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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Suez	28.15	4pm	Arrived at Suez and anchored in the harbour.	
	5.8.15	2.30	Disembarked and entrained for Zeitoun.	
Abbassia	1.9.15	7.5pm	Detrained at ZEITOUN and marched to POLYGON CAMP at ABBASSIA. Bn training in Camp still. Principal work done Entrenching Musketry and Physical Training.	
	4.9.15		"A" & "B" Companies with signallers & stretcher bearers entrained at Abbassia Rly Stn at 12.15 am and remainder of Bn at 2.45 am for "Alexandria"	
Alexandria	4.9.15		Bn embarked on H.T. "MINNEWASKA" at 8.30 am & steamed into the harbour about 4 pm. Lieut W. H. BRIGLAND did not accompany the troops. He was absent without leave. Matter reported by letter to op Base records ALEXANDRIA through the Brigade Major 7 th Div Bde	
	5.9.15		Steamed out of the Harbour about 4 am.	
Mudros	7.9.15	5am	Arrived at Mudros, anchored and awaited instructions.	
	11.9.15	3pm	Embarked on S.S. "Abbassieh" and sailed for ANZAC. Arrived about 10 pm. and landed after a delay.	

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Amzac	12.9.15	3 am	landed on the beach and was conducted to a valley. Received instructions we were held in reserve. Div O. 23 of 10/9/15 received	
Taylor Hollow.	13.9.15	9 am	Received instructions that the Bn would do fatigue duty, under the Engineer officers.	
"	14.9.15	6 pm	Three men of fatigue parties wounded today: 'C' Coy No 974 Pte W.J. Turner; 'D' Coy No 1145 Pte V. G. Marshall. No 1228 Pte H. Roberts. The 18 pounder Field Batt. had a premature burst & wounded four of our men slightly. We are camped in the line of fire from the gun.	
"	15.9.15	6 pm	No Sub Pte R.W. A. Cooper of 'C' Coy was wounded today, shot through the leg by a stray bullet. He was standing in front of his dugout.	
"	16.9.15	9 pm	The Bn is still held in Reserve. British troops made a fire demonstration this evening	
"	17.9.15	6 pm	No 919 Pte Lynch H.S. of 'C' Coy was wounded in the foot while on fatigue duty.	
"	18.9.15	"	No 1261 Pte V. Hannam of 'D' Coy was shot through the arm this morning in the Bivouac by a stray Bullet.	

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Taylor's Hollow.	18/9/15	8pm	The enemy made a demonstration at 5pm. but no movement. This Bn was warned to be ready to move if required.	
"	19/9/15	"	No 920 Pte J. C. Morris of "C" Coy was seriously wounded by bullet from a sniper while going on fatigue duty, at 8.35 am.	
"	21/9/15		With 2 senior officers I visited the trenches on the right of the line of defence today for instructional purposes. Saw what was done by the 1 st Div in the way of trench construction.	
"	"	"	No 1020 Pte R. R. Chamley of "C" Coy was severely wounded by a bullet in the stomach when out with a fatigue party. Twelve men of out detached Beach party have been sent to Hospital. The total number of duties or detailed including men left at the Base & with transport in Egypt equals 17 officers 246 other ranks.	
"	23/9/15		No 102 Pte A. Kemp of "A" Coy & gunner of spare M.G. Sect injured by shrapnel and died in the Hospital.	
"	24/9/15		Lieut H. J. Lacy, Quartermaster was removed to Hosp. with "Prostatitis"	
"	26/9/15		No 982 Pte F. J. Williams of "C" Coy was hit by stray bullet in leg & sent Hosp.	

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"	28/9/15		N ^o 408 P ^{te} E. Sessler of "B" Coy was hit in head by bullet when of fatigue duty. N ^o 1215 P ^{te} H. G. Pacey of "D" Coy was hit with stray bullet in leg when in dugout.																										
"	29/9/15		5 N.C.O's and 90 other ranks of "B" Coy detached for duty on Beach. and 22 O.R. detached as 3 rd M.G. Sect who reported to M.G. officer.																										
"	30/9/15		2 Capts. 2 Subs. and 200 O.R. detached and sent to ANZAC for duty under the beach Commandant. On 21/9/15. N ^o 125 P ^{te} K. McQuinnery & N ^o 666 P ^{te} P. Morgan were killed by rifle bullets while on fatigue.																										
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