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Date 1915	Time	Place	7th. Battery Field Artillery. Australian Imperial Force.
<u>Oct. 1.</u>	15.45	ANZAC.	No. 3 gun fired 2 rds. P.S. (range 940') at Turkish Observation Station pointed out by 10th Battalion observer - Sq 68-B-6, in retaliation for enemy gun firing on LONESOME PINE. Effect: Parapets damaged.
<u>Oct. 2.</u>	10.15	"	Enemy gun observed firing - smoke only visible - at No. 3 gun of this Battery from GUN RIDGE - Sq. 68-S-2. Was engaged by Heavy Battery.
	10.40	"	No 3 gun fired 3 rds P.S. (Range 900') at Turkish Observation Station pointed out by 10th Battalion observer - Sq 68-B-6, in retaliation for enemy gun firing on LONESOME PINE. Effect: Parapets damaged. Enemy shell burst in gun pit of No 3 gun but caused no casualties to men or equipment.
	<del>11.20</del>		
	11.20	"	Small conflagration was observed in same locality as Heavy Battery had been firing. Apparently bush fire caused by Heavy Bty shells bursting.
	13.45	"	Small party (about 6 men) seen working + moving about on crest of Olive Grove 56-Q-4.
	17.10	"	Small party (about 10 to 12 dismounted men) seen moving 48-N-6. <i>Stt</i>

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Oct 2	—	ANZAC	In pursuance of orders received from Div. Artillery H.Q.s. we proceeded to replace 80/44 fuzes on H.E. shell by 85 fuzes removed from shrapnel shell temporarily transferring 80/44 fuzes to unfuzed shrapnel shell <sup>as protection from damp</sup> pending receipt of new 80 or 85 fuzes.
Oct 3.	0820	"	No. 3 gun fired 3 rds. P.S. (at range of 915 <sup>m</sup> ) at bomb proof cover. Slope of PLATEAU 400, N. end of SURPRISE GULLY. Sq. 68-B-6 in retaliation for enemy gun firing on LONESOME PINE. Effect - Portion of cover knocked down.
	0820	"	Small parties seen entrenching on crest of OLIVE GROVE, 56-Q-4.
	16.00	"	Gun observed firing at Monitor 47-I-1. Engaged by Howitzer + 9th Bty.
	1725	"	Helio signalling observed taking place between "Redoubt" 47-M-3 and white houses 48-N-6.
Oct 4.	0855	"	No. 3 gun fired 14 rds. P.S. (at range of 950 <sup>m</sup> to 940 <sup>m</sup> ) at crest of PLATEAU 400, N. end of SURPRISE GULLY (Sq. 68-B-6) in retaliation for Battery firing on LONESOME PINE. Effect - Parapets partially demolished. 6 enemy guns opened on to No. 3 gun but only fired for 10 minutes doing little damage to parapets.

Reference to Maps - Names - Map No. Z. 2024 A of ANZAC - squares 1/20000 Gallipoli

Date 1915	Time	Place	7th. Battery Field Artillery. Australian Imperial Force.
Oct. 4	09.30	ANZAC	No. 3 gun fired 7 rds. P.S. (range 930 <sup>x</sup> ) further to S.E. of same crest engaged at 08.55 damaging a further portion of parapets.
	09.45	"	Guns observed firing from OLIVE GROVE - 56-W-1 and 56-Q-4. and from GUN RIDGE - 68-S-5.
	10.55	"	Party of Turks working in 'ECHELON' trenches 68-L-6.
	11.45	"	9th Battalion observers pointed out Turkish Observing Station stated by them to have been used during morning's bombardment by Turkish guns. - PINE RIDGE - 68-H-8 - <del>Reported to</del> Bombardment had ceased when information received + no sign of observers at position pointed out - Reported to 3rd. F. A. Brigade.
	12.30	"	Men observed throwing water or other liquid over parapet on GUN RIDGE - 68-S-5.
	-	"	Captain A. P. Brisp rejoined unit during early morning + took over command of Battery during the afternoon.
	2.00	"	Demonstration by 5th Light Horse + Torpedo Boat Destroyer + 9th Battery in S. zone of ANZAC. This Battery did not fire.

Reference to Maps - Names - Map No 22024A of ANZAC - squares 1/20000. Gallipoli.

Date 1915	Time	Place	7th. Battery Field Artillery, Australian Imperial Force.
Oct 5	09.15	ANZAC	No. 3 gun fired 6 lds. RS. (at range of 760 <sup>+</sup> ) at SNIPERS RIDGE parapets. Sq. 68-B-8, in retaliation for guns firing on LONESOME PINE. A portion of parapet was demolished.
"	"	"	Considerable movement of small parties of horsemen on road Sq. 48-N-6. Parties generally moving northwards.
"	10.15	"	Small party of Turks observed digging on crest of PLATEAU 400 Sq. 68-C-7.
"	"	"	Party working on crest of GUN RIDGE - Sq. 68-J-1. At 1705 same work was being continued.
"	"	"	Small working party observed leaving communication trench. Sq. 68-N-5.
"	1600	"	Gun observed firing from GUN RIDGE at aeroplane. 68-S-6. Reported to 3rd. F.A. Bt engaged by 9th Battery.
Oct 6.	1000	"	Small parties of horsemen observed moving at Sq. 48-N-6.
"	17.15	"	Movement observed at "Redoubt" - 47-M-3. There was little firing from enemy guns on right flank during the day.

Reference to Maps - Names - Map of ANZAC N<sup>o</sup> Z2024A. Squates 1/20000. Gallipoli <sup>1915</sup>

Date 1915	Time	Place	7th. Battery Field Artillery. Australian Imperial Force.
Oct. 7	15.00	ANZAC	Gun observed firing from GUN RIDGE at our aeroplane, Reported to 3rd. F.A. Bge, but had ceased firing before report through (Sq. 68-S-5).
	15.15	"	Gun observed firing from Olive Grove Sq. 55-Z-6-9.
	15.20	"	Movement of enemy troops - Party of about 40 men (unarmed) moving towards "Hill 600" along road in Sqs. 56 S47. Reported through 3rd. F.A. Bge to Heavy Battery.
	16.30	"	Gun observed firing from OLIVE GROVE Sq. 56-W-1. Engaged by 9th Bty.
	18.30	"	Demonstration by 2nd L.H. Brigade, 3rd. Inf Bge. & Torpedo Destroyers. Battery did not fire. Considerable Turkish rifle fire was drawn in this zone.
	19.30	"	Reported by no. 4 gun that the presence of small quantities of gas had been noticed in the air. Infantry & Light Horse forward trenches did not confirm report, <sup>3rd F.A. Bge. was informed</sup> & no action was accordingly taken beyond warning men to have respirators or gas helmets at hand & warning other units of report. Officer in charge of no. 4 gun stated men's eyes had been made to smart & smell noticed was disagreeable but was not sufficient to overcome anyone.

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DATE	TIME	PLACE	7th. Battery Field Artillery. Australian Imperial Force.
1915			
Oct. 8	0915	ANZAC	Small working party engaged on trench on GUN RIDGE. 68-V-6.
	12.30	"	Vehicles observed moving to and from direction of Maides, along Maides Road. 48-D+P.
	17.45	"	No. 3 gun fired 2 rds. P.S. at sandbag emplacements on SNIPERS RIDGE Sq. 68-B-68 (Range 775") in retaliation for enemy guns firing on LONESOME PINE. Portion of parapet was knocked down. A Turkish gun engaged No. 3 gun from behind GUN RIDGE with 5 rds. but did no damage.
	19.10	"	Alternative gun pit commanding same zone as No. 3 gun sited just below crest on N. slope of BOLTON HILL (about 30' W. of No. 3) Work on pit was commenced but had to be abandoned at 20.30 for the night owing to a violent rain storm. The pit is being built to allow the fire of an additional gun being brought to bear on SNIPERS RIDGE, slope + crest of PLATEAU 400, if necessary, and had to be sited in the dark by compass bearing as position was exposed to view of enemy's trenches on crest + slope of PLATEAU 400

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DATE	TIME	PLACE	7th. Battery Field Artillery. Australian Imperial Force.
1916			
Oct. 9	0800	ANZAC	Five transport mules observed moving towards ruins 48-N-6.
	1500	"	Small party of Turks observed working on PINE RIDGE 68-I-1.
	1530	"	From 12 to 15 transport mules observed moving towards ruins 48-N-6.
	1600	"	Party of Turks working immediately behind crest of PLATEAU 400, 68-C-7.
	1700	"	Small party of Turks working in "Mathematical trenches" 68-V-9.
	1900	"	New alternative gun pit continued with. Work could not be completed as sufficient sand-bags were not obtainable.
Oct. 10	0900	"	Number of White tents and Red Crescent flags observed on slope of Spur 48-N-8 + 52.
	"	"	Barbed wire entanglements in front of SNIPERS RIDGE noticed to have been considerably strengthened and new barbed wire entanglements erected in front of trench which appears to be "reserve firing line" for Turkish LONESOME PINE position Sq. 68-B-6-9.
	1420	"	No. 3 gun fired 15 rds. P.S. + 2 HE. <del>and</del> at sandbag parapets on SNIPERS RIDGE 68-B-6-8 in retaliation for enemy guns firing on LONESOME PINE. Portion of parapets knocked down. Range 775 <sup>x</sup> .
	1720	"	No. 3 gun fired 2 <del>1</del> rds P.S.; 1 rd. Fuz. 1-8, + 2 HE at barbed wire

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DATE	TIME	PLACE	7th. Battery Field Artillery. Australian Imperial Force.	3
1915				
Oct 10.	17.20 (Cont.)	ANZAC.	entanglements in front of SNIPERS RIDGE 68-B-648 (Range 750*) in retaliation for enemy firing on LONESOME PINE. A small gap was cut through entanglements. Best effect obtained with HE.	
	17.25	"	Gun observed firing at our aeroplane.	
	19.00	"	Alternative pit (covering No 3 gun's zone) improved, but sufficient sand bags yet available.	
Oct 11	08.00	"	Observed that new barbed wire entanglements had been erected on crest of PLATEAU 400, 68-B-6 during the night 10/11th inst.	
	10.00	"	Continual movement of small parties observed in trench on GUN RIDGE 68-V-3	
	15.15	"	Smoke of an enemy gun firing from behind GUN RIDGE was observed. Sq. 68-N-9. - Engaged by Howitzer.	
	16.10	"	No 3 gun fired 6 rds. PS + 2 HE at mud brick parapets and wire entanglements on crest of PLATEAU 400, N. end of SURPRISE GULLY, 68-B-6 in retaliation for enemy gun firing on LONESOME PINE. Range 940*. A portion of parapets was knocked down, but little damage done to entanglements.	

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DATE	TIME	PLACE	7th. Battery Field Artillery. Australian Imperial Force.
1915.			
Oct. 11	1900	ANZAC	Work on alternative pit continued & wall of No. 3 pit, which had been partially knocked down by Turkish shelling during the afternoon, rebuilt. One of the No. 3 pit working party - No. 1737 Cmr. Haseman W. was slightly wounded under the parapet by a bullet while working on the outside of the pit. There was more <del>than</del> Turkish rifle fire than usual right through night of 11/12th.
Oct 12	0955	"	No. 3 gun fired 4 rds. P.S. at slope of PLATEAU 400, N. end of SURPRISE GULLY 68-B-6 in retaliation for enemy gun firing on LONESOME PINE. Range 930*. Parapets damaged.
"	"	"	It was observed that wire entanglements damaged on 10th & parapets & entanglements damaged on 10th had been rebuilt.
"	14.15	"	Two transport wagons and about 6 loaded camels observed moving S. 48-I-142.
"	1705 to 1725	"	Retaliation series by No. 3 gun of 11 rds P.S. & 1 HE at same target as engaged at 0955. Turkish gun replied to No. 3. but did no damage.

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DATE	TIME	PLACE	
Oct 12	1900	ANZAC	Work on alternative pit continued. There was considerable amount of firing (rifle fire by Turks) during night of 12/13th as on previous night.
Oct 13	1045	"	Packs mules observed moving from direction of Ruins 48-N-6.
	"	"	Observed that more wire entanglements had been erected on slope of PLATEAU 400 48-B-6. during night 12/13th.
	12.00	"	Party of about 50 men observed moving N along road in Sq 48F. Engaged by 9th Battery.
	1330	"	Large party observed moving along communication trench in Sq 68-N-2. No. 3 gun fired 37 Shrapnel + 6 HE in 1st series + 3 Sh in 2nd series
	1550 & 16.20	"	at barbed wire entanglements on slope & crest of PLATEAU 400, N. end of SURPRISE GULLY, Sq. 68-B-6. in retaliation for enemy guns firing on LONESOME PINE. Ranges 915*, 940* & 960*. Greater portion of entanglements were destroyed & 2 Turkish guns replied to No 3. & knocked down a portion of parapet.
	1900.	"	Work on alternative pit resumed & wall of no 3 pit rebuilt.

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Date	TIME	PLACE	7th. Battery Field Artillery. Australian Imperial Force.
1915			6
Oct. 14	09.25	ANZAC	Working party 20 to 30 strong working in trench in front of OLIVE GROVE 55-Y-9. Engaged by 9th Battery.
	"	"	Observed that portion of wire entanglements destroyed by our fire yesterday had been rebuilt during the night, and further entanglements constructed on slope of PLATEAU 400. 68-C-7.
	09.30	"	Small party working in trench on PINE RIDGE 68-M-2.
	10.15	"	Constant movement of men observed in communication trench. 67-Z-6.
	14.10	"	Small party observed working behind crest of PLATEAU 400 68-C-7.
	18.30	"	Work on alternative emplacement resumed.
15		"	The Battery did not fire.
16	04.10	"	In accordance with orders for a demonstration N <sup>o</sup> 3 Gun opened fire engaging enemy's trenches and LONE PINE firing 15 rounds. An enemy's gun firing from the direction of GUN RIDGE attempted to engage our N <sup>o</sup> 3 Gun firing 6 rounds without causing damage.
	11.00		Enemy's aeroplane flew over our position Northwards.

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Date	TIME	PLACE.	7th. Battery Field Artillery, Australian Imperial Force.	7
1915		Anzac	& was engaged by a gun from a warship & was put to flight	
Oct 16	1150	"	Enemy's artillery & commenced shelling our trenches at LONE PINE. N° 3 Gun opened fire on enemy's trenches on LONE PINE & PLATEAU 400 firing 39 rounds of shrapnel & 8 High Explosive demolishing portion of the enemy's parapets & barbed wire entanglements	
17	1145	"	Enemy's artillery commenced shelling our trenches at LONE PINE N° 3 Gun shelled enemy's trenches on LONE PINE & PLATEAU 400 firing 27 shrapnel and 8 High Explosive demolishing portions of enemy's parapets.	
18	1450	"	Enemy's artillery opened fire on our <del>position</del> trenches at LONE PINE. Our N° 3 guns retaliated by shelling enemy's trenches on SNIPERS RIDGE & PLATEAU 400 firing four rounds	
	1530	"	Enemy again shelled our trenches & N° 3 Gun opened fire on enemy's trenches on PLATEAU 400 firing 3 rounds	

Reference to Maps - Names - Map of ANZAC N° Z 2024 A. squares 120000 Gallipoli. 7-13

Date	TIME	PLACE	7th. Battery Field Artillery. Australian Imperial Force.
1915			
Oct 18	1530	Anzac	Two guns of enemy opened fire on our position but without doing damage. These guns could not be located but one appeared to be shelling from the direction of GUN RIDGE whilst the other appeared to be firing from the direction of SCRUBBY KNOLL. The latter gun did not appear to be able to lower its trajectory to enable it to do us any damage as the shells either burst high or went over into the water. This is the first time this gun has fired on our position.
	1730		9 <sup>th</sup> 3 Gun opened fire on a small party of men visible behind parapets on SNIPERS RIDGE square 68-B-8 firing 4 rounds with effect
19	0815		3 guns, in retaliation to enemy's fire fired 29 rounds at parapets on SNIPERS RIDGE with effect
19	1530		9 <sup>th</sup> 3 Gun opened fire on a trench mortar pointed out by the 11 <sup>th</sup> Inf Bn on SNIPERS RIDGE - Square 68-9-8
20			26 rounds were fired but owing to the flatness of the Trajectory of the gun the effect was slight. During the series the enemy <sup>artillery</sup> opened fire on our 9 <sup>th</sup> 3 Gun with one gun

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Date 1915	TIME	PLACE	9th. Battery Field Artillery. Australian Imperial Force.
Oct 20		Anzac	from GUN RIDGE & the other from the direction of SCRUBBY KNOLL the latter gun doing some damage to our parapets & unless soon located & silenced will cause us some inconvenience.
21		"	The Battery did not fire.
22		"	The Battery did not fire.
23		"	The Battery did not fire.
24		"	The Battery did not fire.
25		"	The Battery did not fire. Lt. Ross <sup>at two other points</sup> rejoined Battery
26		"	The Battery did not fire.
27	1130	"	Enemy's artillery opened heavy fire on position occupied by this battery which bombardment continued for about 20 minutes. The hostile guns were engaged by 9th Battery also 5 inch & 6 inch Howitzers & silenced. No damage was done to our position. The Battery did not fire.
28		"	Quiet - The Battery did not fire.

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Date 1915.	TIME	PLACE	7th. Battery Field Artillery. Australian Imperial Force.	10
Oct 29	<del>Anzac</del>	Anzac	The Battery did not fire.	
30		"	" " " " " "	
31	1415	"	A working party of the enemy about 20 strong was observed in POPPY VALLEY. The 9th Battery engaged this target Captain Crisp of 7th Battery observing for them. Three rounds were fired & the party disappeared. - The 7th Battery did not fire. It was noticed that the parapets of enemy's trenches on SNIPERS RIDGE were considerably strengthened during night of 30/31 <del>Sept</del> October.	