

DIARY OF A. WILSON, "C" SECTION, FIELD AMBULANCE, MAIN
EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, H.E.M.C.

EXHIBITION CAMP,

18th JANUARY, 1915.

"Today we went for a route march to the Tombs of the Kaliffs close by the Citadel. We had the cooker with us, and had a hot dinner. We also did a bit of stretcher drill in the direction of Mokkatam."

TUESDAY, 19th:

"We went for a Route March as far as Marg, and went through a native Bazaar, and got back to Camp at 2.30.p.m."

WEDNESDAY, 20th:

"Did very little to-day. Had some bandaging in the morning, also a little more in the afternoon. I saw Ted Saunders, he went into our Hospital with his knee."

THURSDAY, 21st:

"Went for a Route March down the Ishmalia Canal, and then home by the Marg, got back to Camp by 2.30.p.m., and were paid 14/-. We went to Cairo at night, and bought a Vest Pocket Kodak Camera."

FRIDAY 22nd:

"Stayed in Camp to-day, and had Bandage practice, morning and afternoon, and a lecture by Aubrey Short at 4.p.m.. Went to see Ted Saunders at night."

SATURDAY, 23rd:

"Had some bandaging in morning, and washed the Ambulance Waggon. Took my first photo with Camera, near the Citadel, and then came home by the Heliopolis, and had a splendid cup of tea at the American Mission Hall, and then dodged back to Camp."

SUNDAY, 24th:

"We had Church Parade in the morning. After dinner, we, (Toby, Bert, Lofty, Frank, Harry Burgess, and I) went for a walk to the Virgin's Well, and Tree, also the Old Church, and Obelisk, the oldest status in the world. Took a few photos."

MONDAY 25th:

"Forty men, "I" included, went to the Citadel, under

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Major Murray, to shift Wounded Indians to Helliopolis. Every-one in a bustle getting ready to move out. Struck tents, and worked until 12.30.a.m., getting stores ready, and slept in the Mess Room."

TUESDAY, 26th:

"Left Camp at 7.a.m. to entrain for Kubri, on the Suez Canal. Arrived at 4 p.m., and got tents pitched, and settled down by 7.p.m.. All went well, Sergeant Deniston, telling us not to gutz all our bread to-night, as we may not get any more to-morrow."

WEDNESDAY, 27th:

"At 4.a.m. we could hear the Turks firing on ~~the~~ the Troops situated on the Canal. It got very windy, and began to rain. We shifted to the Canal close to the trenches of the Wellington Battalion Infantry, where we bivouacked for the night, under Lieutenant S.Short. Not much firing last night."

THURSDAY, 28th:

"Up at 6.30.a.m., built an Incinerator and fireplace for the cooks, also fixed up our Bevys' a bit. Two train loads of N.Z.Reinforcements went through to Zeitoun."

FRIDAY, 29th:

"Had a very easy day. Boxer, Begg, Walton, and Major O'Neill came over from Campimento to see us, where the Tent Sub. were left. The Australian Reinforcements passed through the Canal, also one Troopship of N.Z.'s.. Posted a letter to N.Z., which was Censored by O.C."

SATURDAY, 30th:

"Arose out of our Bevys', at 4.30.a.m., but it turned out to be a false alarm, got our kits packed, and left for Campimento, at 10.30. a.m. "A/ Section took our places, and a great of jealousy was felt between the Sections, as we were having a good time there under Captain Short."

SUNDAY, 31st:

Had an easy day at the Base. Had Church Parade at 4.30.p.m.. Captain Dobson, gave us a rub about bad language in the Camp, also dirty low talk by some of them men. We saw three Hospital trains full of Indians going home to India. Were paid £1-12-0.

MONDAY, 1st: FEBRUARY:

"Shifted back to the trenches to-day. Left base at 10.2.m.. After dinner, I discovered I had the Measles, and I was returned to the ~~Eng~~ Base. and isolated for the night in a bevy, not very bad as yet."

TUESDAY, 2nd:

"Colonel Begg sent me off to the Suez Hospital, and was taken in G.S.Waggon."

WEDNESDAY, 3rd:

"Still in Hospital, got a mate to-day, two of us in a little hut, all right."

THURSDAY, 4th:

"Still in Hospital, having a good time, as I have since found out; I can easily say, that it was the best time I have had since I joined the Expeditionary Force. We thought the times were hard when we were on the Canal, but since then I have found what hard times are, and on the Battlefield, one cannot just lay his hands on just what he would like. Whereas on the Canal we had a Canteen, and money to buy stuff, such as oranges, and other fruit, as here (On the Peninsula) we only get what is issued to us."

FRIDAY, 5th:

"Still in Hospital. Battle on Canal to-day, near Ishmalia. One N.Z. man killed, and two wounded."

SATURDAY, 6th:

"Still in Suez Hospital, got shifted into another ward. "Is a soldier a hard man?" "My oath he is." Two more patients."

SUNDAY, 7th:

"Still in Hospital, very quiet day, another patient."

MONDAY, 8th:

"Still in Hospital, put on No. 3 diet. One of the Ceylon Planters came into the Hospital with Scurvy.. A.Hill had a bad night with the fleas. Played cards, never won a game."

TUESDAY, 9th:

"Still in Hospital, one more patient to the merry Band of Measle Regiment."

WEDNESDAY, 10th:

"Still in Hospital. A. Hill. had another bad night with the fleas."

THURSDAY, 11th:

"Still in Hospital."

FRIDAY, 12th:

"Still in Hospital. Wrote four letters for N.Z., but have not yet got them posted.

SATURDAY, 13th:

"Still in Hospital, got my letters posted by one of the Infantry chaps."

SUNDAY, 14th:

"Still in Hospital."

MONDAY, 15th:

"Still in Hospital, got another patient, Peter Johnstone, of Balclutha, who used to cook at Telford's, Clinton.

TUESDAY, 16th:

"Ditto Hospital."

WEDNESDAY, 17th:

"Ditto Hospital. The Matron told me I would be fit to return to my ~~Regiment~~ Company to-morrow.

THURSDAY, 18th:

"Got ready to leave the Hospital at 8.p.m., but did not get away before 1.p.m.. The Clerk could not find my Camera or the little purse Toby lent me, was sorry to loose them. After having a good time in Suez we got back to Camp at 7.30 p.m.

FRIDAY, 19th:

"Slept in the Hospital Tent last night as there was no patients in. Was very pleased to get back among the chaps, awful pleased to see my little Toby again, and slept with him again as usual. Gooder went with Colins."

SATURDAY, 20th:

"Routine as usual, physical drill in morning, did some washing in a fresh water canal. Toby and I went over the other side of the Canal to have a look at the Gurkha's trenches, also a football match.

SUNDAY, 21st:

"Physical drill in morning, then marched over to Campimento for Church Parade. I saw F. Robertson, and he paid me 17/- owing from Auckland, before he was discharged, and he has come on with the 2nd. Reinforcement. We got a bottle of Pilsner beer, per man at the Canteen, "5 Plasters per bottle," which was very acceptable on a hot day."

MONDAY, 22nd:

"New routine, but Major O'Neill got it altered a little. Instead of starting at 8.15.a.m., we do not start till 8.45.a.m.

DAY, 22nd, CONTD:

for Squad Drill, and a route march in the afternoon. We had stretcher drill, and I got into my short pants.

DAY, 23rd:

"Routine as usual. Got my knees pretty well sunburnt to-day. Had a bath in the Canal which was very refreshing. Got orders for moving to Campimento. Was very hot here on the Canal, as hot as any time we have had in Egypt, (but not quite as hot as here, "Callipoli", "My God, it is hot.")"

SDAY, 24th:

"Got a Soccer Ball from Cairo, had a game of football instead of physical drill, which was very good, and after breakfast got packed for shifting over to Campimento. Reached there at 12 noon, and repitched our bevy's".

DAY, 25th:

"Reveille 5.30.. Toby was on guard at Railway Siding Kubri, on big kit bags. I had to sleep on my own in the Bevy."

DAY, 26th:

"Reveille at 5.a.m.. I was on guard last night at Railway. The train pulled in at 6.30., and loading luggage began at once. Breakfast at 7.30., entrained at 8.30.a.m., arrived at Zeitoun 2.30.p.m., and the work of unloading went off very well. I got my mess tin crushed."

DAY, 27th:

"Did very little to-day. Went to Cairo in the afternoon."

DAY, 28th:

"Had an inspection parade at 9.a.m.. No Church Parade, wrote letters to N.Z."

DAY, 1st MARCH:

"Kit inspection, and we had to confiscate any stuff we had in excess of regulations."

DAY, 2nd:

"Company drill in the morning, easy afternoon."

SDAY, 3rd:

"Big Field day, went out to No. 3. Tower. Very solid day. The N.Z. and "A" Division participated in the manoeuvres."

DAY, 4th: "Fatigue parties in the morning, easy afternoon. Dug a dust pit."

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FRIDAY, 5th:

"Feet inspection in the morning, and Company drill. Easy afternoon. Left Camp at 10.p.m. for night manoeuvres to the 2nd Tower. Had a three hours wait in one place. Very cold night on the Desert. Paid £2-16-0."

SATURDAY; 6th:

"Company drill in the morning, half holiday in the afternoon. Went to Cairo, was on guard at night."

SUNDAY, 7th:

"Still on guard. Relieved at 6 p.m.. Went to Helliopolis at night, and also visited Luna Park, with F.Campbell, and Toby Jackson. Heard about my camera to-day from Captain Tewsley."

MONDAY, 8th:

"Bandaging in morning. Route March in afternoon. Went to the Citadel at night to see about my Camera, which had been sent from Suez, but had been sent back to Zeitoun."

TUESDAY, 9th:

"Bandaging in the morning, Route march in the afternoon to the Obelisk."

WEDNESDAY, 10th:

"Route march down the Fresh Water Canal, and back to Camp by Marg."

THURSDAY, 11th:

"Lecture by Major Murray in the morning, did nothing in the afternoon."

FRIDAY, 12th:

"Left Camp for manoeuvres at 7.a.m. Had a great day, was interesting to see the long column of men leaving Camp. Got back by 5.30.. On guard to-night."

SATURDAY? 13th:

"Finished guard at 6 p.m. Was on Prisoners Torrie, Brown, and Maney in Top Mess room."

SUNDAY, 14th:

"Church Parade at Head-quarters in morning. Toby and I went to the citadel in the afternoon, and came back by Helliopolis."

MONDAY, 15th:

~~"Heavy shower of rain in the morning, did fatigues in morning, and a route march in the afternoon."~~

MONDAY 15TH:

"Stretcher drill in the morning, and again ~~the~~ in the afternoon." Came on to rain so we got for our tents."

TUESDAY, 16th:

"Heavy shower of rain in the morning, did fatigue in morning, and a route march in the afternoon."

WEDNESDAY, 17th:

"Started the shower-bath in the mornings before breakfast. Kit inspection in morning, lecture and bandaging practice in afternoon."

THURSDAY, 18th:

"Cold shower bath at 6a.m. (Very nice)."

THURSDAY, 25th:

"Maoris' arrived here from N.Z.. They got a great reception, almost all the troops in camp went to the Railway Siding to meet them. Got a Rugby Ball to-day."

SATURDAY, 27th:

"I went down to the 12th Mounted lines to see Snowy Calder. Spent the afternoon with him. We also went to the Infantry lines and saw Ted Saunders, and Billy Stewart. They were growling about the treatment they were getting."

SUNDAY, 21st:

"Had a review to-day for the High Commissioner, McMahon."

SUNDAY, 28th:

"Had another review, and march past for Sir Ian Hamilton. The dust was awful, and we were almost choked with it. We had a fairly good march past. The Locusts[^] were flying about in millions, and the air was black with them." We had several days of Locusts[^] in Egypt, the air being black with them."

MONDAY, 29th:

"The Ammunition Column arrived to-day from England, and part of Kitchener's Army."

FRI DAY, 2nd. APRIL:

"104 degrees in the Shade. Riot in Cairo with the soldiers, and wowers. Four men wounded. Toby and I went to the Barage, which is a lovely place, and we enjoyed ourselves very much. Toby took a lot of photos. Paid 28/-."

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MONDAY, 5th:

"Got a N.Z. Mail tonight, & 4 letters, and a "Witness." I saw Snowy Calder to-night."

SUNDAY, 11th:

"Left Zeitoun Camp for Alexandria at 10.p.m.. 18 weeks here at Zeitoun, and at the Canal."

MONDAY, 12th:

"Arrived in Alexandria at 9.a.m., and began to load our equipment, and waggons right away. One of a party and I worked in the forward hatch loading gear till 2.30.a.m., and then slept in a truck on the wharf. The coal dust was awful, and every-one got quite black. Went on board the "Goslar" at 3.p.m. a lousy old tub (A GERMAN PRIZE). No bunks, just had to doss down on the iron decks in the 2nd hatch aft, and went out into the stream at night."

TUESDAY, 13th:

"Lay out in the stream all day."

WEDNESDAY, 14th:

"Disembarked from the "Goslar" for repairs, and to fumigate the ship. Most of us went to Wardian Camp in Alexandria, and slept in the open."

THURSDAY, 15th:

"Went to the beach for a swim in the morning, and had a look round the Refugees' Camp in the afternoon."

FRIDAY, 16th:

"Had another swim this morning in the sea." We got a N.Z. mail, 9 letters, and two papers."

SATURDAY, 17th:

"Sea bath in morning, and prepared to embark again. Embarked at 4.p.m., and sailed for an unknown destination at 5.p.m."

SUNDAY, 18th:

"Having a splendid trip. Sea as smooth as glass. Had boat drill, and fire alarms."

MONDAY, 19th:

"Still calm. Met a British Cruiser which warned us of the danger zone, and to follow her for the rest of the journey. She also gave us some War News both from France and Turkey, and that one of our Transports had been Torpedoed, and lost several men. Another Troopship came, three altogether now, and H.M.S. "Dartmouth", a Torpedo Destroyer came up at Dusk, and took charge of us."

TUESDAY, 20th: "All well, we sailed into a Harbour on Lemnos Island,

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belonging to Greece at 12 noon, where there were over 200 Transports, and 30 Battleships, also several Torpedo Destroyers, and slick Submarines. It is a great sight. The sea is a bit rough to-day, with a fair breeze blowing. It is a fine sight to see the green country again, and I feel like a stroll round the place. It is beyond my imagination. I hope we land here."

WEDNESDAY, 21ST:

"Still lying in the stream. A very cold day, with a good deal of rain. Close beside us lies the "Majestic." "Triumph" and famous "QUEEN ELIZABETH", all of which have been in action at the Dardanelles. Greenie made a duff to-day, which was a change from biscuits and bully beef. Posted 2 letters."

THURSDAY, 22ND:

"Had disembarkation practice into the Life Boats, with full marching order. Colonel Begg read out some messages from Lord Kitchener, and Sir Ian Hamilton, and any man caught looting would be "Court Martialled", and shot. This Expedition we are now on, if successful, will reflect great credit on the N.Z. and "A" Forces, (see how we got on). Got 3 packets of fags, and one tin Tobacco per man, which was a God-send to us. We are now short of matches. Captain Walton joined the Hospital ship.

FREDDAY, 23RD:

"Fine day. Got an issue of 2 boxes of matches. We also got 2 Greek donkeys aboard, which caused some amusement. Several Troopships left the harbour, and anchored outside, also four Battleships, preparatory to leaving for the Dardanelles. We also saw several Aeroplanes at practice."

SATURDAY, 24TH:

"Cold sharp wind in the morning, but turned out a fine day. Troopships continue to leave the Bay, also Battleships. We will soon be into it now. A Message from the King, to the Mediterranean Expeditionary Force, "Wishing you Good Luck, and God Speed," and that we would always be in his mind, and that he would continue to pray for us. It was a great sight this afternoon to see Troopship after Troopship leave the Bay, mixed with Cruisers. The the "TRIUMPH", "MAJESTIC", and 2 "QUEEN ELIZABETH", with several other Cruisers left, also Torpedo Destroyers, and Submarines, all looking business like. The Bay is getting cleaned out a bit. This is a sight well worth seeing, and one that will be put down in History. We are supposed to leave at 9.a.m. to-morrow. Got an issue of Cigarettes."

SUNDAY, 25th:

"A find day. Left Lemnos Island at 9.a.m., and at 12 noon we could distinctly hear the boom of big guns. The sea is lovely and calm, and a beautiful day to land. Left the "Goslar" for the shore in a Torpedo Destroyer, at 4 p.m. under heavy shrapnel fire. The big gun fire was terrific, and the amount of wounded was enormous. The Ambulances could not deal with them all, and we were working all night. The country being very steep and hilly, consequently, the work was heavy, and there was dead everywhere."

MONDAY, 26th:

"The big guns started at day-break, and the thundering was immense. More batteries arrived on the beach, and were got into action at once. The Howitzers did some good work. Shrapnel continued to be poured in from the enemy all day, but we managed to quieten some of their Batteries. I do not like this shrapnel, it is deadly and horrible. Not much loss on our side to-day."

TUESDAY, 27th:

"Heavy gunfire on both sides to-day. Shrapnel burst all around us, and we helped to carry ammunition to the Artillery in the morning. We shifted to the left flank at dinner-time, and had a very busy afternoon, and worked all night, getting wounded from the trenches. Heavy casualties on the left flank to-day, in a bayonet charge. Snipers did a great deal of damage. Very tired next morning. The track we had to bring the wounded down was terribly rough, and we were sniped at in several parts of it. This was on Walker's Ridge."

WEDNESDAY, 28th:

"The firing line was much quieter to-day. Our men got entrenched, but a lot of shrapnel burst on the beach, and in the Bay. We got most of our the wounded down by dinnertime. There was not many in the afternoon. Ted Reynolds was wounded in the hip."

THURSDAY, 29th:

"Carrying wounded from our advanced station to the beach. Much shrapnel burst on the beach, not many wounded to-day. Many Reinforcements are landing, and the "Anzac" beach is a swarming mass of men and mules."

FRIDAY, 30th:

"More shrapnel to-day, otherwise fairly quiet. Just a few cases of wounded came down. Always a few getting killed outright. Was on the dressing station from 2 till 4.a.m.. Got our first issue of Rum, and had a couple of good nips, when I came off duty; it was very good."

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SATURDAY, 1st MAY:

"Still in dressing station. A few more wounded to-day. Advancing on the left flank. Snipers are very rife. Very good weather here. Have shifted our bevy."

SUNDAY, 2nd:

"The firing line was very very quiet last night. Very few shots, and no big gun fire, till early this morning, when we could hear a heavy bombardment at Cape Hells. The 3rd. "A" Infantry Brigade held Church Parade close to our lines. Very impressive. No wounded to-day; expecting a night attack. All had to be in readiness, but not much doing, and very few wounded came down."

MONDAY, 3rd:

"Left for the right wing at 7.a.m. to reinforce the Ambulance. There a terrible slaughter had taken place during the night in a bayonet charge. We had to carry the wounded 2½ miles to the beach. Terrible sight to see all the dead. Otago Infantry lost heavily, and we had a terrible day with snipers, and shrapnel. Several stretcher bearers were wounded and killed. I was dead beat at night. W.Heaver was killed. The mud was knee deep in the bottom of the gully where we had to carry the wounded."

TUESDAY, 4th:

"Sniping very bad yet. Many of the bullets zip close by at the corners of the track up the Death Trap. There were dead men at every corner of the track. A good many wounded continue to come down. There were several we could not get out to wounded and dead, where the Otago Infantry had to retreat the night before. Much shrapnel burst over us. Lazereth was wounded in the head."

WEDNESDAY, 5th:

"A little slacker on the firing line. Snipers' continue to do their treacherous work, and shrapnel continued to burst all day. Horrible stuff; it has just about shattered my nerves. We got orders to return to Head-quarters at 4.p.m., and at 8.p.m. we got aboard a barge to embark on a Torpedo Destroyer, which we got on to at 12, midnight, for Cape Hells, where we arrived at 4.a.m.. The cook gave us all some tea with milk in it, (which we enjoyed). The whole of the N.Z. and "A" Division (all that is left) came with us. We were glad to get out of the hearing of musketry for a time."

THURSDAY, 6th:

"We are back among it again. There is a terrible lot of Artillery here (Cape Hells). The ^{Regts} ~~Regts~~ look well, so do the

TUESDAY, 6th. CONTD:

Algerians. This is flatter country, and ^{we} can use our Transports. All the Stores, and water had to be packed on Mules, or carried by hand at "Anzac". We moved inland about 2½ miles, and got our Bevy's' made ~~xxxx~~ where we had a spell. Very cold at night without blankets."

WEDNESDAY, 7th:

"Heavy Artillery fire all round to-day. The Lancashire Fusillers arrived from Heliopolis, and lost very heavily in a terrific charge. There was heavy artillery fire and naval gun fire. We moved over to left flank, with the Infantry Brigade. Much shrapnel and high explosives burst close to us, and many of the Infantry were wounded, and two killed."

THURSDAY, 8th:

"We are getting a move on towards the firing line. Arrived there under heavy shrapnel fire, where we got to work with the wounded. The rifle and Machine Gun fire was terrible. Bullets seemed to whizz by all the time. N.Z. got another bad time; perfect slaughter. We carried wounded till 4 a.m. next morning, dead beat; we had to carry the wounded 2½ miles. Ted Saunders missing."

FRIDAY, 9th:

"Light day. Tommy Ambulance relieved us. We shifted further back to the Dressing Station. Much shrapnel."

SATURDAY, 10th:

"Half section went to assist Wellington W. Stretcher Bearers. Six Gurkhas went into the trenches. We are getting good food now, plenty of rations. Not much doing. N.Z. has suffered heavily, so our work is lighter."

SUNDAY, 11th:

"Still at Dressing Station. A slight shower of rain. Aeroplanes and Monoplanes continue to scour the Turkish trenches. Light firing to-day, but much artillery at night. 2 letters to N.Z. We shifted round to our old camp for a few days spell. It rained pretty heavily to-night. The Infantry moved with us."

MONDAY, 12th:

"This morning we were wet through. The rain continued till dinner time. High explosive shells burst all round us."

TUESDAY, 13th:

"Some more big shells burst near us. These high explosives are horrible and deadly. Several Airships do good work. We have five of them here."

WEDNESDAY, 14th:

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"Terrific hail of shrapnel over our bivys". Turks give us 24 hours to quit Turkey. I hope they think they will succeed."

THURSDAY, 15th:

"Not much doing till night, when shrapnel burst like hail stones over our bivys". This is a great country, it abides with Snakes, Turtles, Iguanos, Centipedes, and a thousand other different insects. Vines grow in the open air, and the place is alive with wild poppies. Frogs abound in the swamps.

FRIDAY, 16th:

More shrapnel to-day. Last night we had a splendid tea manufactured by W. Henry. It was extra good. (4 courses). Australians leave for "Anzac", again. One letter to N.Z.

SUNDAY, 18th:

"To-day, 43 shots of shrapnel were fired at one of our Monoplanes by the enemy, all of which went wide, ridiculously wide. The Turks seem to have disappearing guns in the hill, as they land shrapnel over us pretty often.

MONDAY & TUESDAY, 19th & 20th:

"Had a surf bathe in the Dardanelles, and a high explosive shell burst quite close to us. We got orders to move at 8 p.m.. After some waiting we got aboard a trawler at 12.30.p.m., and steered round to "Anzac", where we arrived at 4.a.m., and at 12 noon we got ashore in a barge. We got a N.Z. mail, 8 letters and 3 papers. The first since our landing. Posted 2 Field Cards to N.Z.. At night we shifted out to the left flank (Walker's Ridge). Terrible slaughter among the Turks two days before.

"GABA TEPE NORTH": At 12.30.p.m.: after 16½ hours on the march and trawler, also the Barges to land in. Very tiresome time shifting from one beach to another. The Mounted Men have arrived here, and been in action. The Turks made an attack yesterday, and lost heavily. On the day of the Armistice, Colonel Pegg, and Major Murray took a walk round the trenches, Pegg being rather afraid all the time. While there he made this exclamation, when reaching the beach and safe in his dugout, ("SAFE AGAIN MURRAY)". I think he has a touch of cold feet. In fact, a Chronic Case."

WEDNESDAY, 21st:

"Otago Mounted arrived. Saw all the boys including Snowy. I heard Ted Saunders was outed near "Krithia". W. Stewart, Missing."

THURSDAY, 22nd:

"We had a heavy shower of rain this morning. Had to bring a wounded man down the hill, track very slippy, and muddy."

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FRIDAY, 23rd:

"Not much doing. "A" section from Monasti's Bully. Australian tent Sub. left, and ours took their place."

SATURDAY, 24th:

"Eight hours Armistice to-day to bury the dead. Did not get up to see the trenches. Got two wounded Turks from the left flank."

SUNDAY, 25th:

"H.M.S. "Triumph" sunk by a Torpedo, (Austrian Submarine) close to Gaba Tepe, saw her go down. My Camera turned up after all with Toby's purse. Heavy showers of rain, the heaviest we have had. Two cards to N.Z."

MONDAY, 26th:

"Fine day, Mounted Men still landing. I was in the trenches to-day on duty. Saw Alex Hall, and Snowy, and took their photos."

TUESDAY, 27th:

"H.M.S. "Majestic" sunk at 6.30.a.m.. More troops landing. Firing line fairly quiet, but the Turks ~~have~~ heave a lot of shrapnel at us from Anafarta Battery. Air ships continue to cruise round."

WEDNESDAY, 28th:

"Turks supposed to be reinforcing. Shrapnel wounded a few to-day."

THURSDAY, 29th:

"More shrapnel, and had grenades. Six Australians and killed, and several wounded on Walker's Ridge."

FRIDAY, 30th:

"Turks attacked No.3 outpost left flank. Many of our men killed, and a lot wounded. We carried wounded till 2.30.a.m."

MONDAY, 15th, JULY, 1915:

"Colonel Begg has returned to our camp, and is making things most uncomfortable for us, as he generally does with his sarcastic manner. Major O'Neill has gone on to the Hospital Ship for a few days' spell. I was sent out to Maori Headquarters with a message for Captain Connor. I also went out to No.2 Outpost to see a few of the boys. I had tea with Alex Hall, and his mates. Snowy and Bol. McDonald are both doing well. Things are very slack just now. We are hoping for a smack up soon, and get a move on. Read a letter from old Spug to Frank. Eagle, he is being returned to N.Z. with several other invalids."

THURSDAY, 16th:

"Not much doing here just now. Waiting for a move, and only hope it will come soon. We have been over six weeks in this same place. Colonel Begg is trying to make things as rotten as he can for us. We have now to mount a guard of 12 men every night. "He is absolutely a rotter." A good deal of milk has been missing lately, and his version of the offenders is that "Anyone who would pinch the patients' milk", would "Steal the gold out of his dead Grand-mother's teeth," and all the time it is himself that is using the said milk.

First Maori was wounded to-day, and he was very pleased about it."

WEDNESDAY, 7th:

"Nothing much doing, just dodging along in the same old rut, except that the Colonel has made things as rotten as he can for us."

THURSDAY, 8th:

"A bit of excitement to-night. A.N.Z. Mail has arrived, 7 bags for the Ambulance. A bit of a take in for us. A very poor mail. In only got 3 letters, and no papers, but I saw some of the papers the other chaps got, but a poor mail is better than none at all in this state of monotony."

FRIDAY, 9th:

"Some talk of the Company being "Inoculated", against Cholera. "A good idea". We have had some changes in our section as regards Non-Commissioned Officers: We have that Sprig Massey as General Duty Sergeant. A great number of men are going to Lemnos sick."

SATURDAY, 10th:

"A" Section inoculated against Cholera. "B" to-morrow, and "C" the next day. All men have to have 24 hours spell after being Inoculated. Inoculation stopped. The G.O.C. anticipates a big move shortly, and the men must be fit,

SUNDAY, 11th:

"Received a mail to-day, five letters, and two papers for me. I also posted three letters, and two Field Cards to N.Z.. A chap was wounded to-day bathing on the beach close to the barges, and in the same place as one of the first boat loads of Australians landed from, one of the boats that broke their cable, and drifted in to the shore of which the troops aboard were powerless to prevent, and consequently lost heavily. There were three of these boats broke loose, drifting within a half a mile of each other. The last boat furthest North up the beach, lost 39 men, and 3 wounded. Very little is doing in the firing line. Some of the Maoris went into the Main trenches last night for the first time."

MONDAY, 12th:

"A little bit of an attack on our side this morning to interest the Turks a bit. While we made an attack further South. No details to hand re attack on "Achi Baba", but to-day we had seven wounded (three seriously), and some killed. The amount I have not heard. The Turkish Gunners try hard to hit our Trawlers out in the Bay. Several shots are fired daily, but all seem to go wide. Last night a Warship came up, and close in the Bay, fired several broadsiders at Snipers Ridge, and fairly blew the tar out of it, but the Turks must have some secret trenches dug, for they still continue to snipe the beach. Last night, we, (No.6. Squad) were hauled out of bed at midnight to bring down a wounded man from the Dressing Station on Walker's Ridge, with a bullet wound just under the right Cavicle with the right Auxiliary Artery Severed."

TUESDAY, 13th:

"15th Reinforcements for "F" Ambulance arrived to-day. A pretty hard lot of doers some of the men. N.Z.'s volunteered because they thought it was their duty, and had thoroughly thought the problem out before enlisting. Not like the "Main Body" being carried away with the first rush of enthusiasm. As much as to say they were sorry after enlisting. A Mounted Man visiting Moss Rees was shot through the head in our lines, Seriously Wounded. Private Culpin was also hit with shrapnel in the arm, but not seriously, and another chap was hit on the beach, somewhere in the buttock. Otago Regiment suffered heavy casualties again to-day at "QUINN'S POST", 16 wounded, and five killed, with high explosive shells. "B" section were inoculated against Cholera, "G.O.C." says "Carry on with inoculation."

WEDNESDAY, 14th:

"We were paid £1 to-day. Promissory Notes of 10/-, Legal Tender anywhere. Some talk of a Canteen being erected on the beach. Another man sniped on the beach. C.F.C."

WEDNESDAY, 14th CONTD:

"Fairly quiet in the firing line with an occasional burst of musketry.

THURSDAY, 15th:

"C" Section were inoculated against Cholera. I included. Very hot to-day, about the hottest day I have flet here. As I write this I am just swathed in sweat. Posted 2 Field Cards to H.Z."

FRIDAY, 16th:

"Bert Allpress came back from "Lemnos", but not feeling too good yet. We got an issue of equipment we required, but as usual "C" Section falls in; only half the stuff we requisitioned, for it came to hand, while "A" and "B" sections got in first, and got all they wanted; a jagged piece of a high explosive shell lobbed close beside our bivvy. I was not three yards away from it. Can hear a good deal of bombardment of "Cape Helles" this afternoon."

SATURDAY, 17th:

"16 more Howitzers arrived, 4 Batteries, and Tommies, so I think we are preparing for an attack, or to make a move. Generally much speculation is offered by all hands. The A.S.C. are reinforcing, their Depot here getting in a big supply of rations. A Wireless station has been erected out at No.2. Outpost."

SUNDAY, 18th:

"Last night Corporal Austin and I while we were drying ourselves after having a swim, noticed an Indian's peculiar actions, so we watched him, and found that he was going through some clothes on the beach, so Corporal Austin took him to his office, and reported him. This morning we had to appear as witnesses, at 9.a.m. He was remanded for a Summary Court Martial, so we have to go again to-morrow morning at 9.30.a.m.. We have been in Turkey no 12 weeks to-day. Posted three letters to N.Z."

MONDAY, 19th:

"Attended a Summary Court Martial this morning at 9.30.a.m. as witness against the Indian, who was remanded from yesterday. This is the first instance that I have attended Orderley Room proceedings since I joined the Expeditionary Force. The Indian was sentenced to 30 lashes with the Army Regulation Stroke. "A" Battery of 4 Howitzers camped with the Army Service last night en route for No.2. Outpost."

TUESDAY, 20th:

"Had a few wounded for the beach this morning. An Indian was killed by the Water Tanks with shrapnel from "Tucker time Lix's Anafarta Gun 3 inches)". I have just finished looking over my shirt for lice. I got a few. We have been troubled by their presence since we were on the 'Goslar'. If we didn't take precaution we would be swarming with them in a short time. Six more Reinforcements arrived for No. "F" Ambulance. Also the seas being so close, and it is handy for bathing. It is a blessing as we can have a bath every night, as do not get enough water for cooking purposes. Water is very scarce. The 8th Australian Light Horse held a concert a little further up the Gully, which was alright in spite of the fact that they are within 400 yds of the front trench. Sometimes the singing would be hardly heard on account of a burst of musketry, or the big gun fire from the Torpedo Destroyer. To-night we hear a big advance is to be made about the 28th: The Commissary Depot are putting in a lot of extra water tanks, both here and in the firing line."

WEDNESDAY, 21st:

"We got a N.Z. Mail this morning. I got three letters, two from Wisp, and one from May. We were rather taken by surprise, as we were not expecting one so soon. Some rumours are, that we will be in Cairo by the 28th of next month. "Hope so"."

THURSDAY, 22nd:

"Mail day. All were busy writing home, answering their letters of yesterday. I wrote a letter to May, and sent also a Field Card. "B" Section shifted round to Monasti's Gully. The Tommies got a couple of their Howitzers into action. The Turks were supposed to attack to-night, advised "General Birdwood"."

FRIDAY, 23rd:

"On evacuating patients this morning, while we were on "Anzac" beach we would plainly see tremendous volumes of smoke from high explosives or by ^{ly}adite exploding on "Achi Baba Hill" from one of our latest Monitor's standing out to sea. These Monitor's carry 14 inch guns. Alex Hall came in from No. 2 feeling pretty crook with Constipation. I went out to No. 2 with him at night. We were inoculated again to-day for the 2nd time. Captain Boxer performed the operation."

SATURDAY, 24th:

"Mounted Ambulance arrived to-day looking like raw recruits. We were put on fatigue to build a new Hospital. Rums issue to-night. I enjoyed my share (2 1/2 ozs.)."

SUNDAY, 25th:

"Alex Hall went away to-day sick to "Lemnos". Toby and I sent 10/- each for films or Chocolate."

MONDAY, 26th:

"Went down to "Anzac" Beach for timber and iron to build a new Hospital to hold 40 patients. "C" Section worked all day with picks and shovels, making terraces for foundations of the two Hospitals of 20 beds each. We got an issue of Milk to-day, for the first time. One tin between eight men, also Figs. We get Lime Juice four times a week. A large amount of "Mark VII." ammunition has arrived here, also a large number of kerosene tins of water for the trenches. The Turks were shelling our 4.7 Howitzer to-day, but did not hit it."

TUESDAY, 27th:

"More ammunition is arriving at the Depots', also water in Kerosene tins sealed. The Medical Students got notice to-night that they leave for N.Z. at 9.30. in the morning. "Lucky Beggars". There are rumours that we will also be out of this by the 10th August. Many of the Students have Curios away with them such as Turkish Rifles, Bayonets, Shell Cases, Caps, and Cartridges. There was a great deal of hand-shaking on their departure."

WEDNESDAY, 28th:

"Medical Students have left for N.Z.. They will probably act as Orderlies on a Hospital Ship returning to N.Z., with sick and wounded. Not much doing in the firing line, except that the Turks' put a few big high explosive shells into "Rest Gully", and also on "Anzac Beach". Some of them went into the Bay to add to the already large number deposited there. I got a Razor from Lieutenant Sandham. Eight more have been promoted to Warrant Officer. Had to go round to "Anzac Beach" to-night to get timber and iron for the new Hospital. One letter to Rose, P.C. to May, and a Field Card to Mary."

THURSDAY, 29th:

"Started work, pick and shovel at 5.0 a.m. this morning, on the new Hospital for one hour 30 minutes, before breakfast. It was nice and cool for working, also an hour and a half after dinner. The 8th Light Horse went back into trenches. Turks very quiet to-day. General's Godley, and Stein visited our lines last night to inspect Captain Don's Dental Parlour. The Maoris' man No.2. outpost, along with the 12th Otago Regiment every night. A German Aeroplane flew over us to-night, and dropped a Bomb, which was intended for "Anzac Beach" but dropped into the sea, about 100 yds from the shore. It caused a terrible explosion, and sent the water about 50 feet up in the air. Our Aeroplanes were up at the time, but did not attack. The German was supposed to be hit by a Machine Gun, but we are not sure. He descended very quickly as far as we could see. Our balloon ship was standing out in the Bay also, and the balloon was up at the time. Three of the 8th Light Horse were severely wounded tonight, and two killed with shrapnel. Hard luck, had only been in the trenches three or four hours. Much speculation to-day as to who is going

THURSDAY, 29th CONTD:

to get stripes on account of the Med's going back to N.Z.. General Godley again visited our lines to-night."

FRIDAY, 30TH:

"German aeroplane flew over again to-day. Machine guns rattled after him, but seemed to have no effect on him. He did not stay long. Just arched round, and back to his lines. Was evacuating patients to-night, also had to bring timber back for Hospital. "Anzac Beach" was a mass of mule carts, and mules. There must be hundreds of them there. There are a tremendous lot of shells also."

SATURDAY, 31st:

"Another German Aeroplane flew over again today. Three days in succession. A thing which has never occurred here before. No resistance was offered them. We got Tobacco issued to-day as usual for Saturday, sometimes two packets of Cigarettes, or three with two boxes of matches, and one tin of Tobacco between four men. Some promotions have taken place in the Ambulance. Austin has been made Sergeant, and Barber, Corporal. Disappointed at Eagle not getting stripes. Corporal Henry takes over rations as pack storeman, and ranks Corporal. One Postcard to L.A., one to Annie, and Field Cards to Tom and George."

SUNDAY, 1st AUGUST:

"First day of Autumn, and also 14 weeks since our landing day on Turkish soil. An enemy Aeroplane flew over our lines twice to-day, and I thought we were going to see a fight in the air, but the two machines seemed to miss one another, although quite close to one another. Major Luxford held a Church Service in our lines to-night, but I was unable to attend, as our squad had to carry patients to the beach. preparatory to their embarkation for their different Hospitals. Only stretcher cases go on to the Hospital Ship. "Anzac Beach" is well stacked with stores, and ammunition. Our boys made an attack on the right flank, and succeeded in securing two trenches with eight casualties, 20 of these being killed. The Turks stood up to the bayonet better than ever this time. Talk of a big attack coming off on one of these days."

MONDAY, 2nd:

"Toby was put into the tent Sub. to-day. A lot of ammunition was taken out to No.2 Outpost tonight. A high explosive fell, took the top off the sap to-night when we were evacuating the sick and wounded. I was almost under it, at the time. I got a bit of a fright. Several of these shells burst close round the battery near the sap."

TUESDAY, 3rd:

"On the evacuating stakes again to-night. Ammunition and stores are coming in large quantities. Hundreds of mule carts

THURSDAY 3rd, CONTD:

work all night to shift them to the several depots' There was a bit of a flare up in the firing line to-night."

FRIDAY, 4th:

"Ghurkas' and Tommies' are landing every night now, for the much talked of advance, also stores, and much ammunition.

SATURDAY, 5th:

"No mail arrived yet for us. Posted two P.C.'s. (Deakons Jam) also three Field Cards. Got one iron ration issued per man to-day, also 26 inch white bands for the arms, and a piece about 6 inches square for the back, so as to recognise our own troops in the coming charge. Turks giving us a bit more shrapnel now."

SUNDAY, 6th:

"Frank Eagle's birthday. Fanny Boxer read orders from General Birdwood re advance, that once we made the attack our aim would be to push on with all haste. Of course, these orders cannot have much meaning for us, but apparently for us to know. The turks attacked Tasmanian post last night, and we took one of their trenches, they lost some days ago, but the Australian counter attack, and re-took it again, having many wounded. The exact amount, I have not yet heard, but some awful wounds were to be seen in the 4th Australian Ambulance Hospital this morning, awaiting evacuation on to the Hospital Ship. "GABA TEPK" guns make it pretty hot for the pinnacles removing the wounded. One was hit yesterday morning, and had to be run ashore. Two naval officers were wounded with shrapnel..At 4.30. the field guns, and Howitzers, opened a terrific bombardment on the Turkish Trenches, also two battleships, and two or three Monitors joined in the fun standing out in the Bay. Much excitement is felt as to the success of this attack. The much talked of attack started at about 5 p.m. Rifle and heavy gun fire opened the event, and all night the firing went on."

MONDAY, 7th:

"At 9.p.m. last night we moved to "Taylor's Gully" (or Saxby Bay dere) The next to Walker's ridge. We had a very tiresome night, and carried many wounded to No. 2 Outpost, where they will be evacuated on to the Hospital Ship. There are six Hospital Ships in the bay, and eight or ten battleships. Troops have been landed at the Salt Lake. Several Transports are standing off the point. (Old Tacho Ingram was bayoneted by our own men to-night). The attack has been a great success and much ground has been gained, but the wounded are numerous, and many dead. We had to carry the wounded 3 1/2 miles. It was a great change to have free access to walk over the country we have gazed on so long, but could not get on. 500 prisoners were taken, several machine guns, and a few pieces of artillery.

MONDAY, 7th CONTD:

"This attack will put another feather in N.Z.'s Cap. The Maoris did great work, and were very well pleased with themselves, They gave a Haka, before they took the first line of trenches. We shifted out to No.2. Outpost, during the day, but had to go back to Taylor's Gully, at night. We have been heavily supported by many divisions of Tommies, . They see a much better class of men than the R.M.L.I. push, that supported us when we tried to take Hill 971, before. We are now back to the old iron rations again. A repetition of the first day's landing (APRIL 25th)."

TUESDAY, 8th:

"Battle still raging. 5th Reinforcements landed last night, about 2000 of them. Had several trips with patients to No.2. Outpost for evacuation. (Bob McDonald was wounded in the shoulder) Hill No. 971, was taken early this morning, but had to retire a little after 7.a.m. The Turks seem to have lost all their artillery. They only seem to have one gun, which does much harm, for which we are not sorry. The Italian Warships seem to do good work, and are thundering away to some tune. A considerable number of wounded are still coming in. We have a few ~~xxxxxx~~ different varieties of troops here. First the Australinans, New Zealanders, Maoris, Sikhs, Ghurkas, and Tommies. Lofty and I went up to Snipers' ~~xxxx~~ ridge to have a look round. We saw 30 dead Turks, and one New Zealander. This ~~is~~ is the trench from where the Turks used to snipe on to the North Beach, where we used to bathe, and accounted for a good many of our chaps. Colonel Maunders was killed to-day at No.2. Outpost. Colonel Begg has taken his place. Artillery has been got out to the left flank. Some of the 5th Howitzers and Field Guns."

WEDNESDAY, 9th:

"This mornigg our squad had to go to Colonel Peckless's advanced dressing station for two wounded men. The pong from some dead Turks was awful. Then we had to evacuate the patients from our station to the No.2. Clearing Hospital, and bring water back with us for drinking purposes. It was a sickening sight to see all the wounded waiting to be taken away to the Hospital Ships. There seems to be awfully bad arrangements for getting them out to the ships. Some of them were in a very bad state, and the dust was not improving the state of affairs. There must have been hundreds of stretcher cases waiting. Some of them having been there since the day before. There was far better arrangements for the wounded the day we landed. I am afraid we have lost very heavily again this time, but nevertheless we have taken the ground we wanted, which reflects great credit on the Colonial Troops."

THURSDAY, 10th:

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"The Turks counter attack / on the extreme left flank, and

THURSDAY, 10TH CONTD:

lost heavily as usual. Some 4000 being killed, with several prisoners. Captain Walton with Eagle and Austin arrested three Turkish prisoners this morning, and brought them in at the point of the bayonet. Some of the Tommies have made fools of themselves again, by stampeding before a Machine Gun, so they have not made any better impression on our mind as to their staunchness. I got a few Curios to-day, some Turkish Coins, belt buckle, and knife. Barber got them for me. The hum from the dead Turks is still pretty ripe. Major O'Neill has been promoted to ~~Act~~ Lieutenant Colonel (pro tem). We have been lucky getting in here, as there is a large number of casualties on the list. I heard that Snowy was alright so far. Alex Hall went away again. He came back from "Lemnos", but had to return just before this engagement started. I am bivouacking with Frank Barber now, and like him alright for a mate."

FRIDAY, 11th:

"Evacuated all the wounded from our stations to No.2 Outpost, Clearing Hospital. There were hundreds of stretcher cases lying there in the dust. We could not get them away. The Turks counter attacked to-day, but were repulsed. Snipers' are getting on to some of our tracks leading to the beach. We cannot get to the beach for a swim now, and we only get a small ration of water for cooking purposes."

SATURDAY, 12th:

"Most of the patients have been got away from the Main Clearing Hospital. At No.2. we anticipate shifting our station further up to the main trenches. Colonel Purless has shifted his up. The dead Turks' do hum some, it just about turns me sick. We are getting absolutely sick of this damn war, and the continuous howling of shell, and the crack of musketry, and the rattle of Machine Guns, and the bullets are whizzing all round you. Our food is getting pretty short. No sugar, bully beef and biscuits, and pretty hard at that. I have been pretty bad with ~~diarrhoea~~ this last day or two, which does not improve things, but we have plenty of firewood now, as the scrub is pretty thick. The creeks are all dried up, so these have some in very handy for tracks. (2 ~~Field~~ Field Cars to N.Z. to-day) There are a few pinches and signis trees growing about here, not very big, about 10 to 15 feet high. The flies are pretty bad, and are a damn nuisance. We got a N.Z. Mail yesterday. D only got three letters."

SUNDAY, 13th:

"firing seems very small to-day. Very little big gun fire is to be heard. I think we have taken all that was required, and are being well entrenched. "ACHI BABA" has supposed to have fallen to us, but perhaps, it is only a rumour. The Turks put a few 6 inch high explosives over there to-day,

SUNDAY, 13th CONTD:

"and some of the came pretty close of our Dressing Station. These shells make a great explosion, almost deafening."

MONDAY, 14th:

"We had a trip to No.2. with a patient at one o'clock this morning, but otherwise fairly quiet till after dinner, when the Turks started again, with their high explosives, and shifted everyone out of the Dressing Station to places of safety, but an Infantry chap, going up the track close to our station stopped a piece in the head. He died shortly afterwards. We hear that Tom Denniston has died with enteric at Malta. We also hear that Tod Sloan is not too well, and is being invalided to N.Z.. We are getting pretty sealy now. We have not had a wash for over a week; the dirt will crack off in lumps soon."

TUESDAY, 15th:

"There was some rapid fire in the trenches last night, but heard nothing of its cause. We seem to have settled down here for a while again. The flies are a horrible nuisance. We have several Aeroplanes over our lines every day, but very few Turkish venture out now. I think there has only been one or two over since this last big engagement. I shall never forget the squeals of the Turks' in the byonet charge on the night of the 7th August. It was horrible, very encouraging to us. We followed ("C" Section) close up behind the charge to attend to wounded, and to erect a Dressing ~~Station~~ Station. There were not many cases of wounded in this particular place, but our men accounted for a good number of Turks'. To-day we hear that a British Transport has been sunk at "Lemnos Island", and that that 500 men were drowned, out of 2,500. Rather rotten luck for us. We got an issue of eggs this morning (2 per man), and Atchi Barber and I had a rather good breakfast (eggs and bacon). We also got a tin of Milk between eight men, which is also very acceptable. Some of the chaps got ~~pass~~ ^{Islands} sent ~~see~~ from Alexandria by the Medical Students on their way home to N.Z., so we all got a little share of the luxury which always helps to break the ~~monat~~ monotony of Bully Beef and Biscuits."

WEDNESDAY, 16th:

"No.6. squad were up at the trenches last night to get wounded down from Colonel Purelesses' Dressing Station, but there were no casualties, so we were not disturbed through the night. The damn flies will get into your mouth and eyes in spite of much swishing and cursing. Water was a bit scarce at first, but you can get enough for cooking and drinking. Two new wells have been sunk at the bottom of Taylor's Gully."

THURSDAY, 17th:

"I have been a soldier a year to-day. Who thought we would be in Turkey on the first Anniversary. God knows how much longer we will be here. We are having lovely weather, we have not had a shower of rain for months. Just as well, for we have nothing with us, except what we stand up in. We got a pinch of bread last night, as we were lucky enough to draw the winning number. We also got one tin of milk between eight once a day. Sometimes it forgets to come. Sandy Malcolm and I went along to Walker's Ridge for a swim. We saw a Turkish Aeroplane over our left flank to-night. This was the first wash we had for ten days. I nearly turned the sea black.. We notice a great change about our old Camp. It is much fresher up here, except for the hum of the dead Turks' at the first, but they cremated them, and buried the remains, so have done away with the most of them."

FRIDAY, 18th:

"We are not very busy now. We seem to be at a standstill again. As far as I can hear N.Z. has suffered heavy casualties again, and more deaths in proportion to the first engagement. We heard to-day that Sergeant Dyson, Base Recorder, has died of peritonitis. I have been pretty crook this last day or two. To-day my head was like to burst, but I have not reported sick yet."

SATURDAY, 19th:

"Canterbury Regiment took a trench last night, and still hold it. A Machine Gun (Turkish) was also blown up. It used to play on the beach. We have a few drops of rain this morning. I feel a little better to-day. Wrote 2 letters to N.Z. Canterbury had to evacuate a trench taken early in the night. Turks' enfiladed it with Machine Guns."

SUNDAY, 20th:

"Fairly quiet to-day. Boyce and three others of our section went away sick this mornigg to a convalescent Hospital. I feel much better myself to-day. There is a rumour going round that we have to dig in for the winter. I hope Not."

MONDAY, 21st:

"Had a trip round to No.2. clearing Hospital at 4.a.m. with a man wounded in the abdomen, about 15 stone. After dinner a big bombardment was opened up on the turkish Trenches on the left, and a charge was made in which we were successful in taking three lines of tenches, and occupied W.Hill, with about 200 prisoners. I think the Turks' count attacked several times through the night, as I heard several rifle and machine gun fire two or three times during the night but I have not heard full details as yet."

TUESDAY, 22nd:

"17 weeks here to-day on Gallipoli Peninsula. The days are

TUESDAY, 22nd Contd:

"shortening and getting a bit chillier at nights, but the days are just beautiful if we could get rid of the flies. I am afraid they have made me bad-tempered: they stop at nothing now crawl down your throat after the food you have eaten, get into your eyes and ears/wholesale, Damn nuisance! To-day we dug a place out for a marquee to hold 20 Patients. Hard work this digging."

WEDNESDAY, 23rd:

"Quiet sort of a day, did some more excavating for a bell tent for diarrhoea patients. We have been getting 2 eggs a man lately per day."

THURSDAY, 24th:

"Corporal Barber has been appointed Sanitary Corporal. I was digging latrines this morning. We now have 2 bell tents, and one operating tent full of patients. It gives the tent subdivision more to do."

FRIDAY, 25th:

"Could hear a lot of heavy gun fire in the direction of 'Cape Helles' last night, and early this morning. To-day, the flies are just murder, worse than ever they were in Egypt. We have not much to do lately. Things have been pretty quiet in this direction, although there has been some movement on the extreme left. Our section is getting pretty well broken up. We have only about 12 bearers left now, as the rest have gone away sick. We want reinforcing badly. 'ACHI BABA' is supposed to be taken to-day. (See how they fake. I hope it is true.)

SATURDAY, 26th:

"Heard that several Monitors had got through the 'Narrows'. Things very quiet here. I have another touch of Diarrhoea, but I don't reckon I will report to get an anaema pushed on to me. Got a cigarette and tobacco issue to-day. Posted 2 letters to N.Z., and one Field Card."

SUNDAY, 27th:

"Another quiet day, not much doing. Feeling not too good myself. Toby got his films and prints back from Cairo, some of which are very good. At 4.p.m. a great bombardment was opened by our Artillery, and Battleships, which lasted for about one hour, then heavy musketry fire began, the results of which we have not yet heard. This was to the left of our present position."

MONDAY, 28th:

"Turks' put some shrapnel over our way, coming pretty close to Fergy Forrester. He got a bullet through his cap, and grazed his forehead, and nose."

TUESDAY, 29th:

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"Turkish Aeroplanes took a couple of turns over our lines this morning, and dropped bombs in the next gully to ours, and in the second turn dropped 3 on Walker's Ridge. Toby and I went round for a swim, and we brought round 20 doz. eggs. Got orders to move to "A" Section."

WEDNESDAY, 30th:

"Moved round to "A" Section in Otago Gully. Had a Hell of a job shifting. We had to carry heavy laden stretchers up precipitous cliffs, and the sweat fairly rolled out of me. Staying with "A" Section.. Allpress went away sick, also Reynolds, and Muston. To-night, officers seem to be messed up waiting on "B" Section tent subdivision from "Monash's Gully".

THURSDAY, 31st:

"Still awaiting further orders. Got A N.Z. Mail to-day, 2 letters, and rum issue at night. Carried some stretchers from our old camp. Not much doing here. A lot of our men are sick, and many are away."

WEDNESDAY, 1st SEPTEMBER:

"Some Canteen stores have arrived for us, for which we have to draw lots (about 10/- worth). Eagle and Austin are both sick to-day. Major Murray is O.C. Major O'Neill is away sick."

THURSDAY, 2nd:

"Got our Canteen stores. Very good value, and well satisfied with them. Some ~~of~~ talk of our shifting down lower to-morrow down the Gully to the Australian Station. 2 letters to N.Z."

FRIDAY, 3rd:

"Shifted down to Australian Dressing Station from "A" section. "B" section is ~~with~~ ^{with} ~~us~~. They shifted from Monash's Gully. All the N.Z.'s. are together ~~at~~ ^{at} this Gully at the Apex. Now. Frank and I have a pretty decent bivvy here."

SATURDAY, 4th:

"Pretty solid work to-day. Pitching ^{tents} ~~them~~, and carrying wounded to the beach. Toby got a nice parcel from Home."

SUNDAY, 5th:

"Old Lofty is going away pretty sick, (Enteric), also Andrew Begg. A ~~due~~ ^{due} of a lot of work to do here, going all day. One letter to N.Z."

MONDAY 6th:

"Going all day again to-day. Feeling not too good myself to-day. Only about 12 bearers left between the 2 sections, get all the work to do."

TUESDAY, 7th:

"Put in an hour and a half digging for a bell tent. Got a N.Z. mail, a letters, one from Miss E. I was surprised to get it. Some talk of us getting out of it on the 18th."

WEDNESDAY, 8th:

"Not much doing to-day. On Sanitary Duty."

THURSDAY, 9th:

"Archer, Begg, Barcar, and two others returned from Egypt to-day. McGast, and Barnett went away sick. Got an issue of meat to-day, Australian mutton, "Klops very good.", also Tobacco and cigarettes issued. Posted 4 letters to N.Z., also one Field Card. Answered Miss E's letter."

FRIDAY, 10th:

"Mose yarns about us going away for a holiday. (Original Main Body), but how much truth is in it, I don't know. Frank's brother came down to see him to-day, as he does occasionally. A few spits of rain this afternoon. Had several trips to the beach this afternoon with patients. Eagle took some photos at the No. 2. Outpost for us."

SATURDAY, 11th:

"Henry Davis, McWilliams, and one of "B" section men went away sick this morning. The nights are getting a bit cold now, and the days are shortening a lot."

SUNDAY, 12th:

"Got a N.Z. mail, and I got 11 letters, a bit of a surprise for me. Tom and Rose sent their photo's. We got orders to move, but to-morrow at 12 noon., to where we don't know, but think only as far as Lemnos. Everyone has gone mad. Toby cooked a bit of ham today."

MONDAY, 13th:

"Preparing to move out. We had a shower of rain this morning, and still looks dull."

TUESDAY, 14th:

"Moved out at 2p.m. got aboard a barge at 5.30.a.m., had a great wait as is usual with the Ambulance. Had to carry all our panniers and medical gear to A.S.C. at Walker's Ridge, and after carrying a stretcher heavy laden with palliases to "ANZAC", where we embarked, 10 of "C" section had to carry all of our surgical stores on to a barge. Finished this job about 5.a.m. Got aboard the S.S. "Osmanick", at 5.40.a.m. ~~Raining~~ Raining all the time. Then we had to load it off the barge on to a troopship. We reached Lemnos at about 1.p.m., and got ashore at 4.30. She was not a bad mold tub. We had about 8000 aboard. Then we had to march three miles after that with full pack up, and had to wade across an arm of the Harbour, about 2 ft deep in places, and about 500 yds. long.

TUESDAY, 14th CONTD:

"Getting to the camp site we found we had one marquee for 90 men, so far so good. I slept fairly well. We got a ration of stout."

WEDNESDAY, 15th:

"This morning we had to shift into another marquee and about 9 a.m. there was a real thunderstorm, it fairly teemed down, and everything was flooded in no time. We had not ditch round our marquee, and the water flowed through like a river, and then to cap all two stretcher squads had to take two patients across to No. 3. Australian Hospital, also wade through the sea into the bargain, and just teeming rain. I was included in one of the squads."

THURSDAY, 16th:

"Slept out last night, and a very cold wind was blowing. Shifted our camp further up the hill. The Sergeants are trying to make themselves officious, also Moore."

FRIDAY, 17th:

"Working all day, putting up tents, and pulling them down again as usual."

SATURDAY, 18th:

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"Not much doing. Took a khaxai walk over to one of the little villages, but very little to be seen. Got some butter and some tinned fruit 2/- a tin. Paid £5 to-day."

SUNDAY, 19th:

"Church parade this morning. I paraded sick this morning, with Influenza. Got off duty. pretty crook."

MONDAY, 20th:

"Sick again, no duty. feeling rotten."

TUESDAY, 21st:

"Still not duty, and still feeling rotten. General Godley inspected the N.Z. and Australian troop to-day, and used a lot of soft soap, and said no doubt in a month's time we would be all fit again, and would be going back to the Peninsula to march into "Constantinople". "Very Encouraging."

WEDNESDAY, 22nd:

"Quiet day, still sick. "No Duties". Got 2 Hospital tents going, to run a hospital of 40 beds."

THURSDAY, 23rd:

"Rotten wind blowing cold as charity. Cookie came from Alexandria, and to-day, and he told us Sandy Malcolm had died of at sea of Diphtheria. Very sorry to hear the news."

FRIDAY, 24th:

"Still on "No Duty". J. Austin went to the hospital with pleurisy."

SATURDAY, 25th:

"Ditto."

SUNDAY, 26th:

"Eagle and I went out to the steership "Swanley", and got some tinned fruit and fish to the value of 25/-. good value."

MONDAY, 27th:

"Massey Orderly Sergeant rousing like mad. This country has dried up very much since we first saw it in April."

TUESDAY, 28th:

"Toby, Eagle, and I went over to Australian Hospital to see J. Austin. Found him all right, also his brother "WINKS", whom I gave 10/- to get films if he goes to Egypt. We also saw Collins, Campbell, and Barnett. We came round the end of lake home, through a village where we had tea "My God," it was a crude affair. Three fried eggs each, and biscuits. The eggs had a rotten taste so did the shop, and everything connected with it."

WEDNESDAY, 29th:

"On G.M's fatigue to-day. Had three trips to the beach for stores and wood."

THURSDAY, 30th:

"On water fatigue. Did three trips with two dixies each time. Fairly heavy fatigue. Saw J. Miller, and C. Bruce at night. Had a long yarn with them. The 6th Reinforcements arrived, infantry."

FRIDAY, 1st OCTOBER:

"Quiet day on stretcher squad."

SATURDAY, 2nd:

"On qtm. fatigue. Some heavy work. Saw Jim Mackie at A.S.C. Dept. Pleased to see him. Jock Miller and I went over to see him at night, but he had gone out. We went to a concert held by N.Z."

SUNDAY, 3rd:

"On water fatigue, about 1300 Mounted troops arrived to-day. J. Miller and I went over at night to see if we knew any, saw Davy McLelland."

MONDAY, 4th:

"One G.M's fatigue. Had a stroll round with J. Miller, and at night we went over to the Mounted lines, saw a chap Marshall from Mount Mistake Waipahia."

TUESDAY, 5th:

"On no fatigues to-day as yet, but Major Holmes was orderly Officer, so we had to gather stones, and sundry other things. Lofty and Ellis came back to us."

WEDNESDAY, 6th:

"Infantry and Mounted, are having inspection by Godley. J. Austin came back. I am On Q.M. fatigue."

THURSDAY, 7th:

"On water fatigue. Called up as a Witness for F. Eagle, who was up ~~for~~ before the Colonel for bathing before women. The case was dismissed. The charge being laid by an M.P., who told ridiculous lies about Eagle. I saw Jock Miller again, who paraxded sick this morning. I gave him a tin of milk"

FRIDAY, 8th:

"On Q.M's fatigue, otherwise, nothing serious happening."

SATURDAY, 9th:

"We were inoculated to-day. (Anti-typhoid) Arm pretty sore at night."

SUNDAY, 10th:

"Pretty crook to-day, from effects of inoculation. On Q.M. fatigue."

MONDAY, 11th:

"On water fatigue, arm still pretty sore. The rest of the Company were inoculated."

TUESDAY, 12th:

"No fatigue yet to-day. Easy days for the first time."

WEDNESDAY, 13th:

"On Q.M's fatigue. We got an N.S. Mail to-day."

THURSDAY, 14th:

"On water fatigue. Jock Miller called along this afternoon."

FRIDAY, 15th:

"Not much doing to-day as yet. Had a stroll round "Capri" village. Took a photo of some ~~what~~ Greek Women. Had a look at one of the Greek windmills, and saw it grinding corn, wheat and barley."

SATURDAY, 16th:

"On Q.M's fatigue. Jock Miller came up at night, and Tom Mackay. Then we went over to a concert at the Mounted Brigade lines, . We left half way through."

SUNDAY, 17th:

"Church Parade in the morning. Hung round in the afternoon."

MONDAY, 18th:

"On water fatigue. Dodged one trip. Got an issue of stout and beer to-night. One small bottle per man. played a cricket match with the 4th Australians, and got beaten. 70 to 120."

TUESDAY, 19th:

"No fatigues to-day. We were inoculated to-day. Second time for typhoid."

WEDNESDAY, 20th:

"On Q.M fatigue. Started physical drill this morning. 7 to 7.30.a.m. Tried to get out to the storeship, but could not get the natives to take us out. Went to a concert at night given by the 4th Field Ambulance in the Recreation Tent."

THURSDAY, 21st:

"Light day, very cold wind."

FRIDAY, 22nd:

"On water fatigue, got up early, and got one trip in before breakfast. Arm still sore after inoculation. Dirty cold windy day, with showers of rain. Miserable sort of weather."

SATURDAY, 23rd:

"Still cold wind on. No fatigues to-day. Lecture on medical panniers by Captain Connor for one hour."

SUNDAY, 24th:

"Cold wind and rain, dirty day. On Q.M. fatigue."

MONDAY, 25th:

"Better day, no fatigue. Eagle and I went out to storeship "Kairngowan", and got some stores, but not what we wanted. The Greek native took us to the wrong ship."

TUESDAY, 26th:

"On biying fatigue, went to a football match in the afternoon."

WEDNESDAY, 27th:

"First Australian moved out to-day. On Q.M's fatigue."

THURSDAY, 28th:

"Reinforcements and Malinger^{er}s arrived from Alexandria, but we only got 10 of them. The rest go to the Mounted Ambulance."

FRIDAY, 29th:

"On water fatigue. The Company went for a route march."

SATURDAY, 30th:

"Kit inspection, and an hour's company drill in the morning. Went to a football match in the afternoon."

SUNDAY, 1st:

"Church Parade, with Infantry Brigade. We got a parcel mail to-day." The "Mansatania" (Hospital Ship) arrived from England."

MONDAY, 1st NOVEMBER:

"On water fatigue. Went to football match this afternoon. Ambulance V Wellington. Ambulance won 15 to 13."
