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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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1st A. F. Brigade

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	1-12-15		At 10-50 a small gun from the direction of TURKS HUMP fired on LONE PINE - 3rd Bty fired in retaliation. At 1100 a stick bomb mortar fired on BROWN'S DIP from OWEN'S GULLY side of JOHNSTON'S JOLLY - 1st Bty fired in retaliation. From 16-30 - 16-40 Turkish "750" shelled our trenches LONE PINE 3rd Bty retaliated. 1st Bty fired in retaliation on communication trenches on right of SCRUBBY KNOLL where movement was observed. Bde. Hdqrs moved from position in Reserve Gully to PLUGGE'S PLATEAU. Communication established and all stores and baggage transferred with help of Bde. detail. Application made to have wagons embarked. Casualties - Nil.	
	2-12-15		At 16-30 hostile artillery fired on STEELE'S POST 41st Bty retaliated on JOHNSTONES JOLLY. From 1630-1700 1st Bty fired at hut thought to be Hdqrs. The range was found to be 7000x, and owing to a fall in the valley percussion rounds could not be observed, and also the limit of the fuze scale running out too far from the hut accurate observations could not be made. Shooting was discontinued because besides in accurate observations the length of the rectangle at such a range, rendered all attempts at direct hits almost impossible. At 1730 flares were fired from the Turkish trenches at points coinciding with positions of flags on 29-11-15. LONE PINE Garrison stood to arms and everything was kept in readiness for immediate fire in the batteries. During the night a stick bomb mortar fired on LONE PINE - 3rd Bty engaged it and silenced it. 1 Officer and 30 men of 2nd Bty embarked for KEPHALOS for training on 5in Howitzers. Remainder of 2nd Bty up to establishment of Howitzer battery less drivers, shoeing smiths, saddlers and grooms hold themselves in readiness to embark at short notice. Gift clothing from 1st F. A. Brigade Comforts Fund arrived and apportioned out to Units. Casualties - No 4172 Corp. Cato, 3rd Bty sick.	
	3-12-15		At request of infantry 1st Bty fired on machine gun emplacement to the left of QUINN'S POST 4 F.O.O. reported the machine gun emplacement damaged, and a sniper's post demolished. Hostile artillery fired on LONE PINE at intervals during the day - 3rd Bty retaliated. 2 Officers and 44 men of 2nd Bty to KEPHALOS thus completing the establishment of the Howitzer Battery landed there. Arrangements made for Battery to train at KEPHALOS. Telephone detail sent up with each F.O.O. at F.O.O. posts. Arrangements made for preserving live wires with F.O.O.S continually day & night.	

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			<p><u>Casualties</u> - Nil</p> <p>Corp. Greville to Alexandria as Staff Sergeant for the Brigade at the D.A.G.S. office.</p> <p>At 1145 Ist Bty again engaged machine gun emplacement on the left of QUINN'S POST at the request of the Infantry. F.O.O. reported d/b/ the emplacement completely demolished. At 1610 Turks fired on the LONE PINE, 3rd Bty retaliated. At 1725 Turks fired on STEELE'S POST, and fired a number of red flares from positions in their trenches opposite this post. Ist Bty fired in retaliation.</p> <p><u>Casualties</u> - 342 Gnr Williams 3rd Bty, killed in action.</p>	
	4-12-15			
	5-12-15		<p>At 1100 hostile artillery shelled 3rd Bty- Ist Bty retaliated on sandpacton south of HOBBS HILL, and searched and swept for enemy's guns. No damage resulted to 3rd Bty guns which were withdrawn with their detachments under cover. 3rd Bty did not fire.</p> <p><u>Casualties</u> - Nil.</p>	
	6-12-15		<p>Major Lloyd, Lieut Hobson and three men Ist Bty embarked for Egypt en route to take up Staff appointments with 2nd E. A. Hdqrs. Lieut. Thompson reported for duty and was posted to 3rd Bty. Capt. Thompson assumed command of Ist Bty and Capt Kingsmill 3rd Bty in accordance with D. A. Routine Order No 79A. At 1210 hostile artillery shelled STEELE'S POST - Ist Bty retaliated. From 1405 onwards, hostile artillery shelled the LONE PINE and trenches in rear - 3rd Bty retaliated. During this retaliation guns from the direction of WINEGLASS fired round for round with the 3rd Bty onto their position, and continued shelling for some considerable time later. 3rd Bty guns were withdrawn under cover and no casualties occurred. Ist Bty retaliated later in the afternoon on JOHNSTONES JOLLY.</p> <p><u>Casualties</u> - 2542 Gnr Parker, 2nd Bty, sick.</p> <p>Lieut Leschen transferred to 3rd Bde.</p>	
	7-12-15		<p>Lieut Glendinning reported to duty from 3rd BAC and was posted to Ist Bty. Lieut. Sandford (1st BAC) reported for duty from attached heavy battery and was posted to Ist Bty. At 1025 Turks fired on STEELE'S POST - Ist Bty retaliated. From 1440 onwards Turks shelled 3rd Bty position from the direction of SCRUBBY KNOLL - Ist Bty retaliated on their registration of the hostile guns. 3rd Bty was withdrawn under cover.</p>	

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			<p>3rd Bty & 3 pdr. did not fire. Cap t. Blasche ck R.E. lectured to Units at B.H.Q. and also at 3rd Bty position re method of dealing with gas attacks and also remodded gas helmet. 3 sections of BAC formed and attached to Batteries, one section to each Battery. Sections formed from the men in the batteries, over and above the establishment of a Battery, less drivers, shoeing smiths, saddlers and grocers. Sections to be available for all fatigue work, ammunition carrying etc of battery to which they are attached.</p> <p><u>Casualties</u> - Nil.</p> <p>Application made to have wagons in Reserve Gully embarked.</p>	
	8-12-15		<p>Batteries and 3pdr. did not fire. O.C. 1st Bty reconnoitred and fixed position of house supposed to be German Hdqrs, but haze was too thick for accurate observations for firing.</p> <p><u>Casualties</u>- 4 915 Pte. O'Neill, A.M.C. with B.H.Q. sick, 4401 Gnr O. Devye r F. 3rd Bty sick. 227 Bdr Goldring 2nd Bty sick.</p>	
	9-12-15		<p>From 1430 onwards hostile artillery shelled 3rd Bty - no damages resulted. 1st Bty fired on house (German Hdqrs) Square 69 T I-2 (Callipoli I/20000) but owing to haze observations of fall of rounds was found to be impossible so shooting was discontinued. Turkish guns fired on 1st Bty, during the time they were in action but caused no damage. 3rd Bty fired in enemy trenches LONE PINE in retaliation to the hostile artillery fire at 1515.</p> <p><u>Casualties</u>- 5271 Gnr Cowan A 1st Bty., wounded. No 4809 Gnr Clark J. D. 3rd Bty. sick.</p>	
	10-12-15		<p>At 1120 combined bombardment by navy and land guns^w was made on the OLIVE GROVE. Four monitors and one battleship kept up a steady fire for about half an hour on the OLIVE GROVE Position and the guns on the right fired on their registration of these guns. 3rd Bty was kept in action ready to fire on the WINEGLASS battery should they open fire in retaliation on our positions. 3rd Bty. and 3Pdr did not fire. At 1500 1st Bty fired on house (German Hdqrs). Line was connected and range was being found when the Battery had to cease firing owing to heavy hostile artillery fire on the Battery. One shell burst in the gun emplacement, broke the tire and three spokes of the near wheel, killed one man and wounded two others. At 1505 hostile artillery shelled the 3rd Bty</p>	

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			<p>Observation station and systematically searched the whole position. No damage was done except cutting the communications which were quickly repaired. At 1800 one gun (the damaged one) of 1st Bty and two (2) guns of 3rd Bty were withdrawn from position and parked at the mouth of SHRAPNEL GULLY in readiness to be embarked tomorrow night II/I2 inst. One Officer and 30 men (the three gun detachments) held themselves in readiness to embark, in service dress order, with these guns.</p> <p><u>Casualties</u> - No 3767 Gnr Green G.H. 1st Bty. killed. No 44 Sgt. Handley R & No 125 Bdr Knight R 1st Bty wounded.</p> <p>Application made to have wagons embarked - but not allowed.</p>	
	II-12-15		<p>1st and 3rd Btys and 3Pdr did not fire. At 1400 hostile artillery shelled 3rd Bty Observing Station and the guns in rear. The Battery was withdrawn into the "funk pits" under cover and no damage occurred. In accordance with D. A. Routine Order No 80A the following personnel was embarked with the 3 18 pdr guns moved to Shrapnel Gully last night viz- 2 Officers and 90 men of 3rd Bty. 3rd Bty handed over all technical stores, equipment and guns remained on RUSSEL'S TOP to 1st Bty, who took over the Battery position and manned it. 1st Bty handed over the gun and stores complete to 3rd Bty., who took it over and embarked it with remaining two guns of their Battery moved to SHRAPNEL GULLY last night. The remainder of 3rd Bty, 3 Officers and 4 O.R.S. were attached to 1st Bty for duty and rations. 1 officer and 90 men from of 3rd Bty form portion of the Div. Arty Detail (10 Officers and 260 men) under Major Lucas.</p> <p><u>Casualties</u> - 2535 Gnr Nickoll, 3rd Bty, sick.</p>	
	12-12-15		<p>Section 1st Bty RUSSEL'S TOP and 3Pdr did not fire. At 1100 hostile 75s from direction of WINEGLASS shelled 1st Bty observing station and Battery in rear. During the afternoon Turks shelled Russel's Top particularly the communications saps at irregular intervals, and kept machine guns firing on the telephone wires and poles which appear above the saps. Communications were cut four times but were repaired. At 1445 hostile 75s shelled the LONE PINE from the direction of SCRUBBY KNOLL - 1st Bty retaliated on their registration of hostile battery behind SCRUBBY KNOLL. Fatigue party from the Brigade moved 6in Howitzer from WATSON'S PIER in readiness to be embarked.</p> <p>Capt. Healy A.A.M.C. transferred to 2nd L.H. Bde for light duties. Capt Hunt A.A.M.C. reported for duty as M.O. in his place.</p> <p><u>Casualties</u> - 3147 Gnr Druitt F.H. BAC attached to 1st Bty. sick.</p>	

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	I3-I2-I5		F.O.O.s at QUINNS & MOORE'S POSTS withdrawn during hours of daylight. Ist Bty and 3 Pdr did not fire. Hostile artillery shelled Ist Bty Observing station and guns in rear, with heavy howitzer fire at irregular intervals during the afternoon. <u>Casualties</u> - Gnr Mowarth, Gnr Hunt 3rd Bty. sick.	
	I4-I2-I5		Heavy howitzer shelled RUSSEL'S TOP position at irregular intervals during the morning - no casualties however resulted. At 1500 and onwards 75s shelled LONE PINE from the direction of SCRUBBY KNOLL and the WINEGLASS - Ist Bty retaliated from RUSSEL'S TOP & PLUGGE'S PLATEAU. Amount of ammunition ordered to be kept with Units as follows- Shrapnel - 800 rounds per gun. H.E. 100 rounds per gun. All surplus ammunition returned to Ammunition Park. All surplus baggage and stores removed to Div Dump. One man from Ist Bty detailed to remain with Ist Brigade stores and embark with same. Following personnel embarked - B.H.Q. 9 O.Rs, 2nd Bty (detail s) 23 - O.Rs. Total 32 O.Rs. Detail divided into three (3) sections each under charge of a N.C.O. One section each for B.H.Q. Ist Bty., and 3rd Bty. All Battery staff equipment not required, technical stores and records removed by this detail. <u>Casualties</u> - Lieut Miller Ist Bty sick.	
	I5-I2-I5		Ist Bty and 3Pdr did not fire. Ammunition man handled from Gun positions to the beach. One Gun (1173) No 3 Gun PLUGGE'S PLATEAU withdrawn and embarked. One officer 54 O.Rs Ist Bty and 6 O.Rs B.H.Q staff embarked. Enemy quiet and no hostile demonstration made against our lines. <u>Casualties</u> - 4852 Gnr Throsby C 2nd Bty. sick.	
	I6-I2-I5		Remainder of Bde Hdqrs (3 Offs and 9 O.Rs) embarked on H.T. PRINCE ABBAS. Communications laid direct from Ist Bty Observing station RUSSEL'S TOP to Div. Arty. Hdqrs. and all lines to Bde. Hdqrs cut out. At 1630 75s shelled LONE PINE & Ist Bty on RUSSEL'S TOP fired in retaliation on enemy trenches LONE PINE. <u>Casualties</u> - nil	
	I7-I2-I5		H.T. PRINCE ABBAS arrived at MUDROS. B.H.Q. disembarked at NORTH PIER, MUDROS WEST and marched to SARPI CAMP. The following details of the Brigade were encamped - B.H.Q. 15 O.Rs., Ist Bty., 1. 54 O.Rs., 2nd Bty., 4. 93 O.Rs., 3rd Bty., 1. 90 O.Rs. Major King being the senior officer assumed command of the Divisional Artillery Details encamped at SARPI (11 officers - 522 O.Rs). Capt. Thornthwaite assumes duty	

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			<p>as Camp Adjutant. W.O. Barron as Camp Sergt. Major temporarily. At ANZAC - fatigue parties removing ammunition from the Battery positions to the Beach. 1st Bty on RUSSEL'S TOP and PLUGGE'S PLATEAU did not fire. One Officer (Capt Kingsmill) and 20 O.Rs and 2 guns (one from PLUGGE'S and one from RUSSEL'S TOP) embarked. Capt. Hunt and 2 men A.A.M.C. attached B.H.Q. embarked. Observations <u>Observations</u> were made by the Turks and everything seemed quite all along the line.</p>	
	18-12-15		<p>Fatigues in connection with the encampment at SARPI-CAMP spaces allotted and extra tentage accommodation erected. Following details arrived from the Peninsula and were posted to their Units - 1st Bty. 6 O.Rs. 2nd Bty. 4 O.Rs. <u>Casualties</u> - Nil</p>	
			<p>At ANZAC - the gun on RUSSEL'S TOP did not fire. Forward Observing Officers from QUINN'S & MOORE'S POSTS withdrawn. 3 Pdr gun attached to the Brigade, dismounted, all stores removed and gun demolished by the Engineers. One Officer (Lieut Sandford) and 1 O.R. embarked. <u>Casualties</u> - Nil</p>	
	19-12-15		<p>Fatigues in connection with the encampment at SARPI. Lieut Col Christian reported for duty and re-posted. <u>Casualties</u> - Nil</p> <p>At Anzac - During the morning heavy guns shelled RUSSEL'S TOP and LONE PINE. The gun on RUSSEL'S TOP FIRED IN RETALIATION AND DREW THE FIRE OF BATTERIES FROM WINEGLASS and direction of HOBBS HILL which heavily shelled the position for a considerable period. No damage however was done. At 2215 the gun was stripped and all removable stores taken away. At 2200 the F.O.O. at LONE PINE and 1 Officer (Capt Thompson) and 11 O.Rs were withdrawn and embarked. One Officer (Lieut Glendinning) remained for demolition purposes. At 0325 the last gun on RUSSEL'S TOP WAS demolished. At 1830 the one remaining gun of the New Zealand Battery was removed from RUSSEL'S TOP and embarked. The remaining gun of 1st Bty could have just as easily been embarked, but orders had been received that this was not to be done - but the gun was to be demolished! The wagon ammunition for which repeated enquires had been made to get them embarked, were demolished, as also was the</p>	

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			<p>car t cable of the B.H.Q. staff. The Turks made no movement to attack and there was no more fire from their trenches than on an ordinary night. At 0330 the remaining Officer (Lieut Glendinning) was withdrawn and embarked.</p> <p><u>Casualties</u> - 186 Gnr Morrison H 2nd Bty sick.</p>	
	20-12-15		<p>Fatigues in connection with the encampment. A system of drainage constructed around the tents and preparations made against wet weather. Troops were granted leave during the afternoon. At 1900, Lieut Glendinning reported and was reposted to 1st Bty details in camp.</p> <p><u>Casualties</u> -</p>	
	21-12-15		<p>Foot drill parade held and general inspection of camp lines. Owing to the inclement weather further parades had to be postponed.</p> <p><u>Casualties</u> - Nil</p>	
	22-12-15		<p>General fatigues. Stone pathways constructed around all tents in case of wet weather. Major Stevenson, Lieut Knox, 17 Ors and 33 horses arrived from East Mudros encampment and were attached to their Units.</p> <p><u>Casualties</u> - Nil</p>	
	23-12-15		<p>Six Officers and 300 ORs embarked on H.T. CALEDONIA in the following proportion - D. A. Hdqrs - 1 Off, 4 ORs. 1st F. A. Bde - 2 Offs. 74 O.Rs. 2nd F.A.Bde - 2 Offs. 94 O.Rs. 3rd F.A.Bde - 1 Off. 10 O.Rs. Heavy Battery - 22 O.Rs. Total 6 Offs. 300 O.Rs. All tents above an establishment of 1 Bell per 3 Officers and 1 Bell per 14 ORs, stowed and stowed in. Camp cleaned and tidied and all ranks warned to have everything in readiness for embarkation at short notice.</p> <p><u>Casualties</u> - Nil</p>	
	24-12-15		<p>General Camp Fatigues Corps Amm Park (strength 94 ORs) reported and attached to the Divisional Artillery for Administration and discipline. 3 men of 1st BAC attached to Permanent Beach party, returned to their Unit.</p> <p><u>Casualties</u> - 545 Gnr O'Brien M.J. 3rd Bty. sick.</p>	
	25-12-15		<p>General Camp fatigues. All leave stopped. Camp fire concert held in the evening.</p> <p><u>Casualties</u> - Nil</p>	

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	26-12-15		General fatigues. All available heavy baggage and stores transferred to the dump at SARPI PIER. <u>Casualties</u> - 4129 Gnr Walsh J - 2nd Bty - sick. 4595 Gnr Bowan L.C. 3rd Bty. sick.	
	27-12-15		General fatigues- <u>Casualties</u> - 5266 Gnr Smith N. W. 2nd Bty - sick.	
	28-12-15		General fatigues - One Officer and 1 man of 3rd Bty to SARPI PIER to take charge of Divisional Dump. <u>Casualties</u> - Nil.	
	29-12-15		General fatigues. Final preparations made for leaving camp next morning. <u>Casualties</u> - Nil The 4 5in howitzers and 6 wagons removed from SARPI camp and attached to the Highland Mounted Bde at KONDISIA, with which unit they will embark for Egypt. Lieut Rigg and 22 ORs of 2nd Bty were left in charge of these guns.	
	30-12-15		Remainder of the troops struck camp (tents were left standing) and were transported to the H.T. Tunisian, and the remaining officers and batmen were embarked on the H.T. Southland. All baggage embarked on the Tunisian. <u>Casualties</u> - Nil	
	31-12-15		Officers and batmen embarked on the Crampian, which sailed for Alexandria shortly after midnight. <u>Casualties</u> - Nil	

relativation on communication
trenches on right - of SCRUBBY
KNOW where movement was
observed.

Rele Hel Gps moved from
position in RESERVE Gully
to PLUGG'S PLATEAU - communication
established and all stores
& baggage transferred with
help of triage detail.

Application made to have trajsms
contained.
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December 2nd.

At 16.30 position,
Artillery fired on STEELES
POST - 1st Battery relativation
on JOHNSTONE'S GULLY.

From 16.30 - 17.00 1st
Battery fired at - but
thought to be Hel Gps.

The range was found
to be 7000* and owing
to a fall in the valley
percussion rounds could
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Casualties: No 4172 Corp
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Remainder of 2nd Battery up
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Battery less Dicks, shoeing
Smith's saddles + grooms hold
themselves in readiness to
embark at short notice.
Left clothing from 1st & 2nd.
Bde Compts Fund arrived and
apportioned out to units.

December 3rd

At request of infantry
1st Battery fired on machine
gun emplacement to the left
of Quinn's Post - H.Q. reported
the machine gun emplacement -
damaged and a sniper
post demolished.

Hostile artillery fired on
Dore - Post at intervals during
the day - 3rd Battery retaliated.

2 officers and 40 men
of 2nd Battery to KAPPOZOS
thus completing the establishment
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for Battery to train at KAPPOZOS.
Telephonist detail sent
up with each P.O. at
P.O. Posts. Arrangements made
for preserving live wires
with P.O.s continuously
day and night.

Casualties - Nil

Capt. Jervill to Alexandria
as Staff Sergeant for the Brigade
at the D.A.G.'s office.

December 4th

At 11-45 1st Battery
again engaged machine
gun emplacement - on the
left of Quinn's Post at
the request of the infantry.
No. reported the emplacement
completely demolished.

At 16-10 Turks fired
on the Lone Pine - 3rd
Battery retaliated.

At 17-25 Turks fired
on STEELE'S POST and fired
a number of red flares
from positions in their
trenches opposite this post -
1st Battery fired in
retaliation.

Casualties. 342 G. Williams
Killed in action
3rd Battery.

December 5th

At 11-00 hostile artillery
shelled 3rd Battery - 1st

Battery Malakala on SANDPATAN
South of Wood's Hill and
marched and swept for
enemy's guns.

No damage resulted
to 3rd Battery guns which
were withdrawn with their
detachments under cover.

3rd Battery did not fire.

Casualties:-

NIL.

December 6th

Major Lloyd Kent-
Wobson and three men
1st Battery embarked for
Egypt on route to take
up staff appointments with
2nd I.A. Hd Qrs.

Kent-Thompson reported
for duty and was posted
to 3rd Battery.

Capt Thompson assumed
command of 1st Battery
and Capt Ridgswell 3rd
Battery in accordance
with B.A. Routine Order
No 79 A.

At 12.10. Hosts artillery
shelled STEELE'S POST I
1st Battery retaliated.

From 14.05 onwards Hosts
artillery shelled the LONG PINE
and trenches in rear - 3rd
Battery retaliated.

During this retaliation
guns from the direction
of WINGGROSS fired round
for round with the 3rd
Battery on to their position
and continued shelling
for some considerable time
later. 3rd Battery guns
even withdrawn under
cover and no casualties
occurred.

1st Battery retaliated
later in the afternoon on
JOHNSTONE'S HILL.

Casualties: - 2542 J. Parker
2nd Battery sick.

December 7th ~~Reut~~ Lescher transferred to 5th Bde.

Reut - G. Cunningham
reported for duty from 3rd
Bde and was posted to
1st Battery. Reut. Saunders

(1 BAC) reported for duty from
attached Heavy Battery and
was posted to 1st Battery.

At 10-20 Tanks fired
on STEELE'S Post - 1st Battery
retaliated.

From 14.40 onwards Tanks
shelled 3rd Battery position
from the direction of SCROSBY
KNOLL - 1st Battery retaliated
on their repetition of the
hostile guns. 3rd Battery
was withdrawn under
Cover.

3rd Battery and 3pr
did not fire.

CAPT. BLOSCOMBE R.E. lectured
to units at BtQ and
also at 3rd Battery position
re method of dealing
with gas attacks and
also recommended gas-
helmet.

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also at 3rd Battery position
a method of dealing
with gas attacks and
also recommended gas-
helmet.

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Sections formed from the
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over and above the

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less drivers saddlers shoeing
-smiths and grooms.

Sections to be available
for all fatigue work ammunition
carrying etc of battery to
which they are attached.

Casualties:-

NIL.

Application made to have troops
in RESERVE Gully embarked
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Batteries and 3rd
did not fire. OC 1st Battery
reconnaitre and find
position of house supposed
to be German. Haze too thick for
accurate observations for
firing.

Casualties:- 4915 Pte O'Neil.

POWC. at HQ. Sick 4401

Pt O'Devoy F. 3rd Battery sick

227. Pte folding 2nd Bty sick.

December 9th

From 14-30 onwards
hostile artillery shelled
3rd Battery - no damage

resulted.

1st Battery fired on house
(German Hd Qrs) Square
69 T 1-2 (Germans 42000) bak-
owing to haze, observation of
fall of rounds was found
to be impossible so shooting

was discontinued. Turkish
guns fired on 1st Battery
during the time they were
in action but caused no
damage.

3rd Battery fired on enemy
trenches Lone Pine in relation
to the hostile artillery fire
at 15-15.

Casualties:- 5271. Gt Cowan A.
1st Battery wounded No 4809
Gt Clark. V.D. 3rd Battery sick.

December 10th.

At 11-20 continued
bombardment by Navy and
land guns was made
on the Olive Grove. Four
monitors and 1 battery
kept up a steady fire
for about 3 or 4 hours on

the Olive Grove position and
18th guns on the right - fire
on their retaliations of German
guns - 3rd Battery was
kept in action ready to
fire on the Wineyards
Battery should they open
fire in retaliation in our
positions.

3rd Battery and 3rd
did not fire

At 15-00 1st Battery
fired on house (German
Hd Qrs). Time was correct
and range was being
found when the Battery
had to cease firing owing
to heavy hostile artillery
fire on the battery.

One shell burst in the
gun emplacement broke the
limb and three spokes of
the rear wheel, killed one
man and wounded two
others.

At 15-00 hostile artillery
shelled the 3rd Battery
Observation Station and
systematically searched the

the whole position. No damage was done except cutting the communications which were quickly repaired.

At 18.00 one gun (the damaged one) of 1st Battery and two (2) guns of 3rd Battery were withdrawn from position and parked at the Mouth of Shropner Gully in readiness to be embarked tomorrow night. 11th/12th inst.

One officer and 30 men (the three gun detachments) held themselves in readiness to embark in service dress, with their guns.

Casualties:- No 3767 Pz Green G.H. 1st Battery Killed.
No 444 Serjt Handley R No 120 B² Knight R 1st Battery wounded.

Application made to have weapons embarked - but not allowed
December 11th

1st and 3rd Batteries and 3rd did not fire
At 14.00 hostile artillery shelled

3rd Battery Observing Station
and the 1 gun in rear.
The Battery was withdrawn
into the "junk pits" under
cores and no damage
occurred.

In accordance with J.A.
Routine Order No 80 A. the
following personnel was
embarked with the 3 18^{pr}
guns moved to SHROPPNE
Gully last night viz:-
2 officers and 90 men of
3rd Battery.

3rd Battery handed over
all technical stores equipment
and guns remaining on
RUSSELL TOP to 1st Battery
who took over the battery
position and manned it.

1st Battery handed over
the gun & stores complete
to 3rd Battery who took
it over and embarked
it with remaining two
guns of their battery moved
to SHROPPNE Gully last night.

The remainder of 3rd Battery
3 officers and 40 ORs were

attached to 1st Battery
for duty and rations.
1 officer and 90 men of 3rd
Battery from portions of the
Divul Artillery Detach (10 officers
and 260 men) under Major
Lucas.

Casualties :- 2535 for Nicholl
3rd Battery sick.

December 12th

Action 1st Battery
Russell Top and 3rd
did not fire.

At 11-00 hours 200
from direction of Wiregrass
shelled 1st Battery observing
station and Battery in
rear.

During the afternoon
Turks shelled Russell Top
particularly the communication
saps during ~~at~~ irregular
intervals and kept machine
guns firing on the telephone
lines and poles which
appear above the saps.
Communications were cut four
times but were repaired.

{ Capt. Healy ^{ANZAC} transferred to 2nd H. Bde for
 as per 1st H. Bde. Capt. Hunt. Bde. reported for duty
 at 1st H. Bde. Healy 70s shelled
 the Long Pine from the
 direction of Scrubrot Knob
 - 1st Battery retreating on
 their representation of hostile
 battery behind Scrubrot Knob
 during early part of the
 battle. Mounted 6" howitzer
 from Worror's Pier to
 Williams's Pier in readiness
 to be embarked
 → Casualties: 3rd 7th Bde
 1st Bty sick.

December 18th 700s at Lynn's & Moore's Posts
~~continued~~ during hours of daylight
 1st Battery and 3rd
 did not fire
 Healy Artillery shelled
 1st Bty Observing Station and
 guns in rear with heavy
 howitzer fire at irregular
 intervals during the afternoon.
 Casualties: nil.

2nd Howitzer, 3rd Bde sick.
 December 18th
 Heavy howitzer shelled

~~Long~~ Russe's Top position at-
irregular intervals during
the morning - no casualties
however recorded.

At 15.10 and onwards
75th shelled LONG-PINE from
the direction of SCRUBBY KNOLL
and the WINEGLOBS - 1st-
Battery situated from Russe's
TOP and PLUGGED PLATEAU.

Amount of ammunition
kept with units ordered to
be as follows.

Sharpshooter	800 rds per gun
H.E	100 rds per gun

All surplus ammunition
returned to Corp Ammunition
Park.

All surplus baggage
and stores removed to
Dion's Dump. One man
from 1st Battery detailed to
remain with 1st Brigade stores
and embark with same.

Following personnel
embarked.

Bt. G	9	ORs.
2 nd Bty (detailed)	23	ORs.
Total	<u>32</u>	ORs.

Detail divided into three
(3) sections each under charge
of a N.C.O. One section each
for BtQ, 1st Pky + 3rd Pky.
All Battery staff equipment
not required, technical stores
and records removed by
this detail.

Casualties: Lieut Miller
1st Pky sick.

December 15th

1st Battery and 3
pr did not fire.
Communication man-handled
from gun-positions to the
Beach.

One gun (1175) No 3 gun
Phugge's Plateau withdrawn
and embarked.

One officer 5th OOs 1st Battery
and 6 OOs BtQ staff embarked.

Enemy quiet and no
artil. demonstrations made
against our lines.

Casualties — nil —

4852 J. Thoby. C. 2nd Pky sick.

December 16th

Remainder of Bde
Hd Qrs (300 and 900s) embarked
on H.T. PRINCE ALBANS.

Communications laid
direct from 1st Bty Observing
Station Russel's Top to Forward
Arty Hd Qrs and all lines
to Bde Hd Qrs cut out.

At 16-30 75^s shelled
LONG PINE 1st Battery on
Russel's Top fired in retaliation
on enemy trenches LONG-PINE
Casualties:-

December 17th

H.T. PRINCE ALBANS
Arrived at MODROS. Bde
disembarked at NORTH PIER
MODROS WEST and marched
to SORP. Camp. The following
details of the Brigade were
encamped: ~~as follows~~

1 st Bty	15 ORs
2 nd Bty	1. 54 ORs
3 rd Bty	4. 93 ORs.
4 th Bty	1. 90 ORs.

Major King being the senior officer assumed Command of the Divisional Artillery Detaches encamped at SORP. (11 off 522 ORs)

Capt. MORTIMER assumes duty as Camp Adjutant. W.O. Barron as Camp Supt. Major temporarily.

At ARAAC - fatigue parties removing ammunition from the Battery positions to the beach.

1st Battery on RUSSEL'S TOP and PLUGGERS PLATEAU did not fire.

One officer (Capt. KINGSMAN) and 20 ORs and 2 guns (one from PLUGGERS and one from RUSSEL'S TOP) embarked. Capt. MORTIMER and 2 men ARAAC attached Btty embarked.

Casualties : nil

No movement was made by the Turks and everything appeared quiet all along the line.

December 18th

Fatigues in connection with the encampment at SORR. Camp spaces allotted and extra tentage accommodation erected.

Following details arrived from the Peninsula and were reported to their units:-

1st Bty. 6 PRs.

2nd Bty. 4 PRs.

Casualties:-

At-Alex. - the gun on Russell's Top did not fire.

Forward Observing Officers from Quinn's and Cook's Posts withdrawn.

3rd gun attached to the Brigade, dismounted, all stores removed and gun demolished by the Engineers.

One Officer (Lieut SANDFORD) and 1 PR embarked.

Casualties: nil.

December 19th

Activities in connection
with the encampment at
SOPPI.

Report: Col Christian reported
for duty and reported.

Casualties - nil.

At Anzac: - During the
morning heavy guns shelled
RUSSE's TOP and LONG-PINE
the gun on RUSSE's TOP fired
in retaliation and drew the
fire of batteries from WINEGROVES
and direction of HOBBS HILL
which heavily shelled the position
for a considerable period. No
damage however, was done.

At 22-15 the gun was
shipped and all removable
stores taken away. At 22-20
the P.O. at LONG-PINE and
2 officers (Capt. THOMPSON) and 1100s
were withdrawn and embarked.

One officer (Lieut. GLENDENING)
remained for demolition
purposes.

At 03-20 the last gun
on RUSSE's TOP was demolished.

At 18-30 the one remaining
gun of the New Zealand
Battalion was removed from
Russell's Top and embarked.

The remaining gun of
1st Battalion could have been
easily then embarked but
orders had been received
that this was not to be
done - but the gun was
to be demolished!

The wagons ammunition
for which repeated engineers
had been made to get
them embarked, were
demolished as also was
the cable car of the
Battalion Slaps.

The Turks made no
movement to attack and
there was no more fire
from their trenches than on
an ordinary night.

At 03-30 the remaining
officer (Lieut Glendinning) was
wounded and embarked.

Casualties: KIA 186. Jk

Monison H. 2nd Bty Sick.
December 20th.

Work in connection
with the encampment. A
system of drainage constructed
around the tents and
preparations made against
wet-weather.

Corps were granted leave
during the afternoon.

At 1900 Lieut Glendinning
reported and was reported
to 1st Battery details in
camp.

Casualties:

December 21st.

Foot-dill parade held
and general inspection of
camp lines.

Due to the inclement ^{weather}
further parades had to be
postponed.

Casualties:-

December 22nd

General fatigues. Stone
palways construction around
all tents in case of wet
weather.

Major Stevenson, Hunt-Kane
17 OOs and 33 horses arrived
from East Mudros encampment
and were attached to their
units.

Casualties:- nil

December 23rd

6 officers and 200
embarked on H.T. CALEDONIA
in the following proportion:-

1 A. Hd Qrs	1 off	4 OOs.
1 Lt. Bde.	2 off	74 OOs.
2 Lt. Bde.	2 off	94 OOs.
3 Lt. Bde.	1 off	106 OOs.
Heavy Battery	-	22 OOs.
Total	6 off	300 OOs.

All tents above an
establishment of 1 Bell per 3
Officers and 1 Bell per 14 OOs
Sticks and stored in magazine

Camp cleaned and
tidied and all ranks
warned to have everything
in readiness for embarkation
at short notice.

Casualties: - nil.

December 24th

General Camp fatigues.
~~Cross~~ Arthur Park (strongly
94 ORs) reported and attached
to the Divisional Artillery for
administration and discipline.

3 men of 1 RAC attached
to Permanent Beach Party
returned to their unit on
the disbanding of this unit.
Casualties: - D#5 Lt O'Brien
19. 1. 3rd Battery sick.

December 25th

General Camp fatigues.
All leave stopped.
Camp Fire Concert held
in the evening.
Casualties: - nil.

December 26th

General fatigues. All available heavy baggage and stores transferred to the Dump at SARPI PIER.

Casualties: - 4129 J. Walsh L.
2nd Bty sick: 4395 J. Rowan L.P. 3rd Bty sick.
December 27

General fatigues
Casualties: - 5206 J. Smith
N.W. sick 2nd Battery.

December 28th

General fatigues
1 officer and 1 man of 3rd Battery to SARPI PIER to take charge of Divisional Dump.

Casualties: nil.

December 29th

General fatigues.
Final preparations made for leaving camp next morning.

Casualties: nil.

The four 5" Hows and 6
wagons removed from Sassi
Camp and attached to
the Highland Mountain Bde
at Koroia. With which unit
they will embark for Egypt.
Lieut Rigg and 22 ORs
of 2nd Battery were left in
charge of their guns.

December 30th

The Remainder of
the troops struck camp
(tents were left standing)
and were transported to
the H.T. TUNISIAN.

2 Officers and the
total personnel were embarked
on the TUNISIAN. And the
remaining Officers and men
were embarked on the H.T.
SOUTHLAND.

All baggage embarked
on the TUNISIAN.

December 31st Casualties - Nil

Officers & men embarked
on the Grampian which

appears to have been used
to engage this gun as
previously no hostile artillery
which was brought to bear
was able to damage the
gun or pit - owing to the
peculiar nature of a spur
running out from the
gun-pit.

Casualties.

B.N.Q. 5026 Gt Long G. sick 1st Battery 3879 Gt Rutledge EW
sick 3rd Battery 482 Sgt. Ford J.P. wounded.
McIntosh 1st

At 10-00 a
small gun from the
direction of TORR'S HUMP
fired on KORE-PINE - 3rd
Battery fired in retaliation

At 11-00 a stick bomb
was fired on BROWN'S
D.P. from OLIVER'S Gully side
of JOHNSTON'S Gully - 1st
Battery fired in retaliation

From 16-30 - 16-40 Turkish
"75's" shelled our trenches
KORE-PINE - 3rd Battery
retaliated

1st Battery fired in

Sailed for Alexandria shortly
after midnight.

Casualties nil.

~~Message~~

January 1st