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Medical, Dental & Nursing

**Item number:** 26/62/3 Part 2

**Title:** No 1 Australian Casualty Clearing  
Station

April 1915



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Date.	Place and Time.	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
Apl. 9th	LEMNOS.	<p>SUFFOLK. Pt. J F L MATHEWS transferred to Stationary Hospital with pneumonia. Pt. J.M.FIGERIO with adenitis of groin (not venereal).</p> <p>Horses and details in charge transferred from SUFFOLK to NIZAM.</p> <p>The IONIAN in disgracefully dirty state.</p> <p>Appointed Major J. CORBIN as Sanitary Officer. He met with obstruction from ships Officers who would not supply water or material for cleaning troop decks.</p> <p>By threatening reporting</p>

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Apl. 15.	LEMNOS.	Admiralty, <sup>ed</sup> he carried his point and effecting considerable improvement <del>and</del> in Tropp Decks. Order to report to A.A.G. 1st A. Div. General CARRUTHERS. Instructed by him that Clearing Hospital would land with 1st Echelon and receive wounded direct from Bearer Sections of 3rd Field Amb. & evacuate by means of hospital ships; also that we would be acting now as Divisional troops and not a L of C Unit.	
Apl. 16.	LEMNOS.	Instructed by A.D.M.S. 1st A.Div. Colonel HOWSE that landing party would consist	

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Date.	Place and Time.	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
		of 5 officers 60 other ranks with small portion of equipment.
Apr. 17.	LEMNOS.	Detailed landing party as follows O.C. Majors Richards & Corbin Captains O'Brien & Atkins. and 60 others.
19.	LEMNOS.	Transhipped landing party to H M.T. NOWAN with equipment.
24.	LEMNOS.	Sailed from IMBROS at 11 a.m. anchored off N. of LEMNOS at 4 p.m.
25.	GALLIPOLI PENINSULA.	Unit land with main body of attacking force in three tows from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. On reaching

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
			beach were allotted position for establishing casualty clearing station. The number of casualties <del>were</del> waiting to be treated was great and they came in so quickly that nothing more than first aid could be done. Cases were evacuated to Hospital ship 'GASCON' which <del>arrived</del> carried 350 severely wounded and trans- port Clan McGillivray which was to take slightly wounded.

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
			Cases were loaded into boats and transported to ships by navy. The whole clearing Hospital staff worked splendidly <del>th</del> throughout the day and most of following night: Owing to pressure of work and necessity of keeping the beach clear of wounded (in event of having to retire) it was impossible to keep record of all cases treated. I was especially instructed by the A.D.M.S. 1st Aust.Div.

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
Apl. 26.	GALLIPOLI.	<p>Col. HOWSE to evacuated as rapidly as possible. About 700 cases passed through hands of clearing hospital.</p> <p>Had beach completely evacuated by 3 a.m. Wounded continued to come in very freely all day, and the same difficulties experienced in getting them first aid and evacuation. The only position possible was open beach 20 ft by 20 ft. in which to treat</p>	<p>No. 1402. Pte. C. G. CONACHER of this Unit received shrapnel wound of leg. Transferred to Hospital ship.</p>

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Ap. 27.	GALLIPOLI.	<p>a <del>large</del><sup>huge</sup> number of cases many of very great severity. We were also clearing for 2 Divisions with a reduced staff and very little equipment, having only landed a small portion of our gear.</p> <p>Evacuated about 700 cases.</p> <p>Pressure of work still kept up. The position of Casualty Clearing Station exposed to shrapnel fire, several people being hit but not dangerously.</p> <p>Evacuated 659 cases.</p>	



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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
Ap. 28th.	GALLIPOLI.	Still working at high pressure but great decrease in number of cases compared to last few days. Evacuated 398 cases.	
Ap. 29th.	do.	The Field Ambulance of R.M.L.I. landed and assisted in medical work alongside the Clearing <del>Station</del> Hospital giving my staff a very much needed rest as they had been working about 20 hours a day since landing. Evacuated 225 cases.	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
Ap. 30.	GALLIPOLI.	A quiet day. Took opportunity of getting our station more satisfactorily arranged so that we could do better work. Still very handicaped by small space and reduced staff.	
May 1st	ANZAC.	Evacuated 199 cases.	
2nd	do.	Conditions the same. Evacuated 304 cases. Much busier owing to attempted advance on our front.	N.B. Erasures owing to omitting the cases treated during night.
3rd	do.	Evacuated 205 cases. Evacuated 658 cases.	

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Sick DR 2 10.