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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
18.9.15	ANZAC NORTHIAN, No 1	died down at 5-10 pm. Trenches on LONE PINE and SNIPERS. RIDGE. Seemed full of troops. ON LONE PINE Enemy had Boys out fixed. Turks are improving their position on WIER. RIDGE Considerably.	
20.9.15	" " 10am	Two companies of 11 th Bn were relieved for 48 hours by 150 men from 12 th Bn. My men are in a very poor state of health. The total strength of the Battalion is 13 officers 349 other ranks.	A. F. Brown says Deep on 11 th Bn
22.9.15	" " 10am	Mountain Gun from 21 st Mts. placed in a recess in LEDGE TRENCH. for the purpose of opening fire on PLATFORM and Covered trench	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
22.9.15	ANZAC NORTHERN NO 1 10.45	ON SNIPERS RIDGE. The shooting was most successful. Both positions being demolished with eight rounds. One tree. Enemy returned fire and did a good deal of damage to our Periscope also 3rd Coy. Artillery Observing Station. No Casualties.	
24.9.15	ANZAC NORTHERN NO 1 11.15 AM 1.15 PM	Enemy opened heavy Artillery fire from GUN RIDGE. OLIVE GROVE and the rest of GABA TUBE. Several shells fell near LEDGE TRENCH and a number in our Support lines. We suffered three (3) Casualties none of them Serious Cases. GENERAL BIRDWOOD, and ADMIRAL Weyman	P. R. Pearce Major Dep. OC 11th Bn.

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
24 9 15.	ANZAC. 11.15 pm 9 pm	inspected the Battalion Trenches Demonstration took place tonight, and was fairly successful in drawing Enemy fire, particularly Artillery. from 7.45 pm until 8 pm bayonets were exposed and burnt tins thrown out. at 8 pm we sent up a single red rocket from the Centre of the Battalion Line. from 8 pm until 8.10 pm the Artillery opened a heavy fire on Turkish Trenches. complete silence was maintained in the trenches. at 8.10 pm bursts of Machine Gun and Rifle fire opened along our whole front. this	A. C. Keane Major Camp Co. 11th Bn

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
24 9 15	ANZAC.	Continued until about 8.30 pm when the Enemy's fire died away. No Casualties.	
27. 9. 15	" 10.5-	E + D Companies of 11 th Bn were relieved at 10 am by a detail from 12 th Bn for 48 hours rest. This relief is working very satisfactorily and is a fine concession to the men at present on account of the small number available for duty it comes very hard on both Officers and men. The food being issued is fairly satisfactory, except that we do not get enough Fresh Vegetables. Platoon cooking is working well, except that wood is rather short.	P. R. Brown Company 11 th Bn

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
27 9 15	Angoo 10a	<p>now that the winter is approaching it would be well if a sufficient supply could be available for heating purposes. There seems to be something wrong with the Hospital system. Quite mild cases have gone to ENGLAND. and although this has been going on for months now. have seem to return. One Officer for instance. LIEUT. STICKLAND left here on 15.7.15. quite a mild case, he went to MAITA. and the next we heard was that he was leaving 11007. MAJOR. ROBERTS. was on Sept 4th that this Officer was quite well and on his</p>	<p>P. F. Keam Major Camp 02 11/15/15</p>

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
27 9 15 ANZAC	ANZAC 600.	<p>way back via Egypt. yet although this is three weeks ago the Officers have not yet returned. He left here on July 15th. The same may be said of Capt J. HENROCK who joined this Battalion from reinforcements. This was quite a wild case, yet he went to ENGLAND leaving ANZAC. 23/7/15. It makes it very hard for the few who remain as a civilian one could not afford such a loss of time.. I think it is a matter that requires more supervision, otherwise those lacking the sense of Duty. may be tempted to take advantage of it.</p>	<p>P. F. Groom Major Temp. OC 11th Regt</p>

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
30/9/15	ANZAC 2pm	<p>I conducted Col KIMMING of the 5TH NORFOLKs through Brigade lines today he was much impressed by the great amount of work done, and the character of them. The general health of the men is only fair. I do not consider they are at present fit for any sustained effort. Retention strength on</p> <p>26/9/15 11 Officers 319 Other Ranks</p> <p>30/9/15 12 Officers 324 "</p> <p>During this period 32 returned from Hospital 27 were admitted to Hospital.</p>	<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">P. P. Ream Major Camp Co 11/15/15</p>

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