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9<sup>th</sup> Bn. A.I.F. (36)

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
30 <sup>6</sup> / <sub>15</sub> .		SCOVGALL, BENSON, JORDAN and WILDER be promoted Lieut another effort by dead recovering parties failed owing to heavy fire started by enemy at 9.0 PM Divisional Orders to day congratulates the Bn on the success of operation on 28 <sup>th</sup> inst	
1 <sup>7</sup> / <sub>15</sub> .		Moved in firing line from Restroom Camp. The 9 <sup>th</sup> has taken the sector recently occupied by 10 <sup>th</sup> Bn. The names of following members of 9 <sup>th</sup> mentioned in orders for conspicuous gallantry - Capt A.L. Butler Lt C. Fortescue, S.S.M. Steele Sergt Scrisemer P Sergt WILDER M. Sergt CLARK H. Plt. Kenyon J. Sergt BENSON C.E Plt HEATON C.R. Plt HENLEY G.P. Plt MAHAFETH H. Plt <sup>BRUNSW</sup> <del>DUNN</del> Plt WILLIAMS T. Plt CAMPBELL T. Plt ROBNEY G.	

Ass. Adjt. General  
8th Echelon. M. E. B.  
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9<sup>th</sup> Bn. A.I.F. (37)

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
2 <sup>7</sup> / <sub>15</sub> :		Enemy made two demonstrations during the night. Busy on organization of A.C.Os. Three men wounded Shrapnel Shell in Trenches.	
3 <sup>7</sup> / <sub>15</sub> :		Started four forward Saps for Bomb Throwers.	
4 <sup>7</sup> / <sub>15</sub> :		Recommended Perrier, Koch, Furdlay, Knightley Carson and McKenzie for promotion to 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lieut.	
5 <sup>7</sup> / <sub>15</sub> :		Two hundred and fifty (250) Turkish shells fired over our Trenches between 3am & 4am this morning, parapets knocked about otherwise no damage. Capt Butler sent on board the Hospital ship for a few days spell. Capt Chambers relieving	
6 <sup>7</sup> / <sub>15</sub> :	p.m. L.L.L.	Information received that the Turks have landed	

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9<sup>th</sup> Bn. A.I.F. (38)

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
7 <sup>th</sup> 15-	ANZAC	<p>new Guns for the firing of poisonous Gas shells all new issued with Respirators</p> <p><sup>23</sup> officers and 368 A.C.Os and men are now away at the base wounded the bulk of these have been away over two months. The Bn has received no word of their condition, whereabouts or likelihood of return. Extension of Y tunnel commenced.</p>	
8 <sup>th</sup> 15.		<p>MAJOR Capt WALSH. PTES BAILEY L.H.-GRAY G.R.- DOWD J and HOLLOWAY J. mentioned in Army Corps Order 2<sup>nd</sup> July/15.</p>	
9 <sup>th</sup> 15.	W.R. Lt Col 9 <sup>th</sup> Bn.	<p>Capt BUTLER returned. Heavy shelling from Turkish Batteries commenced 4.0 AM. continued until 7.0 AM.</p> <p>Continuing Y Sap fire Bomb holes completed Heavy Shrapnel &amp; percussion shelling this afternoon</p>	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
10 <sup>2</sup> / <sub>15</sub>	ANZAC	Wounded officers Lieut Williams & Ker returned together with fifty eight men. Turks commenced shelling 7 am continued until noon.	
11 <sup>2</sup> / <sub>15</sub>		Small demonstration by division 9.0 pm.	
12 <sup>2</sup> / <sub>15</sub>		Captains Plant and Dougall returned. Big demonstration against enemy at 9.0 am co-operating with Southern force our trenches considerably knocked about only one casualty. Commenced the new forward fire trench for C. Co. also a forward tunnel to Bluff in ALLAH GULLY. Our patrol this evening discovered enemy sapping towards our lines	
13 <sup>2</sup> / <sub>15</sub>		Commenced inoculating against Cholera to day 134 inoculated.	
14 <sup>2</sup> / <sub>15</sub>	J.M.G. 1/15	Inoculations continued. Rest Platoons in each	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
15 <sup>th</sup> 15.	ANZAC	Co. are taken to Beach every evening for a swim Lieut Benson and 25 embarked to day to act as escort for SW TAN HAMILTON. Inspected the Trenches at COURTNEY'S, QUINNS and POPES. quiet night. Pay £500 for POW received.	
16 <sup>th</sup> 15.		LIEUT H.G. KERR struck by shrapnel 3.30 died 10.0pm. three other casualties. Patrol under Sjt QUINCE encountered enemy patrol in front our lines bombs used but result unknown. Board of Inquiry appointed to ascertain facts regarding report that Lieut RHEAD was asleep whilst on duty.	
17 <sup>th</sup> 15.	J.K. 18/15.	Sjts Benson & Wilder and Private Heaton awarded D.C.M.	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
19 <sup>th</sup> & 18 <sup>th</sup> 15.	ANZAC	Lt Colonel Lee returned to duty. No <del>and</del> confirmatory evidence Court of Enquiry regarding 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lieut Rhead	
20 <sup>th</sup> 15.		His office transferred from B. Co to A. Coy Lt Koch transferred from A Co to B. Co. Capt Young sent away ill	
	8 pm +	Enemy fired during night no casualties	
21 <sup>st</sup> 15	4 am		
	9 am  Jan 18 <sup>th</sup> 15.	<p>3<sup>rd</sup> Regiment                      Pte J. GRANFIELD of B Co shot in dry net self inflicted                      Lieut Col. Lee sent to Hospital ill. Major J.C. ROBERTSON resumed command. Promotions                      PERRIER J.M. KOCH G. FINDLAY J.H. CARSON R promoted                      2<sup>nd</sup> Lieut's dated 10-7-15.</p>	<p>self inflicted                      D.O. 1176 19<sup>th</sup> 15</p>

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
22 <sup>nd</sup> 75	ANZAC	Had 2nd foretells big attack of enemy to take place 23 <sup>rd</sup> inst. Bn. busy strengthening defences Lieut YOUNG sent to hospital	
23 <sup>rd</sup> 75	"	Three cases lately of men cutting off or shooting off fingers the intention being to get sent to Hospital Case occurred today and arranged with field ambulance to keep the man at ANZAC instead of sending him away. Owing to unexpected attack men stand too at the waning of moon and daybreak.	
24 <sup>th</sup> 75	"	Lieut HARVEY returned with 7 wounded men	
25 <sup>th</sup> 75	"	Diarrhoea very prevalent amongst the troops started	
<del>26<sup>th</sup> 75</del>	"	new sap in A Coy lines also tunnel in C. Co	
26 <sup>th</sup> 75	PK 1 <sup>st</sup> 75	Heavy shelling by enemy this evening	

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9<sup>th</sup> Bn. AIF (43)

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
27 <sup>2</sup> / <sub>15</sub>	4th ZAC 7 <sup>am</sup> 70	Lieut. Finlay hit by Shrapnel in A Co new Heavy shrapnel from enemy commencing Capt BUTLER M.O. went to hospital sick. Lieut Col. H. BAILEY arrived with 9 <sup>th</sup> Reinforcements but reported sick immediately and went to Hospital Ship.	Sap serious 6.30 am.
28 <sup>2</sup> / <sub>15</sub>		30ty shells fired at our new open Sap then new wounded.	
29 <sup>2</sup> / <sub>15</sub>		Para in DO 76 appointing Lieut Col H.W. LEE to command 9 <sup>th</sup> Bn vice Lieut Col (Temp) J. ROBERTSON is cancelled G. Staff 114/179 dated 26-7-15. Corp. GILMOUR killed.	
30 <sup>2</sup> / <sub>15</sub>		The G.O.C. Isarda returned Lieut BENSON remaining at MUDROS.	
31 <sup>2</sup> / <sub>15</sub> - 1 <sup>8</sup> / <sub>15</sub>	J. H. G. 175.	An assault on Turkish DESPAIR Bruncher was ordered to take place	Bde Operation Memorandum No 11 By G. H. G. G. G.

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
	ANZAC	at the rising of the moon. The Turkish trenches were situated in front of 11 <sup>th</sup> Bn. and comprised about 200x opposite TASMANIA POST. In a memo at 1750 which subsequent to the operation order the 9 <sup>th</sup> Bn was ordered to take over and man the new trenches on left of TASMANIA POST with the object of defeating any counter attack by the Enemy. The Enemy was driven out at 10.15 PM. and reassembled slightly about midnight on our front they were dispersed by our machine gun and rifle fire and in	

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9<sup>th</sup> Nov. A.I.F. (445)

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
	ANZAC	<p>further attempt was made. Two casualties were two wounded. one platoon from each Co. was detailed as follows. A Co. left branch of ORATONGA S.A.P. B Co. right branch of CHARMAN S.A.P. D Co. ORATONGA S.A.P. including Saps. E Co. to act as a Reserve.</p> <p>Owing to a misconception of orders the <del>off.</del> Officer in charge of C Co. Platoon Lieut Ross did not reach his destination. <del>His</del> own trencher were kept here by the <del>men</del> remaining platoons of each Co.</p>	<p>operation memo by Lieut Col JCR Roberts.</p>

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