

**AWM4**  
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Artillery

**Item number:** 13/31/16

**Title:** Headquarters, 3rd Australian Field  
Artillery Brigade

December 1915



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Hd.Qrs. 1.13.15.  
3rd.F.A.  
Brigade.

0745 Enemy gun from OLIVE GROVE fired towards BEACH, continuing at irregular intervals.

0945 8th.Battery fired on OLIVE GROVE.

1140 Enemy working party North of SQ.68-W-1, fired on by 8th.Battery with good effect.

1147 Enemy 75.m.m.gun from direction of SCRUBBY KNOLL fired on our RIGHT FLANK. A gun from the WINE GLASS BATTERY, unlocated, fired towards 3rd.Battery. Lowland Battery retaliated.

1153 Enemy gun from OLIVE GROVE again fired, 9th.Battery engaged this target.

1239 Enemy aircraft observed going North. Fired on by our Anti-aircraftGun.

1305 A gun from right of OLIVE GROVE fired towards BEACH

1355 8th.Battery fired a few rounds in vicinity of TWIN TRENCHES.

1415 Enemy guns from OLIVE GROVE again fired 1 round going towards LONE PINE and the remainder towards BEACH. Three different guns were observed. 8th, 9th and Heavy Batteries retaliated, and a steady fire was continued until 1545 during which time the WINE GLASS guns again fired and Lowland Battery fired a few rounds in vicinity of PINE RIDGE TRENCHES.

1610 Fire was again commenced by enemy 75.m.m.gun from SCRUBBY KNOLL. A WINE GLASS GUN and another unlocated gun from the vicinity of CEMENT EMPLACEMENT, all of which fired towards CHATHAM POST. Lowland Battery fired on WINE GLASS, 8th and 9th Batteries on to OLIVE GROVE.

*J. Hughes*  
Major.F.A.  
Commanding 3rd.F.A.Brigade.

Hd. Qrs. 2.12.15.

3rd. F.A.

1000  
1000

Party of enemy working at SQUARE 68-4-4. 8th Battery engaged this target.

Brigade.

1015

Enemy guns from LEFT SECTION OLIVE GROVE fired on beach. Heavy and 8th Batteries engaged OLIVE GROVE.

1050

North Section of WINE GLASS fired on our Right Flank.

1050

Enemy ASMAK HOWITZER fired on ARTILLERY ROAD and Head of CLARKES GULLY. Heavy and 8th Batteries engaged this target.

1130

1350

Party of enemy working on Trench on Right of GUN RIDGE. 8th Battery engaged.

1430

Enemy gun from OLIVE GROVE fired on Beach. Unlocated.

1440

Party of enemy again seen working at SQUARE 68-R-4.

1456

Enemy Horse Transport apparently heavily loaded going S behind GUN RIDGE.

1530

Enemy Gun from OLD TURKISH HEADQUARTERS fired on Monitor.

1630

Enemy Guns from OLIVE GROVE fired on CLARKES GULLY AND Beach.

1630

Party of enemy working on West Slope of HARRIS RIDGE. Dispersed by fire of 5th Lowland Battery.

The enemy are doing considerable amount of digging and Trench work on GUN RIDGE. Working parties observed in several positions in vicinity of SQUARE 68-R-4.

The increase in enemy gun fire during the last week would indicate that he has received considerable addition to his ammunition supply.

*J. M. ...*  
Major. F.A.

Commanding 3rd. F.A. Brigade.

Hd. Qrs 3.12.15

3rd.F.A. 0734 Enemy gun from OLIVE GROVE fired at intervals on Beach  
Unlocated.

Bde. 0915 Enemy gun from extreme left of left Section OLIVE GROVE  
fired on Beach.

0940 8th Battery engaged OLIVE GROVE.

1000 Large party of enemy working in Sap on GUN RIDGE  
Square 68-R-7-W-1. Engaged by 8th Battery.

1130 Scattered movement of enemy in vicinity of Square 47-M.

1315 Party of enemy again working at Square 68-R-7-W-1.

1410 Large body of enemy moving with full equipment through  
Sap 68-R-7-W-1. 8th Battery engaged the head of this  
movement which halted, the rear formed up and caused  
a block. 8th Battery swept along Sap, enemy then  
tried to turn about, 8th Battery then shelled left  
of Sap which again caused a block and then again  
swept along sap, causing numerous casualties.

1500 Enemy troops cleared Sap retiring back over GUN RIDGE .  
Scattered movement observed after this in Sap, 8th  
Battery shelling apparently very effective. Estimated  
number of troops from 300 to 400, misty weather  
settled down after this and no further observations  
could be made.

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Major.F.A.

Commanding 3rd.F.A. Brigade.

Hd. Qrs. 4.13.15.

3rd. F.A.

Brigade.

0910 The enemy works at Square 68-R-2 engaged yesterdaye  
by 8th Battery were again filled with Turks and were  
again effectively engaged by that Battery.

0925 Enemy gun from the direction of the Left of ANDERSONS  
KNOLL fired on 8th Bty.

1040 Lowland Battery engaged PINE RIDGE Trenches.

1125 Enemy gun from OLIVE GROVE fired on the Beach.

1130 Enemy unlocated gun from the direction of ANDERSONS  
KNOLL fired on our Right Flank Trenches.

1230 OLIVE GROVE Guns again fired towards Beach and kept  
up a steady fire throughout the afternoon. 8th and  
9th Btys retaliated.

1300 ASMAK HOWITZER fired towards VICTORIA GULLY, 9th  
Bty returned fire.

1335 Enemy working party on GUN RIDGE Square 68-R-2-3.  
Fired on by 8th Bty with good effect.

1400 Our Navy commenced a heavy bombardment North of  
KRITHIA.

1459 Enemy 75 Gun from direction of Right of SCRUBBY KNOLL  
fired on our Right Flank Trenches.

1520 Lowland Bty again fired on PINE RIDGE Trenches.

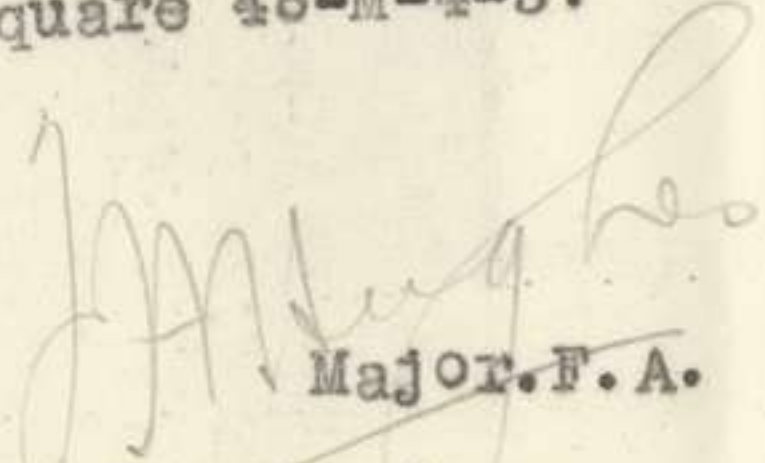
1620 A large enemy transport moving South on KILID BAHR  
ROAD, consisting of a few wagons and string of pack  
mules about 300 yards long.

*J. H. Hughes*  
Major. F.A.

Commanding 3rd. F.A. Brigade.

Hd Qrs. 5.12.15.

3rd.F.A. 0850 Enemy gun from OLIVE GROVE Right Section fired a few  
Brigade. rounds towards Beach.  
0930 Large number of Enemy observed Square 48-M-4-5.  
1030 Enemy working party 68-R-3 dispersed by 8th Bty.  
1130 A large party of enemy horsemen moving Square 48-M-4-5.  
on  
1145 Enemy gun from OLIVE GROVE fired a Beach. unlocated.  
8th Bty retaliated on enemy Trenches East of GABA TEPE.  
1210 Enemy gun unlocated from the direction of CEMENT  
EMPLACEMENTS fired towards 8th Bty.  
1350 Two unlocated enemy guns from OLIVE GROVE in vicinity  
of Square 56-Q-4 fired towards Beach, and another gun  
sounding to be heavier than usual fired from the  
direction of Square 56-W-1 ASMAK HOWITZER. The gun  
which fired at 1210 again fired two rounds at 8th  
Bty. 8th and 9th Btys engaged OLIVE GROVE.  
1510 Our Heavy Bty fired on Square 48-M-4-5.

  
Major.F.A.

Commanding 3rd.F.A. Brigade.

Hd. Qrs. 6.12.15.

3rd

F.A.Bde.

1025 Enemy heavy gun from the direction of ANDERSONS KNOLL  
fired on the left of F.C.O. Unlocated.

1115 Enemy gun from OLIVE GROVE unlocated fired towards Beach.

1430 Enemy gun from Northern Section of WINE GLASS fired to  
the left of F.C.O.

1445 Enemy guns from the Left of ANDERSONS KNOLL fired on 8th  
Bty.

1445 Enemy gun from OLIVE GROVE fired at intervals on Beach.  
Unlocated.

1520 Enemy aircraft going South.

1540 A large enemy transport on KILID BAHR ROAD which consist-  
ed of horses and camels, going South.

*J. Hughes*

Major.F.A.

Commanding 3rd F A Brigade.

Hd. Qrs. 7.13.15

3rd F.A.  
Bde.

- 0950 Enemy gun from OLIVE GROVE unlocated fired on Beach.
- 1130 Enemy guns from OLIVE GROVE fired at intervals along the Beach. Unlocated.
- 1340 Observations were made for H.M.S. Grafton on Square 56-Q-1-5 from F.C.O.
- 1400 Enemy gun from Square 47-M fired on Grafton.
- 1420 Navy ceased fire.
- 1420 First Infantry Brigade reported that enemy were moving heavy guns south of OLIVE GROVE, an officer from 7th Bty and Bde Forward Ob. Officer visited Observing Post of 3rd Btn from which the movement was observed. The observer stated that the guns were drawn by four horsed (white) teams and left OLIVE GROVE after two rounds from Navy and disappeared in fall in ground estimated at 48-M. None of our Observers had seen these guns although horsemen were seen leaving the GROVE on white horses.
- 1430 Gun from Square 56-Q-4 fired on cruiser.
- 1545 Navy asked for observation on Turkish guns firing on Grafton and Monitor 3500 yards south of OLIVE GROVE.
- 1550 Ships fired two rounds in vicinity of Square 48-M but as no target could be observed by spotting officer he informed the Navy accordingly. The ships then fired a few more rounds.
- 1612 Enemy guns from the direction of SCRUBBY KNOEL shelling in direction of 9th Bty Observing Station.

*Major F.A.*

Commanding 3rd F A Brigade.



Hd Qrs 8.12.15.

3rd F.A.

Bde.

- Work continues on GUN RIDGE Square 68-W-3-5 and 68-R-1-3 working parties in this vicinity were fired on by 8th Bty at 0840, 1030, 1105 and 1450.
- 1150 Enemy guns at Square 47-M and OLIVE GROVE fired on Monitors who were firing at the time at other targets. 8th, and 9th Btys fired on OLIVE GROVE.
- 1430 Enemy gun from direction ANDERSONS KNOLL fired on our Right Flank Trenches.
- 1430 OLIVE GROVE fired a few rounds on beach.
- 1515 Enemy gun from Square 68-S-3 (Probably the 68-W-1 Gun moved) fired on our Right. Replied to by 8th Bty.
- 1630 Enemy heavy gun firing from direction of BOGHALI fired several rounds, falling between LONE PINE and beach. 8th Bty fired on GABA TEPE Observation Stations to upset observation, this is probably the same gun which fired on LONE PINE on 29th November and may be an Austrian Howitzer referred to in recent Divisional Intelligence Report.
- 1655 OLIVE GROVE fired on beach. The firing on beach from these guns has diminished somewhat.

*J. Hughes*  
Lieut. Col. F.A.

Commanding 3rd. F.A. Brigade.

Hd qrs 9.13.15

3rd.F.A.  
Bde.

0900 Enemy working party on GUN RIDGE fired on by 8th Bty. <sup>7.9</sup>  
1045 Enemy gun from OLIVE GROVE unlocated fired towards beach. 8th Battery retaliated, one round, presumably from OLIVE GROVE was fired at Grafton.  
1055 Enemy gun from direction left of ANDERSONS KNOLL fired a few rounds on our Right Flank.  
1105 8th Bty registered on Anti-Aircraft Gun Square 68-M-4-7 reported by 3rd Btn.  
1300 Unlocated enemy guns from OLIVE GROVE fired a number of rounds in quick succession towards beach.  
1335 8th Bty fired on enemy working party at Square 68-W-1.  
1435 H.M.S.Grafton commenced a series at enemy trenches on HARRIS RIDGE spotting being done by F.O.O at CHATHAMS POST. Most of the rounds were over the Ridge but about six effective rounds were got in.  
1455 Enemy gun from Square 47-M fired at H.M.S.Grafton. After this gun fired two rounds a gun from OLIVE GROVE fired at the Grafton.  
1500 Another enemy working party on GUN RIDGE. Engaged by 8th Bty.  
1520 Three enemy guns from the Northern Section of WINE GLASS fired on 8th Bty. Heavy, Seige and 8th Btys retaliated.  
1535 A small unlocated enemy gun fired on to CHATHAMS POST.  
1625 Hostile aircraft from South dropped three bombs in vicinity of SHELL GREEN which did not explode, also some darts. Our 12.Pr anti-aircraft gun drove off hostile biplane.

*J. Hughes*  
Lieut. Col. F.A.

Commanding 3rd F.A. Brigade.

7.10

Hd qrs 10.12.15  
3rd.F.A. 0920 8th Bty shelled enemy working party on GUN RIDGE.  
Bde 1025 Enemy gun from OLIVE GROVE shelling beach. Unlocated.  
1120 Operations of ships and Batterys commenced on OLIVE  
GROVE. Observed for H.M.S.Peterborough.  
1200 Enemy gun from Square 47-M fired on H.M.S.Bacchante.  
1205 Enemy gun from Square 48-K-1 fired on ships.  
1215 8th Bty finished series.  
1220 Enemy gun Square 47-M again fired on ships.  
1240 Operations ceased.  
1305 Observed for H.M.S.Peterborough firing on OLIVE GROVE.  
1400 Ceased fire.

*J. Murray*  
Lieut.Col.F.A.  
Commanding 3rd F A Brigade.

Hd qrs 11.13.15.

3rd F.A. 0810 Enemy gun from our Right fired on beach. Unlocated. 7.11  
0845 Enemy gun again fired from our Right on beach. Unlocated.  
Bde. 1010 Enemy gun from direction of Left of ANDERSONS KNOLL  
fired on Right Flank.  
1145 Enemy gun from Northern Section of WINE GLASS fired  
towards LONE PINE. Located.  
1150 Enemy gun from GUN RIDGE fired over F C O.  
1205 Observations were asked for by 17 Siege Bty on WINE GLASS  
RIDGE, which were carried out.  
1325 Siege Bty ceased fire.  
1500 Observed for 17th ~~Reg~~ Siege Bty on WINE GLASS.

*J. Hughes*  
Lieut Col F A

Commanding 3rd F A Brigade.

Hd qrs 12.12.15.  
3rd F A  
Bde.

0700 Unlocated enemy gun, suspected to be in vicinity of Square 58-A fired towards beach at intervals until 0930.  
1005 Enemy gun unlocated from direction of ANDERSONS KNOLL firing on Right Flank.  
1245 Enemy gun from direction of CEMENT EMPLACEMENTS firing towards CLARKES GULLY.  
1350 Enemy gun from direction of 68-W-1 unlocated, firing over F.C.O.

1430 Heavy enemy gun from left fired towards MC, KAYS HILL and 17th Siege Bty retaliated on enemy trenches. This was followed by fire from a number of enemy guns, whose shells were principally falling on left of F.C.O. Those guns noted were, 75m from Northern Sec WINE GLASS firing only one round, to which Heavy Btys retaliated. Enemy Gully Gun at 68-W-1, which 8th Bty engaged. Unlocated enemy gun from left of ANDERSONS KNOLL firing on to Right Flank trenches. Another unlocated enemy gun from OLIVE GROVE firing towards beach, and another firing from direction of CEMENT EMPLACEMENTS firing at 8th Bty. A heavy gun later fired on ships and towards ANZAC BEACH, unlocated.

Amongst other works lately constructed round our Right flank an apparent gun emplacement was noticed on HARRIS RIDGE 68-L-8-9. This was demolished by 8th Bty at 1435.

*[Signature]*  
Lieut Col. F.A.

Commanding 3rd F.A. Brigade.

Hd qrs 13.12.15

3rd F A  
Bde.

- 0715 Enemy unlocated gun from direction OLIVE GROVE fired at short intervals towards beach until 0900.
- 0830 Number of enemy drilling on OLD PARADE GROUND.
- 1010 Enemy gun from OLIVE GROVE again fired towards beach and continued until 1100.
- 1032 8th Bty fired on enemy working party on GUN RIDGE and 4'7 fired on OLD PARADE GROUND and RUINS.
- 1330 Enemy gun from OLIVE GROVE which fired during the morning again fired, and the 68-W-1 gun fired on Right Flank.
- 1400 Enemy gun from left of ANDERSONS KNOLL fired over Right Flank and Heavy Bty fired a few rounds over GUN RIDGE.
- 1415 Enemy GULLY GUN 68-W-1 again fired and 8th Bty engaged it. Enemy gun fired from Northern Sec WINE GLASS towards WALKERS RIDGE.
- 1520 Our 4'7 fired on enemy on OLD PARADE GROUND.
- 1535 Lowland Bty fired a few rounds on enemy PINE RIDGE Trenches.
- 1635 Enemy heavy gun unlocated from direction of OLIVE GROVE fired a few rounds on LONE PINE and on beach. This gun did not fire earlier in the day.
- 1705 Our Heavy Bty fired on WINE GLASS.
- Throughout the day close observation was kept for the enemy gun which was firing on the beach but it could not be definitely located.

*M. Hughes*  
Lieut Col F A  
Commanding 3rd F A Brigade.

War Diary

J. H. ANZAC

1915  
ANZAC Dec 11<sup>th</sup>

Embarkation of Brigade began in accordance with orders for evacuation of ANZAC

The Brigade was embarked as follows:

	officers	other ranks	guns
7 <sup>th</sup> Battery	-	10	-
8 <sup>th</sup> "	1 Lt Colman	34	2
9 <sup>th</sup> "	1 Lt Morgan	34	2
3 <sup>d</sup> BAC	-	30	-
Dec 14 <sup>th</sup>			
7 <sup>th</sup> Battery	1 Lt Hodgson	10	-
9 <sup>th</sup> "	1 Lt Stewart	25	1
3 <sup>d</sup> BAC	-	25	-
Dec 15			
Bde HQ	-	6	-
7 <sup>th</sup>	-	16	1
8 <sup>th</sup>	-	19	1
9 <sup>th</sup>	-	4	-
BAC	1 Lt Laschen	43	-
16 <sup>th</sup>			
HQ	-	10	-
7 <sup>th</sup> Batt	-	14	1

J. H. ANZAC  
3<sup>d</sup> BAC

War Diary

1915  
ANZAC Dec 17<sup>th</sup>

7<sup>th</sup> Battery  
8<sup>th</sup> "

Officers men

1 (Lt Moody) 10

Eunos

1

12 horses

7.15

18<sup>th</sup>

Bde HQ Ans

3 (Lt Hughes)  
{ Lt Forrest  
Lt Taylor

14

7 Battery

5

8<sup>th</sup> "

9

9<sup>th</sup> "

8

19<sup>th</sup>

HQ Ans

1 Lt Richardson

3

8<sup>th</sup> Battery

1 Capt Wade

12

9<sup>th</sup> "

1 Capt Lee

12

7<sup>th</sup> "

1 Capt Bush

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1 Gun of 8<sup>th</sup> Battery & 1 Gun of 9<sup>th</sup> Battery were demolished & left behind. About 4000 rounds of ammunition were buried and 14 Am. wagon & limbers were left behind being first rendered useless by removal of limber hind & drag washers & sawing through sholes & holes.

The Brigade proceeded by various transports to ZEMNOS thence by HORRATA to Alexandria arriving 0800 on 26<sup>th</sup> inst. Entrained to TEL-EL-KEBIR & encamped there. Lt Col C Rosenthal arrived resumed command of 3<sup>rd</sup> FA Bde.

1916  
Jan

26<sup>th</sup>

27<sup>th</sup>

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J. M. Hughes  
C. S. A. Bde  
A.I.E.

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