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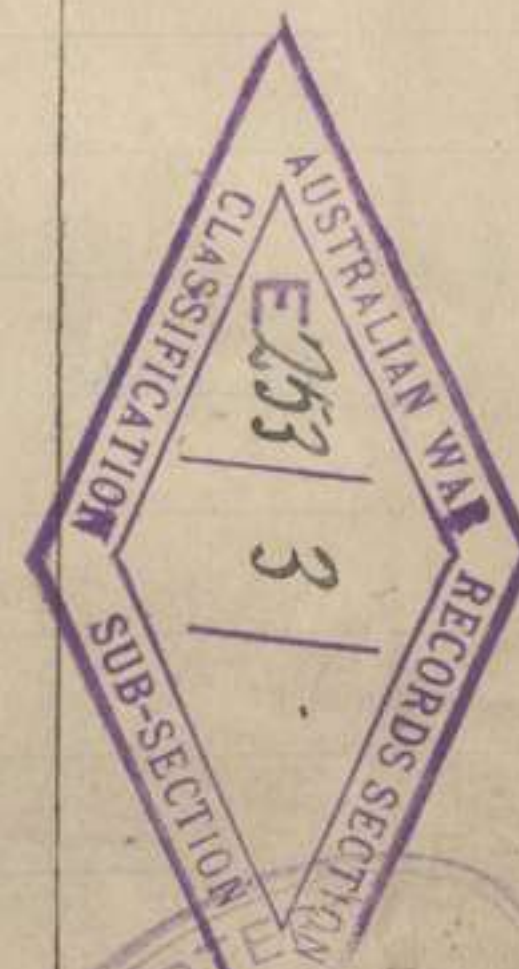


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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
1.8.14	Randwick Racecourse	Commencement of mobilization	
		at Randwick Racecourse.	
18.8.14	do	Enrolment <sup>and training</sup> proceeded with.	
19.8.14	do	do	
20.8.14	do	do	
21.8.14	do	do	
22.8.14	do	do	
23.8.14	do	do	
24.8.14	do	do	
25.8.14	do	Lieut Wooten appointed M.O. Officer	
26.8.14	do	Enrolment - training proceeded with	
		do	





Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
5.9.14	Kensington	Recruiting & Training proceeded with	
6.9.14	Racecourse	do	
7.9.14	do	do	
8.9.14	do	do	
9.9.14	do	All tents lowered by 9 a.m. as a Race meeting was held. Marched to Long Bay Rifle Range, Musketry all day. Marched back to camp arriving 6 p.m. Musketry was confined to grouping practice. Results were only moderate as <del>most</del> men were unacquainted with Rifle.	



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10.9.14	Kensington Racecourse	Orders received to make duplicate copies of attestation forms. Training continued.	
11.9.14	do	Training continued	
12.9.14	do	do	
13.9.14	do	Sunday	
14.9.14	do	Brigade Route March	
15.9.14	do	Training continued. Inspection of Machine Gun Section by Brigadier. Lecture on Night Operations by Brigade Major.	
16.9.14	do	Training continued.	



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17-9-14	Kensington Racecourse.	Route March	
18-9-14	do	Pres C. Howell Price of G. A. Street appointed Sec. lients. Lecture on Military Law. Training continued do.	
19-9-14	do	Sunday	
20-9-14	do	Training continued	
21-9-14	do	Route march	
22-9-14	do	Orders received to embark on	
23-9-14	do	27 <sup>th</sup> instant. Training continued.	



Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
24-9-14	Kensington Racecourse	Training continued	
25-9-14	do	do	Embarkation delayed a few days.
26-9-14	do	do	
27-9-14	do	Sunday	
28-9-14	do	Training continued.	
29-9-14	do	Musketry, Long Bay Rifle Range	
30-9-14	do	Training in Outposts	
1-10-14	do	Training in Fire control, morning Musketry Long Bay, afternoon	
2-10-14	do	Attack on a position	
3-10-14	do	Training continued	

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DATE	PLACE & TIME		REMARKS & REFERENCES TO APPENDICES Y.C. ATTACHED
1-10-14	KENSINGTON RACECOURSE	TRAINING IN FIRE CONTROL, MORNING MUSKETRY LONG BAY, AFTERNOON	
2-10-14	do.	ATTACK ON A POSITION	
3-10-14	do	TRAINING CONTINUED	
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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
4-10-14	Kensington Racecourse	Sunday. Church Parade	
5-10-14	do	Training continued	
6-10-14	do	March through Sydney.	
7-10-14	do	Musketry at Long Bay	
8-10-14	do	Brigadier's inspection. Training continued	
9-10-14	do	Training continued. Outpost position taken up in morning Defence in afternoon - 280 men medically examined. 5 rejections	
10-10-14	do	Field Training continued in Camp	



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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
10.10.14	Kensington	400 men medically examined - 7 rejections	
11.10.14	do	Church parade -	
12.10.14	do	Coy field training in Centennial Park. obtained draft of 20 new men from Rosehill	
13.10.14	do	Left Camp at 9 am for route march and tactical exercise under Brigadier near Botany returned at 4.30.	
14.10.14	do	Marched to Long Bay Rifle Range Bat. exercised at 300 yds & 500 yds	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
14.10.14	Kensington	barracked at Gong Bay for evening	
15.10.14	do	<del>evening</del> - Returned to Camp	
		at 1 pm owing to heavy rain	
		preventing practice. Route march in afternoon	
15.10.14	do	Coy Field training in morning	
		In afternoon - formed up Bat into	
		ship messes & checked kits	
		Received instructions to issue pay	
		tomorrow - Raised strong objection	
		in which CO 2 <sup>nd</sup> Bat concurred.	
		Brigadier at our request wired	
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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
17. 10. 14	Kensington	<p>Raining heavily. Sent baggage + 8 horses on board Afric with 3 sections G Coy as baggage guard 1 Section being already on board. Owing to wet weather - post transport was delayed until 11 am. Mmle parade at 5 pm 4 absentees</p>	
18. 10. 14	do	<p>Paraded 7.30 am - checked rolls - cleaned up Camp &amp; left at 9.5 am. All Corps reported full strength. Marched</p>	



Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
18.10.14		to Fort Macquarie. Embarkation on SS Apie completed by noon in good order. At request of CC, troops Clan Mac Coquodale sent man to take place of Haupt Serjt Charlton - injured & sent to Hospital. SS Apie left at 5.3 pm for Albany.	
19.10.14	SS Apie	Stowed kits & instructed men in ship's discipline - no cases of drunkenness	
20.10.14	do	Weather fine & men settled down	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
20.10.14	S.S. Apie	Commenced physical training & rifle exercises - Organised library under y.m.c a representative W.B. Owens. Concert in evening	
21.10.14	SS Apie	Routine as usual - Stup's discipline improved. Commenced Semaphore instruction for all officers. Lecture by Major R.C. Dawson to Officers in evening on Chap 1 FSR Pt 1	
22.10.14	SS Apie	Routine as usual - Officers instructed in sword exercise semaphore drill & fantasia games. Lecture by	



Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
22.10.14	SS Africa	Major Hindon Ch 2 FSR P11 and by Mr Jackson on powers of Coy Comdr	
23.10.14	SS Africa	usual routine - also kit & arms inspection. Major Millard SMO completed inspection of men with result that he found 4 men unfit. Lecture by Mr Tinkler on the Signal Service. Sword & semaphore exercise as usual. Organised two supernumerary machine	



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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
23-10-14	SSA Pic	gun sections. The RSM	
24-10-14	do	Took class of NCOs for semaphore usual routine & classes in evening - Concert. Barricaded men in fire station drill.	
25-10-14	do	Arrived Albany at 6 am Reported to Naval Transport Officer Lieut Jones at 7.45 am. Church parade. CqE Non Commissioned & R.Cs. Collected mails & sent them on shore	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
26.10.14	SS Apie	<p>Raining &amp; blowing hard.                      Training was therefore difficult                      allowed 20 officers ashore - 9.00                      afterwards wired all leave                      stopped</p>	
29.10.14	"	<p>Sent Lt L J Hempton to Clan                      Macquarie Corquodale to act as                      ship's adjutant. Recd orders                      9.00 that no closed letters to go</p>	
30.10.14	"	<p>Moved into jetty at Albany for                      water stores. After obtaining                      permission took the Bat for</p>	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
30.10.14	Slapna	a route march of 6 1/2 miles	
31.10.14	"	at 5.15 am alarm of fire in h <sup>o</sup> 6 hold among stores	
		soon got under. Men fell in well on fire stations. left wharf for Bay at 5.30 am	
1.11.14	"	at noon Bayadier unexpected slip	
		Convoy got under weigh at 5.30 am	
7.11.14	"	H.M.S. Minotaur left convoy at 6 am for port unknown	

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1-11-14	S.S. AFRIC	CONVOY GOT UNDERWEIGH AT 5.30 A.M.	
7-11-14	4	H.M.S. MINOTAUR LEFT CONVOY AT 6 A.M. FOR PORT UNKNOWN.	
<p>(ORIGINAL OF ABOVE WRITTEN ON <del>LAST</del> PAGE # 11 OF OCTOBER <del>SAME SHEET AS ENTRY</del> FOR PREVIOUS DIARY <del>MONTH</del> AND IS <del>FILED</del> BOUND WITH THAT MONTH.)</p>			



Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
9. 11. 14	Cape	Received news at 11.50 a	
10. 11. 14	"	m of destruction of Ender Issued special notice as to precautions against Sun stroke	
11. 11. 14	"	Reg Ct. martial held on Coy Heron A.M.C for striking a soldier - found guilty	
14. 11. 14	"	Used steam disinfecton for 1st time	
15. 11. 14	"	Arrived Colombo at 1.15 pm. Applied for medical	

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	Apie	quaternary stores - sent urgent message + even sent boat with Major Millard to Brvito	
16.11.14	"	Lt Hempton returned from Clair McCorquodale + Sergt Charlton (transport section) from Euripides	
17.11.14	"	Left Colombo at 7 pm	
19.11.14	"	at Captain's request furnished him with 12 stokers (volunteers)	
20.11.14		transferred from 3rd to 2nd	



Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
	Aden	Division of Fleet	
25-11-14	"	Arrived Aden at 4.40 pm	
26-11-14	"	Left Aden at 6.45 am	
28-11-14	"	Received message from Omro at 11.45 am " Instructions received to complete training at Cavo proceed from there to the port	
1-12-14	"	Arrived Suez at 12.30 pm	
2-12-14	"	Left Suez at 1 pm	
3-12-14	"	Arrived Port Said at 4.30 am. Received AIF orders 42+43 re disembarkation	



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1-12-14	AFRIC SS.	ARRIVED SUEZ AT 12.30 P.M.	
2-12-14	"	LEFT SUEZ AT 1 P.M.	
3-12-14	"	ARRIVED PORT SAID AT 4.30 A.M. RECEIVED A.I.F. ORDERS 42 & 43 RE DISEMBARKATION.	

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4.12.14	Suez	Left Port Said at 5 pm	
5-12-14	"	Arrived Alexandria at 7.15 am. Removed Pte Smidley H.G. "C" Co to British Mil Hospital where he was operated on for appendicitis	
6.12.14	"	No 413 Pte Boothman C.F. "C" Coy died at 2 pm	
7.12.14		Funeral of above today at English Cemetery. Major Austin instructed us to land tomorrow	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
8.12.14	Alexandria	Alongside wharf at 8 am. 5 Corps under Major Kundon proceeded to Cairo by train at 2.55 pm. Send escort with ammunition train of 16 men with Major Rt Kershaw under instructions from M.L.O. + present officer. at 10.30 pm	
9.12.14	"	Remaining 3 corps left at 9 am for Cairo. I kept a fatigue of 10 men M.V.S. + cleared the ship. Left by 12 noon express	



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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
9-12-14		Arrived Cairo 3.15 pm + reached Mena Camp at 5 pm reporting to Brigadier	
14-12-14 15	Mena Camp	Carried out programme of training as laid down See	Appendix A
31-12-14		See	
16-12-14	"	1126 Pte Culpan E Coy - died from pernicious anaemia	
22-12-14	"	907 Sgt Meadmore A H died from meningitis	
30-12-14	"	Paraded at 2.30 pm + was addressed by the Brig Hon Sir George Reed	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
1-1-15	Mena	Reorganised Bn under 4 Coy. System. Lieut Sasse Jackson & W Davidson promoted to Captain as from 18.10.14	
2-1-15	"	Gymnastics continued	
3-1-15	"	Church parades as usual	
4-1-15	"	Training continued	
5-1-15	"	" " "	
6-1-15	"	" " " Message	
		from Lt Gen Sir Wm Blandford in BN. Order para 6.3.	
7-1-15	"	Leave stopped for whole Bn	



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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
8-1-15	Mena	on afc of no of absentees Same for today	
9-1-15	"	5 days school for B <sup>th</sup> Comdr 2 <sup>nd</sup> in C. Days + QMS completed	
10-1-15	"	Clunch parades as usual	
11-1-15	"	Commenced Co training with close order + extended drill	
12-1-15	"	Same	
13-1-15	"	Same - Paymaster commenced checking pay books	
14-1-15	"	Same. checking of pay books completed	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
15-1-15	Mena	Continued company training	
16-1-15	"	Mobilization parade - report by Brigadier was very satisfactory	
17-1-15	"	Church parade as usual	
18-1-15	"	Hours increased to 8 per diem with half-holiday once a week	
19-1-15	"	continued company training	
		Commissary Route march for whole Brigade with Divisional Artillery about 10 miles - satisfactory results - no men fell out.	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
20-1-15	Mena	Commenced musketry Tables A & B on 30 yds range	
21-1-15	"	Continued musketry	
22-1-15	"	Continued company training	
23-1-15	"	Plat inspection - all boots oiled half holiday from noon	
24-1-15	"	Church parade as usual	
25-1-15	"	Company training continued	
26-1-15	"	Company training continued Received orders to prepare all men for discharge who were physically unfit or not likely to become efficient soldiers	



Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
27-1-15	MENA	Lowered all tents + cleaned ground - medical inspection of whole unit. Half holiday	
28-1-15	"	Continued Coy training in out post.	
29-1-15	"	Commenced field firing - General Birdwood visited range.	
30-1-15	"	Continued field firing	
31-1-15	"	Church parade	
1-2-15	"	Commenced Bw training	
		Bw in defence	
2-2-15		Continued Bw training - Bw	



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DATE	PLACE & TIME.		REMARKS & REFERENCES TO APPENDICES & C. & ATTACHED.
1-2-15	MEN A.	COMMENCED BN. TRAINING. BN IN DEFENCE.	
2.2.15	"	CONTINUED BN. TRAINING. - BN.	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
2-2-15	Meua	in attack	
3-2-15	"	cleaned camp - holidays from 10 a.m.	
4-2-15	"	Bn taken to watch field firing competition for Bde.	
5-2-15	"	Bn in attack practice with blank ammunition	
6-2-15	"	Carried out field firing by platoons on new range	
7-2-15	"	Church parades.	
8-2-15	" 9a	Marched to BENI YUSEF about 12 miles Carried out attack practice + out posts all night	



Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
9.2.15	MENA	Left BENI YUSEF at 9 am - Arrived Camp at noon - marched 8 miles half holiday afterwards	
10.2.15	"	Field firing on new range at 900 + 500 yds	
11.2.15	"	Bn on outposts + attacks	
12.2.15	"	Bde training commenced marched to BENI YUSEF - took up position + entrenched during night	
13.2.15	BENI YUSEF	Returned to Bivouac at 2 pm + rested during afternoon + evening	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
14.2.15	BENIYUSEF	Church parade in morning. In evening marched to ABOU SIR all night	
15.2.15	" am 5.30 ABOUSIR am 7.	Attached position Breakfasted	
	" am 8	Commenced advanced guard + attack operations	
	" pm 2	Returned to Bwonae	
16.2.15	BENIYUSEF	marched to camp.	
17.2.15	MENA	} Holidays and rest.	
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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
20-2-15	MENA	The C.O + Adjt with the Regimental signallers took part in a	
21-2-15	..	Divisional Signalling practice	
22-2-15	..	Church parade	
22-2-15	..	all Bn re vaccinated - Route	
23-2-15	..	March in evening 11 miles	
23-2-15	..	Field training for coys	
24-2-15	..	Holidays	
25-2-15	..	Route March 12 miles	
26-2-15	..	C.O. + Adjt took part in a DIV	
		Signalling Exercise - Bn did route march	

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DATE	PLACE & TIME		REMARKS & REFERENCES TO APPENDICES ATTACHED
27-2-15	MENA.	ROUTE MARCH. 12 MILES,	
28-2-15	.	CHURCH PARADE.	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
27-2-15	MENA	Route march 12 miles	
28-2-15	"	Church parade	
1-3-15	"	Field firing + tactical exercise	
2-3-15	"	" " " "	
3-3-15	"	" " " "	
4-3-15	"	Field training - Outposts	
5-3-15	"	At 2-30 pm moved out to take part in Divisional exercise to practise Supplies etc	
6-3-15	"	Returned to camp at 8 am	
		Bn holiday	
7-3-15	"	Church parades	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
8-3-15	MENA	Route march of 15 miles	
9-3-15	"	Cleaned up camp - tents down - kit inspection	
10-3-15	"	Dug trenches all day	
11-3-15	"	Completed trenches	
12-3-15	"	Occupied trenches from 6 pm to 2 am when attacked by 2nd Inf Bde	
13-3-15	"	Bw holiday	
14-3-15	"	Church parade	
15-3-15	"	Night operations - out posts + attack on trenches 6 to 3 am	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
16.3.15	MEENA	Filled in own trenches	
17.3.15	"	Divisional Exercise attack on 2nd Inf Bde	
18.3.15	"	Bn holiday	
19.3.15	"	Bn exercised in guard & sentry duties. In evening joined in attack on trenches held by 2nd Bde - returned in early morning	
20.3.15	"	Bn rested all day	
21.3.15	"	Church parades	
22.3.15	"	Bn exercised in guard & sentry duties	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
23. 3. 15	MENA	Bw exercised in attacks at night - returned at 7 am.	
24. 3. 15	"	Bw rested today	
25. 3. 15	"	Bw took part in attacks on trenches at night - returned 2.30 am	
26. 3. 15	"	Very hot. Bw rested	
27. 3. 15	"	Bw holiday	
28. 3. 15	"	Church parades	
29. 3. 15	"	Inspection by General Sir IAN HAMILTON	
30. 3. 15	"	marched out 3 miles & exercised in	P.T.O.



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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
30-3-15	MENA	guard + sentry work	
31-3-15	"	Route march 16 miles	
1-4-15	"	Bn took part in exercise set by	
		Army Corps from 6 am to 4 pm	
2-4-15	"	Church parades - orders received	
		to prepare for embarkation	

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DATE	PLACE + TIME		REMARKS + REFERENCES TO APPENDICES, ATTACHED
1-4-15	MENA.	Bn. TOOK PART IN EXERCISE SET BY ARMY CORPS FROM 6 AM. TO 4 P.M.	
2-4-15	"	CHURCH PARADES - ORDERS RECEIVED TO PREPARE FOR EMBARKATION.  (ORIGINAL OF ABOVE WRITTEN ON PAGE 5 OF DIARY FOR MARCH. AND IS BOUND WITH THAT MONTH.)	



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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
3-4-15	MENA	6pm BN less C + D Coys left camp + marched to CAIRO	
4-4-15	ALEXANDRIA	11-30 <sup>p</sup> Intraind left Station 4:45 <sup>a</sup> Arrived ALEXANDRIA + embarked on MINNEWASKA Transport h <sup>o</sup> 11	
		3:30 <sup>a</sup> C + D Coys left MENA and arrived ALEXANDRIA and embarked 11:30 <sup>a</sup>	
5-4-15	"	Loading ship all day - supplied Divisional Town Quiet at night	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
6.4.15	ALEXANDRIA	Loading ship - Supplied Tomm picket as usual	
7.4.15	"	Same	
8.4.15	"	Same	
9.4.15	"	Army Corps Hd Qrs + Divisional Hd Qrs joined us — Same routine	
10.4.15	" 7:30	Ship left ALEXANDRIA	
11.4.15	" a	Church parade	
12.4.15	MYDROS 7 OS a	Arrived MYDROS HARBOUR Island of LEMNOS. Practised embarking + disembarking from boats	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
13-4-15	MUDROS	Practised embarking and disembarking. I left in HMS Queen to reconnoitre shore of GALLI POLI	
14-4-15	"	Same routine for men. I returned to ship at 4 pm	
15-4-15	"	Same routine for men	
16-4-15	"	Disembarked on beach with Brigade & practised attack	
17-4-15	"	Took Bn ashore to bathe + route march	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
18.4.15	Middras	Church parade - Sent men ashore to bathe. Provided Tom Guend of 50 men under A.C. orders	
19.4.15	"	Men employed in boats all day	
20.4.15	"	Orders received for disembarkation & operation order no 1 - attended conference with Bde H. Qrs	
21.4.15	"	Attended conference with Div H Qrs -	
22.4.15	"	Bn remained on board The weather too windy for boats	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
23.4.15	MUDROS	Remained on board preparing for disembarkation	
24.4.15	" 5A	Left MUDROS HARBOUR - to rendezvous in Bay on North of Island	
25.4.15	" 11:30 P 5 A KAPA TEPE	Left rendezvous - Arrived	
		Commenced disembarkation	
		6:45 Landed without loss	
		7:40 Received orders to <del>reinforce</del> <sup>send Coy forward</sup> <del>the</del> beach again after 3rd Brigade	
		8:35 B Coy moved out - but were halted	
		9:30 Received orders to reinforce	

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Date.	Place and Time.			Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
25-4-15	KAPA	A	Col MACLAGAN of the 3rd Bde	
	TEPE	10	The whole Bn was thrown into the	
			firing line + worked independently of Bn Hd Qs	
29-4-15	"		The Bn was withdrawn from	
			the firing line to the Beach to rest + reorganise	
30-4-15	"		The Bn still rested	
1-5-15	"	P 630	Received orders to relieve portion	
			of the firing line - moved out - reported to General TROTMAN	
2-5-15	"	1-5 a	Relieved Marines on two portions	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
1.5.15.	TEPE 6.30 <sup>P</sup>	Received orders to relieve portion of the firing line - moved out & reported to General TROTMAN.	
2.5.15.	" 1.5 <sup>A</sup>	Relieved Marines on two portions	
		Original of above written on same sheet as entry for ending of previous month & filed with volume for that month.	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
3-5-15	ANZAC	<p>of section 2 of defensive line under General Walker as Brigadier. A + B Coys on right &amp; left - then 2 coys of 4<sup>th</sup> Bn + then C + D Coys of this Bn</p> <p>During day improved &amp; dug new trenches</p> <p>Worked at trenches day &amp; night - enemy kept up a desultory, unaimed fire all night - six new officers + two reinforcement officers gazetted</p>	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
		namely - Cunningham - Burns Rickwood Thompson - Shurt Wells King + the Intype	
4-5-15	ANZAC	Still extending + improving trenches - no attacks	
5-5-15	"	Same work - extending communication trenches on both flanks - Major Steel on left flank + Captain Scott on right	
6-5-15	" 12	Heavily shelled for some hours Beach was also shelled Quiet night	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
7-5-15	ANZEC	Shelled all day - worked at trenches	
8-5-15	"	Quiet day - at night Capt Carter + 100 men made road up from Valley -	
9-5-15	" 10p	Enemy attacked 4 <sup>th</sup> Brigade on our left - at Col MONAS'S request opened fire + did good execution - Lt Wells wounded + 3 men killed	
10-5-15	"	Reinforcements joined - told off permanent snipers + observers	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
10-5-15	ANZAC	Checked equipment - received flash protectors for machine guns which continue to do excellent work with expenditure of very little ammunition	
11-5-15	"	Completed communication trench to right flank	
12-5-15	"	Col Dobbin was ordered to report Sick + Major Kundon took over command - still digging sapping + sniping enemy quiet	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
13-5-15	ANZAC	no change - stood to arms at 3.45 am expecting attack	
14-5-15	"	C + B Corp brought over to take place of 2 Corp 4 <sup>th</sup> BN on our right -	
15-5-15	"	Conditions same - quiet.	
16-5-15	"	" " "	
17-5-15	"	Enemy shelled us with 8" high explosive no damage done	
18-5-15	"	Information received that	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
18.5.15	ANZAC	attack imminent - 2 High explosive shells fell in trenches + killed 4 men + injured Capt Carter	
19.5.15	" 3a	Attack by enemy in force for 4 hours - driven off with very heavy loss [Lt Cunningham killed + about killed] 10a Position normal - put in 8 steel loopholes. [Seyt Freame + Pte Walls specially mentioned for distinguished	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
20.5.15	ANZAC	<p>work in recognizance            15 wounded prisoners came            in to D Coy. Orders received to            3.30 P put up Red Cross flag to homes            in enemy's wounded but flag            fired on            5.30 P Enemy showed Red Crescent            Fire ceased - enemy stated they            wished to remove wounded &amp; bury            dead - General Walker with new            officers + arrangement made            that letters from Comd'rs should</p>	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
		be exchanged at 8 pm.	
		8 p Fire so heavy that letters were not exchanged. Heavy gun + rifle fire all night	
21-5-15	ANZAC	Fire continued to 2 am	
22-5-15	"	Col Smyth V.C. took command of Brigade. Everything quiet. D Coy relieved by 4 <sup>th</sup> L.H.	
23-5-15	"	Col Dobson resumed command of BN - quiet night	
24-5-15	"	Sgt Moore killed by sniper. Armistice from 8 am to	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
25-5-15	ANZAC	5 pm to bury dead - over 200 bodies buried opposite our lines all enemy. Very quiet night Quiet day - bomb guns put 10 bombs into trenches opposite us. General Walker slightly wounded in our lines - no grenades available	
26-5-15	ANZAC	Remarkably quiet day - Turkish snipers now shooting to destroy loopholes - 134	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
		Reinforcements arrived - tried gas pipe & rough got iron loopholes - some are successful	
27-5-15	ANZAC	8 Reinforcements arrived. Extended firing line	
28-5-15	12-30 am	Third Section report that a mine to be fired at QUINN'S Post at 1 am.	
	1-45 am	They report that mine will be fired in two minutes	
	2-30 am	Mine fired	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
28-5-15		Sketch of enemy's trenches submitted to Bde. H.Q.	
29-5-15	3:30 am	Heavy enemy fire along front. No advance. Firing maintained until 6.45	
	6:38 am	Third Section applied for all possible support in front of COURTENAY'S post. Given until 9.30 am.	
30-5-15	12 noon	Demonstrations to draw enemy's fire without success on either occasion.	
	3 pm		
	3 am		
	11 am	Capt Davidson & having been promoted to Major he handed over	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
30.5.15	12.45 pm	<p>over Adjutancy to Lieut Wootten who in his turn, handed over Machine Gun Section to Lieut Price.</p> <p>Received message from Third Section that an attack would be made from QUINN'S Post at 1 pm. and asking for all possible support.</p>	
	1 pm	<p>Operation commenced &amp; continued till 4.20 pm.</p> <p>Machine Guns did good work but troubled with jams owing to defective ammunition. Had to</p>	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
30.5.15		<p>Bringing up light horse gun to replace left gun. Defect is apparently in caps of some New Zealand and Indian ammunition. Machine gun on left of 'C' Company did good work and knocked out one enemy M.G. but concentrated fire made the emplacement untenable. No 7th Pte ARNOTT, T of this gun wounded and Genl WALKER promised to recommend him for D.C.M.</p> <p>All parapets on left of firing</p>	

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# WAR DIARY

Army Form C. 2118.

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## or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

(Erase heading not required.)

Hour, Date, Place	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
30/5/15.	<p>line damaged with shell fire.</p> <p>Lt. Col. DOBBIN went to hospital with bronchitis.</p> <p>(Original of above written on same sheet as entries for beginning of subsequent month and filed with volume for that month)</p>	



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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
30.5.15		line damaged with shell fire. Lt. Col. DOBBIN went to hospital with bronchitis.	
1.6.15	10 pm 10.30 pm	QUINN'S Post fired a mine Made demonstration to draw enemy fire. little success.	
4.6.15		Having received orders that in event of COURTENAY'S Post having to support QUINN'S Post 1 <sup>st</sup> Bn. would have to man former's trenches, made inspection of COURTENAY'S Post trenches	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
4.6.15		<p>Genls. Birdwood and Walker were present. Received orders that there was to be a combined operation tonight, our part of which was a raid on the Machine Gun at the end of GERMAN OFFICERS' trench facing COURTENAY'S Post.</p> <p>Lieut STREET selected to lead party of ten consisting of eight infantry and two sappers with gun-cotton. Object to smash M G &amp; destroy emplacement &amp; as much of</p>	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
4.6.15	11 10 pm.	<p>Trench as possible. Route: from left of our position along head of douga keeping just below sky line.</p> <p>Party started, less sappers who were to follow immediately ground had been reconnoitered. At same time heavy fire opened caused by operations at QUINN'S Post and also on right.</p> <p>About 15 yards in front a supposed disused trench running in front of COURTENAY'S trench</p>	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
4-6-15		was found to be full of enemy & the operation had therefore to be abandoned.	
5-6-15.	1:55 am	Order received from Brigadier that 100 men were to advance on GERMAN OFFICERS' trench at <del>noon</del> once and silence machine gun also to do as much damage to trench and overhead cover as possible (Order mentioned that attack to be made before moonrise but moon already up). Men were ordered to go in two lines of 50 each	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
5-6-15		<p>as not more than that number could be conveniently put over parapet at once. Lieut LLOYD detailed to lead 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieut WELLS in charge of second line.</p> <p>Attack just about to be made when Brigadier ordered it to be delayed until Sappers arrived with gun cotton.</p> <p>2.50 am Orders from Div. H. Q. to attack at once without waiting for gun cotton. Attack delivered in good style, M. G.</p>	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
5.6.15		destroyed by firing rifle into lock and much damage done to trench overhead cover etc. Casualties 5 killed and 28 wounded. Lieut LLOYD carried out attack with dash, coolness and judgment. Lieut DAVIS of B Coy. to be mentioned for manner in which he destroyed the gun. Most of the casualties caused by M.G. fire from either flank & by hand grenades. Enemy's casualties not ascertained.	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
5.6.15		Recommended Lieut HOYD for accelerated promotion to Captain for gallantry.	
6.6.15	9.30 pm	Capt JACOBS & party made a reconnaissance of disused trench with a view to using barbed wire but found it occupied. Tunnel for fire trench to COURTENAY'S Post got through B Coy relieved by C Coy. Hon Lieut R.M. DELANEY placed under arrest for disobedience of orders.	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
6-6-15	8 pm.	Orders received to reconnoitre disused trench & throw at least 50 hand grenades, in conjunction with COURTESY'S post, if it found occupied. Reconnaissance however showed trench unoccupied	
	9 pm.	Orders received to send patrol to GERMAN OFFICERS trench to ascertain if it was occupied, if so, in what strength, & to endeavour to draw fire. Sergt FREAME with two others formed patrol & were only able to draw fire from three rifles. Threw	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
6.6.15		Five hand grenades. No M. Guns there. Sergt FREAME'S two men were unfortunately wounded by a shot from 'C' Coy's trench on their return.	
7.6.15		Hon. Lieut. & Q.M. DELANEY made written apology & statement. Brigadier decided in view of this & previous good work to take no further action on this occasion. QUINN'S Pat having received orders to advance for purpose of recovering	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
7.6.15		<p>Tools &amp; equipment abandoned by them asked us to be ready to assist them in case of counter attack but not to fire until asked by them.</p> <p>Japanese bomb mortar brought in A Coy's lines. Fired twice in direction of QUINN'S post.</p>	
8.6.15	2.15 am	<p>QUINN'S Post reported all returned and asked for assistance of M Gun fire which was given. Artillery also opened.</p>	
	2.45 am	<p>QUINN'S Post reported no further fire required.</p>	

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8.30 am Lieut Buchanan, Price and Street promoted Lieut.

8.30 pm. A Turkish prisoner accompanied by two interpreters sent to call out to his compatriots. Called out in 'A' Coy's trench & was evidently heard as conclusion of remarks was greeted by burst of fire. Then called out from 'D' Coy's trench but no response.

Japanese gun fired in direction of QUINN'S. Report received that ~~among~~ ~~the~~ four men in QUINN'S POST wounded. Error probably caused either by wind or close proximity of enemy trench.

9.6.15 7.0 pm. Received orders to observe all coloured light & flash signals of enemy & record them.

8.30 pm Received information that sounds heard in portion of line occupied by A Squad 4<sup>th</sup> L.H. which seemed to indicate that enemy mining in our direction. Very faint sounds were heard & a counter rap was therefore started as a measure of precaution.

10.6.15

Received order that Bn. will be relieved tomorrow by 8<sup>th</sup> Bn.  
Capt ROBINS reported for duty.



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10.6.15 Sound of picks still ~~discernable~~ to be heard. After careful test it appears that probably our own sappers which are heard.

11.6.15 Bn relieved and transferred to BRANDS HILL for rest, with exception of M. Lines which are sent to 3rd Bn.

Two companies in support of 2nd Bn from 8 pm to be relieved at 5.30 am to be found each night

27.6.15 Received orders to be prepared to leave for IMBROS at short notice,

28.6.15 Received orders at 11.40 to send two Coys in support of 2nd Bn within half an hour. Right section of line commenced an assault at 1300. The two Coys returned about 1500.

Two shells fell in the camp for the first time since Bn. has been resting. No one hurt but C.S.M. MORRIS had a narrow escape as shell entered his dug out while he was in it & exploded there.

29.6.15. Left for IMBROS at 2030 being ferried from Signal Wharf to Mine Sweepers in flats & thence in two Mine Sweepers. One man hit by stray bullet as second Sweeper getting up anchor to leave.

Strength 19 officers 536 others



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30.6.15 At 0230 completed disembarkation at  
IMBROS and moved to camp about  $\frac{3}{4}$  Mile  
from landing stage.

At 1030 reported to Camp Commandant.  
Received orders to move camp. Move completed  
by 1300.