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Title: 9th Battery, Australian Field Artillery

May 1915



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9th Battery, 3rd Field Artillery Brigade, 1st Australian Division. 26

Date.	Place and Time.	Page 16. Vol. 1.	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
April 30 th 1915 (contd)	KABATEPE.	Four Gun Detachments of 9 th Battery came ashore.	W.L.H. Ingers.
May 1 st 1915	KABATEPE	9 th Battery relieved 7 th Battery on Night Blank Ridge Shelled Turkish trenches & troops on 400 PLATEAU and engaged hostile battery on GUN RIDGE *Range to trenches 750 to 1050, to battery 1950	<u>Rounds fired 137.</u>
May 2 nd 1915	KABATEPE	Shelling enemy close range trenches, KABATEPE and TWIN TRENCH KNOLL. Silenced enemy 4 gun battery on GUN RIDGE with 2 nd 1 & 2 guns at 6.50 pm	<u>Rounds fired 112.</u>
May 3 rd 1915.	KABATEPE (ANZAC)	Covering Landing Party at KABATEPE and their subsequent re-embarkation, silenced hostile gun on N.W. Sully, searched & swept gullies & niches with 2 nd 1 gun. marked up hostile emplacements. 2 nd 1 gun fired 160 rds. Total rounds fired by battery =	<u>Rounds fired 180.</u>

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Date.	Place and Time.	Page 17. Vol. 1.	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
May 4 th 1915	ANZAC.	Shelling 400 PLATEAU and towards KABATEPE and TWIN TRENCH KNOLL. 9 th Battery relieved by 7 th Battery at 4 P.M. 9 th Battery went into dug outs in gully N of SAPPERS POST for rest.	Rounds fired = 47 W.G.H. Burgess.
May 5 th 1915	ANZAC.	Battery resting. Horses & Driven, equipment & guns still on 'A17' Atlantic anchored off ANZAC COVE. Under orders from Bde Hdq. I made complete reconnaissance of whole front of 1 st Australian Division for alternative gun positions & firing stations. Located hostile guns firing H.E. & inflicting loss & damage on our troops & works. Reported to Col Rosenthal at 5.15 pm and while doing so, both knocked out by	

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May 5 th 1915	(Contd)	a combined H E & Shrapnel shell which entered the dug out & burst inside. Col. Rosenthal wounded in back, shoulder & knee, self in head and neck & knee. Col. R. sent off to Hospital ship "Gloucester Castle" same evening, self sent down to No. 1 Field Ambulance.	(No. 1188) One gun, 2 waggons, 12 horses, 3 drivers of 9 th Battery landed at CAPE HELLES this day. W. G. H. Burgess.
May 6 th 1915	ANZAC	Ordered off to Hospital ship "Gloucester Castle" at 10 am. Capt Leslie of 7 th Battery sent off to ship in same boat, but died of shell wounds shortly after reaching ship. Buried at sea.	W. G. H. Burgess.
May 7 th 1915	ANZAC.	"Gloucester Castle" with 738 wounded aboard left for ALEXANDRIA about 8 am. ^{Lieut. Bristow took over in Capt place of Capt Leslie in} 9 th Battery resting. "Attamban" still anchored off ANZAC.	Three guns & limbers of 9 th Battery landed at ANZAC. W. G. H. Burgess.

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Date.	Place and Time.	Page 19. Vol. 1.	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
May 8 th 1915.	ANZAC.	O.C. on Hospital Ship "Gloucester Castle" en route for Alexandria (Lieut P. J. Morgan observing for Naval Fire on Left Flank, commenced this duty on April 29 th 1915) Capt R. S. Gee remained on "Altantian" in charge of Battery horses, equipment & drivers. 9 th Battery returned to the firing line at 10 am. A & C subsections relieving 2 guns of 7 th Battery on Right Flank. 1 M. Light wounded.	W. L. H. Burgess.
May 9 th 1915	ANZAC	Hospital Ship "Gloucester Castle" arrived at Alexandria. Quiet day at ANZAC.	W. L. H. Burgess
May 10 th 1915	ANZAC	Brisk artillery fire from enemy at ANZAC considerable damage & casualties inflicted on Right Flank.	
May 11 th 1915	ANZAC	B & D Subsections 9 th Battery relieved 2 guns of 8 th Battery on eastern end of RAZOR BACK RIDGE. Rounds fired at trench mortar. = 30 rds	Grumby Parry shot.

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Date.	Place and Time.	Page 20. Vol. 1.	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
May 12 th 1915	ANZAC.	Heavy hostile artillery fire on Right Flank considerable number of casualties.	
May 13 th 1915	ANZAC.	B & D Subsections with 8 th Battery shelling Red House in Rear of OLIVE GROVE and Trench mortars, rounds fired =	<u>32 rds.</u>
May 14 th 1915	ANZAC	B & D Subsections relieved by the 8 th Battery. No 1189 gun of 9 th Battery employed at Brighton Beach.	
May 15 th 1915	ANZAC	Early quiet day on Right Flank. No 1190, 9 th Battery gun brought to foot of RAZOR BACK RIDGE.	W. L. H. Burgess.
May 16 th 1915.	ANZAC.	A Subsection relieved 7 th Battery at BRIGHTON BATTERY GUN. B Subsection went to JOPP'S GUN. C & D Subsections standing by with 2 guns & horses as a MOBILE SECTION in readiness to move where required. O. B. returning per R.M.S. FRANCONIA anchored off Cape HELLES at 9.30 AM.	W. L. H. Burgess.

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Date.	Place and Time.	Page 21. Vol. 1.	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
May 17 th 1915	ANZAC.	<p>Enemy's OLIVE GROVE BATTERY shelled the beach heavily Bomb A.R. Brown wounded at BRIGHTON BATTERY. R.M.S. FRANCONIA anchored off ANZAC at 12.15 P.M. O.C. went ashore & resumed command of 9th Battery at 6.20 pm.</p>	W.L.H. Dargers.
May 18 th 1915	ANZAC.	<p>Made a reconnaissance for Artillery Position, selected some. Conference with O.C. Div. Artillery & O.C. 6" Howitzers. Heavy bombardment by hostile batteries between 5.30 pm and 7.30 pm. General attack along whole front by the enemy.</p>	
May 19 th 1915	ANZAC	<p>General attack along whole front by the enemy just a dawn. Intense shell fire from direction of KABA TEPE and southward. 750 shells landed within our lines at the Night Blank between 3.45 am and 6 am. Bombardment slackened but</p>	

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Date.	Place and Time.	Page 22.	Vol. 1.	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
May 20 th 1915	ANZAC.	<p>continued until 9 am. Ordered to Naval Observation Station to observe for Navy, Brighton Battery and 6" howitzers. Present at Left Wing during N-7 attack. Emplaced gun (1 of mobile section) to sweep KABA TEPE BEACH. Jopp's casemate completed and gun placed in position. Heavy rifle fire on left wing during night (19-20th) quiet day elsewhere. Hostile aeroplane dropped bombs over us during the day. Dug pits to enable mobile section to engage aircraft if returning. Traced pits & emplacements on MAC COY'S RIDGE for guns of mobile section.</p>	<p>W. G. H. Burgess.</p> <p>W. G. H. Burgess.</p>	
May 21 st 1915	ANZAC.	<p>constructed emplacement for gun on MAC COY'S RIDGE and placed n^o 1151 gun (5th Battery) at night.</p>	<p>W. G. H. Burgess.</p>	

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Date.	Place and Time.	Page 23. Vol. 1.	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
May 22 nd 1915	ANZAC.	Constructed second emplacement on Mac Coy's Ridge and placed N ^o . 1171 gun (4 th Battery) in position at night. This arrangement gives a section at same gun platform level and about 60 yds apart, with an excellent field of fire and false crest by ridge and SAPPER'S POST in front.	
May 23 rd 1915	ANZAC.	Moved 9 th Battery observation station from SAPPER'S POST to RAZOR BACK RIDGE, which gives much more extensive field of view and a central position from which to control & direct gun fire. Laid up telephonic communication with N ^o . 1 & 2 Guns on MAC COY'S RIDGE, N ^o . 3 at BRIGHTON BATTERY and N ^o . 4 in casemate (JOHN'S BATTERY) on RAZOR BACK RIDGE. Built Evans ramp from 3 rd B. AC	

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Date.	Place and Time.	Page 24 Vol. 1.	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
May 24 th 1915	ANZAC.	to 9 th Battery, vice Capt. Brist 5 th Battery. Engaged distant target under instructions from S.A. Hdq. Target emplacement (Map square 202 T7) Q Elev. 22° Range about 700, Rds fired 10, three percussion direct hits obtained. (With 2 nd Gun).	W. G. H. Pringers. <u>Rounds fired = 10.</u>
May 25 th 1915	ANZAC.	H.M.S. Triumph torpedoed and sunk off KABATEPE. Engaged gun emplacement (Map square 203 C 7-8) at 11.15 am with 1 st & 2 nd Guns, dispersed detachment and working parties. Range 5875 yds, rounds fired 31. Engaged same target at 5.15 pm, rounds fired 21. NOTE. The Map and Squares referred to are the issue Maps - Gallipoli Sheet I 40,000 Sheet 2 and Sheet 3.	<u>Rounds fired. 52</u>

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Date.	Place and Time.	Page 25. Vol. 1.	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
May 26 th 1915.	ANZAC. ^{am} 11.15	Engaged distant gun emplacement (square 202) with N ^{os} 1 & 2 guns, three direct hits obtained 12 Noon. Engaged 4 gun battery in OLIVE GROVE (square 212 V5) hostile battery silenced, but opened fire again at 2 PM. and silenced again. Brighton Battery (N ^o 3 gun) again engaged distant emplacement and dispersed personnel. Col. Brentnall returned from hospital & resumed command 3 rd FA Bde. 7.40 pm. fired three rounds into 2 troops or sections of artillery lumbered up, moving in rear of OLIVE GROVE.	Rounds = <u>53</u> W. G. H. Nugess.
May 27 th 1915.	ANZAC.	Engaged enemy's working party & mules etc in rectangle enclosed by hedges (square 203 A9). Range, 5725, N ^{os} 1 & 2 Guns. Fire very effective. 7.50 pm. Engaged WHITE HOUSE (H. R. Q) (square 203 R3)	

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Date.	Place and Time.	Page 26. Job. 1.	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
May 27 th 1915	(Contd)	Range = 7050 yds scattered horsemen & personnel. H.M.S. <i>Majestic</i> torpedoed and sunk off Gemmas Island? (reported)	Rounds fired = 21 W.G. H. Burgess.
May 28 th 1915	ANZAC 8.15 AM	OLIVE GROVE BATTERY opened fire. Engaged it with No 1 & 2 guns and silenced it. Enemy howitzer 6" opened fire at 11 am and continued firing HE shell until 3.45 pm. Fired 25 shell from Brighton Battery but failed to silence the howitzer. Range 5150. Evidently provided with good overhead cover. This howitzer fired 83 shell into Right Flank ridges. One 6" howitzer engaged it at 2.18 pm and shortly afterwards the hostile fire ceased. Total -	Rounds fired = 52
May 29 th 1915	ANZAC	Heavy bombardment by the enemy commenced at	

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May 30 th 1915.	ANZAC.	<p>3.30 am and continued till 5.45 am. Turks again attacked and again repulsed.</p> <p>4 am Engaged and silenced OLIVE GROVE BATTERY and HEDGE EMPLACEMENT (Square 203 A9) and silenced hostile gun fire.</p> <p>Shelled OLIVE GROVE BATTERIES at 11 am, 12.30 and 4.10 pm. Lieut Siddall ^{4th Battery} killed during morning bombardment.</p> <p>Enemy batteries shelling from the N.E during the morning. Hostile battery located on N.W Spur of ACHI BABA (Square 184 X4) firing on our troops near KRITHIA. Directed the fire of H.M. Destroyers "Rattlesnake" & "Scorpion" on to it and silenced it.</p>	<p>Total rounds fired by battery: - <u>63.</u></p>

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Date.	Place and Time.	Page. 28. Vol. 1.	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
May 31 st 1915	ANZAC.	<p>Enemy quiet during morning. Engaged new hostile sap on KABATEPE NECK at 6.40 pm with Jopp's battery (N^o 4 Gun) fired 4 rds, 2 direct hits & 1 time obliterated despatch working party.</p> <p>Total rounds fired by Battery from date of landing to May 31st 1915 = 826 rounds.</p>	<p>Total rounds fired by battery = <u>17</u> rds.</p> <p>Total rounds = <u>826</u></p>
June 1 st 1915	ANZAC.	<p>9.15 am. Engaged KABATEPE NECK Sap with "Bughston Battery" (N^o 3 gun) fired 6 rds, 2 direct hits, swept trench with shrapnel, very effective, enemy's work ceased and party left.</p> <p>2.10 pm. Engaged enemy unroofing house (Square 203 A 9) fired 7 rds from "Bughston Battery", enemy scattered.</p> <p>2.40 pm. Long mule train laden with timber moving along road E 15 W (Square 203 R. 5) fired 6 rds Bughston Battery</p>	

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	Rds Fired		12	<u>12</u>
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	Observation from Triumph			
	Rds Fired		3	<u>3</u>
	3 Wagons or Cum Teams in			
	Square 213 V.9.			
	Rds Fired		11	<u>11</u>
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Major Burgess W L H but by shrapnel head & left side of neck				
W/Cor Brown F H shot wound left knee Cp Chambers J C sick Malaria				
POM Light G. 8.5.1914 shot wound left side				
Gunner Ennos J F Killed 11.5.1915 Harris E G Killed 8.5.1915				

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DISCREPANCY REPORT.

25/5/15

No 1

Headquarters
3rd Field Artillery Brigade

A new gun emplacement has been constructed in square 203 C between 73 & 8. I engaged this at 11.15 pm and obtained 3 direct hits with percussion dispersing the detachment who took cover in the ditch at the edge of the paddock in rear of the emplacement where I gave them corrector 164 which appeared to be effective.

Maj W H Burgess
9th Battery RA

5.4.15 pm

No 2

Headquarters
3rd Field Artillery Brigade

A train of horsemen pack mule wagons traversed the road 700 yards North of the new emplacement engaged in previous series today.

I engaged these with No 2 Gun (Burgess Battery & Brighton Battery) at 5.15 pm and the fire after ranging completed, appeared to be effective.

I then searched the road & ridge behind the Olive Grove as this was where the animals & vehicle came from.

A few dismounted men were observed but no infantry under arms.

Maj W H Burgess
9th Battery RA

6.20 pm

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Ranging Board

Target	L.O.F	A.S.	Cor	Range	Map Square	Remarks
— No 4 Gun Topps Battery —						
A	Direct	Zero	160	4525		Olive Grove Battery
F	"	"	160	3525	211 P 9	Kaba Tepe Brown Trench
H	"	"	160	3675		Kaba Tepe Emplacement
K	"	"	164	6025	202 J 8	Four Tree Emplacement
L	"	"	164	4450	211 Z 3-6	L Trench
M	16° 40' L gap 59° 5' of scape	"	168	2175	212 C 6-D 4	Gun Ridge Battery.
E	Direct	"	164	4700	203 B 2-4	Howitzer "Asmak"
N	7° 5' L	1° Dep	162	2175	212 C 4-7	Gun Ridge "Cross Trench"
O	Direct	"	164	2625	212 H 7	Mathematical Trench
P	23° 10' L	10' Dep	164	5000	213 W 2	Eski Keui-Maidos Road
S	7° 10' L	30' Dep	166	5675	203 F 5	Quarry Road (2 Tree Corn Field)
T	Direct	"	164	3125	211 P 4-5	Kaba Tepe Gun
U	10° 20' L	35' Dep	164	5550	203 F 2-3	Sunken Road (new)
W	Direct	"	167	5375	202 D 6	Yellow Bluff Trench
I	"	"	164	2675	212 H 8	The "Squirt"

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DISCREPANCY REPORT.

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25 May 1916
11.15 am to 12 noon
New gun emplacement Square 203 C
between 798
No 2 Gun
Brighton Battery
Emplacement Range 5875
Line of fire 103° 55' L Cor 162

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Razor Back Ridge Str

20 Headquarters

9th A. Brigade.

At 11 am a series was fired from 9th A. Brigade. Burgess Battery (No 2 Gun) Target New Gun emplacement 6° left of Katabe Square 202 T 7 Range Range 7400 (Anachant Elevation 220 10') Two direct hits were obtained on the work itself the remainder being grazed around the target.

The detachment of working party were dispersed after the second hit. Rounds fired 12.

M. G. H. Burgess Major
Officer Commanding
9th Battery A.I.

26 May 1915 2p
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DISCREPANCY REPORT.

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Razor Back Str

20 Headquarters

3rd F. A. Brigade

At 12 noon in pursuance of instructions received from 20 Headquarters I directed N^o 2 Gun on to the target reported by Capt Jopp in square 204 G. 5. Ranging with percussion and using standard elevation. After firing four rounds at this target a four gun Battery opened on us from behind the Olive Grove Ridge 18° left of Kaba Cape square 212 V 2.

~~Range 4600~~

I immediately directed both guns of Burgess Battery on this new target and after firing 17 rounds the detachments appeared to be scattered and the hostile Battery ceased firing.

Range 4600

W. G. H. Burgess Major

Officer Commanding
9th Battery F. A.

26th May 1915
2. 20 pm

N^o W. B. 5

Razor Back Str

Headquarters.

3rd F. A. Brigade

At 3. 15 pm Olive Grove Battery again opened fire, shelling Sappers Ridge, Shell Green and sweeping the beach.

I engaged it immediately with both guns of Burgess Battery, my fire appeared to be most effective and to time of writing Hostile Battery has not again fired.

Rounds fired 12.

At 3. 45 pm enemy was very active and in considerable numbers at the emplacement reported in N^o W. B. 3. I fired four rounds from Brighton Battery, one falling in the work and three just in rear. The occupants (about 20) left hurriedly.

W. G. H. Burgess Major
Officer Commanding
9th Battery F. A.

26th May 1915
4. 20 pm

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DISCREPANCY REPORT.

REPORT OFFICER

No 44 B 6

Razor Back Str

Headquarters

3rd F. A. Brigade.

at 7.40 pm of yesterday I observed a body of hostile troops ~~moving~~ (either two troops of mounted men or a section of artillery numbered 4th) moving from East to West just south of the Olive Grove. I fired three rounds from No 2 Gun line and Range appeared correct but I could not judge the effect as they were then under cover of the trees.

Early this morning a large party of the enemy were observed working in the rectangle enclosed by hedges south of the Olive Grove Ridge in Loc 203 B 9. Mules were arriving carrying timber and working parties evidently constructing emplacements behind the North Hedges. At 8 am I engaged this target with No 1 & 2 guns and Brighton Battery. This target was a difficult one due to the false crest of the Olive Grove in front of it, and the range long. The fire of all three guns appeared to be effective five shells falling on the hedge and three in the rectangle. Work ceased and the enemy's working parties disappeared. Loc 203 B 9 Range for the above three guns has been registered and recorded.

Total Rounds fired 31.

27 May 1915
8.45 am

W. G. H. Burgess, Major
officer commanding
9th Battery Fa.

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N^o W. B. 8

Razor Back Hill

To Headquarters

3rd F. A. Brigade

About 11.40 am an enemy's howitzer in Square 203B between 2 & 4 Range 5150, opened fire on the right flank.

This Howitzer was located by Capt. Gopp and I engaged it about 12 o'clock firing 20 rounds, five rounds had previously been fired at a new position in the Olive Grove. True Range to the hostile Howitzer was obtained & registered. Several percussion hits were obtained on or about the emplacement - time shell falling all over it, but this Howitzer is evidently provided with good front and overhead cover, and is probably close up and under the deep ridge, which I think exists on the reverse side of the Olive Grove. This Howitzer continued in action and up to the time of writing has fired 83 shell shot, on, and over to Sappers Post, She'll Green, Mac Coys Ridge, Razor Back Ridge, several going over the latter towards the beach into the valleys beyond where they were unobserved by me, about 8 or 10 of the enemy's shell were blind

N^o W. B. 8 contd

and failed to explode.

At 9.20 pm the Olive Grove Battery again opened fire, I engaged it with 2019 2 guns firing 10 rounds up to the present: it has not again fired.

Note for the purposes of registration I have named the hostile Howitzer as "Asmak" Howitzer as it is located in the vicinity of the former word on the map.

M. G. H. Jurgens
Officer Commanding
9th Battery B.A.

28th May 1915
4.10 pm

No W. B. my

Razor Back Str.

Headquarters

3rd F. A. Brigade

Between 6.37 pm last evening a number of dismounted men were observed working about and entering a white house at the foot of the hill Square 203 R.3, about 7 o'clock a party well mounted arrived tied up their horses and went inside. At 7.50 I engaged this target Range 7550.

Total Rounds fired 10 from Brighton Battery the last four falling all round the house and within 30 yards. I did not get a direct hit on the house but the party left and since then no movement of any kind has been observed up to the time of writing. This target is 30° left of Kaba Tepe Lock Out Station Line & Elevation has been registered, and I have named it H. D. White House.

At 8.20 this morning the Olive Grove Battery opened fire from a new position behind the Olive Grove Ridge, directly I had located it I engaged it with 2 guns fired 17 Rounds

Range 4550.

Fire appeared to be effective and so far enemy's battery has not fired again.

Destroyer fired 6 or 7 Rounds to the left of our objective but on the reverse slope of the Olive

No W. B. 7 contd

Grove Ridge after we had ceased firing.

W. L. H. Burgess.

Major

Officer Commanding
7th Battery F. A.

28th May 1915
9. 20 am

N^o W. B. 9
Razor Back Ridge Str

To Headquarters
3rd A. Brigade

Reporting that at 2.15 pm enemy troops were visible on the Northern slope of Hill 470 Square 184 P 7 and that shell burst from our own or allies Southern Batteries were bursting over them, at the same time the Warship in the Dardanelles engaged them fired a few shells and then returned to the Dardanelles

W. G. H. Burgess. Major
Officer Commanding
9th Battery A.

29 May 1915
2.30 pm

N^o W. B. 10
Razor Back Ridge Str

To Headquarters
3rd A. Brigade

At 3.45 am the D.I. to Grove Battery and another Battery further to the Eastward opened a heavy fire on Sappers Post and the position of the 7th Battery, shortly after 4 am I received a message from 3rd A. Brigade Headquarters asking me if I could locate the Battery in the Olive Grove this I had just done and immediately engaged it. Firing 9 rounds, which silenced it. About 6 o'clock this Battery again opened fire from a new position to the Eastward of its last. I fired 33 rounds before this Battery was again silenced. At 10.5 and 11 am this Battery again opened upon us having again shifted its position. I fired 13 rounds at the former hour and 16 at the latter up to the time of writing this Battery has not again fired.

W. G. H. Burgess Major
Officer Commanding
9th Battery A.

29 May 1915
4.37 pm

No W. B. 11.

Ridge
Razor Back, Stn.

To Headquarters

3rd I. A. Brigade

I beg to report enclosure of gun Battery
on the Northern slope of Hill 170 square
184 P. 7 firing Southward. The exact
position of the Battery and emplacement
is plainly visible from this station and
is 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles of Cape which runs out
into the sea at the locality named. The
Battery is about 150 yards behind the
crest of the Northern slope and a small yellow
track runs down to it from the sky line.
A few shots from the sea would take
this Battery completely in the reverse.
The flash and dust of the hostile
guns are clearly visible at each
discharge.

J. G. H. Burgess Major
Officer Commanding
9th Battery I. A.

30th May 1915
9.45 am

AUSTRALIAN



MILITARY FORCES.

NOTIFICATION OF APPARENT CASES OF NEGLIGENCE TO REGISTER.

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* A separate Form must be used for reporting upon each individual case.

Date

Place

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Provost Staff.

No W. B. 12

Right Back Ridge Str.
To Headquarters
9th A. Brigade.

At 4.40pm the Olive Grove Battery opened a brisk fire against our Right flank, this Battery had again shifted its position close up to the Ridge, the dust thrown up on discharge showing between the trees indicated the exact position of two guns.

I engaged this target at 4.45pm and silenced both the guns.

At 7.15pm the same Battery commenced shelling the beach, and on receipt of your instructions I fired 4 rounds. The hostile Battery has not fired since.

Total rounds fired at both targets 33.

At 7.40pm I received your instructions not to open fire again until I received orders to do so. Will you please confirm this in writing as soon as possible in order to justify the silence of my guns should a favorable target present itself.

30th May 1915
9.55 am

H. G. H. Burgess - Major
Officer Commanding
9th Battery A.S.

N^o W B 13

Razor Back Ridge Str.

Headquarters

13th Brigade

~~At 5 pm yesterday~~ At 5 pm yesterday H.M. Destroyer Scorpions was sighted and took up her station to engage hostile battery reported in my N^o W B. 11. She opened fire at 3.35 pm and was relieved at 5.32 pm by another Destroyer whose name I do not know. It was difficult to judge the Destroyer's line of fire from this station, owing to them being aimed at right angles to the line from myself to their target and the range in the locality of the target being almost coincident in the line of sight. Line and range eventually obtained, the last six or seven shots appeared most effective. The enemy's battery has not fired since. About 10.45 am this morning a submarine was sighted about 1 mile to the south west of this position travelling Westward for a little distance she then turned South West and disappeared but aeroplane had the submarine under observation and four Destroyers were after it. At 1.55 pm a submarine was again sighted to the south west either H.M. Bleekheim, Scorpions or

another unknown Destroyer, fired three or four shots at it and the Destroyer went in pursuit. H.M. Bleekheim, who was on the station occupied the Destroyer when engaged hostile battery yesterday afternoon then commenced firing broadside and in direction of hostile battery position but her fire was probably directed against hostile troops on the southern slopes of hill #70 (height 134.74) as no hits were visible from this station. At 12.30 pm the Olive Grove Battery opened fire on the beach I engaged it with Brighton Battery firing 5 rounds it stopped firing but opened again at 3 pm Brighton Battery 8 rounds since then the enemy battery has not fired.

Total rounds fired 13.

W. H. Burgess Major
Officer Commanding
9th Battery R.A.

31st May 1915
5:57 pm