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September 5 <sup>th</sup> ANZAC	<p>1/ Copy of Army Corps Routine Order N° 270 dlt. 9. 1915. "The Area as defined below will be known as the ANZAC BASE AREA. Commencing at the S. at HELLSPIT the outer boundary runs along the watershed of MACLAGAN'S RIDGE, the top edge of the cliffs W. &amp; N. of PLUGGE'S PLATEAU and of the cliffs at the heads of RESERVE and MULE GULLIES as far as, but excluding, the Col. in Square 80 M. G. on WALKERS RIDGE ROAD. Hence round the S. sides of the camping areas on the S. of WALKERS RIDGE ROAD, to and including, the ground on the N. slopes of MULE GULLY at present occupied by the Indian mule Transport Corps and the 13<sup>th</sup> Casualty Clearing Station - thence due W. to the Sea. The AREA together with such landing places to the N. &amp; S. thereof as are, or may hereafter be used by the Army Corps, will be administered under the orders of the G.O.C. A. &amp; N.Z. Army Corps by a Commandant as detailed below. Commandant Lieut. Colonel J de B. YOUNG.</p> <p>2/ The laying of a light tramway line was started on the N. Beach.</p>	
Sept 6 <sup>th</sup> ANZAC.	Major P. B. BRUCE, & NOTTS YEOP left to rejoin his Regiment & handed over the duties of P.M.L.O. to Major E. T. CHAMBERLAYNE, WARWICK YEOP who had arrived.	
Sept 10. ANZAC.	A shortage of water as the big water boat broke down & orders received to go on 1/2 rations tomorrow.	
Sept 11. ANZAC.	NORTH BEACH was shelled. A new position chosen for hospital site and taken in hand. Two men killed on ANZAC BEACH by shell fire	
Sept. 13. ANZAC.	A continuation of A.C.R.O. N° 270 was published. "All L. of C. units will, for general administrative purposes, be under the immediate orders of the Commandant, while units, or portions of units of the A. & N.Z. AC. which from time to time are placed temporarily at his disposal for employment within the limits of the ANZAC AREA will, while so employed, come under him for purposes of discipline, duties & rations."	
Sept. 24. ANZAC.	One officer and 23 OR. of 24 <sup>th</sup> Sanitary Section arrived for duty & placed at NORTH BEACH to improve the sanitation.	

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ANZAC. Sept. 15. 1915.	<p>The following disembarked at ANZAC O's 29 OR 682 + D's 66 OR. 1316 left for Hudders.</p> <p>190 all rank sick and 46 all ranks wounded were evacuated. Ordnance, R.E. ASC. Stores were also landed.</p> <p>2/ A fatigue parties consisting of 1564 men were employed - The following work was done ASC and Ordnance stores moved from ANZAC COVE to NORTH BEACH and BRIGTON BEACH. At NORTH BEACH the landing of reserve stores was continued and the clearing of a site for a hospital was also taken in hand.</p> <p>3. During the morning the NORTH BEACH was shelled by a gun from the N.E. an enemy aeroplane also dropped bombs but there were no casualties. In the afternoon the same hostile gun again opened fire on North Beach from 30 to 40 shells fell.</p> <p>4. A sharp shower of rain fell at about 0600 - a calm sea all day.</p> <p>5. About 455 6" Howitzer shells were lost at sea through a horse-boat capsizing</p>	
Sept 16 1915. ANZAC.	<p>1. Disembarked off 12 + OR. 288 Embarked off 1. OR 25. Sick evacuated off 9 OR 152 wounded evacuated off 3 OR 41. Unloading of ASC, Ordnance + R.E. Stores continued by day and night at ANZAC COVE and NORTH BEACH.</p> <p>2/ 1585 men were employed on fatigues - <sup>work of</sup> laying of railway line on N. BEACH, new supply depot, new hospital site + sanitary improvements were all continued with. On the Brighton Beach, fatigues worked on clearing ground for a new ord. depot and on stacking a reserve of ASC supplies.</p> <p>3/ The ANZAC COVE BEACH was shelled in afternoon, only one casualty. The NORTH BEACH was heavily shelled morning and afternoon by an enemy gun from N.E.</p> <p>4/ <del>St</del> light rain in early morning and again at about 1700. Sea calm all day.</p>	

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Sept 17. 1915. ANZAC.	<p>1/ The following embarked off 8 O.R. 713. Disembarked off 4 O.R. 129. The following were evacuated sick off 5. O.R. 209, wounded off 1. O.R. 36.</p> <p>2/ Off loading, at both ANZAC BEACH and NORTH BEACH of A.S.C. R.E and Ordnance stores was 1500 odd men were employed 600 of whom worked under M.L.Os at <del>Western</del><sup>NORTH</sup> Beach and ANZAC BEACH. Naval Details were allotted a space on N. BEACH. Work continued shifting A.S.C. R.E and Ordnance stores from ANZAC COVE to NORTH BEACH and the trenching at the bottom of RESERVE GULLY was continued with.</p> <p>3/ NORTH BEACH was shelled in morning. ANZAC BEACH was shelled at intervals throughout the day.</p> <p>4/ A calm sea - no rain fell.</p>	
Sept. 19 <sup>th</sup> 1915. ANZAC.	<p>1/ The following embarked off 3. O.R. 74 - disembarked off 0. O.R. 2. The following were evacuated: sick off 7. O.R. 741, wounded off 4 O.R. 30.</p> <p>2/ 600 men employed at NORTH BEACH and ANZAC COVE by M.L.Os unloading stores for R.E.M.C. On NORTH BEACH A.S.C. reserve store was continued and Ordnance stores were moved round from ANZAC. Site was chosen for the Bomb factory and ammunition Park. The light railway in good working order and much manual labour saved time by but unloading from lighters straight into 'tips' which can be mule hauled to the required dump.</p> <p>3. NORTH BEACH shelled in morning also ANZAC COVE. In afternoon, about 1600 o'clock enemy made an attack which lasted about 20 minutes - a working party of 200 men of the 6<sup>th</sup> Bde A.I.F were ordered from their works to stand by. A quiet night.</p> <p>4/ Calm sea - no rain - a cold night.</p>	

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Sept 19. 1915. ANZAC.	<p>1/ The following arrived offr 6 OR 66: Embarked offr 1 OR 19. The following were evacuated sick offr 5 OR 148, wounded offr 2 OR 62.</p> <p>2/ Loading and unloading at ANZAC and NORTH BEACHES continued.</p> <p>3/ At Brighton <del>side</del> the ASC continued with their new dump of viscous materials. At NORTH BEACH area work was continued on ordnance and ASC stores. Terracing in the vicinity of RESERVE GULLY was continued. The 74 Sanitary Section moved over to take charge of all sanitation in the NORTH BEACH area.</p> <p>4/ ANZAC COVE was shelled in the afternoon but no damage was done.</p> <p>5/ No rain and a smooth sea.</p>	
Sept 20. 1915 ANZAC.	<p>1/ The following arrived offr 9 OR 203: embarked offr 1 OR 25. Evacuated sick offr 14 OR 578 wounded offr 2 OR 60. Of the arrivals 5 offr and 202 OR were of the 11<sup>th</sup> GARRISON BN. ESSEX REGT attached to the base for garrison duties - They were bivouaced to the N. of the bottom of RESERVE GULLY.</p> <p>2/ Unloading of P.E., ASC, ord. stores continued at ANZAC and N. BEACH.</p> <p>3/ Work at BRIGHTON BEACH and NORTH BEACH as yesterday.</p>	
Sept 21. 1915. ANZAC.	<p>1/ The following left ANZAC. offr 6 OR 15. Arrived offr 42 OR 373. The following were evacuated sick offr 1 OR 130. Wounded offr 1 OR 45.</p> <p>2/ Work on beaches by fatigues was continued as yesterday.</p> <p>3/ The Commander in Chief inspected the NORTH BEACH.</p> <p>4/ The advanced party of offr 1 OR 27 of the Egyptian Labour Corps arrived and were encamped in SHRAPNEL GULLY.</p> <p>5/ The ANZAC BEACH was heavily shelled in morning there were 3 killed and 14 wounded. A plane also dropped bombs on WALKERS RIDGE, PLUGGERS PLATEAU and HELL SPIT but there were no casualties.</p>	

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Sept 22. 1915. ANZAC.	<p>1/ Arrived offr 9 OR. nil. Embarked offr 10 OR. 10. Evacuated sick offr 13 OR. 304. wounded offr 1 OR. 46.</p> <p>2/ Unloading of A.C., R.E., and Ordnance stores continued at ANZAC and N. BEACH.</p> <p>3/ Terracing was continued with in RESERVE GULLY and A.C. stores were moved from the ANZAC depot to the NEW DEPOT at NORTH BEACH.</p> <p>4/ A calm sea and no rain.</p>	
Sept 23. 1915. ANZAC.	<p>1/ Left OR 2 - arrived offr 5. OR 80. Evacuated wounded offr 1. OR 35, sick offr 13 OR. 180.</p> <p>2/ Work of preparing new sites was continued on N. BEACH. 100 Egyptian labourers used for first time.</p> <p>3. A rough sea and no A.C. or R.E. stores could be unloaded.</p>	
Sept 24. 1915. ANZAC.	<p>Arrived offr 3 OR 28, left offr 3 OR 22. Evacuated sick offr 11 OR 170. wounded offr 1 OR. 38.</p> <p>2/ Unloading continued at both Anzac and North beaches.</p> <p>3/ North Beach was shelled in afternoon and one European killed and 5 Indians wounded. 13 mules killed and 22 wounded.</p> <p>4/ A calm sea and no rain</p>	

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Sept 25. 1915. ANZAC.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1/ The following embarked - offrs 5. OR. 9: disembarked offr 16 OR. 453. Evacuated sick offr. 1 OR. 116: wounded offr 1. OR. 33.</li> <li>2/ Offloading RE. ASC. ordnance stores, ammunition etc continued by day and night at ANZAC COVE and NORTH BEACH. The preparing of ground for the new A.C. Hops in NEWZEALAND GULLY was continued with. At NORTH BEACH work continued at the new sites for the new camping grounds.</li> <li>3/ No shelling on ANZAC COVE.</li> <li>4/ A calm sea no rain.</li> </ol>	
Sept 26 <sup>th</sup> 1915. ANZAC.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1/ The following embarked offr 1. OR. 4: disembarked offr 7 OR. 77. Evacuated sick offr. 13 OR. 241 wounded offr 1. OR 36.</li> <li>2/ Offloading continued by day night as usual. on N BEACH the usual fatigues were continued with.</li> <li>3/ No shelling, no rain or calm sea.</li> </ol>	
Sept. 27 <sup>th</sup> 1915. ANZAC.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1/ Arrivals nil. Departures offr 1 OR. 3.</li> <li>2/ Loading &amp; offloading of RE. ord. RE. stores continued at both ANZAC and N Beaches and work on the N. BEACH continued as usual.</li> <li>3/ 200 men of the 7<sup>th</sup> Australian Infantry Brigade were sent back to their Prisons in the firing line -</li> <li>4/ 209 Rank and file of the MALTA LABOUR CORPS arrived for beach duties and were encamped N of NEWZEALAND POINT.</li> <li>5/ A calm sea and no wind.</li> </ol>	

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Sept 28 <sup>th</sup> 1915. ANZAC.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1/ Arrivals Nil. Departures off 2 OR. 4</li> <li>2/ 3 Officers and 217 OR of the Malta Labour Corps arrived for duty and encamped at N. Beach and placed at the disposal of the M.L.C.</li> <li>3/ A quiet day no shelling.</li> </ol>	
Sept 29. 1915. ANZAC.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1/ Arrivals Nil. Departures off 25 OR. 1283.</li> <li>2/ Unloading proceeded with at both ANZAC - N. Beaches. The Casualty clearing station moved from ANZAC cove to their new quarters at N. Beach.</li> <li>3. We were shelled from the South. 3 killed and 14 wounded on the beach.</li> <li>4/ Calm sea no rain</li> </ol>	
Sept 30. 1915. Anzac.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Arrivals off 1. OR 4. Departures nil.</li> <li>2/ 15 Cove shelled in morning 1 killed + 7 wounded.</li> <li>3. Calm sea. no rain.</li> </ol> <p style="text-align: right; margin-right: 100px;">Broadman Capt</p>	