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1914-18 War

Artillery

Item number: 13/68/3

Title: 6th Battery, Australian Field Artillery

April 1915



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To be typed

Remarks & References
to Appendices etc,
attached

Date

Place & Time

1915
April 10th

MENA.

Divisional tactical scheme
in conjunction with all arms.

(Original of above will
be found on page 1 of
diary for month of
March 1915 and
bound with that month.)

Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
April 5	MENA	Orders for 2 nd F.A. Brigade to embark for an unknown destination	
5		Orders to 6 th Battery to embark on transport <i>Itira</i> (No 13); rest of brigade on	
6	9:15	6 th Battery embarked at Cairo (No 1) Station for Alexandria Strength 5 officers, 141 men (including one man to be left at base depot at Alexandria, and 126 horses	<p><i>Jm</i></p> <p><i>Jm</i></p>

6th Bty AFA

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
APRIL 6	MENA.	Orders to entrain cancelled; battery, in common with the remainder of the 2 nd F.A. Brigade and the 8 th Battery, ordered to stand fast for 24 hours	
" 7	"	Orders to stand fast for a further period of 24 hours.	
" 8	"	Battery entrained at CAIRO for ALEXANDRIA. Strength 5 Officers and 141 men, 126 horses (less 2 Officers and 6 men, advance party, who left for Alexandria on the 5 th inst)	Jm.

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
APRIL 8	(continued) MENA	Entraining commenced at CAIRO at 9 p.m. Train left for ALEXANDRIA at midnight.	
" 9	ALEXANDRIA	The battery arrived at ALEXANDRIA at 5.15 am. and immediately embarked on board the transport ITRIA, now No A.20. Strength 5 officers and 141 men, 12.6 horses. One man left at base in charge of kits, and one man returned from hospital taken on the strength leaving the personnel the same ^{number} as on entraining at	J.P.M.

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
APRIL 9	ALEXANDRIA	Alexandria. Troops on board were as shown on back hereof. return attached . Sailed for LEMNOS, 3:37 pm.	List of Embarkation return of
"	10	AT SEA	Troops on board
"	11	" " " " " "	board
"	12	LEMNOS Arrived at LEMNOS, anchored (MUDROS BAY) 10:45 am. A General is W. R. Bridwood and Major General Bridges visited the ship in the afternoon. Five Officers and 3 men of 6 th , 7 th and 8 th Infantry left to join their units on board	Landed Strat Pinn.

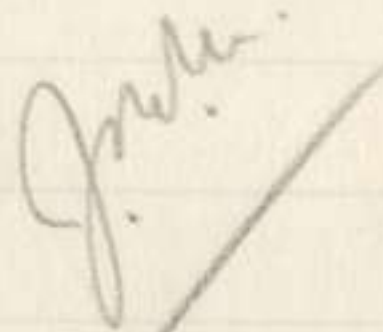
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	5 Officers	Others	126 horse
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Army Corps HQ	11	12	7
6 th Infy { Hold	1	21	—
8 th Infy { Party	1	21	—
1 st Aust. Div. HQ	—	5	9
No 1 Coy ASE Distram	—	2	4
AAMC	1	2	—
No 1 Aust. Mobile Vet Sec.	1	13	15
6 th Infy	2	3	—
7 th "	2	—	—
8 th Infy	1	—	—
3 rd FA Bde	—	6	—
Amn Bde	—	—	—
14 Officers 214 Others			155

Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
APRIL 12	MUDROS BAY (LEMNOS I?)	The transport Galeata.	
" 13	"	Remained at anchor at MUDROS BAY	
" 14	"	Four officers and 202 other ranks of 4 th Brigade Infantry reinforcements temporarily transferred to transport Itria from the transport Suffolk	
" 14		Six men, 3 rd F.A. Bde Amn Co. transferred from transport Itria to transport Cardiganshire.	
" 15		Remained at anchor at MUDROS BAY	
" 16		Nineteen men transferred ashore from Infantry reinforcements as a guard on hospital, and	J.M.

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
APRIL 16	MUDROS BAY.	a like number transferred from	
"	17 "	shore to ship two horses died.	
"	17 -18 "	Remained at anchor, MUDROS BAY	
"	19 "	Infantry reinforcements, 4 Officers	
		and 180 men, and 1 Officer	
		and 2 men AMC transferred	
		to transport Alan Mc Gillivray	
			

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APRIL	MUDROSS BAY 20-21 "	Remained at anchor	Ass. Adj. General 3rd Echelon. II. E. F.
"	23 "	Field general court martial held on board for the trial of Private Gleeson, 8 th Infantry, on a charge of disobedience of orders. Accused was found guilty. Sentence 90 days detention commuted to 90 days field punishment No 2 without pay.	20 JUN. 1915 CENTRAL REGISTRY No MFC/
"	24 "	Remained at anchor, MUDROSS BAY.	
"	25 "	Sailed at 6.20 am. for KABA TEPE. Arrived 2 pm. and	J.M.

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
1915 APRIL 25	KABA TEPE	<p>anchored about 1½ miles from shore. [The A. and N.Z. forces had effected a landing early in the morning and had made considerable progress in the attack on the Turkish position on the hill to the left of GABA TEPE Point, under the cover of the guns of the fleet. The action continued all day. About sundown there was a heavy burst of shrapnel fire from the Turkish side.]</p>	

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KABATEPE	AP. 25 ¹⁹¹⁵	and several shells burst near the ITRIA, two passing just over.	
"	" 26	Remained at anchor. Engagement on shore continued all day. Embarked echelon "A" (600 men and 67 personnel) and reached shore about	
"	" 27	Before daybreak, several shells evidently fired by Turkish ships in the Dardanelles, fell in the water amongst the transports. Number said to be eight, probably eight inch calibre or over. Two passed just over the ITRIA. Received	Embarked echelon "A" (600 men and 67 personnel) and reached shore about midnight but were immediately ordered back to the ship.

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
KABATEPE	1915 AP. 27	<p>Orders to reembark guns and lumber which had been left in two lighters, alongside, overnight, as they had been brought back from shore. Sailed at 9 am. for the GULF of XEROS. When near SAMOTHRACE ISLAND, received orders that at 4:30 on the following morning a fleet of landings would be made by the ships in the convoy (nine) under the</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>John</i></p>	

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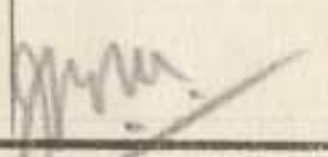
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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
AT SEA, en route to XEROS	(GULF ISLAND) AP. 27/1915	cover of the guns of cruisers Amethyst Dartmouth and two destroyers RIBBLE and USK.	
GULF of XEROS	AP. 28 5 am.	at 5 am. embarked in six ships boats 40 infantry and 100 artillerymen in order to make a point of landing, on the west side of the Gulf at CAPE IBRINIJI. There being no reply from the enemy, the boats from all ships were recalled. At 4.30 in the afternoon a second point was made at <i>Man.</i>	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
GULF of XEROS	AP 28	CAPE also on the western side of the Gulf. No fire was drawn and the boats returned to the ships. After sundown owing to a squall the ITRIA and KAROO became separated from the remainder of the convoy and were ordered to take refuge under the lee of IMBROS ISLAND.	
	AP. 29	anchored at 1 am. near Imbros Island, sailed at 9 am. for the Gulf of Xeros at 4 pm. made another point	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
GULF OF XEROS	Apr 29	<p>at landing, on the east side of the head of the gulf. The boats from the "Itria" were lowered but were ordered to remain alongside. Fire was drawn on this occasion from Turkish ships in the Dardanelles the isthmus at this point being the narrowest point. Several shells from the Turkish ships fell on the shore and some in the water near the boats. Returned with the remainder of the</p>	

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Apl. 29. GABA TEPE.

convoy in the evening and anchored shortly

Apl. 30.

after midnight at GABA TEPE.

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