

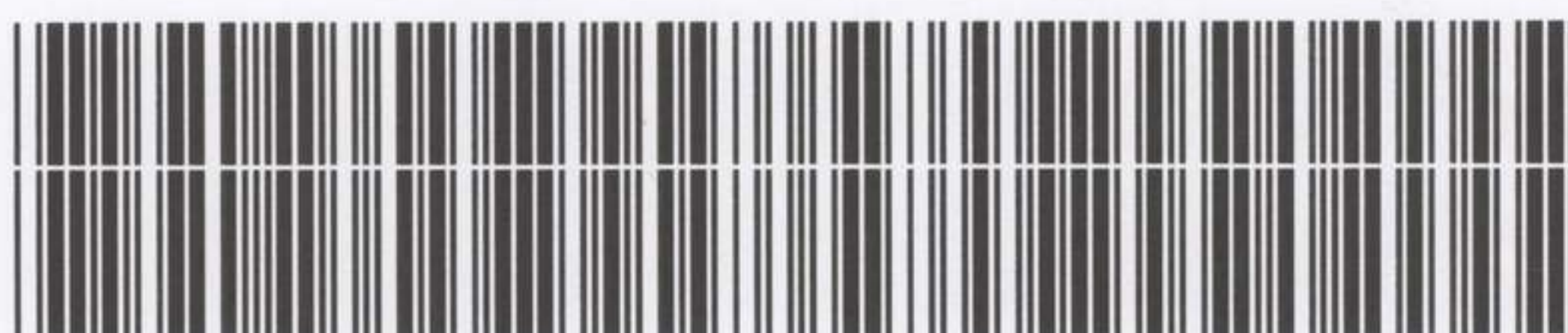
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*Lieut Col G. C. E. Elliott*

Unit

*Headqrs, Divl Engrs*

from

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| Date.         | Place and Time.   | Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.                                               |
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| 18.8.14       | <u>Alex. Ave.</u> | no 2 Field Coy formed with Capt. Melbourne H.O. Bloggoun, R.E. temporarily in command             |
| 19.8.14       |                   | Enlistment & Recruit training proceeded with                                                      |
| 20.8.14       |                   | Capt H.B. Lewis, R.A.M.C., Lieut Knight, Butler & Mirams, R.E. reported for duty                  |
| 27.8.14       |                   | Lieut Bage R.A.E. & Lieut Mather, R.A.E. reported for duty                                        |
| 30.8.14       | <u>Melbourne</u>  | Lieut R.A. Sturdee reported for duty. Section from 4 <sup>th</sup> Mil. District arrived in Camp. |
| 1.9.14        | Sydney            | Lieut J.S. Mather, R.A.E. <del>proceeded</del> proceeded to Sydney                                |
| 2.9.14        | Melbourne         | 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Mil. Dist. sections reported for duty.                          |
| 8.9.14        | Melbourne         | Major G.B.E. Elliott, R.E. arrived in Melbourne                                                   |
| 21.9.14       | Melbourne         | no 3 Field Coy (less 1 Sec & 13 new horses) embarked on Transport A2                              |
| 24 to 2/10/14 | Melbourne         | no 2 R.C. & Sec. Hqs. - trucking at Williamstown P. from R.A.'s                                   |



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| 29.9.14    | Melbourne       | <p>Original date of sailing of Transport A 3.<br/> from 8/9/14 - 9.14 onwards until date of departure<br/> of 3<sup>rd</sup> Field Co. the 2 Coys were busy drawing<br/> equipment &amp; technical stores, also with elementary<br/> drill, field works, trenching in Cow Paddock and<br/> trenching in the gap at the Engineer Depot. After<br/> the departure of the 3<sup>rd</sup> F. Coy to Tasmania<br/> the 2<sup>nd</sup> F. Co. did a musketry course &amp; more<br/> field works. The horses arrived in several<br/> batches &amp; were of a satisfactory stamp. The<br/> Coy was greatly handicapped by having all its<br/> technical stores packed up for the last 4 weeks</p> |
| 31.10.1914 | Melbourne       | <p>Hq<sup>rs</sup> &amp; 2<sup>nd</sup> F. embarked on Transport A 3</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |

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| 3-12-14  | Mena            | 12    | <p>Headqrs of Advance Party of No 2 Field Co arrived at Mena Camp</p> <p>Headqrs took over general work (Engrs) in Camp, completing water supply, &amp;c. Companies as they arrived were given a week to settle down &amp; then commenced training.</p> <p>Major G. C. C. Elliott, RE promoted Lieut-Col <del>on</del> from 16/10/1914</p> <p>Lieut Vasthewdee promoted Captain from 18<sup>th</sup> October 1914</p> <p><i>Major RE Co No 2</i></p> <p><i>Forward on 7/1/15</i></p> |
|          | Camp            | mid   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|          | Egypt           | night |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 4-12-14  | —               | —     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 31-12-14 | —               | —     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |







| Date.   | Place and Time. | Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.                                                                              |
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| 25.2.15 | hena -          | Dismounted portion of 3rd Field Coy returned from Suez Canal. Rempts of Coy taken on strength as supernumerary to establishment. |
| 28.2.15 | hena            | 1st Field Co & 1 Section Signal Coy marched out of camp en route for Alexandria.                                                 |
| 1.3.15  | hena            | With the exception of pontooning the Field works training & mustering of Field Companies is now complete.                        |
| 2.3.15  | hena            | Est. amended to include pontoon & basket waggons additional personnel 8C 8C (Field Coys)                                         |

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| 3. 3. 15  | Mena            | Brigade & Divisional Exercises carried out.                                                                                                 |
| 28. 3. 15 | "               |                                                                                                                                             |
| 29. 3. 15 | "               | Gen. Sir Jan Hamilton inspected troops                                                                                                      |
| 3. 4. 15  | "               | Advance parties of 3rd Field Co & Signal Coy (10. 6 OR) left at 7. 30 am - 3rd F Co & 2 Sects Sig Co. marched out in the evening for Cairo. |
| 4. 4. 15  | "               | Advance party of 2nd F Co left in morning & main body in evening (for Alexandria)<br>1 Section of Signal Co. left Camp.                     |
| 5. 4. 15  | "               | Headqrs left Camp for Alexandria at 2 pm                                                                                                    |
| 10. 4. 15 | Alexandria      | H.M.T "Indian" left Alexandria (30. 15 OR).                                                                                                 |
| 12. 4. 15 | —               | Reached anchored at Lemnos.                                                                                                                 |



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Deposition Capt

| Date.   | Place and Time. |                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached. |
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| 12.4.15 | Lemna           | <p>Engineers units embarked for the point are on transports as under: -</p> <p>A16 - "Indian" - Head of 3 Officers 10 OR Interpreter &amp;</p> <p>A1C - 3 off. &amp; 4 OR left "Indian" for "A11" on 18.4.15</p> |                                                     |



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Hart Sturdee Capt

| Date.     | Place and Time. |         | Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
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| 24-4-15   | Lemnos          | 5 am    | Left Mudros Bay steamed round the Island and anchored in bay to the North at 7 am                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 24/5-4-15 | Lemnos          | 12 noon | Left Lemnos Island and arrived off ANZAC at 4.30 am. B.O.D. Enfs (Col Elliott) Adj. (Capt Hart Sturdee) M.O. (Capt H B Lewis) and 3 batmen left Transport A 11 (Minnewaska) at 8.30 am and landed on beach about half an hour later. The C.O. & Adj. searched for water and found a small amount in a creek beyond Dawkins Point at noon |
| 25-4-15   | Anzac           | 10 am   | M.O. and Orderly rendered first aid to wounded in Shapnel Gully.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

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(9) Vernardus Capt

| Date.   | Place and Time. | Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
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| 25-4-15 | Augae           | <p>Co B visited road in course of construction in rear of PLUGGE'S PLATEAU — This road was formed under shrapnel fire.</p> <p>4 to 8 pm Co B &amp; Majt. assisting A.D.M.S. in controlling traffic along to the pier (hastily erected by LIEUT. H. BACHTOLD) for evacuation of wounded.</p> <p>9 pm Co B inspected inner line of trenches which were in course of preparation by Field Co. The whole of the work abovementioned and that of Eng. Coy's was necessarily executed under fire.</p> |
| 26-4-15 | Augae           | - Co. B. exercising general supervision over                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |

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| 26-4-15<br>28 | Auzac                  | The work of Field Co. - constructing roads, supplying water, preparing defensive position on <u>PLUGGES' PLATEAU</u> , and collecting stores. Adj <sup>t</sup> superintending issue of stores on Beach. Medical officer assisting R. M. O's in <u>SHRAPNEL GULLY</u> .                                                                                         |                                                     |
| 29-4-15       | Auzac 9-<br>am<br>noon | Three (3) samples of Turkish bombs obtained - two of fuse and one of percussion type - These were submitted to examination by the Adjutant. Adj <sup>t</sup> (with section 1 <sup>st</sup> Field Co) visited <u>RIGHT</u> flank in connection with placing of wire entanglements around guns. C. O. L. exercising general supervision over all Engineer works. |                                                     |

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(11) Verastuden Capt

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| 30-4-15  | Anzac           | C.O. Inspecting position in morning - In afternoon accompanied by Rajt. visited 4 <sup>th</sup> Bde with Turkish bombs to be used at QUINN'S POST. Remains of Heedys on A16 which left on 27 <sup>th</sup> to make a faint landing in GULF OF SAROS returned to ANZAC COVE. Heavy shelling in progress daily.                                                                                |                                                     |
| 1/2-5-15 | ANZAC           | Weather warm & bright. Rajt with fatigue party collecting tools and sandbags scattered about. C.O. D.L. inspecting & supervising works in progress. 1 <sup>st</sup> Field Co (less 1 Section on beach for water and pier work) attached to 1 <sup>st</sup> Infantry Brigade. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Field Co (less Capt. WILLIAMS & 6 Sappers sinking wells for water in SMRAPNEL GULF) attached to |                                                     |

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W. A. Sturdee

Capt

| Date.  | Place and Time. | Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
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| 2.5.15 | ANZAC           | 2nd Inf. Bde. 2 sections of 3rd Field Co attached to 3rd Inf. Bde. & 2 sections working on BEACH.                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 3-5.15 |                 | Position same. LIEUT CDR HUNTLEY, 1st Field Co killed during night.                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 4-5.15 |                 | LIEUT THIRKELL, 3rd Field Co <del>and</del> 10 Sappers and Infantry party to GABA TEPE but beaten off. One Sapper (99, G. F. MCKENZIE) awarded D.C.M. for work at this sortie. Adj. supervising of collection and distribution of Engineer Stores and necessary administrative work. |
| 5-5.15 |                 | Position unchanged. Weather bright & warm.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 7-5.15 |                 | Adj. supervising cutting of mule shelter in ANZAC GULLY and erection of bomb-proof.                                                                                                                                                                                                  |



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D. J. Saunders Capt

| Date.      | Place and Time. |                                                                                                                                                                                            | Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached. |
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| 7.5.15     | ANZAC           | shelter for Clearing Hospital. Captain EFR BAGE, RAE, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Field Co killed whilst sitting fire trench in front of enemy's position. Capt. HOLENERS, M.O. wounded. Weather fine. |                                                     |
| 8.5.15     |                 | Position unchanged. Supervision of Eng. works in firing line and elsewhere maintained.                                                                                                     |                                                     |
| 1.         |                 | W.O. A HODOW reported and took up duty (11 <sup>th</sup> ).                                                                                                                                |                                                     |
| 12.5.15    |                 | LIEUT W H DAWKINS killed by snapper. Adj. super cutting of ammunition recesses & other work.                                                                                               |                                                     |
| 13/14.5.15 |                 | Adj. supervising cutting of recesses at Beach Engineer Store. Consultation re stores held - (CRE, D.E. & Adj.). Mounted portions of all Engineer units have left for Alexandria.           |                                                     |

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De la Souda Capt

| Date.     | Place and Time. |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached. |
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| 15. 5. 15 | ANZAC           | <p>C.O. &amp; Adj. inspected proposed covered way up SHRAPNEL GULLY, also wells at same place. Water is supplied in two ways - for personnel on and in position to beach from water barges provided by navy - in firing line and in its immediate vicinity from wells sunk in selected places - water when found is led off to regulating dams &amp; then pumped into troughs, barrels, etc. On the beach APC issue water on tugs - tugs provided to assist in delivery of barges, pumping &amp;c - In SHRAPNEL GULLY an Eng. Officer controls all water supply for firing line. &amp;c &amp;c</p> |                                                     |

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Van Stendera Capt

| Date.         | Place and Time.           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached. |
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| 15-5-15       | Auzac 12 <sup>30</sup> PM | Col Elliott's left arm broken by Shrapnel. Major AM Martyn, RAE, O.C. 2nd Field Co took over command. by order of Col. G.B. Elliott.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                     |
| 16-5-15<br>19 |                           | Capt. R.A.H. Stendera carrying out all administrative work. Major Martyn superintending Engineer work in trenches. Lieut. J. Napier 3rd Field Co severely wounded necessitating amputation of leg. Adj. supervision consists of covered way up Shrapnel Trench & Stores go. All ammunition & ration boxes taken over by Engrs for defensive works. Adj. supervising cutting of platforms for reserve nationals. Sects each of 1st & 2nd Field Co. repairing piers after storm |                                                     |
| 20-5-15<br>24 |                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                     |

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Wai. O. S. Under Capt

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| 25.5.15 | Auzac           | Work in Shrapnel fully proceeding.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 32 Reinf <sup>ts</sup>                              |
| 27      |                 | 8 men from hospital reported for duty with Field Co.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Position same.                                      |
| 28.5.15 |                 | Lieut J. Middleton, R.E.; 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lt J.B. Potter & E.D. Moore Royal Eng <sup>s</sup> reported for duty & instruction with this Division and allotted to 1 <sup>st</sup> Field Co, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Field Co & H.Q. respectively.                                                           |                                                     |
| 31.5.15 |                 | Bombos and hand grenades made up and issued as required by Aust <sup>n</sup> Eng <sup>s</sup> . An Engineer Park was established immediately after landing on the Beach below Hell's Spit from which stores (sandbags, timber, nails, tools, &c &c) were issued on req <sup>n</sup> countersigned |                                                     |

31<sup>5</sup>/<sub>15</sub> (General)



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Verendae Capt

| Date.   | Place and Time.    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached. |
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| 31.5.15 | Augac<br>(General) | by Rajl. Personnel provided by 2nd Field Co AE<br>Up to this date Field Co. submitted returns,<br>reports &c. Head Dist. Eng. & Signal direct<br>to D. S. G. owing to distance away of their<br>Headqrs. When timber for trenches ran short<br>old boats & barges were broken up and<br>utilized. Picks & other tools repaired at<br>Engineers Park. Strength of Dist. Eng.<br>on 31.5.15 less Signal Co. 18 officers 3750 R.<br>Casualties to 31.5.15 for Dist. Engineers:-<br>Killed 3 officers 13 other ranks<br>Wounded 3 officers 101 other ranks injured & wounded<br>of the latter 15 returned to duty by 31.5.1915 |                                                     |

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(18) Vacancies

| Date.                     | Place and Time.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Remarks or References<br>to Appendices, &c.,<br>attached. |
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| 31-5-15 Ayga<br>(General) | <p>Vacancies caused by deaths and wounds of Officers were filled as they occurred by choosing men from the rank &amp; file - many of whom are considered suitable in every respect for Commissioned rank.</p> <p>During training at Neena Camp all dismounted members of Field Cos fitted with web equipment which proved far more suitable than the bandolier pattern equipment. On landing at Ayga no animals or vehicles were put ashore - they together with mounted personnel returned to Alexandria &amp; went into Camp at Mex.</p> |                                                           |

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Headquarters Capt

| Date.    | Place and Time. |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached. |
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| 1-6-1915 | Ampere          | <p>Eng. Hq moved up to &amp; close by Dist. Headquarters — this change assists greatly in carrying out Eng. work as the Eng. Cmdr is always on the spot when required. Periscopes and periscopis rifles being manufactured by details of Royal Navy &amp; Aust. Engineer. Returns &amp; States of Signal Co. now submitted, with advantage, through Dist. Eng. Headquarters. Construction of permanent pier by Lieut Watson, Signal Co. Dist. Eng. and party of sappers commenced. 2 Sections of 3rd Field Co have been attached for duty for some time to NZEF Dist.</p> |                                                     |

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Dariusson Capt

| Date.  | Place and Time. |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached. |
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| 2-6-15 | Auzac           | <p>Two sections (Completing Coy) sent to NZ &amp; B. Div for Eng. work at Quinn's Post.</p> <p>Major E.N. Morley, RE, O.C., 13<sup>th</sup> Base Bn Co, RE arrived and took over command of Div. Eng. (temporarily), inspecting the position with Major Martyn. Reinforcements arrived <sup>at 5 am</sup> as under:-</p> <p>1<sup>st</sup> Field Co 23 2<sup>nd</sup> Field Co 21, 3<sup>rd</sup> Field Co 16 Signal Co 20 (Included in these Reinforcements were men returning from Hospital).</p> <p>Adj. &amp; Adj. visited left hand of Aust. position in morning &amp; Plugge's Plateau in afternoon. Arrangements made for Engineer Store to be handed over to ANZAC - 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt Moore RE placed in charge.</p> |                                                     |
| 3-6-15 |                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                     |

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| 4-6-15 | Auzac           | <p>A/C O.D. &amp; Adjts visited 3rd Inf Bde area &amp; inspected routes of proposed roads (a) from 2nd Bn to RIGHT of 12th Bn (b) from Beach near DAWKIN'S POINT to 2nd Bn., also visited trenches of 3rd Bde. 2 Sappers of 1st Field Co. sent (with charge) with Inf party to blow up M.G. in G.O. TRENCH - Charge not required. Surveyor and Draftsman attached to Eng. H.Q. for preparation &amp; keeping of plans of trenches, saps, tunnels, &amp;c (Scale 30' = 1")</p> |                                                     |
| 5-6-15 |                 | <p>Engineer Store put in working order under temporary direction of C.O. 1st Aust. Division.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                     |

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HQE, 1st A.A.

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Versenden Capt

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| 6. 6. 15 | Auzane          | Conference (Loc Bn, Brigadier, Bn Cmdr & Field Coy Cmdr) at 1st Bde Hq to consider future action re saps & tunnels (See Corres A 44). Decided to generally run tunnels 20 or 30" towards enemy & then join up heads into new firing line - straight tunnel as enormous trench with recesses cut forward out of it - tunnel to remain roofed, recesses unroofed. |                                                     |
| 7. 6. 15 |                 | Artillery Road from 4th Bn to RIGHT of 1st Bn commenced. Covered way up SHRAPNEL GULLY as far as junction WALKER'S Road completed.                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                     |



H.Q. E. SLAB

(73) Wassenaar Capt

| Date.         | Place and Time. |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached. |
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| 8-6-15        | Anzac           | a/cod <sup>o</sup> to Cape Helles for stores.<br>RE wounded in both legs.<br>Position unaltered.                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 2/LT Moore                                          |
| 9-6-15        |                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                     |
| 10-6-15       |                 | cod <sup>o</sup> ret <sup>o</sup> with stores - 200 rails lost (end with lighter) en route. W. O. PANTLIN and Sgt TUCKETT to ALEXANDRIA to collect <sup>all</sup> stores for Field & Signal Corps. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Field Co. ret <sup>o</sup> to Anz.                                                              |                                                     |
| 11-6-15       |                 | 2/Lt Potter, RE took over ANZAC Sup. Store<br>Experiments commenced making (a) bomb screens of wire netting for trenches (b) Barbed wire obstacles for placing from trenches.<br>Barbed wire entanglements put up in front of BARBED WIRE GULLY. Enemy heard working close to Dg Tunnel and charge laid to destroy |                                                     |
| 12-6-15<br>13 |                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                     |

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Vandermere Capt.

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| 13. 6. 15<br>14 | Augae           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                     |
| 15. 6. 15       |                 | their work (if necessary). Charge fired on 14 <sup>th</sup> inst by order of Brigadier. Supply of explosives ordered to be kept at Hq of each Field Coy. Dq tunnel visited, air very foul beyond 1st. Tamp. Enemy heard picking in distance. |                                                     |
| 16. 6. 15       |                 | Adj! inspecting site for 30 days reserve rations                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                     |
|                 |                 | Enemy reported 6 to 8' away & above Dq. New Charge 100 lbs prepared. Previous charge did little damage. 3 trained listeners to be att <sup>d</sup> to each Field Co (from Int) for duty.                                                     |                                                     |
| 17. 6. 15<br>18 |                 | Adj! inspecting new position for A.C. Hq & Clearing Hospitals etc. Covered way across flat near BRIGHTON BEACH commenced.                                                                                                                    |                                                     |



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Vasserman Capt.

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| 19/20 - 6-15 Augue |                 | <p>new tunnel in progress towards enemy parallel to that in which mine was fired 870' away. Adjt. making sliding loophole shield. Tact work ordered to be tried in all saps and tunnels — Progress of work considered slow — Inf. Officers in continuous relief obtained to combat difficulty. Certain recommendations as to organization, stores, &amp;c made to Div. Hdqrs (see A70) Picketing heard near sq (at intervals) new pier completed by Lt. Watson.</p> <p>.AE</p> |                                                     |

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U. M. G. & Co.

| Date.           | Place and Time. | Remarks or References<br>to Appendices, &c.,<br>attached.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
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| 20<br>21-6-1918 | Augac           | <p>(1) Decided to make Div. Inf. store adjacent to Advanced Inf. Bk. This store to accommodate articles drawn from Dabod, until Field Cos. need them (Inventories on Dabod are made by Co. B. after ascertaining Field Cos. requirements. Co. B. signs receipt, storeman at Div. Store brings articles on charge and issues to Field Cos. on their receipt). This procedure renders large Field Co. stores unnecessary.</p> <p>(2) Co. B. inspected new support trenches thrown out 60' in front of firing line of 11th Bn. previous night. Sapping going forward from support trench towards a line of fire trenches on forward slope 40 yds ahead. Consulted with 3d Bde &amp;</p> |

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Elmough, Lt Col.

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| 20<br>21-6-15 | Auzac           | <p>3rd Co re treatment of TURKEY KNOLL and fire trench from B<sub>2</sub> to Silt also re procedure for going out on night of 21<sup>st</sup> to excavate support trench on East ridge SOUTH of Silt:</p> <p>(3) Experiments in barbed wire obstacle with brushwood bundles continued.</p> |                                                     |



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| 21<br>22.6.15 | Anzac           | <p>O.C. met OC 3rd Coy. re plan for taking ground outside trenches at the Silt. Then met O.C. 2nd Coy a re-verified sounds of supposed Turkish picking in tunnels B<sub>6</sub> + C<sub>4</sub>. Not close. Then planned obtained G.O.C.'s approval for advance of B<sub>6</sub> + B<sub>5</sub> tunnels towards enemy's trenches.</p> <p>LONESOME PINE for future mines.</p> <p>Consultation with Artillery Commander re corner of road for guns from 2nd Batt H.Q. towards BARBED WIRE GULLY.</p> <p>O.C. visited trenches of No II North at night to inspect tunnel parties. Listened to enemy picking above left T of Dg. 6' away. No action necessary.</p> |                                                     |

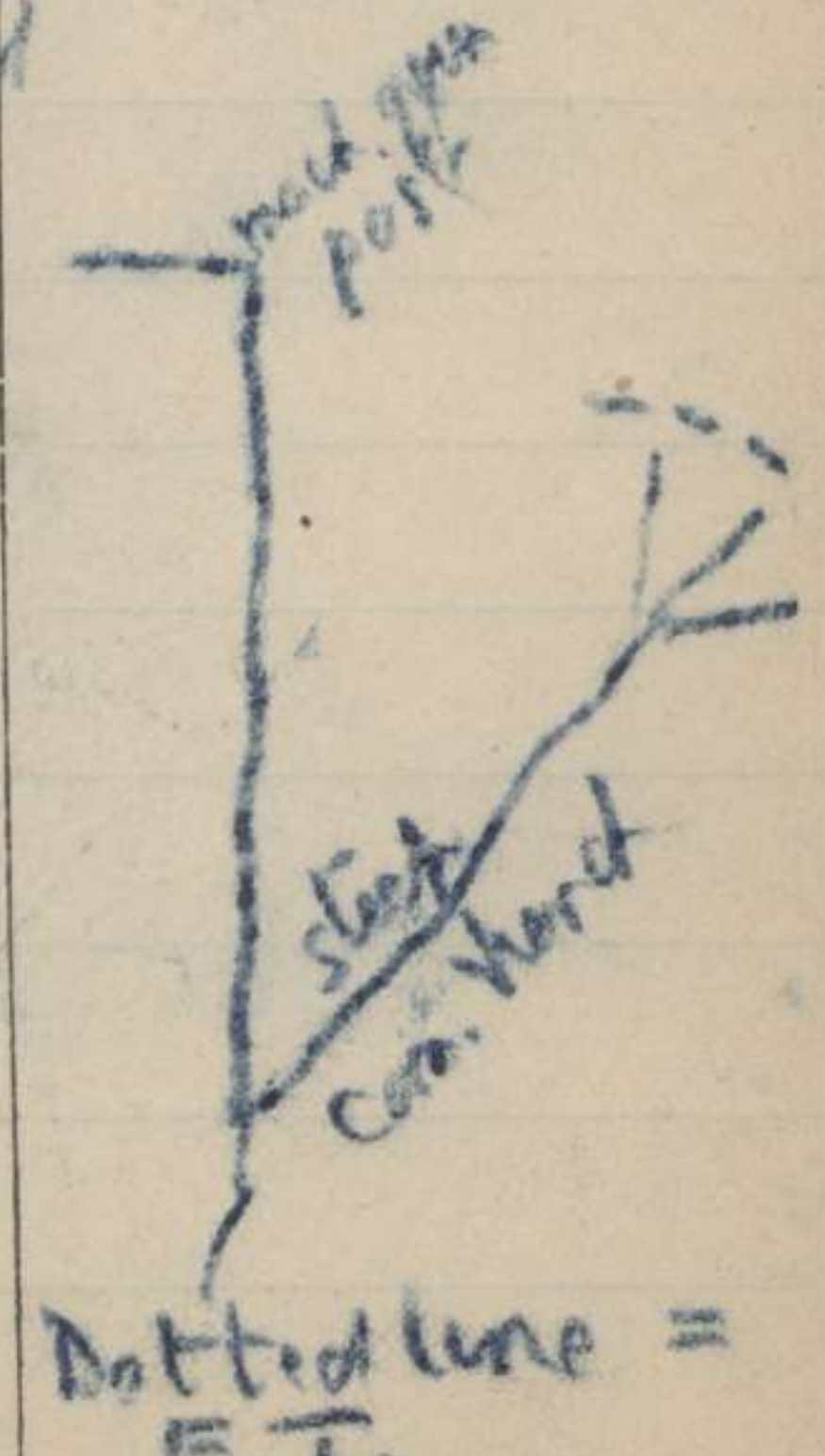
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| 22.6.15<br>22 | Arzac           | <p>During night of 21<sup>st</sup>, a digging party, covered, went out from 11<sup>th</sup> Batt. &amp; dug a support trench Southward of 'The Silt' on to a ridge East of main firing line. Hard ground. 150<sup>x</sup> dug. Saw night newly gained trench on ridge S of Wheatfield was deepened &amp; sapping in 5 places to a new fire trench on forward slope of ridge continued. Digging continued day &amp; night to establish 'Chatham Port' on A ridge S of 2<sup>nd</sup> Bde L. H. line, which is long steep com. Several woods (200<sup>x</sup>) branching out into three &amp; into a F.T. as in margin.</p>  |



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| 22.6.15<br>(Continued) |                 | <p>Due to slow rate of progress in tunnels forming new firing line the following methods were adopted:</p> <p>(a) Each group of tunnels etc. to be put in charge of an infantry officer (or subaltern) to whom adequate supply of men was to be given by Brigadier who would be required to complete a certain task in his shift. Task to be set &amp; measured by R. E.</p> <p>(b) Adequate supply of miners for pick &amp; tool work at face to be provided by Brigadiers.</p> |                                                     |

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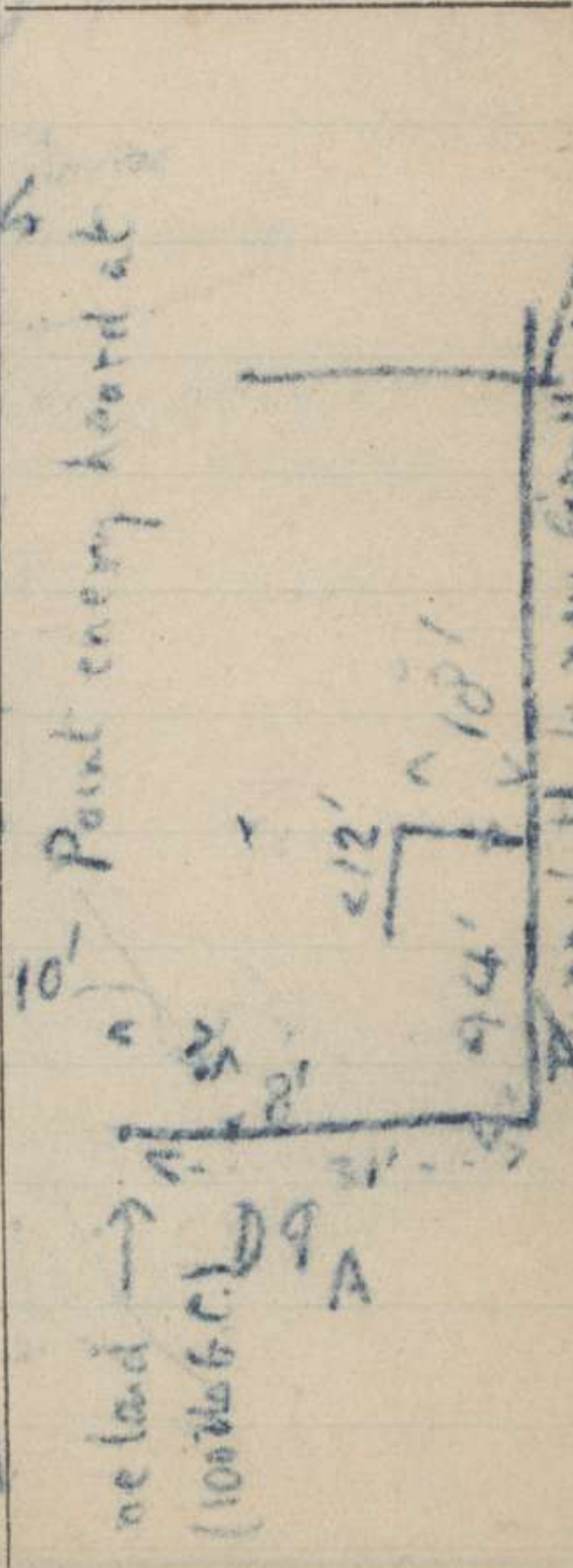
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| 23.6.15 | Anzac           | <p>Patterns of bomb screens &amp; of wire in<br/>trenchment approved by G.O.C. Conference<br/>with Major Corlett in dead end S of<br/>BARB WIRE CULLEY, with O.C. 1<sup>st</sup> Coy<br/>with O.C. 2<sup>nd</sup> Bde.</p> <p>O.C. 1<sup>st</sup> submitted scheme to G.O.C. for<br/>future advance after new FT is opened. Approved<br/>principle.</p> <p>St Middle's employed in earthwork operations in<br/>mullak to make store room. Same officer sub<br/>sequently ordered to prepare terraces for 2 Batt.<br/>for Army Corp along Walker Road.</p> <p>Major Corlett removed to clearing hospital.</p> |                                                     |



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Cumagly, Lt. Col.

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| 24.6.15 | Anzac           | <p>General Legg took over 1<sup>st</sup> A. D. from General Walker.</p> <p>Adjutant D. E. took over earthwork for new hospitals from Lt. Middleton.</p> <p>Army to exploit site of R.E. (Anzac Cove) Show beach party only allowed to work on it at night &amp; precautions made to protect day antipiers.</p> <p>Report that enemy had reached point as shown in map sketch near D 9 A with their floor level with our roof.</p> | <p>10' - Point enemy heard at</p>  |

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Eunog 21. Col

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| 25.6.15 | Anzac           | <p>Large fatigue parties at work under Lt Middleton making trench for 2 Batts on WALKER ROAD. (From 9-hr relief took 200 men). Conference re being men in D9A. Decided to re-examine, as enemy was advancing towards our rear fire line. Shortage of tools in Biquets discovered; proposals made for general search, re-issue + subsequent responsibility of Batts. Rpts. for tools by keeping store-lists.</p> <p>OCDE visited new sample work of firing line combined with tunnel in 1st L.H. front, + depth of continuous work at beach front.</p> <p>More in D9A blowing 934 ft. part of scheme for false attack on enemy. Tamping undisturbed.</p> |                                                     |

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Summary LI-GI

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| 26.6.15 | Amzac           | <p>Exploded mine rock crater just outside North of 'GERMAN OFFICER Trench' about 20' from L.L.R. was 12' <math>\pm</math> 2'. It had been arranged with G.C.C.'s concurrence that O.C. 2<sup>nd</sup> Coy should run forward mine tunnels from end of D<sub>6</sub> (178' in) &amp; B<sub>5</sub> (195' in) to two parts of LONESOME PINE trenches. Latter advanced 30' &amp; then sounds of hostile picking were heard 30' away. Decided (with G.C.C.'s concurrence) to adopt policy of going forward undetected &amp; to avoid firing charges. Conference with O.C. 3<sup>rd</sup> Coy re loopholes &amp; letter to D.M. based on O.C. 2<sup>nd</sup> Coy's proposals re loopholes when opening new safe firing line.</p> | 1                                                   |

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| 27.6.15 | Anghe           | <p>O.C.D.E. inspected New Zealand Division defence from it a general view of the Australian position. Many operations opposite German's Country developed to great intensity. Reports of hostile picking close to left drive at point 178 of B.56. Listening ordered, were working a new gallery now to envelop the enemy.</p> |                                                     |

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| 28.6.15 | Anzac           | <p>In touch with enemy at B5+6. (Long tunnels). New advanced trenches at Chatham Post (with new communications). To morrow Cool + Silt. Spurr proceeding quite satisfactorily. Workers with chain from tunnels while attack (to engage enemy during advance in Southern feature) was on. Decided to listen for enemy when in touch with him in reserves but he would bring. Casualties in R &amp; Co - 4 wounded.</p> |                                                     |



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| 29.6.15 | Anzac           | <p>1 Conference (see A93) with C.O.C. Engineers etc. re future tunnelling, sapping &amp; mining policy. The following recommendations of C.O.C.D.E. were <u>not</u> specifically ordered:- (1) Uncovered com. trench, in addition to tunnel, for fire control in rear of emplacement. (2) Fire emplacements behind instead of in front of tunnel. (3) No frontal loopholes for advanced fire trenches (admittedly not used in attack) (4) Joining up of <sup>loophole</sup> backing holes in front to form new advanced fire trenches. (5) Meals for working parties to be out of working hours (6) Task work.</p> <p>2 At 7.00 Tanks blew in B22 - B5 doing little damage to our tunnels (large water formed) but burying a sapper in each. One tunnel slightly gassed. No change in fire and holes needed.</p> |                                                     |

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Summary 21 Co

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| 30.6.15 | Angac           | <p>Conference with OC 2<sup>nd</sup> Bn, OC 1<sup>st</sup> Coy &amp; with OC 1<sup>st</sup> Bn &amp; OC 2<sup>nd</sup> Coy re future mining policy. Scheme submitted to Asst. HQ &amp; approved.</p> <p>Report of full situation re mines submitted to CE.</p> <p>Casualties (Dwt. Engrs) for month ending 30<sup>6</sup>/<sub>15</sub></p> <p>Killed 7 other Ranks Wounded 1 Officer &amp; 21 other Ranks. Strength of Dwt. Engrs on Sallopali Peninsula 27.6.15 25 Officers 537 other Ranks of which 2 are attaining Officers &amp; also 1 OR. &amp; 40 months (from sick list &amp; other sources)</p> <p>4 Officers 145 other Ranks (of which 17 other Ranks are from wounded list)</p> |                                                     |

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Lunnolly Lt Col

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| 1.7.15 | Amzac           | <p>Presence of enemy detected under ground near B<sub>5</sub> &amp; B<sub>6</sub>. C D E discussed plans with OC 2<sup>nd</sup> Coy General de Lottbuerer (C.E.) returned &amp; explained future water supply plans.</p> <p>Experiments in fuse for bombs.</p>                                                                                                                                                                |                                                     |
| 2.7.15 | "               | <p>Further investigation of support enemy near B 22 (recently blown in). Work stopped there.</p> <p>Charges of 50 lbs G.C. placed in right bank of B<sub>5</sub> (recently blown slightly in) &amp; tamped.</p> <p>Discussion re time of receiving &amp; breaking out new fire line above ground.</p> <p>Lt. Knight, who had entered B<sub>22</sub> immediately it was blown in &amp; been "gassed" admitted to hospital.</p> |                                                     |

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| 3.7.15 | Anzac           | <p>Captain Sturdee admitted to hospital (influenza). Recessing of new firing line practically completed throughout ready to remove "tid."</p> <p>Capt. Williams detached for Army Corps duty in laying down water supply pipe lines to pump from boats direct to both Divisions from central reservoirs also to be erected at +150'.</p>            |                                                     |
| 4.7.15 | Anzac           | <p>Our gallery D<sub>2</sub> had got within 12' of German Officers Trench". Enemy heard picking towards us. O.C. Coy ordered to prepare a fire which he did at 22.15.</p> <p>Enemy heard unmistakably picking close to our C<sub>3</sub> having issued by long gallery from "Johnson's Tolly" to within 40' of our concealed new fire position.</p> |                                                     |

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| 5.7.15 | Anzac           | <p>C<sub>3</sub> prepared for firing.</p> <p>Result of firing D<sub>21</sub> was large crater chiefly in front of G.O. trench. Enemy established 4 loopholes in front line of crater.</p> <p>2 enemy shells (11" 2) dropped on 2 of our advanced tunnels &amp; made craters. Tunnel deviated.</p> |                                                     |
| 6.7.15 | Anzac           | <p>D.E. ordered to prepare buzones for seven more battalions in 4 sites.</p> <p>Enemy heard picking near C<sub>3</sub> on our side of tampering, so mine fired. Crater formed.</p> <p>Proposals submitted re Brigade Fort Stores for "Trench Stores" advised by D.O.S. M.E.F.</p>                 |                                                     |



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Enemy 2401

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| 7.7.15 | Anzac.          | <p>Enemy again heard picking at 2300 at C3 &amp; fired another charge at 0315 of 8". Enemy also heard near forward end of B5.</p> <p>Conference with C.E. re future work &amp; policy</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                     |
| 8.7.15 | Anzac           | <p>Lt Col Mozley sent to hospital ship. Other RE officers in Division who are sick :- Captain Shuter (influenza), Lt Knight (stomach for gas), Lt Biden (diarrhoea), Major Corlett (Boreo Rot) &amp; Major MacCall (diarrhoea)</p> <p>Major Clayton &amp; Lt James hardly fit for duty</p> <p>Major R M Martyn RRE took over duties of C. D. E. Reported that enemy untamping in B21. Another charge fired in C3</p> |                                                     |

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| 9. 7. 15 | Anzac.          | <p>Capt. Williams installing water supply for Army Corps under inst<sup>ns</sup> of C.E.<br/>Commenced duty on Capt.<br/>LFS Mather, 3<sup>rd</sup> Field Co took over<br/>Command (temply) of 2nd Field Co.<br/>Lt. Middleton preparing positions for<br/>reserves:<br/>Inspected D 21 tunnel when the enemy had got into<br/>the end of our tunnel. Decided to place charge<br/>in front of our barricade, tamped and fired.<br/>This was done about 1530 with result that whole of<br/>tunnel was blown in and large crater formed<br/>result apparently successful.</p> |                                                     |

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| 10. 7. 15 | Anzac           | <p>Enemy's picking also heard close to D9. Instructions given to drive listening chamber in direction forward. No further report received.</p> <p>All quiet in other tunnels except a little picking heard in B5.</p> <p>Went into question of working parties with O.C. 3<sup>rd</sup> Inf Brigade. Inspected work on 4-7 road going on satisfactorily.</p> <p>Went into question of future extension of tunnels with Capt. Mather.</p> <p>Reported at night that enemy had exploded mine between C3 and C4 but practically no damage done.</p> |                                                     |

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| 11. 7. 15 | Anzac           | <p>Reported picking head near B 5 tunnel so gave instructions to place charge and fire when ready. Charge fired at 1545 apparently successful.</p> <p>Major McCall ordered to hospital.</p> <p>Lieut. Sykes in temporary command of 1st Fl.</p> |                                                     |
| 12. 7. 15 | "               | <p>Discussed question of tunnels with Brigadier 1st Bde. &amp; decided on future policy.</p> <p>Request came in tonight for party to make road for 4.7 in gun. Party diverted from Artillery Road.</p>                                          |                                                     |

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| 13. 7. 15 | Anzac           | <p>Picking reported heard in L2R and D9A both in 1<sup>st</sup> F. Co's tunnels so went up to investigate. Put in charges in both and fired D9A at 1600 and L2R at 1630 with good results.</p> <p>Arranged for a party of 60 to work on 4.7 gun road from 1230 to 1700.</p> |                                                     |
| 14. 7. 15 | do.             | <p>Great demand for sandbags from 2<sup>nd</sup> Bde. Supply nearly exhausted could only raise 400.</p>                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                     |



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| 15. 7. 15 | Anzac           | <p>Inspected new firing line in 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade.</p> <p>All ready for opening up.</p> <p>Lieut. Cutler 2<sup>nd</sup> F. Co. gone to hospital ship.</p> <p>New firing line in B tunnels handed over to 2<sup>nd</sup> B<sup>n</sup> who propose to open up on a plan of their own.</p> |                                                     |
| 16. 7. 15 | do.             | <p>Had conference with O.C. 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade re reserves etc. and settled all questions. Do not agree with 2<sup>nd</sup> Bn's ideas and foresee a lot of trouble. Tunnels will probably need timbering.</p>                                                                            |                                                     |



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| 17. 7. 15 | Amzac           | <p>Col. Elliott returned this morning.</p> <p>at 1000 picking reported in C 25 10ft away</p> <p>Charges of 100lb Ammonal put in and fired</p> <p>at 1500. Appears to have done a lot of</p> <p>damages. Fair amount of damages done to our</p> <p>own tunnels.</p> |                                                           |

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From R.M.O. 1st Bn

To Major Ross

Colonel House

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while you are ill. I

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this morning but you had  
gone to work. If you wish

me to call again would  
you kindly send me  
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To Thompson

Captain Adams

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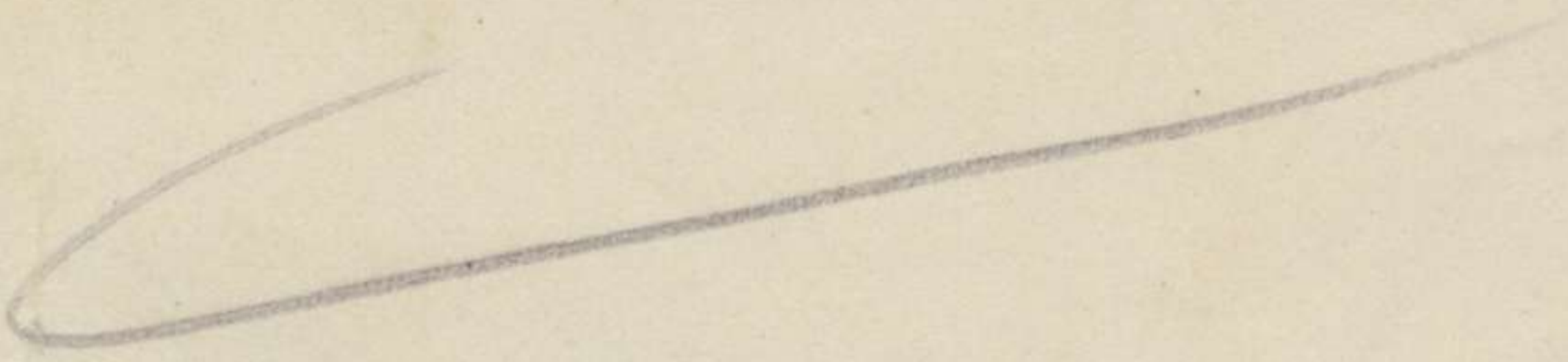


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