

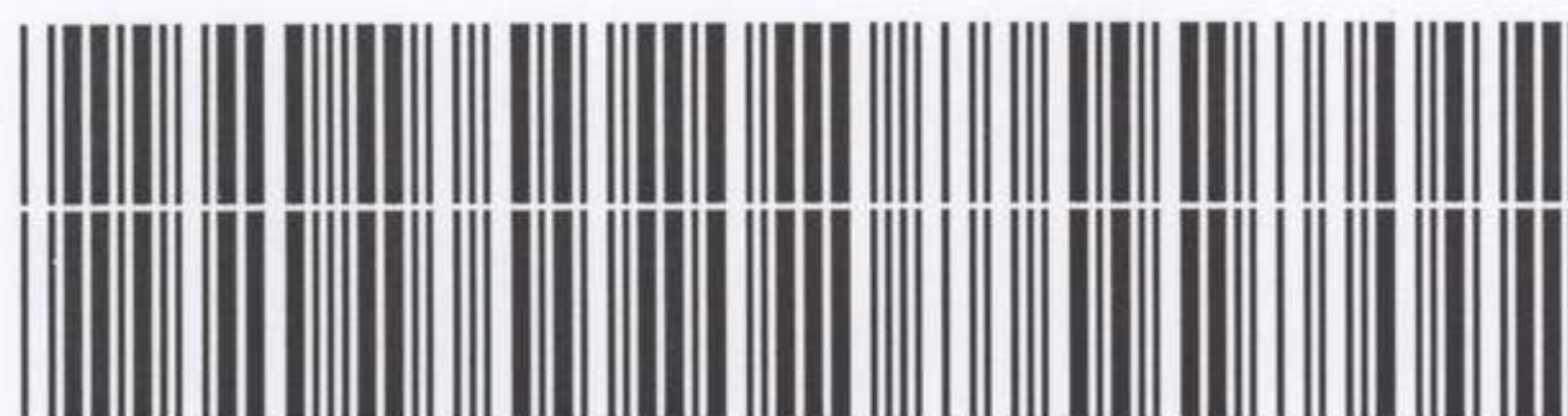
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23rd Battalion A.D.F.

Hour, Date, Place	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
6.p.m. At Sea. 1/9/15.	At Sea. Parade at 10 a.m. alarm sounded at 12 noon. (sgd) M. Band. Major. (Original of above written on same sheet as entries for end of previous month & filed with volume for that month)	

Date.	Place and Time.	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
2. 9. 15	at Sea 6 PM	^{H.S.} at Sea, Southland with B Co on board struck by torpedo from submarine at 10 a.m. Harwood arrived Lemnos at 5 P.M. M'Baird Major
3. 9. 15	at Lemnos 9 PM	Remained in Port all day. Capt Kennedy left ship. Also 44 survivors of Southland M'Baird Major
4. 9. 15	at Sea 6 PM	Left Lemnos at 4 P.M. on board Steamer Partridge. An uneventful voyage to Ansoe arriving at 9.30 P.M. disembarked by 11 P.M. marched to Rest Valley & camped M'Baird Major
5. 9. 15	Rest Valley 6 PM	at Rest all day. Saw Col. Slyn. This evening as to orders for 1 Platoon taking Post at Lone Pine M'Baird Major
6. 9. 15	Lone Pine 10 PM	Left Rest Valley at 9 a.m. & reached Lone Pine position at 11 a.m. 7 th Platoon sent into trenches to be instructed in bombing & manning machine guns M'Baird Major

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7.9.15.	Lone Pine 6 PM	Officers & men in trenches for instruction M Baird Mgr
8.9.15.	Brown's Bay 6 PM	Officers & men in trenches at Lone Pine for instruction Lt Col Knox in trenches all night M Baird Mgr Mjr Matthew + B Co rejoined Pn at 12.00
9.9.15.	Brown's Bay 10 AM	Officers & men in trenches for instruction D Co in No 1 Sec. C & part of B in No 2 Sec. A + rest of B in No 3. Sec. Demonstration to draw enemy's fire made from Lone Pine at 2.15 M Baird Mgr
10.9.15.	do.	1445 Platoons from Lone Pine withdrew into Kest Camp
11.9.15.	do.	between 0800 & 1200 behind saps B 3 to 6.
11.9.15.	do.	1800 In Reserve. Strength 963 other ranks 31 officers + 2 attached. Machine Gun smashed by a 75 shell from enemy this evening at 1850

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12. 9. 15	Lone Pine 2135	Battalion relieved 24 th Bn 7 + 4 Bn in Lone Pine between 0800 + 1100. Sniping & bomb throwing kept up all day. Repairing of parapets. Enemy quiet. Opened artillery fire on us at 1825 & continued until 1855 with a 75 + 4" 4" opened from direction of corn fields. Enemy digging new works East of our position. Three casualties from artillery fire. Strength at 1730 31 Officers & attached other ranks 963. M Board Way on
13. 9. 15	do	In Lone Pine. quiet all day enemy still digging east of our position

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Date.	Place and Time.	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
14.9.15	Braunsdip 1800	Enemy's machine gun fired Cpl Miller from our right flank. Small gun opened on us at 1100 & ceased when our guns opened. Strength 921 including 31 officers & 2 attached. Lived night M/Sand Mjr. Bombs thrown by mechanical means from enemy did some damage. 75 opened from direction of scrubby knoll at 0910 & continued until 0930 casualties 7. Battalion relieved by 24 BN & 15 LH. A Co. at 0800 B Co at 0900 C Co at 1000 D at 1100. In Reserve in Braunsdip all the rest of the day. One man struck by shrapnel at 1820. Strength 912 31 officers & 2 attached M/Sand Mjr. Casualties 6

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Date.	Place and Time.	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
15-9-15	Maunabo 2110	In Reserve Limit day 100 men on fatigue at Beach. Strength 911 + 51 officers 2 attached
16-9-15	Lone Pine 2400	In firing line in Lone Pine. relieved 24 th Bn & Light Horse between 0800 & 1100. Grenades in duty state & ammunition reserves scattered through trenches. Engagements blew in tunnel. Was in No 1 trench at 1045. 76 observed from scrubby knoll at 1800 & continued for 15 minutes. Instructional officers received orders to leave for Lemnos demonstration at 2215 down leaving fire from enemy. Strength 921 & 32 officers 2 attached. 10 men rejoined Bn. Not said in log.

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17.9.15.	Lone Pine 2300	Garrison in Lone Pine, quiet day until 75 + another gun opened from direction of Scrubby Knoll at 1730. Sapping under A+B saps by Turks. Very quiet night. Dinner. expended 5 AA 10000 bombs 240
18.9.15	Brown's Creek	Strength 915 32 affs. + 2 attached M/Baird Major Battalion relieved at Lone Pine by 24 Bn + 13 L.H. between 0800 + 1100. In reserve in Brown's Creek. Quiet day until 1715 when heavy bombardment opened by enemy all alive Army Corps Line continued for 20 minutes. Received notice 2350 that there was a probability of attack. Quiet night. Strength 915 31 affs 2 attached M/Baird Major.

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Date.	Place and Time.	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
19. 9.15	Braunsdep 1500	In reserve in Braunsdep. Church service at 0900. 75 opened on us at 1000. Direct night strength 915 + 516 fts 2 attached. Mts and ngor.
20. 9.15	Lore Vme 2200	In garrison in Lore Vme relieved 24 Bn & 13 H L. H. between 0800 & 1100. A bomb exploded in No 1 sec. killing 123 & 2 24 Bn & wounding 4 others. 75 fired several shells at 1450. Engineers exploded tunnel L.P. 5 at 2110. continued mining & bombing strength 911 516 fts + 2 attached. Direct night. Mts and ngor.
21. 9.15	Lore Vme	75 opening on Lore Vme at 0730 from direction of S. 11. Accident in Boat at 1130 killing 3 men & wounding 4. M. Atkinson.

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
		in L.P. 14 tunnel at 1500 L.P. 2 blown into engines at 1735 Quiet night moping & bombing kept air throughout the day. expended 2 H.A. 9700 Turkish 100 bombs 270 small form offered in Lane Vine at 1440 strength 892 bbs 30 & 2 attached casualties 1 H.A. 2 other H.A. 4 H.A. wounded Lt. Atkinson K	
22. 9. 15	Brauns dip 1700	In Reserve in Brauns dip. Relieved by 24 Bm & 13 L.H. between 0800 & 1100 quiet day Strength 892 bbs 30 & 2 attached m/s and mjr	
23. 9. 15	Brauns dip 2100	In Reserve in Brauns dip. Quiet day Strength 888. 29 bbs 2 attached m/s and mjr	
24. 9. 15	Lane Vine 2200	In Garrison in Lane Vine. Relieved 24 Bm & 13 L.H.	

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Date.	Place and Time.	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
		between 1030 + 1350 without mistap. Quiet during day Renewing sand bags & loopholes Engineers putting out new tunnels. Enemy tunnelling & improving their defenses. Demonstration against Juts commenced at 1930 by 22 nd Bn. Artillery opened on enemy at 2000. Demonstration drawing little fire from position in front of us. Sniping & bombing kept up all day through 888. 29. bbs 2 attached
25. 4. 15	Lone Pine 2000	Quiet day 75 opened at 1430 causing casualties in L. H. Engineers tunnelling & improving. Machine gun also recesses in Sun Lane as rest places. Howitzers heavy siege train opened on enemy opposite Lone Pine

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		at 1630 75 again opened at 1805 from direction of Scrubby Mole Sapping by enemy reported near Klateau sap. Quiet night strength 888 29 bffs 2 attached. Amm expended 800 9500 bombs 315 Mband mgs
26. 9. 15	Brauns Dip 1900	Bn. relieved in Lane Vine by 24 Bn + 13 L.H. between 0800 + 0930. In reserve in Brauns Dip. supplied fatigues. Church service at 1500 supplied 60 men as sappers for Lane Vine 50 men in Vimple 100 in Lane Vine reserve also quiet for Klateau sap strength 888 29 bffs 2 attached Mband mgs
27. 9. 15	Brauns Dip 1900	In reserve in Brauns Dip. supplied fatigues

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28 9. 15	Lone Pine 2100	Supplied 60 men to support 24th in Lone Pine also picked up 18 men in Klatkan sap 60 men in Nimble + 100 men in Reserve in Brauns Sep. Quiet day. Strength 864 men 30 lpps. + 2 attached In Garrison Lone Pine Received 24th Bn + Lt between 0800 + 0900 Light shelling between 0900 + 1200 Heavy Howitzers replied to enemy 64 supports from 24th Bn reported at 1800 Heavy firing from enemy at 2000 lasting 15 minutes Enemy improving trenches & loopholes but engineers tunnelling towards enemy + making loophole at E corner Anzac. SA 9 11800 bombs 515 strength 777 31 lpps + 2 attached Sgt Ross promoted 2nd Lieut M. B. B.	

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29. 9. 15	Lone Pine Kraun's Dip 2200	Turks blew up their own work in front of No 2 Sec. at 0315. Turks improving their work. Our Engineers tunnelling & building recesses & Latrine. Quiet day sniping & bombing. Received 60 men from 24 Km as supports at 1800 Strength 772 33 Officers & 2 attached Capt Renney & Mr. Dawson joined Bn. Ammunition expended 3 a. a. 11500 bombs 332 M/B and my D.	
30. 9. 15	Kraun's Dip 163	Relieved by 24 Km & L. H. at 0800 & 0900 In reserve in Kraun's Dip. supplied plagues M/B and my D.	

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