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

June 1915



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HQ 3<sup>rd</sup> AFAB

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
June 1 <sup>st</sup>		Arranged coordination of fire of 3 <sup>rd</sup> FAB with that of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Bde.	
" 2 <sup>nd</sup>		Moved into new Head Quarters abn. SHELL GREEN and transferred all telephone lines.	
3 <sup>rd</sup>		Saw official report calling attention to work of Capt. Leslie and his Bn 7 <sup>th</sup> Battalion on May 5 <sup>th</sup> + 6 <sup>th</sup> . Arranged with Officer in Charge "Antilles Road" behind trenches of 1st Section.	
4 <sup>th</sup>		BAC preparing road from Head Quarters to beach. Heavy artillery fire heard in South. Major Hughes presented leave for 1 week rest at Lenoir. Had narrow escape. Bullet cut through turn over collar of my jacket.	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
June 5 <sup>th</sup>		L. Banks. Unal. One reported home for duty - Posted to 7 <sup>th</sup> Battery.	
6 <sup>th</sup>		Capt. Jeffs Adjutant completed duty as General Observing Officer and is now posted as Brigade Observing Officer.	
9 <sup>th</sup>		Lt. Vignat and Major Lewis for Alexandria and will be relieved by Capt. Fox and Lt. Hodgson.	
10 <sup>th</sup>		Casualties to date on 3 <sup>rd</sup> table to date Officers killed 1 other ranks 6, Officers wounded 3 other ranks 47 Total <u>57</u> - fairly heavy Artillery fire on both sides -	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
June 12 <sup>th</sup>		Enemy opened a brisk Artillery fire	
13 <sup>th</sup>		Col Johnston left for a week's rest. Major Bernard Johnson acting as Brigade Op. At 5 AM "Baobabs" and "Dartmouth" shelled various portions of the enemy position till 7 AM. Major Hughes returned to duty. Telephone line to D.A. duplicated.	
14 <sup>th</sup>		A lively cannonade at daylight. My Batteries fired 80 rounds before the enemy was silenced.	
16 <sup>th</sup>		All artillery of both sides duelling for some time today. Major Hughes 7 <sup>th</sup> battery	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
July 8 <sup>th</sup>		<p>had his No 2 gun knocked out but will come back in position. We have a workshop arranged for Artillery under my command officer No 10. He has already done good work.</p> <p>Sketch of No 1 Section and sketch of Coor handed to Heald for reproduction.</p> <p>Artillery road round No 1 Section completed yesterday.</p> <p>Major Bury got on a party of 250 Enemy infantry this morning, causing heavy casualties.</p>	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
June 19 <sup>th</sup>		Went round the whole of New Zealand Point with O.C. 7 <sup>th</sup> Battalion -	
22 <sup>nd</sup>		This morning many enemy shells fell around us including some 105 lb 6" shell -	
		Batt finished four emplacements for 6" howitzers to be placed on the island -	
		Col Hobbs very ill but will not rest -	
24 <sup>th</sup>		Enemy shell hit a water barge this morning thus causing delay supply of fresh drinking water -	
		Again heavy shelling from enemy -	
		Suspected Lyke hoses trench being made in the direction of GABA TEPE.	
		General Legge arrived - Col Johnston returned to duty	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
June 25 <sup>th</sup>		The 5 <sup>th</sup> Howitzer Transitional Battery has arrived and been attached to my Brigade. Showed the O.C. round the position also Colonel Arnott Light House.	
26 <sup>th</sup>		7 <sup>th</sup> Battery damaged gun now back in position. 18 <sup>lb</sup> High explosive used by 7 <sup>th</sup> Battery for first time in A.M.I.C. position. Sir Ian Hamilton visited position. I met him at 7 <sup>th</sup> Battery. Sent B.A.C. men to O.C. Howitzers to help make road and emplacement for guns and wagons.	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
June 27 <sup>th</sup>		Reorganizing targets for 5 <sup>th</sup> How. Batts. In Lyge. Calling for Ammunition How. Capt Jeffs temporarily posted to Mountain Batts. since Capt Reisman wounded.	
28 <sup>th</sup>		By attack in South - Our force cooperated here. My section expended 700 rounds of Ammunition in cooperation with Light Horse and Infantry. Southern Troops made a fine advance while we held troops opposite to their position by means of an attack and thus prevented their reinforcement reaching South - How. Batts. reported more targets.	

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