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Title: 5th Australian Light Horse
Regiment

September 1915

(1) 5th L. H. Regt.

Date.	Place and Time.		Adj. General Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached. 13 OCT 1915 CENTRAL REGISTRY No MFC/
Anzac	1915 Sep	1 234 Cpl Deane. E.J (11 th RN) severely wounded 2 854 Pte Bates W.N. killed in action (on beach) 805 . Hood 10 th severely wounded 70 R/Cpl Murr A B. slightly wounded 2 nd Lieut H.J. Lee (11 th RN) slightly wounded 254 Pte Coombs W (11 th RN) injured by pier 3 395 . Kelgour A slightly wounded Lieut W. J. Koch (11 th RN) slightly wounded 6 By D.O. 97 Part II of this date Major R.C. Wilson to be Lieut.-Col. and to command 5 th Light Horse Regt dated 1/8/15.	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
Rep 1	Anzac	<p>5th L.H. State as at 31 Aug 1915.</p> <p>Ranks embarked 16/5/15 454</p> <p>MCS joined 22/5/15 23</p> <p>Reinforcements & Details 183</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>660</u></p> <p>Effective Strengths 333*</p> <p>Wounded & Missing 89</p> <p>Wounded in Hospital 65</p> <p>Sick in Hospital 220</p> <p>Transferred 2</p> <p>Returned to base 1</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>660</u></p> <p>* of these 27 sick in lines</p> <p>Memo. Total wounded to 31 Aug 15 = 143.</p>	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
1915 Sep 6	Anzac	<p>Lieut. J. M. Haully previously reported missing found by Court of Enquiry to have been killed in action on 6/6/15</p> <p>By Base Order Part II 15-18 the following deaths reported. No 47 Pte Murray J M died of wounds 10/7/15. 874 Pte Hunt G. W. died of Enteric 18/7/15. 429 Pte Barkley V died of wounds 21/7/15</p> <p>No. 656 Sgt Delperatt M. J. missing on 28/6/15 reported by brother prisoner of war at constant trouble.</p> <p>257 Gault E. S. severely wounded</p>	
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Sep 4 5	Anzac	11 th RN. 261 Doherty W. severely wounded 548 King J. A. severely wounded 358 Idriess J. R. -do.	
6		747 Wright H. slightly wounded 893 Spenceley G. D. severely wounded 482 Smith G. J. slightly wounded 423 Miller R. P. -do.	
8 11		11 th RN. 780 McLaren J. M. Killed in action 85 Ryan J. V. slightly wounded 143 Walker J. A. Killed in action 82 Macdonald J. severely wounded	
18		Promotions, 2 nd Lieut. Mahoney	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
Sep 11	Anzac	McLaughlin & Brundrit to be Lieuts dated 1/9/15 DO part II 99 Rev. Father Michael Bergin S.J. to be Chaplain 4 th class date 2/5/15 DO part II 100.	
14		190 Ferris L slightly wounded	
15		84 Rudkin P severely wounded	
19		11 th RN 324 O'Dowd J.M. severely wounded	
		11 th RN. 291 Hutton G.H. do.	
		11 th RN 268 Evans G do.	
20		^{Sgt} 142 Zuley J.E. do	
22		²³⁶ 11 th RN Cpl Pascoe J.H. Killed in action	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
Rep 1915 23	Anzac	11 th LH 328 O'Brien J severely wounded	
24		270 Manton R.F. slightly wounded	
25		11 th RN 239 Cpl Rudd 10 N slightly wounded	
26		11 th LH 243 Barton K slightly wounded	
30		<p><u>Sniping</u> During the period that this Regt. has been in occupation of the sub-section on the extreme right flank, special attention has been given to the matter of sniping & breaching in of the enemy's loop-holes. Snipers have been specially instructed & special shots have been detailed on this duty</p>	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
1915 Rep 30 Augae		<p>To what show what consistent sniping will do it is placed on record that No. 355 Pte Ling W.E. has between the 15 July & this date inflicted 156 casualties on the Turks by sniping. To effect this he has had no other duty to perform. Special firing positions were erected for him overlooking the Turkish lines, from ranges of 150 to 400 yards. In the difficult cases the modus operandi is as follows; Ling notices a</p>	

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1915 Sep 30	Anzac	<p>movement, such as a glimpse of a face at a loophole, an observer then directs a telescope on to the place indicated, Sing covers it with his rifle & the moment the object again appears the observer tells him to fire. This he does usually with success. The number of cases above reported are authentic. Sing has fired on numerous other occasions but where the result was doubtful or not observed the no claim has been</p>	

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1915 Sep 30	Anzac	<p>made for a casualty. Ling's performance is far in excess of any other member of the Regt. but numerous other members have a few casualties to their credit.</p> <p>General Birdwood the Corps Commander on the occasion of a recent visit commented on the effective sumping of this Regt. as far in excess of that effected by any other Unit of the Anzac Corps.</p> <p>The Turkish loopholes opposite this Regt's lines are made of green bricks - that is bricks of clay unburned but</p>	

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1915 Sep 30	Anzac	<p>dried in the sun, about 8 12 in by 8 by 4. As soon as these loopholes appear or are repaired within a distance of 100 yds they are fired upon. 5 or 6 shots usually break the brick & the loopholes collapses & becomes useless. This procedure is carried on to such an extent that sometimes there is not a loophole facing CHATHAM'S POST & within 100 yds that is fit to fire through. The Turks opposite this Regt. Lines are very careful in using periscopes</p>	

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1915 Sep 30	Anzac	<p>the moment they appear they are fired upon & usually hit. The close sniping on this frontage could only be carried out with the aid of the 7x telescopes which are constantly in use. Without these telescopes the targets would not in most cases be seen.</p> <p>During the last month the Turks have been observed using periscopic rifles.</p> <p>During the last month the Turks have fired about a dozen improvised bombs into our lines but without</p>	

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1915 29 th Aug	Anzac	<p>doing any damage. The bomb consists of a small quick firing gun brass cartridge case screwed on to an inch & a half rod 4 ft long. Two of these bombs unexploded were found to each contain 6 sticks of excelsite, 1/2 lb. of black powder & some iron slugs.</p> <p>On the 29th inst a garland trench mortar was erected at CHATHAM'S Post, its visible effect has been to keep down somewhat the enemy's sniping.</p> <p>Apparently the Turkish sharpshooters are</p>	

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1915 Sep 30	Anzac	<p>afraid to fire as much as formerly as by so doing they would attract a bomb from this mortar</p> <p><u>Sickness</u> This is very prevalent in the Regt as the following State will show. Most of the cases are diarrhoea. This Regt. is no worse than any other Unit in this respect. It is regretted that there is no canteen here as the existence of such an institution would mean a greater variety in food & probably a reduction in sickness of this sort</p>	

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1915 Sep 30	Anzac	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>State as at 30 Sep 1915</u></p> <p>Number landed Anzac May 15 477</p> <p>Reinforcements <u>338</u></p> <p style="text-align: right;">815</p> <p>Effective Strength 291</p> <p>Sick in lines (off duty) 20</p> <p>Killed & Missing & Prisoners 46</p> <p>Wounded in Hospital 81</p> <p>Sick in Hospital 373</p> <p>Transferred <u>4</u> 815</p> <p>No. wounded to date <u>171</u></p> <p>Deaths <u>46</u></p> <p style="text-align: right;">Total Casualties 217</p>	

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1915 Rep 30	Anzac	<p>Of those who landed with the Regt. in May there are now on the Peninsula 150, of these there are now here, without any break 110</p> <p>1/10/15</p> <p><i>[Signature]</i> Lieut Col Commandg 5th L. H. Regt</p>	

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