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ANZAC Position No 2 Sect Defence No 2 Sub Sect	1 st		Quiet day mail arrived from Australia. Health of troops improving.	L Bm
	2.		Fine weather. Work of making deep tunnels like baked ovens as sleeping recesses continues. Great shortage of material timber iron & candles. Received verbal instruction regarding the new allotment of frontage for the Bde so that 1 st Bde can take over more frontage. Brigade Major pointed out right of our line as Ledge trench (exclusive) left. No 10 B fire pit in 10 th Bn frontage.	L Bm
	3	0930	Started moving to new position. D Coy drawn out into bromac. area & to be the fatigue company. One shell burst above D Coy area while they were moving and 4 men were hit one died afterwards.	Brigade order re more attached L Bm
	4.	2040	Quiet day. Battalion getting settled down. Great difficulty in getting iron hardly enough to cover a dressing station. Heavy burst of fire on our right flank. Parachute rockets sent up all along the line. Many bombs were thrown over our back line near artillery road. No movement observed in our section.	L Bm
	5.		Quiet night after the shooting on our right settled down. This Battalion fired very little only expending 800 yds. An attack was ^{was}	L Bm

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Anzac Position Northern No 1 Section of Defence.	5.		expected on our right front. We received orders to remove iron loopholes from VALLEY TRENCH. + forward same to Light Horse. Quiet day. Nothing doing.	Lm
No 2 Sub-sec.	6		Heavy shelling this morning. Plent Dadson returned from hospital (back) bringing 11 men with him. Our observation station reported 270 men in WINEGLASS Sap. German plane flew over head + dropped a bomb near 10th Battalion lines. Enemy opened a heavy smping freatingly.	Lm. Lm.
	7.		Quiet day very fine. Drew pay. mail arrived.	
	8.		Beautifully fine. Few ^{chausal} shots went through Bu lines. One man wounded by a premature burst: from 9th Battery. There was a shortage of water today. Very cold clear night.	Lm.
	9.		Commenced new work in BLACK HANTY position. Submarine scare. Instructions received from GHO re precautions against gas attack.	Lm Lm
	10		Quiet day. Prepared Battalion instructions re gas.	
	11.		Battalion practiced precautions in case of gas attack. 1 man killed on the machine gun in alternate night position.	Lm.

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ANZAC POSITION				
Northern No 1	12.		Very fine weather quiet day. Large bombs were thrown on our back lines	Lm
Section of Defence	13.		Quiet day with occasional shells. Received verbal orders from Bde Major that 1st Inf Bde would take over valley trench to Black Land position tomorrow morning at 1000	Lm
No 2 Sub Section	14.	0800	Received order for relief of the Bde by 1st & 2nd Inf Bde. Move of 11 & 9th Battalions cancelled by rough weather	Copy of orders in appendix Lm
	15.		Still very windy water very choppy. Heavy bombardment at ACHZ. BAMBABA Heavy thunder storm at night.	Lm
	16.		Weather cleared up well. Advance party of 10 men left for MUDROS. with 9th & 11th Bns. Orders were received to hand over to 2nd Inf Bde at 1000 tomorrow.	Lm
	17.		Battalion moved to old Bde Rivonac area West of ARTILLERY Road weather looked very threatening heavy thunder storm at night	Lm
	18.		Very fine. men suffered much discomfort many sleeping positions flooded & some clothing & equipment was washed away. Gen ^{Chauvel} Cleval visited Rivonac area & said men would not be able to go tonight	Lm

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ANZAC POSITION Northern No 1 Section of defenses No 2 Sub Section	18.		Received orders from Bde that there would be no movement of troops for 2 or 3 days.	Lm.
	19.		Rather windy. Men drying today blankets clothing etc. Enemy shelled beach consistently all day.	Lm.
	20.		Battalion did 1/2 hrs physical drill. Water very short Bn on 1/2 ration. Orders received that 10th Bn will embark tomorrow night 12th on Monday. Fatigue party of 2 officers + 60 men reported to Div H.Q. for road making.	Lm. Lm.
	21.		Butchered. 10th Bn embarked for MUDROS.	Lm.
	22.	1000	Heavy bombardment of OLIVE GROVE by our artillery + a cruiser received orders of a probable move tonight but these were afterwards cancelled.	Lm.
	23.		Very cold, but fine. No news of a move today.	Lm.
	24.		Very fine. ASMACH Howitzer fired several big shells near our bivouac.	Lm.
	25.		12th Bn 7 months continuous work on the line peninsula. Orders received to move. Left Bivouac area at 1745. Marched to beach via Sharpnell street gully. Started to embark on EL KAFERIA at 1230	Lm.

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ANZAC H.M. 20/21 El. Kanene	26.		Left Gallipoli at about 0600, arrived at MUDROS 1230. Commenced disembarking on hoppers at once. Landed at South pier & marched to SARPI Camp very cold windy.	Am
SARPI CAMP	27.		Cold sunny General straightening up of camp. marching in late 2300-4300	Am
MUDROS	28		Very cold Church parade. Cold weather affecting the health of the troops. Clothing scarce. Look over details & reinforcement who were awaiting us here as follows. Reinforcements 2 off. 164 men. Returned sick 289 or held back 10 only. Total. 4 off. 314 men. Major Carter R.M.O. + Lieut Peaker to keep sick.	Am
	29.		Very cold snow sleet, etc. Big sick parade. 64 men. 2 men were sent to hospital. Commenced training.	Am
	30		Very cold but fine. Mail arrived. Strength 25 officers 677 or.	

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Lieut Col.
91072 R.A.M.

Redistribution of area

(a) The 1st Inf. Bgde will take over the line at present held by 9th Battrn, viz from Q.1. inclusive to Q4 inclusive at 0930 tomorrow.

(b) The new 3rd Inf. Bgde line from Q4 exclusive to B3 Tunnel inclusive will be reallocated as follows -
9th Battrn:- from Q4 exclusive to Tunnel 11 B exclusive
12th Battrn:- from Tunnel 11 B inclusive to B30 firing line position in 10th Battrn. line inclusive.
10th Battrn:- from B30 firing line position exclusive to Tunnel inclusive.

(c) The reserve Battrn (11th Battrn) will remain in its present area until further orders.

(d) The firing times of units only - as under will be relieved at the following times:-
9th Battrn - by unit of 1st Inf Bgde at 0930.
12th Battrn - " 9th Battrn. " 1000
10th Battrn - " 12th Battrn " 1100

(e) Battrn. H.Q. will be handed over as under:-
9th Battrn to unit of 1st Inf Bgde at 1500.
12th " " with the exception of Q.M. store & dressing station to 9th Battrn at 1400.

(f) The 12th Battrn will inform Bgde H.Q. when their Battrn in new area is selected so that telephonic communication can be established.

(g) The transfer of supports & reserves will be completed by 1500. Of's units will arrange mutually with regard to this.

(h) 1. with the exception of the 9th Battrn. Units will retain all trench stores except "Wallaby" Rifle Standards which will be left in position. The 9th Battrn will hand over to the incoming unit of 1st Bgde the trench stores allotted to the troops at present holding the line to be handed over. Requisitions will be forwarded for trench stores required to complete.

(i) Units will retain their M. G. until further orders but no gun is to be moved until replaced by one from the relieving unit.

(j) Lines are to be thoroughly cleaned before handing over. Units will report when change over is completed.

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Brigade Routine Order No 58.

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Relief 9.7

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The Brigade will be relieved by the 1st + 2nd Brigades on the 14th + 15th inst. The line now held by this Bgde will be taken over as under :-

From whom received	Unit handing over	Unit taking over	Amount	Date
Frontage Qu inclusive to Black Hand M.G. inclusive	9 th Battrn +	1 st Inf Bgde.	10.00	
Black Hand M.G. exclusive to 13 Tunnel inclusive	12 th Battrn +	2 nd Inf Bgde.	10.00	
TOTAL RECEIPTS			20.00	

Amount	Dr	Cr

Date	Voucher No. of	To whom paid	Particulars	Amount

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 Balance due by Paymaster on last Account ...
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Sub-Accountant

3. Vouchers or Certificates should be numbered 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846, 847, 848, 849, 850, 851, 852, 853, 854, 855, 856, 857, 858, 859, 860, 861, 862, 863, 864, 865, 866, 867, 868, 869, 870, 871, 872, 873, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879, 880, 881, 882, 883, 884, 885, 886, 887, 888, 889, 890, 891, 892, 893, 894, 895, 896, 897, 898, 899, 900, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, 910, 911, 912, 913, 914, 915, 916, 917, 918, 919, 920, 921, 922, 923, 924, 925, 926, 927, 928, 929, 930, 931, 932, 933, 934, 935, 936, 937, 938, 939, 940, 941, 942, 943, 944, 945, 946, 947, 948, 949, 950, 951, 952, 953, 954, 955, 956, 957, 958, 959, 960, 961, 962, 963, 964, 965, 966, 967, 968, 969, 970, 971, 972, 973, 974, 975, 976, 977, 978, 979, 980, 981, 982, 983, 984, 985, 986, 987, 988, 989, 990, 991, 992, 993, 994, 995, 996, 997, 998, 999, 1000.

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