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Item number: 23/21/9

Title: 4th Infantry Battalion

November 1915



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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
10th Nov '15 to	Anzac.	Battalion to act as Brigade Reserve. Not required to stand to arms. Bde fatigues	
4th Nov '15		+ general trench cleaning & preparing quarters in them for men. About 200 reinforcements arrived.	
5th Nov '15	-do-	Bde & Bn fatigues. Preparing trenches for winter quarters. 200 rifles sent to act as 2nd L. H. Bde reserve, while they were opening up new work at Chatham Post. Capt Stacy in Command.	
6th Nov '15	-do-	Bde & Bn fatigues	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
9th Nov: 15	Anzac.	Bde rbn Fatigues. 200 Rifles from A + B Corps under Capt Simpson sent to act as 2nd Lt. Bde reserve	
9th Nov: 15	-do-	Bde rbn Fatigues. General Duties	
9th Nov: 15	-do-	Bde rbn Fatigues. General Duties. 100 Rifles under Lt Edwards sent to act as 2nd Lt Bde reserve. Capt Simpson left Bn ill.	
10th Nov: 15	-do-	Bde rbn Fatigues. General Duties.	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
11th Nov	} Augac	Bu & Bde Fatigues	
to 16th Nov		Great scarcity of timber & iron for preparing winter quarters	
17th Nov	do-	Bu & Bde Fatigues.	
18th Nov	do-	Lookover 11 th Bu Headquarters	
		Bu & Bde Fatigues. Battalion drew stores from supply depot about 1500 instead of drawing at nighttime. Idea was to see whether enemy would shell, if not stores in future to be drawn during daylight. Enemy shelled but only	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
19th Nov	Auzac	caused two casualties, both men being slightly wounded. Pln + Pde, Fatigues, General Duties. Stores again drawn from Beach Depot about 1500. No casualties occurring. Work commenced on shelters, against heavy enemy artillery.	
20th Nov	Auzac	Pln + Pde Fatigues. General Duties. Stores again drawn at 1500.	
21st Nov	do-	No casualties.	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
23rd Nov.	Auzac.	Bn & Bde Fatigue. Artillery & cruisers heavily shelled the Olive Grove guns at 1100.	
23rd Nov.	do.	Bn & Bde Fatigue. General Duties.	
24th Nov.	do.	Bn & Bde Fatigue. General Duties. Infantry & Artillery ceased fire as soon as darkness fell, & orders issued in future no firing by either arm of our own. Idea to make Turks think we intend retiring off Peninsula & thus endeavour to make them attack.	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
25th Nov	15 Augac	Bn & Bde Fatigues - General Duties	
26th Nov	do	Bn practised "stand to arms" at 05.45 & dismissed at 0600.	
27th Nov	do	Bn, Bde & Divl Fatigues - Gen Duties About 1800 heavy rain fell. Wind also blew with great force. Men have fairly good cover. Lumber & Iron still continues to be very limited.	
29th Nov	do	Bn, Bde & Divl Fatigues. About 0100 snow commenced to fall & continued until about	

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29th Nov.	Anzac.	<p>1000, snow fell again during afternoon. Men appeared to feel the cold. Rain also fell. Bn, Bde + Div'l fatigues. No snow fell today, but very cold wind blew & no sun. Men obtained fairly good shelter. Divisional Commander inspected Bde + Bn lines & trenches. Bn practiced stand to arms at 1800. From today quarter ration of water only. Rations also cut down.</p>	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
30th Nov	Anzac	<p>Bn, Bde still fatigued. Day very clear also sun shone all day. Water still scarce also rations. General health of men good. Bn practised stand to arms at 1315. Weather continues cold. Snow nearly all disappeared. Capt Milligan to act as Staff Capt to Bde. Lt Judge to act as Adj to Bn.</p>	
Anzac	30th Nov '15.	<p>Mark Major Commanding Lt. Bn.</p>	Lt. Bn.

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