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Light Horse

**Item number: 10/13/6**

**Title: 8th Australian Light Horse**  
**Regiment**

October 1915



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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
2.10.15	TABLE TOP	<p>Capt H.J. Shannon and 17 other ranks from 6<sup>th</sup> reinforcements reported for duty.</p> <p>Work on terraces proceeded with during the week and good progress made.</p> <p>Communication trench between burniac and trenches on TABLE TOP cut through. Men are now working at deepening and widening this sap and erecting overhead traverses.</p> <p>Supporting parties continuously at work in trenches on RHODODENDRON SPUR.</p>	
3.10.15	" <i>M/S</i>	<p>Reallotment of officers -</p> <p>A squad - Capt Hore and to be temp O.C.</p> <p>B - Capt Shannon " " "</p> <p>C - 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt Brown " " "</p> <p>2<sup>nd</sup> Lt Walker</p>	

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3.10.15	TABLE TOP	<p>The following provisional appointments were made:</p> <p>Sgt Currie to be O.R. Sgt</p> <p>" Lawton to be S.S.M. 'A' Sqn</p> <p>" Borbridge " " B "</p> <p>" Peppercorn " " C "</p> <p>(from 11 L.H.)</p>	
4.10.15	" 0900	<p>W.O. Gilbert (from 12 L.H.) to be R.S.M.</p> <p>Tanks made big concerted demonstration along whole front. No casualties in regt.</p>	
5.10.15	" <i>WMA</i>	<p>Bivouac shelled in morning, but no damage done except in M. 9 bivouac at top of hill. Three men from M. 9 S. wounded.   Sgt Lawrie (slight), Sgt E.V. Jones, Lt Campbell.</p>	

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5.10.15	TABLE TOP	Eight men from newly arrived reinforcements sent into trenches with 10 L.H. for instruction.	
6.10.15		Shelling as usual.	
		Promotions - Lt M. B. Higgins granted temporary rank of captain vice Capt W. A. Mitchell (wounded) and temporarily apptd adjutant vice Lt H. L. Fry (sick and invalided to Australia)	NZA D.R.O. 601 S.R.D. 5.10.15
		16.9.15	
		2 <sup>nd</sup> Lt & M. Jao Sproat to be Lieut 16.9.15	
		2 <sup>nd</sup> Lt W. D. Oliver to be Lieut 14.9.15	
	M.A.H.	No 268 S.S.M. McGrath W. to be temp 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lt vice Lt W. Robinson (wounded and invalided to Australia). 14.9.15	

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6.10.15	TABLE TOP	No 530 Tpr Austin J.S. to temp. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lieut vice Lieut A. Crawford (wounded) 14.9.15	N/A D.R.O. 601 S.R.O. 5-10-15
9.10.15	"	2 <sup>nd</sup> Lt W McGrath sent to hospital	
17.10.15	"	Major McLaurin and 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lt EH Wilson returned to duty	
18.10.15	"	Lt Col L.C. Maggar V.C. from 4 <sup>th</sup> L.H. took over command of regiment vice Major Nicholas, promoted to Lt Col (temp), and appointed C.O. 10 <sup>th</sup> L.H. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lt Brown from C to A Sqdn 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lt Wilson to C Sqdn as Lt. Major McLaurin 2 <sup>nd</sup> in command,	A.I.F. list 5 17.10.15  R.O.  h/m

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9.10.15	TABLE TOP	2 <sup>nd</sup> Lt E.H. WILSON sent to hospital (jaundice)	
14.10.15	"	2 <sup>nd</sup> Lt R. F. ROSE, <sup>(ex 6<sup>th</sup> L.H.)</sup> transferred to Regt from B.H.Q. and took command of M. G. Section.	A.I.F. Lt 6 23.10.15. SRD para 481 24.10.15
25.10.15	-	Lt A. Crawford (wounded 7/8/15), 8 other ranks (wounded) and 17 other ranks (sick) returned to duty.	
	"	Lt A. T. Clark (8 <sup>th</sup> reinforcements) and 31 other ranks (from various lots of reinforcements) reported for duty.	
28.10.15	"	Considerable shelling by Turks about noon. Two shells burst on Table Top but caused no damage.	
29.10.15	"	2 <sup>nd</sup> Lt Austin sent to hospital	UNMO

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