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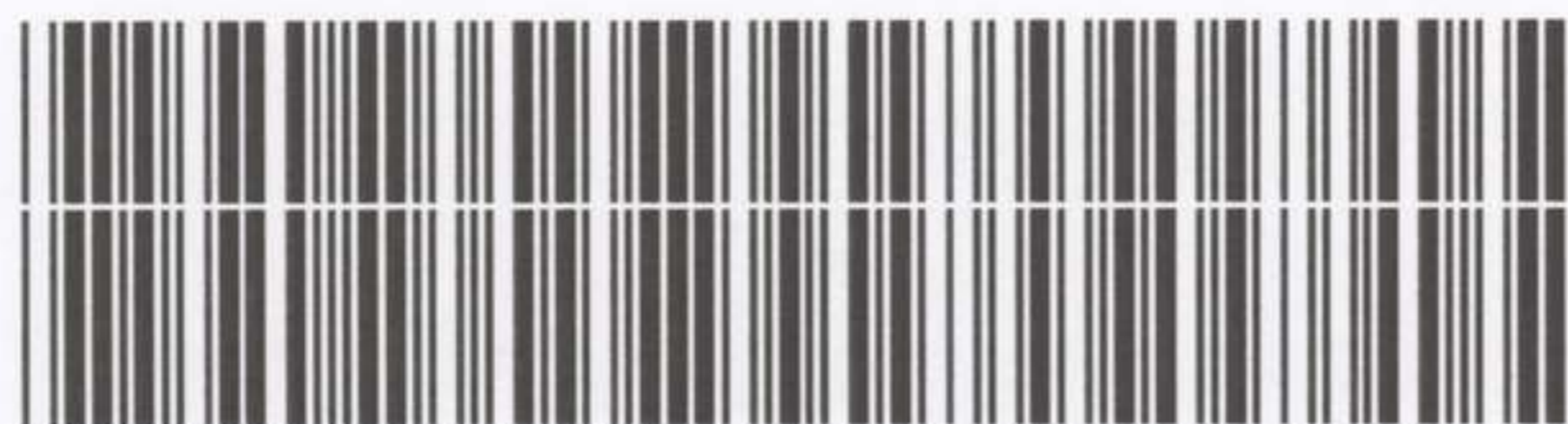
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Aingae	1-8-15		Lieut. Col. Pridham, R.E., C.R.E., NZ & A. Div. returned to duty Put overhead cover on long sap	
	2-8-15		Position unchanged	
	3-8-15		-do-	
	4-8-15		Capt. Waite went to Hospital Ship. 2/Lieut. A. W. Holbrook R.E. assumed duties of Adjutant Sapper C. Gossett went to Hospital sick.	
No 4 Section	5-8-15		At 2330 enemy fired mine on A2 tunnel No 4 Section. Our miners were working but no casualties. Result no damage to our works.	
	6-8-15		Headquarters moved to No 2 Outpost for attack on Sari Bavi. Attack made in two columns. No 1 & 2 Shield Companies each with a column, and Shield Troop with covering force to precede the columns. Both Companies commenced search for water at once, also Shield Troop. Water found in Aghyl Ware and Sari But Ware. Shield Troop demolished wire entanglements in Aghyl Ware during the action of the covering force.	

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	7-8-15		Search for water continued by Companies, and wells sunk in many places. None found in Chailak Dere.	
	8-8-15		Further attack on Chumak Bair. No 1 Company commenced consolidating ground gained on Rhododendron Ridge No 2 Company developing water supply, and supporting Infantry and entrenching.	
	9-8-15		Footings gained on top of Chumak Bair A further attack on Sau Bair to extend our position there. Engineers as on 8 th except that Field Troop moved from Old No 3 Outpost to join No 1 Company on work at Rhododendron Ridge. We lost our position on Chumak Bair and consolidated line prepared on Rhododendron Ridge. Troops ordered to hold positions gained. Water question giving a lot of trouble, insufficient storage arrangements and vessels at No 3 Outpost to deliver water to troops. Crowd at well enormous.	

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	10-8-15		Companies continued to consolidate positions, and to develop water supply.	
	11-8-15		Situation as on 10 th	
	12-8-15		Water-diverner Kelly arrived from Signal Troop, 3 rd L.H. More wells being developed but all near beach, and supply to firing line very inadequate. Ration $\frac{1}{4}$ gallon per man. Pumps troublesome at main supply.	
	13-8-15		Water situation became really serious, and Headquarters Anzac informed. Reserve water was sent from Anzac, and a further supply of vessels were obtained.	
	14-8-15		Water situation relieved by striking more water in Aghyl Khere, and arrival of more mules and vessels. Ration up to $\frac{1}{2}$ gallon per man.	
	15-8-15		Beginning to strike water in good quantities on beach. Defence works and water supply in progress.	

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	16-8-15		Position as on 15 th Supply of sandbags and timber, and corrugated iron getting very short in Arzac.	
	17-8-15		Position as on 16 th	
	18-8-15		Position as on 17 th	
	19-8-15		New oil engine installed, and much more successful. Delivery greatly increased	
	20-8-15		N ^o 1 Company moved down to N ^o 2 Outpost on relief by British Company Major Wolff R.E., C.R.E XIII Division now assumed charge of N ^o 5 Section Up to this time the duties of the Engineers, and C.R.Es had clashed and a redistribution was necessary. From 21 st inst C.R.E XIII Division takes over N ^o 5 Section with his own Engineers; and C.R.E., N.Z.E. takes over N ^o 6 and all water supply and works with his Units on beach Capt. Ferguson remains as R.E. to O.C. 40 th Brigade.	
	21-8-15		Situation as on 20 th	
	22-8-15		Situation as on 20 th	

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	23-8-15		Going into putting questions with G.O.C., and C.E. Tents recommended as a preliminary measure.	
	24-8-15		Road improvements from Anyac begun by working parties under Lieut Churchill. Convoy had been badly smothered the night before.	
	25-8-15		Field Troop moved to No 6 Section at General Russell's headquarters.	
	26-8-15		C.E. visited Rhododendron Ridge and looked at defences and projected road. Protective works for water supply begun.	
	27-8-15		This night two trenches were taken on our left in No 6 Section by the N.Z. Mounted Rifles. Very severe fighting on a small front.	
	28-8-15		Field Troop and No 2 Company assisted to consolidate position on left at Asmak Dere and Susyak Kuyu. This night a further attack was made and an additional length of trench taken. The Field Troop had 5 casualties in putting up barbed	

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			<p>were here.</p> <p>C.R.E. out on this position all day, and at one time walked by mistake into a Turkish trench.</p> <p>Redistribution of forces in Sections ordered</p> <p>Moves of Engineer Units ordered to correspond with Divisional moves</p> <p>71st Field Company ordered to remain in the Division</p> <p>3 sections remain on Rhododendron Ridge, and 1 section at Russell's Top</p> <p>Section organized by Brigades in depth.</p> <p>Move of 13th Division in progress.</p> <p>With C.E. to No 6 Section</p> <p>One Company 54th Division took over water supply in Aghyl Dore, and beginning to take over defenses</p> <p>Capt Shera, Field Troop evacuated sick.</p>	
	29-15			
	30-15			
	31-15			