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1914-18 War

Infantry

Item number: 23/32/8

Title: 15th Infantry Battalion

June 1915



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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
June 1		<p>Report for duty Q.M.S. Reid & C.S.M. Hansen sent to hospital being unfit for further active service.</p> <p>Extract from A.C. order no 105. Complimentary The Army Corps Commander has learnt from an entry in a Turkish officer's diary that in an attack on May 10th the losses on two Turkish regiments alone amounted to 600 killed & 2000 wounded.</p> <p>The attack referred to is evidently a counter-attack which forced the 15th Batta to relinquish the trenches</p>	

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		<p>which it had taken during the night with the loss of 200 killed wounded & missing. The Army Corps Commander congratulates Col Cannon & the 15th Batta & those associated with it, in having inflicted punishment upon the enemy far outweighing the losses of the enemy their own loss in this operation.</p>	
June 2		Balance of 15 th Bn moved into bivouac at Walker's Gully	
June 1 st		Capt Moran & 7 men returned to duty also 7 reinforcements reported.	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
June 2		died Coombs, Lieut Johnson ⁹⁹ reinforcements reported for duty.	
		Batt remained in bivouac	
June 3		Do do.	
June 4		7 wounded men returned to duty	
		33 reinforcements reported for duty.	
		Strength of Battalion is now as follows	
		In Bivouac. ^{3 Ambros} 7 Ambros Egypt M.G. Sect	
		officers 18 - 1 1	
		others 62 7 40 26	
		Making a total of officers 20	
		others 69 5.	J. S. B.

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June 6		<p>Sir A. J. Godley as a parade of the Brigade on 2nd June</p> <p>Church Parade was held in Walker's Gully was attended by 4th Brigade. Batts was still in bivouac at Walker's Gully.</p>	
June 7		with the exception of M. G. Sect.	
8		which has been with Bde M.C.	
9		in Monash valley.	
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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
		<p>Referring to Div Order 132-18 a Genl. Sir A. J. Godley sends following message re 15 Bn assault on Turkish trenches on night 9/10 May: Please convey to Col. Mousash & command & all officers N. B. Officers of the 4th A. I. Bde my high appreciation of the gallantry & determination of the troops who took part in the attack on the Turkish lines from Anzac Post</p>	<p><i>[Signature]</i></p>

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
		<p>on night of 9/10 May. The operation was necessary in order to relieve pressure on our forces in the South & was completely successful. Not only was the enemy obliged to deploy all his supports & reserves in order to meet that attack but large numbers of Turks were killed & there is no question but that a severe blow was inflicted on them. The whole of</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">AAB</p>

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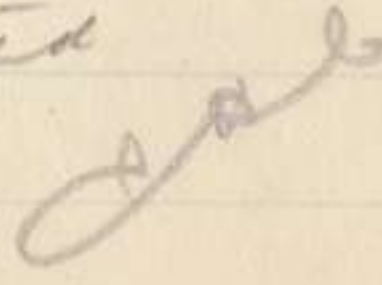
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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
2 June		The rest of the Div. is filled with admiration at the gallant conduct of their Austr. comrades. Genl. Godley addressed 4 th Bde while in walker bulley copy of speech attached hereto.	
June 10		Remained in bivouac.	
9		Party sent out to dig trenches in a dangerous position on Pluggie's Plateau, and 2 men were wounded owing to fatigue.	
12		Injuring Picket but did not have to turn out.	June

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
June 12		Remained in bivouac	
13		Parade Church service. Enemy shelled our position heavily, but no casualties in the batts.	
14		Remained in bivouac. Enemy opened shell fire about 3.30 am & ceased about 8 AM.	
13		15 wounded & 1 sick returned to duty	
12		Capt Cannon & 1 other sick, 3 wounded & 1 reinforcement returned & reported for duty.	
14		Strength of Batt is as follows	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
June 14		Bivouac. Ambros M. G. Sect. Egypt officers 20 - 1 1 others 623 7 25 40 Total strength of Balls officers 22 other ranks 695	
15		Orling Picket. Guard returned from Ambros less 1 man who was sent to hospital.	
16		51 Reinforcements & 14 wounded returned, reported for duty.	
17		Bivouac shelled by enemy	JAC
18		2 men wounded sent to hospital Anniversary of Battle of Waterloo.	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
June 19		Inlying Picket	
20		7 Wounded returned & 2 reinforcements reported for duty.	
		Strength of Battalion is as follows	
	Barracks	M.G. Sect. Egypt	
	Officers	22	
	Other ranks	686	
		24	
		40	
21		Total strength officers 24 others 750 Lt McSharry reported for duty from 2 nd L.H. & appointed Adjutant to Battalion.	
22		Lt Eather & one private (reinforcements) reported for duty also 1 wounded	job
23		Inlying Picket. 3 wounded	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or Reference: to Appendices, &c., attached.
June 23		returned & 1 reinforcement reported for duty. Pte Hansen transf ^d from 2 nd Light Horse	
24		1 sick returned to duty.	
25		Lt Dickenson, with 8 wounded returned & 1 reinforcement reported for duty.	
26		Nothing to report.	
27		Inlying Picket. 2 wounded returned to duty.	
		Battalion state as follows: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p><small>Revised</small></p> <p>Officers 25</p> <p>Others 670</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p><small>N.C.</small></p> <p>1</p> <p>23</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p><small>1/4/47</small></p> <p>1</p> <p>40</p> </div> <div style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold;">}</div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>Total 27 officers</p> <p>733 others</p> </div> </div>	JAB

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	June	28th	Nothing to report.	
	June	29th	do.	
	June	30th.	Two sick returned to duty.	
<p>(Original of above written on same sheet entry for beginning of subsequent month and filed with volume for that month)</p>				