

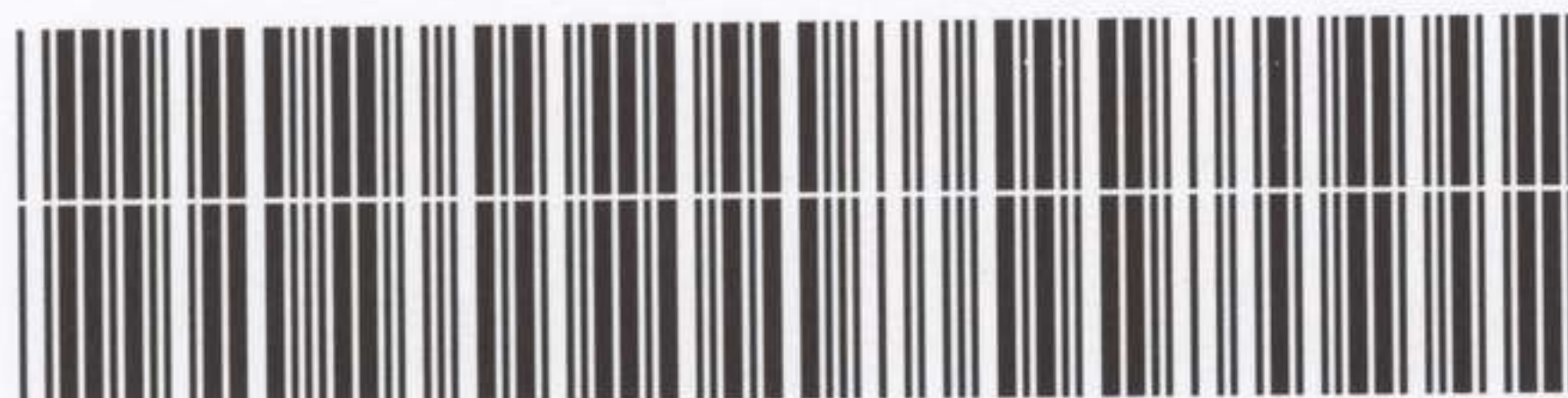
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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place 1915	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
MAADI	MAY 1		All motor ambulances sent to No 1 A.G.H. to assist with wounded arriving from Gallipoli.	
	2		Infantry equipment issued - Brigade practised in route marching with infantry packs.	
	---		All officers, except one remaining on duty, and as many personnel as could be spared proceeded to No 1 A.G.H., to assist with wounded from Gallipoli.	
	3		Captain Fraser and 10 other ranks proceed to Alexandria to assist in unloading patients from ships.	
	---		Warning order received to prepare for embarkation - transport to accompany Unit - bearer horses to be left and small detail to maintain Bungalow Hospital.	
	15		Order received Transport to remain behind. Lt. Col. Bean ordered remain in charge of details Major D.G. CROLL to command. Unit entrained Maadi for Bab-el-louk marched Bab-el-louk to Cairo, entrained Cairo for Alexandria.	
	16		Detrained Alexandria and embarked transport "LUTZOW"	
			Nominal Roll	Appendix 1.
AT SEA	17		Ship very crowded and sanitary condition very unsatisfactory. Party detailed to put it in order.	Appendix 2.
CAPE HELLES	18		Ship anchored off Helles.	
	19		Ship proceeded up the coast to Anzac.	
ANZAC	20		Unit disembarked 1400 with 2nd L.H. Bgde into sweepers thence into barges and landed at Anzac Cove. Shelled while landing but no casualties in Ambulance. Proceeded up Shrapnel Gully into Walker's Gully to site allotted. Shrapnel & rifle fire heavy and unit dug in undeterred by shortage of tools.	
	21		Equipment brought up from beach during night 20/21 by pack mule and hand carriage. Casualties collected from 2nd L.H. Bgde and evacuated by hand carriage to the Beach. Individual cooking ordered throughout the Unit owing to danger of congregating at a cookhouse.	
			Operation of digging in continued.	
	23		Unit attached temporarily to 1st Australian Division. Heavy rain on night of 22/23 and serious error discovered in siting of dug outs which drained from one into another.	
	24		Moved to new camp in White's Gully which was carefully planned before occupation so that all dug-outs drained away from Camp.	
	25		Unit assisting Infantry ambulances with evacuation from firing line to beach. Number of men from Tent Division detailed for sanitary duties in Anzac Area. Shell fire compelled all men to remain in dug-outs except when on duty.	

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Hospital

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APPENDIX 1.

NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS AND MEN EMBARKING 2nd L.H.F.AMB. A.I.F.

Major	D.G. CROLL.
Captain	W.A. FRASER.
Captain	L.G.A. MacDONNELL.
Captain	C.F. PITCHER.
Captain	J.D. BUCHANAN.

No 432	W.O.	PHILLIPS.	
512	S/Sgt.	STRATFORD.	S.A.
509	S/Sgt.	WILKINSON.	R.J.
508	Sgt.	MORGAN.	L.J.
541	Sgt.	SIM.	W.
430	Sgt.	CHOAT.	F.R.
435	Cpl.	BURRELL.	R.
524	Cpl.	WEBB.	W.
443	Cpl.	THOMSON.	R.P.
436	Cpl.	GUTHRIE.	E.
434	Cpl.	GOODCHAP.	F.G.
517	Cpl.	ANDERSON.	W.E.

490	Pte.	EDWARDS.	H.J.
502	"	LINTON.	C.C.
497	"	GILSON.	F.
456	"	BATEMAN.	E.J.
504	"	WECKER.	F.C.
492	"	HOGG.	J.K.
498	"	ASHBY.	J.E.
494	"	PRICE.	L.P.
491	"	LITTLE.	D.
557	"	MCCARTHY.	D.
565	"	BRENNAN.	T.V.
498	"	MacDONALD.	R.
495	"	MUIR.	F.C.
502	"	BARBAT.	V.P.
506	"	COX.	W.H.
553	"	ALLEN.	J.
558	"	PETTINGER.	-
448	"	GEE.	G.
567	"	RATCLIFFE.	J.
484	"	WELCH.	F.
451	"	WISHART	W.R.
455	"	BURNS.	J.
449	"	HAYWOOD	E.
470	Bglr.	WILLIAMS.	G.
556	Pte.	PILCHER.	A.P.
515	"	ANTONY.	E.A.
534	"	STRACHAN.	-
442	"	KELLY.	-
454	"	WIGGINS.	E.A.
438	"	MILES.	E.S.
446	"	CAMPBELL.	C.E.
445	"	CAMPBELL.	C.S.
512	"	STAFFORD.	T.
552	"	AITCHESON.	-
	"	ALBON.	J.
546	"	LYONS.	N.C.
458	"	HEWITT.	-
463	"	DUFFY.	-
545	"	LOUGHMAN.	-
560	"	ARMANASCO.	-
457	"	HAYES.	-
553	"	BYRNES.	-
566	"	FREUDENBERG.	-
447	"	BOYLE.	-
518	"	SLOANE.	-

No 519	Pte.	STANDRING.
564	"	ELLIS.
520	"	PAULEY.
437	"	SMITH. F.H.
559	"	LARSEN.
518	"	MORAN. W.
441	"	BRETHERTON.
486	"	CHRISTOPHER.
542	"	HORSLEY.

(Sgd) D.G. CROLL. Major.

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APPENDIX 2.

SANITARY REPORT S.S. "LUTZOW".

TRANSPORT A.25, AT ALEXANDRIA, MAY 16th 1915.

Troops were embarked for Cape Helles. The Ship was crowded and in a very dirty condition - the decks had not been cleaned.

Latrine Accommodation was very limited for the number of men. The latrines were all choked with things that had been thrown in, i.e. towels, clothes, pieces of meat and cheese. To most of them there was no water supply and where ~~that~~ ^{there} was it soon flowed over on account of the blocking. Scuppers were all on the ~~inside~~ ^{out}-side of the lavatories and as the ship had a slight list to starboard those on the port side became quickly filled with water and faecal matter, Captain DOBS was appointed Sanitary Officer and Sgt SIM Sanitary Sergeant - A Sanitary Squad was detailed and got to work. The first night it was very hard to get the ship's company to do anything - the 1st Officer stating that he had never had trouble like this before. The worst feature was the Water Supply which in some of the latrines could not be got until mid-day the following day.

(Sgd) D.G. GROLL. Major.

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