

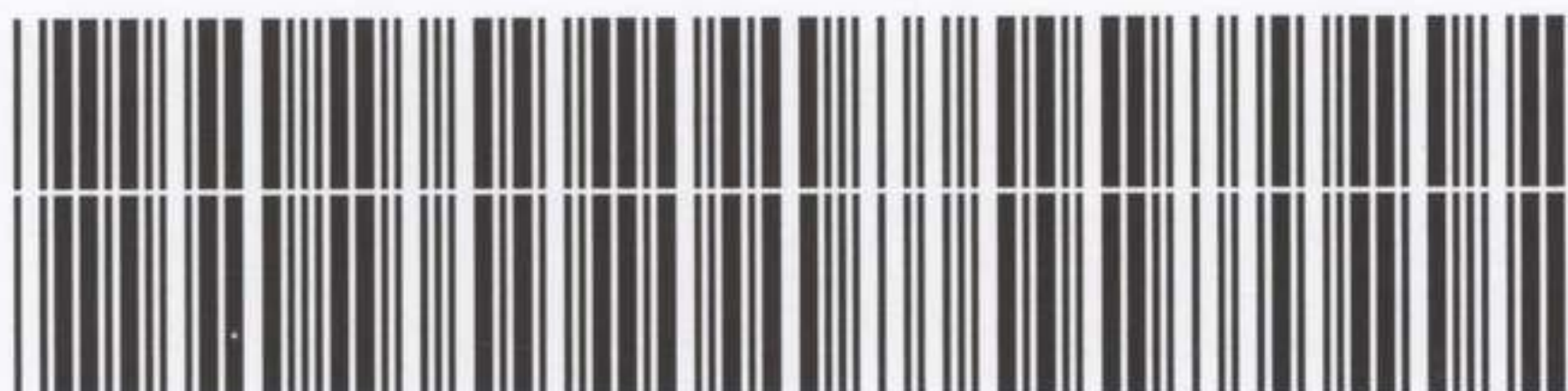
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September 1915



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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
1915 Aug 7	Auzac	Ordered by A D M S to have very portable beams in Victoria Gully - myself to work with and exercise supervision over 3 <sup>rd</sup> Field Am Balancer Camped near with 3 FA + on Mc Coy's ridge.	
Sept 10		Ordered to leave tent with patients + staff and in addition go over to Darkums Point there to provide further hospital accommodations as material was available 30 patients being given as a desired provision.	
Sept 18		Ordered by A D M S to at once remove tent + patients from Mc Coy's ridge + erect tent at Darkums Pt	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
1915 Sep 22		<p>Received a personal i.e. non official letter from Lt Ryrie regarding to the shortage of R.M.O. in his 2<sup>nd</sup> LH Brigade I said the A.D.M.S. represented to him that Major Croll of this unit was not doing any work and proposed to carry on the whole work of this unit by myself for a fortnight if he gave me instructions to so detail him -</p> <p>The A.D.M.S. gave me orders to substitute Major Croll in lieu of Capt Mc Donnell who was acting as R.M.O for the</p>	



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Sep 18	Aunzac	<p>5<sup>th</sup> Light Horse Regiment -            Later in the day Capt Mc Donnell was evacuated sick and Majd Croll continues to act as R.M.O.            Under orders of A.D.M.S            Capt Buchanan of this unit left for Egypt to collect stores also to report up find out where abouts and present condition of men evacuated from here and to bring back reinforcements</p>	

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Date	Place and Time	Casualties	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
1915 Sep-10	Aungmye	433 Cpl Thomson, R.F. Sgt, wrist	CENTRAL REGISTRY. No. M. F. C/ 9* OCT. 1915 5
" 20	do	455 Cpl Burns Jas Sgt <sup>c</sup> left knee	

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Angus Cove.  
7/9/15.

Commander, II

Capt. Buchanan

2nd L. & F. Dressing Station.

Victoria Gully

I have received permission from the ~~Adms.~~ to leave the Dressing Station in charge of a competent Sergeant and men. One is to be instructed to send here for an officer when required. Will you please see that all preparations are made for the treatment of casualties and that the NCO. you leave in charge is competent for this duty.

J. K. Dean

Lt. Col.  
J. 2nd L. & F. Ambulance



"A" Form.  
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*Arrangement.*

*2<sup>nd</sup> L. B. F. Amb.*

*Bearers to work No. 2 Dressing Station in Victoria Valley. No. 3 2nd. Ambulance to work black Sully Dressing Station, and Shell Green Dressing Station. Each unit by means of its own Bearers to transport cases to Dawkins Point at 2<sup>nd</sup> L. B. F. a. Dressing Station at Dawkins Point, where all the above cases will be treated and registered and subsequently by means of 2<sup>nd</sup> L. B. F. Amb. Bearers evacuated to Laenally bearing Station.*

*for 1<sup>st</sup> Aust Div. - units at 2<sup>nd</sup> Buss Battalion bases 2000 3 day cases, to be sent to 2<sup>nd</sup> L. B. F. a. Battalion bases 3 day cases from 1<sup>st</sup> Division to be bases for evacuation from 1<sup>st</sup> Aust. Div. + units attached these to be sent to 2<sup>nd</sup> L. B. Amb*

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*1st Aust Div.*

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*Particulars as asked for in memo of D.A.D.M.S.*

- 1. Darwin's Point at foot of Victoria Gully.  
No of Patients 24.  
Accommodation: three open sheds with accommodation for 26 patients.*
- 2. One Operating Tent (damaged by recent shell fire)*
- 3. Two men unfit for duty; one man on light duty and five men on Invalid diet.*
- 4. 2 Blankets per man*
- 5. No ~~city~~ available for Infectious cases*
- 6. (a) One R.C.O. (the same each day) receives instructions each morning the diet each patient is to have, he instructs the Cook how many and what class of meals are required; this Patient's Cook draws from the Sergeant Steward the necessary requirements. The patient has*

From <i>O.C. 2<sup>nd</sup> H.A.</i>					
Place <i>Darwin's Point</i>	<i>J. H. Bean Lt Col</i>				
Time <i>1340.</i>					

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*1st Aust Div*

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*The order for dict given and would probably complain if the ordered extra were omitted!*  
*b. Supplies are requisitioned from day to day only.*

*J. K. Bean S/Lt*  
*OP 2 L H. F. A.*

From <i>OC 2nd LHA</i>		
Place <i>Larkins Point</i>		
Time <i>1300</i>		

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SUPPLEMENTARY

## WAR DIARY FROM MEMORY &amp; AVAILABLE RECORDS

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or  
BY Colonel D.G. CROLL, DDMS., AIF., IN EGYPT.  
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

M A Y 1919.

(Erase heading not required.)

Hour, Date, Place	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
1915		
ANZAC		
Sept 5	Order received from A.D.M.S., for personnel of Transport Division to be returned to Maadi. These men had recently arrived and owing to shortage of men for care of horses should not have been sent forward.	<u>Appendix 1.</u>
6	Transport personnel embarked. Orders received from A.D.M.S., to make accommodation for patients in ambulance lines. For this purpose an old gun pit was further excavated and the operating tent pitched therein. It was capable of holding 14 patients. Sickness rapidly increasing - dysentery practically epidemic and cases of typhoid appearing. A number of men also suffering from heart affections due to their exertions in August followed by diarrhoea or dysentery.	
7	The work in Victoria Gully having greatly decreased, permission was obtained to leave the station in charge of a Sergeant, a Medical Officer to be summoned if necessary. Captain MacDonnell detailed as R.M.O. to 5th L.H. Regiment. <i>will</i>	<u>Appendix 2.</u>
10	<i>Camp P. Mather evacuated sick.</i> Orders received for the Unit to take over the station at Dawkin's Point, foot of Victoria Gully from 1st F.Ambulance. Move was completed the same day, Major Croll and 4 O.R. remaining behind to look after patients in Hospital until they could be evacuated. The new Camp was a particularly good one - being situated just above the beach and protected by a steep hill on the south. Fire could only enter it from the East i.e. Lone Pine at the top of Victoria Gully. One casualty in unit Cpl. R. Thompson.	
---	Arrangements made for 2nd L.H.F.A. to clear from the Dressing Station in Victoria Gully, 3rd Field Ambulance to clear from Clark's Gully, both to 2nd L.H.F.A. at Dawkin's Point. 2nd L.H.F.A. to evacuate from Dawkin's Point to 3rd Fld.Amb., Tent Division at Anzac Cove.	<u>Appendix 3.</u>
18	Major Croll and party rejoined the Unit having evacuated all their patients. Captain Buchanan left for Egypt, to take charge of details at Maadi and to send forward equipment from there.	

Orders/*Croll*



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1915 ANZAC    Septr ---	<p>Orders received from A.D.M.S. to increase accommodation at Dawkin's Point as far as present equipment would allow, and to bring up additional tentage and equipment from Egypt as soon as possible.</p> <p>Pitched operating tent which provided accommodation for 14 patients. Other accommodation consisted of three large roofed dugouts in the side of the hill and was sufficient for 26 patients. Operating tent was exposed to rifle and shell fire, so work was commenced making an excavation in the side of the hill in which to pitch it.</p> <p>One casualty in Unit Cpl. Burns (Corporal Clerk).</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Appendix 4.</p>
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22	<p>Major Croll detached to 5th L.H.Regt as R.M.O. vice Captain McDonnell evacuated sick.</p>	

*Croll*



APPENDIX 1.  
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Anzac Cove,  
Gallipoli 5:9:1915.

To:-  
Camp Commandant,  
2nd Light Horse Brigade,  
MAADI : EGYPT.

The following members of the Transport Division of the  
2nd L.H.F.A. have been returned by orders from the A.D.M.S. 1st  
Australian Division Anzac.

Sergt	Hammond	460	Driver	Jemmison	476
Cpl	Graham	489	"	Payne	522
Dvr.	Dyke	526	"	Hetherington	525
"	Askin	483	"	Greenslade	533
"	Burke	485	"	Wecker	503
"	Inglis	532			

Corporal Power and Driver Pallet are being returned  
sick.

(Sgd) H.K. BEAN Lt.Col.  
O.C. 2nd L.H.F.A.

*H.K. Bean*



APPENDIX 2.

Anzac Cove  
7:9:1915.

Captain Buchanan,  
2nd L.H.F.A., Dressing Station,  
Victoria Gully,

I have received permission from the A/D.A.D.M.S.,  
to leave the Dressing Station in charge of a competent Sergeant  
and men. He is to be instructed to send here for an Officer  
when required. Will you please see that all preparations are  
made for the treatment of casualties and that the N.C.O., you  
leave in charge is competent for this duty.

(Sgd) H.K. BEAN, Lt. Col.  
O.C., 2nd L.H. Fld. Ambulance.

*H.K. Bean*



APPENDIX 3.

ARRANGEMENT.

2nd LIGHT HORSE FIELD AMBULANCE.

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3 day cases from 1st Australian Division and Units attached thereto to be sent to 2nd L.H.F.A. Cases for evacuation from 1st Australian Division and Units attached thereto to be sent to 3rd Field Ambulance Beach Dressing Station, in whose books they will be entered.

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*W. J. O'Connell*



APPENDIX 4.

A/D.A.D.M.S.,

1st Australian Division,

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*Roll*