

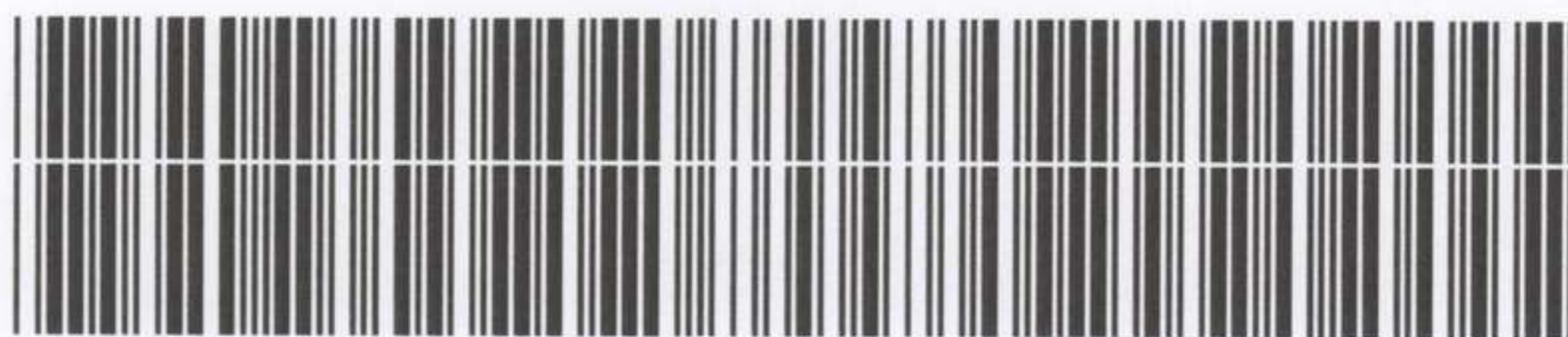
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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
2-4-15	Mena	<p>Information as to move given O.C. by G.O.S. 1<sup>st</sup> Div. on 2-4-15. — Preparations commenced</p> <p>2.0 p.m. Conference of O.S. C. Bus. &amp; certain details given in advance of orders.</p>	
3-4-15	Mena	<p>11.30 Orders received amending previous instructions</p> <p>12.0 a.m. Advance orders re trains verbally to CO.</p> <p>1.0 p.m. One copy of Div orders for departure</p> <p>1.30 p.m. Details copied by adjutants.</p> <p>3.30 Full orders received. Train schedule attached. 4<sup>th</sup> P.M. had to march their first party at 4.30 p.m.</p> <p>5.30 Office closed. £300 received in cash.</p> <p>8.30 Bde Hd. Qrs. left Mena Camp.</p>	<p>D.O. 103 para 652</p> <p>D.O. 104 para 653</p> <p>app 1.</p>

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Note. D. O. = Divisional orders & are not attached.

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
4-4-15	Cairo Alexandria City of Benares	<p>9.30 a.m. Train left Madboali Stn.</p> <p>6.0 p.m. Bde Hd. Qrs. arrived wharf &amp; embarked on City of Benares with 3<sup>rd</sup> Flco., 1<sup>st</sup> F. Amb. &amp; Bag. Sums &amp; horses H.Q. 2 &amp; 3 Pons. O.C. Maj. Clogston.</p> <p>11.30 p.m. Capt King appointed ship's adjutant. Last trainload arrived.</p>	App 2.
5-4-15	Alexandria	<p>9.30 a.m. Consul ship's stamp No 2201 received and old one handed over to Col Knowe. Instructions issued.</p> <p>4.30 p.m. Left wharf.</p> <p>6.10 p.m. Pilot left - distributed maps &amp; opened secret package. Course set for Lemnos.</p>	App 3.

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7-4-15	City of Benares Lemnos	<p>6.0 p.m. Entered Mudros Bay Lemnos. Am. &amp; Rations issued today. &amp; A Echelon for landing - practised in full kit.</p>	
8-4-15	City of Benares Lemnos	<p>2.0 p.m. Bde. Hd. Qrs. pay issued. A Echelons for landing - practised into boats. Water to be economised.</p>	
12.4.15	City of Benares Lemnos	<p>8.0 a.m. no lights shown after dark. Brigadier, B.M. &amp; S.C. went on board H.M.S. Queen Elizabeth &amp; reconnoitred West side Gallipoli Peninsula.</p>	
13.4.15	"	<p>3.0 p.m. Brigadier &amp; B.S.C. left for reconnaissance on HMS Queen with ANZAC. Issu of circular by G.O.C ANZAC</p>	4.
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14-4-15.	"City of Beulah" Leunos a.m. 8.0 p.m. 4.0	Disembarkation practice Brigadier returned	
16-4-15	" " a.m. 8.0 p.m. 6.0	Disembarkation practice. Signal conference on "Minnewaska"	
19-4-15	" " p.m. 4.0	attended by B. Co. & Bde. Sig. Off. Issue of circular by O.C. Bde. Conference on Minnewaska - Op.O. Rep & Disembktn Orders issued	5.
20-4-15	" " a.m. 10.0 p.m. 5.0	O's C. Bde. conference on City of Beulah B.O. No 1. issued.	6.
		Wind blowing up from E. Weather fine, colder. Handbook of Turkish Army 3 <sup>rd</sup> Edn received 2 <sup>nd</sup> Edn copy handed over to Deputy Officer News of Basra fight received	7.

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20-4-15	City of Benares 6.0. <sup>pm.</sup>	Details of mails since arrival Lemos Received D.O. 113 + 114	J.
21-4-15	" 10.0. <sup>am.</sup>	Naval conference on Minnewaska. Orders received transfer A echelons Bde HQ. + Bde Sec D.V. Coy to Lake Michigan Issued B.O. No II dealing with system of intelligence to be followed. Wind higher - very wet. City of Benares has orders to leave berth at 4.30 p.m. Diary closed + despatched to Base	

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B.M. 1st Lt Bde

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Diary of Bde Maj.  
1st Inf Bde  
1st Aust Division  
from 2/4/15 to 21/4/15.

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
21-4-15	City of Beaufort Dunoon	<p>Order to move berth postponed.            Received Dec. O. 115.            Issued BO III</p>	<p>In file            In file.</p>
22-4-15	"	<p>Time of cold. East wind still high,            veering to North - weather unsettled.            Sailing postponed 24 hrs.</p>	<p>In file            9 (not sent)</p>
22-4-15	City of Beaufort	<p>Received Dec. O. 116 with G.H.Q. proclamation            Transferred to "Lake Michigan" at 11            4<sup>th</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> - for disembarkation Archelon.            4 officers, 2 Clerks, 3 M.A.P., 2 Boatmen, 1 Interpreter            Bed. Sigs. 1 off &amp; 20 other hands.            Weather fine - sea calm.            Masters of Tpts received secret orders.</p>	<p>In file.            In file.</p>
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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
24-4-15	Lake Michigan	<p>Wind rising again. E by N. No rain.</p> <p>The accommodation on this ship is very bad.</p> <p>Left Lemnos - absolutely calm, + fine</p> <p>12 noon 4 pm Anchored N. of Lemnos.</p> <p>King's message received.</p> <p>11 pm Left anchorage - all lights out.</p>	
25-4-15	Lake Michigan	<p>6.15 am 7.0 Landed 2 miles North of Kassa Teppe</p> <p>tows under strapnet -</p> <p>7.25 B&amp;Q established on beach.</p> <p>7.55 2 Cos 3<sup>rd</sup> Bn moved up to reinforce 3<sup>rd</sup> Bde. Verbal</p> <p>9.15 1<sup>st</sup> Bn sent up to reinforce 3<sup>rd</sup> Bde. Verbal</p> <p>9.30 2 Cos 3<sup>rd</sup> Bn sent up to join remainder. Verbal</p>	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
25-4-16. (cont)	10.45 <sup>am</sup>	2 Cos 2nd Bn sent up to hill 224 C 6 to reinforce 3rd Bde & 2 platoons to left as	K.A. 1. (10)
	12.50pm	Bde completely landed.	
	<del>1.7</del>	Reinforcements required left flank.	
	1.7	Personal reconnaissance by OC & BSM.	
		2 Cos 2nd Bn sent to hold ridge on left	K.A. 5. (11)
		237 WS (outpost platoons withdrawn).	
	1.30	4th Bn moved out to right of 2nd Bde.	
	5.30	4th Bde HQ moved up to ridge.	
	5.40	OC 2nd Bn report <sup>position</sup> at 224 B 6	
	Pamun	At this time applications for reinforcements	
		from every direction were frequent.	
		Fighting went on all night - weather fine.	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
26-4-15	Ridge East of landing Beach. Sg 224 H 4.	<p>a.m. 5.12 Reported dispositions to Div. H.Q.</p> <p>6.5 <u>Sketch</u></p> <p>Headquarters 1<sup>st</sup> Bde moved to 3<sup>rd</sup> Bde's site. Headquarters at 224 I 4</p> <p>All Bns on front line, in different places - somewhat mixed</p>	Kc 17 (12) 13.
27-4-15	224 I 4	<p>No change - line heavily engaged &amp; much harassed by enemy shrapnel</p> <p>3.30 Brigade Major killed near 3<sup>rd</sup> Bn headquarters about 200 yds from the left side of the spur on which headquarters were situated</p>	<p>These latter notes have been added by Lt Col S. Anderson orderly officer of 1<sup>st</sup> Bde who was present when the Brigade Major was killed</p>

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
27. 4. 15	224 I 4 3.10 pm	Col. MacLaurin comdg 1/4th Aust Bde was killed. 5.0 pm Col Owen took over command of Brigade.	
28. 4. 15	"	10.0 am Major Hancock ANZAC staff took over duties of Brigade Major temporarily. 10.0 pm. Brigade was relieved in the firing line by the R.M.L.I. Bde under General TROTMAN & went to the Southern beach to bivouac.	
29. 4. 15	S. beach all day	men washed swans & mended clothes.	
30. 4. 15	-	Brig: Gen: A. B. Walker etc. took over command of the Brigade.	

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1st May	Beach 9.30 AM	General Bridges met Os C Bns. & Adjutants at Bde. Headquarters - Two R A Officers from Mountain Battery were present also the O C 3rd Field Co Engineers  Original of above written on same sheet as entry for ending of previous month and filed with volume for that month.	

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