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WAR DIARY

A. G.'s OFFICE AT THE BASE
3rd. Echelon, M. E. F.
8 SEP. 1915
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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY
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Hour, Date, Place.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices.
Night 9/10th April ZEITOUN	Embarked at HELMIEH Military Siding during night 9/10th April for ALEXANDRIA.	
11 AM. 10th April ALEXANDRIA 2 P.M. 10th April	2 boys embarked on H.M.T. "LUTZOW" at War strength. 2 remaining boys embarked also Divisional Headquarters, Divisional Signal Company, and half CANTDREURY Battalion.	
6 P.M. 12th April ALEXANDRIA	Sailed from ALEXANDRIA.	
6 A.M. 15th April LEMNOS	Arrived at LEMNOS Island and anchored in PORT MUDROS.	
1.30 AM 25th April LEMNOS	Sailed from LEMNOS	
6 A.M. CALLIOPOLI	Came to anchor in bay near FISHERMANS HUTS ON N.W. of GALLIPOLI PENINSULA.	Ref. Map. GALLIPOLI. II
8 AM	Commenced landing operations under shell fire. All Battalion landed by 9.30 AM.	
9.30 AM	The Battalion was ordered to move forward up the hill and support the AUSTRALIAN DIVISION which had landed some hours previously and were being heavily pressed. The Battalion became scattered along the firing line. Lt. Col. A. PLUGGE. was slightly wounded soon after landing but continued in command. 4	
	During the day [the following] officers were killed -	
	Lieuts. W.E.F. FLOWER, F.H. DOBSON, H.G. RICHARDSON, H.G. ALLEN	
	Lieut. R.A. FRATER, died of wounds on 27th April.	
	Wounded: Major F. STUCKEY, Major W.W. ALDERMAN, Capt. E.G. FRASER, Capt. A.E. MACDONALD, Lieuts. WOOLLEY, WESTMACOTT, MORPETH, PEAKE and BADELLEY.	

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25th April 1915 GALLIPOLI.	<p>Casualties in other ranks: - Killed 37 Wounded 211 Missing 36</p>	
26th April 1915	<p>Packs were left on the beach when the Battalion moved up the hill and they were not seen again for two days. Three days rations were carried on the man, all transport remaining on the troopships. Troops landed in lighters and small boats and in the majority of cases were obliged to jump into the sea waist deep.</p>	
12 noon	<p>Position gained on 25th inst was held. Orders received for AUCKLAND Battalion to congregate and entrench on PLUGGERS PLATEAU.</p>	
28th April 1915 ANZKE.	<p>Message received that the A & N Z Army Corps was holding its position. The Battalion improving its position on Plateau.</p>	
29th April 1915	<p>News received that Gen. Hunter Weston, 29th DIVN. advancing at CAPE HELLES and it is hoped that his advance will relieve the pressure on us.</p>	

R. M. [unclear]