

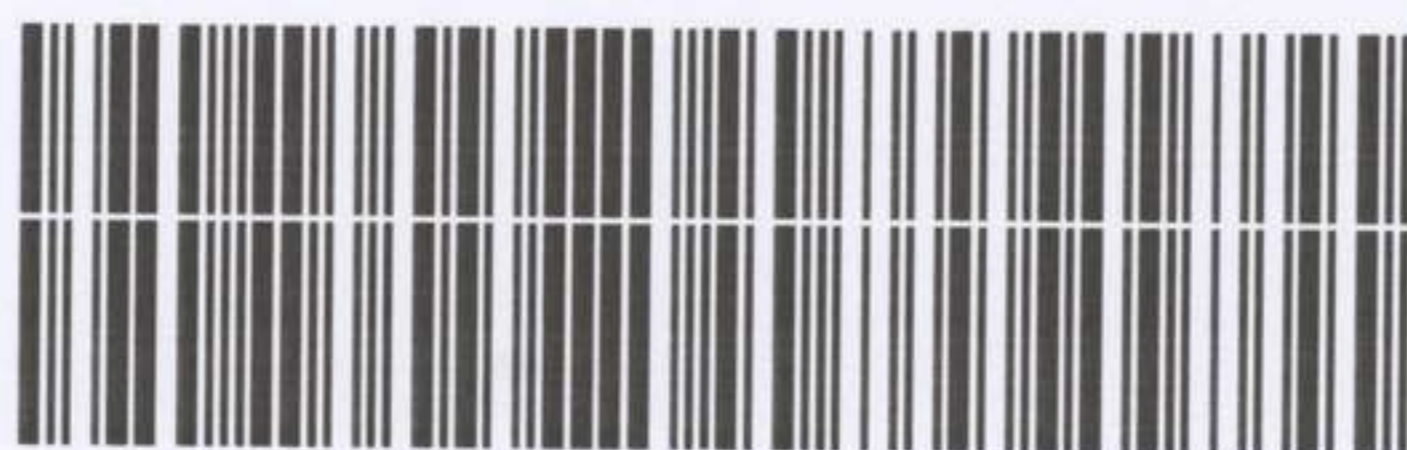
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CANTERBURY
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Hour, Date, Place.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices.
1-8-15 CANTERBURY Gully	General Reserve	ade
2-8-15 do.	do - do	ade
3-8-15 do	Battalion moved to behind BDE HQ. MONASH Gully Sint H.L.R. ROLHOFF to Hospital sick	ade
4-8-15 MONASH Gully	Received BDE operation order to VI	ade appendix XXV
9-30 pm. 5-8-15 do	Battalion moved to HAPPY VALLY to Bivouac	ade
3-30 pm. 6-8-15 HAPPY VALLY	Received BDE operation order to VII	appendix XXV ade
10-20 pm. do do	Battalion moved from Bivouac. The objective of the BDE together with 1st Field Coy. 26 th Machine Battery (less 1 section) being to attack and make good CHUNUK BAIR	Ref. Rep. GALLIPOLI 1/20000 KURUJA DERE
1 am. 7-8-15 SAZLI BEIT DERE	Moved into SAZLI BEIT DERE capturing about 50 prisoners and driving enemy with loss from DESTROYER RIDGE Capt A.C.B. CRITCHLEY - SALMONSON having been wounded Sint A.D. STITT returned duties of Adjutant -	ade Local name

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3rd. ECHELON, M. E. F.
15 SEP. 1915
CENTRAL REGISTRY.
No. M. F. C/

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4-10am. 7-8-15 SAZLI BEIT DERE	Battalion then launched an attack in conjunction with DTAGD Bn up RHODDENDRON RIDGE capturing the knoll on ridge, and immediately entrenched under heavy rifle and machine gun fire -	Local name
12-30pm. 7-8-15 RHODDENDRON RIDGE	Received orders to support AUCKLAND Bn in attack on CHANUK BAIR. - 1/2 Battalion left in Garrison of RHODDENDRON RIDGE the other 1/2 Bn immediately moving up under knoll in support on same ridge -	
11pm. 7-8-15 do	Enemy opened heavy snipe fire from left flank infiltrating the 1/2 Bn waiting in support of attack. Casualties here were heavy -	
2pm. do do	Received orders to move to APEX to attack with WELLINGTON Bn CHANUK BAIR the first attack by AUCKLAND Bn not having been successful. 1/2 Bn moved to APEX remainder garrisoned RHODDENDRON RIDGE.	APEX local name
4-50pm. do do	Received orders to return to RHODDENDRON RIDGE and garrison that post - Returned accordingly - (44 rifles 150 rifles)	
11pm. do do	Received orders to move with 1/2 Bn in support of an attack on CHANUK BAIR. - Remained in support during attack -	
	Casualties for the day - Major C.W.E. CRIBB badly wounded	

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	Capt CRITCHLEY - SALMONSON wounded	
	" J. H. HOWLER do	
	" V. G. JERVIS do	
	Lieut. J. M. WRIGHT WRIGHT Killed	
	" H. N. WILSON wounded	
	" A. D. STITT do	
	" R. A. R. LAURY do	
	" F. STARNES do	
	" B. A. V. GRANT do	
	2 nd Lieut A. F. PRIEST do	
	2 nd " A. W. DUNCAN do	
	Major B. S. JORDAN sick to Hospital	
	2 nd Lieut J. F. TONKIN " "	
	Rank K. W. M. " "	
	Returned to Rhoddendron Ridge - improved defenses	
	Returned to duty from base	
	Major R. A. ROW	
	Lieut D. DOBSON	
	" DRON	
	2 nd Lieut J. B. LE MOTTEE	
	Sick to Hospital Lieut N. F. SHEPHERD	
	2 nd r/o arrival - Lieuts. FORD, STEPHENS, GRAY and 230 other ranks	
	Major R. A. ROW sick to Hospital	
8-1-15. RHODDENDRON RIDGE		
9-8-15. RHODDENDRON RIDGE		

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3pm. 10-8-15 RHODODENDRON RIDGE	Companies having been driven from CHUNUK BAIK to Battalion was ordered to retake position with N.Z. INF. BDE. - 1/2 BN moved off to APEX -	add
4-20am do APEX	Received orders to return to RHODODENDRON RIDGE Temp. Capt. H. STEWART given temp. rank of Major and transferred to command of Otago Bn. 3rd Lieut THOM reported for duty -	
11-8-15 RHODODENDRON RIDGE	LIEUT CONWAY machine gun officer, wounded. 2nd Lieut BOWRON and H. EWAT with 38 men 5th Reinforcement joined -	add
12-8-15 do	Remained in position and consolidated defenses	add
13-8-15 do		add
14-8-15 do		add
15-8-15 do		add
16-8-15 do		add
17-8-15 do		
4pm. 18-8-15 do	Battalion moved to APEX receiving WELLINGTON Bn and 8th Royal Welsh Fusiliers - AUCKLAND having taken over possession of RHODODENDRON RIDGE -	add

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Remarks and references to Appendices.

12-20 pm 12-8-15 A DEF

Lieut DOBSON with 30 men and rifles moved out to destroy Turkish redoubt - a reconnaissance showed that Turks were prepared for an attack from that position - Party retired under fire - Casualties: K. W.

Local name PINNACLE

14-8-15 do

I. B.

Capt. J. H. HOWLER promoted Major
Lieut H. STEWART " Capt
" H. SAUNDERS " "
" A. E. CONWAY " "

app.

20/1178 Sgt. Major J. W. CRAMPTON promoted 2nd Lieut

Improved defenses - Battalion was subjected to heavy shrapnel fire from left flank

Small casualties -

2nd Lieut ~~HE~~ MOTTEE, 2nd Lieut J. W. CRAMPTON and

party of 20 men and rifles assaulted PINNACLE - under heavy fire the party captured position and partially destroyed it - Party remained in captured trenches half an hour and then retired -

Casualties:
2nd Lieut J. W. CRAMPTON wounded.

8-30 pm do do

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	<p>Ranks K W</p> <p style="margin-left: 100px;">3 7</p>	
2pm 20-8-15 APEX	Battalion relieved by OTAGO Bn and moved to OTAGO Gully -	adl Local names
21-8-15 OTAGO Gully	General Reserve	adl
22-8-15 do	Lieut. V.A.P. STEPHENS sick to hospital	adl
23-8-15 do	Lieut. D.V. STEAD and A.L. GRAY to hospital sick.	
4pm 24-8-15 do	Bn took over garrisons of BAUCHEP'S HILL, TOP, DESTROYER RIDGE, CAMELS and OLD No 3 POST.	adl Local names
24-8-15 OLD No 3 POST	Chaplain Captain Taylor returned to duty from Hospital Garrison relieved from DESTROYER RIDGE and CAMEL'S HUMP - 28 new recruits joined Bn.	adl
25-8-15 do	Capt. Chaplain TAYLOR rejoined from base - 2 nd Lieut J.B. LE MOTTEE sick to hospital Garrison relieved from BAUCHEP'S HILL Lieut W.H. STRANTON and 12 new recruits joined Bn.	adl

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26 8 15 <i>old N°3 post</i>	<p>Cap^t H Stewart returned to duty from Olago B^N.</p> <p>Lieut Hewat 5th Reinforcements transferred to Olago B^N</p> <p>Lieut AL Gray returned from Hospital</p>	JGH									
27 8 15 " " "	<p>Lt AOSTH wounded Lieut D Dobson took over adjutant's duties</p> <p>Cap^t H Stewart to Olago B^N (again) as actg major in command</p>	JGH									
28 8 15 " " "	<p>Lt Stanton sick to Hospital</p>	JGH									
	<p>On receipt of Bde order BM 144 handed over OLD N°3 POST + BIG TABLE TOP to South Wales Borders. B^N marched to the APEX and OC took over command of post relieving 8th Cheshire Reg^t, the Wellington B^N assisting to garrison the post</p>	JGH Appendix XXVII									
29 8 15 The APEX	<p>Improving defenses Reorganizing B^N snipers</p>	JGH									
30 8 15 The APEX	<p>Cap^t H Saunders to hospital with scarletina</p> <p>Lieut L. E. J Gibbs on detachment QUINNS POST went to Hospital</p>	JGH									
31 8 15	<p>Casualties covering operations from 7th to date</p> <table style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Officers</td> <td style="text-align: center;">K</td> <td style="text-align: center;">W</td> <td style="text-align: center;">M</td> <td rowspan="2" style="font-size: 2em;">} Total 406</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">other ranks</td> <td style="text-align: center;">75</td> <td style="text-align: center;">311</td> <td style="text-align: center;">302</td> </tr> </table> <p>Strength of Battalion 11 + 463 other ranks.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">452 JGH</p>	Officers	K	W	M	} Total 406	other ranks	75	311	302	JGH
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*Req^t post
By hand to a.d.y. 3rd Echelon
Aldershot
1/9/15
Lieut Hughes Col
Comd^r Canterbury BN*

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3rd. ECHELON, M. E. F.
15 SEP. 1945
CENTRAL REGIST., Y.
No. M. E. S. 18

Operation Order No. 1 by Major 18 [unclear] [unclear] 6/8/45

- The Brigade with No. 1 Field Coy 26th Mountain Bty less one section will attack & take good CHUNUK BAIR.
 - (a) Another column consisting of 29th Indian Brigade with one Coy of Engineers & Mountain Bty. is being directed on KOTA CHEMEN TEPE via WALDEN POINT - AFHIL DERE.
 - (b) Mounted Rifle Brigade acting as covering force will seize & hold BAUCHOPS HILL - BIG TABLE TOP. One No 3 Post One force will move in two Columns:

Right	Centerbury Lt Col	Starting point	HAPPY VALLEY
	Ballalio (Major 520)		MOUTH OF SAZLI
			BEIT DERE
Left	Oliver Baker B. Genl		80 A. 3
	Wallington Johnston		
- Archibald (less 1 Coy)
Field Coy
26th Mtn Bty
1 Coy Arch Bn
en route.

Both columns will move to the starting point via communication track (except Mountain Bty)
Left Column via CHAILAK DERE.

Copy of Instructions

1. The orders indicate to the Navy the position of our troops on the morning of the 7th August flares will be lit at dawn along our line. The flares will consist of Naval green lights one of which will be burned at 3.45 am and another at 3.55 am by each battalion in the front line along the position occupied by its most advanced troops. Care is to be taken to place the flare where it will be shaded from the view of the enemy. If the CHUNUK BAI map has been reached the flares will be burned a short distance down our side of the slope. These will be issued to Units by Front Troopers.
- 2(a) It must be impressed on all ranks that speed and silence are factors which do much to ensure success. Quiet will enable us to fool all the enemy reserves. Silence will prevent him from finding out our strength & disposition.
- (b) By night the bayonet only will be used by troops attacking the enemy. Magazines will NOT be charged by troops of the assaulting columns. They will only be charged by the troops left as pickets and garrisons of posts.
- (c) The danger of striking lights or smoking while it is dark is to be impressed on all and it is to be strictly forbidden.

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3. Every effort is to be made to reform troops into their original companies, platoons, & sections. Powerful assistance will be available by daylight from the guns of H.M. Ships and from those in position at ANZAC. Under cover of this bombardment units will be reorganised and all preparations made for a further advance.
4. As soon as the Main Supplies are obtained Troops will dig in. Trenches will be traversed and communication trenches dug. Heavy hostile artillery fire is to be expected when it becomes light.
5. Troops are to be warned not to break or damage any of our own telephone wires. Hostile wires met with by the leading troops are to be cut at once and the ends knotted up separately so that they may be recognised as hostile by troops coming after. Otherwise they might be repaired under the impression that they were our own wires.
6. The supreme importance of strict punctuality and accurate timing of initial movements cannot be overrated. The various attacks are fixed points of effort and need support and protection. Equally important is the closing up of units while on the march. Any straggling either along communication trench or along the gullies must inevitably cause the troops in rear to be delayed and therefore not immediately available when wanted.

7. No Officer, NCO or man is to fall out to assist to the rear a wounded man. This is a serious military offence. stretcher parties follow all columns and will attend to the wounded. Stretcher parties are not to block or interfere with the forward movement of fighting troops. Troops they are not to make use of any communication trench or safe till all movement of fighting troops through it has ceased for the night.
8. Each Battalion will detail 5 men as ammunition carriers to report to Lieut. Talbot at 5 pm at Brigade H.Q.
9. Five red sashon flags per Battalion are being issued to indicate to the enemy our position.

(Sgd) A. B. Temperley, Major
 Brigade Major
 1st Infantry Brigade

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— MARCH TABLE —

Column	Hour	Starting Point	Route	Arrive
Left Column Otago Wellington Auckland Field Coy With 1st Battery	2150	HAPPY VALLEY	Communication line	No 3 Post 2230
Right Column Canterbury Bata	2230	MULE GULLY	Cross country then across country	No. 39 of Saf. Sect 2245

Note:— (1) HAPPY VALLEY means Western entrance of Valley
 (2) Escort. 1 Coy. Arch. Bata joins Battery at No 3 post.

6th August 1915.

(Sgd) A. C. Temporary Major
 Brigade Major
 17th Infantry Brigade

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Copy of message 6th August 1915 at 14.00 from
Major A. Temperley (1st Light Brigade) to
Wentworth Detachment: -

"Time table not yet received but will
communicate later".

Copy of message 6th Aug 15 at 1655 from Major A. Temperley
(1st Light Brigade) to Wentworth Detachment: -

"Password: GODLEY
counterpassword: SUCCESS."

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Copy of Message from 13th Light Brigade
20th Aug 15 at 1515. -

Appendix 26

"South Wales Borderers are coming down to relieve
you on TABLE TOP and at No 3. Relief to be
carried out when you are ready. When
these posts have been handed over your
Battalion will go to the APEX and relieve
Cheshires there. You will be in command
of Post. We have machine guns with you
will accompany you to the front and will
be under the orders of Capt. Wellingtonford.