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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
DEC 1	LEMNOS	Building stone wall to protect Cook's Lines.	Whole
		Camp placed in quarantine owing to outbreak of Diphtheria.	
DEC 2	"	Squad drill morning A.C.B. class in afternoon.	
DEC 3	"	Major H.G. SALISBURY returned to duty, also 17 sick & wounded	
+ *	"	from EIRELAND	
+ *		Battalion Institute organized and men can now purchase anything they require. As a protection for throat all ranks in Bn ordered to cease shaving and allow beard to grow. Supply of woolen tents and small proportion of old uniforms issued to Bn. The issue of warm clothing from Ordnance has been much delayed. The arrangements for the Australian Chuteen are not	

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	LEMNOS.		satisfactory, it is in the hands of the Greeks and prohibitive prices are asked. In the British Canteens goods can be purchased by the men at 1/2 and sometimes 1/3 of the rates charged in the Australian Canteen.
Dec.	5	Brigade Church Parade.	
"	6	Kit Inspection morning Officers M.C. class afternoon LIEUT. COL. Robertson honore list C.M.G. dates.	
"	7	Rifle Exercises. Marked improvement in health and Battalion becoming much stronger physically.	
"	8	Lieut Col. GELLIBRAND reported and took command 12 <sup>th</sup> Bn. vice Temp Lieut Col C.L. ELLIOTT.	
Jan	9	Sports Committee appointed to act in conjunction	

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	LEMNOS	with Brigade Committee. Regular sports and entertainments to be organized.	
DEC. 10		Duty BN. to day. Impossible secure timber or sufficient keelson to build Cook Houses and Latrines have found it necessary to purchase from Regimental funds	
" 12	"	Two Battalions 2 <sup>nd</sup> Inf Bde with Brigade Hd Qrs arrived in camp, also other units, from Anzac.	
" 13		Parade hours increased to three hours per day.	
	h.R.	Col G. JOHNSTON Brigadier 3 <sup>rd</sup> Brigade left for Egypt Lieut Col J.C. ROBERTSON assumed command of Brigade MAJOR A.G. SALISBURY assumed command 9 <sup>th</sup> Bn vice LIEUT COL J.C. ROBERTSON.	

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Dec 14	Lemnos	Duty Bn. Musketry Instr. close order drill	
15	"	Musketry Instr. close order drill.	
16	"	Platoon Drill + Bayonet Fighting	
17	"	Route March - 6 miles.	
18	"	Bayonet Fighting. Company Drill	
19	"	Church Parade Highly successful	
19	"	entertainment by N.C.O. + men	
19	"	of 9th Bn in Y.M.C.A. recreation	
19	"	tent. Seems most original	
19	"	+ topical of Anzac + Sarpe	
19	"	Quarantine Camps.	
19	"	Church Parade	
20	"	Battalion Heats for Brigade Sports	

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Decr 21	Lunnon	Route March - Wet day - Bn returned to camp. Capt W. L. Correll to hospital sick.	
22	"	Bde Duties. Extended Order Drill Capt. The Rev W. Ashley - Brown attached to the Bn from 20th Decr. (Church of England)	
23	"	Extended order drill. Quarantine restriction removed. Brigade ordered to be ready to move at short notice.	
24	"	Boy Drill. Bn ordered to stand by to leave Lunnon by 9 am. 25th Decr.	

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Date. 1915	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
Dec 25	Lannos	Embarkation Orders cancelled	
		church Parade.	
26	"	10th Bn + Bde Staff embarked.	
		Muster Parade + Kit inspection of	
		9th Bn. Lt Col. J. Gellibrand assumed	
27	"	Route March <sup>command of remainder of Bde.</sup>	
28	"	Route March + artillery formations	
29	"	boy Drill Lieut J Williams	
		returned from hospital	
29	"	boy Drill	
30	"	boy Drill. Capt W L Arrell	
		returned from hospital	
		Received orders to embark on 31st Dec.	

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Date. 1915	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
Dec 31	Lemnos	<p>9 am. commenced embarkation of Battalion. Strength Officers 22 other ranks 689 Total 711 Major A. Salisbury appointed D. C. Troops on N.M. Transport "CRAMPION" (Allan line) Capt. W. Young took charge of 9th Bn. Other troops on board, Div. Sig. Co. 103 Trench Mortar Bty 57 Amm. Park 91 Details 1st Aust Div. 22 Details from H.Q. 2nd Aust Div + Bde Staffs also Details from 79</p>	<p>other different units Total troops on board Officers 94 others 1528. A. Salisbury Major of 9th Bn. 31st Dec 1915</p>

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