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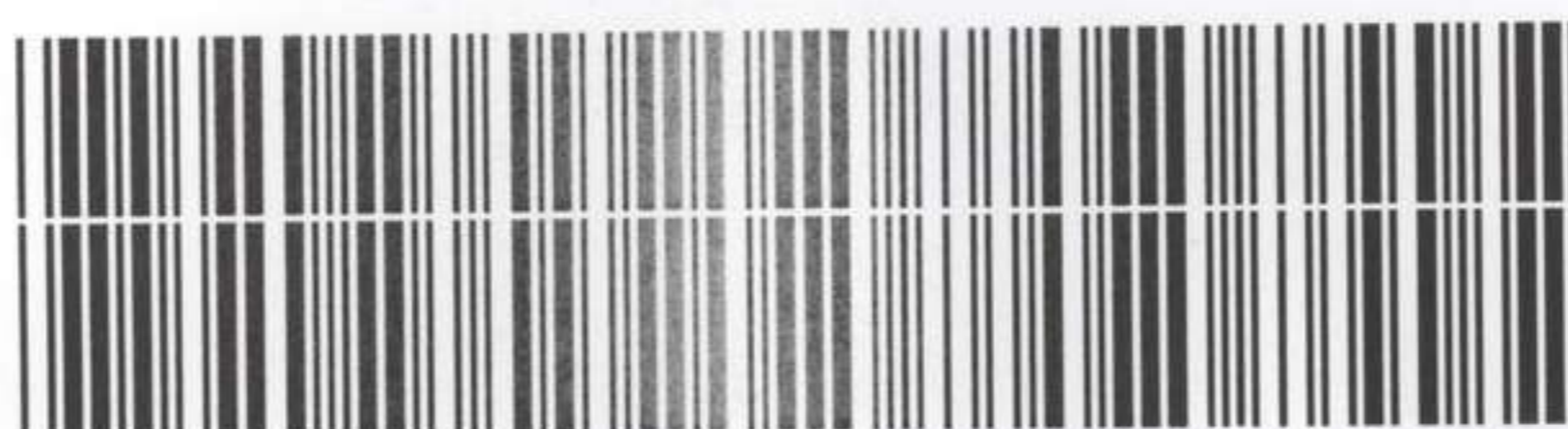
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Infantry

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WAR DIARY

6th Bn. A.I.F.
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A.C.'s OFFICE AT THE BASE
3rd. Echelon, M. E. F.
8th OCT. 1915
CENTRAL REGISTRY.
No. M. E. C/

Hour, Date, Place.

Summary of Events and Information.

Remarks and references to Appendices.

1st September ANZAC

Two Companies 5th Battalion, The 6th Battalion and one Company 8th Battalion, still occupied the trenches in Southern No 2 from Tunnel "B" to WIRE GULLY.

Subdivisions - No 1 C Coy 5th Battalion

" 2 D " " "

" 3 A+B Coys 6th Battalion

" 4 C+D " " "

" 5 A Coy 8th Battalion

1920 " "

Arrangements were made with 1st and 4th Battalions to act as supports to No 2 Southern - These Battalions are resting in my support trenches after duty in LONE PINE.

1400 2nd. September 1915 ANZAC

With assistance of Engineers commenced wiring in recesses in forward firing line, No 1 Sub Section, to right of PIMPLE. Usual sniping during night

1600 " "

One of our Mountain Battery shells fell short and wounded a man in No 5 Sub Section

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2030 2nd September ANZAC	Sub Section reserve of SAA made up to 100 rds per man making Section Reserve 200 rds per man in addition to this.	
2050 " " "	All Machine Guns in Section from right to AUSTINS POST were placed under control of G.O.C 1st Bde to assist in the defence of LONE PINE.	
2130 " " "	In conjunction with Northern No 2 effected a ruse to draw enemy's fire. The part of Southern No 2 was to fire 3 rounds rapid. The result was:- Heavy Machine Gun fire from flanks of JOHNSTONS JOLLY, and general rifle fire from that position. This lasted about 15 minutes. Enemy fired two white flares over DWENS GULLY, and one on northern end of the JOLLY	
2100 3rd September 1915 ANZAC	Patrol from No 2. Northern No 2 went out down WIRE GULLY between 2130, and 2145.	

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4th September 1915
ANZAC

Between 0420 and 0800 Troops in LONE PINE marked its flanks by means of biscuit tins for information of all ranks

1930

Arrangements were made with one Company 5th Battrn to support No 5 Sub Section in case of attack, and with 1st Battalion to support No 1 Sub Section, and 4th Battrn to support Nos 3 + 4 Subsections

1940

Arrangements were made for night dispositions to be taken up at 1900 instead of 1915. During night loose wire entanglements were thrown in front of firing line.

2200

Patrol from Northern No 2 went out towards MARINE TRENCH, to return before midnight.

2250

Above patrol reported that enemy was gathering in strength in WIRE GULLY. Warned No 5 Subsection verbally by telephone, and all other subsections. All stood to arms. Arrangements were made with supporting troops to support immediately if required.

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2250. 4th September 1915 ANZAC	Flare was thrown into WIRE GULLY by No 5 Subsection, the flare setting fire to some bushes there. This revealed no enemy in sight. All Subsections reported no enemy in sight.	
2350 " "	All troops allowed to turn in. Observers warned to be extra vigilant	
0100 5th September 1915 2100 ANZAC	Patrol again went to MARINE TRENCH Patrol from Northern No 2 went out to MARINE TRENCH and returned at Moonrise. Arranged for star shells at 2100, and 2200 in WIRE GULLY. They revealed no enemy.	
6th September 1915 ANZAC	Arrangements were made for relief of Southern No 2 from B 24 exclusive, to WIRE GULLY, by 22nd Battrn 2nd Australian Division. From right to B 24 inclusive is to be handed over to 23rd Battalion, arrangements for relief being made by 1st Bde. The relief was divided into 3 stages.	

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6th September 1915 ANZAC	<p>First Stage - Relief of 50% of Old Garrison, commencing at 0900, by the same number of 22nd Batta.</p> <p>Second Stage - Relief of 50% of Old Garrison, with the supporting 50% and the relief of that part of 22nd Batta by another part of that Battalion.</p> <p>Third Stage - Relief of Old Garrison by men of 22nd Battalion.</p> <p>Each stage was at 24 hours interval, to enable new troops to learn duties and become accustomed to trench life.</p> <p>Machine Guns to be relieved under arrangements of Bde Machine Gun Officer.</p>	
0930 7th Sept 1915 ANZAC	First stage of relief of Garrison completed	
0930 8th Sept 1915 "	Second stage of relief completed	
2100 " "	Patrol sent out by Northern No 2 into MARINE TRENCH to return at moonrise.	
0900 9th September 1915 ANZAC	Third stage of relief completed. Relieved Garrison rejoined Battalns. 6th Bn going to Bivouac in SARAPNEL GULLY	CR

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9th September 1915
ANZAC.

Lieut Colonel BENNETT, handed over control of Southern No 2 at 1100, but remained under orders of Divisional Commander to assist C.O. 22nd Battr. in an advisory capacity. He kept with him 6 men to assist

2115

" "

Battalion under Major BORWICK embarked for LEMNOS
Strength 16 Officers 377 Other Ranks

1000

10th September 1915. LEMNOS. Battalion arrived at LEMNOS 1000, and entered Camp at SARPI

15th Sept 1915

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Lieut Col BENNETT, and party of 6 men arrived from ANZAC.

Remainder of month spent in training and recuperating. Training for 3 hours each morning.

No noticeable improvement in the health of the men. Sports were encouraged, and matches arranged with other units, and the Navy. Strength 150 offrs 355 OR

Lieut Colonel
Comd 96th Battr A.I.F.

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3rd. ECHELON, M. E. F.
17 NOV. 1915 X
CENTRAL REGISTRY.
No. M. F. C/

Hour, Date, Place.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices.
September 15th to 30th	During this period the Battalion was resting at Lemnos. Nothing worthy of note occurred	
<p>L. J. Bonnell Major Comd 9th Bn A.I.F.</p>		

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	Officers	Other Ranks	Total	Remarks
Killed		1	1	
Wounded		4	4	
Missing	-	-	-	
Admitted to Hospitals	4	162	166	
<u>Total</u>	4	167	171	
Rejoined				
From Hospitals	2	61	63	
" Reinforcements		10	10	
<u>Total</u>	2	71	73	

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H. G. Smith Lieut Colonel
 Comdg 6th Bn A.I.F.