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Brig Genl Williams
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
1.9.15			Went to BRIGANTON BEACH with DAV camp as to site for depot for one months supplies for 1st Aust. Div ⁿ and to MOLE GULLY as to Mule Standings - Went over Right of line from SHELL GREEN to CHATHAMS POST	
2.9.15			To NORTH BEACH regarding Piers and Trawline, which is now to be extended to 54 Div ⁿ where one months supplies to be stored. Decided to have bridge of two 10ft spans over MOLE GULLY. To SHRAPNEL VALLEY with Mr. Thompson, being expert as to site of boring - and to REST VALLEY as to sites for Hospital. Considered sites for Condensing plant.	
3.9.15			By order of G.C. went to MUDROS with DAV camp: arrived on board ARAGON 18.00	
4.9.15			Consultation with Director of Works as to supply of R.R. materials & stores.	
5.9.15			Went on board MINNETONKA and saw D.O.S.	

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	6.9.15		Left MUOROS at 10.00 arrived IMBROS 16.00. Saw SGM & and BQ, RQ Attended Conference at K. Beach	
	7.9.15		Left IMBROS at 10.00 arrived ANZAC 13.00. Conference with Squad. Director of works & others on board big Tewfik as to winter arrangements at ANZAC	
	8.9.15		Decided to strengthen WATSONS Pier with concrete. To NORTH BEACH No. 2 Pier out ⁵ Bays. Tram line working on No. 1 Pier; to No. 2 Post to inspect division of SEIZLI BEIT in order to protect No. 2 Well Also inspected two new wells, yielding about 10000 gals a day together	
	9.9.15		To left of line - Saw Genl. Cox & inspected his trenches which are good Inspected 54 th Div. trenches on Hill 60. much work remains to be done and parapets are too high above banquettes. Discussed Water Supply 54 th Division - Arranged they should take over two new wells from New Zealand Div ⁿ when pump, pipes & plants fixed. Meanwhile arranged they should have 4000 gals daily from No. 2 Well	

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<p><u>ANZAC</u> 9.9.15 —</p>	<p>Inspected trenches of 29th Indian Infantry Brigade and part of 54th Division. The Indian Brigade has sufficient water from local wells - the 54th Divⁿ wells are bad & water is condemned by medical authorities. Arranged that two wells on beach yielding about 10000 gallons a day & made by N.2. Division should be handed over to 54th Division as soon as motor pump, pipe line & tanks have been installed. Owing to breakdown of water ships scarcity of water in ANZAC area and us we had to be drawn in - Working party of 400 at disposal of A.D.W.</p>	
<p>10.9.15 —</p>	<p>L.C.C. wired to V.A about water ships and KRINI arrived in evening, under tow, boilers being still under repair. Meeting of Inventions Committee. To NORTH BEACH where work on second pier and Tram line progressing well. Road to new depot for 1st Aust. Divⁿ on BRIGHTON BEACH completed.</p>	
<p>11.9.15 —</p>	<p>With DA & QMG and Col HOUSE to select sites for hospitals</p>	
<p>12.9.15 —</p>	<p>Office work</p>	
<p>13.9.15 —</p>	<p>Nos 4 & 5 Field Companies & Signal Company. 2nd Ambulance Divⁿ arrived</p>	

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14.9.15 ANZAC	Inspected trenches and water supply part of 54 th Division Water Boat KRINI from MBROS failed to arrive last night -	
15.9.15 "	34 th Fortiers Company R.E., less one section, arrived Work of strengthening Watson's Pier commenced - and underpinning with timber girders under main Beswons Pier's Plateau -	
16.9.15 "	71st Field Company R.E. left to rejoin XIV th Division	
17.9.15 "	Went to NORTH BEACH: also inspected trenches from WIRE GULLY to POPES POST	
18.9.15 "	It was decided to move Army Corps Head Qrs to new site in New Zealand Gully -	
19.9.15 "	Genl. Roper from G.A.C. and Genl. Lobbierre Director of Works arrived - discussed question of Railway from SULLA	
20.9.15 "	Funerary Steamer OMONIA sunk by shell fire	

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21.9.15 ANZAC	— Inspected Trenches RUSSELL'S TOP and saw G.O.C. 2 nd Aust Div ⁿ and Chf. about proposed mining operations. 100 Egyptian labourers arrived for work.	
22.9.15 "		
23.9.15 "	—	
24.9.15 "	G.O.C. decided to rely on Motor Long Transport for service between SHUVA and ANZAC if suitable lines obtainable, and not to construct 2'6" railway	
25.9.15 "	Went with B. Thompson, boxing expert to select sites for deep wells.	
26.9.15 "	—	
27.9.15 "	New Pier North Beach taken into use. Inspected trenches 162. Brig de Sz. Division	

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