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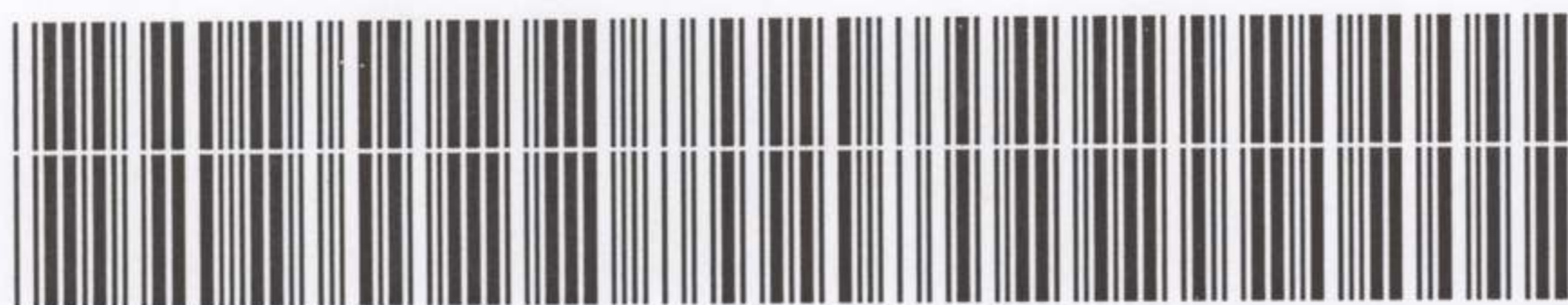
**Australian Imperial Force unit war diaries,
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Artillery

Item number: 13/85/11 Part 2

Title: 3rd Australian Field Artillery Brigade
Ammunition Column

October 1915



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915 DATE	PLACE	TIME	REMARKS
5/10/15	ANZAC	2300	Disembarked with party of men from Rest Camp WEST MUDROS & proceeded to 3 rd BAC Camp. The three weeks spell seems to have improved the men to a certain extent.
6/10/15	"		Took over command of 3 rd BAC from Lieut Taylor. Lieut Raymond having been transferred to 1 st BAC Alexandria during my absence. Inspected my camp & found everything satisfactory.
		2300	A mixed party consisting of 26 NCO's & men left for Rest Camp WEST MUDROS.
7/10/15		2030	Harris Ridge bombarded by two Destroyers & the Turks started a burst rifle fire on Right Flank.
		2130	Reported from LOKE PIKE that the Turks were using Gas. All men instructed to have respirators in readiness although personally I did not credit the report. Owing to the approach of winter & high tides I decided to have Technical Store Wagon shifted from the beach & placed in the Gully.

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DATE	PLACE	TIME	REMARKS
8/10/15	ANZAC	1350	Shells dropped four 4.2 shells into my lines which did no damage. In landing on the spot from where I had shifted the Technical store wagon the day previous.
	"	2000	a terrific gale sprang up from S.W. destroying several shelter & scattering document of value to the unit only a little rain fell, but a big tide was soon running.
9/10/15	"		Weather improved. Atmosphere very clear. Bulgarian coast plainly seen.
10/10/15		1800	[Sharp rattle of machine along the beach on right flank]
			Arrangements being made to purchase canvas shoes from Ambros
11/10/15			nothing doing
12/10/15			
13/10/15			[A party of 1 MCO and 9 men sent from the unit to construct gun pit for 12ft Anti Aircraft gun]
14/10/15			a number of men are beginning to show signs of break-up. Am afraid the winter will be keenly felt by us.

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DATE	PLACE	TIME	
15/10/15	ANZAC		Heavy Bombardment down South
16/10/15	"	0400	A Demonstration took place along our whole front and was organized to ascertain the strength of the Enemy, & to accustom the new troops in the trench to an outbreak of Enemy's fire. The demonstration appeared very halfhearted to which the Turks gave little response. nothing doing
17/10/15			Fatigue party on Antairicraft Gun fit reduced to 1 NCO + 3 men. Of the 131 men shown on the strength of this Unit at ANZAC. 89 are attached to various Batteries, H.A. etc & 26 are at the Rest Camp WEST MUDROS. Leaving only 16 men for duty.
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DATE	PLACE	TIME	REMARKS	50-5
23/10/15	ANZAC		Weather Cold	
24/10/15	"		Acting Q.M.S. Corp. Jago's sent away sick, this is the third Q.M.S. that has been sent away	
25/10/15	"		Blowing Cold & light rain A Perfect Day	Fatigue party finished work at Anti-aircraft Gunpit
26/10/15			Cloudy but fine.	During the morning two Cruisers conducted a series under aerial observation
			Very heavy Artillery fire continued throughout the day & most of the night from the South of Peninsula	
27/10/15			Strong Wind from SW but not cold. High sea running	
			Turks opened up an erratic bombardment from Olive Grove which lasted but a short time & did little harm	
28/10/15			We have been treated to some magnificent sunset lately	
			Unit commanders met CO of 3 rd Bde to discuss the best method of running a Brigade Camp. It was decided that each Unit should subscribe to a working capital & Lt Torbet Adjutant appointed Chairman of committee, each unit nominating a representative on the Committee	

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29/10/15	ANZAC		Work started preparing dug out for Canteen stores Weather Cloudy but fine
30/10/15	"		Weather fine & warm. Took stock of Technical Stores & requisitioned for deficiencies. Very heavy bombardment going on down South all day.
31/10/15	"		Cloudy but fine. Warm winter Cardigan jackets issued. During the month the demand for Ammunition has been light
		2000	A Gale started from S.S.W accompanied by little rain working up a big sea. 14 Sick and 1 Wounded have been evacuated during the month. General Conduct Good

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