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April 1915



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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
24 April	Mena	<p>Left Mena for Larso ^{previously} having increased strength by drawing for reinforcements to 35 Officers + 1176 O.R. Total 1211 added 1 Chaplain & 1 Interpreter <u>2</u> There were despatched as under 4/4/15 <u>1213</u> Transfer to 5th Bn <u>28 O.R.</u> " " 6th Bn 7 Officers 1 O.R. <u>2</u> " " No 1 Coy 7m 1 <u>1</u> " " 1st Coy 1 <u>1</u> " " 8th Light Horse 1 <u>1</u> " " Barr Depot at Massia (pick up) <u>36</u> " " " " (for camp etc) <u>1</u> <u>70</u></p>	<p><i>H. S. [Signature]</i></p>
O.11'56.			* Major in command of 6 th Bn

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W. S. [Signature]

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4 April	Mena	Forward	70
		Triumph & Ban Depot Altonia N.S. O's [unclear] Imperial Commission	6
		Ban Blumaria (Ban detail)	6
		Ban Hospital Blumaria (implant)	1
		Total Transport	82
		leaving Total for Embarkation	35
		Embarked as follows	10950, R. = 1130
		On "Salika"	756
		"Morain"	47
		"Clan Mc Gillroy"	224
		"Mashobra"	79
		Remnants Laidie's P. 37. A. B. [unclear]	23
		at Mena for Embarkation	35
			10950 - 1130

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
5 th April	Cairo	Left Cairo by train at 3.30 am + 5.30 am.	[Signature]
5 th April	Alexandria	Embarked.	
6 th April	"	Transferred two men ill to Base Alexandria	
8 th April	"	Transferred two men ill to Base	
"	"	Obtained two men replacements from base at Attopia.	
"	"	Arrived "Lemnos."	
11 th April	Lemnos	Arrived "Lemnos."	
14 th April	LEMNOS	Transferred Pte Dowley to Base Hospital " Attopia " on board "OSMANEH"	
19 th April	LEMNOS	Pte Preston transferred to Hospital LEMNOS Pte Walsh reported for duty from Base ALEXANDRIA	

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7th Br Anzacs

Hour, Date, Place	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
<p>25. 4. 15. Anzac.</p>	<p>3.30am Revittie 4.00am Anchored off Kaba Tepe. 5.30am Towed ashore + made an attack men + units of the Batta soon became mixed with units of other Battas. Casualties:- 18 Officers (2K, 16W) ? Other Ranks. ----- Lt. Col. H. E. Elliot wounded Major J. Bleyard " " A. Jackson " " Mason " Capt McKenna & A. Killed " Fayh wounded Lieut L. C. Blick Killed " Heron W. K. wounded " Henderson A. D. " " Highway A. R. " " Liddlow A " " Chapman E. H. S. " " Conder H. T. " " Rodgers F. O. " " Connolly E. H. " " Donahy C. A. " " Davey C. R. " " Whitelaw J. S. "</p>	<p>See 22. 5. 1915 - for Casualty List: The approximate casualties for 25. 4. 15 was 400 killed, wounded + missing.</p> <p>Shillington Capt. 7 Br</p>

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Hour, Date, Place	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
<p>4:45 pm. 25 April 1915 M.M.T. Saleka <i>and</i></p>	<p><i>at 4:45 am</i> arrived at anchorage in accordance with general orders. It is however no tugs arrived as provided. Lieut Commander Sumnerwell ordered me to disembark the Battalion in the Ships Boats. This greatly disarranged my previous orders as men had been told of the tugs in accordance with the capacity of the Boats provided which differed from the Ships Boats & room had to be left for men to row moreover the Officers in charge of the Boats were unaware of the landing place all that I or Lieut Commander Sumnerwell could tell them was that they were to land to the left of the 3rd Brigade Left <i>guy</i> was in charge of leading Boat vide his memo attached.</p>	

*H. S. Elliott
Lt Col*

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<p>5 am. 25th April 1915</p> <p>Anzac Cove</p> <p>Gallipoli peninsula</p>	<p>At 5 am. about 120 men of B Coy 7th Bn which was already drawn up on the T. S. "Galeka" were embarked in four of the chips boats and proceeded to row ashore. The naval officer on board gave instructions that we were to land on the left of the 3rd Brigade and we accordingly made for the vicinity of Fishermans hut (square 237, I.) We could see the 3rd Brigade F. Amb. flag flying about square 237, W7. When about 200 yds from shore the enemy, who were entrenched on knoll behind Fishermans hut and knoll about 500 yds SOUTH EAST opened fire on the boats with machine guns and rifles. We landed and took up a position behind sand heaps at edge of beach the fire being too heavy to advance over the flat leading to huts. We poured in rapid fire and in about a quarter of an hour threatened to assault, when the enemy immediately retired. We occupied their trenches in rear of Fishermans hut with the remains of the platoons, numbering about 40 men and held the position to allow the Field Ambulance, who had sent up bearers, to remove the wounded, which was done as far as possible. Assistance was also received from a trawler which towed away two boats loaded with wounded. Messengers were sent to find Battalion H.2. with messages stating where we were, what had happened, and our intentions which were to hold till wounded were removed and then join battalion unless otherwise ordered. At about 2 pm. the enemy advanced on our left; we held on as long as possible and then retired along the beach to point in square 224, G5, arriving there about 7 pm. The party then reported to Major Glouford who directed them to 3rd Brig. H.2.</p>	

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4 p.m. 25 th April 1915 Gallipoli Peninsula	<p>Left H.M.T. Galeka by the 5th Boat & landed under straggled fire. Could not find the landing officer Major Glasgow or Major Villiers Stewart who were to meet us according to the ^{the} orders. I therefore reported to Col. Mc Col. McLagan Brigadier of 3rd Brigade and asked for orders. He instructed me to assemble the Battalion behind the the ^{right} hand point of the Cove in which we had landed & he should arrange for us to go out either on his right. Major Glasgow was ^{then} arrived & confirmed this. With difficulty owing to straggled fire I assembled about half of "C" Company the whole of "B" Company one platoon of "D" Company and the whole of "A" Company who landed from the H.M.T. Plan Mc Gillivray at our place generally under instructions from Major Glasgow</p>	

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Hour, Date, Place	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
<p>Gallipoli Peninsula 4.4.15 25/4/15</p>	<p>About 9.30. pm was wounded below the ankle joint. Remained on field a short time gave directions for the supply of ammunition and sent messages to Brigadier & to Major Mason of my word & returned to Beach</p> <p><i>[Signature]</i></p>	

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<p>Gallipoli Peninsula w. 45 pm 25/4/15 2 am 26/4</p>	<p>The Battalion was then moved over the first ridge & assembled at the foot of a small hill back from here under Major Glasford's instructions two platoons were sent forward to support the 9th Battalion who were on a broad ridge in front. At about 7 am Col McCoy arrived & took over command. He at once ordered the Battalion to advance & on arrival at the spot where the second & third ridges merge into the table land Plateau he ordered me to put the Battalion into the firing line along the front edge of the ridge stating that the 8th Battalion would protect the right and that the 6th Battalion would support me and the 5th Battalion the 8th. These orders were carried out. D Coy went into action first followed by A Coy as it came up & finally by C Coy & the one platoon of B Coy available. Major Hazard strongly bonded platoon up ridge into positions</p>	<p>Not 30/6/15 The third ridge was subsequently named the long ridge. The second the Razor Back & the first Queensland Hill Razor Back & McCoy Hill are really top spurs from the same 400 plateau)</p>

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Hour, Date, Place	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
<p>26. 4. 15.</p> <p>5.15 pm</p>	<p>7 Bn H.Q. established western slope of Happy Valley. Trying to collect men of Seventh - mustered approx. 70. Remainder mixed with other Batts.</p> <p>An advance was ordered in direction of Bary 700. Units again became mixed - a line advanced & took up a position which enabled a firing line to be established & then the covering party returned under cover of darkness. were subjected to heavy shrapnel & machine gun fire.</p>	<p>approx. casualties 100.</p>
<p>27. 4. 15.</p>	<p>men mixed with other Batts - were able to muster about 35 men & hold a section of the firing line South of the Pimple at the head of Happy Valley.</p>	
<p>28. 4. 15.</p>	<p>Constructing & improving the trenches. At night enemy made all kinds of noises, blowing bugles etc, trying simultaneously to push home an attack at another part of the line.</p>	
<p>29. 4. 15.</p>	<p>still in trenches, men of our Batta collected & established</p>	
<p>30. 4. 15</p>	<p>In trenches. } at the head of Happy Valley.</p>	<p>still in Batta 7 Bn</p>