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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Helioptolis Egypt.	4/8/15		<p>Formation of Company (3<sup>rd</sup> Divisional Signal Company) Personnel from 1<sup>st</sup> Aust. Division Capt. Gould R.N. Lieut. Watson S.H. 7 Other ranks.</p> <p>Company to be formed of 2<sup>nd</sup> Signal Company (Nos 3 &amp; 4 Sections) and 3<sup>rd</sup> Signal Company (No 2 Section) and personnel from 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Divisions, and to be known as 3<sup>rd</sup> Australian Divisional Signal Company.</p>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Aust Div D/O No 1.
	4/8/15 8/8/15		Selecting & recruiting personnel for Headquarters and No 1 Sections and training Nos 2, 3 & 4 Sections	
	8/8/15		Established signal office at 22 Rue de Samanoud Helioptolis and maintained communication (despatch rider & telephonic)	

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	12/8/15		Nos 2, 3 & 4 Sections which up to this date had been in camp with their respective brigades, concentrated and went into camp at 22 Rue de Samanond. Heliopolis	
	13/8/15		Selected personnel from 7 <sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade transferred.	
	16/8/15 to		Lt Ireland and 22 other ranks comprising No 2 Section embarked at Alexandria per H.M.A.T. Muunia for Gallipoli. Transhipped	
	20/8/15		at Lemnos 19/8/15 and proceeded to Anzac arriving at day break 20 <sup>th</sup> Aug 15 Balance of company training & equipping in Egypt.	

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	21/8/15		Big attack started. Sgt Murphy wounded. Many other casualties amongst signaller of 17 <sup>th</sup> & 18 <sup>th</sup> Bns. Communication kept up under heavy fire. Communication satisfactorily maintained by telephone all through the action.	
	25/8/15		Sgt. Crookley slightly wounded. 17 <sup>th</sup> 19 <sup>th</sup> 20 <sup>th</sup> Bns moved out into other sectors during which we supplied them with personnel and material for telephone communication. 5 <sup>th</sup> Brigade headquarters moved to Walker's Ridge. Bde signal office established there. Took over communication Russell's Top and Monash Gully from 3 <sup>rd</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sig Troops respectively.	

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Anzac	25/8/15 to 29/8/15		Time occupied in communication work of 5 <sup>th</sup> Brigade and improving existing lines 1 Other ranks sick. Capt Fraser and 22 other ranks comprising details from H.Q. & No 1 Section together with Lt Aram and 31 other ranks of No 3 Section entrained at Helmsia. Arrived at Alexandria and embarked on H.M.T. Southland at 6am 30/8/15.	
	30/8/15		H.M.T. Southland cleared Alexandria 5-30pm 1 Other rank sick.	
	31/8/15		H.M.T. Southland torpedoed at 9-47 am about 40 miles out from Mudros Harbor. Behavior of N.C.O.s and men of <del>section</del> <sup>company</sup> was excellent. Acting under orders all took to boats previously allotted and were picked up by various rescuing boats.	
	2/9/15		Transferred later to H.M.T. Transylvania	
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