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7th Bn A.I.F.
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1. 5. 15.	In the trenches, + supports.	
2. 5. 15.	7 th Bn take over trenches occupied by the "Dead" Battalion. Digging communication + support trenches during the night.	
3. 5. 15.	Improving trenches A+B Coys firing line C+D " supports, - were standing to nearly all night.	
4. 5. 15.	Went into Bivouac on South side of Happy Valley. Reserves - companies allowed to go swimming.	
5. 5. 15.	8am Relieved 8 th Bn in trenches 5pm were relieved by the 11 th Bn + received orders to move South to Cape Helles. Bivouac on beach - 3 casualties from stray bullets. Lieut's Johnston + Heron rejoin the Battalion from hospital wounded.	
Cape Helles.	3.30am Embarked on Folkestone.	
6. 5. 15.	5.30am Arrived Cape Helles, disembarked + marched to rendezvous. 2 nd Infantry Brigade - General Reserve in Square. In Bivouac as general Reserve, [Ready to move at a moment's notice. "C" Coy has 3 casualties from shrapnel.	
7. 5. 15.		

map of Gallipoli
168 Y5. Sheet 1.

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8. 5. 1915. 11.30 am	In Divulac. moved in artillery formation to some 300 yds behind Support's few casualties in this formation in comparison with numbers of troops on the move & shells flying round. It is good against artillery fire.	
4.30 pm	Reinforcements - 2 officers 130 other ranks arrive.	3 rd Reinforcements
5 pm.	were given orders to attack - 6 th + 7 th Bns to form firing-line - 5 th + 8 th to support.	
5.10 pm	A + B forming firing line advanced about 250 yds in lines of sections & then extended & moved forward until the firing line, occupied by British troops was reached. C + D Coy then moved up in support until they also reached the firing line. after a spell of about 5 minutes the Australians continued the advance until orders came from the left from Major Bennett of 6 th Bn to dig in. The 7 th who were a couple hundred yards further had to retire under cover of darkness & complete the line. Our line was exposed on the right until the "Drakes" came up - their right was afterwards enfiladed. The French were approx. 500 yards behind. Dig in under cover of darkness & the line was consolidated by support's coming up.	Orders were verbal. Miller Capt. 7 Bn CO

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9. 5. 15.	In trenches - Busy improving - short of water. Holding line from Road to creek.	
10. 5. 15.	In trenches.	
11. 5. 15.	10pm. Relieved by Fusilier Brigade. - arrived Rendezvous at 3am. had a couple of hours sleep.	
12. 5. 15.	9am Left Rendezvous - proceeded in Artillery Formation back to Bivouac right in Square 168 & 5. - Too wet. - Were taken to another right - Gallipoli Sheet I - Square 168 & 7.	
13. 5. 15.	Effectine Strength 7 officers 362 other ranks attached 1 " 4 a.m. Batt ^y in Bivouac for rest & reorganisation. [approx 50 shells landed in vicinity of Bivouac only half exploding.]	Stirling Capt. 7 Bn

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14. 5. 15.	Effective strength 7 officers 366 other ranks Attached 1 " 4 a.m.c. Rest + Reorganisation.	
15. 5. 15.	Effective strength 7 officers 365 other ranks Attached 1 " 4 a.m.c.	1 man to hospital.
16. 5. 15. 11am 5pm 6.30pm	Effective strength 16 officers 363 other ranks Attached 1 " 4 a.m.c. Although shelled - no casualties. Leave Bivouac for Y Beach by companies Embarked on nine Rumber Reindeer other transport A! Left for Kaba Tape 5pm. Arrived. Prepared to disembark - then rec'd order to stay on board all night. Casualties 1 - before leaving Helles.	3 - Reinforcement officers transferred from 8th Bn. 2 - officers acting for 8th 4 - " " " 7th 3 men taken over strength.
17. 5. 15.	Disembarked 7.30 am. Effective strength 16 officers 356 other ranks Attached 1 " 4 a.m.c. Bivouacked in Strapnel Valley. Major Mc Crae military transport officer wounded.	7 to hospital.

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<p>18. 5. 15. Amzac.</p>	<p>Change Bivouac West Slope of Razor Back Effectine Strength 16 officers 389 other ranks. Attached 1 " 4 A.M.C. Lieut Miller & 5 men wounded by machine gun fire from Chess Board. Construction of Dug Outs. Batta in Reserve.</p>	<p>The Chaplain Rev. Father Heame & 5 men recovered from wounds rejoin the Br. 33 other ranks who were left on transport return to duty with Br.</p>
<p>19. 5. 15. Amzac.</p>	<p>Effectine Strength 15 officers 384 other ranks Attached 1 " 4 A.M.C. Batta in Reserve.</p>	<p>5 men rejoined Br.</p>
<p>7.30am</p>	<p>1 officer } for trench duty 1st Brigade. - "A" Coy 79 other ranks } Casualties 2 killed 4 wounded. A party of men detailed to help up with two 18 pdr guns.</p>	
<p>20. 5. 15. Open</p>	<p>Effectine Strength 15 officers 383³ other ranks Attached 2 " 4 A.M.C. Batta less "A" Coy. move up in support to 1st Brigade Casualties - nil.</p>	<p>13 men rejoin the Br. 2 killed } diff. 4 wounded } state. 4 sent to hospital }</p>
<p>21. 5. 15.</p>	<p>Effectine Strength 15 officers 383 other ranks Attached 2 " 4 A.M.C. "A" Coy still in trenches. No 1 Machine Gun assist 2nd B. in trenches.</p>	<p>13 men rejoin Batta Miller Capt. 7 Br.</p>

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22. 5. 15.	<p>Effective Strength 15 officers 399 other ranks. Attached 2 " 4 A.M.C.</p> <p>A Board of Enquiry assembled to inquire into missing men.</p>	<p>5 Returned from hospital 2 sent to hospital.</p>
23. 5. 15.	<p>Battal detailed as Insuling Picquet.</p> <p>Effective Strength 15 officers 392 other ranks Attached 2 " 4 A.M.C.</p> <p>Enemy aeroplane passed overhead & dropped bomb in vicinity killing a man from another Battal.</p> <p>On supplies fatigues & working parties.</p>	<p>7 to hospital.</p>
24. 5. 15.	<p>Effective Strength 15 officers 391 other ranks Attached 2 " 4 A.M.C.</p> <p>7.30 am Commencement of Armistice - 4.30 close of Armistice. 8 pm On in support of 1st Brigade.</p> <p>4.45 Enemy snipers opened fire.</p>	<p>1 sent to hospital</p>
25. 5. 15.	<p>Effective Strength 15 officers 389 other ranks Attached 2 " 4 A.M.C.</p> <p>12.26 pm Sinking of Triumph. Rained hard during afternoon.</p>	<p>2 to hospital.</p>

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26. 5. 15.	<p>Effective Strength 15 officers 386 other ranks Attached 2 " 4 A.M.C.</p> <p>4pm 4th Reinforcements arrive - 2 wounded landing.</p> <p>5.30pm Battr. Infantry Regiment</p> <p>8pm Working parties - Casualties 1 killed.</p> <p>8.30pm 1 off. 48 men of "B" Coy occupy portion of 2nd Br. trenches.</p>	3 gone to hospital.
27. 5. 15	<p>Effective Strength 15 officers 530 other ranks Attached 2 " 4 A.M.C.</p> <p>6am "B" Coy party return.</p>	<p>1 killed = 565 Pte Barnes</p> <p>124 - 4th Reinforcements</p> <p>21 - return wounded.</p>
28. 5. 15	<p>Effective Strength 15 officers 543 other ranks. Attached 2 " 4 A.M.C.</p> <p>C+D Coys support 2nd Battr.</p> <p>A Coy in Reserve at 1st Brigade H.Q.</p> <p>7th M.G. relieve 5th Br MG's in 3rd Brigade trenches.</p>	<p>2 to hospital</p> <p>15 return wounded.</p>
29. 5. 15.	<p>Effective Strength 15 officers 536 other ranks Attached 2 " 4 A.M.C.</p> <p>2 off. 112 other ranks sapping.</p> <p>1 off. 50 other experienced miners for duty at Courtmap Post</p> <p>Casualties in Bironas 3 killed 13 wounded.</p>	<p>4 wounded</p> <p>3 hospital.</p>

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30. 5. 15.	<p>Effective strength 15 officers 518 other ranks. Attached 2 " 4 A.M.C.</p> <p>6am Bn stand to arms. 5:30pm " Inspecting Picquet. appointment of 5 Junior Officers approved. Casualties nil. M.G. in trenches. (2 off. 108 others working parties)</p>	<p>3 killed + 13 wounded } diff. in 2 hospital } status.</p>
31. 5. 15.	<p>Effective strength 16 officers 516 other ranks Attached 2 4 A.M.C.</p> <p>6am Bn. stand to arms Parades by sections & platoons.</p>	<p>2 hospital 2/Lieut E.M. Young joined Batt.</p>
1. 6. 15.	<p>Effective strength 17 OFFICERS 525 OTHERS Attached 2 ATTACHED 4 A.M.C.</p> <p>6am Bathn stand to arms. 5:30pm "A" Garrison Braund Hill Working parties as usual Training as usual. 8pm Bn in support of 1st Brigade.</p>	<p>2 hospital 11 returned wounded. Major Mc Ghee.</p>

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