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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			<p><i>Confidential</i></p> <p><u>War Diary</u></p> <p>of</p> <p><u>Headquarters Divisional Engineers</u></p> <p>New Zealand &amp; Australian Divs</p> <p><u>of N.Z. Army Corps</u></p> <p>1<sup>st</sup> November 1915</p> <p>to</p> <p>30<sup>th</sup> November 1915</p> <p>kept by <u>R.P.T. Butler</u> 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieut R.E. acting Adjutant N.Z.E.</p>	

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	1915			
OTAGO GULLY	Nov 1		Settled bivouac areas in Waterfall Gully with AQMG. C.R.E. to APEX & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Light Horse with G.S.O. (1)	
No 2 Outpost	2		Pump out of action from broken piston rings, worked supply on hand pump with success. Enemy's mines approaching gradually.	
ANZAC	3		C.R.E. to APEX and saw mines - also considered question of deep digging in rear of fire trenches. Pump out of action but piston rings being made out of a 5" enemy skull.	
GALLIPOLI PENINS	4		Enemy mining very close all day, countermine fired 12 mid. night in No 2 tunnel. Jamming not displaced and no crater formed. Engine at well again giving trouble & out of action - hand pump doing work.	
	5		C.R.E. to APEX & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Light Horse. Engine in action again.	
	6		saw new ground taken over from 54 <sup>th</sup> Division & ordered new barricade to be commenced in AGHYL DERE	
	7		C.R.E. to ANZAC engine for pumping arrived and being set up in R.E. Store.	

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OTAGO	1915 Nov 8.9		Work as usual	
GULLY	10		Bombardment of Divisional Headquarters by howitzer fire - under ground tunnels etc began. C.E & Engineer-in-Chief visited Division.	
NR 2 OUTPOST	11		Two officers joined division - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lieuts KEMP-SMALL, TURRELL, PARRY CHADWICK PATERSON & SPRING-SMYTH	Headquarters bombarded causing casualties
ANZAC	12		C.B.E to APEX & ACHYL DERE. & saw new position & settled works there	
	13		Lt Col PRIDHAM leaves for EGYPT. Capt AB-MENEILL R.E appointed acting C.B.E.	
GALLIPOLI			work as usual 9 men found.	
PENINS	14		visited 4 <sup>th</sup> Australian Bde line new works started. visited 1 <sup>st</sup> Aust. Light Horse Brigade & settled plan of bivouacs & shellproofs	
	15		Work as usual - N.Z. miners take place of Australian miners on APEX New allotment of timber & galvanised iron gives shelter for about half the Division With Lieut SALMON over 1 <sup>st</sup> A.L.H. Bde line, suggested new works on <del>DO</del> DESTROYER HILL & CAMELS HUMP	
	16		New well & engine house proceeding satisfactorily	

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OTAGO CULLY	1915 <del>Oct</del> Nov	16	APEX - more shell proof tunnels started. 3 <sup>rd</sup> A.L.H Bde start made on fore line from ANTILL'S LOOK OUT to DESTROYER HILL. CANTERBURY SLOPE 3 <sup>rd</sup> Line continues new communications started	
No 2 Outpost	17		Very stormy. Went round 2 <sup>nd</sup> line with MAJOR PINWELL. Heavy shower CHAILAK BERE flows. Some sniping on BERE.	
ANZAC GALLIPOLI PENINSIA	18		many pools in CHAILAK BERE & some lively sniping at people avoiding them. Went round CAPTAIN GIBBS line with CAPTAINS KEENAN & McNAB latter to take over. LIEUT BLACK to be in charge of 2 <sup>nd</sup> line & BERE a party of 50 of NZMR to be employed by him for four hours every night	
	19		Roadmen to be appointed. Examined CHAILAK BERE with LIEUT BLACK also 2 <sup>nd</sup> line with COL BRAITHWAITE. Looked for bathhouse site with ADAMS & DAGME decided on one behind No 2 Outpost get out rough estimate One officer & 54 other ranks returned from Serje Post Camp. LEMNOS.	
	20		LIEUT DOLLIMORE & details of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Field Coy to APEX	

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OTAGO CULLY	1915 Nov 20		Details of 1 <sup>st</sup> Field Company to 3 <sup>rd</sup> ALH Bde area. Sent forward rough scheme for bath house. In afternoon visited 3 <sup>rd</sup> LH Bde & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Line	
No 2 OUTPOST	21 22		Detachment of No 1 Coy move from CHESHIRE RIDGE to 3 <sup>rd</sup> L.H. Bde area Work as usual small attack on APEX	
ANZAC	23		CHAILAK IERE suggested some directions. discussed with CAPT KEENAN question of deep mines. Enemy again heard mining opposite No 2 tunnel but distant. Go 2 <sup>nd</sup> line at night.	
CALLIPOLI	24		Started work on bath house. <sup>Went</sup> round with CAPT BIBBS. Got party for second line from 1 <sup>st</sup> ALH Bde, also for cutting new sap on SAZLI BEIT. Go 2 <sup>nd</sup> line at night.	
	25		BODIMAN, pump expert, comes out to help to set up new plant. In evening orders received to send plant back to Engineer Depot. Silence starts	
	26		More wire to be put out. more silence. Get orders to supply sappers for 54 <sup>th</sup> Division line. Go over to 54 <sup>th</sup> Division Hqs to	

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	noon	Take over. Very heavy thunders storm & rain in evening.	
LY	26	Roads practically impassable. Work on bathhouses & civil works tunnells ceases	
ST	27	Go with CAPT GIBBS to 54 <sup>th</sup> Division. Then to Indian Brigade - HILL 60	
OC		See GENERAL HOBSON C.O. IV <sup>th</sup> Section. CAPT GIBBS to take 1/2 Coy 1 <sup>st</sup> Field Coy N.Z.E. to 54 <sup>th</sup> Division and also to have LIEUT BLACK & the Field Troops under him. These papers to work on line SUSAK KUYU to WARWICK CASTLE. Communications very bad	
COL		owing to rain especially from HILL 60 to SUSAK KUYU	
	28	54 <sup>th</sup> Division failed to move and NZMR & NZE had a very bad night. Sleet & snow. Communications very bad & transport impossible. Frost at night.	
	29	54 <sup>th</sup> Division pipe line frozen & pipe burst. all water drawn from NZ & A Div. Most hand pumps frozen. Frost again. C.I.R.E. to ANZAC to get permission to erect new engine as safeguard. Went round NZMR lines.	

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OTAGO	1915	Nov 30	<p>Fine day C.R.E. to APEX, 4<sup>th</sup> Australian &amp; AUCKLAND line                      4<sup>th</sup> A.I. Bde not progressing very fast. Lines taken over by NZMR                      very poorly constructed &amp; communications wretched                      LIEUT<sup>s</sup> SALMON &amp; CHATWICK unwell</p>	RTS
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