

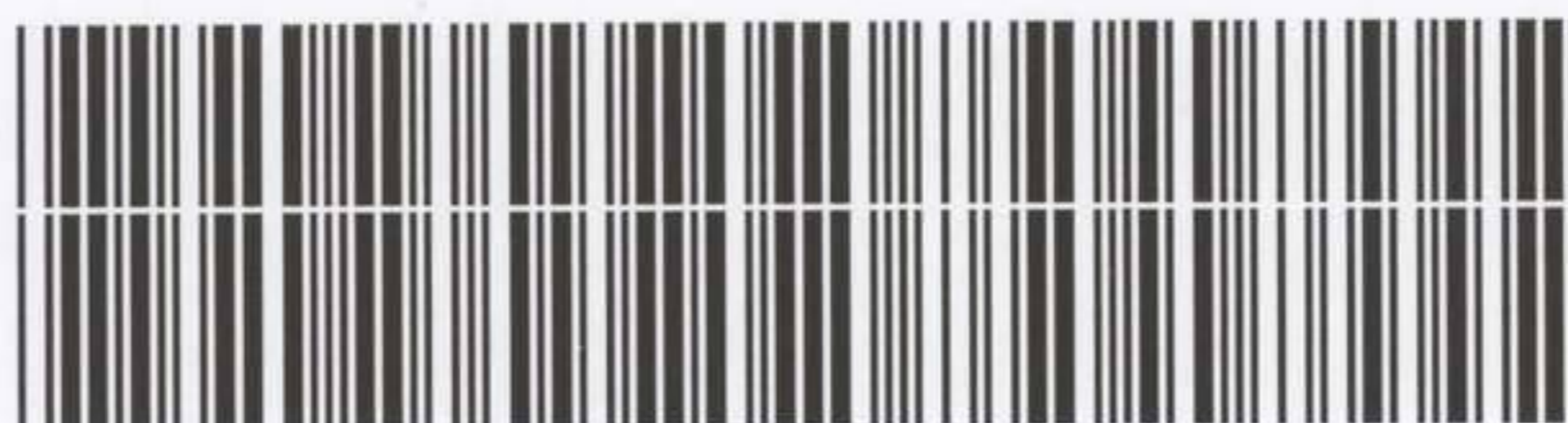
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18<sup>th</sup> Battalion A.S.F.  
August 1915.

Extracts from Diary 1915  
18<sup>th</sup> Bn.

Aug 19 } Lemnos at Daylight, hundreds of  
Thursday } vessels here protected by a torpedo  
net mines about 4 mls long.  
Anchored outside boom for breakfast &  
then went into harbour <sup>see above</sup> H. Nelson.  
Cornwall anchored near shore.  
heard we were sailing at once  
Everyone excited.

Aug 20 } 18<sup>th</sup> Bn - 219<sup>th</sup> Bn - moved away at  
Friday } sundown in Bermaniah (Egyptian mail  
boat our transport from Lemnos to Smyrna)  
We go tomorrow - very dirty ship  
filth & filth everywhere, 7 stowaways  
on board.

Aug 20<sup>th</sup> Boat alongside 1 pm. Left Lemnos about  
5.45 pm. Ran at 15 knots in darkness.  
Gun flashes & roar of cannon at 9.15 pm  
Big battle on. Saw warboats in action

Aug 22. Landed at daylight - No casualties, but  
one of crew wounded in stomach -  
took up position in Reserve Tully just  
near Watson's Pier. Roar of cannon on a

incorrect

- Aug 26<sup>th</sup> Went round trenches on Russell Top  
 saw periscope rifles in use. heard  
 Aust. everywhere. Hear 310 attacked on 8<sup>th</sup>  
 & 237 killed. We take over at noon.  
 Took charge of No 1 Post. Made demonstr.  
 at 9.15 pm. Turks replied vigorously.  
 about 10,000 rds amm. used up.
- Aug 27<sup>th</sup> At 1 am. old 75 drove a hole in our gun  
 position. At 4.50 a demonstration  
 took place but Turks ready. Good sniping  
 along front. Sgt Paine had magazine  
 blown off. no damage. At 16. a deter-  
 mined attack was made on our left.  
 Lyddite & shrapnel rained & the M.G.s  
 hummed. Fancy our men O.K. Heavy  
 firing in front. 75 at it.
- Aug 28<sup>th</sup> Everything quiet on Russell Top. Action  
 on left still progressing with rumours  
 of all sorts flying round foot over  
 further ~~at~~ part of trenches. No casualties  
 Saw Gen Burdwood.
- Aug 29<sup>th</sup> Everything quiet. German plane dropped  
 bombs, no damage done. have got good hole  
 for sniping. Saw Warboat on fire.



18th BATTALION, A.I.F.

Aug. 30th. Turks very quiet - Had shots at German Officer (target found to be a dummy). Enemy shelled Div.H.Q. this afternoon but issue of rations went on. In the night several scares & 2 rockets sent up. C.Coy. in trench, one shot himself in leg & other ran bayonet in shoulder.

Aug. 31st. Got a sniper before breakfast (0400). Putting up a 3 pounder. Got two more at close range (40.3 pr in position) Turks made demonstration tonight but we scared them off in short order.

(The original of above appears on the same sheet as entries for subsequent month and will be found with the diary for that month).