. Very busy in the Transport. Sent in to Cairo for our Cooks wagon and mallee carts wheels (tires being cut) wagon repaired. Soon be going now by the look of things. We are off tomorrow ^{and on very busy preparing} Left Mena at 5 pm for Cairo Madbouly. ^{Said yesterday to Charles who was in field hospital} Sta with baggage wagons the Bn is following at 7.30 for Alexandria.

4 SUNDAY 94-271

Had a strenuous time last night!!!!

5 MONDAY 95-270
Easter Monday

Reached Alexandria at 6 am with the A.S.C. horses (16) for "Kovian". The 1st line transport horses came along before midday. The 5th Battery on the Kovian & the 6th 7th & 8th Transport horses. My men 55 all told are with me and 80 horses. Had very strenuous day embarking finished at 5 pm. The place is alive with transports. Our Barr is on the "Galeka". Having a Coy on the Clan Mc Gillivray. Tired out!!!

Had a good sleep on deck last night. By gone I need it. Anchored just out from wharf all night surrounded by ships. The horses are rather badly stabled. The drawing of feed needs better arranging. The lack of iron ration is causing our non departure. There are 319 horses on board Capt Robin is our V.O. My horses are in different parts of the ship - very awkward. Steaming head for where (?) at 3 pm. The ship rocks rolls some, feel a bit sick. Our course is almost due south. Off to bed at 7 pm. Feel better lying down somehow?

7 WEDNESDAY 97-268

Blow all night. Slept a-l on sledge deck (on the leeward side of the cabins) It is like the book stories howling wind, tossing boat, rough sea etc. A glorious fresh morning. We are going to island Lemnos - expect to reach there daylight Friday morn. This boat is not a patch on the "Horonata". We officers have no cabins, but sleep on deck. Most of the troops including officers are down with seasickness. Have recovered from temporary ill effects myself. The Kovian is a Liverpool boat Leyland Line Captain McBlaine.

8 THURSDAY 98-267

Sea much calmer. Morning fresh and invigorating. Passing Archipelago ^{aurin} island on Port side at 7 am. Passed many apparently barren and small islands by 1 pm. Drew 150 rounds Amm for the 46 Transport men & provisions for 55 men. from 2 M 5th Bn. Prepared for landing! Went through disembarkation order. Drew 100 rounds each for the A.S.C. men. C.O.'s & Adjutants' horses to load first; then Machine Gun horse S.A.A carts water carts, last balance riding horses & spars.

9 FRIDAY 99-266

Spent a pretty good night. Woke before reveille, before sun rise, the spectacle was grand & most interesting. Gunners on land on Port side, Ships large & small in our vicinity. A french torpedo boat passed close to us & we raised a cheer. Cruisers, torpedo & other ships are many. Battle ships. 7 am We are in Port of Andros. Put me in mind of Albany - This is a grand spectacle. All sorts of craft (war) inside a big horse shoe. Water and out of village dotted about on the green slopes. Dutch windmills on Port side along a ^{and all around} bay. Queen Elizabeth Agamemnon Implacable, Benetza, Ashold, Cornwallis are amongst the ships.

10 SATURDAY 100-265

Still anchored in Port Andros, other ships are arriving. 5 torpedo boats came in sight by 7.10 am, there are submarines here also. The Port is almost full of ships. Rained heavily in the evening washing us off the deck; had to sleep in the saloon. Sunday A glorious morning. Rained freshened up the green grass on the slopes around us. very pretty. "Galeka" came steaming in at 7.15 am and left alongside us at 9 am. Had a joyful reunion & breakfast on board Galeka. Got letters also. Drew pay for self and men.

11 SUNDAY 101-264

12 MONDAY 102-263

We are still anchored - The Koron & Galeka close together. Lt Denehey has been appointed Bde T.O. It is glorious weather - The C.O's and Brigadier have gone to attend a conference & to reconnoitre landing places for us - The accounts of the drought at home are unsatisfactory. This port (Mudros) is a pretty place & the large number of ships inside present a striking spectacle. General Birdwood & Bridges paid us a visit at 2.45 pm causing a mild sensation. More ships arrived

13 TUESDAY 103-262

Rained last night - Lost a draught horse early this morning. Went aboard Galeka to report the death. The Galeka pulled out with me aboard. Got back alright, thanks to a Naval Lieutenant in a launch, quite enjoyed the trip back. A party of men in boats lowered the dead horse, which we threw overboard to land and buried it. The windmills on land are used for grinding corn.

14 WEDNESDAY 104-261

Lovely morning - 8.30 am the troops were practised in disembarking (in boats towed by launches). It is not an easy thing to ~~do~~ go down a rope ladder with full equipment on (?). There are 36 villages on the island & on inquiry there were 200 inhabitants (mostly Greeks) in one village. Green crops - peas, beans, clover were flourishing & many pretty ^{field} flowers also

15 THURSDAY 105-260

There are 63 warships between here and the Dardanelles. A Brigade des-embarking scheme to day. A rumour states that it will be some days yet before we land and when we do we will get it hot. Other transports are arriving. Col Wanklin told us that ahead of us, was very interesting. He could not tell us more, as his lips were sealed.

16 FRIDAY 106-259

Sea like glass this morning. More ships arriving. Received a paper from Gen Birdwood (re the situation) to officers and men - exhorting & as appealing to us re. preservation of water food etc. (very good!) Checked rifles and ammunition of my 54 men - one rifle lost, 4 others aboard Galeka. Paid a visit to Galba and recovered two rifles. Those on board Galba seemed very subdued. Had interesting events related to me on board.

17 SATURDAY 107-258

Sea like glass. A disembarking plan is on for to day. Took in fodder early this morning. Holed the horse deck out thoroughly - It needed it. The Brigadier and staff came aboard to day. No news yet of our going. Rumoured that a transport or torpedo boat has been beached at Smyrna ^(Gully). A dull day. Sea calm. Church Parade. Chaplain Doxter. An aeroplane flew over us to day. 60 more troops (beak parts) came aboard to night (9th Bn) reinforcements

18 SUNDAY 108-257

19 MONDAY 109-256

Calm and clear - Furnished returns of field dressings, iron rations & life belts. Preparing for disembarkation. Expect to leave soon. A horse of 8th Bn died this morning (early) from pneumonia. 200 more men and several officers came on today. Accommodation is very limited for all of us. The Captain of the ship has kindly given permission to us of the transports & veterinary staff to sleep on the bridge.

20 TUESDAY 110-255

Had a very jolly evening last night in the saloon. A cold blowy day & the sea rough. The storm is looked on with disfavour as it means delaying our disembarkation till it subsides. Got a few letters for my men from Galeka yesterday, hoping to get one myself soon. Army Corps signallers have swelled our numbers on our ship. Also we are running short for the horses three days which we are keeping for a landing operation only are left.

21 WEDNESDAY 111-254

It blew a gale all night. Felt the cold very much sleeping on the "bridge". It is raining & blowing still; rather a miserable day. Lt Lind met with a serious accident this morning. He fell down the hold (aft) sustaining severe injury to his head. He is to be sent ashore for further treatment as soon as possible. A Major Medley of the first clearing hospital, who is with us attended to him. The Brigadier and staff came aboard at 6 pm and are stopping with us. Something doing

Office on the bridge was cancelled.

22 THURSDAY 112-253

Still cold but fine, but C.O. came aboard this morning (for a conference only). Have heard tales of a transport being shot at with torpedoes, & tho it missed, scared the tommen about muchly. Expect to hear of our going any time now. The weather is moderating. Takes a long time to get meals here. There are such a lot of us & the saloon is small. Received letters from home dated 11th March.

23 FRIDAY 113-252

Wrote home. Held inspection of horse rugs and nose bags. It is a difficult proposition to prevent losses especially when three or four different units are aboard the same ship. Some of the warships and transports moved out in direction of the Remoular this afternoon. The 3rd Bde have gone amongst them. We expect to leave tomorrow.

24 SATURDAY 114-251

Fine day even smooth. Ships are leaving - Hurr ah! We are on the move. Got under way at 11.15 am. Galeka. Left at about 10.30 am. Excitement in the air! Attended Pow wow by Col Wanless & read instructions re landing for 5 am tomorrow. We are ^{now} part of the Mediterranean & aft force.

25 SUNDAY 115-250

At 4.40 am Battle commences. Rifle fire on our landing parties. At 5 The saule ships gave them pepper. The sight was awe inspiring & grand. Some wounded were brought back at 6 am. Our Bde in full landing, disembarking at 6 am.

Our Bde & an Indian Battalion of 3rd Bde. We are all ready & looking forward to our march.

We left the immediate scene of battle last night & came to Imbros Island where we anchored - ^{Left for} Going back again 6.30 am
26 MONDAY 116-249

I would require pages to describe yesterday - The guns continued off & on all night. It was sad to see 5 of our 7th Bn men lying dead in the boats brought to the shore to take fresh troops to land yesterday

Poor fellows! They died for their country. We are anxiously awaiting more news: Our men must have had a terrible night. We expect to land our horses to day, & to learn more details. The Aust Division part of 1st & 2nd & 3rd Bdes, attacked & won our positions, there are French, British, & Naval Bde troops also that attacked the peninsula at other places - I hope they were as successful as the Australians. Nothing but praise of the Turkish is spoken about our men, by the Naval men who took them ashore. (The Naval men are grand?) Reports are coming in of our casualties which are truly awful. 1100 wounded are on the "Clan Mc Gillivray". Two hospital ships & one steamer for Alexandria

27 TUESDAY 117-248
It is heart-breaking nearly every officer of our Bde killed or wounded. Our 7th, what ^{is} left of our 8th are Col Elliot, Capt Lough, Major Jackson, Major Denchey, Connolly, Conder, Meron wounded, & Capt McHenna, Poleyard, Chapman, Inderman, Talbot, Swift killed. I visited the wounded on the "Clan Mc Gillivray" - we don't know yet the casualties - Tuesday 27. Firing continued off & on all night we anchored just out. Our guns on the hill fired a lot. Heavy machine gun at 5.30 am. The weather is fine. 7am Battle is still raging we are anxiously waiting to hear more news. 12.30 pm No news yet I wonder how our men are getting on. A crater is sunk on the beach. The firing is still in full blast (3 pm) 2.10 pm

28 WEDNESDAY 118-247
Shells landed out near us. The gun firing is heavy. Our trenches are getting shrapnell all over them 2.12 3 more shells fell near us over the war ships 2.45 pm Clan Mc Gillivray passed us evidently going to Alexandria with the wounded. Heavy fire going still 5.30 pm A storm is blowing up, firing is still in full blast our men must be having a dreary time. 7.40 pm The fight is going strong still. more of our Artillery has gone ashore. It has been another terrible day of hard battle!

We have had no word about our landing our horses yet. Our Bde & Bde are so terribly cut up. it will take some time to reorganize 7am. The firing has been going off & on all night. A machine gun is in full blast now. (Our skipper calls this place Gaba Tepe. The weather cleared last night. 9am two big shells have dropped astern of us. The beggars are shelling us here again 2 more, again Artillery & firing going on all the morning but not so violent as yesterday. Our war ships are shelling ^{away} on the left now at 11.30 am near Fisherman's ^{hut} close to the beach. 12 noon. A

number of transports are coming up from the South. 2.30 pm A destroyer just came alongside & took 2 officers & 22 men (held partly) for shore. They told us the British will reinforce our men tomorrow

6 pm went over to Galeb which is being used for another hospital ship. Heard that Swift was alive but that Capt Weddell was dead. It seems that the casualties were most heavy in our Battalion
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This makes the 6th ship being used as hospital. to go they are going & have gone to Alexandria. Our troops had a hell of a time last night repelling a night attack
29 THURSDAY 119-246

Nothing last night very cold for our troops. The firing was intermittent 7 am shells are falling in the water near our ships 8 am. Cannonading is still going on. 12.30 pm. A torpedo boat has come along side they tell us it is quieter now, the numbers of casualties is very difficult to determine. We will not know for some time yet. The Indian Division is expected to land to day. The British have joined our men on the land. they say. The torpedo boat says that the 3rd Bde commenced landing at 2 am on Sunday last. I suppose I could not hear the firing because we had not arrived here at that time (?) Our forces are holding their own now. The first three days was awful. 4 pm a big black cloud of smoke is rising on our right front perhaps a fire burning 5.10. The fight is in full blast. Shrapnell is falling all over our men & between our ships are blowing away. 8.20 A big fire is burning inland.

30 FRIDAY 120-245
A bright calm morning! The smoke from fire inland obscures the battle fields at 6.30 am. The shooting was fairly quiet last during the night - 4 big guns were fired about 4 am. Pretty quiet all the morning. 1 pm. A gun boat shelled the point close to Fisherman's hut. The triumph is firing now & again at the hills on our right. the firing on land has ceased. We are still anchored here (off the landing place) waiting orders. Some of the horses for & aft are brought up on deck for exercise to day.

We are impatiently waiting for more news. R. S. G. Jackson 5th Bn has come aboard. He states the losses have been much exaggerated. He thinks 10 killed & 400 wounded in the 5th Bn. It was a village burning on the land last night containing enemy amm't stores set on fire by the marines (Duro) Fine, very heavy shrapnell fire early this morning, falling over our trenches & reserves. 11 am Heavy firing by our war ships all the morning. The 2nd Bn by attack fired several big guns on the left of our position. other ships fired close in. 4 pm A warship on our left commenced putting shells around the village Karatoprac. The firing big and small is going on shore also from our men's war's 4.30. A general (A SAQMA I think) came aboard. to take statement of supplies...

1 May SATURDAY 121-244
6. AM. The guns roared very early. All night firing could be heard. A party were landed on Fisherman's hut at 6.20 A hostile aeroplane dropped bombs near our ships last night our zeplens pursued it 7 pm our warships have are firing heavily on the coast on the left of our position. They are pouring in a terrific withering hail. in a magnificent way

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The battle raged all night long. It is going well. Sharpshooters are falling on our position. From appearances it seems our men have not gained any ground. The battle scene last night is beyond description. A phenomenal spectacle! The battle has been raging all the morning. 11.40 am The enemy commenced shelling us on the water. several shells fell close to ships. By 12 noon the transports got under weigh & steamed further out. Quite exciting! 12.30 pm The ships have opened out now. Our war ships replied to the fire. A shell fell close to war boat wounding two of the crew. 3.30 A tug has come alongside to take off the remainder of the food party (20 men) Lt Bolton went to Hospital ship & got some news

3 MONDAY 123-242 4 TUESDAY 124-241 (see back of book)

Fairly quiet. Firing hears light intermittently. A party was landed at Gaba Tegu this morning. We are anxious to know results of yesterday night attack. 5 pm. Artillery and big guns are going occasionally. Rifle firing is pretty constant. The troops down south are evidently having a lovely time also. We can see their ships plainly from here about 10 miles. I think our men are getting the best of it?

5 WEDNESDAY 125-240

Fairly quiet last night. Heavy firing at dawn as usual. 6.30. We moved up alongside S-3 to take in fodder at 7.30. we were beam to beam. Only could the supply ship give us 13000 lbs. A shell fell out ahead. The enemy welcome to us 7.54. Another whopper close to us. I suppose they see us close together? 8 am. We were headed to another big fountain display. Lt God on the Trewellard alongside gave us much news see back of book! We drew alongside Eadenbrook for fodder also at 11.30. Lt Mackenzie came to lunch from there. He gave us much interesting news?

Enemy's activities commenced on our men - Snipers with a machine gun were in holes. We got 20 more on Thursday day. We got one with 52 shells + 19 discs on him!!!

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6 THURSDAY 126-239

Cool. Very windy. Firing at dawn took place as usual. 6 am. It seems quiet. 8 am. It was just finished taking horse truck, walk round and round the bridge. 3.30 pm A trawler has come alongside. Capt Chever & 6 others are to go ashore. A night attack on Pehi Babi Peak is to be made tonight. The two forces are expected to join on a result? A party 160 men landed below Gaba Tegu on Tuesday last. Kauling is captain of a gun & gun. 70 of the men returned only. 5000 of our men shipped to come ashore next night.

7 FRIDAY 127-238

We anchored alongside Seanglee to take in water. Went aboard at 7.30 am. Saw Col Patterson & made arrangements for one of the doctors to visit our ship. 9 am Capt Chance & the men that left on boat yesterday returned they were not wanted. Heavy firing took place between 2 & 4 am this morning. Have heard from a wounded man that Lt Elliott & Lt Marshall are commencing. 4.36 am left of the 5th. 6.46 pm An enemy's aeroplane was spotted coming over us very high. He dropped two bombs which fell about 20 yds either side of us. The one beam to beam with the Hassan. So I suppose he thought us a good target. He caused great excitement on the ship. Our war ships fired at the plane but missed. A fine morning. Sea like glass. Firing resumed quite last night 9.30. A big gun is booming occasionally.

8 SATURDAY 128-237

Our war ships fired at the plane but missed. A fine morning. Sea like glass. Firing resumed quite last night 9.30. A big gun is booming occasionally. 12.30 pm The Triumph is firing 6 shells at a time. The Blenheim fires occasionally. Rifle fire is fairly good. 12.38. The Hassan has just left us after supplying us with 300 binoculars. 5.20 Three shells fell out not far from us. One missed the Queen. Shelling is intermittent. Heavy gun heard at Cape Muller. They had it very hot also.

9 SUNDAY 129-236

Calms. Firing intermittent. Shells fell about 7 am. 9.30. The war ships are replying. 9.35. A ship on our left has dropped two big shells in Bay of Anafan. 4000 troops have landed at Cape Muller. Luristania was sunk & repaired.

Fine and calm. Hears that Japan + China are contemplating war.

10 MONDAY 130-235

Firing quiet nearly all night. Our position here seems to be strong now. Hope at Cape Helles things are as good? No news yet re our movements (transport sections) + 30 pm firing is going on and an occasional big gun going. Ships that went to Pleasandra with wounded have returned laden with more troops 7.5 pm Sheppnell burst right on top of our H2os base on the beach. Firing is going fitfully. 9 pm the war ships have their search lights directed on the shore. The noise lamps twinkling all over the place

11 TUESDAY 131-234

Fine. When impulsively ^{still} making the salvo at 3.30 am I could hear rifle fire ^{still} crackling. 9.30 am. 4 big shells fell out amongst our ships but did no damage luckily. 10 am A captured Smack full of men is coming in. A destroyer in charge. 3.15 pm The enemy is shelling the beach furiously - all over our H2os. The Devanika + Menapolis came in to night at 7 pm Firing was fairly constant to day. The weather is cold and it rained. We have had no news of the transport sections movements. No news of any kind to day

12 WEDNESDAY 132-233

Cloudy and damp. Firing is taking place. 9 am. The Devanika is discharging her troops into boats for shore. Sheppnell is falling on our H2os + beach as usual. 1.30 pm. Our guns are going it + the enemy's Sheppnell is still coming. 4.45 pm Orders have just been received for us to move straight to Pleasandra. Damn him! So we are off back now. I wonder what next? 5.15. we are steaming. The Loggie is firing her big guns. 7.10. We are passing Lemnos Light House. We are between it + the setting sun now.

9 am.

13 THURSDAY 133-232

Steaming along gently in the teeth of a southerly breeze. We have left the battle fields far behind us. I wonder how many of our Brigade will find it Alexandria? 7.20. Passing Madonna Island + Light House on our Port side. There are barren islands on our Starboard side. We don't take the idea of leaving the Lordanelles. but our horses are of no use at the present stage. It is best to get back + get them fit again

14 FRIDAY 134-231

Sea smooth. The boat quivers a bit being so lightly loaded we are grateful for the pleasant weather. We will be glad to get the horses on land 6 weeks (on Sunday Monday) is a long time for horses especially when they cannot be exercised. As only three are missing (from all causes) out of the 319 we consider that we have done splendidly. Looking forward to getting news of Alexandria

15 SATURDAY 135-230

Arrived Alexandria and out from wharf at daylight 8.30 am. Anchored waiting for our turn to move in to disembark. Read the Egyptian Gazette. Got a post. Sir Ian Hamilton on Cable to front + fighting in France. etc. 11 pm Capt McCarrick who has been ashore tells us that the 2. Shylock brought down an airplane. Capt Robin published on work tomorrow. 6 pm Capt Robin + Lt Eiler have returned from shore bringing particulars of our 26 SUNDAY 136-229 ^{casualties} ^{we have lost} ^{heavily} 7.30 am Drew in alongside wharf. The place is full of shipping the scene is one of activity. 7 pm paid a visit to "Guldford Castle" saw. Brigadier, Bde Major, Capt Dunscombe, Major Weir, Major Heron McNeill etc. all wounded.

Had a talk with the Brigadier last night. He told me I could go to the Peninsula etc. Saw Major Com - Capt Hogan

17 MONDAY 137-228

9am Getting of baggage & gear ready for unloading the horses. 2pm Had the horses harnessed & on the road for Mecca Camp. which we reached about 6.30. It was a long way. Very tired. Nothing to tie up our horses to. made the best use of stones & materials at hand. Our baggage (blankets) were not brought out. The 5th TB. was in charge!! We spent a trying night horses getting loose all night. Fed up!!

18 TUESDAY 138-227

Rud in a rotten night. Two horses missing A.S.C. 9am Got all the horses now. The A.S.C. men give a lot of trouble (most of them especially). Drum Lyle Coy drum has been missing since Sunday. Jenkins & Cheney A.S.C. have deserted 2 or 3 times. Have a bad cold. Cough all night. Lyle turned up, being arrested by M.P. in Alexandria. Busy evening horse lines, completed them & have been told that we have to shift. The one camped close to Salt Lake

19 WEDNESDAY 139-226

With Frank walked across the salt-pan last night. It is remarkable, acres of salt and soda. Had a fair night's rest interrupted by fits of coughing. This are in millions the Camp (Mecca) comprise the Australian divisions horses, & wagons & their personnel. The Camp is laid out according to Ships. 12. All the Transport sections are camped together that were on the Novian & named "Novian". etc

20 THURSDAY 140-225

The "Suffolk" lot ^(transport & details) comprised of the 3rd Bde 11th Bn etc came in last night. Am afraid that I will not be allowed to go to the Gallipoli as arranged, am doubtful if any men or the Sgt will go either. Major Le Maistre says that an Army Corp Order is preventing us going. Sent in a list of 10 men for the front. The men of D. Coy under Corp Nixon who were attached to me on the Karan to help with the horses

21 FRIDAY 141-224

These are a pest. Gen Bridges was buried yesterday at Alexandria. Hear that only one officer is left standing at Gallipoli of the 6th. Frank and W. Eller went into Alexandria & saw the Brigadier and other of our Bde Officers. The Brigadier said that as soon as he got better he would take us to the front. A cable was received at the Base from Sir Ian Hamilton saying that our Generals death had been avenged

22 SATURDAY 142-223

For the loss of 500 men they had accounted for 5000 of the enemy. To day the Sultan comes to Alexandria. Great preparations have been made to receive him. Orders arrived at 2.30 pm for Major Le Maistre, Capt Chanson & 20 men of the 5th Bn to go in and embark for the Gallipoli immediately. Major & W. Bain are in Alexandria. We have much to do to get our camp in proper going shape? I am Capt of the day. Sunday. 800 horse of the Otago mtd regt left here for Mustafa to day. (Photograph & water provision)

23 SUNDAY 143-222

I wonder if they are keeping up Empire Day at Longwood? The ²⁴ MONDAY 144-221
 went to the peninsula as our 1st Lt horse died leaving their horses behind in charge of few men. We swim our horses in the sea about 20 minutes walk from our camp. The sea bathing is glorious? Mr Bain has gone in to get pay for our men. It is nearly a month since our last pay day & we are all stony? Capt Chase & men did not go on the Derflinger Major Le Maistre & two men only, the others are to go to Mustapha Camp ready to embark shortly.

25 TUESDAY 145-220

Mr Eller went in to Alexandria & cashed pay chq. Paid the men, who were mostly stony. Blue a vile dust storm this afternoon. 2nd Lt Bolton newly appointed & Lt Hardy 8th Bn just from the front came to dinner. Capt Weddel is in command of the 7th Bn Major Bennet the 6th heard that Col Elliott & Lt Conder are being invalided to Australia. Col Bolton is acting as our Brigadier. Our Bde is coming back to recoup & for reorganization. Attended lecture at Major (Holdsworth Camp Commandant) re reorganization of 1st Line Transport ²⁶ WEDNESDAY 146-219
 Birth of Queen Mary

It is proposed to take away our 9 mules mules & Cooks cart horses & drivers & replace them by 22 A.T. carts mules, and Indian drivers 2!!! Alexandra Meyers. At 7.10 pm a wonderful scene in Mohammed Ali Square. Italian procession band leading all Allies flags. Great cheering quite inspiring. Franks & I visited Alexandria saw Col Elliott on board Australind. He is recovered & going back in charge of 4th reinforcements and convalescents. to the peninsula. We had a long talk with him. He will take me as soon as possible leaving Franks to take my job. Head of Base Office 5089 on Bn out of action besides

those killed on the field. No field returns has yet come in. I am to see the Camp Commandant re my going to action ²⁷ THURSDAY 147-218
 Very hot day: The C.O. left on the Australind, & a big crowd left on the Morian also last night. Franks & I spent a real good time together yesterday came home by taxi at midnight. Capt Chase ^{as last} and men left us for Mustapha at 2 pm. Mr Bain is now C.O. of our Morian Camp. Have a chafed heel, very sore, Got severe cramps last night in bed!! Had a glorious swim this afternoon with Capt Robin & Mr Eller when we took the horses to swim in the sea. Lt Heron who has lost an eye is going to England. Hear that Lt Conder is going ²⁸ FRIDAY 148-217 to Australia

A bit cooler. Mr Eller as our representative attended meeting of Regt Institute - We will do pretty well - Our show is 2/3 per man per month which is received from the Contractor as fuel for containers etc. The ration issue here is a.1. The men are treated very liberally so are the horses, in that respect. Have sent in a Cpl & men to hunt up some deserters from the 5th 6th & 8th Transport-positions. The Triumph has been submersed. The Duke got hell lately from our men. Capt Chase has once again returned to make up deficiency list ²⁹ SATURDAY 149-216 of ubsons horses etc.!!

Submitted application thro Lt Bain to Camp Comd for permission to join my Bn at Gallipoli. This if successful will clear the way for promotion for Franks & Hong Meng. Lost a roan riding horse broken leg this morning. Capt Chase has gone to board boat for Gallipoli. The Marston has ³⁰ SUNDAY 150-215 been torpedoed.

Played a cricket match against the Mashobra crowd to day. We won by 23 runs. Capt Robin captained our team. I umpired. Eller made pair & ducks

31 MONDAY 151-214

Heard that the Implacable has been submarined?
The reports state that our forces are doing well
Put in application on Sunday thro the Camp Commandant
to join my Bn at Gallipoli. Frank submitted application
for Commission also. This was done at Major Holdsworth
advice (the first application had to be altered)
Put in deficiency list of wagons. Lt Bolton returned
on Saturday, Capt Walstad, convalescent, came out for
a couple of days to stay with us. Drew pay to day

1 June TUESDAY 152-213
Foundation Day - Public Holiday
West Australia

Very hot. Capt Walstad returned to Alexandria this
morning. He is leaving for Gallipoli tomorrow. Drew
Coal. Commenced shoeing. Have force of shells passed up
Went to Alexandria with Lt Eller, visited Jewellers
purchased some jewellery + sent it home by leg post.
saw Capt Hogan, Capt Ryan + Lt Heron at the Windsor
they leave for England tonight. Spent a great time with them
Capt Maxwell, Lt Broad, joined us. Arrived back at Camp
per ferry at 10-30. Heard that our Bde is going to rest at Lemnos?

2 WEDNESDAY 153-212

Two of my men absent yesterday. Dealt with them to day.
Packs dull seem to be most effective punishment. The
men require careful handling here, but I am
pleased to say that my Transport gave me very
little trouble compared to the other Camps here?
Scorpions here are numerous there have
been several cases of men ^{already} being bitten by
them. The effects are very painful and serious.

3 THURSDAY 154-211
King's Birthday

Lt Eller is drawing for us from Ordnance an issue
of new clothing. We need it!! I went in to Alexandria
at 10 am visited the base office at the Metropole got a
state from there as follows. Field return 2.5.15 - Effective
strength Officers 14 Other ranks 458. Wanting to complete
8 Officers 536 Others Total Casualties to date 3.6.15
Officers 30 Others 400. I went to Victoria Hospital to see
the Brigadier (He was gone to the Savoy Hotel) I saw Col McNeill
He is having a rough time but improving. I found the Brigadier
at the Savoy He recommended on my papers me for the post
+ Frank for promotion FRIDAY 155-210 Took the papers to the
M^r Bases (Gen McGregor) He is to let me know shortly. I saw
Major Mason + Capt Finlayson at the German Hospital. Mason
is doing a bit but looks ill. I hope he recovers. Reported to
Major Holdsworth this morning of my doings yesterday

Issued the clothing to the men with Lt Eller
drew for us at Ordnance. Went in charge of
our Bde Lines to pervenience parade. Capt
Lobin came too We had a grand picnic. I
inspected a wind mill used for grinding barley
It turned out a fine couple of barley meal. It
was most interesting.

5 SATURDAY 156-209

Received orders
to shift our camp to join the 3rd A.S.C
Major Ladder as O.C. Got everything down
+ completed our new camp by 5 pm. Our
Officers quarters are better than before. Our
mess in a hospital tent or company. Major Ladder
Lt McQuinn, Lt Colman, Capt Whitfield, Lt's Barn
Bolton Eller + self

6 SUNDAY 157-208

Had 7 horses at
sick parade all suffering from leg swellings
"Purpura haemorrhagica" The V.O. thinks that the
hot sun has much to do with causing the
affliction. We are leaving the rug on us as a
protection

7 MONDAY 158-207

Heard that Capt Anlayson had his wounded leg amputated on Saturday? Poor old fella! The Germans seem to have given Russia a licking lately, Waking Poyonagh etc. Lloyd George appeal to British workmen for munitions brought forth a real British response? Heard from base office that Capt Anlayson is much improved. Have heard that a big action has taken place at the peninsula. & that 17 transports have gone there. - The peninsula is a tough nut to crack? Hear that Carl Jess is our Bde Major now & General Elliott is Brigadier

8 TUESDAY 159-206

Paper gives

some particulars of the fierce fight on the 4th. Heard that Lt Campbell has been killed (he returned on same ship (Australiaid) as Col Elliott on 26th) Two loads of wounded came in yesterday, they describe the fighting as as fierce as former ones. Capt Hobbs who came out to see us told us of the fighting etc. At Gaba Tiji our line of defence is most secure 15 men to the yard a machine gun to 10 yds & a field gun to every 20 yds. The supports are 10 yds from the first trench & the reserves 1000 yds only in rear

9 WEDNESDAY 160-205

A rumour is rife that we are off to England & France in 3 weeks. It was a big scrap last week. The casualties are very many. Frank & I went to Alexandria, saw Major Bleyard & Lt Rodger. They are improving slowly. We dined at the Savoy & dined at the Regina with Lt Wright Smith late of our Bn. Saw more wounded coming in. The casualty list is large, I heard from two English Officers who have just arrived from England (Hampshire & Lancashire) that 20,000 British troops

have arrived concentrating here & at Lemnos under the command of the 10 THURSDAY 161-204

Altering the plan of our Camp to day. Very hot! Gen. McGregor inspected them last night & advised improvement. Frank & I purchased ^{yesterday} some fine silk articles presents for mother & the girls, to be sent home to day. Another batch of Australians came yesterday (Col Crouch C.O.) We have heard tales of their doings etc! Brigadier Linton, It was the 5th & 6th Brigades they are going to Helopolis

11 FRIDAY 162-203

Bury further improving Camp. Had a consultation with Major Tedder arranging & deciding on preparations in case of attack. Our Bde can put 148 rifles in the front line the 3rd A.S.C. 100. It is reported that a fanatic with a large following are making preparations to advance on us. so we want to be ready should the niggers attack us. Had our transports photographed this evening. An Armenian lady was the representative of the firm?!

12 SATURDAY 163-202

I am

Field Officer to day. Inspected the bread & meat at 6 am. meat cook - bread fair. Inspected Captains. Guards. Lines stores etc. We are duty ship to day & furnish a host of details. Hear that the niggers in Somaliland have risen? Rumour states that the mule & T wagons are arriving more wounded are coming in. ^{Some of} The letters & home paper reports that have come back to us are strange & amusing? Commandant's inspection this morning. our lines are all. Put my men thro mounted L.M. drill to day! They & self enjoyed it. Had a great swim in the sea (hear that 2000 mules from France have arrived here?)

13 SUNDAY 164-201

14 MONDAY 165-200

Very hot. The routine work in our Camp is monotonous - the heat is very trying - Neville is at 5 am + we are kept going till 8 pm at night - An order, just out is that horses are to be watered at 7-30 each night as well as the three usual times. My Euroa boys suffered at Gaba Tepe, Sgt Collins, killed Morgan, Leonard, Kennedy, Carricks, wounded Platoni Sgt Wale + Barry were dead + wounded also

15 TUESDAY 166-199

Regret from Euroa who is with me is the only one of his section standing (he tells me) the others are all out of action. Some mail came today, but none for me - The men are keen on the letter writing troop drill + they are learning it fast. I had 24 mounted yesterday, finishing up with a grand swim. Had a deputation of convalescents waiting on me today they wish to take the places of my men who are anxious to go to the front. The convalescents

have just come from Malta. They ^{say} they have had a bellyful of fighting + are quite ready to take the place of men who are anxious to go -? It is a vile day, a heavy dusty hot wind is blowing - Am going to Alexandria today to see about exchanging convalescents etc

Had a real good time the weather got a bit cooler in the evening. Had lunch and dinner at the Magistrate with Capt Bannister 4th R.H. + Capt Brown M.O. Capt Mullin 12th Bn 3rd Bde + Lt Belcher. A.O. + Lt Eller we dined famously + consumed a number of long beautiful iced drinks during the day

16 WEDNESDAY 167-198

17 THURSDAY 168-197

(Put in an hour in the Union Club. very nice, had a grand hot bath there)
Was told at the M.C.F Base yesterday once again that I will be notified in due course of result of my application Col Johnson of the Base was not in so I left a letter asking particulars of exchanging some of my men for convalescents: Lt Col McNeill is improving very slowly? Alexandria is full of soldiers. It is remarkable the large number of officers there are. The Club + hotels are full of them. Returns are being asked for from the hotels of them. Heard that one of my Euroa men (Leonard) is in hospital as severely wounded?

18 FRIDAY 169-196

Feel of colour
Col Dennis Hancock's ^{Director of Remounts} imperiled horses that have been recommended for exchange. Several of our Bde have been sent they will be replaced by mules. I did not cast any? Have heard that our new G.O.C has arrived viz Gen Legg from Australia. Things seem pretty quiet now on Gallipoli. French warfare is slow work. The communication trenches are all tunnels I believe: covered well over

19 SATURDAY 170-195

Lt Eller received a letter from Capt Ulrick of the 6th Bn with cheques enclosed asking for luxuries etc to be forwarded to the Anzac cove. Very hot today. Two of the men attached to me, Tucker + Chappell went off without permission to Gallipoli they exchanged places with two convalescents. Washers who have reported to me here: I am greatly surprised at men doing this. + am taking necessary steps
Visited Alexandria Mokarem Bay Pigeon shooting most interesting, splendid birds, enjoyed myself immensely

SUNDAY 171-194

Met Mr + Mrs Gilbert (Food Analyst) at Regina at
6th Month JUNE 1915 30 Days
Kennes last night. We had met them previously at

Singleton's Cairo. Ellen + I quite enjoyed renewing the
acquaintance
21 MONDAY 172-193 Parade of horse
gam (those that are to be cast for veterinary reasons)
Took the horse out to the beach in the afternoon
Had a grand picnic - went to St Joes mess last
in the evening, Major Holdsworth, Major Young, the
Capt Robin, Major Malton, Major Murray, Capt Stevens
Lt Stevenson Lt Melliker, Capt Kenyon with lunch
in, Colman who has just returned from Cairo says
it is very hot there, Mena is deserted, deaths
from sunstroke have occurred. Typhoid is prevalent, the
natives suffering much

22 TUESDAY 173-192

Very hot After lunch went to Alexander's Sporting
Club with Lt McQuie to play tennis. The courts +
appointments, baths, afternoon tea + refreshments to cheer
the balls etc are very fine. The surroundings also
enjoyed myself immensely! Had dinner at Grop's
& returned per Garry at midnight - Hear, that we
may be moving shortly. Our new G.O.C advocates
the shipment of best troops from Egypt. Things seem
quiet at Gallipoli; the Turks are much stronger than ^{imagined}

23 WEDNESDAY 174-191
Prince of Wales' Birthday

Feel stiff after yesterday. Paper states the likelihood
of Bulgaria coming in! The Germans will get
Lemburg. Mackensen will fulfil his promise
by all accounts. The Italians seem to be making
good progress, + dealing it out to the Hungarians
Got some letters from home dated May to May 18th. Glad
to hear of the rain - Dear old St Helena I wonder when
F + I will see it again? Lt Col Richardson War - ^{Chief} ^{of} ^{Staff} ^{of} ^{the} ^{Force}
is our new Commandant. He takes over tomorrow
Return evening at St Joes mess when I read the latest reports

30 Days JUNE 1915 6th Month

Rumours that Roumania will join us.

24 THURSDAY 175-190

The Official reports on the situation at Gallipoli convey
a sense of confidence to us. The enemy's casualty
list, the report states is ⁵⁵⁰⁰ 5500: We were up against
34,000 Turks + 100 guns, when we landed on 25th April
There were 4500 of the regulars besides on the Asiatic side
against us. The strength that we have to conquer is estimated
at 15,000 (?) Turkish troops, besides a number of petty troops
Col Richardson has not taken over C. Commandant yet
Ellen preventing him - Hear that a number of Australians
are being

25 FRIDAY 176-189

invalided home today
Lemburg has succumbed - Mackensen has
made his boast good! Fighting on the peninsula
is going our way. The last few days, scrapping
has been fierce, Rumour states that 20 tons of dynamite
has gone over to blow up Achi Baba. Orders are calling
for applications for commissions from NCO's + others.
Submitted names of Officers and men that can be
spared from the transports; Quite a stir caused thereby,
only two Officers were allowed, so we had to draw lots - I
lost!!! Bolton & Elliot were the lucky ones

26 SATURDAY 177-188

I don't think anything will come of yesterday's
nominations for Gallipoli: Major Holdsworth
informed me that none could be spared so he
is sending in a Feb return? 10. am received orders
to proceed overseas at once - I went to Col Johnston
1st Post Base for instructions, + was told to report
at 9.30 tomorrow. + that I would call there in the afternoon
Reported at 9.30. I did to go to boat found it wasn't
there. Embarkation Officer Lt Price rang up Base
& told them no boat was going today. Post orders to
report at 9.30 again tomorrow. Am staying in ^{mess} ^{at} ^{the} ^{post} ^{for}
the purpose

27 SUNDAY 178-187

*Frank & I had a grand day yesterday went to
a pigeon match & completed successfully*
6th Month **JUNE 1915** 30 Days

28 MONDAY 179-186

29 TUESDAY 180-185

30 WEDNESDAY 181-184

31 Days

JULY 1915

7th Month

1 July THURSDAY 182-183
Separation Day, Victoria

2 FRIDAY 183-182

3 SATURDAY 184-181

4 SUNDAY 185-180

JANUARY—CASH MEMORANDA.

Paid Balman to Jan 2nd
 Paid Mr Layh for Mess to Jan 6th
 Paid Indian sailor 12 pias for sewing jackets (Jan 6)
 Received £1.15 pay to Jan 6. Paid Mess 100 pias
 owe 34 pias to Jan 16. Received pay £1.15 to Jan 13
 22/1/15 Paid Balman to Jan 23 22/1/15 Paid Mess Sup 100 P.T.
 21/1/15 Received 169 P.T. pay to Jan 10. Received pay from C. Coy
 to Jan 27th 172 P.T. 29/1/15 Paid Lt. Scanlan 50 P.T. for Mess
 Jan 31 paid J. Johnston 50 P.T. owe him 100 P.T. still
 due Eller 230 P.T. 6th Bn own me 250 P.T. from stuff on ship

Thursday 4th paid Balman to Saturday 6th
 Friday 5th paid Mess to date
 Wednesday 17th Squared up with Lt. Johnson
 " " Received pay £3.10 to date
 " Lent driver Grant 50 P.T. - Returned 25th
 " Paid Balman to 20th inst
 31st Sunday squared off with Eller but 5 p.
 22nd due of Whittlaw 20 p. paid 1.3.15
 3.3.15 Paid Balman to March 6th

C. in. Commonwealth Savings Bank Melbourne

No of account	To September 1914	23	
51065	To November 30 th	19	10
	To Dec "	19	10 £62
	To Jan " 1915	19	10
	To Feb "	19	10
	" March 20 th	19	10
March 6 sent home H. Order. To end of March 1915.		6	10
To Mr C. Bank to draw £3.15 owing		12	7
To me 5 days pay from Oct 15 to		3	15
Oct 20 1914			£ 13 0.15

FEBRUARY—CASH MEMORANDA.

From April 16th 10/- per day to Savings Bank
 Feb. signed cheque for £25 in favor of Mr Layh
 which he sent to England to be drawn from
 my Acc in the Commonwealth Savings Bank
 branch there. The cash to be transmitted
 to the Egyptian Bank here to Mr Layh's account
 March 9th Signed order authorizing Mr
 Layh to collect the amt which will be forwarded
 to him wherever we go to

March 14 Paid Saffron to 13.3.14
 March 17 borrowed 120 P.T. from Mr Whittlaw
 March 12 Paid Mess Acc to 14.3.15
 March 20th paid Mr Whittlaw 120 p.
 March 21 Paid Mess 110 P.T. to 21.3.16
 April 1st Paid Saffron to 27.3.15
 April 1st Paid Mess to 28.3.15
 April 3rd Paid Mess to 4.4.15
 April 3rd drew £2 pay to 7.4.15. 16/-
 not owing

April 11 Received Pay £8 (on Galatia)
 April 11 Paid Saffron to 24.4.15
 April 12 due to Eller 7/- April 14 paid
 April 28th 24/- to come.
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 £170 to end of April
 April 25th sent Lt Bolton £1
 Lt Bolton 31.5.15 paid me 60 P.T. May 4th Bolton own me 24/- 12/4/15
 16.6.15 May 10. Paid Balman to 15.5.15 ✓
 Paid Saffron May 26 " 5/- to 22/5/16
 to 19/6/16 Also June 1st 50 p. to June 5th

MARCH—CASH MEMORANDA.

May 24th 1915. H Order from Oct 15th to Oct 1914²⁰
 Oct 1914 Cr in Commonwealth Savings Bank 3 15
 From Oct 20th 162 days at 23
 March 31st 1915 To. at rate of 13/- per day 105 6
 April 1st May 31st at 10/- per day 30 10
 Deferred Pay 223 days to end of May at 7/- 33 9.196.0

Pay owing to me on 9.6.15. £5. Received same 9.6.15

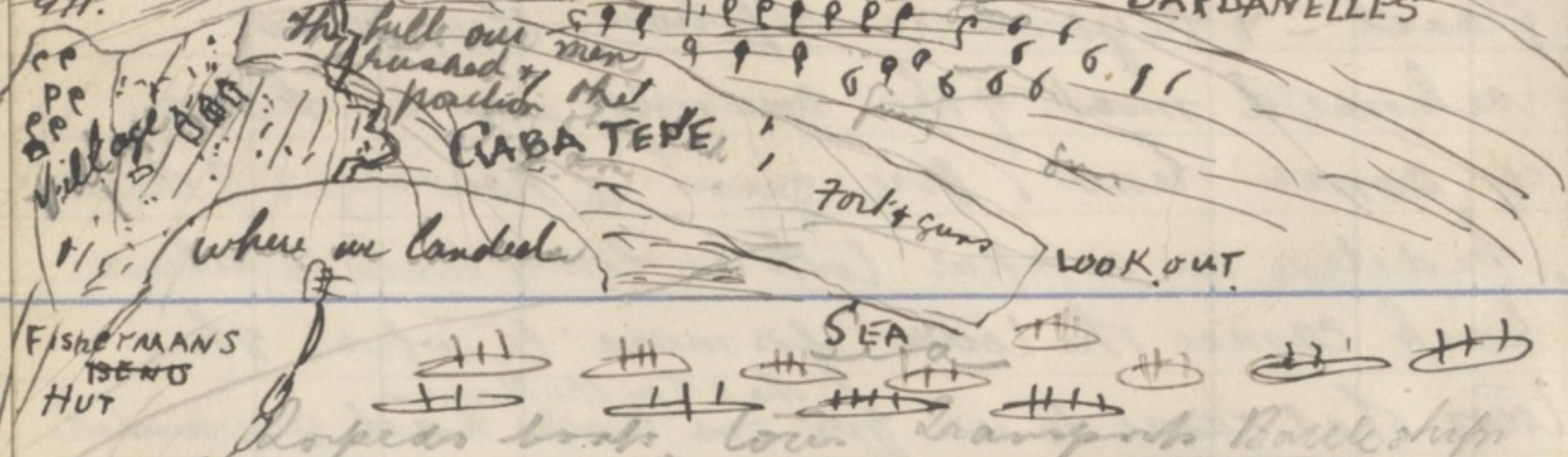
APRIL—CASH MEMORANDA.

Sunday April 25th A day I will never forget. We left Port Hedon yesterday & reached the Gallipoli Peninsula. Came in quietly in the dark. It was awe-inspiring. Our Bde on the Avian, Clan McGillivray, Galeka, etc. The splendid battle ships Triumph, Swiftsure, Prince of Wales, ^{Mayalic Implacable} Queen Elizabeth, Bacchanine, boats, aeroplanes or sea planes, & a balloon. I was off duty the Guard from 2 to 4 am. We stole along quietly & just before dawn ^(Landing commencing at 2 am) the 3rd Bde went off to shore on boats towed by Impedos & launches. At 4.40 the battle commenced rifle fire etc on our first troops to land. Then the 7th Bn & others started disembarking. The guns of the enemy blazed away at our landing parties. Then up came our beachcombers & sent shells & shrapnell at them. It was grand - & beyond description. Our guns silenced most of the enemy in an hour & some less. One gun a howitzer I think hidden on a spur took a long time to silence. Back came the Lows for more troops. The Lows that came to us for our troops had 8 wounded men 2 dead & 4 are hopeless. One man a 12th Bn Infantryman had his cheek damaged. A bullet went thro his rifle & drove it into his face. We have the rifle on board. I was on the bridge for 3 hours watching it all. When the wounded returned at 6.30 am they told us our boys, as soon as they got ashore "Let out an awful roar & went right through them".

MAY—CASH MEMORANDA.

Our troops hunted the enemy out of the trenches where they were waiting ready for them. Then our men stormed the hill ^{bluffs, scrubby} where they are digging themselves in. 8.50 am a big burst of rifle fire ^{7 machine guns} is taking place. I hope our men will be able to hold their position. Reinforcements are still pouring in. It is a beautiful day & the sea is grand and smooth. Everyone is somewhat excited. Time now 9.5 am

Our battle ship, Triumph ^{Bombardier} are banging away at hidden guns. Shrapnell landed within 100 yards of our ship. The men were sent below. It was a sad sight to see the brave wounded. Some of them were smiling in spite of their wounds. The ~~scallops~~ are reconnoitering.



At 8 am they started unloading mules of the Hassan (an Indian mounted battery). 9.15 am they are at it hard on the hill now firing is very fierce. The hill is rugged & covered with low scrub. Our men are on the top of the hill. I hope they are holding their own? We have lowered our

JUNE—CASH MEMORANDA.

horse pontoon 9.20 Troops are being taken to land as quickly as possible. We are anchored about ~~1/2~~ a mile from the shore. We anchored here at about 5 o'clock. The big guns have ceased firing at 9.20 am. I hope they have silenced all the enemy. A big gun has boomed out again from the land. The shell landed near the Prince of Wales. At 9.35 am. Machine guns are going like fury. Our troops are all along the hill crests.

big bodies are on the beach reinforcing them. A boat load of ammo has just passed us for our troops. Away on our right (South) are a lot of ships of war. A whopping big shell just landed almost on top of one of our landed boats followed by two more almost on top of the Prince of Wales time 9.36 am Oomphs! I'm too excited to write. They are too close to be pleasant. Only a 3 or 400 yards from us. Another big one! but he missed, but very

close to the ~~Shrapnell~~ Cardigan shire. The machine guns are at it full belt. More big shells, just missed again. I think they are coming from a Battery of miles ^{in the Dardanelles} inland. 9.40 two big whoppers just whizzed past us. one just cleared A.13. 'Creekey!' Still they come, one just missed. The Queen. Gee whizz! The machine guns are going full belt. 9.55 am The machine A.13 is clearing out of danger so are we getting ready. I think we are wise?

JULY—CASH MEMORANDA.

10.10 am A lull in the fight & we have shifted further out of danger. 10.15 They are at it full blast again machine guns & rapid fire
 10.20 am The enemy are putting 3 or 4 shells of shrapnell a minute on the ridge held by our troops
 10.30 a terrific fight is in progress. The enemy are pouring shrapnell all over our troops. It is awful to look at. I trust our lads are holding their own. 10.35 am ^{Bacchantine} The is going it to them on the right. Over goes one of our sea planes right over top of them. The weather is perfect. 'Tis hard to be here on the boat & our comrades fighting hard on the land. — 10.40 The Karoo is going in. I hope to land artillery which I think would help us a lot. There is a big gun (enemy) on the extreme right of our position giving our fellows fits. Reports have come in stating our men charged & stormed the enemy most gallantly. Some threw their packs away & swam ashore & got right into them. Our ships have landed shells (big ones) on to the hidden guns which is on top of a range on our right front. 11.10 am A naval man on one of the tugs has just told me the 11th Bn which he took ashore first (the covering party) did magnificently — when they reached 200 yds of the shore the enemy from a trench on the beach poured a murderous fire on them with mortars & rifles. Our men when they pulled close sprang in (up to their necks) with fixed bayonets & charged & howled them following them up the hill & capturing two more guns. ^{part of the} Casualties on our side were 49 dead & a large

AUGUST—CASH MEMORANDA.

number wounded — The 7th & 8th Bns followed & they are getting the best of it anyway up to 10 am. The war ships are closing in to silence the awful shrapnell fire of the enemy. The ^{unlabeled} tells me that in the Gulf of Saros. The big guns are still at it & so are our men. 12 noon 1.15 pm Tow with boats came to us from the shore & of our Bn dead in the boats. It is awful! (poor fellows) Pot Hodger² & Sgt ^{Shannon} ~~Cook~~ are two we could distinguish
 2.30 we have moved out a bit further. Artillery duels & fighting is still going strong. 3 pm passes the mouth of the Sardonelles. We are near Imbros island & can hear the big guns going. The French have attacked not far from here. I hope they have succeeded in landing also — 4 pm We are anchored. Had a burial on our boat of a 12th Bn man & a naval man of the Bacchantine. Chaplain Dexter performed the service. It was very solemn! The Battle is still in progress. 7.5 pm just up from dinner they are still at it. The guns are booming. We can see the flashes plainly & shrapnell & Lyddite bursting. ^{Monday 26th April} The guns boomed off & on all night. We anchored at Imbros for the night. Left for the scene of action at 6 am. Hope our comrades more than held their own during the night? What stories they will have to speak of? 7.30 am Back again the big guns are going. The war ships are shelling practically the same spot as yesterday. The place is full of transports & so on. The machine guns are still rattling. 8.10 am The Queen Elizabeth just fired a whopping shell. The fire is hot. Crumbs! I hope it's our machine guns going.

Note - Gen Bridges official report - 4,500 Casualties
SEPTEMBER - CASH MEMORANDA. the first 3 days

8.9.10 am. Warships bombardment & shelling of the enemy by our warships. The enemy is advancing on the left of our troops position. A big scrap is going on. Our 2nd Div. has arrived. Horses & artillery have landed. Our forces are in the middle of a left & right force.
10.20 am. More of our horses & artillery are landing. Troops are climbing the bluff. Enemy are shelling our position. A tow has come for our horse pontoons. They told us 3000 ^{casualties} have taken place. I wish our men are holding their own? It is a tremendous fight. 10.40 am. The firing has ceased. It looks as though the enemy has been driven back?

10.55 am. Big guns booming, must be enemy's. Can't see effects or explosions. Rifle fire in full blast (ours). Our position seems to be getting hell from the enemy's guns now (11 am). Shells dropping all over them apparently. 11.30 am. Just had big message. Major de Maistre, Capt Stewart & Lt Ross ^{are} wounded & aboard Soangchun. Capt Greig, Mac Tea, & Adams were wounded yesterday. Besides (all of the 5th Bn) last 3 are on Clan Mc Gillivray. 12.20 pm. Heavy firing, rifles machine & big guns. Our men must be having a terrible time. 2.30 pm. I have just returned

from the Clan Mc Gillivray. The wounded there are in hundreds. Major Mason, Major Jackson, Lt Connolly, Conder, Donohoe, ^{Major} of our Bn, Col Elliott & Capt Lough wounded also have gone back to Alexandria. The carnage was awful. Our Bn landed at 5.50 am yesterday & were under a hail of fire all day. Such a lot of our officers are reported killed & a great number of our men. U! it was cruel? 2.50 pm. Major de Maistre of the 5th has just come aboard wounded in the head. He says we are doing well on the land now & have driven the enemy back. The 6th & 7th got badly cut up - The battle is still raging. Our artillery is up on the hill in position now. We'll beat them yet.

OCTOBER - CASH MEMORANDA.

5.15 pm. The fight is still raging, our big guns off the boats & some of our guns on the hill now. A lumber has just gone up very quickly. 5.20 pm. Whole string of guns are going up now. Good luck to them! The reports coming in shows us that nearly all our Bde ^{were} wiped out. Terrible! 7.40 pm. Seems pretty quiet now. Tho a Shrapnell burst near H. Div on the beach a while ago. 7.15 pm. They are at it again. Our guns too off on all night. Fight continued to am Tuesday. Firing has been heard intermittently. They are at it still.

The sun has risen right over the combatants. 8.30 am. Fight still raging. Shrapnell (enemies) landing on the beach near our guns etc. Just got a message from a passing lug that our troops are doing splendidly ashore. 10.15. A sea plane has just landed in the water near us after scouting. The fight is still raging. Artillery, our war boats are hard at it. Shrapnell from the enemy is falling thick around us. 1.40 pm. Still at it fiercely. 3.5 pm. A whopper shell fell out in front of us & between two transports pending the water truck. Our big ships are replying. 3.7 pm. Another whopper just missed our destroyers missed by a few feet only. Very exciting. 3.9 pm. Another big one, again just missed. Gee whizz! Terrible shelling now from all our war ships. 3.12 pm. We are clearing junk out too! Not to be pleasant. 7.40 am. Another day of hard battle & they are still at it. The shelling to day was terrific. No more news of our comrades: The shells bursting all round show up vividly at night. I hope the British have arrived to join our forces? Wednesday 28th ^{6 am} morning has been going on off & on all night. The weather has cleared. The rising sun prevents us seeing the position clearly. 12.5 pm. Our warships are sending big shells on the right not far inland. Shrapnell fire is quieter to day. 6 pm. visited the Galeka at which was taking on wounded. (400) It is sad tho there are many who will recover soon - I hear the Brigadier was killed & that very few of our 7th Batta are left.

Thursday April 29. NOVEMBER—CASH MEMORANDA.

Another night of battle passed. It is fine this morning; but it rained & blew some last night. On the left close to Fishermans hut; a war boat bouyed & shells quickly into what looks like earthworks there. 1 pm. A torpedo boat has just informed us of the enemy wearing our uniform in some cases. A German Officer called to our men in English "about lunch please". Our men wounded him & took him prisoner. (Ours are using the riggers ~~at work~~ to work for them) Friday 1 pm Have had no news yet? It is a clear day, sea smooth. The firing is intermittent. Can hear none on the land excepting odd rifle shooting. 1.40 pm / 5.06. Carlson has just come aboard from the scene of action. He tells us the casualty list is much smaller than first reported thank goodness - our men have done splendidly. He expects 600 to muster at roll call of the 5th Bn. He thinks that the losses are only 100 in the 2nd Bde. The British marines relieved our men in the trenches at 2 am this morning: the British troops are expected to join our forces tomorrow (from the South) 3.30 two shells fell over amongst the war ships not far from us. Friday

Sunday. 8.5 AM we witnessed a truly wonderful sight between 7 and 8 o'clock tonight. Terrific shelling by our war ships & land artillery. They poured a withering fire all over the hills on the left of our position either repelling an attack or preparatory to an attack by our troops. 8.10. Have just darkened ship - don't want a hostile aeroplane dropping bombs on us to night 10 pm. A wonderful sight is to be seen. All the war boats have their vivid search lights directed on the hills, tremendous firing is in full blast. The gun booming, the rifles clanking & crashing. A truly awesome spectacle. I hope our forces succeed!!

DECEMBER—CASH MEMORANDA.

Monday May 3rd. Lt. Bolton who visits hospital ship this afternoon says he was told that our force made an attack last night. The enemy's machine guns were did much damage to our troops. We don't know yet how we succeeded. A Col. Garbade is C.O. of the 6th Bn. 4 NCO's in the 8th Bn have been promoted to Officers. Wednesday April 5. 9.30 am went aboard S. 3. Trevellard a supply ship (we are taking in oats) & heard from Officers there (Lt. Goddard is one) that the town of Chenak & Matous had been on fire. The Balloon ship had been torched by an enemy aeroplane. At Cape Mellor where the beach had landed; they had hazardous work taking supplies ashore. Couldn't do it for 48 hrs? The Gallies fired the shells at us. Our men have a very difficult task. The position we want 971 is impregnable. Concord take it in a 10000 year. Turks wear our uniform & disguise themselves as Indian troops. They captured Adj + Capt of 16th Bn by that method. This job is a tremendous one. There is a big chance of us going back to Alexandria (I mean the transports.) Saturday May 15. We reached Alexandria and anchored out a bit from the wharfs by 7 am. Ships are many all around loading, unloading going out & coming in & waiting to unload & load etc. We are getting plenty of news now alright?

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Gen Bridges funeral took place
to day at Alexandria Friday 20.5.15
heard that only one officer of the 6th. & one
of the 7th are left standing at the front

