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ANZAC	1	Novem Ber	<p>1. Sea choppy. Sunshine mild. Wind S.W.</p> <p>2. No landings or offloading at Anzac Cove owing to rough sea. 2 lighters off-loaded N. Beach</p> <p>3. Arrivals nil. Departures nil. Evacuations nil.</p> <p>4. Turks shelled Anzac Cove 1100 to 1600. no casualties. L of C units</p>							
ANZAC	2		<p>1. Sea choppy. Sunshine mild. Wind S.W.</p> <p>2. Landings and offloading as usual. 7 lighters offloaded at N. Beach.</p> <p>3. Arrivals 4th Australian Brigade and Details Totals officers 54. ORS 2251.</p> <p>Departures Details officers 12 ORS 45. Evacuations, off: <table style="display: inline-table; vertical-align: middle;"> <tr><td>S.</td><td>W</td></tr> <tr><td>19</td><td>2</td></tr> <tr><td>ORS 496</td><td>67</td></tr> </table> } Total 584.</p> <p>4. Turks shelled Anzac Cove. 1430 to 1530. no casualties L of C units</p>	S.	W	19	2	ORS 496	67	
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ANZAC	3.		<p>1. Sea calm. sunshine mild wind S.W.</p> <p>2. Landings and offloading both Beaches. 7 lighters offloaded.</p> <p>3. Arrivals Details officers 39 ORS 1211. Departures Details officers 6. ORS 9.</p> <p>Evacuations off: <table style="display: inline-table; vertical-align: middle;"> <tr><td>S.</td><td>W</td></tr> <tr><td>1</td><td>1</td></tr> <tr><td>ORS 66</td><td>12</td></tr> </table> } Casualties nil.</p> <p>4. Turks shelled Anzac Cove 1500-1530 and again. 1700-1730.</p>	S.	W	1	1	ORS 66	12	
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ANZAC	November	4	<p>1. Sea v. choppy Wind SW, which increased in violence from 0900. cloudy rain 1400. for 1/2 H^r</p> <p>2. Landings and offloading hindered by weather . 8 Lighters offloaded.</p> <p>3. Arrivals 1st Aust. Stationary Hospital and Details off^s 6. OR^s 51. Departures nil</p> <table border="0" data-bbox="573 805 2343 915"> <tr> <td>Evacuations</td> <td>officers</td> <td>S. 12</td> <td>W 1</td> <td rowspan="2">} Total 212.</td> <td rowspan="2">Casualties nil</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>OR^s</td> <td>171</td> <td>28</td> </tr> </table> <p>4. Turks shelled Anzac Cove for 1/2 Hour. at 1700.</p>	Evacuations	officers	S. 12	W 1	} Total 212.	Casualties nil		OR ^s	171	28	
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ANZAC		5	<p>1. Sea calm wind SW mild</p> <p>2. Landings and offloading as usual 5 Lighters offloaded.</p> <p>3. Arrivals Details off^s 14 OR^s 53. Departures off^s 2 OR^s 9. Evacuations</p> <table border="0" data-bbox="2423 1234 2667 1316"> <tr> <td>off^s</td> <td>S. 4</td> <td>W 1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>OR^s</td> <td>210</td> <td>28</td> </tr> </table> <p>Total 243. Casualties nil.</p> <p>4. Turks shelled Anzac Cove at 1500 for 1/2 hour</p>	off ^s	S. 4	W 1	OR ^s	210	28					
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Anzac	November 6 Sat		<p>1. Sunshine. Wind light SW. sea calm till 1300 when wind freshened & sea became choppy.</p> <p>2. Landings and off loading at both beaches as usual. Previous records since August beaten: 12 lighters</p> <p>3. Arrivals Details ofrs 19 o.r. 633 Departures ofrs 7 o.R 16. Evacuations $\begin{matrix} S & W \\ ofrs & 1 \\ o.r. & 13 \end{matrix}$ } total 330 Casualties L of C o.R wd 1.</p> <p>4. Turks shelled beach 1600. Tube dropped 2 bombs in sea - one near Pier, one near Hell Spit.</p>	
Anzac	Sunday 7		<p>1. <u>Weather</u>. Light SW breeze sea calm Bar: noon 29.98 rising</p> <p>2. <u>Landings</u> and off-loadings at both beaches as usual. 10 Lighters dealt with.</p> <p>3. <u>Arrivals</u> ofrs 22 o.r. 432 incl: 2 FABde AIF 3 + 220 (b) Departures ofrs 11 o.r. 26</p> <p>4. <u>Evacuations</u> $\begin{matrix} S & W \\ ofrs & 5 \\ o.r. & 13 \end{matrix}$ } 1. Casualties. L of C. 16 C.C.S. w. o.R. 1</p> <p>5. <u>Duties</u>. Capt AG Trollope R of O. DAA & QMG base left for Helles for temporary duty with VIII Corps. Major PR Bruce took over duty as DAA & QMG. (Base Order No 164)</p>	
Anzac	8 Monday		<p>1. <u>Weather</u>. Fine. Light NW wind. Sea calm. Bar: noon 30.03: falling.</p> <p>2. <u>Landings</u> & off-loadings at both beaches. Lighters off loaded 11.</p> <p>3. (a) <u>Arrivals</u> ofrs 19 o.r. 557 incl 27 Labour Co A.S.C 4 + 520 (b) Departures ofrs 5 o.R 13</p>	

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Anzac	Nov: 8 cont'd.		<p>4 <u>Evacuations</u> ^{ofrs} S.3.W1 ^{O.R.} S.24.W14.</p> <p>5. <u>Enemy</u> shelled beach between 1200 + 1300 hitting K lighter alongside Watson Pier killing a hand on board.</p>	
Anzac	9 Tues		<p>1. <u>Weather</u> fine. Light N airs. Sea calm. Bar: noon 29.95 steady.</p> <p>2. <u>Landings</u> & off loadings at both beaches as usual. Lighters off loaded 13.</p> <p>3(a) <u>Arrivals</u> ofrs 66 O.T. 1166 incl. NZ inf bde. (b) <u>Departures</u> ofrs 4 O.T. 15.</p> <p>4. <u>Evacuations</u> ^{ofrs} S.19.W2 ^{O.T.} S.307 W.38.</p> <p>5. <u>Enemy</u> submarine off Gaba Tepe about noon.</p>	
Anzac	10 Wed.		<p>1. <u>Weather</u> fine but overcast. Sea calm. Slight rain & lightning about 2000. Bar: noon 29.92 falling.</p> <p>2. <u>Landings</u> & off loadings at both beaches as usual. Lighters off loaded 10</p> <p>3(a) <u>Arrivals</u> ofrs 46 O.T. 1168 incl: 319 1064 NZ inf Bde. (b) <u>Departures</u> ofrs 2 O.T. 3.</p> <p>4. <u>Evacuations</u> ^{ofrs} S 5 W - ^{O.T.} S 148. W 53.</p> <p>5. <u>Enemy</u> shelled beach between 1200 & 1300.</p>	

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Anzac	Nov 11.		<p>1 <u>Weather</u>. Strong SW wind all day & sea rough till 1600 when wind dropped & sea moderated. At 2100 wind freshened again from S & sea got up. Bar: noon 29.63 steady since 0600.</p> <p>2 <u>Landings</u> & off loadings impossible all day.</p> <p>3 <u>Arrivals</u> (night of 10/11) ofrs 59 or 1423 incl NZ MR Bdd. <u>Departures</u> ofrs 24 or 579.</p> <p>4 <u>Evacuations</u> nil.</p>	
Anzac	Nov 12.		<p>1 <u>Weather</u>. Light N winds: some rain about noon. Bar noon 29.84 rising.</p> <p>2 <u>Landings</u> & off loadings at both beaches all day after 0600. Lighters off loaded 53.</p> <p>3 <u>Arrivals</u> or 9. (b) <u>Departures</u> 10/2 or 6</p> <p>4. <u>Evacuations</u> 513 ^{ofrs} W - 5250. ^{or} W 26. Casualties L of C or K1 W2.</p>	
Anzac	Nov 13		<p>1 <u>Weather</u> fine. Fresh SW wind Bar: noon 29.93 Rising</p> <p>2 <u>Landings</u> & off loadings at both beaches as usual. Lighters off loaded 16.</p> <p>3 <u>Arrivals</u> ofrs 16 or 1141. (b) <u>Departures</u> ofrs 6 or 6. F.M. Lt Kitchener landed at N Beach at 1315 & remained ashore about 3 hours.</p> <p>4. <u>Evacuations</u> or Sick 153 W^d 41.</p>	

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Anzac	Nov 14.		<p>1. <u>Weather</u> fine. Fresh S.W. wind all day. Off loading at N Beach all day. Too rough to disembark troops at night. Bar: noon 29.94 falling.</p> <p>2. <u>Landings</u> (a) Arrivals of 11.07.294 Departures. of 6.07.43. Lighters off loaded 13</p> <p>3. <u>Evacuations</u> NIL owing to rough weather.</p>	
Anzac	Nov 15		<p>1. <u>Weather</u>. Strong S wind during the whole 24 hours. A great deal of lightning at night Bar: noon 29.86 falling</p> <p>2. <u>Landings</u> & off loading impossible all day. No damage to craft or piers.</p> <p>3. <u>Arrivals</u> & Departures nil.</p> <p>4. <u>Evacuations</u> Nil.</p>	
Anzac	Nov 16		<p>1. <u>Weather</u> Strong S wind night of 15/16. Wind & sea moderating after daybreak. Flat calm at night</p> <p>2. <u>Off loading</u> impossible till 1400. Damage 1 Picket boat sunk. Slight damage to piers</p> <p>3. <u>Arrivals</u> & Departures nil</p> <p>4. <u>Evacuations</u> ofrs 5.11 w. - 0.7 sick. 121 w. 46.</p> <p>5. <u>Enemy</u> shelled beach in forenoon.</p>	

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Anzac	Nov Wed.		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Weather</u>. A whole gale from S.W. wind getting up about- about 0800 & increasing all day. Two piers completely wrecked; two damaged. One tug foundered at sea; one driven ashore. One picket boat sunk. Considerable damage to stores & materiel on beach. 2. <u>Off loading & landing</u> impossible after daylight. Bar: noon 29.66 falling 1600 29.55 steady. 3. <u>Arrivals</u> night of 16/17 of 52 O.T. 1554. Departures of 33 at 7.30. 4. <u>Evacuations</u> nil. 5. <u>Enemy</u> shelled beach at intervals most of the day. 	
Anzac	Nov 18.		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Weather</u> improving. Wind & sea moderating after 0800 & continuing to improve all day. 2. <u>Off loading & landing</u> impossible. Bar: noon 30.09 rising. 3. <u>Arrivals & Departures</u> Nil. 4. <u>Evacuations</u> Nil. 5. <u>Enemy</u> shelled beach & area at frequent intervals during the whole 24 hours. 	
Anzac	Nov 19.		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Weather</u> fine & sea calm. Bar noon 30.20 steady. 2. <u>Off loading & landing</u> as usual. Lighters off loaded 6. 3. <u>Arrivals</u> of 4 O.T. 55. Dep: of 9 O.T. 55. 4. <u>Evacuations</u> of 5.19 W.2. of 3.338 W.51. Casualties 1 of Currito K2 W.11. 	

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Anzac	Nov		5. <u>Enemy</u> shelled area very heavily all day. Projectiles - shrapnel. H.E. & Howitzers	
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Anzac	Nov 20		1. <u>Weather</u> fine & cold - fresh N wind Bar noon 30.35 Rising. 2. <u>Landings</u> & off loading at both beaches as usual. Lighters off loaded 12. 3. <u>Arrivals</u> 8 ops or 198 Departures ops 6 o.r. 24. 4. <u>Evacuations</u> ops 39 w1 o.r. 329 w. 36.	
Anzac	Nov		1. <u>Weather</u> dry & cold. Therm 0800 42° Fresh N wind Bar noon 30.50 steady. 2. <u>Landings</u> & off loadings at both beaches as usual. Lighters off loaded 7. 3. <u>Arrivals</u> ops 21 o.r. 702. Departures ops 2. o.r. 26. 4. <u>Evacuations</u> ops 5.11 w1. o.r. 5.131 w 14.	Evacuations amended. ops or 8 W 8 W 14 1 168 17
Anzac	Nov		1. <u>Weather</u> dry & cold. N wind. Bar noon 30.40 falling. 2. <u>Landings</u> & off loadings at both beaches as usual. Lighters off loaded 5. 3. <u>Arrivals</u> ops 35 o.r. 982 3 rd Bde A.I.F. Departures ops 1 o.r. 5. 4. <u>Evacuations</u> ops 1 o.r. 1. 5. <u>Enemy</u> shelled area & beach intermittently during the day.	
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Anzac	Nov 23.		<p>1. <u>Weather</u> fine & cold. Sea calm on the beach. Heavy swell reported in Kephalos Harbour & much wreckage there including Evangelista sailing ship. Bar noon 30.34 falling</p> <p>2. <u>Landings</u> & off loadings as usual. 12 lighters off loaded.</p> <p>3. <u>Arrivals</u> ops 3 or 96. Departures of 21 or 132.</p> <p>4. <u>Evacuations</u> ops sick 17 wnd 3. or sick 252 wnd 38. Casualties I. of C units wnd 2.</p> <p>5. <u>Enemy</u> shelled beach intermittently.</p>	
Anzac	Nov 24.		<p>1. <u>Weather</u> fine & cold. Sea calm. Bar noon 29.80 rising</p> <p>2. <u>Landings</u> & off loadings as usual. 9 Lighters off loaded.</p> <p>3. <u>Arrivals</u> ops 9. or 27. Departures ops 5 or 8. Materiel embarked guns ops 8. limbers & wagons limbered</p> <p>4. <u>Evacuations</u> Casualties I. of C units wnd 2.</p> <p>5. <u>Enemy</u> shelled beach at frequent intervals during 24 hours - both by day & night.</p>	
Anzac	Nov 26.		<p>1. <u>Weather</u> Fine, sea calm. Off loading as usual. Bar noon 29.85 falling</p> <p>2. <u>Off loading</u>, 8 Lighters dealt with. Materiel embarked wagons limbered 13 carts 100/10 rifles serviceable 250. Inserviceable 3660.</p> <p>3. <u>Arrivals</u> ops 7 or 125 incl Malla L.C. ops 2 or 61. Deps: ops 2 or 268 incl Malla L.C. 1 & 214.</p> <p>4. <u>Evacuations</u> ops sick 8 wnd 1. or sick 212 wnd 35. Casualties I of C units wnd 1.</p>	

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Anzac	Nov 25 (cont-d)		5. Enemy shelled area at frequent intervals during the 24 hours piercing boiler of condensing plant.	
Anzac	Nov 26		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Weather cold & squally. 2. Off loading nil as a result of Army Corps order directing that nothing was to be landed without authority from Army Corps. The above order issued as a result of orders to embark large quantities of material. Orders issued for embarkation of 5th Division Malta Labour Corps Egyptian Labour & ASC (27) Labour Corps & Essex Garrison Regt. 3. Arrivals of 34 or 541. Departures of 32 or 650. 4. Evacuations of 357 wth - or 5121 wth. 5. Enemy shelled beach at intervals. 	
Anzac	Nov 27		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Weather</u> cold. Rain during the forenoon. Strong N wind 2. <u>Order received</u> from Army Corps HQ that all embarkations & disembarkations of troops were to be directed by <u>DANQ</u> M/G Army Corps & that M/L Os were to receive orders direct from him 3. <u>Arrivals</u> & <u>Departures</u> nil. 4. <u>No off loading.</u> 5. <u>Enemy</u> shelled beach at intervals. 	

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Anzac	Nov 28		1 Weather bitterly cold. Strong N wind & snow. Frost at night 2 Arrivals Departures off loading & evacuations nil. Communication with ships impossible	
Anzac	Nov 29		1 Weather still cold with strong N wind. Frost at night. Wind moderating towards evening 2 No communication with ships 3 Enemy shelled ordnance stores & pier at N Beach in forenoon sinking a picket-boat alongside Williams Pier.	
Anzac	Nov 30		1 Weather cold. Bright sun & flat calm. Frost in morning & evening. 2 Arrivals 0 or 6. Departures ops 3 or 4. 3 No stores landed. 4 Evacuations ops 530 w 8 or 5340 w 92.	

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