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AUCKLAND MOUNTED RIFLES.

WAR DIARY.

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May 1st. Camp Zeitoun. Route March. Regimental Sports.

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May 2ndCamp Zeitoun Sunday
Divine ServiceMay 3rd3rd & 11th Squadrons take to BARRAGE" 4thCamp Zeitoun
Brigade right March" 5thCamp Zeitoun
Brigade in Attack practice
~~dismounted~~" 6thCamp Zeitoun
Exercising horses and
drill." 7thCamp Zeitoun
Full arrangements being made
for Regiment to go disembarked to the front" 8thCamp Zeitoun The Regiment is under orders
to embark at Helmsick. 26 Officers & 82
other ranks and 71 horses.
The Regiment (less Lt. James, Sergt. Mahood &
39 Troopers) are to embark on transport
GRANTULLY CASTLE. The remainder plus 71
horses embark on transport KINGSTONIANMahood. Capt. 11th.

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May 9th ON CRANTULLY CASTLE. Sunday. Leave Alexandria at 7 p.m. 3rd Regiment Australian Light Horse embark on same ship. 4 stowaways returned to Zebir.

May 10th At sea. Muster parade. Cpl. Grant found to have come aboard without authority.

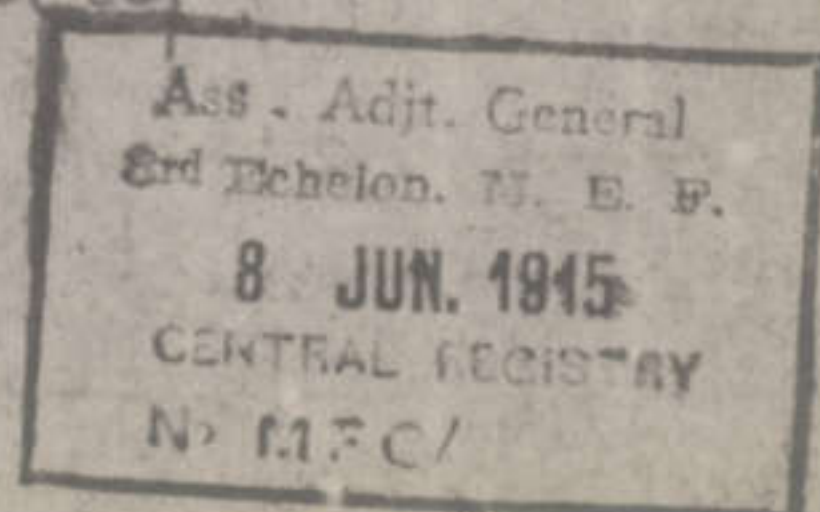
May 11th At sea. Calm passage. Ship on slow steam. Tobacco and Cigarettes to value of £5.10 purchased for men out of Regimental funds.

May 12th Arrive at Bardanelles. drop anchor at 4.30 a.m. and weigh anchor at 12 p.m. Arrive at FISHERMANS HUT at 7 p.m. and disembark on Lopedo boat "Colne" (J. Taylor wounded in landing. The Regiment settles down in bush for the night "Fishermans" Hut. Awakened at 4.30 a.m. by heavy gun & rifle fire. The Regiment relieve Royal Marine Light Infantry in the trenches near WALKER'S RIDGE, and spend a wild night the Turks firing at a terrific rate all night. KINGSTONIAN arrives. Lt. James, and Mrs. Birnie, Hercules, & J. Williams A.H. Robertson J. Jones. O. Riddle J. Mildon H. Spurr C. (Stowaway) the horses & other men unable to land. Landing complete at 11.30 p.m.

May 14th WALKER'S RIDGE. Sergt. Hinman wounded in nose & cheek. very hot weather. Trooper Miller 11th Squadron shot through leg whilst on scout work at night.

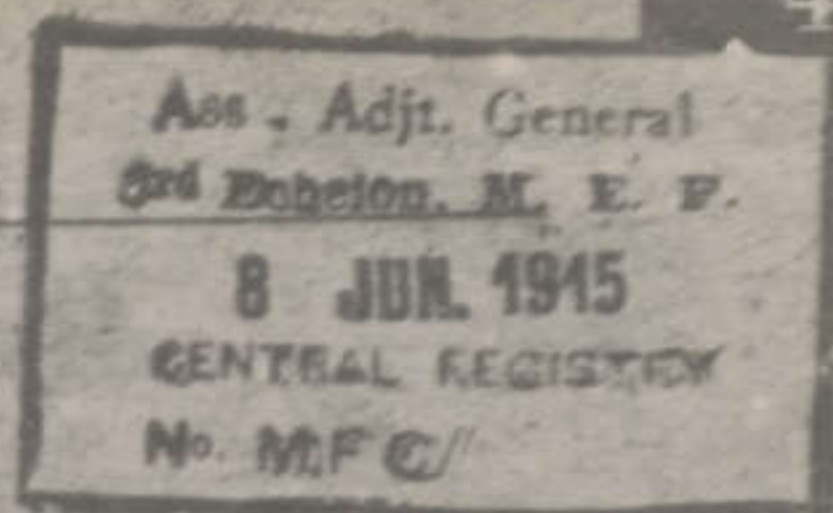
May 15th WALKER'S RIDGE. very hot. 11th get two snipers.

Lawood. Capt & adjt.



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16th May Walker's Ridge Sunday.

17th May Walker's Ridge Turbos actively engaged in sniping.

18th May Walker's Ridge. Capt. A. C. Bluck & Staff Sergt. Major J. Marr are killed by enemy's snipers whilst engaged on personal reconnaissance of enemy's position.

19th May Walker's Ridge. At 12.5 a.m. the enemy become very active and commence a tremendous rifle and machine gun fire along the whole front; and the Regiment immediately stand to arms. At 3 a.m. the fire slackens almost to occasional sniping, which is taken by us as a very probable sign of impending attack. The 4th Squadron hold right & 3rd Squadron hold the left of section of fire trenches. 11th are in support. At about 3.30 the enemy assault our trenches in superior force, but are driven off at 4.30 a.m. by gallant counter attacks by a troop of 4th commanded by Lieut. C. James and also by a troop ^{of 11th Squadron} commanded by Lieut. P. Logan. The enemy leave the ground strewn with dead & wounded. Our casualties were as follows. Killed: 27. Wounded 26.

A troop of 3rd Squadron under Lieut. J. Wain fought with great tenacity and drove off three charges of Turbos who launched a force against No. 5. Safe on our left.

~~Killed:~~ Killed: Lieut. C. James, Sergts. C. Yarrar & H. H. Watts, L. Capt. H. E. Northcroft, Troopers R. W. Munro, C. Bryan, J. H. Gale, A. Hackett, J. B. Innesman, G. A. Page, J. Thompson, E. J. Penman, W. Price, G. Yarrar, J. Bradley, W. Moody, A. H. White, H. D. Brown, K. Gould, J. A. Sullivan, H. L. Williams, R. M. Hill. WOUNDED - Lieut. P. Logan, Sergt. J. J. Douglas, Sergt. W. R. Holden, Epl. W. ~~James~~ ^{CARTER} Lance Epl. R. Self, Troopers W. Connolly, Sergt. C. G. Nicol, Troopers W. Bickell, J. S. Yarrar, G. C. Jackson, D. James, J. W. Linton, J. Mackassack, A. C. Simpson, W. J. Perkins, G. D. Gargill, G. D. Durham, G. Langdon, W. Palmer, J. Stewart, J. R. Thompson, W. J. J. Thompson, Missed: J. P. Schollum, E. Schollum, J. Marshall, A. McDonald, Lieut. J. M. Roberts is wounded which proved slight. Sergt. H. Mackesy is also slightly wounded.

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20th May Walkers Ridge. Enemy shell our position and cause the following officers N.C.O.'s & men to be wounded. Major J. R. McCarroll, Capt. M. E. Johnson, Troopers C. Wood, C. H. Finlayson, J. C. McLennan, J. McGill, & W. Paterson.

21st May Walkers Ridge. Enemy again shell our position and cause Lt. Col. A. G. Duffell to be wounded. Lieut. Roberts & Father Dore are buried by earth from heavy shell burst, and narrowly escape injuries. Further shelling of our camp by the enemy's guns cause the following casualties. ~~Yall wounded: Major J. R. McCarroll, Corporal M. E. Johnson, Trooper C. Wood.~~

22nd May Walkers Ridge. Very wet & miserable throughout trenches and dugouts. Roadway in very bad state, no transport can get up hill. Enemy shell dugouts and wound the following N.C.O.'s & men. Staff Sgt Major S. V. Beer, Troopers A. C. Norman & H. C. Jones. at (12. noon) the 9th A. L. Horse relieve the Regiment in the trenches and we go into dugouts on western slope of Walkers Ridge. Trooper J. Linnwood is fatally wounded by a spent rifle bullet whilst actually in the dugouts.

Yallwood. Capt & Adjutant.

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23rd May. Plugge's Plateau. Sunday.
 Fine weather prevails. Regiment receives its first days rest since arrival at Dardanelles. Trooper J. Linwood who was fatally wounded on 22nd May dies of his wounds & is buried in the Beach Cemetery. The lowest estimate of Turkish casualties inflicted by A.M.R. on the night of 18th 19th May is given at 350.

24th May. Empire Day. Plugge's Plateau.
 Turks ask & receive Armistice to bury dead from 8 a.m. to 4.30 p.m.

25th May. Plugge's Plateau. Heavy showers. H.M.S. Triumph is sunk by submarine in view of our camp.

26th May. Plugge's Plateau. Fine day. Trooper W. Briskett is officially reported to have died of wounds on 19th May.
 The enemy open up a heavy artillery fire on our ridge and dugouts wounding 13/307 Sgt. N. Coulbrough Troopers 13/706 R. L. Lees, and 13/414 C. Nesbitt. 4th Squadron Lieut. P. Logan is officially reported to have died of wounds received in action of 19th May.

27th May. Plugge's Plateau. Fine day, quiet. H.M.S. Majestic reported to have been sunk by submarine. Enemy again shell dugouts & Trooper A. G. Spick is wounded. Spt. H. T. P. Evans was wounded whilst sapping on Walkers Ridge. Further shell fire wounds Troopers C. Spurr & R. J. Aldrich. A.F.B. 231 sent in to Bde.

28th May. Plugge's Plateau. Fine. Quiet. 13/217 Trooper M. Morgan & 13/246 Trooper L. Wade are wounded in sapping trenches for Australian during attacks by Turks on Walkers Ridge. Destroyer has a battle royal with Turks entrenched near sea. No. 13/5 Trooper L. J. Armstrong wounded on Walkers Ridge.

29th May. Plugge's Plateau. Turkish attacks at Quinn's Post & Walkers Ridge. They take a trench but Australians having lost it gain it again. C.M.R. seize new position beyond outport. Troopers 1058A. H. Shaw & 13/462 Cpl. W. Taylor wounded by shrapnel.
 & AN odd Capt & a distant

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- 30th May Plugges Plateau. Sunday. Fine. Quiet 13/428
Lieut.F.J.Weir & No. 13/765 L/Copl. M.Innis-Jones
is wounded by spent bullet & shrapnel respectively.
No. 13/426 Tpr W.H.T.Parkes is also wounded by
spent bullet 13/662 Tpr.C.Basley is also wounded.
No.13/209 Tpr. A.D.McLeod wounded, also 13/381 Tpr.
L.W.Luxton.
- 31st May Plugges Plateau. The Regiment, having been out
as Reserve to Force who were throughout the early
hours of morning engaged in extricating W.M.R. from
a perilous position of 30th May, wherein W.M.R. &
C.M.R. have heavy casualties, return to Wivouac at
8.30 a.m. Enemy shell our hill wounding 13/380 Tpr.
F.M.Luxford, 13/591 Tpr.B.Lyons (dangerously) 13/649
Cpl.W.E.Haughton 13/326 W.M.Sergt.W.J.Foster, 13/349
Sergt.F.B.M.Gibbison 13/454 Cpl.W.J.Saxby, 13/446 Tpr.
E.P.S.Sweetman.

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