

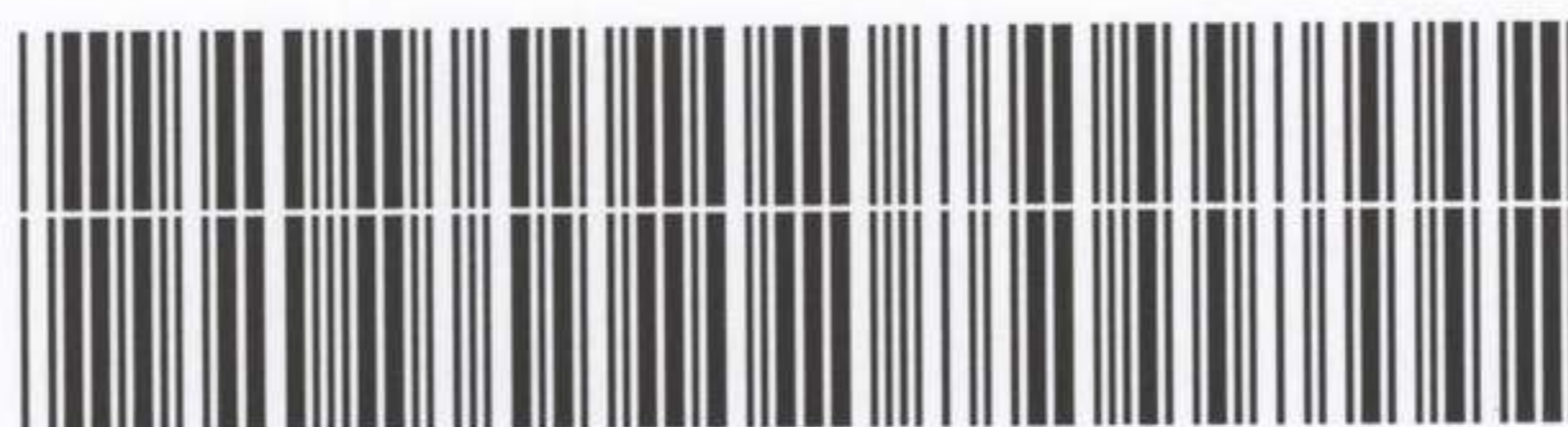
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Title: 21st Infantry Battalion

September 1915



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21st Bn. A.I.F.

Date.	Place and Time.		
7-9-15	MUDROS BAY	12:20	C.O. sick - Major Hamis took command 21 st Bn and provided to transfer the unit from H.M.T. H.M.T. K. ABASSIEH en route for ANZAC
" " "	ANZAC	21:50	Commenced unloading
8-9-15	"	02:30	Last boat load left ^{H.M.T.} K. ABASSIEH
" " "	"		Battalion bivouaced in REST GULLY
" " "	"	10:00	Two platoons from each Company taken to firing line <u>NORTHERN No 2 SECTION</u>
" " "	"	02:30	Remainder of Bn moved up into support trenches <u>NORTHERN No 2</u> Worked in conjunction with 8 th Bn until 10-9-15
11-9-15		09:00	NORTHERN No 2 SECTION finally landed on to 21st Bn

A.G.'s OFFICE AT THE BAY
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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
9.9.15	ANZAC 2115	Demonstration along whole line. 3 pds rapid. Failed to draw much enemy's fire with Machine gun fire from QUINN'S. GERMAN OFFICER'S TRENCH, and JOHNSON'S TOLLY.	
10.9.15	" 0901	NORTHERN No 2 Section formally handed over to C.O. 21 st B ^{ty}	
10.9.15	" 1623	Gun on South Emplacement of MORTAR RIDGE fired 5. 10 pound shells into our trenches, and at the same time 7. 75 shells were fired from TURKS HUMP 5 of which struck our trenches Result. parapets damaged. Two casualties (wounded)	
11.9.15	"	Nothing unusual happened	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
12-9-15	ANZAC	Nothing unusual happened. Only usual sniping day and night. Enemy threw about 30 bombs at our trenches, C and D. Sub sections. No damage done.	
12-9-15		Casualties: 4 (wounded)	
13-9-15	"	Usual sniping day and night. Enemy improving his trenches along the whole line. Enemy quiet most of the time, but occasionally giving bursts of rifle and machine gun fire. A number of bombs were thrown at C and D Sub section but all fell short.	
		Casualties: 2 wounded	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
13-9-15 cont	ANZAC	Trenches infected with vermin, flies and lice, all ranks encouraged thereby. Sanitary arrangements in regard to this Section need particular care and every endeavour is being made to perfect same.	
14-9-15	..	Nothing unusual. Dripping day and night. At 2130 Co's Sub Section gave 3 rounds rapid and drew considerable fire from the enemy. Casualties 4 (very slight wounds) Fit for duty.	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
15-9-15	ANZAC	<p>Usual sniping along the whole line. No. 4 Sub section threw some bombs by day: damaging enemy's trenches. At night No. 4 Sub Section threw two bombs and drew rifle fire along their front and machine gun fire from their left front.</p> <p>Casualties nil.</p>	
16-9-15	<p>"</p> <p>22-25 2215</p>	<p>Usual sniping except at 2215 when a demonstration was carried out throughout the whole line. 21st B^{co} post was to fire 4 rounds well directed fire ^{immediately} afterwards. It</p>	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
16-9-15	ANZAC 22.15	<p>throw bombs over the parapet simulating mine advancing. This demonstration had the effect of drawing a considerable amount of fire including 3 machine guns from C.V.T. 1 QUARNS POST and 1 MORTAR RIDGE.</p> <p>19.15 Previous to this demonstration the enemy opened fire on our trenches with 12 pounder on MORTAR RIDGE, one No 5 Machine Gun being their objective. Seven shells were sent into COURTNEYS POST (one No 6 Sub section) and Five into STEELS (one No 3 Sub section).</p> <p>Enemy during demonstration fired two parachute flares and 3 ordinary ones</p>	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
16-9-15	ANZAC	<p>also one red flare which appeared to come from G.D.T.</p> <p>Casualties 1 (killed) Pth Heavy B. Coy</p> <p>Ammunition expended 7430 rounds</p> <p>5 flares</p>	
17-9-15		<p>A man wounded under exceptional circumstances. Bullet hit firing device of periscope rifle which he was using, was deflected downward striking him in the eye came out through cheek entered his shoulder out under arm. M.D. was on the spot and checked bleeding, he thinks that the man will live.</p>	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
18-9-15	ANZAC 1705	<p>Enemy started a demonstration along our front a large number of shells were fired into our trenches, 6 inch shells, 12 pounders, and 75mm estimated 100 shells fell in Northern No. 2 Section.</p> <p>Considerable amount of rifle and machine gun fire was also used, the former reported to be very wild, the rifles being care just thrust over the parapet and fired without the man exposing himself or taking sight.</p> <p>The machine guns however were trained on the crest of our parapet and would have been very effective had our own exposed themselves.</p> <p>Reliable report received that in German Officer</p>	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
18-9-15	ANZAC	<p>Trench cover was observed moving rapidly along trench and firing rapidly from different positions in the trench.</p> <p>A large number of bombs were thrown by enemy but all fell short.</p> <p>The whole demonstration resulted in very little damage being done except to parapets and parapets of trenches and these were all repaired the same night.</p> <p>Casualties 2 (1 killed 1 wounded)</p> <p>Ammunition used 18-9-15 10390 R5</p> <p>to Garland Grenades</p> <p>These grenades were used with good effect</p>	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
21-9-15	ANZAC 1200	Two mines exploded by our engineers in front of STEEL'S POST. Results satisfactory, exact damage unknown	
24-9-15	1920 15 2020	Demonstration. Our part, 10 fire one pound at enemy and display demmines. See ^{only} Duv light fire from enemy, but appeared to make him jumpy.	

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24-9-15 to	ANZAC	Name of Section changed, it is now "No 2 Right - Sub. Sec. C."	
28-9-15		Nothing of importance happened	
28-9-15	"	Colonel Spencer-Brown took over the 6 th Bg ^{de} from Brig. Gen. Smyth.	
30-9-15	"	A large ^{percentage} of the men are suffering from diarrhoea or dysentery. A noticeable feature in the medical officer's statistics is that the majority of the men suffering from this disease	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
30-9-15	ANZAC	<p>are men with defective teeth.</p> <p>Also that about fifty of the men who parade sick, are reinforcements, of which we received approx. 200 just prior to leaving Helioopolis.</p> <p>This Bⁿ has been in the trenches 23 days and has sent 4 Officers and 83 others to hospital, despite the most rigorous sanitary precautions.</p> <p>Included in this 83 are 24 wounded 13 of which were self inflicted by accident.</p> <p>Strength of Battⁿ at present 27 Officers 862 others.</p>	

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