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Mediterranean Expeditionary Force

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WAR DIARY

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29th Inf^{ty} Brigade

SEPT. 1915.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
GALLI POLI	20000	KURISA DERE	<p>Brigade HQ still in same place 92 S 1 - The 10 Hamps R which had previously had orders to supply a big beach party at No. 2 post - Moved on the night of 31/1 from near our HQ to No. 2 post. - Col. Agnew who had been to IMBROS for the day (to see the MS at GHQ re the proposed appointment of Col CRASKE as Brigadier) returned at 2 pm.</p>	<p>Apr</p>
KRIASIK AGALH	92 S.		<p>1/15 2/15 No change - News today that Turks intend a general offensive on or before 5th inst - News that Russia has had some success both in Galicia and Caucasus. - Orders received that Bde gas into Divisional reserve under No 5 Section (Genl Godley) at dusk tomorrow</p>	<p>Apr</p>
BAUCHOP HILL	92 W 8.		<p>3/15 Moved HQ at 2000 to a point 92 W 8 on the SW slopes of BAUCHOP HILL near No 2 post - The 5th Comd Ring to a nullah just above HQ</p>	<p>Apr</p>
	4/15	25/15	<p>6/15 No change Lt. Brigade visited Irish Rifles & Senior Regt at mile gully.</p>	<p>Apr</p>

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92 W 8	7 ⁹ / ₁₅		2 Officers (One Lieut D.B. Marshall for posting) and 202 OR joined the 5 th Comm Bn as reinforcements - The 2 nd Officer Lt VC Lucas joined the 6 th Victor R.I.R. - 96 OR joined the 6 th Victor R.	Glad
	8 ⁹ / ₁₅		99 OR joined the 6 th R.I.R.	Glad
	9 ⁹ / ₁₅		(1 Conducting Officer) & 134 OR joined the 10 th Hampers R.	Glad
	10 ⁹ / ₁₅		Lt Col. N.F.N. JOURDAIN (5 th Comm Bn) assumed Temporary command of the Brigade vice Lt Col Q.S.K. Agnew M.V.O. D.S.O. at 9 am.	Glad
	11 ⁹ / ₁₅		Lt Col Agnew left at 2 pm for LEMNOS to report to I.G.C. (authority ANZOC. D.B. 3703.)	Glad
			21. P.A. Parsons (10 th Hampers R.) & 21. H.P. Hendall (10 th Hampers R.) joined the 10 th Hampers R. 24. T. Skene (4 th Scots Rif.) joined the 5 th Comm Bn.	Glad
	12 ⁹ / ₁₅ - 14 ⁹ / ₁₅		No Change.	Glad
	20 ⁹ / ₁₅		Lieut. J. Powell (10 th Hampers R.) and 87 OR joined the 6 th Victor R. Lieut ETC. McQueen (8 th Victor R) 21. R.M. Rankin (4 th Scots Rif) and 199 OR joined the 6 th R.I. Rif.	Glad

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	22 ⁹ / ₁₅		Brig. Gen. J. S. Vandeleur C.M.G. (2nd nd Seaforth Highlanders) joined and took over command of the Brigade from Lt Col. H.F.N. Jourdain. (Ref. List in 28. of 21 ⁹ / ₁₅ G.O.C.)																															
	23 ⁹ / ₁₅		No change.																															
	24 ⁹ / ₁₅		5 Officers (Lt R.G. White 7 R. Dub Fus. Lt C.E. Gallwey 6 R. Dub Fus Lt. H.C. Bell 7 R. Dub Fus Lt. G.F. Macnie 6 R. Dub Fus Lt. J. O'K. Mc-Kenna 6 R. Dub Fus) and 350 OR joined the 5 th Comm Bn.																															
			3 Officers (Lt. H. Martyr 6 RR Lt. ST. M. Cobe 6 RR Lt. G.F.C. Olden 32nd Bn R. Dub Fus) & 99 OR joined the 6 th R. 1. Rif - Capt. P.H. Hudson 10 Hamp R. 50th Div. 2nd																															
	25 ⁹ / ₁₅		1 Officer (Lt. W. S. Nelson 6 R. Dub Fus) and 65 OR joined the 6 th Demester Reg.																															
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ANZAC. 92.W.F.	26 ⁹ / ₁₅		Orders received from 10 th Div. to march the Bch. By road to SUVLA BAY. and join it there preparatorily to going to MUDROS for rest.																															
	27 ⁹ / ₁₅		No change																															
	28 ⁹ / ₁₅		Major R. S. T. CURRY. 6 th Lancers R. evacuated sick Capt. C. J. J. Lyster assumed command. Lt. R. B. SMART. 6 th Lancers R. also evacuated sick.																															
	29 ⁹ / ₁₅		Unit received (attached) 0100 from ANZAC. cancelling march to SUVLA and ordering embarkation for Mudros from Anzac on night of 29 th . This confirmed by letter ANZAC. A.C.O. No 20 (attached) and amended by a later memo and wire.																															
	30 ⁹ / ₁₅		Embarkation commenced at WALKERS PIER at 1900 and continued until 0200 on 30 ⁹ / ₁₅ when embarkation was completed. Great confusion and discomfort was caused by the fact that the baggage for the unit here had to be loaded into one hopper and all went on one ship (S.S. PRINCE ABBAS). The number of men who should have gone on each of the 3 ships were not kept to and units were therefore far more broken up than was necessary. - A draft of the 10 th Hampd R. which had come to SUVLA and was to have marched across to embark this night, was embarked direct from SUVLA by the Division without notice being sent in time of the change - Some delay was caused waiting for and finding out about this draft, ^{which} when abouts. - Units finally embarked as follows.																															
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MUDROS.	30 th 9/15.		<p>The Commanding Officer on reaching MUDROS was - 10th Hamp. R. - Maj. COLQUHOUN. 6th P.I. Regt. Capt. ROSE. 5th Com. Bn. Lt. Col. SOURDRAIN - 6th Demos. - Capt. LYSTER. (Major R. G. T. CURRY had gone sick and been evacuated on 28.9.15.) -</p> <p>At MUDROS the Brigade went into camp about a mile N of the Australian Pier at Mudros-East near LONE TREE WELL. - The 5th P.I. Regt. arrived from SULLA this same morning and camped west to the Bde - The Suva draft for the 10th Hamp. R. (2 Officers (M. G. NICHOLSON. 10th Hamp. R. & 24. G. E. J. BENNETT. 13th Hamp. R.) and 117 OR joined this evening.</p> <p>A complimentary letter from Maj. Gen. Sir A. GODLEY. Comd^g. N.2. VA Div. was received on 29th 9/15 attached.</p>	<p><i>[Handwritten signature]</i></p>

[Handwritten signature]
Brig Gen
Comd^g 29 Bde

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SPECIAL ORDER

by

GENERAL SIR IAN HAMILTON, G.C.B., D.S.O., A.D.C.,
Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Expeditionary Force.

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS,
Mediterranean Expeditionary Force,
7th September, 1915.

The Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Expeditionary Force, desires formally to record the fine feat of arms achieved by the troops under the command of Lieutenant-General Sir W. R. Birdwood during the battle of Sari Bair.

The fervent desire of all ranks to close with the enemy, the impetuosity of their onset and the steadfast valour with which they maintained the long struggle, these will surely make appeal to their fellow-countrymen all over the world.

The gallant capture of the almost impregnable Lone Pine trenches by the Australian Division, and the equally gallant defence of the position against repeated counter-attacks are exploits which will live in history. The determined assaults carried out from other parts of the Australian Division's line were also of inestimable service to the whole force, preventing as they did the movement of large bodies of reinforcements to the northern flank.

The troops under the command of Major-General Sir A. J. Godley, and particularly the New Zealand and Australian Division, were called upon to carry out one of the most difficult military operations that has ever been attempted—a night march and assault by several columns in intricate mountainous country, strongly entrenched, and held by a numerous and determined enemy. Their brilliant conduct during this operation and the success they achieved have won for them a reputation as soldiers of whom any country must be proud.

To the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps, therefore, and to those who were associated with that famous Corps in the battle of Sari Bair—the Maoris, Sikhs, Gurkhas, and the new troops of the 10th and 13th Divisions from the old Country—Sir Ian Hamilton tenders his appreciation of their efforts, his admiration of their gallantry, and his thanks for their achievements. It is an honour to command a force which numbers such men as these in its ranks, and it is the Commander-in-Chief's high privilege to acknowledge that honour.

W. P. BRAITHWAITE,
Major-General,
Chief of the General Staff.
Mediterranean Expeditionary Force.

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NEW ZEALAND AND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Divisional Headquarters,
No. 2 Post,
29th September, 1915.

My dear Vandeleur,

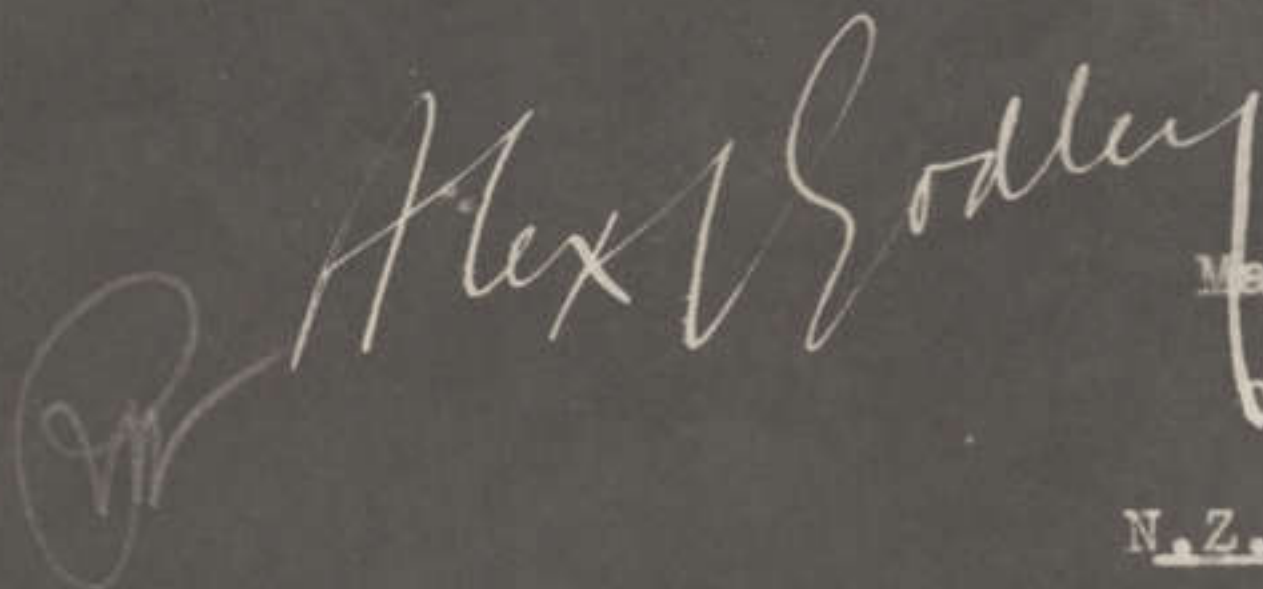
On the departure of your Brigade from Anzac, I must write a line to let you know how much I, and everyone in this Division, appreciates the work which has been done by your Brigade while it has been attached to us since August 7th.

The ^{taking of} ~~attack on~~ the Kabak Kuyu wells by the Connaught Rangers, and their share in the attack on the Kaiajaik Aghala worthily upheld the traditions of that distinguished regiment, and the work of the Leinster regiment at Quinn's Post and Russell's Top has been excellent throughout.

The Royal Irish Rifles and Hampshire Regiment, plunged at short notice into the thick of a considerable battle, suffering ^{ed} ~~ing~~ casualties such as might well have destroyed the morale and efficiency of these Battalions, but the excellent work which they have since done, and the efforts which they have made to restore their efficiency make certain that they will give a good account of themselves when they next meet the Turk.

I should be very glad if you would convey to all ranks of your Brigade my thanks for the work they have done for this Division.

Yours sincerely,



Major-General,
Commanding,

N.Z. & Aust. Division.

Brigadier-General Vandeleur, C.M.G.,
Commanding,
29th Infantry Brigade.

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"C" Form (Original).

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MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

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Prefr. <i>SM</i>	Code	Words <i>49</i>	Received	Sent, or sent out	Office Stamp.
Charges to collect			From <i>NZ</i>	At	m.
Service Instructions.			By <i>Taylor</i>	To	
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TO *29th Brigade*

*Sender's Number <i>GA494</i>	Day of Month <i>29th</i>	In reply to Number <i>AAA</i>
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*Orders for march twentieth
brigade to Suva. Cancelled
aaa. Brigade will be
concentrated instead
at Anzac for embarkation
on night twentieth
for Madros aaa
Detailed arrangements will
be notified later
addressed 29th Brigade
repeated NZ and A Division
and Command Anzac Base*

FROM *ANZAC*

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ARMY CORPS ORDER NO. 20.

Anzac Cove,

29th September, 1915.

1. The march of the 29th Infantry Brigade to LALA BABA tonight is cancelled. Instead the Brigade will embark for Mudros tonight the 29th instant.

2. Battalions of the Brigade will be concentrated in their present bivouacs by 5 p.m. this evening, as in Army Corps Order No. 19 of 27th September.

3. Troops will be embarked at Walker's Ridge Piers, under detailed arrangements to be made by the Military Landing Officer.

4. The following scale of kits etc will be embarked with the troops:-

S.A.A. 50 rounds per man carried on the person.
3500 rounds per machine gun in belt boxes.

Rations per man - Unexpended ration.
1 days iron ration.
1 days landing rations.

Kits. Full packs. Waterproof sheet, extra blanket (if in possession.)

Water. Water bottles filled.

Messes etc., as on arrival at Anzac.

5. Base kits will be collected at the North Beach Depot this afternoon, and will be embarked or not as directed by the Military Landing Officer.

Rations not actually carried on the man will be collected during the day at Walker's Ridge Pier and loaded at 5 p.m.

6. Units will embark in following order:-

Leinster Regiment. }
R.I.R. } Rendezvous Reserve Gully.

Headquarters. }
Hampshires. }
Connaughts } Rendezvous No. 2 Post.

Units from No.2 Post will move by the covered way which will be kept entirely free of other traffic after 8.30 p.m.

Commandant ^{Base} Anzac will arrange to advise the units at Reserve Gully and No.2 Post, and when they are to begin moving to the beach.

7. Transport for moving kits will be arranged by N.Z. & A Division for units at No.2 Post.

Cluwaysh *main* for Brig-General,
General Staff,
Australian and New Zealand Army Corps.

Issued to -

- 29th Infantry Brigade.
- N.Z. & A Division.
- 2nd Australian Division.
- 5th Australian Infantry Brigade.
- Commandant, Anzac Base.
- Military Landing Officer.
- Administrative Staff, Anzac.

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"C" Form (Duplicate).
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TO 900 29th INF BDE

Sender's Number BA 104	Day of Month 29 th	In reply to Number	AAA
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re army corp order 2090
of today's date embarkation
will be as follows and not as in
above quoted order aaa a party of 600
Comm Range will leave Walker Ridge
Pier at 2200 aaa The balance of Com Range
and Camps Regt. to leave Walker Pier
at 2330 aaa BDE HQRS will embark
at Walker Pier at 0100 aaa Kits to be
stacked at Walker Ridge Pier before
sun down with a guard from each unit
aaa embarkation statement should
reach MLO at Walker Ridge before 1800
to night aaa orders to Lewis Range R.I.
RIF have been communicated to them
full details orders follow by
messenger

FROM COMMANDANT BASE
PLACE & TIME ANZAC BASE

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M.O.C. 29th Infantry Brigade.
O.C. 6th Royal Irish Rifles.
O.C. 6th Leinster Regiment.
M.L.O. ANZAC Base.

MEMORANDUM.

With reference to Army Corps Order No 90 of to-day's date with reference to the move of the 29th Infantry Brigade to MUDROS to-night the 29th Inst.

1. The Brigade will embark at Walker's Ridge Pier, North Beach in the following order. (The order in which the Units embark are not as in the above quoted Army Corps Order.)

1st Party. The Royal Irish Rifles & 215 6th Batten Leinster Reg't to be at Walker's Ridge Pier at 1900.

2nd Party. The remainder of the Leinster Reg't to be at Walker's Ridge Pier at 2030.

3rd Party. 600 5th Batten Connaught Rangers to be at Walker's Ridge Pier at 2200.

4th Party. The remainder of the 5th Batten Connaught Rangers and the 10th B'cn Hampshires Reg't to be at Walker's Pier at 2330.

5th Party. Headquarter's 29th Infantry Brigade to be at Walker's Pier at 0100.

2. All kits etc, not carried on the men, will be sent to Walker's Ridge Pier to be stacked in a place indicated by the M.L.O. A Guard over this stack will be found by the Brigade.
3. An Embarkation state should be rendered to the M.L.O. by 1800 to-night.

(sd). Bredie Hair, Capt.
Staff Captain.

29/9/15.

ANZAC BASE.