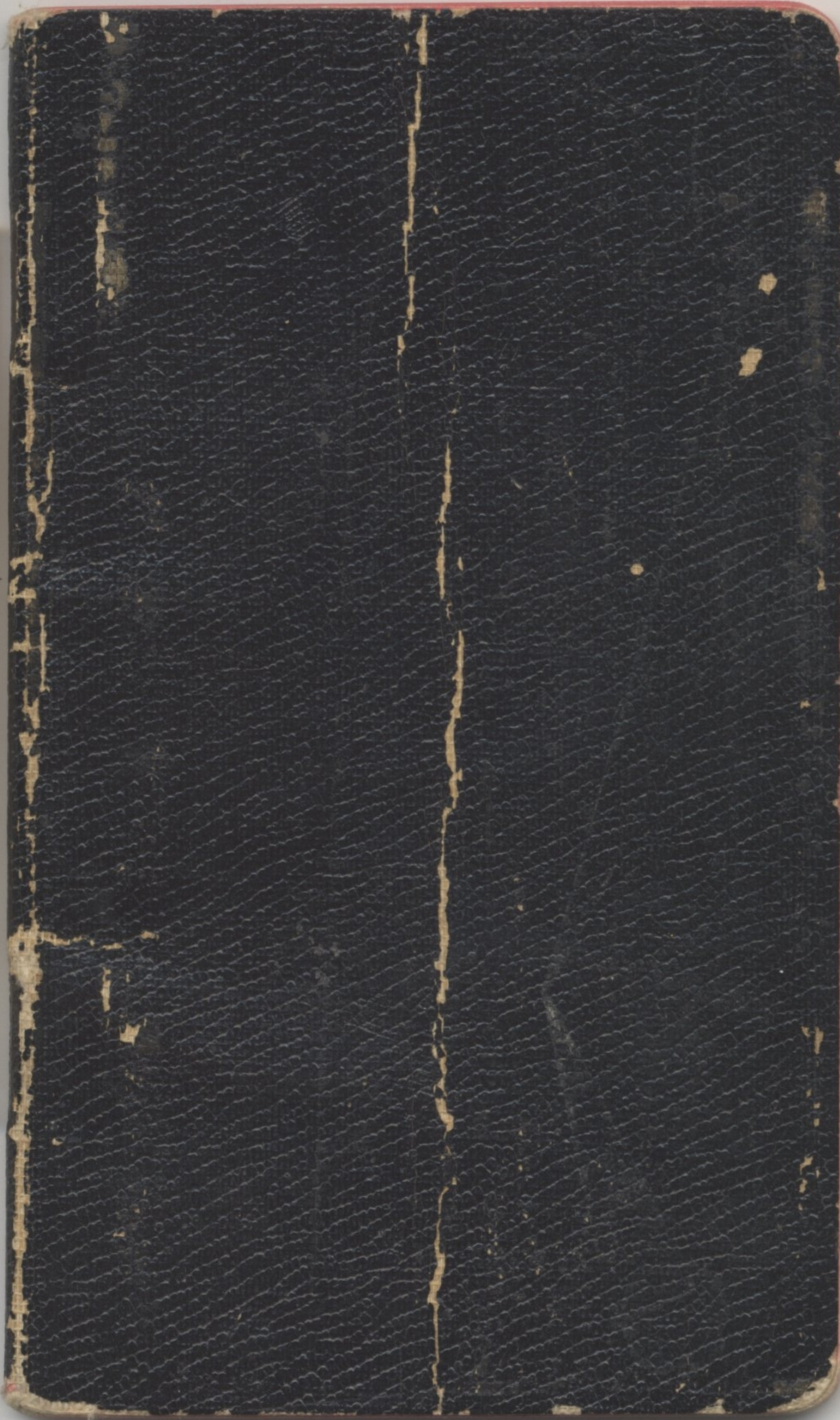


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To 31/7/15 Com Banks £ 172.11

July 6th 1915

F. H. Webb Lieut
Yok. Ben 2nd Inf Bde
1st A.I.F.

124.16
46
26 15

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172 11

To 31st July
 Deferred Pay Reserve Dept
 284 days at 3/- = 42.12
 C. Banks 192 days at 13/- = 124.16
 92 days at 10/- = 46
 Cash in Banks before Oct 1914 23
 + order later 3.15
 Halow's Lent 25 to last 240.3
 25
 215.3

192

576
192

2496
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Account in C. Banks

Including deferred pay
 To end of March 196 (?)
 " " June 19.10
 " " July 19.10
 235
 Less £25 lent to Capt Bay 25
 210

284
42

192

Assets
 Commonwealth 13 3.15
 170.16
 284 days at 3/- = 42.12
 Owing to me by Capt Bay £ 25

242.3
 25
 217.3

Beat home per Padre notes, up
 till to day - 4pm: A Bde of British
 Troops are concentrated on the beach
 of the island (Lemnos) where they are
 being transported to Peninsula. We
 will not go off to day in consequence
 A motor launch with a number of wounded
 passed us a while ago bound for a
 hospital ship (Gascon + another are
 anchored close to us). Troops are still
 being shipped from the island, 5:10 pm
 Plenty of them yet to go off judging by
 the numbers on the beach. Things are
 still exciting at the landing places by
 accounts. 800 shells fell there the night
 before last + 400 last night. Our troops
 have moved up much closer to Pehi Baba.
 The big attack will take place shortly?
 The Maori's have landed as they say. The
 Dents believe that the Australians are cannibals
 as their papers state. When they see the Maori's +
 hear their war cry they'll believe it more?
 8pm just finished dinner. There
 is a big column of troops still formed up
 on the beach embarking. 6 destroyers
 fully laden have left at least already
 this afternoon? Three black destroyers are
 close to us laden with British troops
 The great landing is evidently taking
 place. Our lad gave them hearty
 cheers as they came past

Wednesday 7.7.15 Hot! The ship is very warm, especially when anchored. Had grape fruit for breakfast (like a big soft lemon) Ships seem more plentiful, some have supply ships alongside firing them stores etc. - We are 49 miles from Cape Helles + 59 from Gaba Tepe so the Captain worked out for us. The sea is like glass everything looks brown and peaceful on the island. The plain opposite us looks like the slope & ridges just behind Meis Gals properly at Langvorn? when the summer is over.

I wonder how the troops are doing that left here yesterday & last night.

Numbers of the men are bathing along side many are splendid swimmers. It is interesting to watch them. Received a message from the ^{plus} ship "Dragon" that it is only possible to take 400 troops to Anzac come to day. - It has been decided that the 10th th ^{7th ^{ye}} ^{men} that total 396 will go. So I + the rest are here for till tomorrow anyway?

6.50 pm the destroyer with the 400 about has just left us. It is interesting to see the small boats propelled by a little motor which is fixed on the stern, flying about. The little motor

seems to do the work splendidly!

The men got great cheering as they left us. Good luck to them Thursday 8th. We drew up alongside the "Armada" at 6.30 am so as to give more room for ships to move in the harbour. A hospital ship "Asturias" is just a beam of us. It is a peaceful scene, harbour full of ships, sea like glass. + the numerous camps dotted about on the brown country, yet only 50 miles away our fellows are battling for their lives. Enwa Pasha says that we must be driven into the sea by the end of next week. The Kaiser says the war will be over in October, Well! Time will show who's right? - There are three hospital ships here, Asturias, Gloucester Castle and Devanha, the ^{2nd} ^{1st} ^{2nd} has gone. On the Armada is a howitzer battery of Royal Artillery (Brent) half of them are coming with us + the rest go on the Queen Louise which is alongside the other side of the Armada. (It is a practice when space is limited for 2 or 3 ships to anchor together) The Asturias was torpedoed somewhere near France earlier in the war but not damaged much. The submarines seem to have the war ships bluffed! A Greek boat was captured laden with petrol. + she had the making of

14 Lopez tubes also 5 thousands of tons
of petrol) The stuff is here on the island
The Greeks have treated us as though
despite their protestations to us at Athens
etc. There are many of our wounded here
they are brought here first, & distributed
according to their degrees of seriousness
Many casualties occurred amongst us
last week. most were at Cape Velleo
It is not safe to land troops in
daylight. all the landing is done
at night time. There are only 5 or 6000
prisoners here, others are at Malta, Corsica
Liguria 3 or 4000 prisoners are estimated
as being captured. 5 inch howitzers are
being taken out of the Armada and put on
the Queen Louise. 400 of the Armada men
are coming aboard us. These howitzers
will be a great help on the Peninsula
ammunition is still very short. The
batteries have been limited to 8 rounds
a gun per day - It is a tragedy this
shortage. Have just heard that the
7th men and myself will not be going
off to day - they can only take another
400 so its very likely to be left behind
again. The 1. 2. 3. 4. 5 + 15th Bn + Artillery
go today. 3.30 pm the Captain has just
returned from a ship he states that
the Turks have 170,000 troops at Pehi Baba
We have 20,000 on the peninsula. There

will be some scrap soon. A news message
from Malta dated July 8th 7 am (today)
the Captain brought with him as follows
Petrograd July 6 "In the direction of Lublin
the enemy advanced on front between Krasnik
and river Vepres. All German attacks on
the 3rd and 4th between rivers Vepres, Bug
Faras and Pokal were repulsed" July 7
Enemy's offensive east of Krasnik was
stopped on Sunday night. On Monday
N.W. of Wilkopolz we inflicted heavy loss
capturing 2000 prisoners + 1200 killed
Rome. Bombardment of Malborghetta and
Dredil continues effectively" At Cariceo
Plateau Italian offensive developing
Paris July 7. The British supported by
French artillery defeated the enemy in
Belgium on the east bank of the Yser &
Ypres canal capturing trenches the
Germans were twice completely repulsed
on the heights of Mouse. Germans
resumed the offensive at Bois le Petit
Petit. Official "The Germans failed
to cut communications between
Verdun and Chalons. German attacks
have been defeated with heaviest loss
The alleged German success at
Knyenboge and Bois le Petit is an
invention" 6 pm A destroyer or rather
mine sweeper came alongside
with a number of Indian troops aboard

to take off the men for Gaba Tepe
messages were received from the
"Aragon" which makes it doubtful
that we will go off tomorrow?

7.40 The men went off in the mine
sweeper. They were full of life, & gave
the steward plenty of bumping before
they left. It was grand to see such
a cheering, laughing, fine lot of fellows

Friday 9. 7.15. Capt of the Day. Men made
many complaints about their rations, sub-
mitted a report to the Adjt re - same.

During the armistice at Gaba Tepe
the enemy approached under the white
flag. Six staff officers rode in
towards our trenches carrying a huge
white flag. A party of our officers &
men (5) went out to meet them.

The General von Lemen ^{von Sanders} was blindfolded
& carried in a stretcher through our lines
he was lifted over the barbed wire entangle-
ments (real & imaginary) the first time
the flag of truce came in the truce had
to walk, while an Austrian rode his
horse. It was very interesting & amusing?

Note: the above was told ^{me} by Lt. Pratt who
took part in the above episode.

The Adjt informed us at breakfast
that we are going off today!
Held a parade at 9.30 & took list of
shortages etc & saw a lecture

After lunch held parade & told off
parties to clear up the ship. The men
don't like cleaning mess utensils &
messes other than their own. On
the Armada alongside is much
howitzer ammunition ready to be taken
off. 4.30 the sea is getting rough
We are all ready now to board the
trawler when it comes for us?

5.50 pm The Trawler Clacton has come
for us. The Horn Newmarket has gone
to another ship. 6.50 All aboard & off

Good luck to us? We got cheered
as we passed the numerous ships.
It was appalling the hearty cheers given
and received from French & others. The
French style of whoop-whup hurrah was
amusing. 7.50 passed light house on Pat
side and French war ship at 8 pm &
torpedo boat was scurrying around in
front of us as we passed. My word she
could go? Saturday 10. 7.15 1.30 am

anchored just out from getting Angas
Cove, the smack smacks of rifles was
frequent & bullets whizzing around
us three men were hit, a bullet hit
a stanchion on my right. A tug with
a pontoon alongside came for us at 2
20 am the 7th men & self went off in the
2nd lot reached the jetty & disembarked
without further mishap. Handled in

returns to M.L.O. A guide shows us the way to our Bn At 3.30 we reached Adlt Dr and reported. It was most interesting going along through splendidly made trenches all the way up. An immense amount of work has been accomplished here since the 25th April, received orders to send the reinforcement men to Col Bennett, & took the others on to our H. Dr. I found Col Elliott just awaking from sleep in his dug out and met with a hearty welcome. Major McCrean & Capt Gills gave me a great welcome also. The C.O. informs me that I would be in command of B. Coy & to report to Capt Pomeroy who was at present commanding A & B Coy. I found Capt Pomeroy & received a fine welcome - had a snooze in his dug out. & breakfast later. It was had a grand yarn with them all. It is most exciting and interesting - I wish I had time to describe the wonderful network of trenches, posts, & the scheme of defence at Quinn's Post the enemy's trenches are only 12 to 20 yards distance. With a periscope I had a splendid view of the enemy's numerous trenches and

earthworks. The country is most difficult rugged, gullies, spurs, & scrub. The country in front is similar to Peter's Quayah, where all the wombat holes in evidence. Somewhat like a huge rabbit warren, one could not imagine what this place is like. It has to be seen. It is most disconcerting to write with shells & bullets flying round. One shell fell just behind our trench a while ago frightening me some. A 18 pounder shell (the empty case) rolled & fell on the blanket that serves for a covering of my dug out. The position we have to watch (that is A. & B. Coy is) is named P. sub section we have two posts where one man shoots & the other is spotting with periscopes. firing is intermittent everyone takes the shooting & noise as a matter of course. The 5th Bn is on our immediate right. The 6 & 7th Bns are acting as one Bn under Col Elliott on their left is the N. Zealanders on the right of the 5th Bn are the 4th & 2nd Bns of the 1st Bde. The trenches are all named e.g. Enemy's, The German officers trench, Des Gallipoli, (our boundary) The Leg "Korac phos trench" Johnston's, Betty's, Jolly. From the left the country in front is named

Headman's judge, ^{the} Chess board
Lunino post. & the bloody angle.
Courtney post. (both) Montai judge
German Officers trench, Snipers trench,
Johnston's gully, at the end of the gully
between Montai trench & Johnston's gully,
a communication trench which runs
right back is known as Collier's Street
Signal hill is the extreme end of Montai
trench, Lonesome Pine ^{position} is
on our right of Johnston's gully,
Johnston's gully is so named because
it is where Johnston's Brigade Artillery
caught the Turks reserves & laid them out
in great style. Runday Turkish trenches
are simply called Old Turkish trench
Our present fire trench is midway
between where our men made such
a gallant stand on the evening of the
Monday the 26th April. I saw Capt
Lynch & had a game. Chq post 20' in
his favor he had collected, ~~note~~
so he informed me. Went on duty
from 9 pm till 10 pm looking after
the 4 posts in our position. Am very
tired - stood to at 3 am till 4 am
Sunday 11. 7.15. Stood to till from 3 to 4
then had an hours sleep & went out
till 5:30. Then received orders to take
6 volunteers & man the end of

a pop^{D²¹}. Went on & relieved Lt Symons
at 6 am. The job was ticklish, only
6 to 8 yards separated the Turks
trench from us. Two of my men
nearly were shot. grazing wounds
& I had my mouth filled with dirt
from another. The enemy were in
a tunnel facing us the tunnel
was about 12" x 10". Many exciting
experiences have taken place in
this spot lately - I was very
glad to get relieved at 8.30.
Breakfasted at 9.15. on biscuits
& jam. Then 18 pounder shells
burst almost on top of us a
while ago one cracked just
above my head giving me an
awful fright I got smothered
in dirt & rubble. 1.30 shells are
bursting about us still. They
make my heart go pit a pat
last night's experiences I haven't
yet recovered from. The Brigadier
broke his leg this morning &
was carried down our trench
from fellow! he was in pain
This is exciting, very! Shells
crumble they have and are giving
it to us all sorts big whoppers
they've smashed our trenches about

an awful lot - destroyed some of our
dig outs. Our section has got it nearly
all. One lad had to be taken to the
dressing station pebbles + dirt all
over his chest + body. He looked like
a currant-bun, the escapes are
marvellous - Our ships (3) out in
the water are shelling in return
By now I can hardly write - I don't
like the blooming howitzer shells
they gave it us before lunch + after
from 4 pm till 8 pm we are getting
them and still they are coming so
I write 8.5 pm Monday 12 July
my subaltern Lt Walker got badly
wounded last night. At midday
we have experienced an awful
time this morning got shelled
terribly our section + No 2 Coy's trenches
are smashed so pieces had a rotten
time digging out some of the men. Feet
knocked out. Some of the boys got badly
bruised + hurt. I was very lucky
& feel thankful to be alive. I got
bruised + had bruised twice. This game
is not all hen + skittles. Have got
a reinforcement crowd up now
clearing up + repairing our trenches
All my men are fatigued + suffering
from shock. We received all
sorts + sizes of shells. The other

Jack Johnson says that perhaps we
have bombed the German Officers trench
have bagged some of the enemy too
we got a bit back on them for
what are doing to us? my dig
out + blankets ^{+ gear} are appearing in by
degrees as the men are unearthing
them my stuff + sleeping place is
in a nice mess. Well! I suppose
"it's all in the game" Lt Greig +
his party of volunteers as bomb
throwers who went out to attack the
German Trench trench this morning
have met with disaster they routed
out the 2nd Coy + our machine guns
bagged about 30. Lt Greig had
5 Corporals 2 are killed 3 wounded
+ we can hear no tidings of him
and the rest. I am afraid they
are all perished out. There's only Capt
Peonigot + self now that Greig +
Walker have been out. We
are hard at it digging out our trenches
We have suffered the 7th always
get it. The 8th went away yesterday
for a spell to Imbros since I came
it is very quiet before I came
things were quiet for weeks so
I am told - Lt Kerring has gone
out to it now from Eschbacher

Have just had the Lt to him & he
is to go back for a spell. The strain
and shock is very trying. All the
old boys need recuperating badly.
Sgt Fisher has been given a Commission
3 Officer out of 5 since I arrived gone
from my Coy is pretty solid? 4pm
Thank goodness it is quiet now
which gives us a chance to breathe.
Private McGrath was shot in the shoulder
while walking in the support trenches
& a sniper got him. The Corporals killed
in our Coy this morning were, Cameron
& Beish & wounded were, ^{Soanes} ~~James~~
Somers & Opie. Haven't got our trench
cleared out yet. Though it progresses.
Major McCrae & Lt Laddelore were
wounded to day also. Have passed
through a terrible day! Tuesday 13 July
Achi Baba was subjected to a terrific
shelling yesterday. Our guns and mortars
were for the purpose of helping our allies
there. I hope Achi Baba has been
captured. It is quiet this morning
Thank goodness. Our Indian platoon
Ply & other artillery gave the trenches
on our left front a taste of hell last
night. It was a spectacle, star shells
blue light etc. etc. It is now 9.30 am
firing is intermittent. I got a
bit of a sleep last night till 2 am

This morning. I am our trench
section cleared up now I read working
party to No 3 Coy 6th Bn to help them
as they have not yet cleared theirs up
I have been recommended for promotion
I hope I can stick this game out?
Got three letters from home (last dated
4th June) last night have just read
them. Mutter is on awful price? Glad
to hear of the rains. Ply's father sold the
sheep? Glad to hear of Wulger's further
successes. Good luck to them all
Private Cowham received some shock
a while ago through part of a tunnel
falling on him. A sniper nearly got me
just before lunch I was looking at
a shot for throwing our dirt from
the trenches when a bullet stopped an
inch from my head I got the bullet
I was sitting 3/4 way out of a
sand bag bag almost touching me
The sniper could see my head when
I was peering over evidently.
I go down the sap with a
party of volunteers at 5.30 this
afternoon. We have had it much
quieter, since to day. We are
deepening & strengthening our trench
during the respite from shelling
4.30. At it again, dash them. Our
trenches are getting it again. We

have more repairs to do. No one
hurt yet. Our machine gun + a machine
gun at the "Chessboard" are having a duel
5pm still at it! 5.30 Went down
to the pop + relieved Lt Young, we
bombed the place where the Turks were
firing from (about 17 feet away). The
ground rocked + trembled + we could
hear the big shells going in
Got back to my ^{own} Section at 9.20 pm
and found that we had caught
it severely. It was awful. Tanks
smashed up, bags of uniforms, pieces
of shell + gas, etc everywhere. Our
losses were many. A+B Coy especially
Capt Parmeyal severely wounded in leg
(will lose it), Sgt George Garner, both
legs mangled, Garner is a hero. This
is the 3rd time he has been wounded
he was a cheerful, brave, decent
honest soldier? Lt Young who I
relieved in "the pop" badly shaken.
Sgt Major Paton + 12 of the grand
men of my Coy (No 1 A+B). Capt
Dobbin of the 8th Bn just arrived
from ^{along the line}
after the shelling had finished, he
was put in command of our position
Lt Fisher is suffering from shock.
in fact we all are. We got 52
reinforcements to our Bn ^{last}

to fill up the gaps a bit, my
knees + thighs are rheumatic but
otherwise I am alright. Wednesday 14
The Turks holy day yesterday was
one we won't forget in a hurry. I
got a fair sleep in the night. 5.30
am It will take us some time to
repair our trench. Last night's work
is in evidence, the pieces of mess tin
uniforms, papers, shells, gas etc
broken water bottles etc everywhere!
Capt Lark of No 2 Coy i.e. C+D Coy
next section to ours which got it hot
last night is alright he helped
us in our Section much last night
The names of the boys killed +
wounded last night are Corp, Abel
Dougal, blown to pieces, Private Julian
Phanahan, L/Cpl Lettner, Pte Hamilton
Cowham, Weir, Summers, Real,
Goslin wounded 9 pm they are
shelling us with shrapnel No 1 post
got one on top during one, I went
down to see them a minute after one
knocked me flat. My stunning me
I got off with a lump on the head +
bruises. The C.O. had just passed.
Our trench position is loose + shaky
about. Rifles were smashed to pieces
at the No 1 post also. Just met

St Peemeyel he says his leg will
lose his leg? 4 pm It has been
quiet for the last 3 hours. Lt.
Young turned up. but his memory
had almost gone so he had to go back
being unfit. he will be alright after
a short spell. Getting our trench
shape again. have fixed
our telephone up in a safer place
hope the boppers let us alone tonight
many of the boys in the trench
further up suffered last night
they had a bit digging out buried
mess. The strip was most willing
in places further up towards the
N Zealanders. by accounts we
have the best of it. I have heard
that the Germans in Africa have
surrendered. Good O. I wonder
when the Dicks will "Chuck it in"
The big shells came at us again
but only lasted a few minutes (4
shells failed to burst), one landed
in the trench section below us killing
a machine gunner of the 5th. Hear
that we ^{some 100 yards or more back} ~~have just heard~~ that
Capt Peemeyel has died I hope it is
not true. Thursday 15 July We
had it pretty quiet in the night. I
went down the cap at 6:30 leaving

Corps Peew & 6 men on guard. I
saw Dicks at the German trench
& fancy I outed one. We are phoning
our telephone to another place for good
reasons. One of our aeroplanes is working
above us the enemy is firing at it
Sgt. G. Schriest reported back to us
at 08:30. 1000 sent down two NCO's
& 25 men to Bde H.Q. for inoculation against
~~typhoid~~ or cholera. I am havin' had a
shame for 10 days I am getting my stomach
ahead, most of the others are the same.
Designation of time is different to our
style. the clock runs to 24 o'clock which
reads 2400. I am is written 0800.
firing is pretty quiet. intermittent
shots are exchanged. 1450 The boppers
are shelling us with a 75 6 or 7 have
whizzed over us just along the trench
We are practically enveloped from the
left flank. I have put all men
excepting the observers in the cap
1400 still they are coming. 7 pm
The big howitzer is enveloping us
again. though all the men were
under cover we again got hell
two shells in quick succession
The first shell buried four men
we worked out (some of us) with
shovels to get them out when
another one came. Well!

I cannot write particulars - but
on counting up + comparing notes
with the dressing stations I found
that our casualties were 13, 12 rein-
forcements + 1 old A Coy man (Pawsey)
The names of the injured are Corp
Kemp - fight, Pvt Tigg - fight, ^{and}
Nuttallon "4 shots, M^r Bray, ^{and} Mitchell
Hynes, Wain, + Lynskey, .. Howell, ^{and} ^{and} ^{and}
S M. Eades, Sgt Belsey, Pvt Jones - shot
It is true our artillery released the
enemy's howitzers for it has knocked
out 69 or 5 men since I came + 100
in our section since it started ^{at} 10. I feel
tired + depressed, Sgt Lee helped
well, ^{and} the Capt attached to us is
a proter, I carried on all through
the other two Officers, Fisher + Young are
battling bravely against shock + nerves.
Friday Could get no reinforcements
to replace our losses last night so
used the 2 M Sergeants, Cooke + others
as supports. Everyone of us doing extra.
Went down + picked the Saps guard
at 030, (The old men of the 7th that have
been going since things started are still
the best men possible when difficult
jobs are afoot) There is a rumour
afloat that we will be given a position
on Monday? 11pm A howitzer of
ours is shelling the hill in front of

our position about 400 yards away (the
hill) They have landed 5 big shells
already. 5pm The big gun and
a 4 inch one has commenced playing
on us again. Have all the men but
the observers under cover. 6.10 We
have escaped so far they are still at it,
the section next us has suffered a bit
Sgt Taylor + 4 others put out of action
the section below us got one or two into them
also having them I hope they miss us
tonight our guns are giving it to them
in fact the duel is violent + has been
since 5pm "Here's hope" Another gun
(enemy) has opened out on us from
our left front. The shells are shelling
our parapet. It is firing at our Intd Bty
2100 Calor again. We escaped
with the loss of part of the parapet
of 20 2 post. none hurt. The section
further towards H 2nd support a bit
Saturday July 17 Nothing of im-
portance occurred in our section during
the night. A m. gunner ^{Cpl} Hill of the
6th ^{next Section} was shot dead while he was
clearing view in front of the gun on
the parapet. He was shot by (mistake)
2) Lieut Edwards has been sent to us
for duty. Paid men of A + B Coys this
morning. We hear there is a
likelihood of us going for a spell

to Imbros shortly. Her artillery
observer claims that the big gun
of the Imbros has been silenced. I
hope it is true. 1420 the they are bom-
barding away at Pichi Baba. The personnel
press of yesterday's date states that
our force there has advanced 500
yards. Nice and quiet now but I
suppose will be shelled again at
5 o'clock. Just been told that one
of the 6th men that was buried by a
shell yesterday has been recovered he was
dead his body has just been carried
away his name is Sawell & I find
now that he is one of the reinforcements
sent to me last night. I was wondering
where he had gone to. 4th Lt Backer
was awarded the D.C.M. (D.V. order
the day) 1530. A couple of shells
have whizzed over us I have put
the men under cover. Capt Dobbin
reported to me about 3 o'clock that
he was leaving to join his Bn
which has returned from Imbros & Dobbin
he went off like a streak? Attended
B.N.Q. in the evening. D.V. Stuart to
attack Johnston's gully to night
Heard a "furry" oh at Pichi Baba
has succumbed. Sunday 18.7.15
11 months to day since we went
into Broadmeadows - things

were a bit noisier during the early
part of the night many bombs were
flying round - the 1st Bde
successfully blew up part of enemy
trench in the afternoon of yesterday
& they took possession during the
night. I am now commanding A & B
Coy. An enemy aeroplane bombed
the beach yesterday afternoon. One
of ours is flying round now
dropping bombs on enemy trenches
The enemy is banging away &
shelling it. but the airman seems
to take no notice of it 1010. A
big whopper shell has landed
just up above us I have sent all
but observers to cover 1100 It is
quiet again only three big shells
came our way causing no damage
Down at Capetelles & Pichi Baba
a continuous poor & boomin' is
going on. It is an artillery
duel there day after day?
The first big shell that landed
up ahead of us at 10 am killed Lt
Riggby 6th Bn & wounded a man too.
The Sgt informed us at lunch that
we are leaving the trenches tomorrow
for a respite. We will probably go to
Imbros. The change will be
most beneficial to all the 6th night

as our ranks have been greatly depleted
the last fortnight the strain &
exhaustion has & is most trying
to all. ^{1.20 pm} An aeroplane of ours is
up again scouting over the enemy's
positions. The second shell that
fell this morning killed a man
in the 5th (below us) & wounded 4 others.
I felt thankful that none of them fell
in our section but had no idea
that our mates on our planks suffered
like they did. 2.40 pm They are
shelling us with 4.3" a number
are whizzing along exploding us
none landed near us yet. Thanks. 9.
Just received message telling me to
take an officer & report at 6.30 pm
to bomb factory ^{taking 103 H. 25} for instructions re gas.
4 pm The big truck is going again
but the 4th Bn is catching it. The 77
equivalent to French 75 is whizzing past
as usual. Capt Kirby & Lt. Jennings of the
8th Bn just came up to see me they
are to occupy our position tomorrow
Guns! In, out & pulled together.
Two shells on top of one another
burst near the parapet above me,
head burying me with sand bags
and dirt. Cried, I thought I was
gone. my blankets & gear are

all buried yet. The shells are still
coming they have our range to an inch
& are dropping them into us 5+6
minutes. We are all hiding in
the tunnels in front of the fire line
hoping for the shelling to cease.
We will have a nice job repairing
our trench sections again. No one hurt
in our lot but two or three are suffering
from concussion and shock. 6.30 pm
The shelling is intermittent once more.
Lt Young, self & Capt Backus attended lecture
of instruction on gas, respirators & helmets.
Helmets are a fast pace anti-hole against
gas. Many interesting facts were
disclosed to us by the lecturer.
Sgt Paulley was carried down
past us as we left. This is the 3rd
time Paulley has been hit.
Capt Kirby & I visited many trenches
on our way back from the bottom.
All we got was a piece of steak
from the kitchen, & some chard
& haricot beans. Monday 19
We were extra vigilance last
night but nothing of great
importance happened. The 8th
Bn take our place today. A
Coy, under Capt Kirby relieving
us at 11.30. The 8th Bn is showing
their A Coy strength numbers 200

Our whole Bn does not number
200, & they are chiefly reinforcements
O820 finished breakfast. our
little mess dug out overlooks the
sea which is roughly a mile from
our here. We get a splendid view
from our support trenches. The
scrub growing around is very
like holly. very pretty to look at
but nasty to come in contact with.
amongst the scrub are bushes
very similar to our Gippstead fern
From where I write - looking down
the hollows, & over the rugged slopes
hills & spurs I am reminded very
strongly of the Longwood hills
of Coombs' above Longwood where
the silver wattle grows - It only
wants rabbits running about to
make it more real. There is no
big timber & no rocks but other-
wise it is very like our hills country
8/1050 We are almost ready to vacate
our trench. Some of the 8th Comp units have
passed us to relieve the positions further
up. They are bombarding away at
Tehi Baba. News that two new
divisions are landing here abouts
today or tomorrow. We expect to
take part in a big forward movement
shortly. 1215 We are still

wanting to be relieved Col Brand
C.O. of the 8th told us a while ago
that he will endeavour to relieve us
at 1230. As our cooks etc have gone
to the bivouac we will get no lunch
here unless perhaps we get "iron ration"
dealt out to us by the Turks before we go?
Got relieved at 2 pm by Capt Ruby
& A Coy of 8th Bn. Had a scratch
lunch when I reached our bivouac
5 pm the cannonading at Tehi Baba
is pouring away. An aeroplane
is soaring over dropping bombs on
the Turks trenches. 6:05 pm pulled
down in my new dug out. Lt Young
is with me. I have been posted in
command of A Coy but I have asked
permission to be posted to B. as the
boys in B are mostly W. Easterners
& many come from my district.
Pete Vedler of Braemar just came to
see me he is in the 9th L. Horse
& is at present fighting as Infantry
with his regt. on our left flank.
He is well & seems to like the game.
Tuesday 20 July. The shelling
and rifle fire was fairly constant
last evening. Though we are out
of the trenches & in the rear;
some of the shells drop amongst
us. & bullets whizz past also

Anywhere here, one is liable to stop
one. even when the men are swimming
they get shrapnelled. Macdonald, one
of my old drivers, who I left in hospital
at Mena when we left, was killed
while bathing here lately. Lamont
another old driver is missing from
Cape Helles attack. Large football
bombs of heavy metal have fallen
round here lately. The Turks seem
have evidently a better & larger
bomb gun than us. The Blis'
of 18 pounders ~~are~~ behind us got
it pretty hot from the enemy yesterday
evening. & a bomb fell on em
also? Passed a fair night but
didn't feel so fresh on rising as
in the trenches. The dug out here
is too enclosed. We had to
form a fatigue party of 50 men
at 4.15 am. Though the Sgt Major
& NCO's worked to get them together
the party was late. The C.O. roared?
It is very hard on the men (the fatigue)
they come from the trenches for purpose
of recuperation & they are made do
fatigue. Still "It's all in the game"
Our Naval supports here bawled
away over us on to the enemy
during the night & at Pishi Baba
the fire resounded

5.5.00. finished breakfast of toast
and dripping with some plum jam
besides & a pint of tea. I could
eat 6 of Mrs Helena's chops & drink
10 cups of St Helena tea. Sending
men now for inoculation against cholera
I paid a visit to our cemetery
where many of our comrades are buried
A nice cross well & tastefully erected
bears the inscription "Sacred to the
memory of the Officers and men
of the 4th Battalion" One sees
evidence of comradeship here
everywhere, at little crosses of
all sorts & inscriptions marking
the places of our comrades.
The men are cleaning out their
barracks & the place around.
Am getting the Coy nominal roll
ship shape. Our 5th reinforcements
which were left here for further
training have been used for Sapping
& mining. We are now putting them
on our strength. I have about 116
in the Coy now. Honourary Capt Jacobs
has been attached for duty to me.
6.40 pm just finished tea
Stephenson (my batman) made some
a.i. pancakes out of condensed milk
& flour they went up top with
jam. Frying & shelling

is going on all the time the shelling was just as heavy in the afternoon as formerly. I am supplying men for garrison duty at Brannos Hill tonight. We stand to at 3 am tomorrow. An attack is probable tonight? The bushes round about us are something similar to gooseberry bushes. A small pear tree bushes are plentiful. One mess consists of Lt Young, Lt-Bashon, Lt Fisher & self. Our batmen have erected a grand little mess dug out covered with blankets & bushes. The weather here is ideal for camping, mild at nights & fairly warm in the day flies & fleas are the curse. One has to wrestle with flies for his food during meal times. We have lost none of our men to day so we do not complain? 1855 A shrapnel shell just burst in the gully below us scattering the men but hurting none the 100 men for reserves for Brannos Hill are just moving off. Many shells fell before dark. Till bed time (11 pm) my Coy was supplying fatigues. We are supposed to be out of the trenches for a rest but in reality the men are kept going as hard as ever.

Wednesday July 21. The guns kept up a row all night; at midnight the firing was very heavy. We stood to at 3 am & at 0600. The C.O. roared on the 5th Coy and me last night for not supplying 25 men for fatigues at a moment's notice. B. Coy had furnished 8 lots of men and tea. The C.O. is unjust & unreasonable at times. But he does it all for the best. I suppose the 3rd & 4th reinforcements are at marching practice. Have drawn up and allotted two platoons & the sections and NCO's. It takes time to reorganize the Coy reinforcements, ex convalescents etc etc coming in & casualties, breakdowns, sick etc going out. Mail outwards today have been censoring letters for some time. Firing is quiet but the artillery will be going again soon as usual. 4 pm firing is intermittent. Capt Grillo (Adj) has left us to day for a spell. Lt-Bashon is acting adjt in his place. Capt Lyle is 3rd in Command. Attended lecture by Capt Lyle with NCO's on protection against gas? Thursday 22. Fairly quiet during the night the usual shelling took place. The remainder of our 3, 4 & 5th reinforcements are at marching orders from 9-11 A. An attack is expected. The Dicks have 10000 pin forments it is stated. Remarks

from Gen Berwood to the men received
& read to them this morning. Lt Young &
I had a good look around the positions
last night. Gen Berwood's speech contained
"Boys if ^{our} 2000 boys here cannot hump
lead into any unlimited number of tanks
so as to completely wipe them out I
shall be astonished." 0940 just returned
from being inoculated against cholera
shells are being exchanged as usual but
we are lucky where we are so far. Where we
were in the first time casualties occurred
yesterday. 1320. Shells are whizzing
and singing about pieces falling around
& in our midst 1330. A piece of shell
has just hit O'Brien in the ^{shoulder} chest
wounding him but not dangerously
Some time ago the Japs sent us over
a message which stated that we had
better surrender, as they would draw us into
the sea in 24 hours they promised us a
real good time in ~~Admiralty~~ ^{Admiralty} they
also stated that we fought fair & well
Our reply was "Eggs are cooked! Come
over you black - ?" 5 pm A shell
fell in between the legs of a cook in our
Cook house the man was stunned only
it was marvellous that no one was hurt
as the men were crowded round drawing
then ca 1830. The aeroplane is scouting all
round the enemy is firing a lot at her. She

is dropping bombs on them 'Is quite interesting
to watch the enemy's shells are coming quicker
Have just finished tea & pancakes my botman
(Stephenson) looks after me splendidly! bang
whizz & humming row & rattle is going on.
Friday 23 Our howitzers shelled the
enemy's trenches with deadly effect during the
night. We stood to at 2344, for an hour
till the moon set. stood to at 0300 for
half an hour and also at 0600. Machine
gun fire & rifle was hot at times in the
night. Feel tired this morning I am
awfully lousy & feel horrible in consequence
I am as bad as poor old Bob & operate
myself as he used to! Men who have
been inoculated over 7 days ago are to
parade this morning for a further
injection. Got two bites last night of April
darts - 1420. Had lunch in new mess
dug out. shells are still whizzing about
Col Synnott V.L. is now Brigadier vic Col
Wanless returned to his rest; Had a bath
& had on a change I needed it. Wrote
three letters home. 1910 Have just
broken N from standing to. many shells
& pieces fell around us to day but we escaped
unhurt. Saturday July 24. stood to at
0015 and 0300 & have now just received
the "Carry on" from standing to at 0600
this morning bang & whizz our
howitzers went during the stand to's

in the night. machine & rifle fire was frequent: also a number of bombs passed. The beach still gets a number of shells around everyday. The little pier had a hole knocked in it yesterday. It is remarkable how one gets used to the shelling. A man here and there gets knocked out but work goes on without interruption. The Jammaun had an inflammable bomb drop amongst them yesterday. The bomb was extinguished with earth. 1400 firing & shells are fairly quiet but every now and then a big howitzer vomits forth. 1900 just finished dinner. A shell fell close to us as we came out of the mess but several others fell amongst us. Luckily no one was hurt? 1955 Shrapnel ^{burst} just amongst us one man was hurt & I ^{had} several pellets all around me but grazed my clothes but I escaped. 1959 Another splatter all over breaking a tobacco tin in our dug out. Cribby! At 21 Young & I are huddled up in our dug out waiting for another Sunday, 25th July. Firing continued off & on in the night. I was wakened at 1 am & told to take 60 men & report to Col Leslie at Watson Pier. Got there in good time & was told to go aboard a lighter. We were towed out to an ammunition brawler

when I had a bottle of champagne (could get nothing else) and from which we took off 1400 boxes of marks VIII Ammo. Got back to pier at daylight & finished unloading by 7.30 am. Reached our bivouac tired out & ready for breakfast. Lt Cpl Hoare was hit by shrapnel last evening. He has gone to hospital. Shultz, more convalescent, returned to us this morning from Malta (old 7th boys recovered from their wounds). Most of the books of the Company have been lost or destroyed by shell fire & it is difficult indeed to prepare a true nominal roll. I have everything in order of the doings of the Coy since I came, but owing to the Officers & Lt Major etc of the Coy being unper out with the records, it makes the task difficult. All those who have been wounded, are still on the strength. We are considerably over strength in Officers and NCO's on paper, but in reality under strength in action. No promotions or additions can be made as long as the wounded count, which they do until 3 months of absence has passed. Our doctor told us at lunch many interesting things about Serbia, typhus. The serums that inoculate us against Cholera have been spent two months with the Serbian Army. English batteries are operating with the Serbian Army. On the Danube are two British monitors which shell ~~Belgrade~~ ^{Duina}. The beach still gets shelled every day. Our shell knocked out 16 men

including two hours yesterday evening.
An enemy's gun that cannot be silenced is
credited with accounting for 900 of our men
which it has put out of action whilst working
on the beach. After making exhaustive
enquiries, I have not found a single case
of where the Turks committed any atrocity
to our men that can be substantiated.
The statements made in letters by those
wounded early in the fight, about ex-
ploding bullets, are misleading. The report
of the enemy's rifle, which the bullet is quite
different to ours, & the men "jumped to
conclusions, on hearing the unfamiliar smack
smack of the enemy's fire? The Turk
here, has the name of an enterprising & excellent
fighter. This war game is very like any
other game. It is a game of skill &
victory will fall to the fittest & best trained.
Our ranks are being depleted every day
the majority of those that have been going
since the commencement are dropping out
from exhaustion & sickness. The influx of
fresh men & the old boys coming back
rejuvenated keeps us in the ascendancy?
Lt Young tells me that he had 3 clips of
Turkish to cartridges with the bullets reversed
& in some cases the enemy had used ex-
ploding bullets. 1700. We are being
shelled in our bivouacs again than big ones
have fallen amongst us. No one hurt yet

What then they might let us alone here! The
shells are like a football & don't burst
till a second after they land. One
more fell just down below us. They
are coming from our left front 1800,
one from our right front. On hearing them
it is wonderful to see us all scuttle into
our holes (just like rabbits when a shot is
fired.) It is amusing certainly but we
get remarkably active as soon as we hear
them. Over whirrs another "Saidi" Lt
Young & I both try to occupy a little hole
under the bank of our dug out at the one time
during the shells they disconcert a fellow.
Monday 26 July Fine and hot as usual
The weather is perfect for this game. I
hope it finishes up before bad weather comes
Took 2 NCO's and 60 men of B Coy to No
4 Per on the beach; reports to Col Lush
& received instructions for positions 400. Iron
shields with loop holes, from the railway
to the engineers depot (about 400 yards).
These 3 ^{bricks} protectors have handles of ^{plastic} for
pushing in the ground. 8.0900
Just had a punis, had to clear off for cover
half dressed 6 shells have burst amongst
us. stopped work to take cover. 4 men were
hit: still they come! 1000. A sharp shell burst
right on the road ^{where} we are working knocking out
6 men ^{two} of mine (McLeod) had his leg blown off
The 7th seems to ^{be} follow us everywhere by shells

5pm shells come along now and again just below us an 8th man was killed. Great news in the 7th because the C.O. has investigated a libel on the 7th, circulated by Capt Kirby of the 8th Bn. Kirby was paraded before the Bn & his statement read. The Bn was justly incensed by Kirby evidently making serious mistakes & talking too much. We got our share of "drown rations" as usual till dark. Tuesday 27 July Fairly quiet during the night. Took 60 men to Watsons Pier for unloading lumber (morning) the beach got shelled a bit but we escaped unhurt. Shrapnell splattered all around me but I was crouched behind a box in time. Got back to bivouac at 12.50. Saw Capt Chesser of the 5th & had a yarn this morning. Col Warburton has gone for a spell. Major Le Maistre is command of the 5th at present. I saw Col Marsh also & had a talk. Col J Forsyth is our Brigadier now. 17.50. Cannon ball shells are coming at us. one knocked Pte Wignall of Coy Bq shatters & his nose men hurt 4 shells. in all have fallen. the shell or bomb is round black & the fuse of a football. We can see them coming sometimes they burst about 1/2 p.m. after they land. We have got off wonderfully lucky considering how close our dug outs are together.

A number more of the round ones fell before dark. A man named Kirkwood in the 6th had his head blown off. Wednesday 28th July Lt Jones & fatigue party of 40 left at 9.30 last night & did not return till 0800 this morning. We were up & ready for action in record time at 0400. Firing was very heavy & we thought the Turks were attacking. At Lewis Post they did, but were repulsed. The enemy shell the us at night time now. Our artillery gives it to them hot, but don't seem to be able to silence any of their guns though they give the Turks a smashing hell. The usual number of casualties took place on the beach. A Qtr ^{man} suffered also. Lt. Oulow was killed. Thursday 29. It was quieter than usual during the night. We stood by from 0400 to 0445. Nothing special doing. Sea is bad they worried me all night. C.O. interviewed me. Capt Kirby's accusation against part of the 7th. I wish I had never seen Kirby & got that I was not mixed up with the matter? Our doctor Campbell who is with us looks after the men splendidly. Lt Bashon our Adjt is performing his duties well. Lt Bottoman Capt. McCoy of the 5th is attached to us? 0900. Party of 50 men & officers went to beach for duty. 1200. Shells are whirring over our bivouacs are going quiet. Our trenches are catching &

the beach also. Have heard that 50,000 of the German Army have landed at Cape Helles. These troops are a much finer body of men than the Anzacs. After dinner went with Lt Campbell to Home & Qrs & saw Col House coming back we called on Lt Black at the 6th Bn & had a yarn with him & Col Bennett. Some of the shells have fallen round about the beach lately. The 6th have had their share of happenings lately. There is some project afoot with the idea of getting the 2nd Bde a spell. Col Smyth the Brigade's is forwarding a report. Friday 30 July. Lieut prevented me from having a good night's rest. There was no shooting ^{at all} special down in the night. Firing was rapid as usual just before dawn. Sickness & diarrhoea depletes our strength. 103 were attended to at the sick parade yesterday morning & 53 were put off duty. The 6th Bn are in a similar way. The inoculation against Typhoid & vaccination measures taken before we came here have been the means of saving thousands of lives. At 1700 Firing is rapid or frequent along our whole line it is to celebrate the victory of British troops victories over Turks at Masirigaa. Cheers etc are being given. The C.O. gave us an interesting lecture on French warfare in the mess dug out this afternoon. 1720 A German aeroplane is soaring above. One of ours is up also there will be some fun soon. Saturday

Evening three airplanes were up & one man claim that an enemy plane was hit for part of a plane fell from it & it exploded suddenly down towards the Anzacs line. 1740. Shells are coming the top of one just broke thro my dug out knocking the head cover (shelter) & blanket over me. I got quite a scare and now crouched up waiting for the others. A piece of shell about 3' x 3" and a coating of lead on it. I picked up, embedded alongside me. It smashed through my reading matter two more bits fell later. Saturday 31 The big guns roared & belched in the night. The gun bolts fired a good lot. 0700 A plane paid us a visit soaring over. ~~we~~ he dropped 3 bombs at us in passing, scaring us but causing no damage. ^{Two men were hit with pieces of the brass bands} ~~we could see the bombs as soon~~ as they left the airplane. they did not take long to reach the earth? The early morning is beautifully mild, standing to from 4 to 4.45 is not a hardship this weather? 1505. The guns are booming away down South. Am off colour today (Stephenson) looked me a good lunch of pancakes. 1640. Shells are coming at us. Our aeroplane is going up; she has dropped a couple of big bombs on the chestboard. Our howitzers are joining it. Down below (at Pehi Baba) canorating is still in progress Sunday Aug 1

The guns roared and boomed + shells flew nearly all night. At Cape Helles a continuous bombardment prevailed. We "stood to" at 0400 to 0445. Rifle + machine gun fire was rapid at times in our trenches. Another month commenced to day. Dysentery is prevalent amongst the men. Before this month expires we expect to see vast differences in the situation. Received further injection against cholera. The 10th fired the syringe in a long way. 1400. The signal is coming over our bivouac. The canons are still going down below. The ^{11th Pen} captured two trenches on the right last night. The Brigadier (Col Forgyth) inspected our cooking + lines at 1200. 1800 A Lamb is flying over. We take cover it has gone down South 1820. One of our aeroplanes is up now, circling round. If the enemy comes back will see some fun. Feel a bit off to day didn't go for tea. My batman fixed up a snack for me. 1900 Two aeroplanes are above us one of ours they are nearing each other. The enemy's is on top there's another coming over the hill on our right. The enemy has the advantage. Radio found out that the aeroplanes up were both ours? Our snipers. Sgt Carne who had a splendid position up behind our trench who had

a rifle fitted with a BSA sight shot 12 Turks. Carne is a splendid shot. Monday Aug (2) Lt Young and I went round to the right, last evening + saw Young's bro who is attached to a 4.7 gun. He showed us and explained to us. These shots were fired at the enemy about 6 miles away whilst we were there. The shells fired (lyddite) weigh 45 lbs. It was most interesting. The C.O. asked me to come with him this morning. We went round to the 4.7 gun then to the 4th L. Horse trench section, where we saw + were entertained by Col Long + Major ^{Capt Briggs} Maggar. We saw evidences of the attacks by the 11th Pen on the Turks trenches two ~~two~~ nights ago. We saw 32 dead of ours, laid out in a row ready for burial + 4 Turks, as we went on we got to the trench that had been captured about (130 yards of trench) there were several dead Turks just in front where the new trench taken is. + also one of our men ^{lost} not yet recovered. It is amazing, the immense amount of saps, tunnels, trenches etc that have been made in front of the 9th 10th + 11th Bns + 4th L. Horse sections of trenches. It is reported that the losses in the attacks of the 31st ult which was successful, were on our side.

42 killed and 70 wounded. The Danks losses that could be seen were 70 or killed. It is not known what their wounded amounted to or what their real losses were. On the night of the 4th L. Horse is Chatham's post. The valley in rear of the 4th L. Horse is called Poppy valley in front is Holly. Where the dead were laid out for burial is named Shell green. There are a great number of patches buried here & it is quite a cemetery. We stopped a while with Capt Giles O.C. of the 10th Bn. also with Capt Courtney, Lt Williams & others. We reached our bivouac at 1020 after a real good lunge through the trenches. Col Harris ^{5th L. Horse} was shot over there yesterday 1700. It is going hot and strong down push. The Danks must be getting hell from our guns? RQ.M. Stewart 4th L. Horse was killed a day or two ago in Poppy valley. A hostile aeroplane circled over us after tea it dropped a bomb or two but not on us.

Tuesday Aug 3 Lt Young (in my place) took a party of 50 men to the beach for duty there at 0545. The C.O. and Company Commanders are to go thro the 4th Pen trench sections at 0930. It is probable that we will relieve them there in the near future? 1200 Just returned from the 1st Bde trenches. 1.2.3 + 4th Bn. Capt Layh was in charge. It is difficult to pass the position quickly - the maps

of trenches take some time to understand. We understand that we may be called upon to take up the firing line shortly, when it is intended that the 1st Bde will attack 2000. The usual number of shells are flying round, the beach getting full again as usual. Wednesday Aug 4. Shells fell close to us in the night - firing was heavy at times. At 0400. We could see a destroyer just out - the war ships fired a number of shots. An aeroplane visited us early this morning dropping big bombs scaring us some. The enemy 70's whizzed over us for a good while. Inspected gas helmets & respirators of the Coy this morning. (very necessary!) About 8000 more troops (Welsh etc) came ashore last night: a big football shell fell just outside our bivouac area yesterday. Much amusement was caused by one of the men calling out "Out of bounds" 1440. The Babas is catching it hot. The artillery is booming away like a thunderstorm down there. It is difficult to keep the Company efficient. The 2. M.S. Johnson, & Coy (Rt), Clark Denham & Clow have gone to hospital. There has been a steady flow of RCO's from B Coy since I took over. Down push things are booming. The usual shellings hereabouts is prevailing. Thursday Aug 5th. A fine lot of reinforcements

Came to us in the early dawn 546 reinforcements
about 200, have been allotted now to Coy according
to their districts, B Coy just 50. The C.O. made
them a characteristic speech. Bursts of firing
took place in the night rifle & machine gun
especially. The ground below & around us
is now dotted with fresh Bulbok Troops

0900. Shells are bursting up in the trenches
The reinforcements that came in last night
amounted to 8000 (?). We go as reserves
to the 5th Bn this afternoon the 6th & 7th Bn
are in reserve so I dare say it will be our
job to advance very soon. Am getting the
Coy arranged into 4 Platoons, our strength
is now about 170 1200 shells are

flying round. We go further up
this afternoon as reserves to the 5th. It
is probable that there will be some fun
very shortly and that the 7th will be
in the thick of it as usual. 1730. Have
just settled down a bit in our new
bivouac on Braunns Hill. & the men
are doing fatigues for the 5th Bn
cutting water etc 1755 A red light is
showing. Have passed the word to take cover
hostile aeroplane is aloft!! Friday. 6th
Troops are all around & close to us the
trenches are full, a large number
more of reinforcements (Bulbok) came
during the night: The night was

broken by bursts of heavy machine & rifle
fire. At 0800 this morning the gun
was continuous, A hostile plane circled
over at 0700. dropping an occasional bomb
A shell fell right into the middle of our
Coy who were almost packed together, &
miraculously doing no injury?

The enemy is evidently most uneasy
judging by the fire from his positions
There is to be something doing very
soon. we & the artillery will give them
some "hurry up" now before long. We
are all being issued with cables
to sew on our arms & back so as to
be easily distinguishable to our
artillery & our comrades. Warships
& other craft seem to be congregating
out in the water. "Neres Hopisi"
Midday. Many shells are flying
about one of the boys just hit. Hard
at it issuing instructions to the
Lieutenants & NCO's for our job tonight
and tomorrow. My Coy is 140 strong
in the attacking line, besides 8 bomb
throwers & other details We are the
first line in conjunction with A Coy
(Lt Fisher) & start at the dawn for
Johnson Jolly trench. It is a big
thing & Bushahai & New Zealand
have the honor again of leading
the advance. 1st Kitchener's Army

part of which is here is to support & back us up. We hope to get German Officers trench Lone Pine trench & Johnston's Jolly trench & Hill 971. We have every thing mapped out now. First advance takes place by 1st Bde at 5:30 tonight second by 6th Bn at midnight 2nd at Johnston's Jolly at 4 tomorrow morning by the 9th & 12th Bns. The 2nd Aust Div & New Zealanders go for "971" down south advance also by the troops there etc etc. It will be a gigantic attempt & we hope to keep the enemy hollow. ^(Copied from rough notes) 1800 We are in the support trenches behind the 5th Bn ready and waiting to charge Johnston's Jolly. A report has just been passed round that the 1st Bde have got 3 lines of the Lone Pine. Gee! it is a great go. The 1st Bde men charged like fury. The scrapping a ding dong go! bayoneting, shouting hand to hand etc etc. The fire was terrific. Received orders to report to Major Stewart - 5th Bn with my Coy to assist in repelling a winter attack on Lone Pine. (Got there alright) Saturday 0700
Been hard at it all night fierce fighting, bodies are lying about everywhere. Though the Casualties reported that 971 is captured

The Lone Pine is captured and being made secure. We have been most successful? (Am dead tired 0715) 1640 The fighting has & is terrific it is going like hell. On the right, much ground has been gained. 200 prisoners so far captured dead are lying everywhere. Our losses are said to be roughly 200 killed and 800 wounded. The Japs losses we don't know but they got full share. On the left the New Zealanders and Tommies have done splendidly (so report states) many prisoners have been taken & two divisions landed near Sumner Bay without much trouble or loss. Our war ships have and are doing remarkable shooting. Their shells are bursting terrifically on the Baby 700 & 971 & Johnston's Jolly etc 971 is practically gained! (?) It seems we have been most successful in all the ventures excepting the attack on German Officers trench by the 6th Bn. The 6th Bn most gallantly attempted what proved to be an impossible task. Twice they charged but were literally cut to pieces as they emerged from sap heads to charge. Poor gallant 6th. It is they have done magnificently.

The 2nd Bn are being bombed & driven back in the Lone Pine as little on our right. We (my Coy) are in readiness to pour a hot fire down Queens Gully should the Turks appear. I'm awfully tired and sick, noise, concussion, & minor bruises and lack of sleep. 7 of my men have been out already. The 5th Bn lost 39. We hear the Sommeis may relieve us shortly, but I doubt it. I'm expecting any minute to get orders to attack Johnston's jolly (?) 1608 feet orders that an attack is impending the 5th are sending a big supply of bombs to the 2nd Bn to help them.

Sunday 8/8/15 Pte. Lennox was shot while on his post early this morning. Feels very heavy all night. 0540. Shells are falling thick amongst us one fell on my back after striking a few feet away. We are banging away while our comrades are advancing on our left. Tired and sleepy we are all fagged the strain is wearing. Just lost my Sgt Major Baker from nerves & shock. Pte. Willis also. Another Sgt Major of B Coy ordered it is stiff luck, for just as I get the Coy going I lose the men I need

most. Official! That Ballerup Hill and Communication trench to Baby 700 is captured. Have heard that a Bty of 75's + 800 prisoners have been captured also. In the trench taken (Lone Pine) by the 1st Bde two days ago the dead & wounded are still lying about the "Connaught" & "Irish Rifle" (British) are removing them as quickly as possible. It is a terrible job. The war ships are still giving the Turks hell. We are doing very well on the left. The bombing on the furthest trench taken in Lone Pine by the 1st Bde is terrible. We are sending our Bn bomb throwers to give them assistance 1125 feet message to be ready to move to Lone Pine. Waiting further instructions & message time 1120 feet that devices will be ready at 1100. 12.30 Have returned picks and shovels & sand bags to 2.06 and am all ready to move B Coy to Lone Pine trenches to replace what is left of the 1st Bde. Col. Scobie and Pte. & Col. Brown are killed. 1500 A, C & D Coys of the 4th & Bn H 2nd have passed me going to the Lone Pine.

We are waiting to follow them up
1820 Have sent Capt Jacobs &
his Co 5th Platoon to report to Col
McNaughton 1st Bn to assist them
in Lone Pine trenches. Shrapnell
is coming like out of a watermelon
can splattering all round me
as I went for instructions (forward)
2000. Sent Lt Young & a Platoon
to reinforce the young line in the
Lone Pine. Following him with the
remainder of the Coy, which I had
to report to Col Smythe. Young to
our Bn & Co which by this time
were all in the ^{recently} captured trenches
Col Smythe put me in charge of
captured trench on the left. Had
a rather rotten time in the night
dead & wounded coming past as
all the time. Monday & Tuesday
10/8/15. Here I am sitting down
in a dug out near the beach ready
to go to Lemnos or mudros. I am wounded
but not too bad. I would take a
book to describe what happened.
since last yesterday morning
I have no notes yet but can supply
most particulars. At Stand 10.0400
yesterday the fun started. I was
whipped round with my Coy to the
young line. The enemy was

attacking. Well they attacked
us thru lines but we licked them.
I was put in charge of the 7th young
line section. We had a dingdong
scrap which got on lasted till
about 4 in the afternoon when
we were relieved by the 5th Bn &
what was left of us came down
to the beach. We went in
670 strong & we came out 320
All the Officers except the C.O. & Capt
Lynch were put over the 2. Major
(Hopkinson). I was extremely lucky
& feel grateful for being alive
& able to write, four of the old
Officers ^{Capt} Ross, Lt Swift, Hornby
& Hurning came to me after we
had been going for some time
Lt West, Fisher, Young, Edwards
& Ross were out. My luck was
in, all the time. It is miraculous
that I am alive, three different times
I was blown yards away from
bombs, our trenches were piled
with our dead. The dead mostly
ours. Burton of Currow deserved
the highest award for his gallant
action for three times filling a breach
in the parapet. All they killed from
Dunston & Oatis, Ellis, Caddy, Webb,
Silver, Keating also did magnificently.

work, Ellis was killed whilst
throwing back enemy bombs before
they exploded. - I & Mac
were relieved by the 5th Bn at about
4.30. I handed over to Capt Hooker
the firing line. We were glad to
get out. The trenches are now full of
dead. I cannot write of details but
many of our brave boys were blown
to pieces. As fast as we put men in
to fill the breaches they were wiped
out. I kept sending for reinforcements
& bombs, all our bomb throwers
were killed. - so were those that
volunteered to fill their places.
So cut a long story short we
beat the enemy three times he attacked
once he nearly got us. We yelled
& yelled, & the black devils burnt
& we knocked em over like rabbits.
I was wounded three times, but
got my injuries attended to &
kept going, I am suffering a
bit now from reaction. The shell
has fractured my head, and arm
up. my left eye is painful but
otherwise I am fit, The shell has
just given me a ticket allowing
me to Port Moresby for attention.
I reckon see her A.I. again in a
week. for my injuries are

very slight. By now it was some
scrap & a lot more of our good old
7th are gone. The Bugodier came to
see me this morning, & congratulating
me etc. My sawnicks two are
shattered, the iron portions in side
one of them are smashed to pieces.
Anyway the C.O. is very pleased
with me & so is the Bugodier so
I feel happy as Larry. I have my
balmia now fixing up my
things then I am off to the AMC
at the wharf & off for a spell.
1940 I am waiting at the 2nd
Field Ambulance on the beach
after being fixed up. I am to go
on a boat soon to a hospital ship.
Numerous cases are coming in.
The Doctors and staff are hard
pressed. Some of the wounded
are awful and shocking. Gurkas
Tommys New Zealanders & others.
The way the men stand their
wounds being attended to is
grand. Many of the wounded
are coming in from the left
the other side of Fishermans hat
the Gurkas & Tommys are round
that way. It is reported that they
hope you wish us on our left
that is from 971 to Quins Post

My batman (Stephenson) is with me. He looks after me splendidly he will see me to the hospital ship & then rejoin the Bn. I will be glad when I get on the boat & have a feed and a wash & sleep? I don't like going away for many reasons, but the Df & the C.O. say I must and that I am not to come back till I am quite well. The C.O. was grand about it.

The Df just told me here that 6000 casualties since Friday they have sent out to the hospital ships & they are mostly from our side (the right). The casualties from the left mostly don't come here. 2000. The beach is alive with fatigue parties bringing back gun shell cases our muller has fired thousands of rounds the last few days. The Indian troops mule leaders are passing with their mules laden. Parties are carrying up more bombs, water carts & haps and tents are being taken along. The scene is a very busy one. Many ships are out in the water, there are two big jetties & other, stores of every description are packed along the beach

A sunker collier with tops of two masts & funnel showing is not far out. Another hospital ship is coming in, some Australian horses are here also doing transport work. With a large number of other wounded I am patiently waiting for a tow to come & take us out to a hospital ship. It is a wonderful spectacle. Pinnaces towing boats, barges etc everything going quickly and steadily above on the heights are the dugouts, the different A.M.B. & A.S. Corps engineers depots etc. Wednesday 11/8/15. Here I am comfortable and snug in a nice bed on the hospital ship Gascon. There are three other officers here in the same ward. Capt Macdonald of the 4th & Lt Fethers of the 12th Bn & Major Mitchell Otago rifles none of us are serious cases. We have been comparing notes wth Major Mitchell New Zealanders & Monash's Bde attacked 971 & Baby 700 on the Friday. The New Zealanders captured Baby 700, the Gloucesters, Kent's & Wilks supported them. The New Zealanders were relieved Sunday night by the Dorset

who failed to hold the ground won by the rest & New Zealanders. (Enough said!) The wounded had a rough time being out for over two days in some cases. The Tommies were shot down like sheep, they have no idea of taking cover & they are badly led. They are splendid at the theory part only of warfare, e.g. they know how much earth can be shifted in an hour according to regulations etc, etc. There were about 300 wounded in our barge last night; we got here at 2200. One of the men on the Tow, & one man here on the ship was hit whilst we were ^{coming} getting aboard. There are just ^{English} & English nurses, they are grand & look after me splendidly. It is a bit to be cheered & flattered by nurses. Oh! what! It is grand here. I had a hot bath & shave & a big breakfast. I tried to get from the Chief Steward some bread butter & beer to send back to the others by my fat man who is waiting. but the I could get nothing. Stores are very limited & everyone wants luxuries, but as they could not all be supplied the Steward is debarr'd from getting anything.

Lt Gilmore of the 5th has just come aboard, poor beggar his eyes are wounded. About lunch & he ran into one of his men bayonet. Capt Hooper & Gilmore, ~~two~~ more casualties of the Lone Pine where I was outed, Capt Hooper who I handed over the firing line to, on Monday was killed. Gilmore says that it is easier and safer now, when he left this morning. A 2/Lt of Wth Staffords has just come into our ward. (bullet in leg) He says that things are alright on Chocolate Hill whilst he was but there are a fearful lot of casualties? 1400 wounded & more wounded are coming. Lt Alley & Lt Brennan & Zealanders are now in our ward. The casualty list is very heavy judging by accounts of the Officers who have ^{are} coming in. There are representatives (wounded) of almost every Regt operating on the Gabo Tere, upward end of the Peninsula, Irish/Rifles, Mountain & Dublin Fusiliers, Worcestershire Comanches & all Aust & New Zealand Bns. 9 pm we are now anchored close to Imbros; where there is much shipping, Submarine warships, Transports etc. The British divisions

