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Title: 1st Infantry Brigade

April-May 1915 Appendices



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Date.	Place and Time.			Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
24. 4. 1915	Kemnos.	12.11a	Sailed from MURKOS Bay. Arrived PURNER BAY 4.55 p.m. Anchored.	
25. 4. 1915		5.10am	First shells fired from shore.	
		7.50a	Bd. Hd. Gm. & Hd Gns. 4 th Bn. landed on Gallipoli Peninsula. Opposed.	
26. 4. 1915				
27. 4. 1915	Gallipoli	11.15a	Took amm. & water to Hd Gns 1 st 1. B.	
28. 4. 1915		3.0pm	Col. H. N. Macfarlane & Major Irvine killed by rifle bullets.	Took on 250 men &
27. 4. 15		7.0pm	Saw g. o. a. in a. strength among rocks & cliffs.	Major Kaysstaff & Major
28. 4. 15		3.3p-	Major Hancock took over duties of S.O. at 1 st 1. B.	Major Kaysstaff & posted
29. 4. 1915		10pm	Hd. Gns. Col. Owen takes command of that section of line	
			Col Owen & Staff returned to beach having handed over section of line to Rusk.	
			1 st - 2 nd - 3 rd Bn relieved by Rusk	J.S.A.,

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Date.	Place and Time.			Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
29. 4. 15	Beach		<p>1st, 2nd, 3rd Bns rest all day on beach.</p> <p>Aft. Effective strength + Casualty Returns sent to Division.</p> <p>H^q Bn. Returns not available.</p> <p>Aft. Checked over wire to HQ 3rd Trencher Bn re. deaths of certain Officers of Bde.</p> <p>Topo Issued 1 copy of Div Order d/29.4.15 to Battalion.</p>	
30-4-15	Beach.	AM	<p>General Walker appointed to command the Bde - Bde Headquarters moved a short distance south along beach.</p> <p>PM 4th Bn relieved from trenches -</p> <p>4 PM Commanding Officers attended Bde HQs</p> <p>in Brigadier interviewed applicants</p>	159

Date.	Place and Time.			Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
30-4-15	Beach	PM.	<p>for Commission - Brigade Routine order no 1 issued at 5.35 -</p> <p>At 8.26 received orders by telephone from Brigadier through Major Glasgow to get 4th Bn under arms & to lead them under Major Bennett to dredges of Royal Marines behind firing line. A complete return of casualties from Bns, covering 25th to 30th engagements.</p>	<p>App 1</p> <p>App. 2</p>
12 th ^{May} April	Beach	9.30 AM	<p>General Bridges met O.C. Bns & Adjutant at Bde Headquarters - two RA officers from Mountain Battery were present also the O.C. 3rd Field Co Engineers</p>	<p>ISA</p>

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RETURN OF OFFRS. W.O.'s + N.C.O.'s recommended for
appointment and promotion.

1st Battalion A.I.F.

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| Hon. Captain H. Jacobs. | to be Captain with seniority next below H. G. Carter |
| * 2/Lieut. Cunningham. | with seniority below 2/Lt G. H. Street. |
| * 2/Lieut. Burn. | with " " 2/Lt Cunningham. |
| W.O. Thomson, D. | } to be 2/Lieut. in order shown, below
2/Lieut. Burn. |
| S.S.M. Rickwood, G.W. | |
| C.S.M. Wells, H. | |
| C.S.M. Skirt, R.J. | |
| Serje. King S | |
| Capt. McIntyre P.W. | |

2nd Battalion A.I.F.

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| * 2/Lieut. Tedder | to be 2/Lieut. next below 2/Lt K.J. Gourdonier |
| * 2/Lieut. Taylor | " " " " " 2/Lt Tedder |
| W.O. Lowe M. | } |
| Q.M.S. Marlay W.M. | |

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2nd Battalion H.I.F. (Continued)

S.S.M. Wells J.M.
 C.S.M. Jones H.
 C.S.M. Morgan T.W.
 Sergt. McSwain G.S.
 Sergt. Hemming R
 Sergt. Brown H.P.

to be 2 lieutenants in order shown
 next below 2 lieutenant H. Taylor.

3rd Battalion H.I.F.

lieut. K. J. Amels

to be lieut vice Captain Wall seconded
 & seniority next below L. K. Stevenson.

* 2 lieut. Harrison
 * 2 lieut. Burtley
 * 2 lieut. Strickland
 R. S.M. McArthur H.
 C.S.M. Blaylock A.M.D.
 C.S.M. Megher H.R.W.
 Sergt. McLeod T.H.
~~Sergt. McLeod T.H.~~
 Sergt. Garnham S.M.

to be 2 lieutenants in order shown next
 below 2 lieut L. W. Street.

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3rd Battalion A.I.F. (continued)

Sergt. White C.H.D.
Sergt. Gillons N.
Sergt. Sheppard L.D.

to be ²/lieut in order shown
next below ²/lieut Stuckbury.

4th Battalion A.I.F.

~~1st ²/lieut C.G.K. Judge } to be ²/lieut in order shown~~
~~2nd ²/lieut J.W. MacKinnon } with seniority next below~~
~~3rd ²/lieut S.J. Bewick } officiating to Mr. Howling.~~
~~4th Hon. Lieut Q.M. W. McDonald } to be ²/lt with seniority next~~

Hon. Lieut 1st Lt. Mr. W.T. McDonald to be ²/lt with seniority next
after ²/lieut M.R.L. Howling

* ²/lieut C.G.K. Judge }
* ²/lieut J.Y. MacKinnon } to be ²/lt in order shown
* ²/lieut S.J. Bewick } with seniority next below
W.O. Pearce H.C. }
E.S.M. Clarke A.W. } to be ²/lieut W.T. McDonald
to be Hon Lieut 1st Lt. Mr. W. McDonald
to be ²/lieut

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15th Battalion A.I.F (continued)

C. S. M. Home J.
C. S. M. Foster CWO.
Corporal Mann H.A.

to be placed in above order
then below H. C. Pearce.

* Reinforcement officers

Major Roberts & Sedgwick (Reinforcements) are not accepted by any Comdng. Officer in this Brigade in their present rank and therefore I do not recommend their appointments.

Captains Watkins & Linklater (Reinforcements). I understand these officers have already been examined in their work and unfavorably reported on by Col. H. K. Macfarlane. I do not recommend their appointments. These four officers are recommended to replace other reinforcement officers taken now transports to make good casualties.

30-4-1915
Beach, Gallipoli

H. B. Walker Brig. Gen.
Comdng. 15th Inf. Bde. A.I.F

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Nominal Roll of CASUALTIES.
1st (N.S.W) INF. BDE. AUSTR. DIV.
— PERIOD — 25/4/15 to 30/4/15. —

		KILLED	WOUNDED	MISSING.
BDE Hd. Qrs	Officers	2	-	-
	Others	-	-	-
1st Bn.	Officers	3	13	1
	Others	26	201	174
2nd Bn.	Officers	5	10	1
	Others	39	241	154
3rd Bn.	Officers	3	14	-
	Others.	37	180	81
4th Bn.	Officers	2	6	-
	Others	26	89	67

	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>OTHERS</u>
TOTAL KILLED	15	128
TOTAL WOUNDED	43	711
TOTAL MISSING	2	476

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HQ 1st Aust. Infy Bde

Aust. Div.

- Report on Operations 25/4/15 - 1/5/15. -

At 6.15 a.m. on 25/4/15 Echelon "A" of Headquarters 1st Inf Bde came ashore from the "Lake Michigan" landing about 2 miles north of Kapa Tepe. Landing opposed by shrapnel fire.

At 7.55 a.m. two companies 3rd Bn. were sent up to reinforce 3rd Bde, the 1st Bn. were despatched at 9.15 and the remaining two companies 3rd Bn. at 9.30.

Two companies 2nd Bn. were sent to hill C 224 C 6 to reinforce 3rd Bde at 10.45 a.m. and two platoons to the left as outpost.

The Brigade had completed landing at 12.50 p.m.

The Brigadier and Brigade Major made a personal reconnaissance at 1.10 p.m. and two companies 2nd Bn. sent to hold ridge on left 237 W 5; outpost platoons were then withdrawn.

At 5.30 p.m. the 4th Bn. which had been held in reserve was moved to the right of the 2nd Bde, and shortly afterwards Bde Hd Qrs moved up to top of ridge.

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At this time applications for reinforcements were frequent from every direction. Fighting continued throughout the night.

1st 2nd + 3rd Bns. reported heavy casualties
4th Bn temporarily attached 2nd Bde.

26/4/15.

All battalions in the firing line in different places and somewhat mixed.

During the afternoon Bde Hd Qrs moved up to 3rd Bde's late Hd Qrs at 224 I 4.

27/4/15

No Change: line heavily engaged and under shrapnel fire.

At 3 p.m. Major A. D. Irvine Brigade Major was killed. Colonel J. H. MacLaurin O.C. Bde was killed at 3.10 p.m. and at 5 p.m. Colonel R. H. Owen took over Command of the Bde.

28/4/15

Major M. Hancock A + H 2 A.C. Staff took over duties of Bde Major temporarily.

At 10 p.m. the Bde was relieved from the firing line by the R.M.L.I. Bde, and went to bivouac on Southern Beach.

29/4/15.

Day spent in re-organising Bns. compiling casualty lists etc. etc.

30/4/15

Brig-General J. B. Walker D.S.O. assumed Command of the Brigade.

Recommendations for promotion to commissions submitted to D.H.Q.

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4th Bn. returned to trenches at 11 a.m.

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Captain D. M. King wounded in thigh whilst accompanying Brigadier on a reconnaissance at 4 p.m. 3rd & 1st Bns went up to Trenches to relieve R.M.S. Bde.

Captain D. M. King appointed Brigade Major. Bde 1st Bns moved to original position at 8 pm. (224 I 4).

I would mention the following Officers of the Bde Staff for services rendered:

(i) Capt. D. M. King, Staff Captain.

This Officer took over the duties of Bde Major on the death of Major F. W. Irvine on 27/4/15 until he was himself wounded on 1st instant.

(ii) Lieut R. HAMILTON, O.C. No. 2 Secy, Australian Divisional Signal Co.

(iii) Lieut J. S. ANDERSON, Orderly Officer to Col. H. H. MacLURDY until the death of Major Irvine when he became acting Staff Captain.

These three Officers served with zeal and devotion to their Brigade, participating in all the actions now under report.

I recommend that their services receive due recognition.

8th May
1915

H. B. S. at the Brig. General
Commanding 1st Inf. Bde.