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Date.	Place and Time.	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
Oct 1	ANZAC	Reorganization of lines due to one officer & 150 men of 1st & 2nd Brigades being attached to Bn completed. Recommendation submitted that Major W.C. HARVEY, Captains T.V. BROWN, J.L. FISHER, T. JACKSON, L. JONES, Lieutenants S. THOMAS & C. FORTESCUE & 2nd Lieut. F. B. SCOUALL be recorded from Bn. Captain ROBERTSON (Chaplain) departed sick.
Oct 3	"	Meeting of C.O.'s of 3rd Brigade at Brigade H. Quarters where General Walker and delivered address & stated that owing to absence of the Brigadier & Brigade Major the Brigade would be regarded as Divisional Troops & would therefore come under his immediate control. All

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4 ¹⁰ / ₁₅	Anzac	returns etc to be rendered direct to Divisional H Qs but addressed 309 Bde Heavy bombardment by enemy at 1930 last for an hour but no casualties in 9th Bn.
5- ¹⁰ / ₁₅	"	A Turkish working party was found to be engaged in front of "C" Company's position about 2130. Arrangements were made by Captain Wilder (Acting Adjutant) for bombs to be thrown at them by "E" Coy and the ground over which they would retire to be covered with rifle fire by the remainder of the Bn also for assistance to be rendered by the machine guns of the 10th & 11th Bns and by the 4th L. H.
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6/10/15	ANZAC	valley, appeared to be successful. Captain MILNE returned to ANZAC and reported for duty. Attached to 'A' company.
7 th 10/15	"	Instruction received from Divisional Head Quarters that letter concerning recommendation that Lt Col. J. C. ROBERTSON be seconded was received & action taken accordingly.
	"	Successful demonstration was made at 2030 by all Bns of Brigade and heavy fire drawn from enemy's position on SNIPER'S RIDGE and KNIFE EDGE.
8/10/15	"	Stormy night 8/9 th . Heavy damage said to have been caused to pier at beach. Captain (temp) CHAMBERS left sick.
9/10/15	"	Capt (temp) ROSS left sick.

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Date.	Place and Time.	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
10/10/15	ANZAC.	Newly appointed Brigadier & Brigade Major (Col. Johnstone & Major BAKER) visited trenches during forenoon. Lieut J F DONNELLY transferred to 2nd Division - Major R H WALSH appointed Lieut Col (Temporary) to take effect from 8th instant via D.O. of 9th October (List No 2)
11/10/15 15/10/15	.	General HOBBS assumed command of Division on 15-10-15 Everything very quiet.
16/10/15	.	Demonstration at 0400 along whole length of Army Corps front. One round per rifle, gun fire, and heavy gun fire from ships. Only moderate rifle fire returned by enemy with a few shells & bombs from trench mortars. Lieut Rhead, Donnelly & thoughtfully appointed lieutenants to take effect from 5/10/15

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Date.	Place and Time.	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
Oct 17 th	Arr 130	Captain J.A. MILNE appointed Major temporarily dated 17-10-15. Lt Col W. AGGETT promoted 2 nd Lieut
Oct 18 th 23	"	Temporary captaincy of Lieut C.F. ROSS cancelled 9-10-15. All ranks busily engaged constructing winter quarters and building sniper positions; latter very successful.
Oct 23	"	Lieut. A.J. BOASE appointed temporary captain. Lieut R.W. CHAMBERS' promotion to rank of temporary captain cancelled 8-10-15.
Oct 25	"	6 months service in firing line completed. Strength of battalion 19 officers 536 other ranks including M.O. wounded & missing still about 11 officers 372 other ranks; Total casualties since 25/4/15 43 officers 1357 other ranks including killed 9 officers and 142 other ranks, 1 officer & 72 missing, 15 officers & 462 other ranks wounded, 18 officers & 661 other ranks sick & injured.

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Date.	Place and Time.	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
Oct-26	Angac	Lieut. Col. Walsh left sick and temporary command assumed by Major J. A. Milne. Quiet along our front.
Oct 27	"	Machine gun post on Parados in rear of Q2. Sniping rifle posts (new pattern) doing good work. Q2 machine gun tunnel completed.
" 28	"	Put out new trench and barbed wire along whole Bn front. Enemy

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Date.	Place and Time.	28th Continued	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
28 Oct	Angai	Threw up flares after we had been at work for an hour and opening a smart fire compelled us to withdraw mining parties. Casualties 1 NCO and 2 men slightly wounded.	
29/30		Both days quiet. On morning of 30th handed over from T 6 to G 1 to 1st INF Bde Composite Coy disbanded and returned to reinforcement camp. The Bn is now	

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Date.	Place and Time.	<u>30th Continued</u>	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
20 Oct.	Angae	Holding from 01 to 04	
21 "	"	Quart. nothing doing Completed new Snipers dump Fort. Stright of Bin Officers 17 Other hands 498 Total <u>515</u> J. A. Fisher Major C/o 9th Bn.	

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