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War Diary from 1<sup>st</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> July 1915. Chas. H. B. Dore. No. 48.

Date.	Place and Time.	14 <sup>th</sup> Battalion A.I.F.	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
1/7/15	"RESERVE GULLY"	Battalion stood to arms at 0800 and all being quiet were again dismissed at 0430. Coy's exercised under O.C. Coy's. Weather warm.	Strength:- 24 of 695 others 1 " 3 " ret'd to duty. Lieut. R. WARREN. Sick 3 others.
2/7/15	Ass. Adj. General 3rd Echelon. M. E. F. 10 AUG. 1915 CENTRAL REGISTRY No MFC/	2 officers & 100 men on special fatigues making saps. Companies exercised in musketry and rifle exercises and Coy. lectures. Bomb throwers also given instruction under Bn. Grenade Officer.	Strength:- 23 officers 695 others Sick 1 officer Lieut V. Cumberland.
3/7/15		7 officers 400 others on special fatigues digging saps and other earthworks. Remainder of Bn. instruction under O.C. Coy's.	Strength:- 22 officers 687 others Casualties wounded 1 others sick 1 of 7 others 2/Lieut. Jackson.
4/7/15.	" 0800	Bn. Mounted as Inlying Picquet of Div. Reserve. During the day Companies instructed under O.C. Coy's. weather warm. Church Pde.	Strength:- 22 of 690 others Casualties wounded 1 others Sick 2 " 6 others ret'd to duty.

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Date.	Place and Time.	14 <sup>th</sup> Battalion A.I.F.	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
5/7/15	RESERVE GULLY. 0300	Battalion stood to arms and all being quiet was dismissed at 0430. Companies and bomb throwers given instruction and lectures.	Strength:- 22 officers 691 others. 1 other ret'd. to duty.
6/7/15.	" "	7 officers 400 others on special digging fatigues under N.Z.A Div & 0404 Sect. Remainder of Bn. given Coy instruction in bayonet fighting etc.	Strength:- 22 officers 690 others Cas:- Sick 7 others
7/7/15	" 0800	Bn. mounted as Infantry Picquet to Div. Reserve. Coys instructed during the day in musketry, bayonet fighting & attack.	Strength:- 22 officers 687 others 1 other ret'd to duty. Cas. Sick 7 others.
8/7/15	" 0300	Bn. Stood to arms and all being quiet was dismissed again at 0430. Coys. given instruction in Coy training. 3 officers 150 others on special fatigues.	Strength:- 22 officers 680 others Cas:- Sick 7 others.

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Date.	Place and Time.	14 <sup>th</sup> Battalion A.I.F.	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
9/7/15.	RESERVE GULLY.	Day quiet and hot. Coys. given instruction in rifle exercises and bayonet fighting. 32 Bomb throwers per Coy given practice in throwing.	Strength:- 21 officers 681 others 6 others held to duty. Cas:- Sick 1 off + 5 others Capt C.E. CONNELLY.
10/7/15	"	Coys. in Coy training under O.C. Coys. 4 officers 200 others on special working parties for N.Z.A. Div. 2200 The Battalion moved off in marching order and bivouaced for the night at ANZAC COVE.	Strength:- 21 officers 675 others. Casualties:- Sick to Hqs 6 others.
11/7/15.	ANZAC COVE.  IMBROS.	0330 The Battalion moved to beach and there embarked on <del>trawlers</del> <sup>barges</sup> and were towed out to trawlers and in these proceeded to IMBROS 0845 Arrived at KEPHALOS CAMP. Men allotted to tents and general camp fatigues. 1500 Church Parade by 29 <sup>th</sup> Div Chaplain.	Strength:- 21 officers 691 others 2 Sick returned 8 reinf. joined Cas:- Sick to Hqs:- 4 other ranks

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Date.	Place and Time.	14 <sup>th</sup> Battalion A.I.F.	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
12/7/15.	KEPHALOS REST CAMP.	0600 Bayonet fighting. 0630. Lecture by platoon commanders on Platoon in attack. 0930 Coys, exercised in Coy. in attack under O.C. Coys. Afternoon bathing parades. Weather fine & warm.	Strength:- 21 officers 598 others Cas 3 to Hos Sick at IMBROS 90 others left in Province at GALLIPOLI
13/7/15	"	0600 Bayonet fighting 0630. Lecture on Bn. in attack. 0930 Battalion exercised in attack practice under Bn. commander. afternoon bathing parades. Weather warm.	Strength:- 21 officers 595 others Cas:- 8 others to Hos Sick at IMBROS 90 others left in GALLIP.
14/7/15.	"	Camp fatigues cleaning camp lines. 1700 Bn fell in and marched to quay where they embarked on trawlers & proceeded to ANZAC. Bn. landed under cover of darkness & moved to house area in Reserve Gully.	Strength:- 21 officers 580 others 4 to Hos Sick at Imbros. 90 others left at GALLIPOLI.

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Date.	Place and Time.	14 <sup>th</sup> Battalion A.I.F.	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
15/7/15.	RESERVE BULLY	Quiet day. 400 men and six officers away on special digging fatigues making terraces. Remainder paraded for instruction in aiming and musketry exercises, location of targets etc.	STRENGTH:- 22 officers 728 others MAJOR. RANKINE D.S.O. 95 other ranks joined Bn. Cas 2 others Sick 5 Hqs.
16/7/15	"	Again 400 men and six officers away on special digging fatigues making terraces. Remainder of Battalion training under O.C. Coys. and Bomb throwers under Grenade Officer	Strength:- 21 officers 724 others Cas:- Sick 4 others 5 Hqs
17/7/15	"	400 men and 6 officers away on special digging fatigues making terraces. Remainder of Bn. paraded under O.C. Coys. Bomb throwers under Grenade officer. One Coy given first inoculation against cholera.	Strength:- 21 officers 721 others Cas:- Sick 3 others 5 Hqs

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Date.	Place and Time.	14 <sup>th</sup> Battalion A.I.F.	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
18/7/15	RESERVE GULLY.	Battalion as relieving picket stood to arms at 0300 and all being quiet dismissed again at 0430. 6 officers & 400 others away on special digging fatigues. Inoculation.	Strength:- 19 officers 721 others Cas:- Sick 2 officers 2 others 2/4 T N Booth " R.E. Sanders 2 others rejoined
29/7/15	"	6 officers 400 others away on special digging fatigues. During the afternoon 5 officers reconnoitered the left flank from Nos 3 & 2 outpost positions. Inoculation of remainder continued.	Strength:- 20 officers 712 others Cas:- 10 others Sick to Nos. Lt. L. Giles and 1 man rejoined
<del>20/8/15</del>	" 2000	Battalion moved to Post Gully and remained under orders of O.C. No 3 section defence for the night. 1 officer & 50 others sent to Quinn's Post remainder as No 3 Sect. Reserve.	

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Date.	Place and Time.	14 <sup>th</sup> Battalion A.I.F.	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
20/7/15.	REST GULLY.	0630. Battalion received orders from O.C. No 3 Section that it was no longer required and returned to Broomac in RESERVE GULLY. Party from QUINN'S POST returned at 0930. 6 officers & 400 others away on digging fatigues.	Strength:- 19 officers 702 others Cas:- LT. Col. J. ADAMS and 5 others sick to Hos. 1 other returned
21/7/15	"	Conference of C.O's & Adpts at Bde. Hd. 2rs. at 1000. 6 officers 400 others away on special digging fatigues. 4 officers reconnoitered the left flank of ANZAC position during afternoon from Nos 2 & 3 outposts.	Strength:- 19 officers 700 others. Cas:- 2 others sick to Hos.
22/7/15.	" 0800	Battalion mounted as infantry regiment. Instructions given in Gas sprayers, gas helmets & gas attack generally. All	Strength:- 19 officers 703 others 5 held to duty Cas. 2 others to Hos sick.

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Date.	Place and Time.	14 <sup>th</sup> Battalion A.I.F.	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
22/7/15.	RESERVE GULLY (Continued)	ranks issued with 1 days haversack ration, 1 emergency ration, 1 gas helmet. and careful inspection of all arms and equipment made. Regt. Reserve of Amm. made up to 50 rounds per man. in addition every man is in possession of 200 rounds.	
23/7/15.	"	Battalion stood to arms from midnight to 1315 and then dismissed by Pde. Order. And again stood to arms from 1500 to 1630 when all being quiet again dismissed. All working parties for the day cancelled and inoculation continued. Bn. as relieving Picquet until 0800 when relieved by 15 <sup>th</sup> Bn. Weather hot.	Strength:- 19 officers 694 others Cas:- 9 others Sick to Hospital.

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Date.	Place and Time.	14 <sup>th</sup> Battalion A.I.F.	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
24/7/15	RESERVE GULLY.	Again all quiet and although an attack expected none was made. Bn. stood to arms from 0500 to 0430 and then all being quiet was dismissed.	Strength:- 19 officers 684 others 1 other ret'd. to duty. Cas:- 9 others Sick to Hos.
25/7/15	"	Working parties again continued and 12 officers 400 others on digging fatigue. Stood to arms from 0530 to 0430. Major C. Dare sent on board destroyer "Chelma" to view left flank from the sea.	Strength:- 19 officers 689 others 9 others ret'd. to duty Cas:- 4 others Sick to Hos.
26/7/15.	"	Bn. Stood to Arms from 0530 to 0430 and at 0800 mounted as Dulying Picquet. Again 12 officers 400 others on digging fatigues.	Strength:- 19 officers 683 others 1 other ret'd to duty. Cas:- Wounded 3 others Sick 4 "
27/7/15	"	Bn. Stood to arms from 0400 to 0430. and at 0800 15 <sup>th</sup> Bn. relieved Dulying Picquet. 12 officers 400 others on digging fatigues.	Strength:- 21 officers 714 others. Lt. Richardson Capt Cooper 36 others ret'd to duty. Cas:- Sick 5 others.

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28/7/15	RESERVE GULLY.	12 officers 400 others on special digging fatigues. Remainder of Bn. in Bivouac, Lectures by C.C. Coys. Coy inspection of equipment, rations etc.	Strength:- 21 officers 715 others 6 others ret'd. to duty. Cas:- Wounded 3 others Sick 2 "
29/7/15.	"	12 officers 400 others on special digging fatigues Also 100 men on Bde. & Div. fatigues remainder of Bn. in Bivouac.	Strength:- 20 officers 708 others. 3 others ret'd. to duty. Cas:- Sick Lt. Graham & 10 others 6 others on detach to hos.
30/7/15.	"	0800 Bn. Mounted as Julying Picquets to Bde. Usual special digging fatigues for making new raps and terraces.	Strength:- 20 officers 694 others 4 ret'd to duty. Cas:- 18 others to Hos. Sick.
31/7/15.	"	0400 Bn. Stood to arms and all being quiet was again dismissed at 0430. 6 officers 200 others on special fatigue work.	Strength:- 20 officers 696 others 2 others ret'd to duty Cas:- 4 others on detachment to Hos. Sick.

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