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9th Div AFA

Date Place and Time.

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April 5th 1915 MENA

Left MENA at 8 p.m. Route March to ABOV EL
ELA Railway Station, Cairo, entrained
battery. Troop train departed at 1.40 A.M.
arrived Alexandria 7.15 a.m.

W.L.H. Burgess.

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Date.	Place and Time.	Page 13 Vol. 1	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
April 6 th 1915	ALEXANDRIA	Arrived ALEXANDRIA at 7.15 am.	
"	"	Embarked Battery on #94 Transport -	
"	"	A17, "ATLANTIAN"	W. G. H. Burgess.
April 8 th 1915	ALEXANDRIA	Sailed at 12.45 pm for LEMNOS ISLAND	W. G. H. Burgess.
April 10 th 1915	LEMNOS ISLAND	Arrived at LEMNOS ISLAND at 2.45 pm	
"	"	and anchored outside harbour, inside booms	W. G. H. Burgess.
"	"	Moved into inner harbour about 4 pm.	
April 24 th 1915	LEMNOS ISLAND	Heighed anchor at 7 am, moved out to open sea & sailed almost due south, stopped engines at 9.45 am, maintained position till 7 pm then half speed northwards to Rabbit Island. Half moon, calm night, slow swell, slight haze. Darkened ships, three other transports with us distant about 4 miles abeam.	W. G. H. Burgess.

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Date.	Place and Time.	Page 14 Vol. 1.	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
April 25 th 1915	Dardanelles.	Anchored off Dardanelles at dawn. Bombardment of Turkish Forts by Allied Fleets. "Attantian" moved in under orders close to N.W.S. "Gurgus" & at 3 pm moved up the coast to KABATEPE. 1 st Australian and Australian & New Zealand covering parties landed just north of KABATEPE (SARI BAIK) at dawn this day. "Attantian" anchored about 3.30 pm awaiting orders re disembarkation.	W.G.H. Burgess.
April 26 th 1915	KABATEPE	Anchored awaiting orders. Other transports still arriving. Transports shelled by heavy guns from Dardanelles. Bats a warships.	W.G.H. Burgess.
April 27 th 1915	KABATEPE.	Battery remained in "Attantian" at anchor. No O.C. sent ashore under orders from Dir. A.H.Q. for special service.	W.G.H. Burgess.

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April 27 th 1915	KABA TEPE	(contd) with Lieut. P. J. Morgan and 4 battery telephonists & instruments ashore with me. Made complete reconnaissance of entire front line for suitable artillery positions and observing stations.	W. L. H. Burgess.
April 28 th 1915	KABA TEPE	Took over duties as Observation Officer for Naval Fire on Night Flank. Observing for H.M.S. Bacchanté and Lanopus.	W. L. H. Burgess.
April 29 th 1915	KABA TEPE	Observing for H.M.S. Bacchanté & Doris. Bacchanté shells 400 PLATEAU & trenches & down reverse slopes & eastern valley adjacent to 400 Plateau.	W. L. H. Burgess.
April 30 th 1915	KABA TEPE	Observing for H.M.S. Bacchanté, Doris, and Triumph. Relieved by Lieut. Blowers & Playfair. Relieved O.C. 7 th Battery in action on Night Flank. Lieut. Crisp and Ellis and	

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April 30th 1915. KABA TEPE.
(cont.)

Four Gun Detachments of 9th Battery came
ashore.

W.L.H.Burgess.

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