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Anzac Base (original) WAR DIARY

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Oct 1 st 1915. ANZAC.	1/ Arrivals Nil. Departures off. 25. OR 1283. 2/ The 6 th Royal Irish Rifles and the 6 th Devonshire Regiment who had been used for BASE fatigue left to rejoin their Brigades + sailed for MUDROS. 3/ Loading and unloading continued at both ANZAC and N. Beaches. The work on terracing was continued. 4/ A calm sea no rain.	<table border="0"> <tr> <td colspan="2"><u>Evacuations</u></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Sick</td> <td>Wounded</td> </tr> <tr> <td>off^s</td> <td>7</td> <td>---</td> </tr> <tr> <td>OR^s</td> <td>246</td> <td>29</td> </tr> </table>	<u>Evacuations</u>				Sick	Wounded	off ^s	7	---	OR ^s	246	29
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Oct 2 nd 1915. ANZAC.	1. Arrivals off. 1 other ranks 4. 2/ Work continued on N. Beaches. 3/ Shelled in morning 3 killed on ANZAC Beach and 14 wounded. 4/ A calm sea no rain.	<table border="0"> <tr> <td colspan="2"><u>Evacuations</u></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>S.</td> <td>W</td> </tr> <tr> <td>off^s</td> <td>3</td> <td>1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>OR^s</td> <td>204</td> <td>16</td> </tr> </table>	<u>Evacuations</u>				S.	W	off ^s	3	1	OR ^s	204	16
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Oct 3 rd 1915. ANZAC.	1. Arrivals off. nil OR 6. Departures Nil. 2. Beach heavily shelled in morning between 0900 + 1030 - casualties 2 killed and 5 wounded. 3/ Work continued as usual. 4/ Calm sea, no rain.	<table border="0"> <tr> <td colspan="2"><u>Evacuations</u></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>S.</td> <td>W</td> </tr> <tr> <td>off^s</td> <td>6</td> <td>---</td> </tr> <tr> <td>OR^s</td> <td>146</td> <td>20</td> </tr> </table>	<u>Evacuations</u>				S.	W	off ^s	6	---	OR ^s	146	20
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Oct 4 th 1915. ANZAC.	1. Arrivals off. 0. OR 34. Departures off. Nil OR 54. 2. The usual sturdore work continued also improvements on the N. Beach camping ground. 3. Calm sea no rain. 4. 1 st Aust. CCS. OR ^s 1. Wounded.	<table border="0"> <tr> <td colspan="2"><u>Evacuations</u></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>S.</td> <td>W</td> </tr> <tr> <td>off^s</td> <td>8</td> <td>2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>OR^s</td> <td>174</td> <td>49</td> </tr> </table>	<u>Evacuations</u>				S.	W	off ^s	8	2	OR ^s	174	49
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Oct 5. 1915. ANZAC.	1. Arrivals off 3 OR 3. Departures off 1. OR 1. 2/ Loading work continued on both beaches also terracing on N. BEACH AREA 3/ Calm sea no rain. 4) 16 th CC Station OR 1. Killed.	<u>Evacuations.</u> S. W off 7 ———— 1 OR 231 ———— 18
Oct 6. 1915. ANZAC.	1. Arrivals off 0. OR 6. Departures off 0. OR 3. 2. Work continued as usual. 3. Shelled in afternoon. Killed 3 wounded 2. 4. 21 st Sanitary Section OR 1. Killed.	<u>Evacuations.</u> S. W off 12 ———— OR 174 ———— 37
Oct 7. 1915. ANZAC.	1. Arrivals off 7. OR 48. Departures off nil OR 49. 2. Work continued as usual. 3. Shelled in afternoon killed 1 wounded 3. 4. Calm sea no rain. 5. 37 th Fortress Company. OR 1 Killed, Wounded 1.	<u>Evacuations.</u> S. W off 18 ———— OR 180 ———— 27.
Oct 8 th 1915. Anzac.	1. Arrivals off 7. OR 4. Departures off 1. OR 14. 2. Work as usual. 3. Rain at about 2100 and a strong wind. Sea became too rough for land troops.	<u>Evacuations.</u> S. W off 5 ———— 1 OR 274 ———— 38

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Oct 9. 1915. ANZAC.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> At 0200 a heavy wind sea and strong wind got up. On ANZAC COVE beach all the piers were smashed. 5 Horse boats were driven ashore. The steam water boat and tank were also driven ashore. Troops in ANZAC COVE AREA were placed on 1/2 rations of water. At N. Beach the piers stood well and all disembarking and unloading was done there. No wave and the sea calmed down at about 1000. 37th Fortress Company RE ORS wounded 1 and 1st Aust. Div. Am. ^{1st} Colum ORS wounded 1. 	<p>Evacuations.</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>S.</td> <td>W</td> </tr> <tr> <td>off^s 9</td> <td>2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>ORS 160</td> <td>25</td> </tr> </table> <p>Fleet Sweeper commenced off loading at north Beach on account of rough weather</p>	S.	W	off ^s 9	2	ORS 160	25
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Oct 10. 1915 ANZAC.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Sea calm. Piers being repaired. Landings and offloading at N. Beach Piers only. consequently only 7 lighters and Horse boats off loaded. Work proceeding as usual but shortage of labour. Casualties Egyptian Labour Corps. ORS 1. Wounded. 	<p>Evacuations.</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>S.</td> <td>W</td> </tr> <tr> <td>off^s 8</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>ORS 201</td> <td>35</td> </tr> </table>	S.	W	off ^s 8		ORS 201	35
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Oct 11. 1915. ANZAC.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Sea calm. showery and dull in forenoon. Landings and offloading resumed at both ANZAC and North Beach. Work proceeding as usual. short of labour. Maltese Labour Corps reinforced by 50 men. Departures. Anson Battalion leaving for Helles rate 46 per diem. 1st party left to day. 	<p>Evacuations.</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>S.</td> <td>W</td> </tr> <tr> <td>off^s 13</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>ORS 283</td> <td>28</td> </tr> </table>	S.	W	off ^s 13		ORS 283	28
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Oct 12. 1915. ANZAC.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Sea calm. Cold North Wind. Landings as usual. only 7 lighters off loaded as 30 officers and 1314 ORS arrived. also still short of labour. 2nd party Anson Battn. strength 46 left. for Helles. 	<p>Evacuations.</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>S.</td> <td>W</td> </tr> <tr> <td>off^s 4</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>ORS 211</td> <td>14</td> </tr> </table>	S.	W	off ^s 4		ORS 211	14
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Oct 13. 1915. ANZAC	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Sea calm. North wind cold Landings and offloading as usual. short of Labour. 6 lighters offloaded only due to half sunk Lighter being dealt with and pier broken. 3rd party ANSON Battn strength 46 left for Helles. 1st Garr. Batt. Essex ORS 1 wounded. 	<p>Evacuations.</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>S.</td> <td>W</td> </tr> <tr> <td>off^s 9</td> <td>1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>ORS 150</td> <td>34</td> </tr> </table>	S.	W	off ^s 9	1	ORS 150	34
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Oct 14. 1915. ANZAC	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Sea calm. North wind. cold. Landings and offloading as usual. short of labour. 7 lighters offloaded. there is a shortage of lighters, due to wrecks on 9th instant. 4th party Anson Battn left for Helles. strength 46 Casualties 1st Garr. Batt. Essex Regt. off^s 1 wounded. 	<p>Evacuations</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>S.</td> <td>W</td> </tr> <tr> <td>off^s 9</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>ORS 219</td> <td>25</td> </tr> </table>	S.	W	off ^s 9		ORS 219	25
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Oct 15. ANZAC.	1. Sea calm. North wind cold. Casualties ASC, off's 1. wounded. 2. Landings and offloading as usual, short of labour. 3 lighters offloaded. but two were K boats equal to 6 ordinary lighters. 3. 5th party Anson Battn left for Helles strength 46. 4. Lt. Col Young, OC Base, returned from Mudros. 23.30. also Lt. AW Young returned and 13 OR's reinforcement to 21st 24th Sanitary Sect.	Evacuations. S. W off's 8 OR's 155 --- 13.
Oct 16. ANZAC.	1. Sea calm. North wind. mild 2. Landings and offloading as usual, short of labour. 8 lighters offloaded 3. 6th party Anson Battn left for Helles. strength 47 4. Lt. Col. Young, resumed command of the Base.	Evacuations. S. W off's 7 --- 2 OR's 196 --- 19
Oct 17. ANZAC	1. Sea calm. North wind. mild. Rain showers 1230 to 1430. 2. Landings and offloading as usual, short of labour. 6 lighters offloaded 3. 7th party Anson Battn left for Helles. strength 22. this completes the move.	Evacuations. S. W off's -1 --- OR's 90 --- 18
Oct 18. ANZAC	1. Sea calm. East wind. mild. Showers Rain 0200 to 0700. Sky dull. 2. Landings and offloading as usual, short of labour. 8 lighters offloaded.	Evacuations. S. W off's 15 --- OR's 315 --- 15
Oct 19. ANZAC	1. Sea calm. N East Wind. cold. cloudy. casualties 16th CC station. OR's 1 wounded. 2. Landings and offloading as usual, short of labour. 8 lighters offloaded. 3. Casualties 16th CC station. OR's 1 wounded.	Evacuations. S. W off's 4 --- 7 OR's 141 --- 17
Oct 20. ANZAC	1. Sea calm. N. East. Wind. cold Cloudy. 2. Landings and offloading as usual, short of labour. 7 lighters offloaded. 3. 1 casualty shell fire (Casualty C.S. 7016.) wounded.	Evacuations. S. W off's 21 --- OR's 321 --- 32
Oct 21. ANZAC	1. Sea calm. N. East Wind. cold. cloudy 2. Landings and offloading as usual, short of labour. 8 lighters offloaded. 3. 1 casualty, wounded shell fire. viz American Driller R.J. Catson.	Evacuations. S. W off's 12 --- OR's 177 --- 7
Oct 22. ANZAC.	1. Sea choppy. N East wind. cold. Rain commenced 1400 and continued thro' night. 2. Landings and offloadings as usual short of labour. 10 Lighters offloaded.	Evacuations. S. W off's 3 --- 1 OR's 42 --- 5
Oct 23. ANZAC	1. Sea choppy. N East Wind cold. Rain ceased 0400. 2. Landings and offloading as usual. short of labour. 8 Lighters offloaded.	Evacuations. S. W off's 11 --- 1 OR's 340 --- 21 #

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Oct 24. ANZAC	1. Sea Calm. North Wind. cold. 2. Landings and offloading as usual. short of labour. 6 Lighters offloaded. 3. Casualties Malta Labour Corps. ORs 1. wounded.	Evacuations. S. W offs 3 1 ORs 76 13
Oct 25. ANZAC.	1. Sea calm. North Wind. cold. 2. Landings and offloading as usual. short of labour. 9 Lighters offloaded. 3. After a week of only stray shells. Turkish guns resumed shelling ANZAC COVE. Casualty Maltese Labour (wounded).	Evacuations. S. W offs 9 ORs 304 21
Oct 26. ANZAC	1. Sea choppy. Wind changed from N. to S.W. at 1500. Slight showers. 2. Landings and offloading interrupted for about 2 hours thro' shell fire. short of labour. 8 Lighters offloaded. 3. Turks shelled both Beaches. 2 Casualties (wounded) 1st Garrison Batta Essex.	Evacuations. S. W offs 2 ORs 40 14
Oct 27. ANZAC	1. Sea slightly rough. Wind S.W. mild. 2. Landings and offloading ceased at ANZAC Cove and after 1500 at North Pier (Walker's). 6 Lighters offloaded. 3. Turks shelled ANZAC COVE. 1130 for about 1 hour. 1 man 1st Garrison Batta Essex Regt wounded. 26 th died of wounds. Lieut. J. d. Muscat Maltese Labour Corps slightly wounded. 4. Put on half rations for water	Evacuations. S. W. offs nil. ORs
Oct 28. ANZAC.	1. Sea with ground swell. Wind. S.W. mild. 2. No landings at ANZAC COVE. 1 lighter only offloaded at North Pier. short of Labour.	Evacuations. S. W offs nil ORs
Oct 29. ANZAC.	1. Sea calm. Wind S.W. mild. 2. Landings and offloading as usual. 3 Lighters offloaded. short of Labour. 3. Casualties. 1 Egyptian wounded. 4. Heavy Shell fire Both Beaches.	Evacuations. S. W offs 16 } ORs 39 } 62 470

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ANZAC	October 30		1. Sea calm. v. mild. Wind S.W. 2. Landings and offloadings as usual. 10 Lighters offloaded. 3. Evacuations 532, made up as follows <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-left: 400px;"> <table border="0"> <tr> <td></td> <td>S.</td> <td>W</td> </tr> <tr> <td>off</td> <td>22</td> <td>3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>OR</td> <td>461</td> <td>46.</td> </tr> </table> </div>		S.	W	off	22	3	OR	461	46.	
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ANZAC	31		1. Sea calm. v. mild. Wind S.W. Shower at 2030. Strong wind at 2100 2. Landings and offloadings as usual. 7 Lighters offloaded. 3. Beach road much damaged by sea. evacuations nil. 4. Total casualties for month among L of C units Killed 4. Wounded 14 including Civilian Labour corps. 5. Total evacuations for month 6870	NB Casualties recorded with no units specified occurred among Army Corps as well as Base units. Base and L of C units casualties all recorded with name of corps. ART									

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