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12/451, 2 ACOY 6TH HAURAKI REGIMENTAL 1ST AUCKLAND
INFANTRY BATTALION
NEW ZEALAND EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, 1914 - 1918

H.M.N.Z Transports

No 12 Waimana	8 Star of India	5 Ruapehu
3. Maunganui	11 Athenic	4 Tahiti
6. Orari	10 Arawa	7 Limerick 9 Hawkes Bay

Warships

Ibuki Minotaur Melbourne Sydney Hampshire and Russian boat
Philomel Psyche Ryaurus

Australian Transports

Arvito Wiltshire Southern Anglo-Egyptian Pera Star of England Dermadale, Geelong
Saldauna Port Lincoln Katuia Marere Hymettus Euripides Suffolk Argyll shire Medic
Ascairius Shropshire Ratangitara Afric Star of Victoria Benalla Bomrah Hororata
Militades Karroo Clan Corquodale.

Waimana - Colombo 1914

August _ October 1914

Left Thames for Auckland August 11 1914 . In camp in Auckland for about 6 weeks and then left and went aboard Waimana. Left camp Sept. 24, Left Auckland 25th went as far as N. Cape and returned next day after rough trip. Stayed aboard ship and left for Wellington Oct. 11 Sunday. 5 pm arrived Wellington 14th, left again 16th Friday. Arrived Hobart Wednesday 21st. Had a good time. Sailed from Hobart 22nd. Thursday arrived in Albany 28th was on wharf guard there for 12 hours.

November 1914

(Left the old whaling port of Albany in King George Sound, Western Australia.)

- 1 Sunday. Left Albany 8am 28 Australian and 10 NZ Transports - weather dull with slight showers. Having easy time
- 2 Monday Nothing unusual save monotonous drill. Engineers concert at night and was very warm in mess room Weather excellent nice cool breeze blowing.
- 3 Tuesday Usual daily routine. Weather showery. Strong wind with heavy beam sea. Picked up more warships. Tucker crook.
- 4 Wednesday Same routine Fine weather calm sea. Tucker crook as ever.
- 5 Thursday Guy Fawkes Day. Same routine Very warm calm sea. Sighted smoke on horizon at 1pm turned out to be Orient liner Osterley passed us at 6pm crowded with passengers. Tucker getting worse. All went on strike at dinner time until we get more bread. Very amusing.

- 6 Friday General washing day and aired all bedding did nothing else all day. Weather fine calm sea warm wind blowing.
- 7 Saturday Routine same. Paraded in afternoon for dental inspection, weather fine, sea calm, warm wind blowing, 64 allowed to sleep on deck at night.
- 8 Sunday Divine Services at 10am Minotaur sailed down the line and disappeared over horizon heading S.W. Had easy time. Weather muggy.
- 9 Monday. We changed from 1st to 2nd sitting. Sydney left us at 6.30am and went to Cocos Islands which we passed at 3am. There she disabled German warship Emden which had to be beached to prevent sinking. Caught coaling. Collier also sunk in after noon- did some bottle shooting.
- 10 Tuesday. Routine same Lecture on sanitation by Capt. Creecy. Heard that Emden passed within 20m of us. Weather warm and muggy.
- 11 Wednesday Physical exercises at 6.45am. Semaphore at 10.45 Shooting practise at 3.30pm. Weather fine Sea calm Hauraki Boxing Tournament.
- 12 Thursday Routine same. A strange, funnelled boat grey painted and armed passed at 1.30pm going in direction of Cocos Island. Turned out to be Empress of Russia of CPR. Sent to pick up crew of Emden. Melbourne left early for Colombo.
- 13 Friday General washing and bathing day. Crossed equator at 3am and were to have had Neptune ceremony but rain prevented. Hampshire Cruiser Picked us up early this morning. We left the position we had taken up since leaving Albany, behind the Australian transports, and we to the front with intentions of getting into Colombo as soon as possible. Weather very wet. First decent shower we have had for some time - a good steady down pour all day. But later eased off to give place to a good strong breeze.
- 14 Saturday. Routine same. In afternoon Neptune ceremony took place. The deck was crowded while the place over no 4 Hold was being prepared. We had a long wait but were finally rewarded by the appearance of Neptune and his followers. Before the ceremony proper took place a little amusement was caused by some of the fellows being taken unawares and thrown into the bath. SM King (PSM) among them provoking a great deal of laughter. The ceremony was very funny but was spoilt by Capt Alderman spilling the barber's bucket and therefore depriving them of their whitewash. All the officers were ducked and then a general bucket and water fight took place for about $\frac{1}{2}$ hour. The troops were chased from one end to the other, but it eventually ended up by everybody getting their share. Hauraki concert was very successful, The sea as smooth as glass.
- 15 Sunday Divine Service 6.30am. Sighted land at 6am arrived off Colombo at 11am. All New Zealand transports entered harbour in which were all the warships and a Russian. Sydney and Empress of Russia arrived at 10am with German prisoners. The Australian fleet arrived at same hour. 200 of Empress crew killed. 8 per platoon were allowed leave this afternoon. Am going on police duty for a week. Weather dull but warm.
- 16 Monday Did my 4-hour shift and finished at 11. Went ashore in afternoon and had a general roam around. Had 2 hours sound enjoyment and visited fruit market and most places of interest. Very funny indeed. Weather warm. Returned to ship at 5.30 and went on duty from 7 to 11.
- 17 Tuesday Did my two shifts. Two strange steamers passed, one heading E, the other west. Weather glorious but very warm.

- 18 Thursday. Did my usual police duty., General washing and bathing day. The rest of the Australian transports along with Ibuki caught up at 3pm. Nothing unusual. Weather very warm.
- 19 Thursday. Did my usual police duty. Calm sea and very warm day. Funeral service was held aboard at 11am. A lieutenant surgeon who injured his spine during the Neptune ceremony aboard the Arawa died in Colombo on Wednesday. Sighted smoke on horizon at 5 pm
- 20 Friday Did my usual police duty. General washing day. The rest of the Australian transports along with Ibuki caught up at 3pm. Nothing unusual. Weather very warm.
- 21 Saturday. Did police duty nothing exciting two Australian transports collided at 5 am without sustaining any serious damage. Weather warm slight breeze.
- 22 Sunday. Did my usual police duty. Divine services held at 10am. Weather glorious with nice cool breeze. Run out of cigarettes and broke pipe. Came off police duty.
- 23 Monday. Usual routine. Transferred Captain Hawkins from our ship to a strange boat we picked up early this morning the Tour of Ruthven bound for Colombo. Capt. Hawkins ill in bed with nurse. We sighted land at 10am and passed at 7pm turned out to be Sokotra Island. Weather fine sea calm.
- 24 Tuesday. Did special police duty in Hauraki hold to guard personal belongings. Passed a strange steamer heading E at 6am. Did some bottle shooting in afternoon. Have been pretty crook all day - suffering from "Mange" Lovely day
- 25 Wednesday Semaphore as usual in morning. No parade in afternoon. Passed several strange boats. Sighted land at 11am and arrived in homestead of Aden at 4.15pm A very barren looking place with very precipitous high hills. Getting over the "mange" glorious weather and sea calm.
- 26 Thursday. Left Aden at 7am passed several strange steamers heading in all directions turned into Red Sea at 3.30pm have taken up position ahead of Australian transports. Had kit inspection at morning parade. Passed several more strange boats in evening. Looked to be Indian transports returning for more soldiers. Weather glorious. Nice cool breeze blowing first since we left Colombo.
- 27 Friday. No drill General washing and bathing day. Weather fine sea calm did nothing read and loaf about. Several strange boats passed.
- 28 Saturday. Did no drill. Had medical inspection in afternoon (dangler) passed several strange steamers, weather fine warm calm sea. Loafed about looking for cool spots.
- 29 Sunday. Divine services 6.30am. Did nothing else but loafed and read. Lovely cool breeze and fine sunny day. Sighted several more strange steamers. Crossed Tropic of Cancer.
- 30 Monday. Did nothing all morning. Passed a rock on which was lighthouse and passed strange steamer at 11am. Sighted land at 2pm. Entered opening leading to Suez Canal at 6pm. Sea fairly rough with strong head winds. Passed two or three strange steamers at night.

DECEMBER 1914.

1. Tuesday. Sighted town of Suez at 6am and arrived in harbour at 9am. Remained at anchor until 2.30pm and then started on trip through the canal. Canal not very wide about 50yds. The banks are very barren with hardly any vegetation. All along the banks are soldiers (English)

guarding the banks and also saw plenty of the natives. Did guard drill in the morning and loafed all the afternoon. A big change in weather has become very cold.

2. Wednesday Arrived at other end of canal Port Said at 4.30am. A very pretty place. Plenty of the natives came alongside selling their wares such as fruit, cigarettes and all the knick knacks imaginable. They are not the robbers that the natives of Colombo are but are fairly honest. Took in a lot of coal and fresh water. The coaling is done by the natives each carrying a bucket full at a time. Saw two waterplanes that were placed in hangars just opposite where we were anchored. Left the anchorage at 3.30pm and went down canal past the town. A very pretty place indeed and soldiers kicked up an awful din cheering the sailors about the English and French warships. Did one parade in the morning and loafed the rest of the day. Weather fine but getting very cold more like NZ autumn.

3. Thursday Arrived at Alexandria at 9.30am. The usual hawkers swarmed the boat as soon as the anchor was dropped. The NZ boats well most of them went alongside and disembarked the troops. The harbour is full of shipping of all descriptions. It is a very big town with some very nice buildings. We were ordered to go on guard but as yet nothing has come of it. Weather fine and cool.

4. Friday. Left our anchorage in stream and went to one of the quays to commence unloading. Went on wharf guard for 24hrs. Weather cold and showery. Took French leave at 2am and went up into the city a good long walk from where the ship lies. Was surprised with all I saw, it is a second life to anyone to see, the modes of the natives. Went into one hotel was disgusted with the eight French women lying about with arms round soldiers' necks smartly dressed but very low looking. Took a cab after a brief look about and made back for boat. Eber and I real English tourists but an ungodly hour to be seeing the sights, came back and went on duty. A very dirty stinking place.

5. Saturday. Came off wharf guard at 9am and then got ready to leave in train. Left Alexandria at 1pm and passed through farming country arriving at Cairo at 7.15pm and then at Zeitoun at 8pm. Left the train did the unloading and then came on to the camping ground where we bivouacked for the night. Very cold sandy camping ground.

6. Sunday. Did very little pitched all of the tents we had and loafed about. Had leave from 4.30 to 10pm and went into Cairo (city) Roamed round and saw sights that we had never seen before. Talk about molls, The place is full of them Weather fine the town is a far modern city than Alexandria. A great surprise to see all the shops open on a Sunday night. Very strange indeed.

7. Monday. Reveille 5 30am Did nothing all day. Took French leave at night and went into town. A very nice tram ride from camp to Cairo, 6 miles for $\frac{1}{2}$ p.1 = 1 1/4S. Weather fine Auckland trains not a patch on them.

8. Tuesday. Reveille at 5.30am Did nothing all day. A very easy day. Had leave from 4pm to 9.30-pm and did the usual rounds of the streets. Weather fine. Slight showers at night.

9 Wednesday. Reveille at 5.30am. Physical Drill at 6.30am Paraded at 9.30am for Coy Drill. Rain prevented afternoon drill. Weather foul with a slight shower in afternoon. No 1 & 2 section for leave. Did not go out wrote a letter to Mcd. And Mum.

10 Thursday. Reveille at 5.30am Physical Drill till 6.30am Coy Drill at 9.30am and Battalion Drill in afternoon. General leave at night. Weather fine but fairly cold wind blowing.

11. Friday. Reveille 5.30am Physical Drill as usual. Usual parades during day. Got a quid from S.M.Rogers between tent and went to Zeitoun for a drink or two. All got fairly blithery and had some fun coming home.'
12. Saturday. Reveille 6.15am Had Brigade parade in morning. Did nothing in afternoon. Paid 1 pound at night and went into Zeitoun had a few drinks returned in a different manner to what we did the night before.
- 13 Sunday. Reveille as usual. Brigade church parade in morning pitched tents during latter part of morning and had leave in afternoon. Went out at 3pm for a roam round. Had several drinks and visited different "houses" Had some fun with mother in one of these places. Weather fine and came into camp late.
14. Monday Reveille as usual. Brought up before the beak for being in to camp late. 5 of us sentenced to 3 days C.B. Went to range about 3 miles from camp and returned again at 5pm. Did our first defaulters' parade at 6pm and every other following $\frac{1}{2}$ hour. It is great fun to see them doubling up to the guard tent to answer the roll. Weather fine.
15. Tuesday. Reveille 5.15am. Got ready early and went to the range. Fired at 200 & 300 yards. Score 13 & 11. Returned leaving range at 12 noon. Arrived camp 1.30pm Did nothing for the rest of the afternoon. Had a good wash and cut claws. Still on Defaulters parade. Weather fine.
16. Wednesday. Reveille 6.15am. Left camp for range at 10. Did shooting at 2.00 and 5.00. bivouacked at night weather fine fairly damp night. Had to empty piss tins in the morning. End of my Defaulters parade.
17. Thursday Reveille 6.30am on the range. Did shooting at figures at 200 and then at targets at 600. Finished at 2pm and returned to camp. Weather fine. Won a prize of 2/6d for 5/-
- 18 Friday. Reveille at usual time. Decorated the outside of our tents with stones a real seaside kids' game. Did some platoon drill in the afternoon and went to town and had a good time. Weather fine.
- 19 Saturday. Reveille 4.15am Fell in full marching order at 5.20 13 & 6 Coys on Brigade picquet all day. Did a little drill and loafed pretty well all day.
- 20 Sunday. Reveille as usual. Church parade at 10am Left for Cairo after parade. Visited the zoo a very fine zoo it is too - animals galore. Had a fair amount of fun during time spent in town and returned to camp 3.30am Fine.
21. Monday Did not go on parade but stayed in bed and had a good sleep. Went into Heliopolis and to the skating rink. Returned early
22. Tuesday. Reveille 6.15am Paraded at 8am and went out on the desert for training. Returned at 2pm Paraded again at 6.15pm and again went out on the desert for training. Returned at 2pm Paraded again at 6.15pm and again went out on desert. Returned at 8
- 23 Wednesday. Reveille at usual time. Coy paraded at 8 for route march through Cairo. It was a very big parade stretching over about 4 miles. I went on Police duty for the first time. Of course I have joined the permanent Regimental Police. Did this from 8 to 10 and then went into Cairo to have a look round. Returned to camp and did an hours duty. Wrote a letter to Harry at night. Weather fine.
- 24 Thursday. Went on my usual police duty but this time a kind of warden over some prisoners who were doing work. Was paid in the evening and went to Cairo and had a lot of fun in "Shops" etc. Weather fine
- 25 Friday Xmas Day in the burning sands of Egypt. Leave was granted from reveille to 10 30pm Did not do any police duty but went into Cairo and had usual roam round. Things were very

quiet. For my Xmas Dinner had a slice of bread and butter and a mug of tea. Very poor indeed. Stayed all afternoon. Weather fine. Stayed home at night and wrote to "Mickins"

26 Saturday. Boxing Day. Did nothing in camp all day went down to Zeitoun for a few refreshments with Russell. Russell left camp for hospital suffering gonorrhoea. Leave from 1am. Weather fine.

27. Sunday Reveille as usual. Church parade in morning. Did nothing else during with the exception of going on police duty at 4 to 6

28 Monday Did nothing all day until 4pm went on police shift. Fine. Wrote to Doris.

29 Tuesday. Am now in police tent on 2nd lines. And having an easy time. We get out of bed at about 7.15am and then do our police shift as they come according to times stated in Corpl's books. Weather fine

30 Wednesday. Police duty as usual. Review of brigade by High Commissioner for NZ and then Coys left and bivouacked in desert. Did all kinds of training. Weather fine.

31. Thursday Police duty as usual a very easy job. Coy 6th returned from their bivouac and training. Weather fine.

JANUARY 1915.

1. Friday. A great deal of fun in camp the night before. Coys went out for training and returned at 12 noon. Weather fine. Wrote several letters to Mum and Doris and Peter. Police as usual.
2. Saturday. Did police during day. Paid in afternoon and went into Cairo. Had a few drinks and plenty of fun. Did not get back to camp until 4.30pm. Weather fine. Issue of new boots. One pair.
3. Sunday. Had a holiday did nothing. Getting over it like. Weather fine.
4. Monday. During morning paraded three prisoners for duties sweeping up the camp in afternoon again paraded them cracking stones. Nothing else. Fine weather. Cpl and other police came home tipsy.
5. Tuesday. Did nothing all morning went on police in afternoon from 1 - 4. Stayed in camp at night and wrote to Alice. Fine
6. Wednesday Coy went out on desert bivouacking. Did police in the morning from 10 to 1. Loafed from then well all day. Very dusty weather fine. Had a good feed of tomatoes at night.
7. Thursday. Coy returned from desert and were simply smothered in dust. Did special police duty owing to leave having been stopped in order to trace all absentees. Did duty from 11 - 2 and 5 to 6. A terrible day. Strong wind raising clouds of dust. Paid 70 $\frac{1}{2}$ p.t No leave for 2 days.
8. Friday. Coy went out on desert for more attacking practice returned at 4pm. Did my usual police duty. Ponto discharged from force and did not like it a bit. Fairly dusty during day with a welcome dust settler in the evening. Our night on duty.
9. Saturday. My birthday. Did my police duty. A speech was delivered by High Commissioner for NZ to troops in morning. Went into town in afternoon with Wiggles and had plenty of fun. Returned to camp early. Fine.
10. Sunday. Coy did usual church parade. Sam & Ross 2 mps had day off. Therefore, putting us to a little more trouble in doing the extra duty. Did 4 hours altogether. Weather fine. Took Mills place at 1

11. Monday. Battalion left camp at 7.30am to do training in attacking returned again at 5pm. Did my usual police duty 8-10, 4-6 6th night on. Weather fine
12. Tuesday Battalion left camp at 8am for two and half days training bivouacking both nights. Did only 1.4 police duty as well as mess orderly. Received two letters from Mum and Peter. Weather glorious.
13. Wednesday Coy on desert bivouacking. Did my usual police duty; Nothing startling Fine day.
14. Thursday. Coys still out on desert bivouacking. Nothing unusual. Did police duty as usual our turn on doubling shift
15. Friday. Paid in camp and went into town at night. Had a roam around on my own. Coys on battalion. Returned from Bivouac in morning
16. Saturday. Usual easy day for coys. Did my 1-4 police duty and went to town and the Kurswal with Eber. Enjoyed it very much. Mills taken to hospital suffering from I think fever. Weather fine
17. Sunday. Church parade as usual. Paterson and Stewart who took Mills place had usual day off. Went into Heliopolis and had a few drinks with Shandy. Weather fine. Shandy fairly fit.
18. Monday. Mess orderly and doing double shift. Battalion left at 9.30am for 1 night's bivouac and training. Nothing unusual. Fine write letters to Mum and Doris and Peter.
19. Tuesday. Battalion returned from bivouac in afternoon. Did my police duty 10 - 1. Nothing unusual. Went with Shandy into Heliopolis and had a roam around. Letter from Mum and wrote to Gid. Weather fine.
20. Wednesday. Did usual duty. Nothing unusual. Fine
21. Thursday. Battalion left us for desert for trench digging returned in afternoon. Paid 68pt. Our night on and things were fairly lively owing to drunks. Canteen robbed of 18 pounds. Fine
22. Friday. Battalion went out for sham fight and returned in afternoon. 10 -1 shift and wrote letters to Harry Coon. Fine
23. Saturday. Coys stayed in camp and cleaned up. Did police duty from 1 - 4 Noon and I went into town and to the Kurswal same programme as I saw the Sat. before. Returned early. Fine
24. Sunday. Shandy and my day off. Went into town at 1pm and roamed round all over the place looking for the museum but did not manage to find it. Returned early through Heliopolis. Coys usual church parade. Fine
25. Monday. Coys paraded in morning for fatigues. Pitching tents over at the aerodrome for the reinforcements. Did my double shift. A lot of excitement caused in evening received orders to pack up and be ready to leave in morning for Ismalia. Police broken up. Some of police had jovial evening and kept it going until 1pm Fine
26. Tuesday. Reveille at 5 am. All the moving packing and getting ready to leave. Fell in on parade at 10.45 and left camp at 12. Embarked at landing between Zeitoun and Heliomel and left at 1.30pm Farming country all through. Saw an aeroplane in full flight and then saw it land just as we arrived at Ismalia. Disembarked at 5pm did a little fatigue and then went on to sand opposite station where we bivouaced for the night. Turned in at 7.30 Weather fine nice cool night.

27. Wednesday Messed around all the morning straightening up the bivouac and getting things prepared for our indefinite stay. Did some section drill in morning and then platoon drill in fire control and musketry in afternoon on the burning plains of Ismalia. Noon Shandy and myself built a bivouac and slept together. Very warm day cold night.
28. Thursday. Reveille 6am Paraded at 9am and did platoon drill in fire control and musketry. In afternoon went out for range finding practice. Returned at 3.30am and had tea of biscuits and tea on burning plains of Egypt. bivouacked again in same place. Very hot.
29. Friday. Reveille 6am Battalion Auckland and Battle Canterbury paraded at 8.30am on the bivouac at Ismalia. We were both inspected by General and then took part in a skirmish for about 5 miles across the desert. It was very hot. In the afternoon 1st platoon of the 3rd and 5 and 6 packed up. Left Ismalia in an armoured train at 3pm and went to a place about 6 miles past Eiu. Ghosein disembarked and then had a terrible march across the sand to the banks of the Suez Canal where we did outpost work. No 1 section on patrol all night. Very hot day. Cool night Bivouac under trees.
30. Saturday. Reveille at 7am. Had breakfast on bivouac loafed round on the banks of the Canal and watched troopships pass. Cheering galore. Only one NZ boat passed with mounteds the infantry disembarked at Suez. Alarm went at 12 noon. Fell in and then fell out for dinner. Left the canal at 1.30 and had another scorching march to the Eiu Ghosein Station. A couple of 3rd platoons relieved us and we returned to camp by armoured train. Arrived at 4.30pm and went into tents which had been pitched for us. Fine cool nights.'
31. Sunday. Reveille 6am. Church parade at 8.30am Did the GMS fatigues in the morning. Loafed round all the morning went up to the town for an hour in afternoon. Paid in evening and went up and had a few drinks with Noon Mac Shandy. Warm day.

FEBRUARY 1915

1. Monday. Reveille 6am Paraded at 8am and went for about a mile and half march through Ismalia to Lake Timsah and had a good bathe. In afternoon fell in again and went for another swim to same place. Very easy and enjoyable day. Warm
2. Tuesday. Reveille 6 am. Paraded in full marching order. Battalion march about 1 mile and half and practised entraining. In afternoon we went for a march to a plantation about 500 yards away. Returned at 3.30. Dull day. Plenty of dust and wind
3. Wednesday. Reveille 6am. Paraded at 10am and had platoon drill. In afternoon did nothing. Syrian prisoners arriving by every train. Paraded at 7pm in full marching order in order to make arrangements for a contemplated move to Ismalia Ferry. Ordered to sleep in our uniforms in readiness to move off. Heavy cannonading going on all day and night. Dull day.
4. Thursday. Reveille 6am and 6th & 15th Coy paraded at 8.30am and went to Ismalia ferry a march of about 5 miles. Arrived there and crossed the canal by pontoon bridge. Proceeded about 1 mile through Indian Camps and then rested and awaited an alarm. In afternoon did four hours fatigue carrying boulders to a place where a land mine was being built about a mile from canal. Several steamers passed while we were on the job. Including the Mongolia. Returned to camp leaving at 6.15 pm arriving 7.45 pm very cool march home. Fine day fairly cold wind. (quiet day - no shooting)
5. Friday Reveille 6.15am. Did nothing all day but awaited orders to proceed to canal which never came. Fine'

6. Saturday. Reveille 6am Paraded at 9am for tent and rifle inspection. At 10.15am paraded in marching order and went out on to the desert for a lecture on notes from the war. In the afternoon Coy parade for a bathe in canal. No 1 section stayed at home and prepared for supply depot guard. Paraded at 4.45pm. Did my shift from 9 - 11pm Warm day cold night.
7. Sunday. On guard at Supply Depot. Were relieved at 5.30. Leave for 1 & 4 sections of 5 platoon. Went up town with Shandy until 8
8. Monday Reveille 6am paraded at 9am went out on desert for outpost and semaphore drill. In afternoon went to lake for a swim. Our Coy on picquet from 5 pm Had to sleep fully dressed in case of alarm. Fine
9. Tuesday. Reveille 6am. Paraded at 9am went out on desert for platoon drill. In afternoon went for a bathe and held a football match between 5 & 8 Platoons. That's all fine
10. Wednesday (190 day) Reveille 6am Paraded at 9.30 full marching order and left camp to go on outpost duty on the banks of the canal. Arrived at our destination after about two hours march along the railway in the direction of P.Said. We relieved a platoon of Australians. Several steamers passed during the day. McKenzie and four men out on sentry from 5.30. We bivouacked in a bomb proof shelter alongside the trenches. Heard no shooting at all. Fine
11. Thursday. Reveille at our bivouac on the canal 7.15. Power cooked the tea. Did nothing all the morning Watched steamers passing by and some of the boys went in to get any backschick that was thrown overboard. About 1 doz boats passed the most considerate being the Olympia who threw two tins of cigarettes which the boys were glad to receive. Glorious day.
12. Friday. 192 day Still on outpost duty on the canal. Several steamers passed during day, and we again received bachschick in the way of tobacco. My turn on outpost at night and it was very cold. Did 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours duty and damn near fell into canal while going up to next sentry to report. Fine
13. Saturday 193 day. Loafed again during the morning. In afternoon cleaned out the communication trench. Received more backshick in the afternoon. Paid 136 pt and it was very welcome after having been without for a fortnight. Received letter dated Dec 30 from Harry. Fine. Did some work cleaning trench.
14. Sunday 194 day. A very quiet day did not receive any backshish until late in evening when we got a tin of Blue Funnel Line cigarettes from the Perseus. Finished digging out the communication trench. A very warm day. Had a visit from Major Stuckey. G. Fisher paid his debt of 40 pt. Went out on outpost at night.
15. Monday 195 day. Did my turn on duty from 3.30am to 5.30am A few minutes after I relieved Shandy a suspicious looking object came drifting down the canal; I woke Eber and he and I watched it for about 15 minutes until it was fairly opposite us. To test it I fired a shot but got no response. By some means or other it went aground and when daylight broke it turned out to be a pontoon that had broken loose from further down the canal. That was our first experience of active service 4 outpost and was exciting while it lasted. Received no backsheesh. Loafed round on the bank all day. Fine and very hot.
16. Tuesday 196 day. Were relieved of our outpost on the canal by a Canterbury detachment. Left the canal at 1pm. Arrived in camp at 3pm after a very hot march. Had leave for the rest of the afternoon. Went off with Noon. Had a good many drinks. Went down to the

Wassa late in the evening and had a bit of a row with Noon. A little bit of slather too. Returned in time for roll call.

17. Wednesday 197-day Reveille at 6.30am Paraded at 9am for battalion training. Went out on desert and had a very hot time of it. Returned at 12. Had leave for the rest of the afternoon. Shandy and I returned early. Fell in for Battalion parade at 6.45. Marched about two miles out on to the desert went through a couple of attacking movements and then returned to camp. Fine
18. Thursday 198 day. Reveille 6am. McDonald being a bit tipsy brought home a bottle of Frisk which set most of the boys going. G. Fisher having received his money and having a bit of sting in brought several more bottles with the result that McDonald Noon Fisker McKenna Menny Poser Phillips got a little the worse for it. Noon and Fisker were put in the guard tent and McKenna was a perfect picture staggering along on the march. Very funny indeed. Battalion paraded at 9am and went for a route march for a distance of about four miles along the railway. Returned at 2.30 and had leave until 7 pm went up the street and had a few drinks with Sid Sparkes and Merrick. Returned early leave being granted till 7pm Fine.
19. Friday 199 days. Reveille 6am Battalion paraded at 9am and went out on to desert for practice in fire control. Returned at 12 noon. Fifth platoon were paraded at 2 and were given a lecture by Stuckey when he mentioned that the Thames was a town of drunks and I can say that the boys did not like it. Noon and George Fisker were sentenced to 7 days CB for their offences. Shandy and I went up to town in the afternoon and returned early. Battalion paraded at 6.45pm and went a couple of miles out to desert for trench digging. Returned at 10pm. Fine
20. Sunday 200th day of war. Reveille 6am. Paraded 9am and were given a short lecture by the CO on the censorship of letters. After that did some washing. In afternoon went inspected Rue Negrelle. Stayed home at night. Fine.
21. Sunday 201st day. Reveille 6am Church parade 8.30am DId nothing else all morning. Went up street with Shandy and Eber in afternoon for a roam about. Returned early. Fine
22. Monday 202 day Reveille 6am Coy paraded at 8.45am went out on to desert and had a bit of attack practice. In afternoon went to the lake for a bathe. Returned at 4pm. Stayed in camp at night. Fine
23. Thursday 204 day Reveille 6am Battalion paraded at 9am and went for a route march along the banks of the fresh water canal for a distance of about 5 miles. Returned at 4 after a damned hot march. Very hot
24. Wednesday 205 day. Battalion paraded at 9am went out on desert for attack practice returned at noon. In afternoon Batt went for a bathing parade. In evening 5 & 7 platoons went out to back of camp to do outpost work. Rogers by some way or other lost his way and was damn near shot by W. Sparkes. Everybody sorry that the job was not done properly. A very hot day.
25. Thursday. 206 day Reveille 6am. Paraded at 9am and went out on to desert for field firing. Returned at 12. Loafed all afternoon.
26. Friday 207 day Reveille 6am. Paraded at 9am on QM fatigues. Getting ready to leave for Zeitoun. All tents pulled down and everything cleaned in readiness to leave on the morrow.
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27. Sunday 210 days. Reveille 6am Church parade at 8.30am Did nothing else in morning went into town with Noon and Shandy. Met George Fisher in town and then what a time we had. Returned in time for roll call. Fine.

MARCH 1915

1. Monday 211 days. Reveille 6am Coy paraded at 9am went out on to desert for squad and platoon drill. Same old thing. No 1 section made a hash of things and had to do practice on their own. Returned to camp at noon. Did not parade in afternoon but got ready to go on battalion guard. Noon and Shandy left to do a week's guard at Abassail Barracks. Sid Wells. G. Fisher paraded at 4.45pm for guard and I was complimented on the cleanliness of my buttons. Did my two shifts. Had a bit of fun late at night one of prisoners tried to escape. Weather fine. Paid fortnights pay 136pt up to 19th Feb.
2. Tuesday 212 days. On guard all day. Nothing exciting Coy paraded and went for usual parade. Fine
3. Wednesday 213 days. Reveille 5.30am paraded at 7am and marched to Heliopolis from where the Divisional Tactical Services were to be begun. Moved off at 10am and artillery going in one direction Infantry in another. Went about 6 miles before we advanced in lines of platoons went another 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles and then opened out into lines of skirmishes. Advanced until about 4pm and then the position was assaulted. Left for camp at 5pm and had a very stiff march. Arrived in camp 8pm after a very strenuous day. Fine
4. Thursday 214 days. Reveille 6am Coy paraded at 10am and went to aerodrome for Coy training. Returned at 2pm Had leave. Eber and I went to Bulae to witness football match. Had dance in evening. A great little outing. Fine/
5. Friday 215 days. Reveille 6am Coy did nothing all day. Paraded at 2.30pm for a dangler and then paraded again at 6pm in order to have orders read out to us. Fall in in full marching order at 8.30pm and left for a place 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles past Tower 2. Commenced digging trenches at 1 am and kept on until 4.45am. Had a spell and then just as day light was breaking, we manned the trenches and defended against an imaginary attack. That finished we got ready to fill in the trenches. After all was finished in the trenches I was unlucky enough to fall in for a job holding the officers' horses while they attended a lecture by General Godley. The Coy went off and left us to march home across the desert to camp. A very hot tramp it was taking us 2 hrs to do the journey.
6. Saturday Had a bit of a snooze until one o'clock. Then had lunch and got ready to go to town. Had a good roam round until 2am when I was arrested the bastards of Australians had me placed in the Kaser Mil Barracks.
7. Sunday 217 days. In Kasir Mil Barracks waiting to be claimed and taken back to camp. Called for at 4pm and put in the guard tent. Fine
8. Monday 218 days. Still indisposed in guard tent. Having an easy time. Our number was added to in latter part of day. Coy paraded at 5pm and went out on desert until 8pm Fine
9. Tuesday 219 days. Still in guard tent. Came up before Stuckey on charges of being out of camp without leave and with resisting the picquet. Sentenced to 7 days CB. Coy went out on desert for Coy training. Fine
10. Wednesday. 220 days. Reveille 5.30am Paraded at 7.30 am and Brigade went out on desert for attack practice. Australians defended. We advanced about 5 miles and then

- attacked. It was a terrible day and everyone ran out of water before dinner. Attack finished at 1pm we returned to camp 2 day for Defaulters. A scorching day.
11. Thursday 221 days. Paraded at 9am Went to station past Matareil and spent 2 hours under the palms. A good rest Returned at 1pm Fine. 3rd day for Defaulters
 12. Friday 222 days. Of war. Reveille at 4.30am Fell in at 6.20 Brigade proceeded to a place 3 miles east of camp. Formed up and then advanced over the same ground over the hills to Tower 2 and then about 2 miles past. Attacked the English Territorials a very poor display. About 15000 troops took part. Returned to camp at 5 pm after doing 20 miles. A very pleasant day. Fine 4th day of Defaulters.
 13. Saturday 223 days. Reveille 6.30am Paraded at 9 for rifle inspection and then at 10 for feet inspection. Did defaulters work building a stone wall, round the prisoner's tent. Was quite surprised when I finished my defaulters' parades at 10pm to be told that I had finished very welcome although my time wasn't really up. Fine Noon was sent away to hospital.
 14. Sunday 224 days. Battalion fell in for church parade at 9.15am. Went out on to desert for Brigade church service. Returned at 10.30am Stayed home did washing and writing during rest of day. Fine cool. 1st day mess orderly. Woods went to hospital.
 15. Monday 225 days. Reveille 6.15am Paraded at 9am and had the sentences of Brown and Cameron read out. 5 & 6 platoons then paraded with rifles and had them inspected by the armourer Sergt. In afternoon paraded with boots to have them nailed also had a dangler. Wrote to Peter at night. Fine
 16. Tuesday 226 days. Reveille 3.30am Paraded at 5.15am and went to second tower where we had practice at defending a position Australians attacked. Auckland and Wellington Battalions acted as reserves to Canterbury and Otago. Returned early through Heliopolis. Morning very cold and showery. After noon warm.
 17. Wednesday 227 days. St Patricks Had rifle and tent inspection in the morning. Paraded at 5pm and went out on to desert to do assault work from trenches. We acted as reserves and were not called upon. bivouacked on desert and left for camp at 6.30pm
 18. Thursday 228 days. Arrived in camp 7.30am. Did nothing all day. Paid in afternoon 136pt. Signs of..... Showing. McKenna and I went to Zeitoun and had a few drinks. Returned in time for roll call. Just after lights out all those in No 2 tent commenced going on with a lot of tomfoolery with the result that they were all put in the guard tent. A very exciting episode.
 19. Friday 229 days. Reveille 6.15am Coy paraded at 9am and went to Materiel and did a little training. Returned at 2pm Went into town with Shandy and bought a few things. Returned early.
 20. Saturday 230 days. Reveille 6.30am Fell in 9am for feet inspection and rifle inspection. Went into town with Eber and Shandy. Went to football at C.C.R grounds at Bulae. In evening went to Kurswal train crowded coming home. Fine
 21. Sunday 231 days. Reported sick and was sent to Zeitoun Hospital was put under treatment for abscess. Had one wash having very easy time. Coy paraded for church parade as usual. Fine
 22. Monday 232 days Reveille at 6.30am Had one wash in morning and one in afternoon. Fine
 23. Tuesday 233 days. Reveille 6.30am Had my usual washes. Loafed around doing nothing. Fine

24. Wednesday 234 days. Reveille 6.30am Had usual washes did same as day before.
25. Thursday 235 days. Had instructions to get ready to leave for some unknown destination. (Malta) Paid 1 pound in English money Fine
26. Friday 236 days Reveille 4.30am Packed all our kits and left camp at 8am. Went down to Palace de Houbbeh Station we entrained. Went into Cairo and then left at 11.20am with about 500 guards aboard. Arrived Alexandria at 2.40pm and embarked aboard the Atlantia a big boat no conveniences. Had to get tea as best we could. Fine day.
27. Saturday 237 days. Having an easy time got up when it suited us. Spurred for breakfast but had a kind of dinner and tea issued. Steamers departed from quay at 9 pm and were out of sight of Alexandria by 6pm. Heavy thunderstorm and plenty of rain at night Fine day. Calm sea.
28. Sunday 238 days. Being treated like a lot of prisoners. Tucker simply terrible. A very rough day. Did nothing
29. Monday 239 days. Same dull routine. Tucker just as bad as ever. Passed several strange steamers. Rough sea. Fine day but windy.
30. Tuesday 240 days. Passed several more strange steamers. Same dull routine. Sighted Malta at 2pm and arrived off entrance at 6pm. Had to put to sea at night being too late to enter owing to several guns having been fired. Rough sea. Fine day
31. Wednesday 241 days. Left our roaming ground at sea and came into Valetta (Malta) at 7am. Took an anchorage in stream. Started to disembark at 11am. Disembarked in 3 loads. Our turn came at 3pm. Entrained at station and went 7 miles to Hospital where we were hospitably received and well treated for the short time that we had been here. Fine day. Well pleased with everything.

APRIL 1915.

1. Thursday 242 days. (Malta) Valletta seems to be a nice little place containing what seem to be very old buildings which are mostly built on cliffs. The natives are all very religious and a procession which took place today was very impressive. All the boys are very pleased with the way we are being treated in the Imtaifa Hospital. We were issued with blankets etc and a lot had uniforms of blue cloth with red handkerchiefs to bind round our necks. A very comical looking crew. Was inspected by the doctor and was pronounced well. Had one wash. An easy day laid on our beds all day. Fine fairly cold.
2. Friday. Good Friday. Did nothing but knocked about all day. 11 of the patients in our ward were sent to bed and put on mild diet. Fine.
3. Saturday On mess orderly. Loafed about all day as usual. Fine
4. Sunday Did nothing but loafed all day. Showery
5. Monday did nothing as usual. Fine
6. Tuesday Mess orderly and did nothing else
7. Wednesday Abscess showed up again and had to recommence washing. Fine
8. Thursday Usual doings a few of the guards returned for Egypt along with a battalion of Fusiliers who left today. Fine
9. Friday Abscess again disappeared. New doctor who examines us thoroughly Fine
10. Saturday Nothing doing Usual loaf. Fine
11. Sunday loafed all day and went to church service in the evening. Fine

12. Monday Usual loaf nothing doing. Rain
13. Tuesday Mess orderly nothing doing windy
14. Wednesday Five Maoris joined guards Nothing Fine
15. Thursday Same old thing cloudy Windy
16. Friday Same old thing fine
17. Saturday Paid one shilling and did usual loaf. Fine
18. Sunday Usual routine Fine
19. Monday Usual loaf nothing doing fine
20. Tuesday Mess orderly usual fine Frew left for Egypt
21. Wednesday Had a concert in the afternoon
22. Thursday Nothing doing fine
23. Friday Had great fun at a little concert held in the recreation room. Queenie a daft Queenslander amused the crowd in his unofficial rehearsal. Fine
24. Saturday Official concert held in evening and was as funny as a piece of string. Fine
25. Sunday Cleaned up for inspection. Loafed round fine.
26. Monday Mess orderly. Nothing doing Fine
27. Tuesday Usual routine nothing doing Fine
28. Wednesday Usual loaf fine
29. Thursday Usual routine nothing doing fine
30. Friday nothing doing splendid day.

MAY 1915

1. Saturday Usual routine Paid 1/- fine day
2. Sunday Mess orderly usual doings fine
3. Monday. Hopkins and Jameison along with about 50 others discharged and left. Heard of Australian and NZ gallantry at Dardanelles.
4. Tuesday Nothing doing fine
5. Wednesday Nothing doing usual routine fine
6. Thursday Nothing unusual fine
7. Friday Nothing doing Fine Windy prayers
8. Saturday. Mess orderly paid 1/- nothing doing fine
9. Sunday Wootton and Smith discharged. Shifted to another ward. Church service in evening Fine
10. Monday Mess orderly with Snow. Nothing doing. Heard of Major Stuckey's death at Dardanelles
11. Tuesday Nothing doing fine
12. Wednesday Nothing doing Tansy and Buck got their discharges
13. Thursday Nothing doing fine
14. Friday Nothing doing fine
15. Saturday As usual nothing doing fine
16. Sunday Buck and Tansy left for Egypt. Nothing doing fine
17. Monday. A lot of wounded arrived at the Barracks and caused a great deal of excitement. Saw several of 6th boys shifted to A block and now in 8 ward. Damned nuisance. Fine

18. Tuesday More wounded arrived including a lot of my pals. Nothing else doing fine
19. Wednesday Spent pretty well whole of day with Thames boys. Nothing else doing fine
20. Thursday Nothing doing windy day but fine
21. Friday Had my name given in for discharge. Fine
22. Saturday. Nothing doing Issued with cigs. Fine
23. Sunday. More wounded arrived. A Maori sergeant came to see me. Fine
24. Monday. Toby Merito and Davy came up to see me and spent all morning with me.
Nothing else doing fine. 10/-
25. Tuesday Nothing doing. Went up before OC for discharge passed with honours. Fine
26. Wednesday Nothing doing. Same old thing Fine Mess orderly
27. Thursday Same old thing. Nothing doing Fine
28. Friday Paid 2/-. Nothing doing. Fine
29. Saturday. In afternoon went with Toby and Davy to Citta Vecchia. Had a roam round and a few drinks returned at 8.30 Fine
30. Sunday. Nothing doing all day. Malta Militia band played in evening went over to Citta Vecchia in evening. Fine
31. Monday. All who had their discharges drew their kits and left Imitaifa at 3pm. Went to harbour and picked up few more from other hospitals then went aboard a BJ liner Torilla. Left Malta at 6pm. Dull day. A fair terror.

JUNE 1915

1. Tuesday. Rose from our staterooms upon the hard boards of the deck and adjourned to the sumptuous breakfast rooms on deck where some lovely bread, cheese and tea were issued. For dinner a lovely tin of c. beef and for tea some celebrated dog biscuits and jam a fair terror. Fine
2. Wednesday Still aboard and enjoying our trip I don't think. Very calm sea passed several boats. Told off to do police but was too cunning and dodged. Fine
3. Thursday Same old thing upon some one's formal suggestion a submarine guard was put on armed with rifles. I did 3 hours Passed several steamers. Calm sea. Fine day
4. Friday Owing to submarine craze a few got very excited at seeing lights in the early hours of the morning. Sighted land to starboard at 7am and then picked up Port Said at 10.30am Picked up pilot at 11am and then entered canal berthing at noon. Same old place. Disembarked at 4.30pm calm sea Fine. And then marched through town to railway station entrained in express and left for Cairo at 6pm. Saw several familiar scenes on the way and arrived in Cairo at 11.30pm Took train for Zeitoun and went into tents on old camping ground in Australian lines
5. Saturday Had breakfast fell in and were drafted to our units. Put in tents on our old camping ground. Nothing doing all day. Camp looks more than deserted. Very hot day.
6. Sunday. Reveille 5am Told off on a fatigue watering the desert about the officers' lines. Madness. All had our names taken for a bit of swearing that went on. Had leave in afternoon and went to Cairo. Returned early. A very hot day.
7. Monday. Reveille 5am. Did nothing all day. Paid 10/- in afternoon and went into town returned early. Fine

8. Tuesday. Reveille as usual. On GM fatigue in morning. Did nothing else all day. Went into YMCA in evening. Very hot day
9. Wednesday On supply depot fatigue all day Very hot.
10. Thursday On AM fatigue from 6am - 11 Very hot
11. Friday. AM fatigue as day before. Paid 134 pt. Very hot
12. Saturday Ordered for guard at 5.30 On Australian Supply Depot Guard. Half of guard did not put in an appearance at appointed time. A very hot day.
13. Sunday. Did my two shifts on SB Guard. Relieved at 5pm by Australians. Went to pictures in evening. Hot day.
14. Monday On AM fatigue digging up pipes. Hot job. Hot day.
15. Tuesday Received letters from Mum. Over 100 told off to leave for Dardanelles. Messing round being equipped all day. Paid 50pt a very hot day.
16. Wednesday. Reveille 4.30am Fell in 6am and marched to Helmsech siding entrained and left at 9.15. Left Cairo at 9.50am arrived in Alexandria at 1.15pm embarked aboard transport 30 Australind. The usual thing poor accommodation.
17. Thursday. Left in morning at 7 was recalled left in afternoon at 4pm - Alexandria. Nothing exciting. Hot day cool night tucker good
18. Friday Nothing unusual passed several steamers. Sighted land at 6pm. Calm sea fine day
19. Saturday In Aegean Sea and among the Isles of the Archipelago. Passed couple of strange steamers. Calm fine
20. Sunday Sighted land again first thing in the morning turned out to be Lemnos. Arrived in harbour 11am. Took up anchorage alongside store ship. Unisinga. Harbour full of shipping transports and men o'war. Big camp ashore. Harbour land locked across mouth stretched submarine net. Destroyers patrol entrance.
21. Monday Loafed during morning. Paid 10/- in afternoon. Fell in at 4pm embarked aboard a trawler left at 7pm for Dardanelles. Arrived off NZ Beach at 1.30am Tuesday Fine
22. Tuesday Came ashore in pontoons landed on beach were squared up and then marched up saps to Coys dug outs at foot of Quinn's and Courtenay's posts. Wilton and I in same dug out. Rifles firing going on all day from trenches on top of hill. Trenches at Quinn's post not 15yds apart. Good deal of shelling went on in afternoon. Had a swim in sea in afternoon on fatigue at night. Very hot day. Quiet.
23. Wednesday Nothing doing during morning. AM fatigues in afternoon. Usual sniping and a good deal of shelling going on. A piece of shell landed at our dug outs and wounded a man in the foot. Fine Quiet.
24. Thursday Nothing much doing all day. Told off in evening to go on fatigues at 3.30am. Coy onpiquet from 8 pm. Turks shelled our bivouac for about $\frac{1}{2}$ hr in evening. Shrapnel flying everywhere. Fine Quiet
25. Friday On fatigue at 3.30am cleaning out saps. Did nothing all day. Talk about a noise at night. Rifles going off and bullets whizzing like rain. Never heard the likes of it before. Fine fairly quiet.
26. Saturday Packed up everything and got ready to move to trenches at Courtenay's Post. On cook's fatigue in morning and then went to our bivouacs below trenches along with 15th Coy. Shells again burst round us. This game is not what it is cracked up to be. Fine quiet.

27. Sunday Did nothing in morning. A couple of stray bombs came over our trenches and landed right among the bivouacs causing fifteen casualties. Had to stand to from 3 to 4am. At about 6am the Turks commenced a bombardment with their artillery. Shells bursting with a terrific report on Pope's Hill. Talk about rifle fire it was just like rain falling. It lasted about 20 minutes. Packed up and went into trenches at Courtenay's. Struck No 2 group and were not long in when a Turkish bomb burst not ten yards from us seriously wounding one of the machine gunners. Did my hour shifts. Very quiet.
28. Monday. Up all night in trenches. At noon Australians on our right commenced to attack. On our right a fearful bombardment from the field guns. Turkish aided by the crackle of thousands of rifles and of course as usual went further on and came under our own warships fire. Owing to the number of dead Turks in the 2nd trench they had to retire to the first. It lasted about 1 hr. In order to prevent the Turks from our end going down to reinforce those on the right at 8.30 we commenced firing like hell. Just a ruse to keep them in their trenches. It was fairly successful for they did not counterattack. We attacked all along the line and gained our objectives. Came out of trenches at 2pm and went on reserves. Hot day.
29. Tuesday. Still on reserves until 2pm. In evening a dust storm came up and of course was an opportune time for the Turks to commence a sham attack. Well, nothing came of it until 1.30am when they did really attack. Light Horse on our left on Walker's Ridge. Then attack failed although several did get into trench. Hot fine
30. Wednesday On fatigue building bomb proof shelters on the terraces below the trenches. Did 4 hours in morning and 3 in evening. Fairly quiet. Hot day.

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JULY 1915

- 1 Thursday Nothing much doing Got ready and went into trench at noon. Took over same part as before. Fairly quiet. Maoris arrived.
2. Friday Did my several shifts in the trench and were relieved by 9 & 3 platoons at 2pm. Went down to bomb proof shelters as reserves. Hellish bombardment taking place down at Cape Helles. A Turkish bomb came over hill and injured one man. Fine & quiet. Issued with rum.
3. Saturday. In reserves till 2pm Then went down to lower trenches. Nothing doing. Fine Quiet
4. Sunday Nothing doing in morning. Did fatigues in afternoon making a new sap. Heavy artillery fire in evening. Took crook at 4pm. Crook all night. Spent pretty well whole of night in latrines. Fine
5. Monday Reported sick in morning excused duty for a couple of days. 5 & 6 platoons went into trenches at 2pm. Nothing exciting Usual rifle fire at night. Fine
- 6 Tuesday. 5 & 6 in trenches relieved by 7 & 8 at 2pm. Coming down into reserve shelters. 15 Coy fellow shot through heart and killed. Still crook having easy time. Fine
- 7 Wednesday Five & six in reserve until 2pm. Came down into shelters on terrace. Still crook. Quiet Fine
8. Thursday Packed up at 8am and came down to gully we left two weeks before. Monash Gully. Had some bother in arranging about dug outs owing to some new arrivals... Finally got settled down. On fatigue at Quinns Post from noon till 4pm. Had swim in evening Fine Quiet
9. Friday. Nothing doing all day. In fatigue at Courteney's Post from 8 - 12 midnight. Fine

10 Saturday Loafed around gully. On fatigue 12 - 4pm In trenches at Quinns Post. On fatigue again from midnight to 4am. Quiet & fine

11. Sunday Received letter from Doris and papers from home. Onpicquet from 8pm. Quiet & fine

12. Monday. Turks started bombing trenches at Steele's Post at 10am and played up holy hell for about an hour. About 15 Australians attacked a Turkish observation post thereby causing all the commotion. Heavy firing going at Cape Helles all day until the evening. Fine

13. Tuesday Did nothing in morning. Went on fatigue at Quinn's Post from 4 - 8pm and then again at 4.30am (Wednesday) Several men killed at Steele's Post by shell fire. Quiet Fine

14. Wednesday On fatigue in morning. Did nothing else all day. On fatigue at midnight. Quiet

15. Thursday Did nothing all day but lay about in livery and let the flies have a game with me. Went for a swim in evening. Wrote to mum and Mac. Fairly quiet. Usual shelling.

16. Friday Stood to at 4.30am. Got orders to pack up and be ready to leave for trenches at Courtenay's Post. On arrival went straight into trenches. Nothing doing until 5pm where Turks began to shell our trenches. It was that bad that the 15 Coy had to go out for shelter. Only one man was hit A regular artillery drill commenced and lasted about half an hour. Quiet but very trying night. Did 2 hours of a shift looking over parapet. Fine Received socks from home.

17 Saturday Relieved in trenches by 7 & 8 platoons at 9am. Came down to supports. Nothing doing all day. Quiet Fine

18 Sunday Stood to at 4.30am Went to reserves from supports at 9am. Told to report to CRE at 10am along with Charlie Halby as a fitter. Took all my gear down to gully at 11 end of Anzac Beach and went into dug outs. Told off to our different shifts. A few shells landed on beach causing several casualties. Nothing doing Fine 8 - 4

19 Monday Did nothing all day. Went on shift at 4pm on a reservoir. Struck a regular Chinese puzzle in a 2400 gallon tank we had to erect. Made a sort of a start and then went to sleep until mid night. Quiet Fine

20 Tuesday Nothing doing this morning. Went to No 1 out post and saw Davie and Toby. Went on shift at 4pm connecting pipes from mains to pumps. Nothing doing. Quiet and Fine

21 Wednesday Went up to Courtenay's Post in morning for mail. On at 4pm connecting up pipes under Wynyard Pier. Quiet Fine

22 Thursday Went up to Courtenay's Post again for mail. Got two letters from home. Expecting an attack from Turks but it did not materialise. On 4 to 12 pm Fine

23 Friday Slept all the morning. went on shift at 4pm and worked on a pier for about 6 hours and then went on to beach. Fine

24 Saturday Nothing much doing in morning. Went on shift at 4pm. Usual beach shelling but fairly quiet. Fine

25 Sunday Went up to see Davie in morning. In the afternoon at about 4pm a Turkish gun from the left landed two shells right alongside our dugout. I just got out and into safety when one burst right over the dug out wounding my mate (C. Halby) very seriously. He was taken down to the dressing station on the beach. Did not go on shift but went to beach and washed my blankets. Went up to Coy in second line trenches on Walker's Ridge to get a few papers. A very lucky day for me. Fine

26 Monday On AM fatigue. Did nothing else all day. Usual shelling on beach. Fine

27 Tuesday. Went up and saw Davie in morning. Went on shift at 4pm on tanks - a regular boiler makers job. Quiet Fine

28 Wednesday Nothing doing in the morning. Went on at 4pm building tanks. Did a little scouting at 12 noon and managed to cadge some biscuits. Fine & quiet

29 Thursday Had a good sleep in in the morning. On tanks at 4pm. After tea sent up by Churchill to watch tanks fill in Shrapnel Gully Walkers Rd and Victoria Gully came off at 12 and scored a little rice on bread. A Taube passed over and dropped a bomb on beach.

30 Friday Did nothing in the morning. Went to work at 4pm. Did a little scouting and scored a tin of milk. Now working under Tommy officers fair terrors. Did not go back after the heavy firing going on at C. Helles and Gaba Tepe. Taube passed over in evening.

31 Saturday Loafed round all morning Went on shift at 4pm in for the last time. Tommy officers taking over whole of contract. An attack took place at night. Heavy firing at C. Helles

AUGUST 1915

1 Sunday did nothing all day. Had orders to return to Coy. Fine & quiet

2. Monday Packed up and left to return to Coy. Rejoined Coy after a tiring tramp and rejoined Coy. Relieved Otago at Courtenay's Post. Being a good shot (ahem) was put on sniping in good easy job. Water scarce. Fine

3. Tuesday Fired hundreds of shots at the cheeky buggars but was not at any time successful. Distance too great to discern any particular object with the naked eye. A bit of a demonstration took place at 9pm. Tommies landed at night. Quiet

4 Wednesday Came off sniping and went into trenches to left of Courtenay's Post. Very quiet all day. Had a bit of a demonstration at nights. A taube passed over in morning Hot & fine

5. Thursday Relieved at 11am by 8th Australian Battalion. Packed up all valises and blankets and stacked them all in Monash Gully. Left shelters at 10pm and after 4 hours buggaring about arrived at Happy Gully not far from Maori Camp. Slept on hard stones at night. Hot day but a very cold night.

6. Friday Knocked round gully all day trying to get a bit of sleep but did not succeed. Got ready to leave at 9.15pm Had a terrible night march of 8 hours and while on the way passed scores of Turkish prisoners being brought down to a gully from where the Turks had been driven. Mounteds and Maoris did good work during the night in driving the buggars back. Towards morning passed scores of prisoners being brought down to beach. Plenty of rifle fire on all sides. Fine day.

7 Saturday. Went on side of hill at 6am to rest and have breakfast along with a battalion of Ghurkas. While there the Turks got one on to us by springing a surprise. They took us unawares and killed and wounded a good many of our chaps. At 11am Auckland Battalion and a Battalion of Ghurkas were ordered to attack a trench on top of the hill. All information about trench had been gained by aerial recognisance. We were told the trench was 100 yds off and, on a slope, leading to Chanuk Bair. Five platoons led the attack, and it was a fair terror charging up a slope in the condition we were in. At any rate we took the trench the Turks having retired from it. We were into terrible rifle fire from trenches above, killing and wounding scores of our fellows. I could not make out at all how it was. I was not hit Bullets flew like rain. After regaining my breath, we cleaned up the trench a bit and waited for ten minutes or so when 50 odd Turks came charging down the hill. We blew them over like nine pins Nothing else occurred during the day with the exception of a terrible lot of rifle fire on our left. Very hot day. Water scarce.

8 Sunday Arose before daylight after a terrible night. Trying to sleep in a crouched position Just before daylight after a terrific bombardment by our artillery the Wellingtons and Otagos with the Gloucesters in support came up over our trench to attack Turkish trenches on top of Chanuk Bair Wellington suffered terribly from terrible onslaught of Turkish rifle fire. Some of the wounds of the men returning to the dressing station were the most horrible spectacles I have ever seen. Terrible rifle fire on our left at night. Slept in the same crouched position and suffered terrible from thirst. Living on bully beef and biscuits and half a mug of water per day. Very hot & dry.

9 Monday We were told to get ready to move out of trench. Before moving out did a bit of fatigue burying a few dead men. Moved out of trench and Tommies (North Lanc.) moved in at 10pm. Lay out behind trench for a couple of hours until Tommies got settled down. The smell of the dead was something terrible. We moved down hill and after getting a welcome drink of water settled down to a well earned sleep beneath the scrub at 1.30am At 4.30 we were ordered to proceed to top of hill owing to Turks staying and driving the Tommies out of the trench. We stood to and were ordered to top of hill to reinforce Tommies. They were driven out therefore we were not needed after breakfast we were getting ready to go to top of hill when Turks appeared over top of Chunuk Bair, Charging over skyline in batches of fifty or so. We lined a ridge to our left front afterwards known as Cheshire Ridge and gave the Turks wholly hell as they appeared. The artillery played havoc with them also, Men could be plainly seen being blown into the air by the H E shells. Distance 800 yards Although the distance was so great we piled them up in the gully dead five deep. It kept us amused all day. A very hot and thirsty day. Fine

10 Tuesday Still on the ridge keeping the Turks back as much as possible. On all night no food no water no nothing. Very rotten and as dry as hell. Fine and hot day. 5th relief arrived

11 Wednesday Were relieved from ridge by two other companies and shifted lower down slope. During afternoon had reinforcements drafted to Coy. We were issued with a little water and rations and then at 6pm were sent up to the top of the hill to dig trenches. Dug trenches all night and very hard work it was too. Made a very little difference to the trench and got a bit of a roar for it. Did fatigue during day. A hot day. Terrible rifle fire on left flank.

12 Thursday Went into trenches during night and left them again during morning and went halfway down hill after spending half an hour in hiding from shrapnel. Coming down hill had to go like hell. Snipers picking off our men one by one. About 20 casualties. Fine

13 Friday Went up the hill again and 5 & 6 platoons went into trenches. Had a good bit of fun sniping at Turks as they came over the hill. . Scored five. Were relieved at two by the men of our own company. Parapets lined with dead men who were killed a couple of days before and talk about stink it was something terrible. Several of our own shells fell into our trench wounding half a dozen. Came out of trench and was dodging shells all day. Heavy firing on left. Very hot day.

14 Saturday Came down hill to reserve dug outs and did nothing else all day. Hot firing on left in the evening. Fine

15 Sunday Left reserves and went down into gully for 3 days rest. Went for a swim in evening Hot and fine

16 Monday Did nothing all day. Major Alderman gave us a bit of a speech. Hot day and again quiet.

17 Tuesday Went on fatigue cutting scrub for for four hours. Returned and relieved Canterbury's from trenches on Rhododendron Spur to right of our former position on Apex. Did my shifts at night. Hot day. Plenty of flies and terrible stench from dead men. Quiet. Turks trenches 600 yards away.

18 Wednesday Did a little work improving trench. Told off to go on out post at night under Sergt Mills. Went to a hill about $\frac{1}{4}$ mile to our right and there took up our duties. Not a bad place. Turks trenches 200 yards away. Did my two shifts at night. Very trying. Slight showers did not look too promising but cleared up. Hot day. Heavy rifle fire on the left.

19 Thursday Did my 3 hours on outpost in morning. Loafed all day. Had a few shots at Turks in distance. Relieved at 6pm. Went on in fire trench and did my shift on look out. Fairly quiet all day. Fine

20 Friday Relieved in fire trench at 11am by Wellington. Went down into reserves. Did nothing all day. Went on fatigue digging trenches at no. 5 Post. Usual rifle fire. Fairly quiet.

21 Saturday On QM fatigue in morning and evening fell in at 10am in fire trenches 7& 8 in fire trenches 5&6 in support. A terrific bombardment by warships and artillery commenced at 3pm followed by an attack on the flat on our left the rifle fire and the noise of live shells and others was something deafening. Our troops, Tommies and Australians advanced and obtained their objectives after suffering terribly. Turks counter attacked at night but so far, I do not know how they got on. Nothing more exciting. A very hot day.

22 Sunday On GM fatigue in morning. Went on trench fatigue from 10 - 2pm left for No 1 Outpost at 6pm. Hot rifle fire on our left at night Did my shifts on watch from 4 - 6 am Fine

23 Monday Nothing much doing but usual sniping as on outpost work. Relieved by our own company men at 7pm. Quiet hot day. Returned at 7 pm to outpost trenches. Fine

24 Tuesday On QM fatigues in morning. Went as a guide to No 1 outpost with Capt.

Wallingford. Had a bit of fun with several Turks, 3 of whom were killed. Went into fire trench in evening. Did my shifts. Heavy bombardment towards Cape Helles all day and night. Received letter from and wrote to Alice. Quiet as usual on our front line.

25 Wednesday In fire trenches. Same monotonous old work. Nothing much doing all day. Did my shifts. Fine

26 Thursday Same old thing during day fighting the flies. Holland received Commission and transferred to 15 Coy. Our platoon of 12 relieved by 6 Platoon. Went on Standing Patrol at No 2 Post at 8pm While there Wills returned through trench with men who had been missing for over 10 days. The buggars were not 100 yards from outpost and were too frightened to attempt to get into our trench. Returned at 4am. On Qm Fatigue. Hot day slight shower at night.

27 Friday In supports and in QM fatigue. Did nothing all day. On Sap Guard at night good job. Remains of 5 platoon transferred to 12 Section. Hot day. Attack on left. Holy Hell.

28 Saturday On Sap Guard. Relieved at 7pm by 8 platoon. On No 3 Patrol at night. Had a bit of fun. Turks returned at 4AM. Sun hot fine day.

29 Sunday Did a few fatigues during day. Went into fire trenches at 7pm. Quiet and fine

30 Monday In fire trenches. Same old thing. Nothing new. Gained two invisible stripes and put in charge of No 10 Section. Had canteen stores sold to us. Received delicacies (salmon etc) which unfortunately didn't last too long. Flies in thousands.

31. Tuesday. Still in fire trenches. Received two papers from home Went over in charge of No 1 Patrol at 6pm. Suffering from festers all over the hands. Promotion to Lance Corporal confirmed in Battle Orders. Quiet and Fine.

SEPTEMBER 1915.

- 1 Wednesday On No 1 Patrol having an easy time. Had three or four shots at stray Johnnies. Relieved at 6pm by 3 Coy men. Went back to trenches. Getting very weary and tired. Fine
2. Thursday In fire trenches at No 1 Post. Same old thing. Nothing new. Flies, Flies, Flies. Quiet all day.
- 3 Friday Had orders to pack up at 10 and be ready to move. Moved out and were relieved by Light Horse. Came right down hill and into a gully below the Brigade HQ. Suffering from diahorrea. Fine
4. Saturday Paraded sick but got nothing but pills. Suffering terribly. Hot but fine day.
5. Sunday Still suffering from diahorrea.
6. Monday In rest gully and still suffering. Fine
7. Tuesday Still suffering. Fine
- 8 Wednesday Left rest gully and went up to Apex 3rd Coy in trenches 6 in supports Did nothing all day but shit and sleep. Fine & hot.
- 9 Thursday Loafed all day. Went into fire trench at night. Had a quiet time. Fine Still crook.
- 10 Friday In fire trenches all day. Turks sent over a few shells at night just to keep things moving. Relieved by 3rds at 5pm. Fine
11. Saturday In support trenches. Nothing much doing. Still on the old shits. Fine and quiet.
12. Sunday In fire trenches did a lot of sniping during day. Got a surprise when told that we had to be ready to move out at any minute. Were relieved at 4pm by 20th Battalion Australians and came down into rest gully. Dull day Quiet.
- 13 Monday In rest gully having an easy time. Coy Orderly Corpl Carroll left with an injured eye. Recovering and am feeling pretty well. Showers in early morning. Fine during day. Quiet.
- 14 Tuesday In rest gully all day. Packed up at night and left for Anzac Beach. Had a terrible march through sap and after usual buggaring about we at last got settled down on hill above pier. Waited for about 2 hours and then embarked aboard punt at Wynyard Pier. Fine
- 15 Wednesday Were packed on punt like sardines and then taken out and put aboard steamer Osmanich. Slept on deck and were awakened by rain. Steamer after taking in cargo left at 4.30am for Lemnos Arrived at Mudros at 11.30am. Harbour as usual full of transports and warships. Taken off transport by ferry boat. Water switch. Taken to a pier and after half an hour buggaring about disembarked. Had to march about 3 miles to camping grounds at Sarpi. Tonto and I feeling a bit lazy - essayed to do the journey at leisure. Took things easy and arrived at camp after 3 hours dreary march. Saved two miles by wading a stream. Buggared about and eventually found Auckland lines. Slept in open air after having a good drink of issued stout etc. Fine
- 16 Thursday Rose fairly early and cooked breakfast as best we could. Rained like hell at 10am. Hell of a mess. Mud up to your ankles. Did nothing all day. Doing well having plenty of eggs and stout issued. Squeezed into a tent at night. Wet.
- 17 Friday Paid 5 pounds in morning. Came in handy. Plenty of rubbish to buy from hawkers. On stout at night. Suffered terribly at night from overeating. A fine day and fairly cool.

18 Saturday Paraded for rifle inspection. Did nothing else with the exception of pitching a few tents. Went to village in afternoon and bought a few things and then came home. Fine and very mild.

19 Sunday. Church parade in morning. Slept all of the afternoon. Fine and cold.

20 Monday Paraded at 10am. Squared up a bit by new adjutant and then did a little drill until 12. Fine

21 Tuesday Inspection of Brigade by Godley in morning. Loafed round all afternoon. Fine

22 Wednesday Fell in at 10am and went for a two hours route march. Fatigue in afternoon. Fine

23 Thursday Went on sick parade with guts ache. Did nothing all day. Coy went out for section and rifle drill. Fine.

24 Friday Coy paraded at 10am. NCO's taken in a section on their own and given drill in giving words of command. Wood fatigue in afternoon. Nothing else doing. Issued with clean new shirt. First new shirt for seven weeks. Fine

25 Saturday Coy paraded for fatigues. Did a few fatigues picking up stones etc. Wrote to mum, Noon, Gid and Reg. Fine

26 Sunday Church parade at 10am. Did nothing else all day Fine

27 Monday Paraded at 10am. NCOs paraded under S.M Moncrief for tuition in giving commands. Did nothing else all day. Fine

28 Tuesday On Battalion Orderly Corporal. Paraded all fatigue parties in afternoon Fine

29 Wednesday Battalion on duty. Went on Picquet at 3pm to Angariones Village. Returned 9pm. The company were inoculated for typhoid. Sixth reinforcements arrived. Fine

30 Thursday Company suffering from effects of inoculation. I was inoculated in afternoon. Fine.

OCTOBER 1915.

1. Friday Suffering from effects of inoculation. Coy did fatigues all day. Fine.
2. Saturday Kit inspection in the morning. Went out on to harbour in the afternoon. Looking for stores but came back disappointed. Nothing Fine
3. Sunday Told off to go on fatigue to Ordnance Pier Mudros West. Unloaded punts all afternoon. Returned at 5pm Fine
4. Monday Company paraded and were taken over by Major Allen. Gave us 3 hours solid drill. Nothing doing in afternoon. Fine
5. Tuesday a false alarm inspection. Fell in and did fatigue picking up stones from parade ground. Leave in afternoon. Fine
6. Wednesday Whole of Division inspected by Godley Coy Orderly Corp recovering - hound - chasing fatigue parties all day. Fine
7. Thursday Coy on duty. Paraded at 9am and had Coy drill etc till 12 noon. Nothing doing in afternoon. Wrote to Mum, Reg, Doris T. and Noon. Fine
8. Friday Fell in at 10. Went out and had attack practice from artillery formations. Returned at noon. Nothing doing in afternoon. Parade for 7 15pm called off owing to inclemency of weather. Rained - wind blew like hell at night. Fine day.
9. Saturday Cleaned up tent and then laid stones round the lines. Was inoculated in the afternoon. Fine

- 10 Sunday Church parade at 9 30am. On Battalion Orderly Corp. Did usual duties parading fatigue parties. Fine
11. Monday Coy paraded for route march for four miles along Castro Road. . Returned at 12. Fine
- 12 Tuesday Coy did usual parade. Had a lecture by Holland on bombs. Fine day and fairly warm.
- 13 Wednesday Coy on Coy drill and a lecture on trench warfare by Lieutenant Col Young. Battalion and Coy on duties Finished many fatigues. Fine
- 14 Thursday Went out on to hill and had an attack on windmill hill. Very strenuous day. Drill day
15. Friday Had bayonet fighting and a lecture with illustrations on Patrol work. Fell in 7 15pm and went for a night march. Fine
16. Saturday Cleaned up tents and were then drafted to new tents. Coy orderly Corporal. By a bit of luck, I was lucky enough to strike picquet for Easter. Paraded at 6pm for inspection by Major Alderman. Fine Paid 1/10 by Major Allen
17. Sunday. Paraded at 9am full marching order. Left camp 10am. Arrived at Thermos at 1` pm after making pace pretty hot on road. Started off again arrived at Castro at 2pm after a very stiff march. Relieved old picquet and NZ took over new duties. While on picquet word came in that two Tommies were making a disturbance up the street. Went up and arrested both outside square. Were lodged in cells. Castro very quiet and mostly inhabited by Turks. Fine. Letter from Mum.
18. Monday Our day off. Went for roam round. Started drinking. Visited old fort on the hill. Place 500 years old. Had a good roam around and saw all there was to be seen. Had a good time at night drinking all sorts of grog. Returned in time for roll call. Fine
19. Tuesday NZ on duty. Took picquet out. Nothing much doing Fine
20. Wednesday Our day off roamed round having a look at sights came back and started champagne up, got pretty tipsy. Returned at 9.15pm. Fine
21. Thursday Our day on. Took all picquets out. Bit of fun at night in a Turkish café. Nothing much doing. Fine
22. Friday Did a day of mooching about had a few drinks and had a good look round. Visited Greek church. Stayed home at night and had a good sleep. Very cold and showery day.
23. Saturday Our day on. Did morning picquet. Went for a stroll round in afternoon. At night was ordered out to arrest a couple of soldiers. Returned. Soldiers having disappeared from village. Half an hour after two men were brought in by some of picquet and locked up. They were fairly rowdy. Were paid \$1 and boys played up hell at night. Fine but showery.
24. Sunday Australian day on. Relieving picquet arrived at 12 noon. We packed up and left at 3pm. After spending an enjoyable week. Made the pace coming home arriving in camp at 6.30pm, then I and two men had to escort 2 men to detail camp at Mudros West. Very tired. Turned up and slept like one thing.
25. Monday Stayed off parade and loafed round all day. Coy went out for attack practice. Fine. Paid \$3. 10.0d
26. Tuesday Had practice folding blankets and packs. Were inspected by the Colonel on parade ground. Fine day.
27. Wednesday Were inspected by General Munro - had a very trying time. Very windy and dusty.

28. Thursday Went for Battalion in attack practice. Was told off in evening - in charge of guard on cooking lines. Went to lecture at night on trench warfare in winter by Major Alderman. Fine
29. Friday On guard on cooking lines. Coy went for route march. Relieved at 6pm. Coy went out for night march. Fine.
30. Saturday Had feet and kit inspection. Did nothing else all day. Write to Mrs Barclay. Fine
31. Sunday. Took French leave and Toby and I went for a roam round. Arrived back in camp in time for roll call. Drill

NOVEMBER 1915.

1. Monday Went out on to flat behind camp. Did rifle exercises for 2 hours and then had attack practice coming home. Went for mooch round in after noon. Fine hot
2. Tuesday NCOs went out under Major Alderman for practice in patrol work. Fine
3. Wednesday Battalion went out for practice in defensive work. Hot but fine.
4. Thursday Fell in at 9am and had ammunition and rations issued. Did nothing else all day. Fine and dull. On Coy orderly Corpl
5. Friday Went for a route march in full marching order. Did outpost work at night Fine
6. Saturday On Battalion Orderly Corp. Had a very busy day. Coy paraded for rifle inspection. Nothing else doing. Fine
7. Sunday Church parade in morning. Did nothing much all day. Had a comical evening at night. Fine
8. Monday Fell in in full marching order and stowed all surplus stuff in QM stores. Messed round for rest of day. Fine
9. Tuesday Reveille 3.30am Fell in at 7.30am and left Sarpi for pier. Embarked aboard Osmaniell and left at 1.30pm. Passed a submerged submarine at entrance to harbour. Arrived off Anzac at 6.30pm. Disembarked and had a terrible march around to No 2 Outpost. Rested in a gully all night Dull day but fine.
10. Wednesday Rose early and had a drink of tea and some of my favourite diet bully beef biscuits. Loafed round all morning. Prepared to leave gully at 3pm but had to seek shelter owing to heavy howitzer shells falling in our vicinity. Managed to get away after a while and had a terrible climb up though Mule Gully to Rhododendron Spur. Went into trenches at E section No 1 post. Spent very cold night. Dull day. Quiet.
11. Thursday. Were relieved in E Section by 15 Coy and came further down to C Section. After usual messing about finally settled down and got into working order. Very quiet all day. Fine and windy.
12. Friday Still in trenches and having a quiet day. Windy and cold.
13. Saturday Still going. Quiet all day. Warships slinging a few HE shells into Turkish trenches opposite and played up hell , Windy
14. Sunday Same old thing went away to beach on fatigues carrying timber. Hot job. Nothing much doing. Fine windy
15. Monday Same old thing nothing new.
16. Tuesday Still in fire trenches. Nothing doing. Went out on standing patrol at 12.30am Returned early. Fine and cold

17. Wednesday In fire trenches blew like the devil all day and then rained at night causing the Turks to set up a fusillade. Cold
18. Thursday In fire trenches. Turks threw a bit of shrapnel about killing one fellow in 15 Coy. Fine day. Quite a change.
19. Friday Still in fire trenches. Lovely day but fairly cold at night. Received letters from Mum and Madge and Mum on Monday and wrote again. Soon after warships again bombarded trenches opposite and shook things up a bit. Fine
20. Saturday Still in fire trenches and doing nothing. Getting crook and having very bilious attacks. Fine
21. Sunday. Coy Orderly Corpl in trenches. Yellow jaundice beginning to show in the eyes. Fine
22. Monday Paraded sick had a few pills and was put on light diet. Did nothing but laid in dug out all day. Fine
23. Tuesday Paraded sick again. Still on diet and pills. Jaundice beginning to show up plainer. Excused duty. Fine and cold
24. Wednesday Paraded sick again and was given a packet of salts. We are all acting under a sort of armistice for 48 hours from 8 last night. Things were quiet. Heavy bombardment going on all day. Dull day.
25. Thursday Still on sick parade and enjoying a good spell. Plenty of sleep. Dull day. Fairly cold
26. Friday. On sick parade. Given same old diet etc. cold day with slight showers. Snow fell pretty heavily during night
27. Saturday Went on sick parade again. Talk about cold it took the bun. Never expected anything like it before. Snow fell all day. Stayed in bivvy.
28. Sunday Did not attend sick parade but stayed in bed. Got same diets etc. Very very cold and dull.
29. Monday On sick parade again making it pretty hot. Cold day but clearing. Snow still thick on ground.
30. Tuesday. Paraded sick again. Feeling much better but doing so for the sake of diet. Cold everything frozen.

DECEMBER 1915

1. Wednesday Paraded sick again and sent down to the Field Ambulance in Chailak Dere. Put to bed on stretchers and fed on starvation diet. Cold night but lovely day
2. Thursday Still in Field Ambulance and on starvation diet. Turks landed some shrapnel on hospital but did no damage. Lovely, serene day. Feeling crook.
3. Friday Anniversary of landing in Egypt. Turks threw over more shells but did no damage. Lovely day
4. Saturday Still on starvation diet. Guts pinching. Went up to Coy trenches and had a feed of bully biscuits and cheese returned without being detected. Two HE shells landed pretty close to tents but did no damage. Dull day.
5. Sunday Several more were admitted swelling our numbers to 7. A swelling coming up in left arm pit giving me fits. Still on starvation diet for jaundice. Fine

6. Monday Was evacuated from Amb and sent to beach. Left at 11 o'clock and went into 13th clearing station awaiting a hospital ship. Spent pretty well whole of day without tucker. A few shells flew over but did no damage. Fine
7. Tuesday Still in clearing station and living on fresh air. Shells flying about but doing no damage. Hospital ship arrived in evening and was taken out to hospital ship at midnight and put in No 3 ward. Lovely ship Glennart Castle. Given a drink of milk and put to bed.
8. Wednesday Put into 84 beds after having a bath etc. Was examined by doctor and had hot fomentations put on abscess. Glennarch Castle left Anzac at 9.30am for Mudros. Very poor tucker and everybody seems to be starving. Arrived in Mudros at 4 pm; Lay in Harbour all night. Had abscess opened at night and talk about pain - it was terrible. Settled down at to a fairly easy night. Quite a relief to have abscess opened. Fine
9. Thursday Getting a bit better tucker on the whole, but I am on milk diet owing to the jaundice. Left Lemnos for Alexandria at 10.30am. Had my wound dressed and it gave me fits. Laid quiet all day. Fine day. Sea calm
10. Friday Still on starvation diet. Nurse dressed my wound and gave me hell. Nothing else doing all day. Fine
11. Saturday Had our clothes given back and all dressed in readiness to leave. Arrived off Alexandria at 11am. Had my wounds dressed. Went right in and alongside pier. Disembarked at 2pm and went aboard hospital train. Left at 2.45 for Cairo. Arrived in Cairo at 6.30pm and was taken from Heliopolis in motor ambulances to Pont de Koubbek Hospital. Was put in surgical 4 Ward. Had a lovely hot bath and was then put to bed on a nice soft mattress and between lovely clean sheets. Fine
12. Sunday In bed and quite happy. Being fed like a king on chicken etc. Had my wound inspected by the doctor. Prescribed hot fomentations. Fine
13. Monday Still in bed and having a good rest. Tucker good custards and jellies. Making up for lost time with sleep wrote to J Hart. Fine
14. Tuesday Still in bed. Had cigs issues. On same diet etc. Fine
15. Wednesday Still in bed. Wrote to Mum , Still on chicken diet. Very nice you'll find it. Fine
16. Thursday Still in bed and feasting on chicken etc. Purchased some lollies from canteen. Very quiet. Fine day
17. Friday Got out of bed and had a mooch round. Turned in early. Nuka came up to see me. Very tired.
18. Saturday Got out of bed and loafed about. Got our goods from canteen. Fine
19. Sunday Feeling a lot better. Out of bed again. Fine
20. Monday My chicken diet cut off and told to go to dining hall for meals. Tucker not bad.
21. Tuesday Mooching about getting monotonous. Took my bandages off fine
22. Wednesday Still mooching round. L. Towers came round to see me. Passed time nicely. Concert at night.
23. Thursday Still filling in time. Getting sick of loafing round. Went out into yard to shell peas for Xmas. Nothing else doing all day. Fine
24. Friday Xmas Eve. Putting up decorations all day. Rained fairly heavily at night Plenty of backschiche knocking about. Fine day.
25. Saturday Xmas Day. Had a great turn out at dinner. Turkey etc. very enjoyable. Had a successful concert at night in mess room. Fine day.

26. Sunday Nothing doing. Stuck the doctor up for my discharge. Advised me to go to Aotea convalescent Home. Quiet and fine
27. Monday Went before the Colonel for inspection. Got my discharge and was told to be ready to leave at 1.30pm. Left at 1.30pm and arrived at Aotea Home on Old Suez Road. A home from home. Lovely About 70 patients in the home and all seeming to enjoy themselves. Fine
28. Tuesday Very nice home and quite satisfied. Tucker and beds lovely. Went out to Zeitoun Camp and was paid \$5. Saw a lot of the old Thames boys. Went out to Heliopolis with Laurie Towers and had a jovial meeting. Had several drinks and then left at 8pm to go home being too late for roll call. I decided to go to Cairo with a couple of Australians. Had a roam round and then decided to go to bed. Messed about for a while and they went out again and spent the night out. Left at 8am and went back to Heliopolis. Fine day., Suffering a little from effects. Fine day
29. Wednesday Spent day in Heliopolis drinking. Went home to C H in afternoon. Had a good sleep at night. Suffering from stiffness after having so long a spell. Fine day.
30. Thursday Was told in morning to be ready to leave at 9 15pm. Packed up and left by ambulance for Gizeh. Arrived at camp at 12 noon. Loafed round all day. Fine
31. Friday Went over into Gardens on the island of Gezirch and loafed round all day. Roll calls at 6.30am, 8am and 1 pm. Stayed home at night fine

GOOD BYE 1915.

January 1916

1. New Year's Day. Loafed round all day in the Gardens Went into skating rink in afternoon and then into town. Roamed round and returned early. Fine day
2. Sunday Went into Gardens and spent whole of day. Went into town in afternoon and met Nuka and Tau. Had several drinks and then went to Kursaal. Very good programme. Returned early. Fine
3. Monday Loafed round garden all morning. Went for a route march in afternoon. Nothing else doing Fine
4. Tuesday Loafed round all the morning in Gardens. Went for a route march in afternoon. Went into town at night and got pretty merry on it. Returned late. Fine
5. Wednesday Went to Gardens in morning. Route march in afternoon. By a bit of tricking, I dodged it. Fine day
6. Thursday Went to Gardens in morning. Route march in afternoon. Fine
7. Friday Stayed in camp all morning. Route march in afternoon. Fine
8. Saturday Stayed in camp all day. Pay day but missed. Fine
9. Sunday 23 years old. Paid 28/- . Went into town in afternoon and then to Pont de Koubbih Hospital. Had a bit of fun at night in town. Came into camp at 12. A bit tipsy. Fine
10. Monday Went out into park in morning. Route march in afternoon round Gizeh Isle. After march went to skating rink and got full. Ended up in Cairo. Returned to camp at 12 very full. Fine'
11. Tuesday Went to park in morning route march in afternoon. Went to bed early. Fine
12. Wednesday Went to park in morning. Took down all tents no route march. Put up tents again in afternoon.

13. Thursday Went to park in morning. Route march in afternoon. Had some fun at night watching Gipos boxing in front of camp.
14. Friday Went to pack up in morning. All NCO's fell out for instructions in physical culture. Went to Kasir el Nil skating rink and had some fun watching. Beginners. Fine and quiet
15. Saturday Went to park in morning. Did nothing else all day. Fine and suffering for want of sport (?)
16. Sunday Fell in in morning and was issued with equipment in readiness to leave for Ismalia. Went into town in afternoon with Jim Melville and got a bit tipsy. Returned late. Fine day.
17. Monday Reveille 5.30am Fell in 6.30 and marched to siding about 1 mile from camp. Embarked aboard train and after usual long wait left at 10am. Passed through familiar country. Arrived Ismailia at 2.30pm. Marched into camp and was drafted to No 8 section. Very down hearted. Fine
18. Tuesday Reveille 6.am. Fell in 7 15 Coy went out on to desert for training. After big day returned at 1.30. Went out on night operations. Fine
19. Wednesday Battalion went out on to desert for training. Did about fourteen miles. Returned at 4.30pm. Very tired. Fine
20. Thursday Battalion again went out on to desert in direction of Nafisha for practice in defence. Returned early. Crowd counted out- Adj and were called back and given a lecture in night operations. Fine
21. Friday Did nothing all the morning. Fell in at 1pm and went out to trenches we had dug a few days before. Worked all the afternoon and then after dark did out post work. Returned 11pm. Fine
22. Saturday Fell in in full marching order at 9am. Took all our gear on to parade ground and then came back and took down tents. Had a gargle and foot parade. Expecting pay but did not get it. Did nothing in afternoon
23. Sunday Usual gargle parade and then fell in for church parade. Did nothing else all day. Went over to see Toby in afternoon.
24. Monday Fell in 8 30am Brigade marched through Ismailia and then turned off at ferry striking out across the sand. Had attack practice. Advanced about 4 miles in artillery formation and then formed a firing line. Returned to camp after a heavy day. Arriving at 4.30pm Slight shower.
25. Tuesday Usual gargle but rain spoilt parade. Did not go out in morning. Fell in at 3.30pm and went for a march round the town returning an hour after. Went over to see Toby at night. Wet day.
26. Wednesday NCOs were taken out on to desert to be given instructions by Major Alderman. Returned at 3.15pm and were inspected by the colonel. Fine Paid \$3
27. Thursday NCOs again taken out by Major Alderman. Had a full day and was very tiring. Showery day.
28. Friday Fell in at 8am. Coy went out on to desert for usual training. Kidded I had a sore toe and fell out and looked on. Loafed for the rest of the day. After tea Toby and Dick came over to see me. Went to Toby's bivouac and had a good time. Got Dick as full as a tick. Came home to bed at midnight.
29. Saturday Told off as NCO for guard on Field Cashiers Office. Fell in in morning but was found I was not wanted. In afternoon told off in charge of fatigues to report to

Divisional HQ PO had to go to town and then to Railway Station. Waited for half an hour and were then sent back to camp. Fine day

30. Sunday Church parade in morning. Went into town in afternoon but was disappointed.

Too many soldiers in town and could not buy a thing. Fine

31. Monday Coy went out on to desert for company training. Returned at 2 pm Fine

FEBRUARY 1916

1. Tuesday Company again went out for training. Returned at 12 noon. Went for a bathe in afternoon. Nothing else doing.
2. Wednesday While brigade paraded and went out on to desert for about 9 miles to do a divisional attack practice. After a hard day's work returned at 4 pm. Hot and fine
3. Thursday Brigade again paraded and again went out for division in attack practice. Another hot day and lost a good deal of sweat. Returned early. Fine day.
4. Friday Brigade again went out on to desert but this time for a rehearsal of what we were going to do during night manoeuvres. Fell in at 11am. Did nothing else all afternoon. Fell in at 9pm and had a terrible march for five miles along the railway we then right wheeled and attacked freshwater canal at dawn. Spent a terrible night marching from 9pm to 7.50am. Full day.
5. Saturday Arrived back in camp at 7 30am. Had breakfast and then turned in for a sleep. Was warned to attend orderly room at 11 30am. Went before Major on a charge of striking a match while on night manoeuvres. Was remanded to CO. Turned in and slept all day. Feel as though I had been on the booze for a week. Fine
6. Sunday Church parade in morning Went out on leave in afternoon with Jim Poland. Bought a few things and returned early. Fine
7. Monday Coy went out on to New Discovery at 8am for Coy drill etc.. Went for bathe and returned at 2pm. Went up before CO and was reprimanded. Fine
8. Tuesday Brigade paraded and went out on to desert for a little training. Returned early
9. Wednesday Coy paraded and did Coy drill Too cold for a bathe. Returned at 2pm. Fine windy
10. Thursday Coy again paraded for Coy training. Had a bathe.
11. Friday Paraded at 9am. Went out on to desert and did an hours drill then went to lake for a swim. Did nothing all afternoon. Fell in at 9 30pm and went for divisional night manoeuvres, Hard night Returned at 4 am
12. Saturday Slept until 10am and then loafed round for the rest of the day. Nothing doing. Fine
13. Sunday Church parade at 10 30am General Birdwood and staff were also on parade. Got leave and went into town with Toby. Bought a few things and returned early. Fine
14. Monday Coy for divisional duties. Told off in charge of guard for Brigade HQ. Fell in 5 15 and took over duties at 5.30pm Good job. Fine
15. Tuesday Came off guard at reveille and loafed round for the rest of the day. Rest of Coy came home from duties at 10am. Slight showers. Fine
16. Wednesday Coy paraded and went out on to desert for Coy training. Returned early. Foot ball in afternoon. Rained heavily

17. Thursday Brigade paraded and went out on to desert beyond Nafisha for training Had a vary big day and returned home dead beat
18. Friday Coy paraded and went out on to desert for training. Returned and went for a swim. Did nothing else all day
19. Saturday Had a kit inspection and pulled down tents Coy afterwards went for a swim. Had a few drinks at night and got pretty full. Dick came up to see me. Fine day
20. Sunday Got up pretty crook. Fell in for church parade but did not attend it. Auckland and Otago football match. Jim Poland injured and sent to ambulance
21. Monday Battalion paraded in morning and went out on to desert and did section platoon drill etc. NCOs paraded in afternoon and went out on to desert and did drill, well elementary drill we learned when we were recruits. Returned at 4 pm Fine
22. Tuesday Half of Company went to range and did shooting at 25yard range. NCOs came home early and went out for usual drill.
23. Wednesday Battalion again went out on to desert for same section and platoon drill. NCOs again went out in afternoon, but I dodged it.
24. Thursday Battalion again paraded and went out for usual drill. NCOs again paraded in afternoon, but I dodged it Coy paid at night. Fine
25. Friday Battalion paraded and went out on to desert for a defensive practice. Returned at 4pm Fine
26. Saturday Pulled down tents and then paraded for inspection by Major. Straightened up things generally. Saw a lovely sight of aeroplanes looping the loop. On side in picquet. Nothing unusual occurred. Slept in full marching order. Fine
27. Sunday Church parade in morning. Loafed round all day. Went down to Div HQ and had a few drinks. Returned late. Fine day but windy.
28. Monday All NCOs went out for instructions etc. Brigade parade and went for a route march. In charge of platoon. Returned at 3pm. Fine and hot
29. Tuesday Battalion parade and went for a route march A very easy day. Returned at 2pm. NCOs again went away on their own.

MARCH 1916.

1. Wednesday Coy paraded as usual. Was told off to report at BHQ in charge of a fatigue. Spent morning digging a hole. Did nothing in afternoon. Rest of Section on parade.
2. Thursday Section still on guard. Did nothing but loafed round all day. Coy went out for usual drill. Nothing doing Fine
3. Friday Brigade paraded for attack practice. Went out on to desert for about 4 miles and then commenced in artillery formation. Fell out when halfway through and coming home. Very windy and therefore a dusty day.
4. Saturday Pulled down tents and had usual inspections. Fine
5. Sunday Had orders to pack up and be ready to leave for Ferry Post at 10am. Packed up everything and left camp at 1pm. Marched to Ferry Post about 4 miles away. Crossed canal by pontoon bridge and arrived at our camping place at 4.30pm after a very hot and weary march. Were allotted our tents and after a short spell during which time we had tea we again fell in at 5pm to go out on desert for outpost duties. Were in supports all night. Fine day but damp night

6. Monday Came in from outpost at 6am. Loafed round all morning and went for swimming parade in afternoon. Hot day
7. Tuesday Paraded at 6am after physical drill. Returned at 7am. Had an hour for breakfast and then went out on to desert for 3 hours platoon drill etc. Returned to camp at 11am. Went for a swim in afternoon. 8 , 9 reinforcements and trucks arrived in camp. Very hot day
8. Wednesday Told off as corpl of a guard on Supply Depot. Fell in at 8 45am and mounted a gun. Relieved Wellington Guard. Very dusty and continually turning out. Fine day Damp night
9. Thursday Relieved by a Canterbury Guard at 9 30am. Did nothing else all day fine and hot
10. Friday Went on sick parade and got duties. Paraded at 8am with coy and went out on to desert. Kidded sick and fell out. Returned to camp at 11am. Swimming parade in afternoon. Fine and hot
11. Saturday Paraded sick and got LD. Loafed round all day did a couple of fatigues. Nothing else doing. Fine and windy
12. Sunday Paraded at 6.40am for fatigues, trench digging. Did nothing all afternoon. Very hot day. Fine
13. Monday Paraded at 6.40am and went out again. Trench digging on the banks of the canal. Pretended sick and stayed home all afternoon. Hot and fine
14. Tuesday Paraded sick and got LD. Coy paraded for usual training. Very hot and fine. 3 & 4 Battalions arrived
15. Wednesday Paraded sick and was given LD. Did nothing but loafed round all day. Coy went out for usual parade Fine
16. Thursday Coy paraded at 6.45am for sapping fatigues Did a little sapping in afternoon and then went for a swim. Boys got a little backchiche from a boat which passed. Fine day
17. Friday Went out for instruction in grenade throwing. A fairly interesting day. Windy and Fine
18. Saturday Packed up all gear in morning in readiness to leave camp. Left Ferry Post Camp at 2 pm and arrived at Mosseai Camp at 4pm after a very dirty and wearisome march Went back into same lines. Very windy dusty day
19. Sunday Battalion church parade in morning. Most of Coy detailed to do usual Brigade Guard jobs and I went to deserted Australian lines to look for bakchiche. Fine day
20. Monday Remainder of Coy paraded at 7 30am, for a little drill. Returned at 930 am Had a kit inspection and had a list of shortages taken. Fine day
21. Tuesday Went out for bomb throwing instruction. Returned at 11.30am. Coy paraded as usual. Paid 200 pt. Fine day
22. Wednesday Again paraded for grenade instruction. Returned at 11 30am Coy paraded for usual parades. Nothing else doing all day. Very hot.
23. Thursday Paraded in morning as corporal for Supply Depot Guard Mounted at 9 30am. Usual routine. Fine day
24. Friday Were relieved in morning by Went for swim in afternoon. Very hot day
25. Saturday Paraded in morning for a general inspection by Major. It took pretty well whole of morning. Did nothing in afternoon.

26. Sunday Church parade in morning. Had a speech delivered by General Birdwood. Did some washing in afternoon.
27. Monday Battalion paraded in musketry order. Marched off at 8am to Ordinance Depot near Ferry Post to change our Mark VI rifles for Mark V11. Struck a new rifle and bayonet. Marched back again to camp. Very hot day
28. Tuesday Coy paraded at 7 30am for Company drill- had a very easy time. Had a swim and returned to camp. Did nothing else all afternoon. Went into town. Very hot.
29. Wednesday Battalion paraded and went out on to desert for practice in review work under CO. Had a swim and then returned to camp. Very hot hot wind blew during night
30. Thursday Paraded with bomb throwers and went out and had instructions in throwing live bombs. Very windy day. Had an inspection of our base kits in morning and again in afternoon. Had all surplus gear taken from us. Very hot day.

APRIL 1916

1. Saturday Had contents of our valises inspected and usual shortages taken. Inoculated in afternoon. Fine and very hot
2. Sunday Church parade in morning. Suffered a good deal from the effects of inoculation. Went over to Maori camp in afternoon. A very lazy day. Hot
3. Monday Paraded in morning and had an inspection of equip. etc. Paraded at 3pm for a review by General Murray. Review commenced at 5pm and was a very large one consisting of the whole NZ Division composed of 1st and 2nd Inf Bdgs and Rifle Bdg. And artillery etc. Whole inspection and review took about 1 ½ hours to accomplish. Returned to camp at 6 30pm. Fine and hot
4. Tuesday NCOs paraded at 9am and were given part of a lecture by our new captain. Captain Woolly. Cleaned up lines and stacked our gear in a uniform way and were then inspected by CO. Went for a swim in afternoon. Fine day Paid 5/-
5. Wednesday Drew our kit bags and then loafed round for rest of day. Packed up everything in readiness to leave on the morrow. Had a bit of fun making scones etc at night. Fine day and very warm
6. Thursday Reveille at 2.30am. Fell in at 3 am full marching order with everything. Left camp at 4am and marched to Ismailia Station where we entrained. Were pushed into open trucks. Left at 6 45am and passed five or six big camps on way down. Arrived at Port Said at 10am. Disentrained and waited about an hour during which time we had lunch. Marched through town and down to waterfront when we embarked aboard transport Franconia a lovely big boat and well set up. After usual buggaring about we were eventually shown to our berths. Not bad berths but I was unlucky in striking a fairly crowded one. Tucker not too bad. Went to bed at 9pm but did not last long. Bugs troubled me and I thought it best to go and sleep on deck. Fine day and nice and cool.
7. Friday Arose from my bunk on deck. Got in early for breakfast. All hands paraded at 10 15am with life belts on. While we were on this parade the ship left her moorings and put to sea. All hands are to wear life belts during whole of voyage. P. Said disappeared from view in about 2 hours. Passed several strange steamers. Again, slept on deck. Fine
8. Saturday Were awakened by rain at about 4am and constantly had to rush below. Had a bit of a sleep until reveille. Five destroyers caught us up at night and stayed with us all

- day. Had usual roll call at 10 15am Passed several strange steamers. Again slept on deck. Fine day but fairly windy Calm
9. Sunday Had the misfortune to catch a guard, owing to 15 Coy being short of men to supply all guards. The 6th Coy had to supply remainder. Fell in at 8am but to men being scattered all over the ship, trouble was encountered in warning, hence half the guards paraded about 2 hours later. The destroyer left at night Picked another up at 10am and then the other left. Passed a good many steamers. On guard on No 4 Hatch. Slept at post all night. Fine and very easy job.
 10. Monday Relieved by Otago at 8 30am. Paraded as usual in morning. Inoculated in afternoon. Passed several steamers. Passed Malta at 8am. Fine day.
 11. Tuesday Slept on deck. Paraded at boat stations as usual. Nothing else doing all day. Escort left us last night. Passed several isles and also steamers. Fine
 12. Wednesday Blowing a howling gale with a very rough sea. Sighted land first thing in morning. Lay off entrance to harbour awaiting pilot. Entered harbour and took up an anchorage at 10am. A very rough and rocky looking place. Loafed about all day. Blowing and very cold. Slept on deck at night.
 13. Thursday Left our anchorage and entered harbour of Marseilles. Berthed at one of the wharves. Full of shipping and therefore really busy. Packed up everything and disembarked at 10am. Saw many German prisoners at work on wharves. Left for the station and detrained. Was lucky in striking a first-class compartment and containing only eight of us. Very cosy indeed. Left Marseilles at 11am on our long journey across France. Passed through many tunnels and through fairly rough country Boys enjoyed themselves very much in passing through the different villages. Stopped at our first halting place at 6pm. Orange. Had tea issued along with bully biscuits and some BUTTER. Resumed our journey and passed many more villages en route. Passed on into the night. Had a very uncomfortable night. Getting very cold and sky very threatening.
 14. Friday Halted early in morning at Maucon where we had a drink of tea and had an issue of rations. Passed through lovely farming country. Very cold. Passed many trains going in all directions loaded with troops. Things seem very quiet although there are no signs of war and people seem to be taking things quite contentedly. Halted at Montreau and had a drink of tea and some rations issued Passed through Paris at night, but I missed it through being asleep. Had a fairly good sleep. Second night in train. Very cold and showery weather.
 15. Saturday Passed through many big towns including Boulogne and Calais. Things looking more business like. Plenty of soldiers everywhere. Had a good deal of fun throwing bully and biscuits to the kids along the line. Passed a good deal of traffic on the line. Arrived at our destination a small station called Steinbesque. Disentrained at 8 pm and were kept waiting a good deal as usual before finally moving. This ended our long train ride across France. Marched along through village of Steinbesque about 2 miles to our billets. Eighty of our Coy quartered in a barn a very posh place for the accommodation of men. Made my bunk in a wagon and slept very soundly. Very cold night.
 16. Sunday Arose from my bunk and had a drink of tea. Went into village of Haselbrouak in morning a great place and things very cheap. But the main thing is money of which most of us have none. Mooched about until about 1pm and then returned for a parade at 2pm Had a roll call and then paraded at 3pm for church parade. Went into town at night with

Jim Poland and mooched about until we were chased out by picquet. Town out of bounds. Returned to our quarters at Morebick at one mile away and turned in for the night. Very dull and cold day. Very pretty girls in town all looking so healthy. Most of women dressed in black in mourning I presume. Very cold day.

17. Monday Paraded in morning in full marching order but owing to inclemency of weather the parade was called off. Paraded in our quarters and had one lecture on gas helmets Then a bit of practice in loading rifles. Went into town in afternoon and had a roam round. Returned early still feeling pinch regards felush ??? Town now out of bounds Very wet and cold day.
18. Tuesday Cleaned up barn and then had a foot inspection. Paraded in full marching order at 9,45am. Went for a march through Hazelbrouck and back. Very cold march but of course we got a bit of a sweat on. Wrote to Mum in afternoon. Very cold and showery day.
19. Wednesday Coy paraded at alarm post and did a route march for 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours all round the country. Very cold and wet day.
20. Thursday. Coy paraded in full marching order and went to range about 2 miles away for practice in loading and a little bayonet practice. Returned by a round about route. Cold and wet day. Went for a walk in evening. Received a letter from Les
21. Friday Good Friday Paraded at 9am for church parade. Parade lasted about 10 mins and then everybody was dismissed. Went for a walk to town. Did nothing else all day. Went for a walk in evening. Very cold day and wet
22. Saturday. Did nothing all morning but a little loading practice and a lecture. Went up into one of the cafes in the evening and spent a couple of hours near the fire side. Very wet and cold day.
23. Sunday Church parade in morning. Went for a walk with Jim into Hazebrouck. Went out again after tea and had a few drinks in a small café in town. Returned early. Issued with blanket. First fine day we have had.
24. Monday Coy paraded in full marching order and went for a route march accompanied by the band. Went for a walk as far as Pont des Meuniere in evening. Lovely day
25. Tuesday Anzac Day. Was told off in charge of Battle Picquet to patrol road between Hazebrouck and Morebieque. A very easy day. Coy paraded for usual route march. Had bottle of frisk issued to each section to commemorate occasion. Lovely warm day.
26. Wednesday Batten paraded on above post and marched to a paddock not far away where we had a bit of practice with our gas helmets in going through real gas. Returned and paraded again in afternoon for 1 hour. Went for a walk in evening. Lovely day
27. Thursday Coy paraded in full marching order and went for a route march. Returned and again went out for a lecture on gas. A damaged aeroplane landed in paddock close by. Went for a walk in evening. Lovely day.
28. Friday Coy paraded in full marching order and went out a short distance and did a bit of drill. Did nothing else in afternoon. Were paid 25/- and I can tell you the boys did smash things in evening. Went for a walk in morning. Lovely day.
29. Saturday Paraded in full marching order. Had our gear inspected and loafed round for the rest of the day. Had leave and went into town in afternoon. Mooched about and returned early. Fine day.

30. Sunday Parade for church at 9 15am. Washed clothes during rest of morning. Went into town in evening and had a mooch round. Returned early after having an enjoyable time.
Fine

MAY 1916

1. Monday Paraded in morning with bomb throwers. Had a very easy time. Paraded again after dinner for an hour's instruction. Went into town in evening and had a mooch round. Had an alarm at 10pm. Paraded in full marching order and after a lot of messing about finally found our point of assembly Dismissed at 12.30am Fine
- 2 Tuesday Paraded with bomb throwers in full marching order and went to some trenches about four miles away to do practice in bombing trenches. A very monotonous day. Returned at 3.30pm Very hot
3. Wednesday Again went out for usual practice. Returned at 3.30pm. Went for a walk in evening.
4. Thursday Did not go out on parade but swinging the lead. Loafed round all day. Fine
5. Friday again swung the lead. Loafed round all day Coy paraded as usual Fine
6. Saturday Went on sick parade and was given M.D. Did not go on parade but again swung the lead. Coy paraded and went to rifle range. Went into town in evening Hazebrouck placed out of bounds. Fine day
7. Sunday Paraded on a fatigue party. Went to a bush about 4 miles away and did about four hours bush whacking. Returned at 4.30pm after getting a good drenching. Very dull day and plenty of rain. Went into town.
8. Monday Coy paraded at 8 30am and went for an hours route march. Returned and packed up and went out for an inspection. Dismissed and loafed round for the rest of the day. Very cold and showery.
- 9 Tuesday Reveille at 3.30am Packed up and fell in in full marching order. Fell in at 6 am and whole battalion set off on their march to Estaires. Passed through villages of La Motte at 7 30am. Had a couple of spells and arrived at our destination at 11am after a terrible march of five hours. Very showery on line on march making it very uncomfortable. After usual messing about got settled down in our billets and resorted to a good rest. Very stiff in legs and troubled by sore feet. Wet and cold.
- 10 Wednesday Paraded at 9am in musketry order and did a bit of bayonet fighting until 12 noon. Loafed round in afternoon. Sky clearing. The explosion of shells can be plainly heard. Fine.
- 11 Thursday Fell in at 9pm in musketry order and did a little practice in loading. Fell out at 10 am. Had lunch and again fell in at 11.30am. Did bayonet fighting. Was visited while on parade by General Birdwood. He had a few words to say and then we carried on until 2pm to complete our four hours training. Went for a bit of a walk into town.
- 12 Friday Fell in at 9am in musketry order. Had a bit of a lecture on conditions of trenches etc. by OC. Had steel helmets issued and were then dismissed. Toby Merito came to see me. Went for a bit of a walk to town with him.
Packed up blankets and then packed up everything in readiness to move out. Fell in at 6.15pm and marched into town where Battalion assembled. Left at 7 30pm and after a terrible hot and tiring march of five hours arrived at our destination of Armentieres. After a lot of

buggaring about were finally put into our billets in an old convent. Not so bad but floor very hard Changed my clothes and turned in for a good sleep. Dull day.

13 Saturday Got out at about 9 30am Had rations issued and then got a drink of tea. Loafed round in billet all day. Packed up lots of blankets in readiness to move out. Coy fell in at 7 pm and left by platoons at 7 30pm. After a march of about 45 mins. Along the railway line we entered the communication sap heading to the trenches. Passed on through sap which is close on two miles in length and at last arrived in the fire trench. Went straight in and relieved the South Stafford's. No 5 Section took over No 3 & 4 posts of the 74 locality 5 & 6 platoons in fire trench 7 & 8 in support 3rd Coy on right forward Fusiliers on left. Very quiet. German trench 350 yards away. Turned in at 12.30pm and slept until 3 am. Stand to. Very wet and trench very muddy and slippery.

14.Sunday Knocked about until 9am and then turned in for a bit of a snooze. Shells flying about all morning. Guns shelling positions behind lines. Things very quiet until about 4 30pm when our guns began to strafe the Germans and their guns us. They shelled the dirt out of our supports but didn't do any damage as far as living were concerned. Strafed for about an hour and then everything quietened down again. Went on listening post at 8 pm and came off after stand to. Very showery and wet day. Trenches something awful in a hell of a state.

15 Monday Messed about all the morning trying to get warm. UP to your ankles in mud. Did my turn on duty from 8 to 12. Turned in in afternoon for a snooze. Had orders to stand to from 5 to 6 as our artillery were going to shell German trenches for an hour. Germans replied and threw over about 100 shells of all calibres. One shell pierced the parapet and burst in the trench occupied by the 3rd Coy killing three. Nothing much doing after everything quiet. Wet but signs of clearing.

16 Tuesday Stood to at 3 am and then went down and drew rations. Did a bit of work making dug outs. Went for a walk up trench at about 11am. Was sitting talking to bomb throwers when all of a sudden Bang a shell burst right on us. A devil of a shock. I got two pieces in my leg and off for my dear life. Three or four more shells followed in quick succession. Two other fellows who were with me also received a crack. Hobbled down the trench and had my wound dressed by Darcy Alley. Did not wait long was taken straight away by stretcher bearers to Battalion Dressing Station. Had wound dressed and was taken away to Advanced Dressing Station Was put in motor ambulance and taken to Field Ambulance in Armentieres. Put to bed Had an injection at night a preventive for lock jaw. Slept fairly comfortably. Met Billy Buchanan. Lovely Day. A good amount of shelling going on in evening.

17 Wednesday In bed a field amb Doctor dressed wound. Left Field Ambulance at 1.30pm for Darlenl by motor. Put in No 8 Clearing Station. Had wound dressed and was put in a ward along with many others awaiting a hospital train. Slept fairly soundly at night. Lovely day.

18 Thursday. Again, had my wound dressed and was put aside in readiness to be sent away. Put in motors at 11am and taken to Barlbeil Station. Put aboard hospital train and left at 12.20pm. Picked up wounded along the lines. Arrived at Boulogne our destination at 10 pm. Put in motor and taken to Australian Hospital about 6 miles out.

19 Friday Awakened very early. Had my leg examined by x rays and two small pieces of lead were found had them taken out. Stayed in bed all day. A lovely hospital but feeling a bit out of place among Australian patients and nurses. A lovely fine day.

20 Saturday Had my wound dressed and then got out of bed and had a walk round. Very quiet. Getting sick of place. More patients arrived during night. Fine day

21 Sunday. Got out of bed in morning and had a walk round until dressing time. Feel very stiff but getting on splendidly. Hostile aeroplane appeared over head at noon. Aircraft guns opened fire, and a few unexploded shells came down very close to the hospital. Lovely day.

22 Monday Did nothing all day. Went for a walk in morning. Had a sleep in afternoon. Lovely day. A few left for England.

23 Tuesday Went for a walk in morning. Got quite a shock when I was told that I had to pack and be ready to leave for the convalescent camp. Drew my kit and left by motor at 2.30pm. Arrived at No r C.C at 3 pm. Drafted to tents. Lovely camp and full of Tommies. Went up for inspection by C.O. Camp well laid out. Had a good sleep.

End of Book 11