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SENIOR SUPPLY OFFICER

2ND Australian Division

2nd Australian Divisional Train

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Angae	2/10/15	5-30pm	Heavy firing of "Scorpion" & a destroyer up towards the Cherboard. Turks came out of trenches en masse on attack, repulsed with heavy loss, an casualties small.	
	4/10/15	8-30am	Lieut Wardell of A.A.S.C. 1 Sergt, 1 Corporal & 25 Drivers, Lieut Stadler 17 Co with Registration Staff of 2 17 Co 2 Staff Sergeants & 4 Quarters arrived at Angae during night reported to duty.	
	7/10/15		Received first mail since I arrived here. Postal arrangements appear to be laid.	
	8/10/15		Received three tarpaulins for Whites Depot & three tarpaulins for Reserve Brigade Depots. Inspected Diggins, Pops & Courtney Reserve Depots.	
	11/10/15		Heavy gun firing during morning, shells striking hills to north east of camp no damage done. Slight rain during morning. Party fixing up dug outs.	
	12/10/15		Nine men reported sick this morning, mostly dysentery & unfit for duty, number in camp same characteristic.	
	15/10/15		Camp for men also dug outs for officers finished. Inspected Brigade Reserve Diggins at North Pine & Wire Gully. Made arrangements re carrying mails with B.M. 5th Inf. Brigade. No water put into Lower Victoria Tanks owing to tanks being removed by Engineers.	
	16/10/15	1-15pm	Two men killed at Whites Depot while waiting to draw Rations Privates Martin & Mumme. Both 23rd Batt of Shrapnel, shell lodged in centre Indian Gully. Private Lambert 217 Co sent to hospital. Lieut Wardell taken ill, cold & feverish.	
	18-10-15		Raining in morning stopped about 10am. Visited No 4 Depot arranged first coal reserve to go there. Sent Private to No 3 Depot to act as Clerk. Received batch letters Australia 19/15 London Ref 28.	
	19-10-15		Maps found at No 4 Depot sent to No 2nd. Received letter C/O Train Ceth 5 Alexandria.	
	20-10-15		Issue of 1lb of wood per man authorised D.C. 47. Daily Rum ration authorised for 479 men of Division.	
	21-10-15		Issue of wood increased to 2lb per man. Shelling on & depot very heavy midday. Completed putting in 3 days reserve of coal into Pops, Diggins & Courtney posts.	
	23-10-15		Raining in morning light drizzle. Completed building field kitchens. Shrapnel burst over depot wounded Driver Gill 230 Co. Creating reserve of wood at depot. Obtained 30 mules 16 carts extra.	
	24-10-15		Raining lightly during morning, cold north wind, afternoon fine, no wind.	

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Arzac	26.10.15	11am-12	Heavy shelling over camp. Shells appear to be of inferior quality 75% not bursting. No casualties in our camp. Capt Bolton reported by telephone @ 9pm sick.	
	27.10.15		Heavy South east wind set in about 8am lasted all day - sea rough. No groceries in shops of Tann, Suzon, Carlisle available from ships. Capt. Bolton No 3 Depot laid with Influenza & Malaria, arranged for I.S. to carry on & give Capt Bolton a perfect rest. Orders issued at 8pm for all troops to be put on half Ration of Water i.e. 1/2 gallon per man. Each issuer notified that the number of each unit drawing at his tank & strict instructions given no extra to be issued.	
	28.10.15		Capt Bolton better. Water issue reduced to 1/2 gallon per man, obtained 25 camel tanks for carrying water. Wind greatly reduced sea much smoother.	
	29.10.15		Capt Bolton very much worse & was evacuated @ 9-30am on instructions from Major Durr. 17 th Field Ambulance went to clearing station thence to Hospital ship. Following officers & OR reported at 3am upon arrival from Alexandria: Capt Walker & Capt Fowler Brownswath from No 20 C ^o A.A.S.C., Lieut C. Elliot 217 A.A.S.C. 20 th A.A.S.C. 8 Drivers 13 Supply. 17 th A.A.S.C. 28 Transport & Supply. 15 th A.A.S.C. 8 Transport Supply. 15 th A.A.S.C. 11 Transport Supply. No 20 Supply Section detailed to No 3 Depot relieving 217 Supply Section.	
	30.10.15		Took over Divisional Water Supply under Captain Walker, 1 Sergt, 1 Corp & 16 men providing own issuers. Received 12 extra Donkeys from Imres, much better class of animals. Hope to do good service.	

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