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Hour, Date, Place.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices.
<p>1st Sept 1915 APEX</p>	<p>Ruahine Coy & Taranaki Coy relieved Wellington West Coast Coy and Hawkes Bay Coy in the trenches at 1000.</p> <p>The day was quiet. Fatigue: Hawkes Bay Coy supplies 1200 & 40 men 1200 to 1400 improving trenches.</p> <p>Taranaki Coy supplies a patrol of 1000 & 10 men between apex and Christie Ridge from 0800 till 1500 to daylight.</p> <p>Rations good water 2 gallons</p> <p>Weather warm. Ammunition ^{incl} 1000 & 70 men incl fatigue supplies Taranaki Coy from 0800 to 1200 on improving trenches. Mason contingent 1000 and 10 men from 1200 to 1600 on improving trenches.</p> <p>Regt West Coast Coy 1000 and 10 men from 1600 to 2000 improving trenches.</p>	

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<p>7^{pm} 2nd September 1915 Apoke</p>	<p>The Māori Coy & Maori Coy retained the Rear & Forward Coy in the trenches at 1000 The day passed quietly. Fatigue - H. Bay Coy supplied 1100 to 10 min for some fatigue time 2000 to 2400 1st mt Same Coy supplied 1100 to 10 min for some fatigue time 0000 to 0400 Same Coy supplied 1100 to 10 min for some fatigue time 0400 to 0800 Maori Coy supplied Patrol of 1100 to 10 min between The Apoke & Chisholm ridge from 2000 to daylight 2nd mt Rations good Water 1/2 Gallon. Weather good Casualties Nil</p>	
<p>7^{pm} 3rd September 1915 Apoke</p>	<p>The H. Bay & Taranaki Coy retained the 1100 Maori Coy in the trenches at 1000 Day passed quietly.</p>	

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<p>3rd September 1915 Apape</p>	<p>Fatigue, Raahine bay supplied 1 N & B Co 10 men for Engineers fatigue time 8.00 to 12.00 some bay supplied same fatigue for Engineers time 12.00 to 14.00 Maori Coy supplied fatigue of 1 N & B Co 10 men for Engineers time 16.00 to 20.00 Rations Good Water 1/2 Gallon Weather Warm Casualties Nil 2nd Lieut Mac Farlane joined Battalion</p>	
<p>4th September 1915 Apape</p>	<p>Raahine & Maori bays returned, Hauke Bay & Pararaki bays in the trenches at 10.00 The day passed quietly. Fatigue 2 Men sent from 1 N & B Co, 1 N B Pararaki Raahine bays for carrying W & B bay supplied fatigue for Engineers 1 N & B Co 10 MEN time 14.00 to 18.00 Rations Good. Water 1/2 Gallon Weather Good Casualties 1 Wounded</p>	

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<p>4 pm 5th Sept 1915 APEX</p>	<p>The Hawkes Bay & Taranaki Coys relieved the Ruahine & Maori Coys in the trenches at 1000. The day passed quietly. Weather good. Health of troops weak. Water 1/2 gal. Fatigues - Maori Conty supplied a fatigue of 1 NCO & 10 MEN for miners time 1200 to 1600. Casualties 1 wounded.</p>	
<p>4 pm 6th Sept 1915 APEX.</p>	<p>The Wellington West Coast & Ruahine Coys relieved the Hawkes Bay & Taranaki Coys in the trenches at 1000. The day passed quietly. Fatigues - Hawkes Bay Coy supplied 1 NCO & 10 men for assisting miners time 2000 to 2000. Taranaki Coy supplied 1 NCO & 10 MEN for assisting miners time 0000 to 0400. Weather good. Rations good. Water 1/2 gal. Health of troops - weak. Casualties 1 wounded.</p>	

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<p>7 pm 4th Sept 1915 APEX</p>	<p>The 10th Infantry Battalion relieved the Wellington Battalion at the Apex all reliefs were completed by 1100.</p> <p>The Wellington Battalion moved to rest at foot of Cheshire Ridge for 8 days.</p> <p>Great improvement in the trenches were made by the Wellington Battalion.</p> <p>Previous to taking over on the 28th Aug the trenches & surroundings were very dirty.</p> <p>During the time the Battalion occupied the post the men although very weak performed the work in the trenches & also the fatigues very satisfactory.</p> <p>Lt Col. A. Hart, D.S.O. returned from being wounded & assumed command of the Battalion.</p> <p>Rations good water is full Weather good health weak</p>	

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Fatigues. Hawkes Bay Coy supplied 1 NCO & 10 MEN to assist miners time 0000 to 0400.
 Also 1 NCO & 10 MEN for same time 0040 to 0800.
 The majors supplied 2 NCO & 12 MEN for Brigade H/Quar. time 1500 to 1900.
 West Coast Coy supplied 1 NCO & 10 MEN for Brigade H/Quar. time 1500 to 1900.
 West Coast Coy 1 NCO & 10 MEN for Brigade H/Quar. time 1400 to 1600.
 Hawkes Bay Coy supplied 2 NCO & 18 MEN for improving track time 1800 to 2200.
 Wellington West Coast Coy supplied 2 NCO & 18 MEN for same time 2200 to 2700.
 Casualties 1 Wounded

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<p>14 pm 8th Sept 1915 Tent Gully Chickens Ridge</p>	<p>The men making themselves comfortable The ground was in anything but a satisfactory state & required a lot of unnecessary fatigue to clear matters up. Fully 50% of the men are suffering from Dysentery & Diarrhea & are naturally very weak. Rations Good. Water 1/2 gallon. Weather Good Patrols 1 AC & 20 MEN from Wellington West Coast Coy. for improving track to apex. Time 2000 to 0000. Casualties Nil</p>	
<p>4 pm 9th Sept 1915 Tent Gully Chickens Ridge</p>	<p>The Batt at rest Rations Good. Water 1/2 gallon. Weather good. Health all OK. Wristed (wound) joined the Batt. Patrols 1 Platoon by day supply. 1 AC & 20 MEN from 0500 to 0800. This night 1 AC & 20 MEN from 0800 to 1100. Rations 1/2 lb & 20 MEN from 1100 to 1600. Patrol 1 AC & 20 MEN from 1600 to 2000 all for improving track to apex. Casualties Nil</p>	

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<p>6pm 5th Sept 1915. Rest Gully Cheshire Ridge</p>	<p>Battalion at rest. Rations good. Water 1/2 gal. Health weak. Weather good. Lt. Kibbwhite rejoined the Batt. from Hospital. Activities - Wellington West Coast supplied 1400-2400 hrs from 2000 to 0000 Hawkes Bay Coy 1400-2000 hrs from 0400 to 0800 Manakopu Coy 0800 to 1200. Ruahine Coy 1000-2000 hrs from 1200 to 1600. Mackinon Coy 1800-2000 hrs from 1800 to 2000. All for improvement of track to apex. Casualties NIL.</p>	
<p>7pm 11th Sept 1915. Rest Gully Cheshire Ridge</p>	<p>Battalion at rest. Rations good. Water 1/2 gal. Health weak. Weather good. Activities - Hawkes Bay Coy supplied 1400-2000 hrs from 0400 to 0800 Manakopu Coy from 0800 to 1200 Ruahine 1200 to 1600 Mackinon Coy from 1600 to 2000 Wellington West Coast Coy from 2000 to 0000. Casualties NIL.</p>	

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Hour, Date, Place.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices.
<p>4 pm 12th Sept 1915. Rest Gully Cheshire Ridge.</p>	<p>Battalion at rest. Rations good. Water, gas. Health weak. Weather good. Fatigues - Hawkes Bay Coy suffered 1400 & 2000 from 0400 to 0800. Manakiri Coy same from 0800 to 1200. Ruahine Coy same from 1200 to 1600. Mason Coy same from 1600 to 2000. Wellington West Coast Coy from 2000 to 0000. All for improving track to apex. Casualties Nil.</p>	
<p>4 pm 13th Sept 1915. Otago Gully</p>	<p>Fatigues - Ruahine Coy suffered 1400 & 2000 from 0800 to 1200 for improving track to apex. Fatigues from this hour were cancelled after lunch we moved from Cheshire Ridge to Otago Gully. We met the 27th & 28th Australian battalions moving up to take our ground. The 1st Inf. Bde. were received from Garrison at apex by 7th Aust. Brigade. We settled down on new ground. Rations good. Water, gas. Health weak. Weather good. Casualties Nil.</p>	

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4 pm
14th Sept 1915
Stago Bally

The Battalion passed a quiet day.
2 officers (Lt. K. Lewhite & Wrightson) & 24 other ranks were detailed to remain at Apes & not accompany the Battalion to Mudross where they go with Brigade to rest & reorganise. Food, Water $\frac{3}{4}$ gal. Health weak. Our machine gun section also remained at Pemsuata on duty.

4 pm
15th Sept 1915
Stago Bally

The Battalion marched out at 1900 to embark for Mudross. Food good. Water 1 gallon.
The men generally are weak suffering from stomach trouble. Embarkation State 11 Officers & 188 other ranks. At 12 pm we embarked with Brigade on Troop ships H.S. Cameron.

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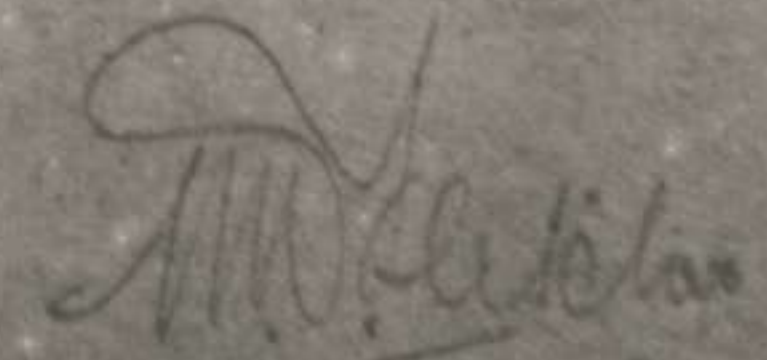
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Hour, Date, Place.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices.
<p>4 p.m. 16th Sept 1915 Saps Rest Camp Mudros</p>	<p>Sailed from Anzac this morning arriving at mudros 12.00. The Battalion disembarked & marched some 2 1/2 miles to here. Food rations were immediately issued Health of troops very weak</p>	
<p>From 16th Sept 1915 to 30th Sept 1915 Saps Rest Camp Mudros</p>	<p>The Battalion resting & reorganising</p>	


 Major

Commanding Wellington Infantry Battalion