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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
MELBOURNE	15/7/14	Lt. Col E. J. Sinclair-MacLagan DSO appointed to command 3 rd Infantry Brigade A.I.F.	Commonwealth Gazette 58/14
MELBOURNE	16/7/14	Major C H Brand A.I.D staff and Capt Am Ross West Yorkshire Regt appointed Brigade Major and adjut. officer respectively	Commonwealth Gazette 61/14
MELBOURNE	16/7/14	Major Brand reported for duty and conferred with Brigadier at Vic. Ck.	
MELBOURNE	18/7/14	Capt Ross reported for duty.	
HOBART	22/7/14	Inspection 12 th by Brigadier at HOBART. Partially organized and	
HOBART	23/7/14	partially issued with equipment and clothing	

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ADELAIDE	28/8/14 29/8/14	Inspection 10 th Bn by Brigadier good progress in equipping organization and drill at ADELAIDE	
MELBOURNE	30/8/14	Owing to Tasmania being unable raise full battalion, E. 7 Coy ordered to be raised in S.A. and 4 th H Coy in W.A.	
BRISBANE	5/9/14 6/9/14	Inspection 9 th Bn by Brigadier at BRISBANE. Establishment nearly complete. Arms + equipment issued, clothing issues backward	

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MELBOURNE	3/9/14	9c 10 th Bn reports establishment complete	
MELBOURNE	4/9/14	Capt H M Baker appointed Vet. Officer 26/9/14	Certificate granted 24/14
MELBOURNE	10/9/14	7c 9 th Bn reports establishment complete	
MELBOURNE	19/9/14	9c 12 th Bn reports establishment complete	
MELBOURNE	22/9/14 8am	E 7 Coy 12 Bn arrived from Adelaide and embarked ^{11am} for Hobart to join Battalion there.	

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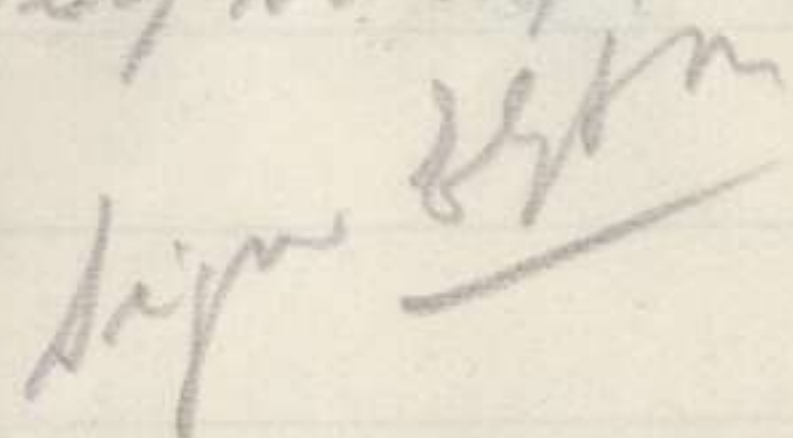
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24/9/14	M'BOURNE	7. 11 th reports establishment complete.	
27/9/14	M'BOURNE 10am	Members of H.Q. 5 th Div. less Vit. office + 5 men arrived MELBOURNE from ADELAIDE and went into quarters at STURT STREET drill hall to await embarkation.	
29/9/14	M'BOURNE 7am	Transport A/S OMRAN with 9 th Co on board berthed at Railway Pier PORT MELBOURNE Troops remaining on board and will begin in open land in vicinity of PORT MELBOURNE until further orders.	54574

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
Oct 1 st - 16 th	Port Melbourne	} 9 th Bn trained under the supervision of Brigade staff	
Oct 17 th	Port Melb. 9 am	The Prime Minister - Hon A Fisher & the Minister for Defence (Senator Pearce) inspected 9 Bn on Town Pier Port Melbourne	
Oct 19 th	Port Melb. 3 pm	The Troopship "Omrah" sailed at 3 pm for Albany with 9 Bn on board.	
Oct 21 st	Port Melb 1 pm	Headquarters 3 rd Infantry Brigade 3 Officers 16 other ranks & 1 horse embarked on Troopship Omrah - sailed at 3 pm	

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Oct 22 } - 25 }	DD at sea.	Headquarters 3 rd Luff- Bde received training in semaphore & physical training etc.	
Oct 26 th	Albany 8 am	'Orveto' anchored in King George Sound. 19 other tubboats already anchored.	
Oct 30 th	Albany	Troopship 'Geelong' with 12 Bn on board inspected by Lt J Luff- Bde. Very satisfactory.	Signed 

Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
Nov 17	COLOMBO	Left COLOMBO at 11 am for ADEN	
Nov 25	ADEN	Arrived ADEN	
Nov 29	SUEZ	Arrived SUEZ	
Nov 30	PORT SAID	Arrived PORT SAID,	

Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
2 nd Dec	ALEXANDRIA	Arrived ALEXANDRIA at 7 am Bde Hd Qrs disembarked 1 pm and entrained for CAIRO at 2 pm	
2 nd Dec	MENA.	Arrived MENA CAMP under the PYRAMIDS at midnight - 2/3 Dec	
3 rd Dec	- 9 th Dec.	Preparation of camp for Brigade. NB: (1) Essential medical officers be present before troops arrive (2) Landing rations satisfactory.	

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Dec 1 st .	MEHA	Concentration complete.	Strength App. I.
14 th .		Company training commenced.	
19 th .		EGYPT proclaimed a British Protectorate.	
19 th .		All Hqs officers horses fit to be ridden (14 days after disembarkation) - Transport fairly fit, but not shod.	
24 th .		Sir George Reid arrives from ENGLAND.	
24 th .		Gen. Birdwood takes over command of the Colonial Corps.	

Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
Jan 1 st		Introduction of 4 Coy System - Platoon Coy Training.	
5 th		Capt Am Ross grades as Staff Captain - Lt C. Holman 10 th Bn appointed ADC.	
18 th		Coy Training commences.	
19 th		Completion 30 th Machine Gun Training by Capt Serdy 26 th Pz	Serdy 26 th Pz
30 th		Close of Coy Training -	
		<u>Musketry</u> (Box)	
		30 th Range completed (exc. a few casuals)	
		Individual Field Practice completed	
		Collective do do	
		Range at TIGERS TOOTH	

Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
<p>Feb 1st</p> <p>8th</p> <p>9th</p> <p>15th</p>	<p>MENA</p>	<p>1st Bn. Route march Libnanac - - was strength & equipment. Pon Training commenced - First Reinforcements arrive in EGYPT. Reinforcements with units Strength as under 9th Bn. 10th. 11th. 12th.</p> <p>Musketry field practice demonstrations finished.</p> <p>Pon Training commenced.</p>	<p>2 water carts shook. Bulls of animals for</p>

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Feb. 20	MENA.	Test of Dist. Communications - Scheme.	
22		Re-vaccination of entire Bde.	
24		Bde ordered to be in readiness tomorrow at short notice	
27 th		Close of Bde Training	
28 th		Bde & details placed under orders of Col. MacLagan DSO & ordered to move on 28 th to unknown destination	
28 th - 29 th		Bde filled up with reinforcements	
		Moved out of camp (for further details see forward under March 1 st) when German War Day commences.	[Signature]

Date.	Place and Time.	The following notes on Organization are made - compiled since landing in EGYPT.	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Insufficient number of farriers - found necessary to have 200 farriers & farriers. 2. Poor quality of water - bottle covers. 3. Canteen staff for Bde HQs utterly inadequate - 4. Spare charges necessary for Bde HQs. 5. Bde staff too short (Staff Capt added Jan 5th). 6. A more thoroughly regulated & disciplined 	

Organization Notes 2

Date.	Place and Time.	Organization Notes 2	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
(Contd)	Method stores	<p>of disembarkation, sailing, guarding of transport, stationery etc essential from port to camp.</p> <p>7. Quality of full-glasses v. poor. - it is no good doing this item cheaply.</p> <p>8. A pattern ^{L 50/20} Am & director issued - suggested by Genl Biddwood.</p> <p>9. Various types of megaphones tried - issued by Dr. Horn. - the plain short 'cleave' type appears to be most suitable for infantry.</p> <p>10. Forges purchased for Pde Hoggro for funds.</p>	

3rd Bde. (in outline). 16

Date.	Place and Time.	Incorporated in 1st Force under Col. C.S. Mulla. (see War Diary)	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
March 1 st	Alexandria	Embarked on 9 th Hogn in H.M.Ts. Jonia 15 th " " " " 11 th " " " " Suffolk 12 th " " " " Devon	
2 nd		Sailed Hogn. nom. - Destination. LEMNOS. Till next date - See War Diary Detached Force 1 st Aust Div.	

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2 broadheads	11 th Caught by me on beach.	
All	truss fired on.	
9 th - 10 th	capture 3 Krupp Guns. near Sq. 224 R5.	
11 th	Carry Sq. 224 H1. after Sq. C.	
12 th	on close support.	

Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
April 25	GABA TERE PENINSULA	<p>4:15 PM Battle ship two landed under fire N of GABA TERE between Squares 224 L & G. Rusted heights close shore</p> <p>4:25 PM Destroyer have begun to land under fire. Bde ashore by</p> <p>4:45 PM when advance pushed on to rough position Sq 224 M. H. B</p> <p>6am above position taken & strengthened Bde considerably mixed, but roughly in order 9th 10th 12th 11th from right.</p> <p>7am Reorganising to push on.</p> <p>8:10am Counter attack repulsed. 2nd Bde put in on right 1st Bde right & left.</p>	

Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
	2pm	N. Z Bde comes in to support left.	
	2 4pm	Bde holding in the position Sq 224 N to I. Heavy fighting - Mountain Battery supporting Bde.	
	4pm	Enemy attacks die down under shrapnel fire - spotting by aeroplanes. Lt Chace & Varley co Bde HQs spotting.	
	6pm	Bde HQs at Square 224 I 6 All ordered to entrench & dig in for night. Ammunition supply working well - Indian mules especially.	

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I dem	Right 25/26 TH	<p>All night counter-attacks sleeping by enemy.</p> <p>Some of the Bde relieved at about 8 pm impossible to entrain others -</p> <p>Position on map App. 23.</p>	<p><u>am. 2</u></p> <p>App 23.</p>
April 26 TH	I dem	<p>Bde HQ + sig. Sec still at 2:44 I 4.</p> <p>A few more details relieved - These plus details from overnight formed up water & ammunition replenished -</p> <p>The party called up at 4 pm to help 15TH Regt. about Sq 224 M. 6.</p> <p>Slight general advance between 4:30 - 5:30 pm.</p>	<p><u>am. 2</u></p>

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idem		<p>Heavy on our counter-attacks at 5.30 pm Enemy held off.</p> <p>6pm - excellent messages from Maj Banta 11th Bn - also good work by Maj. Salisbury 9th Bn - Original details of all Bns still in front trenches -</p> <p>6pm. 2nd Bde Hqs. relieved by 1st Bde Hqs. details of 3rd Bn come under charge of 1st.</p> <p>App 24, 25. Congratulatory received</p> <p><u>Note</u> 2 N. 2 Bns up in support.</p> <p>Troops generally warned against ruses.</p>	

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April 27	Idea 6 am	<p>Bde ordered into reserve at Southern end of landing place. Original details in trenches being gradually relieved.</p> <p>Complimentary message from Gen. Birdwood (App 26).</p>	<p><u>Am P.</u></p> <p>App. 26.</p>
Night 27/28 th		<p>All night random shelling Hqs at 22.4 to 8.</p> <p><u>Note.</u></p> <p>Detail of Communications Bce Signal See. see App. 27</p>	<p>App 27</p> <p><u>Am P.</u></p>

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April 28 th	Jom	Bom	<p>Bde reformed on beach - details still coming in.</p> <p>Rolls called - boys reformed.</p> <p>Strength (approx) as follows-</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th></th> <th>off</th> <th>others</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>9th</td> <td>Bn</td> <td>4</td> <td>251</td> </tr> <tr> <td>10th</td> <td>"</td> <td>3</td> <td>228</td> </tr> <tr> <td>11th</td> <td>"</td> <td>5</td> <td>220</td> </tr> <tr> <td>12th</td> <td>"</td> <td>2</td> <td>160</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sig Sec</td> <td></td> <td>1</td> <td>20</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Day browned + hot.</p> <p>4:30 pm 100 mm each of 9th + 12th suddenly ordered to reinforce firing line.</p> <p>10th Bn still in line</p>			off	others	9 th	Bn	4	251	10 th	"	3	228	11 th	"	5	220	12 th	"	2	160	Sig Sec		1	20	<p style="text-align: right;">Am R.</p>
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April 29 TH	Sq 224 M8	In bivouac - resting - about Sq. 224 M8. Outlying groups of men still coming in. Operation over No 2.	App 29 } App 30 }
April 30 TH	830am State	Bde moves to relieve 4 th & 8 th Bns in trenches. General position as follows:- 9 TH 224 Q 8 - 224 R 7 (inc) 10 TH in Reserve on beach 11 TH 224 R 7 (inc) - 224 R 5 inc 12 TH 224 R 5 (inc) - 224 R 3 Bde Hdqrs Sq 224 R 5. State of gun. See App. 28. Casualty Return. App 31	App 28 App 31 Am P. von Capt

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May 2 nd		<p>Day spent in improving & traversing trenches & wiring. 4 periscopes supplied to Pde.</p> <p>Sketch of position furnished to DW.</p> <p>Approx strength of Pde now 2000.</p> <p>Men from original firing line still returning.</p> <p>1 new machine supplied to 9th Bn.</p>	
May 3 rd	<p>Sq 224 R.S.</p>	<p>2/3 Night patrol discovers good water at 224 W. 9.</p> <p>Quiet night. Weather still fine.</p> <p>Working parties of 100 men in 6 hour reliefs sent to improve defenses.</p> <p>9th furnish 10th / 12th furnish 11th.</p> <p>Inspection of trenches.</p>	

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May 3 rd	(cont ^d) 5pm Night 3/4	Strengthening of right flank - by Engineers support trenches at 224 Q 6. Operation Order no 5 issued Very quiet. Patrols sent out, no sign of enemy.	App 32
<u>May 4th</u>	KABA TEPE	Operations carried out by men of the Bde See Appendix. Remainder in trenches. 9 th relieve 10 th 12 th relieve 11 th . Communications improved. under OC 3 rd Field Coy. Mail received. Some of boots & pants.	App 33

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<p><u>May 5th</u></p>	<p>Sq 224 R-5</p> <p>noon</p> <p>5pm</p> <p>8pm</p> <p><u>Note</u></p>	<p>Quiet night. Patrol to 224 Lt. fired on - no sign of enemy out-reaching. house sniping.</p> <p>Orders received to take over 500' more trench ^{north} westward _{ward}</p> <p>Reconnaissance of new area. 11th in Buss region Bw.</p> <p>10th - 11th Bns occupy new sub-sections.</p> <p>The whole new line now as per Appendix</p> <p>C/o - OC 3rd Inf Bde.</p> <p>Supply of rations, ammunition & water - carried out by Pioneer Sappermaster as Boer Hoops distributing to Bns working direct with SAs.</p> <p>Communications readjusted.</p> <p>Strength of Pde Officers 74 Others 2005.</p>	<p>App. 34</p> <p><u>and</u></p>

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May 6 th		<p>Inspection of Trenches. Night reported quiet. Patrol to 224. W.Y. found trenches to hold 400 men. Turkish papers found forwarded to Aust Div. Arab Captain surrenders to 9th Bn in beach - taken to HQ. Communiton as follows in man 200 Bn reserve 60 1st Reserve 400 - Total 300 Heavy shelling of beach + lines from across olive groves. Reinforcements + coverments across. 9th Bn receive log men. Quiet - a little sniping. Turkish dead buried opposite 11th - sapping continued.</p>	<p><u>Am R</u></p>

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May 8 TH	Sector I	<p>Quiet day. Intermittent shelling.</p> <p>Reorganisation of Naval Observing Station. direct communication to ships essential.</p> <p>Trenches improved.</p> <p>3pm Reconnaissance of KARIX TEPF by sea by P.M. Staff.</p>	
Night 8 TH /9 TH		<p>Very quiet - except for usual sniping.</p> <p>42 reinforcements arrived 1am for 9TH 10TH 11TH Bns.</p> <p>P.M. Ammunition brought up to requirements</p> <p>Rounds fired per Bn per night do not are average 100 -</p> <p>Equipment, boots mess tins appear to be standing the test of war well.</p> <p>Range charts made. Field P.O. established.</p>	<p>Location for last fortnight - perfect.</p> <p><u>On R</u></p>

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1915 May 9 th Sunday	Trench Position		<p>A very quiet day in trenches. Small movements of enemy from ROZADERE Southward observed. Intermittent shelling. Sapping & strengthening of trenches. Range cards completed. Silencers for M. Guns issued.</p>	
Apr 224 R.S.			<p>List of New Commissions. see App</p>	App 36.
	Night / 9/10 th		<p>Parts of Hth pushed out to crest Spur 400 Heavily fired on. Patrols to 224 dug. <u>Note</u> Mules & Supply Traffic was only working at night - Blanket issued.</p>	<p>MR</p>

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<p>May 10th</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Night 10/11</p>	<p>Ibid.</p>	<p>Quiet day - fine weather.</p> <p>Traversing & sapping - 3 more periscopes per Bn issued.</p> <p>Intermittent shelling of our lines from above.</p> <p>GRICKS - KABA TEPE.</p> <p>Beet wire at 9th strengthened.</p> <p>Patrol from 12th Bn pushed out 1 1/2 miles S.E.</p> <p>Cut out a chain of telephone wire running from KABA TEPE to enemy's position.</p> <p>Enemy reported entrenching 600^x E of 12th Bn.</p> <p>(Destroyer searchlights keep patrolling - note)</p> <p>Artillery Observation Officers post (naval observation) established at 10th Bn Trenches.</p> <p>Casualties killed 2 wounded. Average known loss 800 men per Bn.</p>	<p></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>AMR</u></p>

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Tuesday May 11 th		<p>Fire - Intermittent shelling.</p> <p>Casualties 2 killed 14 wounded.</p> <p>Bde System of 4 platoon reliefs for trenches adopted. 1 firing line 1 support 1 reserve 1 fatigue coming forward in rotation.</p> <p>Enemy active in left - otherwise quiet.</p> <p>Rain set in at 3 am.</p>	
May 12 th	Night 11/12	<p>Raining</p> <p>Reinforcements for 9th Bn 5 12th Bn 37 - arrived</p> <p>Sapping continued - Trenches along trenches.</p>	AmP
	Night 12/13	<p>Patrols find all clear 500' forward.</p> <p>Sapping continued -</p> <p>↳ little firing -</p>	AmP

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<p>May 13th</p> <p>Hqrs</p> <p>Sq 224 R.S.</p> <p>14/14</p> <p><u>2/14</u></p>		<p>Fatigue party 200 men completed Div. Hoops</p> <p>Dug-outs -</p> <p>Landing App 37</p> <p>Quiet along front - Enemy seen entrenching along Sq 224 Y - P.</p> <p>No search for a night flank - Patrols find enemy about 500' out - patrol 9th fired on from direction of KABA-TEPE.</p> <p>A few casualties from shell fire daily, about 10 per B.C.</p> <p>Shipping continues near Turkey point.</p> <p>H 3rd B.C. commanding No. 1 Section - artillery (these in <u>on R</u>)</p> <p>Communication to ships via F.O. beach wireless.</p> <p>(4 guns 9th Battery - 2 guns 7th Indian Battery). Search of 1 trench to Hoops <u>3/14</u></p>	<p>App 37</p>

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May 14 TH		<p>Usual daily inspection of trenches by Bangalore - Enemy observed making gun pit near apex hill 4000. Enemy works near apex 4000 destroyed by 7" Inf. Art. Battery. Severe shelling of trenches. Good progress made with saps.</p>	
Night	14/15 th Quiet.	<p>Platoon 12TH Bn reconnected to ridge 4000th east Telephone line laid direct to F.O.O. Officers patrol 9TH 11TH report clear fronts for 500' - 200' yds respectively. <u>Notes.</u> Prevent men in trenches <u>undercutting</u> parapets. Rations excellent - got potatoes, bacon, mince Cheese upon daily. Water fair - causing difficulty. All breast line returned to beach for water. Fuel plentiful. Ammunition in trenches requires constant cleaning. General health troops good.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">AmP</p>

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<u>May 15TH</u>	am	<p>Fine - overcast.</p> <p>Heavy shelling of infantry trenches at frequent intervals from direction of OLIVE GROVES.</p> <p>Casualties 3 killed 10 wounded.</p> <p>Sapping & Breaching of trenches.</p> <p>Fatigue party of 100 men permanently detailed to Owl Holes -</p>	
	Night 15/16	<p>Patrols confirm enemy busy digging on eastern spur 400 - also, dog sentries at KABA TEPE</p> <p>Strength & Casualties →</p>	<p>AmR</p> <p>App. 38</p>
<u>May 16TH</u>	Sunday. noon	<p>Fine - Divine Services 6 am - 9 am - ^{9TH - 12TH} _{10TH - 11TH}</p> <p>May Brand appointed to command of 3rd Bn.</p> <p>Capt Ross lecturing P.O. Mayor -</p>	

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May 16 th	(cont'd) 3pm	Maj. Brand handed over Heavy shelling at intervals. New length tracks 12 th Bn completed	
	Night 16/17	Lines. Local patrols from all Bns - nothing important.	<u>AMB</u>
<u>Note</u>	<u>System of Supply</u>	<p>Pd 2nd requisition ASC on daily strength state.</p> <p>Pd 2nd's bring down ration parties beach at nightfall!</p> <p>ASC send different Bns in bulk during day time.</p> <p>Each Bn loads up its mules & escorts them back to Bns - mules returned collectively.</p> <p><u>Water</u></p> <p>Each Bn from spring well in rear of line in gullies.</p> <p>If insufficient, fire water boat receptacles on beach</p>	<u>AMB</u>

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<u>May 17th</u>	<p>near HILIA</p> <p>Note</p> <p>Night 17/18</p>	<p>Ror Gen Walker (ndy Div) weather v. fine</p> <p>Quiet morning.</p> <p>Bd Sig Sec Communications Diagram →</p> <p>Fatigue 11th Bn explain 6th Heavy Sq. 224 M. 7</p> <p>Two officers 9th wounded.</p> <p>Heavy shelling 6.30 - 7pm.</p>	<p>App 39.</p>
<u>May 18th</u>	<p>idm</p> <p>5-5.30 am</p> <p>6pm</p>	<p>Fine</p> <p>v. heavy shelling - hot position.</p> <p>Loopholes reorganised - Point stat. in line →</p> <p>Heavy shelling. Take position. 4.</p>	<p>App 40</p>

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<p>W. K. K. K.</p> <p>May 18th Night 18/19th</p>		<p>Midnight - enemy opened an attack on centre of Division - developed opposite Red. about 3.30 am & action ensued lasting till evening of 19th</p>	<p><u>AMB</u></p>
<p>May 19th</p> <p>Night 19/20th</p>	<p>3 am - 10 pm</p>	<p>Account of this action is attached as - Appendix 41.</p> <p>All quiet again - except for sniping - trenches rebuilt</p>	<p><u>AMB</u></p>
<p>May 20th</p>	<p>early am.</p>	<p>Fine - Re-construction of trenches etc</p> <p>Burial & searching of enemy dead - Enemy quiet</p> <p>9.30 am. Tanks aeroplanes passed over - dropped bomb for troops on beach - missed - fired at by 10th</p> <p>No result.</p> <p>Quiet day. Turkish reinforcements reported crossing at Berekas. DORE</p>	

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May 21	ibid am. 1130	<p>Fire swarm - local inspection of trenches.</p> <p>Parliamentary party approached 9th Bn lines from GABA TEPE - troops warned - interview by G.H.G.</p> <p><u>Stocks</u> for future - Quantity of <u>rifle</u> <u>oil</u> in reserve for troops totally inadequate.</p> <p>Also <u>disinfectants</u> for lengthy period in some trenches.</p> <p>Issues of clothing, boots made May 19th - 22nd.</p> <p>Local water supply insufficient - drinking water only maintained by water-barges from ships.</p> <p>All operations since landing supported by covering ships.</p> <p><u>Postal services</u> - 2 outgoing collections per week.</p> <p>Ample supply F.S. Postcards by G.A.D.S. <u>AmB</u></p>	

Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
May 21 st	(cont.) pm	Burial of Turkish dead opposite 9 th - 12 th Bns. Two detachments (10 th , 11 th Bns) shown use of new Japanese Bomb mortar at 2 nd Inf Bde Hdqrs. Few evening shells from a pneumatic gun. Very peaceful - Turkish flash signals recognised	<u>AmR</u>
May 22 nd	Night 21/22	Very wet - Thunderstorm. Quiet along section. 830pm - Enterprise against spur 400 attempted - Failed - 1 man killed. party overrun by M Gun Fire Rifle collecting parties went out from all Bns after dark Total approx - brought in 200 (Turkish) 22/23 otherwise all quiet. Japanese bomb mortars used with success.	<u>AmR</u>

Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
May 23.	ANZAC Position (see sec)	<p>Three Squads 7th L.H attached 1 to each Bn except 12th. British men in trenches.</p> <p>In line 7th L.H to 10th Bn.</p> <p>Also line in line. 4th L.H - to 9th Bn line.</p> <p>Hdqs 7th L.H. to Post Hoop gully.</p> <p>Night 23/24th</p> <p>Very quiet - Enemy rifles collected app 150</p>	<p>Am 2</p>
<p>May 24th</p> <p>(Empire Day)</p> <p><u>TRUCE</u></p>	<p>7:30 am</p> <p>to 4 pm</p> <p>4:45 pm</p>	<p>Truce for burying dead - Delimitation party</p> <p>50 of 9th Bn. Approx enemy dead buried or handed over. Rifles exchanged minus bolts - 200 men as Post burial party.</p> <p>Hostilities resumed Raining</p> <p>Administration of Light Horse attached taken over by P.D.</p>	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
May 27 th	Anzac Position	<p>Unsuccessful - Completion of join between Seps at 11th Bn - Musketry training of reinforcements - <u>AmR</u>.</p> <p>Full moon - quiet night.</p>	
May 28 th	do	<p>Five - Telephone installed to 11th Obs. Post.</p> <p>Sketch of new trenches to I.C. Dep't - Lophole tubes issued.</p>	
Night 28/29 th	9 pm	<p>Party 9th Bn 63 men under Lt Wilder moved out towards KABA TERE covered by guns & searchlights H.M.S.</p> <p>Rattlesnake - captured short length trench at Sq.</p> <p>224 V - bayoneted & captured one Turko 2 rifles, some goods were etc. Party returned safely. (area - Ridge 'A') <u>AmR</u></p>	
May 29 th	3:15 am	<p>Very severe shelling of whole section - 1st Bn</p> <p>Casualties 5 K 20 W. Turko fired much but did not attack</p> <p>Other - v. quiet day. Calibrated iron lopholes issued - rather too lengthy -</p>	

Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
May 31 st .	Anzac P ⁿ .	V. quiet throughout. 5 th L. Horse taken over from 7 th L.H. Cape J. & William joins Bde Staff as Staff Captain. 50 men 10 th & 11 th employed mining near QUINN'S POST.	<u>am R</u>
June 1 st .		Continued fine weather. Burst of heavy shelling 3.30 - 4 am. Otherwise quiet day. At 10 am reinforcements, returned wounded rejoined. Galvanized iron loopholes issued. Enemy still actively entrenching opposite section. 12 th Bn saps joined up. Steel loophole plates issued.	<u>am R</u>
<u>June 2nd</u>	Night 1/2.	Demonstration by 11 th Bn. Otherwise uneventful. Fair - Further tunnel & saps work commenced from 11 th Bn lines - 9 th Bn trenches pushing out. Lt Col CH Brown. Capt Pitt Major awarded £50. - Quiet day & night.	<u>am R</u>

Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
<u>June 3rd</u>	Not See ANZAC BSA N. of GABA TEPE 10pm	Fine - Turkish columns 1m. long sighted moving South - quiet day - sapping out from all Bns a few enemy came up to 9 th Bn Trenches - easily driven off. Demonstration by 11 th Bn drew fair amount Turk ammunition - quiet night. 200 reinforcements arrived. Water supply anxious - drawing from beaches.	AMR
<u>June 4th</u>	Fine. 3pm	Col. MacLagan resumes command of Bde. Enterprise by 100 men of 12 th Bn assisted by HM destroyer 'Rattlesnake' - to drive 150 men reaches Turk trenches in Sq. 224 S. part then occupied - 11 th Bn make demonstration.	AMR

Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
June 5 th	ibid. Night 1/6 Bn	<p>Fine. Quiet day - Enemy movements Southward reported -</p> <p>Bomb throwing by 11th range too far to be effective.</p> <p><u>Notes</u> Issue of respirators.</p> <p>General health good - daily sick average about 10.</p> <p>Preparation for 8 - Summary of dis-pendants.</p> <p>Reinforcements tonight done - musketry daily increased from 100 to 200 -</p>	<p>CR</p>
June 6 th	Sunday. Night 1/6 Bn	<p>Hot day. Divine Services in Trenches.</p> <p>Nothing happened.</p> <p>Patrols sent out from all 4 Bns to raise money</p> <p>Interviewed found on Lt Hanky 5th I.H. killed in Trench.</p>	<p>CR</p>

Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
June 7 th		<p>V. Hot & fine. Turks obviously strengthening their position. Artillery road in rear of lines commenced - Large supply of water has now to be drawn from SHRAPNEL VALLEY by cart to SHELL GREEN.</p>	
	Night 7/8 th	<p>Patrol 5th Lt Horse C Coy. examined Tom Trunk Knoll neighbourhood and found on.</p>	
June 8 th	Night 8/9 th	<p>Unsuccessful. Bn observation station established. 9th Bn forward galleries completing. Artillery Road complete along 9th + 12th Bns. Patrol by 11th Bn. Bde not engaged. Note: The P.O. has not been checked since May 19th.</p>	


Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
June 9 th	Loyas 3rd 103 pm	Saw shells in trenches. Damage insignificant. Enemy entrenching heavily KILIA RIDGE towards GABA TEPE - Nothing else of note. 1 Coy 11 th advanced towards enemy trenches, drove in a few snipers but were compelled to retreat before accomplishing anything further. Unsuccessful night.	
June 10 th		Very fine & warm. Uneventful day. Enemy activity near KOWI BABA - Also working to close to our trenches.	
	night 10 th 2am	Demonstration by 10 th 11 th Bns. - collisions with enemy snipers. Patrols find movement difficult.	
June 11 th		Routine - intermittent shelling from KILIA RIDGE	

Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
June 12 th	5 am 10 am Night	<p>Patrols find enemy sappers coming boldly up towards our lines at night. 11th Bn sappers forward by tunnel to Turkey Knoll. Total Bn sick in hospital 225.</p> <p>38 reinforcements join Bn.</p> <p>Work shelling of SAPPER POST. Bomb-throwing parties commence practice with dummy bombs. 10 men per Coy squadron.</p> <p>Patrol 12th Bn. lie out in observation</p>	
June 13 th	Sunday. No. section.	<p>Dinner services behind trenches.</p> <p>Capt Peck, ^{1st} join Bn staff as Staff Capt vice Whitham promoted</p> <p>Effective strength of Bn 3398 all ranks.</p> <p>Three casualties to date 1810 =</p>	

Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
June 16 th	Gauge Pt.	<p>Severe shelling of position between 3-5 pm. Capt C Holmes is seriously wounded on beach transported to hospital ship.</p> <p>Detachment 10th Lt's Bns put in training with Japanese bombs.</p> <p>Strength of Bde is 1/2 month. See →</p> <p>Party of 9th Bn worked many trenches in R. Coy. covered by Hms "Rabbit" etc. and 200 reinforcements added.</p>	App. 43
June 17 th	5m Night - 17/18	<p>2000 38 mm rgn from Base</p> <p>Heavy busy trenching in our night work</p> <p>In 4 figures' system of time. Keeping adopted</p> <p>Lens' sight rifle used 11th Pn - great success.</p> <p>Very quiet.</p>	

Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
June 18 th	Idem.	Very uneventful - heavy working up close leather & hot - New well in Hays valley casing supply.	
June 19 th	-	Section subdivided into Northern No 1 - Southern No 1. Letter handed over to 2 nd Lt Storey Post.	
	Jam.	This meant withdrawal of 9 th Pos into Post Reserve. Handing over to 5 th & 7 th Lt Storey Squadron for Company at low intervals commencing Jam. Post signal office & lines reestablished.	
	NOTE	Pos weekly medical report shows health good - dissected vegetables impales.	
	9pm.	Work on TULLY RIDGE commenced See Oper memorandum - App. 44	App. 44



Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
June 20 th	9 pm 10 30 pm	<p>Work continued on support trench HULLY Ridge Down Services</p> <p>Work on HULLY RIDGE support saps forward begun. Not fired on all night.</p> <p>Demonstration along whole line show some working fire Red & White lights employed.</p> <p>Bombs put on 15th Bn tractors 11th fire line. <u>CNR</u> 11th Bn sapping continues. 9th Bn had road fatigue</p>	
June 21 st	9 pm	<p>Hot fine & quiet day. HULLY SPUR work permanently garrisoned from 1200. by 12th Bn.</p> <p>Plans drawn out for work on TURKEY REVERE SPUR.</p> <p>Detailed method of Bn Intelligence see App App 45. G</p> <p>Work on HULLY SPUR continued. TURKEY SPUR command.</p>	

June 22nd Angac

Work continued w HOLLY SPUR work

PM Latines let in - parade improved.

By sep TURKEY KNOLE lengthened.

9 officers 171 5th reinforcements & wounded joined.

Enemy trenches PINE RIDGE South continued.

Canteen stores purchasable by troops for first time.

Night 23/24

M. Com establishment increased to 4

guns per BN.

M. G Maloussi interpreter posted to 11th BN (subs)

June 24th

Enemy active in southern zone.

Night 24/25

TASMANIA & BOULDER DUMP work continued.

Patrol 12th fired on 1 killed.

Feb Note - Totals of reinforcements to date App. 46

through out at ...

Tunnels running out from 11th BN.

June 23rd

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Enemy fire still v. slack - but seems to be doing
much entrenching -

Work on new posts progressing - Regret to enter that at

2.30pm. Capt. Gordon Holmes died on Hospital ship 'CASCON'.
(Bde staff).

Enemy movements 'uneasy' near ACHI BABA.

Night 23/24. Work progress. 11TH & 12TH Bn covering parties 'bombed' -

- no casualties.

amR

June 24TH

Fire v. hot -

Training of reinforcements.

Forward works progress - support trenches completing -

24/25.

Few bombs thrown on working parties - sapping
through crest at SHOULDER DUMP.

Tunnels running out from 11TH Bn.

amR

June 25th

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Northern No. 1.

TASMANIA POST - fire-trenches laid out.

Inspection of Section by Vic. Adm. De Roebuck.

New M.A. Post finished for 11TH P.M.

Both new works joined up by telephone.

9TH P.M. a road across fatigues.

25/26 Works progress - 12TH fire-trenches down 3ft.

Demonstration at 2130 drew Turkish fire.

June 26th

New works completing.

Inspection of trenches by SIR IAN HAMILTON

1900. Short sharp shelling by enemy of section.

26/27 - Works continued.

Bomb patrol 10TH P.M. threw 10 bombs on enemy covering party - PINE RIDGE.

Notes

Allocation of Staff Duties appended

App 47.

June 27th

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0510. Heavy shelling + rifle fire by enemy till 0545

Bde Ammun. expended less than 100 rounds.

2Lt Kennedy's pocket clip invention forwarded
to Hdqrs.

Divine Services -

amb

June 28th

In view of general action Southern zone
orders received to hold enemy to ground at Anzac

For details of action as regarding this

Bde - see Appendix

Operation Orders + Reports

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28/29.

Parties out recovering bodies, rifles etc.

at 2045

Demonstrations by flares etc drew

< 2330

fair amount of enemy fire

amb

June 29th

827

Early morning parties brought in rifles & equipment 9th Bn.

11th Bn rebuild trenches.

TASMANIA POST Completed

Great enemy movement of troops towards South & battle visible in Southern zone.

Night

29/30 Enemy very nervous - doing much wild firing
30 looking parties unable carry out work -

amb

June 30th

Quiet morning -

1500. Bde box kite distributed proclamations over enemy lines.

30/1st

Heavy rifle fire along enemy front, but no attack made.

For notes at end of month P.T.O

Notes

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Strangle of Bde June 3rd see Appendix 49.

General Health - good - about 200 away sick - chiefly
diarrhoea & influenza.

Attached with several maps of defence section June 16th

Appendix 50

Telephones & wires v efficient - standing the test
well.

Shortage of disinfectants - 100 minutes still away
working at Quinn's Post.

Position of Bde in Northern No 1. Appendix 51

NB. A new war diary Book was requisitioned
from GOC early in June - none available. on Ross high
P.M.

