

**AWM4**  
**Australian Imperial Force unit war diaries,**  
**1914-18 War**

Artillery

**Item number:** 13/85/8 Part 2

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

July 1915



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1915 Date. JULY	Place and Time. ANZAC		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
<u>July 1<sup>st</sup></u>	"	[Lt A Glendinning of this unit arrived from Mex Camp and posted to 9 <sup>th</sup> Bty]	
<u>2<sup>nd</sup></u>	"	[Sea rough, unable to land mails]	
<u>3<sup>rd</sup></u>	"	[Turks throwing over some very heavy projectiles]	
<u>4<sup>th</sup></u>	"	[Instructed men how to put on Respirators]	
<u>5<sup>th</sup></u>	" 4:30 Am	[Turks started shelling, wounding Cpl Haywood of this unit]	
<u>6<sup>th</sup></u>	"	[Later some 11" shells came over]	
<u>7<sup>th</sup></u>	"	[Fairly quiet on this flank (Right)]	
<u>7<sup>th</sup></u>	"	[Sniper busy along beach, Turkish Artillery making things uncomfortable. About 2000 men observed marching towards Trithia at about 6 pm.]	
	"	[Monitor Shelling Hill 600]	b.w

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JULY 8 <sup>th</sup>	ANZAC	[Works started Shelling early.]	another Artillery duel with Place about noon
9 <sup>th</sup>		[51 Reinforcement arrived, most of whom had just come out of Base Detail Camps, Hospitals etc. I recommended that they should be returned to the men that I have in Camp at Alexandria be given a chance to get to the front.]	
10 <sup>th</sup>		[Sgt Waite of this unit sent to Hospital having injured himself on No 1 Gun with 13ty & Penetration of this unit wounded by Sniper]	
11 <sup>th</sup>		[One of the Reinforcement was suspected of being an Austrian but on being examined by Intelligence Officer proved to be satisfactory]	JWS

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1915 JULY	ANZAC		
<u>12<sup>th</sup></u>	5 AM	Shelling started	At 8.30 AM an exchange of
<u>13<sup>th</sup></u>		[	Musketry followed by Artillery duel, Volunteering inoculation for the
<u>14<sup>th</sup></u>		Lt McAdam posted to 8 <sup>th</sup> Bty.	Col Hobbs praised the
<u>15<sup>th</sup></u>		work done by 3 <sup>rd</sup> TASC	[
<u>16<sup>th</sup></u>		Sniper again busy on beach having secured 22 in 8 days	[
<u>17<sup>th</sup></u>		Constructing a communicating trench in order that the	[
<u>18<sup>th</sup></u>		men may avoid the beach	[
<u>19<sup>th</sup></u>		10 Extra Rounds to be placed at each gun tonight & tomorrow	[
<u>20<sup>th</sup></u>		pay issued in 10/- British Currency notes.	[
<u>21<sup>st</sup></u>		German Aeroplanes flew over position & dropped two bombs, one did not explode	[
<u>22<sup>nd</sup></u>		At present there are 57 men of this unit attached to different	[
<u>23<sup>rd</sup></u>		batteries for duty.	[
<u>24<sup>th</sup></u>		Sniper busy	[
<u>25<sup>th</sup></u>			[
<u>26<sup>th</sup></u>			[
<u>27<sup>th</sup></u>			[

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
1915 JULY 18 <sup>th</sup>	ANZAC	Bdr Craig of this unit wounded by sniper Gnr Mitchell of this unit wounded by sniper	[A machine gun making the beach]
19 <sup>th</sup>		Sgt Murrison - Sgt Wendenburg + Whittle and Capt Hare arrived from Alexandria	
20 <sup>th</sup>		59 men from D.A.C. attached for duty to this Column Sgt Whittle attached to 7 <sup>th</sup> Bty for experience	
21 <sup>st</sup>		Communications trench completed. Gas helmets issued 1.45 AM Heavy rifle fire which swept the beach.	
22 <sup>nd</sup>		Instructed to increase ammunition supplies to 480 rounds per gun + 76 rounds per gun to be held by Column	
		Preparation being made for big attack, all units carrying 2 days ration + 2 days reserve. McCulligan wounded by sniper Kiffin + 50 men of this unit drawing 303 Amm - 2018 lbs available	

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JULY	ANZAC		
<u>23<sup>rd</sup></u>		[Capt Devin promoted to Capt. B. A. Alder to Capt. G. W. Clark, & B. W.]	
<u>24<sup>th</sup></u>	12.MN	[Transferred to Heavy Battery Heavy Bombarding Ochi Baba]	
<u>25<sup>th</sup></u>	12.MN	[1 Sgt & 25 men sent to off load 3.03 am. Artillery shell about 3.45 am]	
<u>26<sup>th</sup></u>		[Destroyer bombarded Turkish trenches. Turkish Artillery opened fire followed by our guns]	
<u>26<sup>th</sup></u>		[Corp Jagg arrived from Alexandria with 2 Amks & 2 Sergeants]	
<u>26<sup>th</sup></u>		[13 men from 3 <sup>rd</sup> Section arrived from Mex Camp]	
<u>26<sup>th</sup></u>		[Recommended Capt Harris Application for Commendation]	
<u>26<sup>th</sup></u>		[Chapel Service conducted by Capt Harris]	
<u>26<sup>th</sup></u>		[Turks searching for our Howitzer]	
<u>26<sup>th</sup></u>		[the 4.7" Gun fired for first time]	
<u>27<sup>th</sup></u>		[Member of board of Survey to condemn Ordnance Store]	
<u>27<sup>th</sup></u>		[destroyed by Shrapnel]	[Went]

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
JULY	ANZAC		
<u>28<sup>th</sup></u>		[New 10 <sup>th</sup> June 1985 issued 248 rounds of ammunition drawn]	
<u>29<sup>th</sup></u>		[29 <sup>th</sup> Reinforcements arrived. German Junker flew over & dropped bombs while our airplane was up]	
<u>30<sup>th</sup></u>		[Lost our charge of 7 <sup>th</sup> Battery etc on account of illness of O.C. 7 <sup>th</sup> BAC supplied 75 men to assist new division to land]	
<u>31<sup>st</sup></u>		[Party of 3 <sup>rd</sup> BAC Cutting Gun Tract. 75 men of 3 <sup>rd</sup> BAC keeping the landing of new Division at about 10.30pm heavy rifle & artillery fire.	
(P.T.O.)			A. M. White

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Date.	Place.	Time.	Remarks.
31/4/15.	ANZAC	-	<p>Took over command. of the 3<sup>rd</sup> B.A.C.  An. Attack was made from our right flank and trenches taken. Ammunition required was normal, and no trouble occurred in the supply of same.  The 3<sup>rd</sup> B.A.C. took over the care and attention to be given, to the 4<sup>th</sup> Battery aiming Post light.)</p>

A. Raymond, Lieut.  
o/c. 3<sup>rd</sup> B.A.C.  
3<sup>rd</sup> F.A. Bde.