

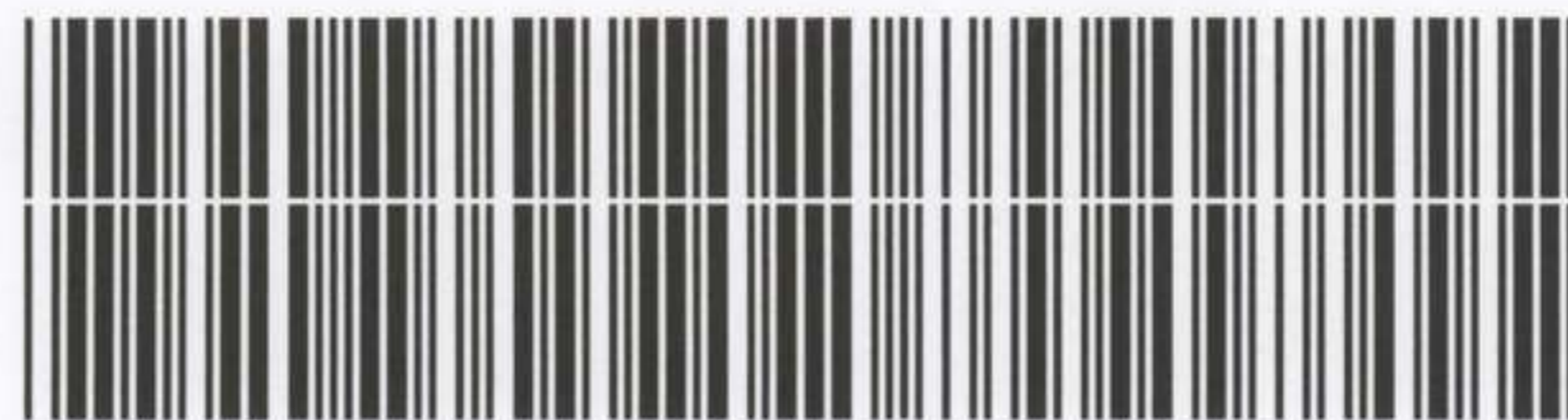
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0330 Shell Green Anzac 1/12/15	A few broomstick bombs fell near our trenches but without doing any harm.	
0430	A repetition of bombing but no harm done.	
0700	Fine Cold morning	
1000	much warmer this morning, sunshine & clear sky. We are still on 1/4 ration of water - 2 pints. all companies had to fall back on snow water to make tea for breakfast.	
1222	Enemy aeroplane overhead firing at us with a machine gun. Reported to Brigade at once. Aeroplane making off in a Westerly direction. Our anti aircraft gun is doing some good shooting but can't manage to hit. Effective strength 23 officers 500 other ranks. Casualties nil. Some sniping by both our men & the enemy, otherwise all quiet.	
1800	Fine fresh morning and sunshing. CHAPLAIN. REY FATHER MC AULIFFE returned to the PGE from leave in Egypt.	
2300	A little shelling by 75 MM gun.	
0900 2/12/15	A howitzer from somewhere in OLIVE GROVE doing a lot of shelling, but slightly south of our position.	
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1400	The day has turned out perfect, just a crisp feeling in the air. Effective strength 23 officers 500 others. Casualties 1 other ranks killed.	
1800		
1900	A new machine gun position constructed out in front of the BLACK HAND on the eastern slope of ALLAH GULLY. Covering party furnished by "D" Co.	
2100	Working & covering parties returned; all correct. Some old Turkish overcoats brought in, evidently abandoned by an enemy patrol in a hurried retreat. Nothing of interest found in the coats.	
0900	Fine warm morning.	
0930	A glass globe was handed in at Pz Hd Qrs. and is reported to have fallen near Q7 in some soft earth. It is supposed that this contained gas, but no evidence can be found that it did. The globe was slightly cracked. Forwarded to Pz Hd Qrs for examination.	
1200	Very quiet along our front.	
1800	Effective strength 23 officers 498 other ranks.	
2300	A little bombing has been going on since dark but no damage done. Usual shelling by both sides.	

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0900.	<p>Shell Green Augae. 2nd Bn A.I.F.</p> <p>4/12/15 Fine warm morning with bright sunshine. Rather an interesting duel between some of our field guns and three Turkish light guns. The enemy shells are bursting over & beyond the guns. Our position in direct line of fire.</p>	
1000	<p>A third blanket per man has been authorised for issue. Water question still acute, but not from any scarcity this time. We were allowed half an hour to draw off 530 gallons into petrol tins by means of one half inch tap. Result only able to get 80 gallons. Later in the day we were given another 60 gallons, making a little over 1/4 gallon per man.</p>	
1600	all quiet.	
1800	Effective strength 23 officers & 98 other ranks. Casualties nil.	
2000	Some bombing, apparently from trench mortars.	
2300.	Still a little bombing and some sniping by both sides.	
0900	5/12/15 Fine warm morning, but hazy.	
1200.	Water question unsatisfactory. 190 gallons drawn this morning, equalling about 2.9 pints per man.	
1800	Water more plentiful to-night, almost full ration drawn through the day.	

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<p>Shell Green Angac 1800 5/12/15 2300</p>	<p>2nd Bn A.I.F. Effective strength 23 officers 495 other ranks. All quiet in the lines, enemy doing a little sniping and our men replying.</p>	
<p>0900 6/12/15 1800 2300 0900</p>	<p>Fine morning, warm but cloudy. Effective strength 23 officers 495 other ranks. Casualties nil. Sniping going on along both enemy and our trenches. MAJOR I.D. J. ROSS returned to Bn from hospital in England. A draft of 32 other ranks from Weymouth Depot arrived this morning. Some have been wounded and others were sent away from the peninsula sick.</p>	
<p>1200 1800 2300 0100 0200 0300</p>	<p>Quiet all along the front. Effective strength 24 officers and 526 other ranks. Quite warm. Men are now being supplied with hot boovil every night. Men in the firing line get it at 2200, 2300, & 2400 according to the relief they belong to. Details & others not in the firing line get at 2100. Hot water is provided for the men to mix their rum each morning at 0100, 0200, and 0300. This is very much appreciated by the men, particularly the boovil (Oxo tablets).</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">A.H.</p>

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<p>0900 1800 2300</p> <p>Shell Green Anger 2nd/3rd</p> <p>7/12/15.</p>	<p>Fine warm morning. Quiet along the line. Effective strength 24 officers 526 other ranks.</p> <p>Some bombing and sniping by the enemy. The bombs fired into our lines at night seem to be a species of shrapnel. There is a very faint report, just as though a very light bursting charge were used, then the swishing sound of the pellets through the air. The pellets do not seem to have any great force behind them, for they strike the earth with quite a soft thud. The men in the "gully posts" BLACK-HAND report several instances of men being hit but no harm done.</p>	
<p>0900</p> <p>8/12/15</p> <p>1000</p>	<p>Another fine warm morning with cloudless sky. We are only 13 days from the shortest day of the year and now the cold snap is at an end the weather is quite spring like.</p> <p>CAPTAIN E E HERROD suffering with jaundice. O. B. "A" Company went away. He has been with the 1st</p>	<p>F</p>

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1000 Shell Green Area 2nd Bn 8/12/15	Constantly since its formation	
1200	Our observation station was quite wrecked this morning by the enemy artillery. Fortunately no one was hurt.	
1600	Enemy shelling our trenches with shrapnel. One of the 2nd Bn and two men belonging to other bn were	
1800	hit out on ARTILLERY ROAD Effective strength 23 officers 528 other ranks. Casualties 1 other rank wounded	
1900	Word received the 4th Bn will relieve us at 0900 on 11th inst and we are to go into reserve for about a month. Our new position will only be	
2300	50 yards in rear of the actual firing line. all quiet with the exception of a little sniping by both sides	
0900 9/12/15	Fine warm day. CAPTAIN R. HARRISON relinquished appointment as adjutant and to command "C" Company LIEUT H. TAYLOR appointed adjutant (temporarily)	

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	<i>2nd Bn</i>		
	<i>Shell Green</i>		
	<i>ANZAC.</i>		
16.30	9/12/15	TAUBE appeared. Dropped steel dart over our line but caused no casualties.	
19.00		All Quiet along our front.	
22.00		Steady sniping from enemy was replied to by us through the night.	
0900	10/12/15	Morning warm but clouds obscure sun.	
11.20		Heavy bombardment opened by Navy on OLIVE GROVE & GABA TEPE. Six battle ships were engaged and it lasted two hours. Our Intelligence Officer reports our ^{Naval} shells appeared to burst in vicinity of enemy gun position but could not observe damage done beyond tearing up of odd trees.	
15.00		All quiet along our front.	

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<p>17.30 10/12/15</p> <p>Shell Green Arzac</p>	<p>Steady sniping was continued ^{by the enemy} together with odd bursts of machine gun fire which traversed our parapet.</p> <p>Word was received cancelling the order for 4th Bn to relieve us. We remain in firing line indefinitely while 4th Bn relieve 4th Lt Horse on our right.</p>	
<p>22.00</p>	<p>Continuou- sniping from enemy punctuated with bursts of machine gun fire & at intervals bombing.</p>	
<p>23.00.</p>	<p>Nothing of note happening. No casualties for today. Effective strength 23 Officers - 524 Other R.</p>	
<p>0800</p> <p>11/12/15</p>	<p>Morning fine but cloudy.</p> <p>Our Bn took over all working parties in our lines that had been supplied by 4th Bn.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">F</p>

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2nd Bn Hour, Date, Place	Shell Green Alazac Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
0800 11/12/15	Each Coy now supplies 14 men (D Coy ^{1 extra} as code) who work on Bomb proof chamber in firing line.	
1030	All quiet along our front steady sniping being replied to by us. At intervals shell (small 75's) and odd bomb are falling about reserve trenches and at BLACK HAND.	
1200	No 2706. Pte. Welch. R.B. of D Coy was hit (full on) below right shoulder by a "Stick" bomb and killed instantly.	
1700	Throughout afternoon bombs and shell dropped at short intervals about the rear of our line and BLACK HAND, and sniping was kept up by Turks at our loopholes, which was returned by us.	6

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<p>2nd Bn Shell Green 2300 11/12/15</p>	<p>Since dusk enemy has kept up continuous sniping and odd bombs & shells, fired apparently indiscriminately, have been dropping in and around our area.</p> <p>Pieces of "Sticks" bombs were collected and in shape the bomb resembles a small schrapnel shell about 2" dia. with a hole, screwed at cap & base to admit sticks. It does not contain pellets but is meant to burst into fragments as grooves around the casing indicate.</p> <p>One man 2658 PTE. OSBORNE W.H.J. whilst observing over parapet was hit by bullet in forehead & killed instantly. Enemy snipers and machine guns keep up steady fire on our parapets but distance and darkness prevent them taking aim at our men. It is seldom that any of these bullets find a mark.</p>	
<p>0900 12/12/15</p>	<p>Fine bright morning which promises to keep so throughout the day.</p>	<p>10</p>

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<p>2nd Bn A.I.F. Shell Green Clayac.</p> <p>0900 12/12/15</p>	<p>Intermittent shelling & bombing in and around our area. All quiet along our front.</p>	
<p>1100</p>	<p>Shelling (chiefly "Hotchkiss" gun) & bombing continues but directed more to our left toward LONE PINE & BLACK HAND.</p> <p>Work continuing in our line on bomb proof Chambers & improving drains & paving floors of firing recesses & steps leading to them with tins. Tins ("Bully" beef, Jam, milk, etc) are gathered from incinerators and each tin is filled with earth and rammed into loose floor of recess bottom upward. When the whole recess is floored in this way loose earth & gravel is rammed down cracks between the tins to pack them tight.</p> <p>If the same kind of tins are used for the one post, when finished, it looks extremely neat and can be kept quite clean and in wet & slotty weather it forms a good dry pavement for observers to stand on. Experiment have so far proved very satisfactory.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">11</p>

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Hour, Date, Place <i>2ND BN SHELL GREEN ANZAC</i>	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
<p>0900 1200 1500 2000 2300</p>	<p>13/12/15 Morning fine & warm. Sun shining, sky brokenly clouded. Mail inward & outward stopped. Quiet along front. Enemy small gun dropping shells in front & rear of our firing line at intervals. No damage or casualties inflicted. Uneventful. Water ration for past few days been at half issue. Enemy sniper & machine guns very active. also a word received that full ration (1 gallon) water will now be available. Also that Mails would be carried on as usual tomorrow</p>	
<p>0900 1100 2300</p>	<p>14/12/15 Day cloudy inclined to rain. All quiet along our front. Verbal order issued to effect that all surplus baggage records, papers, etc. to be sent to Northern slope of lower ANZAC Gully under foot bridge with 1 man to mount guard & to take with him 48 hrs. ration. Message recd from Bde. N.P. to ensure that all baggage be covered with sand bag or khabaki covering.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">13</p>

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01700	14/12/15	Intermittant shelling & bombing & brisk sniping.	
2000		Word received to withdraw one blanket per man and send to ANZAC GULLEY together with any ^{surplus} kit.	
2300		Brisk sniping along our front replied to by us. For last two night barbed wire has been put out in front of parapets on slope of back <u>to valley</u> : DESPAIR VALLEY. Short lengths of about 15 to 20 ft coiled and flung over and a good deal arranged by a party of men among the bushes and attached to stakes.	
0900	15/12/15	Morning cold with light gale blowing from East (off land.)	

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<p>ANZAC Shell Green</p>	<p>2ND BN</p>	
1100	<p>14/12/15 Quiet along front, blankets have been withdrawn as previously ordered and much surplus baggage etc removed to ANZAC GULLY. The men now have 1 blanket & 1 ground sheet in hand, these will be retained till the last.</p>	
1500	<p>Officers & NCOs are to make themselves acquainted with the route to be followed on night of leaving. It has now been made known that ANZAC is to be evacuated by Our Troops. Star ways have been dug down the hill sides to main road & also various points along the latter are known as point X point Y etc etc.</p>	
2000	<p>All Officers have now been over the route to point of embarkation and the following detail & instructions have been given to Coz Commander. Preliminary to second last night destroy all papers & records, noticeboards etc that would be likely to give enemy a clue as to the unit, or part of</p>	

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<p>Shell Green ANZAC 15/12/15</p> <p>2000</p>	<p>15/12/15 2000</p> <p>Australia ^{members of} unit came from by burning in incinerator Bears boots on second ^{last} night & the last night to be muffled by cutting Pandva in two ^{folding of} & placing one piece in the other & tying round the foot & ankle. Hold inspection of equipment & all spare articles to be returned to Q.M. store. (to be probably burned) On second last night all blankets except five per Company & every waterproof sheet will be packed up to go to the beach. No water proof sheet to be left. Picks & hovel to be returned to Q.M. store (probably to be broken or buried) Forty five (45) picked men ^{including 1 cook} the two best Subalterns and Co. commander to remain from each Coy And ^{the whole} the ^{troop men} the machine gun section with Officer & two guns. The C.O. & Adj. Medical Officer and attendant AMC men & Stretcher Bearers will remain behind till the last night. The remainder of Bn Under Senior Major to depart on second last night The 45 men remaining will be subdivided into classes A, B, C each 15 strong under an Officer</p>	

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<p>Shell Gun. ANZAC 15/12/15 2ND BN</p> <p>2000</p>	<p>15/12/15 A & B classes to be ^{each} under a ^{selected} Subaltern and C which will remain till last under Co. Conder. C class must be absolutely the best men as regards Steadiness, discipline & shooting. B class will be next best 15 and A class will be the least active members of the 45. Each leader must know his men personally and he must have a nominal roll of them and the men of each party must know one another and to which party they belong. On the last night at a given time the A class men under their own Subaltern will move silently via named saps - A & B Coys via Q4 and C & D via Q7 - to GUN ROAD opposite new Stairway in front of Bn. Hd. Qr. They will be relieved in the recesses by B. class who will move in the same manner following the same route at the given time ^{being} relieved by C. class. The Adj. will see that each of these classes are away to time and ensure that the route</p>	<p style="text-align: right; font-size: 2em;">A</p>

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<p>Shell Gun ^{2nd Bn} ^{Alzaco}</p> <p>2000 15/12/15</p>	<p>to the Point of embarkation is known by all. At a time to be given ten (10) men of the C. class will move out to Gun Rd opposite Bn. Hd Qrs. via Q7. (all Coy's this time moving along Q7) The five men who are left will continue sniping for about ten minutes and then they under their Co Commander followed by C.O. LT COL W.E.H. CASS & ADJUTANT LIEUT. H. TAYLOR. the M.OFFICER MAJOR R MACDONALD and staffs will move rapidly away ^{VIA Q7} to overhaul the remainder of C class who will have gone ahead. Strictest march discipline to be employed. particularly prevention of straggling. In order that C class may have freedom of movement. A class will take their packs & B class their blankets. They will then be left only with <u>battle Order</u> and</p>	
<p>2300 15/12/15</p>	<p>More barbed wire in short lengths has been thrown out.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">18</p>

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<p style="text-align: center;"><i>HNZAC</i></p> <p><i>Shell Green 2ND BIV</i></p> <p>2300</p>	<p><i>15/12/15</i></p> <p>In order to educate the enemy, to make him used to sudden ceasing of our sniping (so that nothing unusual will be noticed ^{in our silent line for sometime} after our departure) a programme for sniping has been arranged, so that short burst of steady sniping will be punctuated with intervals, up to 1/2 an hour, of absolute silence.</p> <p>The men are carrying this out under supervision of officers & NCOs.</p>	
<p>0900</p>	<p><i>16/12/15</i></p> <p>Cold, slightly windy morning.</p> <p>All quiet along our front.</p> <p>Work of destroying unrequired matter continues gradually.</p> <p>At places in our area which are visible from GABA TEPE, all traffic bearing baggage & blanket + the like which would show signs of removal has been stopped and every thing is being done to keep all things as normal as far as possible.</p> <p>Men are placed in small groups smoking +</p>	
<p>1100</p>		<p><i>J/A</i></p>

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<p>1100</p> <p>1500</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">2ND BN ANZAC</p> <p>Loitering in full view of GASH TEPE. a little shelling + sniping is going on.</p> <p>Further instruction following conference at Bde HQ of Co O's + Adj's, was given to be condensed. Gas sprays to be destroyed by puncturing them. Water tin + cooking pot to be treated in same manner.</p> <p>All spare gas helmet + belts ^{to be} returned to P.M. (for destruction).</p> <p>Wooden frames of wooden periscope rifle to be destroyed. Ballby rifle stand + other periscope rifle frames to be returned to P.M. store (These will be sent to sea and dumped)</p> <p>Every Officer must have a rifle and ammunition</p> <p>Iron ration for two days will be issued</p> <p>Kitchen fire to be kept burning particularly at meal times</p> <p>Periscope will be smashed</p>	<p></p>

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<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Shell Green</i> AND 13th ANZAC</p> <p>1500</p> <p>16/12/15</p>	<p>On second last day as much ^{S.A.} ammunition as can be spared will be placed in pit & buried. Gun boots will be taken away by those leaving on second last night.</p> <p>At 0530 tomorrow \odot class for each Co will make a test march to point of embarkation. Barbed wire wearing actual kit they will wear with boots muffled.</p>	
<p>1800</p>	<p>All quiet along front except for little sniping on both sides.</p> <p>Day still cold & windy.</p>	
<p>2300</p>	<p>Programme of periods of silence & sniping being carried out. Barbed wire in short lengths is being thrown over parapet to strengthen their position.</p>	
<p>0530 0700</p> <p>17/12/15</p>	<p>All \odot class men of Bde went over the route to be followed from on the final night in fighting order and padded boots. Two steady short showers of rain fell during march.</p> <p>The time taken to get from starting point (X) to</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em;">/</p> <p style="text-align: right;">21</p>

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<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Shell gun</i> HN2AC RNO BN.</p> <p>0530</p> <p>0900 1100</p> <p>1500</p>	<p>17/12/15 point of embarkation was 28 minutes. Sand bags pad- were found to be most efficacious.</p> <p>Day turned out fine but cloudy. The rear of our Area is being shelled parties of men idling along GUN ROAD have probably been seen by enemy and drawn his fire.</p> <p>Front quiet. except for little sniping. Men are going about with padded feet in order to get used to them.</p> <p>Everything being done to deceive aircraft by keeping men moving about on roads and in trenches, but altering as little as possible the look of the area. Roofs of dogouts are to remain and ^{biscuit} "boxes" & tins have been collected and placed in heap, to resemble from aircraft, stacks of rations or stores.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">4</p> <p style="text-align: right;">22</p>

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<p><i>Shell Green</i> ANZAC RNOBN.</p> <p>2000</p> <p>2300</p> <p>0630 0630</p> <p>0900</p> <p>1200</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">17/12/15</p> <p>All quiet along front Word received to send 500 grenades to beach. The balance on hand to be destroyed or buried</p> <p>Period of silence as last night. Came out. Sniping by Turks replied to by us between period of silence. Effective strength 23 of 500 others</p> <p style="text-align: center;">15/12/15</p> <p>C class men returned from trial march with muffled feet over route to beach. Heavy fog enveloped everything Fog still hangs in valley though sun is shining.</p> <p>Orders ^{received} regarding final arrangements for evacuation at Conference of C.O.s with Brigadier. Preparation still in progress for reducing stores etc either by destruction, burying or packing up to be sent away tonight</p>	<p style="text-align: right; font-size: 2em; opacity: 0.5;">fa</p>

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<p style="text-align: center;">ANZAC</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Shell Green</p> <p style="text-align: center;">1500</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">18/12/15</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Following orders & instructions given to Coy Commander.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fires will be kept burning as usual in the trenches on the 19th 2. Incinerators will be kept burning but no extra fire is to be allowed. 3. All picks and shovels will be gathered from trenches and tunnels and returned to Q.M.'s before 12.00. 4. All gas sprayers, jars of solution will be returned to Q.M.'s at 12.00 5. All cooking pots will be destroyed by having holes punched in them with a pick or trenching tool near Q.M. stores at 18.00 with the exception of 4 per Co to be used for OXO for B^o party at 21.00 and for C^o party at 24.00. Co commanders will be responsible that the OXO is prepared for these parties and that these cooking pots are destroyed after the OXO has been served. 6. After grenades for A, B and C parties are allotted others will be counted and numbers reported to B² Hd Q^{tr} by 16.00 7. All periscopes will be destroyed after 17.30. 8. Men will wear muffled boots after 12.00 to get them used to wearing them. Men must ensure that the fastenings are secure and not likely to become unfastened on the march. 9. All rifles that are damaged beyond repair will be destroyed absolutely by having sights knocked off - barrels bent - and stocks broken. 10. During the day officers will ensure that no addressed letters private or official are left about the lines or in dug-outs. 	<p style="text-align: right; font-size: 2em; font-family: cursive;">Ams</p>

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<p>Details</p> <p>Discipline</p> <p>Route</p>	<p>1. Lines must be left absolutely clean. Some men unfortunately are not instinctively sanitary in their habits and care must be taken to see that they do not leave lines filthy or otherwise than clean.</p> <p>12. During the day men will move about normally and on approach of an aircraft they will expose themselves to view and <u>NOT</u> hide out of sight. There should always be parties of men on GUN ROAD in full view of GABA TEPE—</p> <p>1. A, B & C parties will move as detailed in attached Tables—</p> <p>2. During the march the strictest march ^{discipline} must be enforced. There must be no absolutely no straggling. All parties must keep well closed up and to ensure that this is done men should hold on to coat or equipment of men immediately in front of them. Should there be any check at the head of the column men must <u>NOT</u> fall out or sit down. There must be strict silence, no smoking or lights and all boots must be muffled. Putties and boot muffles should be carefully examined before troops move off to ensure that they will not work loose. Should it be necessary for any ^{reason} man for a man to fall out he must not attempt to regain his position in the line but fill in the first gap that occurs and at the point of concentration join his UNIT.</p> <p>3. Point X will be marked by a white light, Y by a green light, CEMETERY SAP by a red. From point Y men will march quietly and on reaching SHRAPNEL GULLY the column will keep well to the right towards the INDIAN CAMP, and move via the sat then to CEMETERY SAP.</p>	<p>25</p>

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<u>METHOD</u>	4. A & B parties will move at 5 minutes intervals by companies. The officer in charge of each Co will move at the head and a ford NCO at the rear to keep the column from straggling. On reaching ANZAC GULLY troops will form up in the gully and if necessary along the upper Rd. as a queue. As the head moves forward so will the rear move up and men must be kept together.	
RATIONS.	5 All men must carry two iron rations and Water bottles must be full when starting from GUN ROAD.	
GRENADES	6. All officers and men of A & B parties will carry two grenades each. C party will carry 3 grenades each. Co Commanders will see that these are issued, cricket ball grenades being reserved for C party.	
PACKS.	7. The packs of C party will be carried by men of A & B parties of their own Company. Each man of C party will note to whom his pack is handed and where possible will arrange with a friend for its removal. Men to whom packs are handed are responsible for them until owners claim them, and must take every care of them. SEE TABLE. NEXT. PAGE.	

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	<u>TABLE:-</u>								
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	MJR ROSS OFF 1 OR		A				4-7 Road		WATSONS PIER
	M. GUN. SEC 14						BEACH. SAP.		
	SIGS 4						SHRAPNEL		
	S. BRS 4						GULLY.		SOUTH BEACH
	PIONEERS 4						CHEMISTRY		
	W. Collingwood 1		A	83	1715	1725	SAP	1800	
	SAPPER 1						TO		
	R.Q.M.S 1						ANZAC		
	A CO 1 52						GULLY.		
	B . 1 53								
	C . 1 54								
	D . 1 54								
	R.M.O 1								
	U.R.B.K 1								
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	C CO 1 8								
	D CO 1 8								
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<p style="text-align: right; margin-right: 10px;">HNZAC Shell Gun 2ND B.</p> <p>1715</p> <p>2300</p> <p>0900</p> <p>1200</p> <p>1500</p> <p>1715</p>	<p>The Bn. less A B & C parties - moved off to point of embarkation under command of MAJOR A. B. STEVENS numbering 6 off & 166 other ^{to get baggage away} the party took all ^{the last opportunity} to get baggage away ^{the party took all}</p> <p>Period of silence were continued tonight to programme All quiet along the front.</p> <p>19/12/15 Fine day but cold. Nothing has happened so far to indicate the enemy knows of our scheme. Shelling to our left (LONE PINE) & in rear of our area continue at intervals.</p> <p>Possibly parties of men detailed to stand & move about Gun road at point visible to GABA TEPE have drawn fire.</p> <p>All still quiet along our front</p> <p>A Party commenced to move out according to previous instruction & turn table. And all ranks with feet muffled ^{some} carrying packs of C class the Grenade ^{some} & the trencher moved silently down the hillside to point X.</p>	<p></p> <p></p> <p></p> <p></p> <p></p> <p></p> <p></p> <p></p> <p></p>

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<p style="text-align: center;"><i>2ND BN ANZAC</i></p> <p>1730</p> <p>19/12/15</p>	<p>A party under Major Ross numbering 60 + 240 men moved from GUN ROAD. Everything is still quiet & nothing at all to indicate that enemy know of our going is noticeable.</p>	
<p>2140</p>	<p>B party numbering 50 + 41 other ranks under 2nd Louden moved off subject to orders issued</p>	
<p>0200</p> <p>20/12/15</p>	<p>C party in small groups commenced to move out at 10 minute intervals until at 02.30 only 10 men + 6 officers including 2 sigs. remained to keep up sniping. These men moved silently from Post to post firing a round from each giving the impression that the whole line was still manned.</p>	
<p>0315</p>	<p>At 0240 These moved out & silently & quickly to point X. Thence to MILO PIER.</p>	
<p>0430</p>	<p>Embarked on battle barge & conveyed to SS "Heroic"</p>	
<p>0900</p>	<p>left off ANZAC for MUDROS. Arrived MUDROS & after 1 hour & a half stop</p>	

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MUDROS 2nd BN		
1100 20/12/15	transhipped aboard the S.S. "CAMPANELLO" where we joined up with B party.	
1240	Taken off the ship by ferry to MUDROS, W. JERRY and marched thence to SARPI CAMP. which was reached by 1300.	
23/12/15	After three days quietly spent in camp at Sarpi the 1st Bde embarked en route for Alexandria. This Battalion with the 1st Bn and Bde. Hd. qrs. embarked on H.M.T. AIO "HUNTSGREEN". The transport was provided with only three days ration for the troops. The voyage across to ALEXANDRIA was uneventful and weather was fine & gradually became warmer as we proceeded South. Christmas Day was spent on board and as the troop had only three days ration a special effort was made by Officer (Subscribing cash to reward ship cooks for their effort) to supply them with	<p style="text-align: right;">A</p>

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<p style="text-align: center;"><i>HMT HUNTS GREEN</i> <i>at sea</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Plum Duff</i></p>	
<p>1015</p>	<p>27/12/15 Arrived Alexandria Mo. Landing Officer advised that we were not expected. This delayed the disembarking for 1 day.</p>	
<p>1830</p>	<p>28/12/15 Following order to disembark, we commenced to move off ship at 18:00 into train on wharf.</p>	
<p>2030</p>	<p>Left Alexandria for TEL-ET-KEBIR which after some delay was reached at 01:00 29/12/15. Arrived at Camp-site at 0530 No tent obtainable. Found our troupe post section established on correct ground as per Camp plan - They had been encamped at MEX and MAARDI since various periods since April 1915.</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em;">A</p>

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Men are gradually being housed under canvas and camp has begun to form itself.

Contracts for Canteen have been arranged. Reinforcement are due and odd batches of returned sick & wounded men are arriving daily.

A training programme has been drawn up and usual Camp Parade, duties routine going in full working order.

Effective strength is now 23 OFF 590 OTHER RKS.

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