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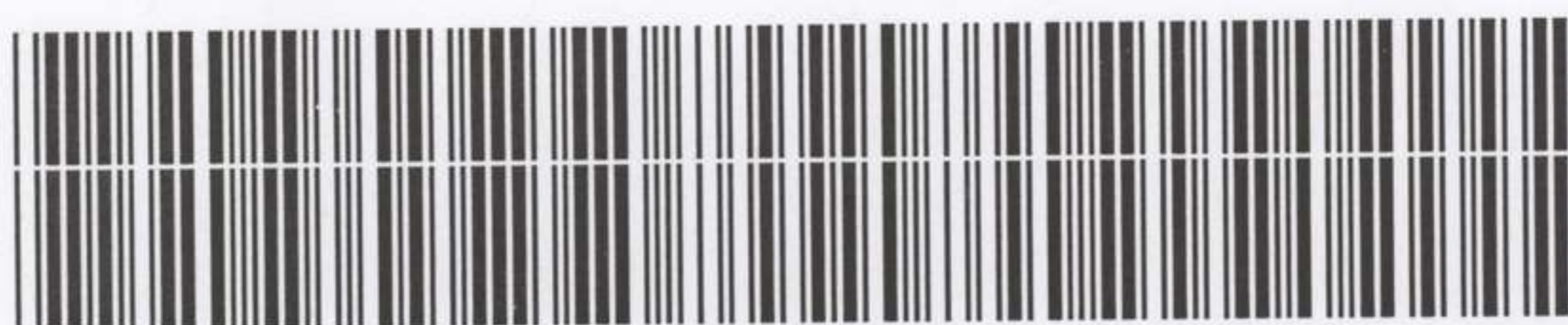
**Australian Imperial Force unit war diaries,  
1914-18 War**

Artillery

**Item number:** 13/85/5 Part 1

**Title:** 3rd Australian Field Artillery Brigade  
Ammunition Column

April 1915



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3<sup>rd</sup> AFA Bde Amm Col E-1

Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
1 <sup>st</sup> APRIL	MENA		
1 <sup>st</sup>		Received orders to send 4 horses from Column to 3 <sup>rd</sup> AFA Brigade H.Q. for telephone wagon, which means that I go on service short of establishment. Clipping of horses completed satisfactorily.	
2 <sup>nd</sup>		Preparation for moving	
3 <sup>rd</sup>		Preparation for moving	
4 <sup>th</sup>		Ordered by 3 <sup>rd</sup> AFA Brigade H.Q. to receive £1035- pay for Unit to be carried.	<div style="text-align: right;">M<sup>c</sup></div>

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Date. 1915 April	Place and Time. MENA		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
5 <sup>th</sup>		<p>Terrible Dust Storm. Arranged with Maj Farr. Staff paymaster to open a Trust Acc in Anglo-Egyptian Bank with Corps funds.</p> <p>8 Am Struck Camp Returned Camp equipment</p> <p>8 pm Moved off and arrived at Cairo at 11 pm After a good deal of travelling between Cairo No 7, Madineti + Abu-Elle owing to Railway Staff Officers not knowing where my vehicles were to be loaded we eventually succeeded in getting all aboard, my unit be split up on 3 different trains</p>	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
15 APRIL			
6 <sup>th</sup>	CAIRO	5AM Left Cairo Arrived ALEXANDRIA 12 NOON + embarked on A18 CARDIGANSHIRE One horse died which was replaced from Base Camp	
7 <sup>th</sup> 8 <sup>th</sup>	Transport A.18 ALEXANDRIA	Laying at Wharf Cast off at 3:30pm Sea Smooth Another horse died.	
9 <sup>th</sup>	"	Weather fine Boat Stations	Fuzing Shell.
10 <sup>th</sup>	"	Weather fine Fuzing Shell Entered Lemnos 5pm + anchored just inside the Boom	Pay issued W.D.

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
1915 April	Transport		
11 <sup>th</sup>	AIR LEMKOS	Sailed further into Mudros Bay, where	Several
12 <sup>th</sup>		Other Troopships & Battle Ships were anchored. All Ranks warned to economize in using water from increased in landing. Allowance of fresh water reduced on account of fear of shortage. Heavy rain.	
13 <sup>th</sup>		Heavy rain. Men exercised in landing.	
14 <sup>th</sup>		Landing exercise continued.	
15 <sup>th</sup>		Took party ashore for route march.	AW

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
April 16 <sup>th</sup>	Transport A 18	Landing Horses + Vehicles	
	Cardiganhire	first Low rather slow but Luneros improved with experience	
17 <sup>th</sup>		Landing exercise continued Took in fresh water.	
18 <sup>th</sup>		Party sent ashore to fill Sandbags for Ship defence. Lectured unit on disembarkation. Church parade	
19 <sup>th</sup>		Landed several Horses. Operation order 701 received	H. C. M. G. G. G. G.

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
1915 APRIL 20 <sup>th</sup>	TRANSPORT A.18. LEMNOS	Blowing Strong. Preparations for landing Col Rosenthal discussed situation with O.C. Units.	
21 <sup>st</sup>		Strong Winds + Heavy Rain. More Orders Countermanded. Received Orders to send One Officer + 12 Men from this unit to land with A echelon to report to Col AUSTIN for duty with Ammunition Depot ashore when established	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
April 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Lamnos A18	Wind + Rain	Sailing again postponed
23 <sup>rd</sup>		Cardiganshire	moved outside of Boom
24 <sup>th</sup>		Ships leaving the Inner Harbor taking up position outside ready to move off	
25 <sup>th</sup>		Anchor weighed about midnight + Sailed passed Cape Hell about 5 Am. Heavy Cannonade arrived off Gabo Lige. AMT Cardiganshire moved in to discharge but came under heavy shell fire + had to withdraw	W.W.

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
April 25 <sup>th</sup>	A.18 Off Gabo Tiffe	<p>3<sup>rd</sup> BAC. provided crew to row HQ 3<sup>rd</sup> FAB ashore, it was then we had our first casualty Fitter Sergeant being wounded in the neck.</p> <p>6pm Lt McAdam + 20 men sent ashore for Ammunition duty.</p> <p>6:30 Tremendous bombardment from the ships</p>	
26 <sup>th</sup>	12:30 AM	<p>Orders received to be ready to man the boat in case the infantry had to retire</p> <p>Continuous rattle of musketry all night</p> <p>7<sup>th</sup> Bty FA landed + took up position</p> <p>Lt McAdam's party assisting 26<sup>th</sup> Indian Mountain Battery man the guns</p>	LWD

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
April	A 18		
27 <sup>th</sup>	off Gaba Tepi 9.45 Am	Lt A Evans + 25 men of 3 <sup>rd</sup> BAC sent ashore for Ammunition duty. Weighed anchor + in company of 2 Cruisers + 5 other Transports sailed West between Islands of Imbros + Samothrace, steamed round north of latter + lay off Gulf of Xeros 11.30 pm Sailed up the Gulf + at 4	
28 <sup>th</sup>	Xeros 4.30 Am	preparing to land off Cape Ithiji in boats while lowering away one of the davits gave way but luckily the other end held, three men were in the boat at the time but managed to hang on	wit

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
April	A 18		
28 <sup>th</sup>	Gulf of Xeros	The boats were towed towards shore by the Destroyers & the Land shelled by the Cruisers, but as there was no sign of life we returned to the Ships & departed at 11.30 Am	
	4 pm	another feint was made on Cape Creusa but owing to bad weather approaching the had to be abandoned. Heavy Gale blowing	Fleet Cruising around outside Xeros
29 <sup>th</sup>		Sill blowing hard. 3 vessels left the fleet & sailed towards Gaba Ipe remainder headed for Gulf of Xeros	aw

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
29 <sup>th</sup>	A 18 Xeros 4 pm	Cruisers went ahead to reconnoitre, two of the vessels that left early this morning rejoined. Another feint was made at Bulis and fire was drawn from Forts Sultan & Napoleon. Boats returned to ships & fleet steamed West. Big fire observed in the direction of Abaidos. Anchored off Gaba Lefe at midnight.	
30 <sup>th</sup>	Gaba Lefe	Quiet Day	

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