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November 20th

1st Battery fired on
trenches opposite Quinn's Post
and on communication trenches
on Anderson's Knoll - 3rd
Battery fired on the Lone-
Pine trenches in retaliation
- 3rd fired on enemy
trenches and machine gun
emplacements in enemy trenches
opposite Quinn's + Pope's Posts
Guns and limbers of
2nd Battery and all
ammunition wagons less
two of the 1st Battery moved
from SHARPERS VALLEY to
RESERVE. Gully ready to be
~~embarked~~ embarked. All vehicles
stripped and ammunition
removed. Fatigue party
drawn from each battery
man handled vehicles from
RES. Gully to bottom of
RESERVE GULLY.

Vehicles were not
embarked but were
parked ready to be

embarked at shark-
nose.

Casualties: nil.

November 21st

1st + 3rd Batteries
did not fire - 3rd fired
fire rounds on benches at
the entrance to JOHNSTONE'S

JOHNSTONE'S
Lieut. Ragg, Leschen
Martin and MILLER report
for duty and were attached
to units as under:-

Lieut. Ragg. } No 2 Battery
LESCHEN }

Lieut. MASTER'S } No 1 Battery
MILLER }

9th reinforcements arrived
and were placed to units
included were men returned
from hospital, 1 SAC, DDC
8th 9th 10th 11th reinforcements.

Reinforcements placed to
units as under:

BHQ

1st Ply

2nd Ply

3rd Ply

Owing to inclement weather the embarkation of the guns and weapons of the Brigade was postponed. Lieut. Glendinning and 2nd Lieut. Sexton, were returned to their units (3rd + 2nd Bdes respectively)

Casualties:- 4190 Lt. Maken
2nd Battery sick, 3962 Lt
Dodds G.S. 3rd Battery sick.

November 22nd

Continued bombardment of the enemy's artillery in the Olive Grove 56 G/H and 56 W.I. (Gallies 1/20,000) took place at 10-00 by the Navy 8th + 9th Batteries and Heavy Battery.

1st Brigade occupied a position of observation ready to neutralize the fire of the Wineglass Group 68N and the Scrubby Knoll Group 80W should they open fire in retaliation. Daily allowance of ammunition was not to

to exceeded (Ref DA Op Dde 15A)

Both these groups
opened fire and the
3rd and 1st Battery
respectively engaged them.
Body of men moving
in the main track on
the right of Scuroot Knoll
were fired on by the
1st Battery, and later
a working party at the
foot of Scuroot Knoll were
engaged.

3rd fired on enemy
trenches on Quinn's and
POPE'S as retaliation.

Working party from
the Bayard preparing new
Bde Hd Qrs at PLOGG'S PLATEAU.

Stores of guns of 2nd
Battery and RESERVE GUNNY
u-packed in accordance
with orders from D.A. Hd Qrs.

Cameltes. Lt J. Wells A.E.
Batt. staff sick. 4189. 22.
McGarr 2nd Battery sick.

November 23rd

1st Battery did not fire - 3rd Battery fired on enemy trenches in front of LOUVE - PORT in retaliation - 3rd fired on trenches in JOHNSTON'S TOWER in retaliation.

From 12.50 - 13.15 and again at 14.40, British Artillery from the direction of ANDERSON'S KNOLL shelled the 3rd Battery - no damage resulted to material or personnel.

One (1) gun and two (2) wagons ammunition of the 1st Battery moved to wagon line RESERVE GUNNERY. Guns of 2nd Battery and one gun of 1st Battery embarked on LIZARD and placed on board H.T. LOUVE LOUISE.

Casualties: nil.

2nd Battery
3rd Battery

November 24th

Batteries did not fire - 8 pm fired in retaliation on enemy support trenches opposite Quinn's Post.

At 17.30 a mine was exploded in front of D16 opposite GERMAN'S OFFICER'S TRENCH.

At 17.30 a conference of Brigade Commanders was held at Div. City Hd Qrs. It was decided that fire would be withheld from the artillery for the next three or four days.

At 18.05 a large howitzer shell hit Battery Plogge's position - no damage resulted.

Embarkation of weapons of the Brigade was further postponed.

Casualties: 2582 Lt Smith AM
2nd Battery sick 482 Serjt
Dunlop V 2530 B² Lawrence J.
3rd Battery.

Capt Callaghan and one man
reported for duty from "H.T. ROSE LOUISE"
5" howitzers were not disembarked.
November 25

Batteries and 3ps
did not fire (8th Bty 5th Bty)
11 weapons ammunition of the
brigade embarked and
transhipped to H.T. ROSALIND.
1 N.C.O. and 20 men from
each unit embarked
these vehicles.

Cartridges: 973 G. Brewster
F.W. 3rd Battery sick

November 26th

Batteries and 3ps
did not fire.
During the night the
tanks removed the barbed
wire entanglements from the
trench on SNIPER'S RIDGE in
front of CIRCULAR POST.

At 15.10, howitzer gun
shelled the 1st Battery
on PLUGGE'S PLATEAU. The first
shot damaged the emplacement
and slightly damaged the

shield covering lever and handle of the elevating gear. The guns were quickly withdrawn into the front pits and no other damage was done to material or personnel.

Embarkation of vehicles was postponed owing to the inclement weather.

During the night a hostile gun shelled the 3rd Battery on Russco's top. A number of shells were fired but no damage was done.

Casualties: nil.

November 27th

~~1st~~ Battery did not fire.

Report received that the Turks were massing in their trenches at six (6) different points along the line - all precautions taken in case of attack.

Nothing located however

Owing to inclement weather embarkation of the remaining vehicles of the brigade was further postponed. Canadians - nil flags on

September 28th

The silent - music on the part of the artillery applied to on the 24th just ended at 2400 27th 28th cast normal conditions now prevail. Heavy fall of rain during late night and today making roads completely impassable. Reserve supply of rations dropped into

Batteries did not fire
Canadians: 1st Battery 84 Lt Clark - I. D. sick; 2nd Battery 400 Sgt Godwin - V. 694 Lt Hinds A.V. 4812 Lt Hodge - I. sick. 3rd Battery 248 Lt L. Ferguson - I. sick.

November 29th

At daylight it was seen the Turks had erected a number of red flags on their front-trenches.

From 10:40 onwards Turkish artillery bombarded our trenches LORRIS-PICRE with heavy howitzers and grape fire. This bombardment synchronised with the relief of the Garrison at LORRIS-PICRE. Serious damage was caused to our front-trenches on the N.E. face of LORRIS-PICRE and the communication saps and tunnels B5 + B8 were blown in.

During the bombardment 1 howitzer and 2 "75's" shelled the 3rd Battery but no damage of a serious nature occurred.

A Turkish mortar observed firing on the LORRIS-PICRE was engaged by

the 3rd Battery and 3^{ps}
gun and silenced
communications were
severed early in the
bombardment but were
quickly resealed with
temporary lines and later
in the day permanent
lines.

Work proceeding on new
B.P.G. position Pleyze's Plateau
Casualties. 2nd Battery 5242 Lt Johnstone H
wounded 3rd Battery 663 Lt Walsh T. sick.

November 30th

1st Battery fired
on JOHNSTON'S NOOK - 3rd
Battery and 3^{ps} did not
fire.

At 15.20 a hostile
gun fired ten rounds
at 3^{ps} gun. Except
for damaging the head
of the foresight and
slightly damaging the
pit, no damage of a
serious nature occurred.
One of the Turkish guns

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 Mr Long G. sick 1st Battery 3879 G. Rutledge EN
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 KONE - PINE - 3rd
Battery fired in retaliation.

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

From 16-30 - 16-40 Turkish
75⁰ shelled the trenches
KONE - PINE - 3rd Battery
retaliated.

1st Battery fired in

Reliability on communication
benches on right of SCRUBBY
KNOW where movement was
observed.

Rele the 1st Co moved from
position in RESERVE GOAT
to PLUGG'S PLATEAU - communication
established and all stores
& baggage transported with
help of triage detail.
Application made to have trajs
casualties.

HIL.

December 2nd.

At 16.30 hostile
artillery fired on STEPHEN'S
POST - 1st Battery re-established
on JOHNSTON'S SOLAR.

From 16.30 - 17.00 1st
Battery fired at - but
thought to be the 1st Co.

The range was found
to be 7000* and seeing
to a fall in the valley
percussion sounds could
not be observed and
also the limit of the

range scale running out.
Too far from the best-
accurate observations could
not be made.

Shooting was discontinued
since the accuracy of
observations the length
of the rectangle at such
a range rendered all
attempts at direct hits
almost impossible.

At 17.50 flares were
fired from the Turkish
trenches at points coinci-
ding with positions of
flares on 29-11-10. The
Pine Garrison stood to
arms and everything
was kept in readiness
for immediate fire on
the batteries.

During the night a
stick bomb mortar
fired on Lone Pine
- 3rd Battery, engaged
it and silenced it.

*:

Casualties: No 4172 Corporal
Cato 3rd Battery sick.

* 1 officer + 30 men of 2nd Battery
embarked for KERAKOS for
training at 5th Mvitzes.

Remainder of 2nd Battery up
to establishment of Mvitzes
Battery less mules, sharing
Amick's saddles + provisions hold
themselves in readiness to
embark at short notice.

Left clothing from 1st B.A.
Pde Compts Sand arrived and
apportioned out to units.

up with each v...
Pals. Arrangements made
for preserving live wires
with 100s continually
day and night.
Casualties - Nil.

Cop Service to Pleasance
as Staff Sergeant for the Regt
at the D.A.G.'s office.

December 9th

At request of infantry
1st Battery fired at machine
gun emplacement to the left
of Quinn's Post - R.A. captured
the machine gun emplacement the
damaged bunker & sniper's
post demolished. The 1st Battery
100 lbs. artillery fired at the
same time at intervals during
the day - 3rd Battery relieved.

2 officers and 400 men
of 2nd Battery to KERRASOS
thus completing the establishment
of the 100 lbs. Battery based
there. Arrangements made
for Battery to move at KERRASOS.
Telephonist detail sent
up with each 100. at
100. Post. Arrangements made
for preserving live wires
with 100s. Continually
day and night.

Casualties - Nil.

Cop. Greville to Alexander
as Staff Sergeant for the Regt
at the D.A.G.'s office.

~~December 4th~~

At 11-45 1st Battery
again engaged machine
gun emplacement - on the
left of Linn'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 SANDPIT
South of Hood'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:

December 6th

Major Lloyd Lieut-
Hobson and three men
1st Battery embarked for
Egypt on route to take
up Staff appointments with
2nd J.A. Hd Qrs.

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

Capt Thompson assumed
Command of 1st Battery
and Capt Kingsmill 3rd
Battery in accordance
with D.A. Routine Order
No 79 A.

At 12.10, hostile artillery
shelled STEELE'S POST -
1st Battery retaliated.

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

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

1st Battery retaliated
later in the afternoon on
JOHNSTONES POST.

Casualties: - 2542 J. Parker
1st Battery sick.

December 7
Lieut. LESCHER transferred to 5th Bde

Lieut. Gledhill
reported for duty from 3rd
Bde and was posted to
1st Battery. Lieut. Saulted

The establishment of a battery
less drivers, saddlers, shoers,
-smiths and grooms.

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

Casualties:-

Application made to have wages
in RESERVE GULY entered
December 8th

Batteries and I
did not fire P.O. 1st Battery
reconnaitre and fixed
position of House supposed
to be German. The fog had
been too thick for
accurate observations for
firing.

Casualties:- 4915. Pte O'Neil.
Rear at R.H.Q. Sick 4401
Pte O'Devaney. 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 Hel Gas) Square
09-1-2 (Germans 12000) but
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
benches ONE PINE in relation
to the hostile artillery fire
at 15-15.

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

December 10th.

At 11-20 continued
bombardment by heavy and
land guns was made
on the OLIVE GROVE. The
enemies still maintained
kept up a steady fire
for several hours on

The Olive Grove position will
open guns on the right - fire
on their repositioning of their
guns - 3rd Battery was
kept in action ready to
fire on the Wineyards
Batteries should they open
fire as retaliation in sea
positions.

3rd Battery and 3rd
did not fire

At 15:00 1st Battery
fired on house (forward
Hd Qrs). There was considerable
and range was being
found when the Battery
had to cease firing owing
to heavy hostile artillery
fire on the battery.

One shell burst on the
gun emplacement broke the
limb and bare spikes of
the base which created some
panic among personnel but
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 Sharnon.

Good in readiness to
be embarked tomorrow
night 11th/12th inst.

One officer and 30 men
(the 1st gun detachment)
held themselves in readiness
to embark in reserve area,
with their guns.

Casualties: No 3767 Lt
Green G. H. 1st Battery Killed.
No 4444 Serjt Handley R. No
125 B² Knight R 1st Battery
wounded.

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

1st and 3rd Batteries
and 1st Dist Artillery
At 14.00 hostile artillery shells

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

In accordance with J.A.
Routledge's order No 50A, the
following personnel was
embarked with the 3 Hqs
guns moved to SHROPPNEE
Gully last night viz:-
2 officers and 40 men of
3rd Battery.

3rd Battery handed over
all technical stores, equipment
and guns remaining at
Rousse's 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 SHROPPNEE Gully last night.

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

attached to 1st Battery
for duty and rations.
10 officers and 90 men of 3rd
Battery from portions of the
Divul Artillery Detach (10 officers
and 200 men) under Major
Kupas.

Casualties:- 2535 for Nicholl
3rd Battery sick.

December 12th

Section 1st Battery
Kussels Top and 3rd
did not fire.

At 11:00 Section 200
from direction of Wiregrass

Section 1st Battery keeping
station and starting fire
near.

and during the afternoon
Towers shelled Kussels 100
particularly the communication
wires during the intervals
and kept machine
guns firing on the telephone
lines and notes which
appeared above the surface.
Communications were cut four
times but were repaired.

{ Capt. Healy ^{AMC} transferred to 2nd L.H. Bde for
 daylight duties. Capt HUNT. AMSC. reported for duty
 as pro. in his place.
 At 14:40 heavily 75's shelled
 the lower part from the
 direction of SCRUBBY KNOLL
 - 1st Battery maintaining on
 their representation of heavy
 battery behind SCRUBBY KNOLL
 taking part in heavy shelling
 by the mounted 6" Howitzers
 from WATSON'S PIER to
 WILLIAMS PIER in readiness
 to be embarked.
 → Casualties: 3rd Bty
 1st Bty sick.

December 13th 700's at Lymington & North Point
~~continued~~ during hours of daylight
 1st Battery and 3rd
 did not fire
 Heavy shelling shelled
 1st Bty during station and
 guns on shore could heavy
 howitzers fire at intervals
 during the afternoon.
 Casualties: nil.

December 14th
 J. Howarth, J. Hunt 3rd Bty sick.
 Heavy howitzers shelled

Some Russe's Top position at
irregular intervals during
the morning - no casualties
however resulted.

At 1540 and onwards
75th shelled some Pine from
the direction of SCRUBBY KNOLL
and the WINEGROSS - 1st
Battalion, Matriculated from Russe's
TOP and PLUGG'S PLATEAU.

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

Shrapnel 800 lbs per gun
H.E. 100 lbs per gun

All surplus ammunition
returned to Camp Bramerton
Park.

All surplus baggage
and stores sent to
Sion's Camp. The man
from 1st Battalion detailed to
remain with 1st Brigade stores
and transport with same.
Following personnel
centrally.

R.S.G. 9 ORs.
2nd Coy (Mines) 23 ORs
4802 Lt Colt 32 R.S.G. sick

Detail divided into three
sections each under charge
of a N.C.O. One section each
for 1st Bty, 2nd Bty & 3rd Bty.
All necessary staff equipment
not required. Technical stores
and records removed by
this detail.

Casualties: 1st Lt Miller
1st Bty sick.

December 10th

1st Bty, 2nd Bty and 3rd
for and work fine.
Commenced work handover
from 1st Bty to the
2nd Bty.

The gun (1175) No 3 Gun
Plugge's Platoon attached
and embarked.

One officer 5th Bty, 1st Bty
and 6 Bty 1st Bty staff embarked
Enemy quiet and no
hostile movements made
against our lines.

Casualties: 1st Lt
4832 P. Thoby, C. 2nd Bty sick.

December 16th

Remainder of Bell
the Gas (300 and 900) contained
in H.T. PRINCE PRODS.

Communications cable
laid from 1st Regt. Observing
Station at Russel's Top to Trench
Only the Gas and all lines
to Bell the Gas cut out.

At 16.00 750 shells
were fired from 1st Battery on
Russel's Top first in relation
to enemy trenches, communication
and ammunition.

December 17th

H.T. PRINCE PRODS
Arrived at PRODS. 12.45
Disembarked at NORTH PIER.
PRODS West and marched
to Sapper Camp. The following
details of the Brigade were
employed:

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 Detachments encamped at
SARRI (11 of 522 ORs)

Capt. ~~W. O. BARNES~~ assumes
duties as Camp Adjutant. W. O.
BARNES as Camp Regt. Major
temporarily.

At ANZAC - ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~artillery~~ ^{artillery} ~~detachment~~ ^{detachment} ~~has~~ ^{has}
the ~~artillery~~ ^{artillery} ~~positions~~ ^{positions} to the
Beach.

1st Battery, ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~RUSSELL'S TOP~~ ^{RUSSELL'S TOP}
and ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~PLUGGERS~~ ^{PLUGGERS} did not
fire.

Our officers (Capt. KINGSMAN)
and 20 ORs and 12 men
(one from PLUGGERS and one
from RUSSELL'S TOP) embarked.

Capt. ~~W. O. BARNES~~ and 2 men ~~also~~
attached. ~~They~~ ^{They} ~~embarked.~~ ^{embarked.}

Casualties: nil.

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

December 18th

Paliquas in connection
with the encampment at
SARPI. Camp spaces allotted
and extra tentage accommo-
-ation erected.

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

1st Bty. 6 IRs.

2nd Bty. 4 IRs.

Casualties:—

At ANZAC. — The gun on
RUSSELL'S TOP did not fire.

Forward Operating Officers from
GUMMERS and HOOKER'S POSTS
withdrawn.

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

One Officer (Lieut SANDERS)
and 1 IR embarked.

Casualties: nil.

December 19th

of the gun in connection with the encampment at SORRI.

At 08-00 Christian reported for duty and was placed as an observer. During the morning heavy guns shelled Russo's Top and Lone Pine. The gun on Russo's Top fired in retaliation and directed fire of batteries from WINEGIRRO 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 Lone Pine and Officer (Capt Thompson) and 1100s were withdrawn and embarked.

One Officer (Lieut Glendinning) remained for demolition purposes.

At 03-20 the last gun on Russo's TP 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 just as
easily have 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 enquiries
had been made to get
them embarked, were
demolished as also was
the cable cart of the
Battalion staff.

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

At 05-30 the remaining
officer (LIEUT GLENDINNING) was
wounded and embarked.

Casualties: MIA 146. 12

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

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

Trucks were granted leave
during the afternoon.

At 1900, LIEUT GLENDINNING
reported and was reported
to 1st Battery details in
camp.

Casualties:

December 21st.

Post-dill parade held
and general inspection of
camp lines. ^{weather}
Being to the encampment
further parades had to be
postponed.

Casualties:

December 22nd

General fatigue. Stone
paths constructed around
all tents in case of wet
weather.

December 22nd Major Stevenson, Lieut. Kane
17 ORs and 33 horses arrived
from First Mores encampment
and were attached to their
units.

Casualties: - nil.

December 23rd

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

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

All tents above are
re-arrangement of 1 Reel per 3
Officers and 1 Reel per 14 ORs
Blacks and stored in wayfare

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

Casualties: - Nil.

December 24th

General Camp fatigue.
Cross Bunker Park (then a
94 ORs) detached 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: - 145. Lt O'Brien
19. 1. 3rd Battery sick.

December 25th

General Camp fatigue
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 J.
2nd Bty sick: 4595 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 Koros. with which unit
they will embark for Egypt.

Four Rigg and 22 ORs
of 2nd Battery were left in
charge of these 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 batmen
were embarked on the H.T.
SOUTHLAND.

All baggage embarked
on the TUNISIAN.

Animals and

December 31st

Officers & batmen embarked
on the Grampian which

Sailed for ALEXANDRIA shortly
after midnight -
Casualties nil.

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January 1st

Casualties nil