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them
to are
of my
where
I
Invent.

Ray.

This really starts on Vit.
20th. when we left on
Sealong. Apparently I
didn't have a 1914 diary.

The notes on the bottom
half of these sheets are
the continuation of my
days at Linnos when I
went to Hospital.

Then turn to front.

From Dec. 31, 1914 ~~YAHUTAS~~ To Dec. 31, 1915.

1 1 FRIDAY 364

New Year's Day—Commonwealth Day

*Beautiful day.**Received our tin of chocolates from The Australian War Contingent, London, also box of cigarettes.**Looked horses along a road towards Baiers, when Horie Evans knocked a donkey over. Got into a mob of camels & had some punning with the horses.*

2

2 SATURDAY

363

Led horses in the afternoon.
On guard at night.

3 3 SUNDAY—2nd after Christmas 362

On leave to Cairo.
Went to zoo & got a good
snap of Guinaffes.
Went to Villa Nazionale
to tea & to church after.
Arrived home at 11 p. m.

Went for an all-day march
past pyramids.

Arrived home at 4 p. m.
& received letters from B. & Ida
& Dick, also Mr. Geo. Wright.

Went for an all-day
march past pyramids &
left guns out there all
night.

6 6 WEDNESDAY—Epiphany 359

Out past pyramids again
to the manouevring
ground.
Very windy, sand storm.

7 7 THURSDAY 358

Out on desert again.
Another sand storm &
chocked full of it.

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8 FRIDAY

357

Out on desert again.
brought guns in.

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9 SATURDAY

356

Cleaned guns & harness
which were very dirty.

10 10 SUNDAY - 1st after Epiphany 355

Went to Cairo on leave
 & went to church after
 tea.

Dolly down with cholera,
 fairly ~~bad~~ bad.

11

11 MONDAY

364

All day past Pyramids,
 left guns there.

to parket
 It happened on
 manoeuvre ground

12

12 TUESDAY

353

6th past Pyramids
again.

13

13 WEDNESDAY

352

Ray B. burned badly
by a box of matches
catching a light in
his pocket.
It happened on
manoeuvre ground.

14

14 THURSDAY

351

Out again all day.
 Ray in bed, still
 as pretty bad.

15

15 FRIDAY

350

Out again, brought
 guns in.

Ray still in bed,
 as very painful.

cleaned guns & harness.

A brigade night alarm ^{10 a.m.}
our battery first out.
Took 20 min.

chuck parade in
morning.

On leave to Cairo.
Went to Helio^{top}polis, &
saw some lovely buildings.
Visited A. J. Camp.
Ray still in bed,
leg very painful.

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18

18 MONDAY

347

Out on manoeuvre
ground again.

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19

19 TUESDAY

348

Out on parade ground
Arrived home to find
a foal in the lines.

Out all day again.
Day still in bed.

Full dress parade
inspection by Col.
Rosenthal.

Shell firing, our
battery topped the
pole.
Got the first shot
out in 50 sec.
The Major complimented
by the leads.

Cleaning guns &
harness.

JANUARY

1st Month 1915

24 24 SUNDAY—3rd after Epiphany 341

church parade.

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JANUARY

25 25 MONDAY 340

but again all day

26 26 TUESDAY—Foundation Day 339

In evening some
of the battery with
the 8th Regt. to go
out past pyramids
to dig gun pits.

27

27 WEDNESDAY

338

Our gun pits adopted
for the whole division.

Got our new Zeiss
Range - taken I had
a day in camp with
Mr. Morgan. I went
through it.

Went out on manoeuvre
ground again. The
battery staff filled
in gun pit.

Inspection of houses
& lines by Cpl. Hobbs.
Nummie died with
cholera.

While standing at
attention for about
20 min. I felt
faint & had to
sit down.

Stayed in camp all
day. Very hot.
Went to Mena House
to see Sisters Freeman
Deaken & Mr. Gillock,
with Alan Brown &
Jack Knight.

Went for an all day
route march along
a road towards Cairo, then
turned to the left &
went round through
native villages & back
to camp.

Very interesting but
fearfully dirty in
the villages, cows, goats
& donkeys etc. being part
of the family.

In bed with the Inf.
the battery down towards
the second pyramids
for the night digging
gun pits.

In bed with Inf.
battery return from
digging gun pits.

Received letters from
Mother, Guin & Leila,
also telegram, sent
on Dec. 28th.

Jogging about again,
almost recovered.

Went out to dig gun
pits & bivouacked
all night.

~~But~~
Did not turn out
on account of flu,
but did some
range-taking with
Col. Rosenthal.

Returned from bivouac
about 10 a.m.

The whole division of
Artillery had photo-
taker near the camp.

Went to Abbasieh
with Jack Knight &
hunted up Alf, who
was looking well
& fat.

Battery stayed in camp
while 2nd Brigade did
shell practise.

Our Brigade went out
I did our second shoot
(Indirect).

I used the new Range-
finder & got one range
exact & second 50 yds
off.

Bty. again top the
pole. Majan gives a
lecture on the shoot
which consisted of
two series, taken by
Mr. Cusick & Mr. Ellis.

Pay-day. Half holiday
in afternoon

The reinforcements
arrived from Russia
& I went into the
City.

Got word that our
battery, which is now
called the "Collapsing Fifth"
had topped the whole
division.

Vaccinated on account
of small-pox which
has broken out.

Seven men from B.A.S.
 #1 taken for the
 strength of the City.

Church parade

Went on leave with
 Alf, Bob & Eric & Rod
 at look round Cairns.

Went out to range
 & prepared for night
 fire.

Bty. moved off at 7 p.m.
 opened fire at midnight,
 fired six shots with A.
 section, getting 45 hits.

Then went ~~1 1/2 miles~~ ~~trained~~
 picketed horses. Came
 back again to range
 & dug gun pits ~~with~~
 from 2 o'clock till 7 a.m.

Came back from gun
 pits at 7 a.m. fed horses,
 had breakfast & went
 & put guns in pits. &
 opened fire again
 about 10 a.m.

Did excellently &
 9th. Bty. was complimented
 by the heads.

Arrived in camp
 about 3 p.m.

48 17 WEDNESDAY—Ash Wednesday 317

Ray & self went
to Dr. Shokke to have
teeth attended.
Spent the day in
town & came home
"feeling loose".

49

18 THURSDAY

316

Stayed in camp all
day.
Leave granted
from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Battery stayed in all day except a party who went out & filled in gun pits, including Alf.

Went out all day with the Major along through the villages, & pretended to take Cairns. Arrived home about 8 p.m. after a great day.

break parade in morning.

Went through the Citadel & Mosques with Alf in the afternoon & to church in the evening, met Ray & Jimmy Bayly there.

Ray on duty again
I came out with
battery to manoeuvre
ground.

Battery rode out
 singly mounted to see
 the 2nd. Brigade shoot.
 Day & self took
 rangefinder up on hill
 close by & practised.

Went out with Dly
 & practised taking
 ranges with battery,
 came in early owing
 to pay day.
 Seven horses sent out
 & " new ones brought
 in from Abbassieh.

Started painting
guns & waggons. red,
yellow, & blue so as
to be hand to
distinguish

The B. C. & A staffs, with
Col's Hobbs & Rosenthal
went through villages
towards Cairo &
arrived home at
1 a.m. Saturday morning
Ray & I came on
ahead to get a cup
of tea ready. Had a
great day.

Ray, Alf, Bob & I self went
to the museum in afternoon
& then to the skating rink
in the evening.

Ray, Alf & myself did
our first skate which
caused much fun both
to the crowd & ourselves.

~~St~~ brunch parade 9-15 am.
Stayed in camp &
wrote letters home
to others.

1.

Laid good-bye to
the Tassy infantry
who left & found good
with the 9th & 10th &
11th Battalions.

Stayed in camp
clearing up etc.

Born Higgins caught
by the town guard
but the case was
dismissed in his favour.

Left section went
out to the range &
Mr. Morgan & did his
shoot & did excellently.

Bty. staff presented
Mr. M. with a Fountain
pen on account of his
becoming of age.

A terrible crowd
following behind,
howling & crying
with the widows
her hands & nails, dark
dark colour & bath
up in the air.
The man's cap, with a
chain, & racket & pump
hung on the coffin.

Stayed in camp all day, clearing up.

Led horses in the morning. Went to Heliopolis with Alf & Ray, saw round about & then went to Luna Park. Had a great time on Scenic Railway, chute & lighthouse etc.

Saw a native funeral in afternoon.

A terrible crowd following behind, howling & crying with the widow with her hands & nails dyed dark colour & held up in the air.

The mans cap, watch & chain, & necktie & purse hung on the coffin

Stg.

Went out with the whole of the division & joined in a tactical scheme.

Went along the road towards Baird for about 1 1/2 m. about turned & went up round the pyramids, left the guns there all night & arrived home 9 p.m.

Alf & b. beams came in to our tent to live, which now makes 10 in all.

Very slack day & terribly hot.

Had now with Det. 6 re shower baths.

Alf had words with Corporal.

cleaned up in the morning.

Went to the sphinx, sphinx temple, up pyramid & inside pyramid with Alf & Ray.

Had a race to sphinx or donkeys to the sphinx & I won, Ray being second.

Ray came back on camels.

We went to the top of the Pyramids at sunset, General Birdwood & Staff were there.

Led horses in morning cleaning harness in afternoon. Started bivouacing outside tent.

exercising horses
in the morning.

clothing much in
afternoon, as it was
very hot & flies are
getting very
troublesome.

Stayed in and held
horses for the shoeing
smiths.

Very hot day, went
I had a shower with
Ray & Alf & then went
to Pathe's pictures.
(on the ground)

Ray day

Went to Heliapolis
Luna Park with Ray,
Alf, W. Scott & C. Beaches.

Had ~~an~~ great day...
on water & chute etc.
only hurt my hand
on the spinning table
in the morning.

Went out with led
horses with Sgt. Bidmore
through villages & palms.
Blowing a terrible
gale & very hot.

Got home letters again.
Led horses etc. for
battery in the morning
& cutting mares in the
afternoon.

General inspection
of lines by Colonel
Hobbs 10.15 a.m.
Writing letters in
afternoon & evening

Rode up to the Sphinx
with staff & had our
photos taken.

Wrote letters in
afternoon.

An old schoolmate
of Ray's & mine came
to see us.

His name is Fred
Nicholson.

MARCH

3rd Month 1915

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15 MONDAY

291

Painting the Majors
shield & also
Telephonists screens.

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MARCH

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16 TUESDAY

290

~~Hand~~ Bty. went
out on desert
with the whole
Brigade A did
Brigade drill.

Brigade drill
firing party
Majors & subalterns
(after 8th Bty).

The firing party
consisted of 100.

76 17 WEDNESDAY—St. Patrick 289

All the Brigade went out & tried taking the guns up the hill by the Pyramid & it proved very successful. Then they were lowered down again in very good time.

77 18 THURSDAY

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The whole 1st Brigade brought the guns & wagons over a pontoon bridge made by the engineers, & it stood very well, & in the afternoon a firing party ^{of 200} & all officers, went to Major Baubert's funeral (of the 8th Bty).

The firing party consisted of 200.

Whole division were
out trying a tactical
scheme.

Coming home Mr. Morgan,
Boyle, Backlund & self went
to the Sphinx to see
about some photos.

Weekly inspection by
Col. Hobbs the
divisional commander.

Had church parade
8 a.m.

Had leave from 10 a.m.
& Alf, Ray, & self went
down the line about
16 miles to the Barage
at the fork of the
Nile, where a big
irrigation dam is.

Met an English
woman Mrs. Williams
in the gardens there,
& had lunch with
her.

The first English
woman we had had
a talk to since
we left home.

Jack Knight went gone
to the hospital with
dysentery, & H. Irwin
with pneumonia.

Swimming horses
in a canal along
the road.

No mounted parade.
In afternoon the Major
gave us a lecture on
bridge construction, which
was very good.

Holiday. Paid at 10.30
a.m.
I was painting all day,
& telephonists screens.

84

25 THURSDAY

281

Annunciation—Lady Day

Did some more training,
out on desert from
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

85

26 FRIDAY

280

Out on desert again
from 8.30 a.m. till 3.30 p.m.
Jack Knight came
out of the hospital.

27 SATURDAY

279

Struck tents and
disinfected them.

hundreds of locusts
all about.

87 28 SUNDAY--Palm Sunday 278

Terribly windy &
dusty. Almost buried
our harness in the
sand.

Church parade 8 a.m.
A march past General
Bindwood,

General Sir Ian Hamilton inspected all the troops, which was a great sight.

Ray had again with Quincy.

All the 3rd Brigade O.C.'s & staffs went out on the desert and did some practice.

Arrived Rome about 3 o'clock.

The approach to the landing. When the infantry came up we attacked Monte Hill which was the enemy.

General Bindwood had a look through the Ranger's binoculars.

I went to the
Dentist & had a
tooth attended to.

In the evening I
went to Motanich
& to see Mrs. Williams
& stayed tea.

First parade 4 a.m.
left camp 5:45 a.m.

Took up a position
out on the desert
at 6:30 a.m. & pretended
to keep the enemy
off whilst infantry
were supposed to be
landing. When the
infantry came up
we attacked Wedge
Hill which was the
enemy.

General Bindwood
had a look through
the Range Finder.

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4th Month 1915

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2 FRIDAY—Good Friday • 273

Took my horse Dolly
 & Mr. Morgan's two up
 to the B. & C. H.
 had them clipped.
 Did some washing &
 sewing.

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3 SATURDAY—Easter Eve 272

General clean up
 & inspection in the
 morning.

In the afternoon
 Ray & I went up on
 to Self Ridge &
 took a photo of
 the camp.

Leading horses in the morning, & cleaning up & packing in afternoon.

(Entering this up in the train about 10 miles from Alexandria)

Terribly windy day.
~~struck~~ camp & got ready to move off to Alexandria at 8 p. m.

Although the day was terrible everyone was in good spirits.

Arrived at Cairo station at 11 p. m.
 Had everything on train by 11.35

Left at 1.30 a. m.
 Tuesday morning.

Arrived at Alexandria
at 7 a.m. & loaded
houses & guns.

Sneaked up town
with Day, Jim B. &
Alf & self. Had a
good meal & got some
films.

Brought on to our
man ration which
consists of off Bully
Beef, hard biscuits,
cheese & tea & jam.

Troopship #17
Atlantean.

Loading chaff etc all
day.

Left Alexandria
in at 1.30 p. m.

Cleaning out horses
in morning & carrying
shell in afternoon.

Sleeping in one of
the Postoons which
makes an excellent
bed

Passed Rhodes Is
in the evening.

On Siquet I had
supper from one
of the stokers.

APRIL

4th Month 1915

100

10 SATURDAY

265

Reached Lemnos
at 3.30 p.m. & anchored
at 5-30 p.m.

Hunted out of the
Pontons.

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101 11 SUNDAY—1st after Easter 264

The Major took
church parade in
the morning.

cleaning harness
in the evening
afternoon.

Transports still
arriving in the
harbour.
The Queen Elizabeth
is lying at the head
of the bay.

Heavy rain &
wind squalls all
day.

Received pay in advance \$3.

In the afternoon four boats were lowered as we rowed ashore.

Twenty in a boat.

Only allowed about $\frac{1}{2}$ an hour ashore but saw round a good bit in the time.

Had a look through a village which was very clean & interesting.

Exercising & cleaning horses.

One of the Caval Henophanes had a fly wound & also a war balloon which is carried on a specially prepared boat.

Two submarines went round the bay.

106

16 FRIDAY

269

One of the Pontons
were lowered into
the water & guns
& houses were lowered
for practise which
was very successful.

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17 SATURDAY

268

Two teams of guns
were lowered into
the pontons & taken
ashore.

No difficulty
whatever was exper-
ienced.

108 18 SUNDAY—2nd after Easter 257

Church parade.
Still at Lemnos.

Got one letter from
Denis Whiskaw.

Got news that our
troops had scored
a victory in the
Persian Gulf.

109

19 MONDAY

256

Docked over to A 18
with Mr. Morgan &
Mr. Ellis, Tennydy
Chambers, V. Leary
& Les Ainsworth.

Got some Ouead
cigarettes, condensed
milk & pickles which
were a great luxury.
Have ² ~~2~~ during the
night & 4 of our
pontoons, which were
tied behind the
boat broke away, &
were washed ashore,
no damage done.

Nothing special.

Examining harness
& exercising horses.

Got 16 letters & 3 papers,
the first for five
weeks.

Raining & blowing
all day, much
cooler than usual.

General work.

Writing letters etc.

Exercising horses
etc.

Buying bread off
our boots at 1/- loaf.
3 $\frac{1}{2}$ in Tassy.

Great place for nets.

General work.

Some of the boats
moved off.

Left Lemnos at
6 a.m. went out
& cruised up &
down coast of
island till night.

April 25th Cont.

By Mr. Cairns, telling
us what confidence he
had in us etc.

At 5 a.m. we found our-
selves at the entrance to the
Dardanelles with the
Warships bombarding the forts.
Dozens of boats were
firing all at once & made
a magnificent sight.

Two villages were blown
to pieces & were on fire.

About 8.30 a boat with
7 wounded in it came
alongside & we were put aboard,
where they remained till
5 p.m. when they were
taken to the Hospital
ship.

About 1.30 p.m. we went
on up the coast & saw
some terrific firing.
In the morning the
Major ~~sent~~^{sent} a message
to us which was read

26 MONDAY 8 p.m.²⁴⁹

Bombardment started again at daybreak. A fierce fighting went on all day while our troops were landing.

We were expecting to go ashore all day but have not done so yet.

I am on guard down to 1 hold.

The Queen Elizabeth ^{about noon} came up our way & gave them a few shells, then went back about 5 p.m. 27th cont.

When we were being shelled all the boats had to be pulled up the anchors & get out farther from shore.

27 TUESDAY 8 p.m.

Roused at 2 a.m. to get ready to go ashore, but it turned out to be a false alarm.

About 5 a.m. we were shelled by big guns; again at 11 by shrapnel & by the big guns again in the afternoon. Some were very close but did not hit us.

Our Major, Mr. Morgan & four telephonists went ashore for an unknown purpose so far, there were some shrapnel bursting round them on landing.

2nd cont.
A shell landed on a trawler
by our landing party down here.

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28 WEDNESDAY 8 p.m.

Fighting still going on all
round but much quieter
all day.

Three more big shells landed
round us but no damage
was done.

Bob Edwards & Beril
Blahney went ashore
at 7 p.m.

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29 THURSDAY

246

General work
all day.

120

30 FRIDAY

245

At 4 Gun detachments,
Mr. Bishop, Mr. Ellis, St. Eltham
& myself left the Atlantic
at 1.30 for shore.

As soon as we landed
we were marched up
towards the guns, with
bullets & shells firing
over us & around us.

Then we dug our positions
for the night, had tea
& then ~~waited~~ turned
in for the night.

We dug in about 15
or 20 yards from the
firing line & the
fighting was fairly
fierce about midnight.

121 1 SATURDAY 244

5.30 a.m.
We got up at 5.30 a.m. had
biscuits & 6x0. ~~was~~ boiled
in ~~the~~ water, & got
ready to go to the
guns.

I was at No 2 gun
observing for Mr.
Bishop, & our main
targets were infantry
& machine guns.

Digging in till
12 o'clock at night
& opened fire again
at ~~two~~ 2 a.m.

Still with Mr. Bird
observing.

In the afternoon I
had to go to No. 1
gun & take ranges
to some guns.

These guns engaged
us & we had our
first artillery duel,
which was very
exciting for ten
minutes or so.

Digging in till
11.30

During the day we
had three more duels
of about 15 min. each
at the same guns as
yesterday & I think
silenced them at
night about dusk.

We also had a go
at a big gun but
could not get it.

Some shells were
very close but none
of us were hit.

seen on 14th
at 1st position
1st 100

At 6 a.m. a landing party tried to get ashore on Itaba Tapa Pt. but were driven back.

The 4 three destroyers were engaging the enemy who had machine guns. They were so well dug in that we did not seem to do any damage to them.

This is a great loss. Had another got at the big gun we engaged yesterday.

At 4 p.m. we were relieved by the 7th Bty.

In the afternoon Bomb Breckard & self with the Pinder went out to the left flank & when we returned found the Major & Col. Rosenthal had been wounded by a shell. They were both badly shaken but not seriously wounded.

Both of them were taken away to the hospital.

MAY

5th Month 1915

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6 THURSDAY

239

Accession King George V.

Capt. Leslie of the
1st Coy was fatally
wounded.

Two other gunners of
the seventh battery
were wounded.

The fighting was
very heavy at times.

A big got inflamed
fire on to us &
did a lot of damage
on the beach.

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MAY

127

7 FRIDAY

238

More damage was
done on the beach
by artillery fire.
Several mules were
killed & wounded,
also a few men.

Capt. Page of the
Tasmanian Engrs.
was shot dead.

Corp. of 1st. Div.
was killed by a shell.

Several of our men were wounded by Shrapnell while attending a wounded man.

Our sergt. Major (Light) was shot through the chest by a sniper while he was at No 3 gun. Artillery fire fairly hot.

We relieved the 7th Bty. at 10 a.m.

Alan Brown came ashore & joined us in our dugout.

Very quiet all morning. Went sand home to C. Ada.

Butchard went out with the 12th Btys to look for gun.

Had pain certainly. Alan Brown & then out his.

Carried some water from beach. Bacon & fried biscuits for breakfast.

MAY

5th Month 1915

130

10 MONDAY

285

barricaded water &
did some washing.

Had tea late,
Bully beef, cheese
jam & biscuits.

Artillery fire fairly
hot.

B & D subs went to 8th Bty
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juno.

131

11 TUESDAY

234

barricaded stores to
eight bty. with four
others.

Went down to beach
for mail, but very
little.

Har B. went to 8th
bty. as telephonist.

Went down to beach
at night & got some
chocolate, milk &
nutmegs from sailors.

Had ~~an~~ an
adventure with mules
while bringing up
stones.

Colonel Panny shot
dead by rifle
bullet.

Very quiet all
day
Got wet through in bed.

Everything wet, but
weather cleared in
the afternoon
Alan D. came back
from 8th Bty
Two infantry men
killed & No 2 gun
put out of action
by artillery fire.
Two 7th Bty. men
wounded.

Biscuits & onions
for breakfast.
Got water with
Keith & boiled
tea for water
bottles.
Macnachie's snation
for tea

Visited Mr. Morgan
& J. Leary out at
the left flank &
got back late.

Infantry man killed
by artillery
fire.

Rice for breakfast.
Boiled water.

Had a swim in
afternoon.

~~Alar Brown~~
Carl Skinner
came to see us.

Bomb. Davies shot
through the foot
by a shrapnell
bullet. (not serious)
but will take a
couple of months.)

B. & D. Subs. came off
guns.

H. Eltham sketching,
Bomb. Brown with
director & myself
with range finder,
preparing a plan
for the Hughes
Battery guns.

Mr. Morgan & V. Leary
came round from
left flank, & came
down to the dug
out.

136 16 SUNDAY - 1st after Ascension 229

Finished the plan
started yesterday
then moved down
to our own guns.
with A. & B. Birds.
C. & D. Subs, under
the. Eltham and standing
by with horses & two
guns waiting for
orders.

Mr. Knisp transferred
to other Coy. &
promoted to Capt.
in place of the late
Capt. Leslie.

A. Eltham left me
& gone with the left
section.

Alan Brown, Alf
H. self together in
a dugout.

22th Saturday
1915 31 Days

141

21 FRIDAY

224

After breakfast went with
Major Pinchum to see
the different guns &
took bearings & angles etc.
Went & got H.E. from
Rowitzgen Bty who was
rejoined the Bty.

In afternoon went
up to night & plan to
the Major & worked out
the observation pit with
him.

Slept with H.E. in old
possi.

Dead tired.
Turkish officer in
again.

MAY

21 ~~St~~ Friday.

6th Month 1915

142

22 SATURDAY

223

Had gun dug in & instrument ready to engage enemy's aeroplane if it came round.

Went round the beach with it in evening.

1915 31 Days

MAY

143

23 SUNDAY - Whit Sunday 222

Albion aground off
~~Albion~~ ~~Life~~ ~~at~~
 She was shelled by
 the enemy but no
 damage done.

Got off by the
 Triumph.

Up with Major at
 obs. pit while he engaged
 enemy.

Worked at pit till
 afternoon when I went
 up to Jopp's gun with
 Major & instrument. He
 engaged a target 8000
 yds. off.

Major decides to have
 obs. pit here & we had
 to move up at night.
 Slept in open trench.

Dead tired.
 Got letters from home.

Whit Monday—Empire Day

Raining early we got
roused out of bed.

Worked at E. B.'s &
our own dugout.

Alf gave us a hand
in afternoon & went
back with him &
had tea at Brighton
Bty.

Triumph sunk in
bay near us.

H. E. & I compiled
range cards for
Hd. Qrs. & B. B.

Rained heavily & God
flooded out.

Worked till late on
dugout.

Finished roofing
dug out.

gunner did good
work on olive
grove.

J. Bailey, H. Irwin,
Dr. Hadfield, Kaulhner,
P. Allen came ashore,
also Lieut. Pybus.
Everything going
on well.

Magestic supply by
submarine at 6 a.m.
Engaged guns in
olive grove.

Went for water &
H. E. made a cup of
cocoa.

MAY

5th Month 1915

148

28 FRIDAY

217

Engaging olive grove
battering several times
It also a bir. howitzer
which put shells all
round our observation
pit, no one being
hurt.

Helped Major on with
lunch pit. afternoon
H. E. used
for water.

Got letter & papers.

Natty Hardcastle
came to look me
up.

1915 31 Days

MAY

149

29 SATURDAY

216

at 3 a.m.
Gurks mined one of
our trenches & made
an attack, but were
repulsed.
Heavy artillery
firing from 4 till
7 a.m.

Ray Holbourn & Stan
Baily came up to see
us.

Lieut. Siddall of 4th
Bty. killed by a
shell.

MAY

5th Month 1915

150 30 SUNDAY—Trinity Sunday 215

June again freshened
up at mid-day &
one of 4th Bty men
killed & two wounded
just near by.
Went down to beach
with Keith at night.

1915 31 Days

MAY

151

31 MONDAY

214

Digging another
observation trench all
day.

Very quiet.

Did a bit of
washing in evening.

Destroyers & an
aeroplane all on
the search for a
submarine.

JUNE

6th Month 1915

152

1 TUESDAY

213

Keith & I dug a new communication trench & filled the old one in.

Went down for a swim in evening with Keith.

1915 30 Days

JUNE

153

2 WEDNESDAY

212

Every thing very quiet all day also very hot.

Went for a swim in evening which was great.

Lieut. Teddy Randall came from Egypt.

Went along beach & filled water bottle with J. Bgby.

Had cocoa for supper.

JUNE

6th Month 1915

154 3 THURSDAY - King's Birthday 211

A defective shell
from No 3 gun
went into our
own infantry,
killing three &
wounding eleven
which was awful
luck for us.
Major very cut
up. Received letter
from E. A.

1915 30 Days

JUNE

155 4 FRIDAY 210

Very heavy
bombardment down
at the point.
Mr. Morgan came
back to battery
& took charge of
No 1 gun.

~~bag of to~~
Fresh meat for
& dinner & tea.

Inf. made an attack
on Quinn's Post. but were
driven back.

JUNE

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1915 30 Days

JUNE

156

5 SATURDAY

209

Bob Edwards & Lee Blake
 they returned to city
 from wireless station.

157 6 SUNDAY - 1st after Trinity 208

A few shots flew
 over our heads &
 into J. Brown's
 cookhouse.

JUNE

6th Month 1915

158 7 MONDAY MAY 3 207

Instructed to shift
to a new station in
11th batt. lines.

H. E. H. I worked at
it till late, but left
in old posy.

1915 30 Days

JUNE

159

8 TUESDAY

206

Continued working at
observation station.

Monitor appeared
for first time.

JUNE

6th Month 1915

160

9 WEDNESDAY

205

Had meals at hotel
at new passy for
first time.
Artillery duel in
afternoon.

Mr. Morgan sent back
to Alexandria to
enable Capt. Lee to
come.

1915 30 Days

JUNE

161

10 THURSDAY

204

Rather windy &
unsettled.

Everything fairly quiet.

Heavy rifle fire
in morning.

Fired at camel
train in evening &
got some.

Lun ridge battery opened
fire at 6 a.m. Again
at 11 a.m. We engaged
it both times & it ceased
firing.

164 13 SUNDAY—2nd after Trinity 201

Up at station at 6 a.m. while two warships were bombarding the Turkish trenches out in front of us.

Went down for a can of water after breakfast & had a shave. Straightened up the posy.

Roast beef, potatoes & bread for dinner. The first bread since we left Egypt.

Everything very quiet.

Our aeroplane dropped 3 bombs on the Turkish trenches & also fired a machine gun on them.

165

14 MONDAY

200

Fired 87 rounds during the day.

Shell fire from Gun Ridge pretty lively.

A gun opened fire from Kaba Tefe but we soon silenced it.

Nothing of note.

Weather still
beautiful but flies
getting troublesome.

Artillery fire very
heavy for a while
in afternoon.
Gun Ridge City
firing five gun
batteries at our
trenches.

Fairly quiet except
for Blue Grove bty &
Kaba Lefe gun opening.
Gun stenoplane dropped
two bombs on Kaba
Lefe in evening.
Neuralgia in the face.

Lun ridge battery opened
fire at 6 a.m. but it ceased
as soon as we fired 10
rounds at it.

At 7.20 a.m. two companies
of infantry were observed
in rear of Blue Grove
moving N.E.

We engaged them with
884 guns & cut them
up pretty badly.

I have an attack
of Neuralgia.

Went down to Dr.
Had my face lanced
& got an opium pill
which relieved it
very much.

JUNE

6th Month 1915

170

19 SATURDAY

195

Went down to the
Dr. again & had
my face lanced
again. Much better.

Everything fairly
quiet except for
a bit of shelling.

1915 30 Days

JUNE

171 20 SUNDAY—3rd after Trinity 194

Nothing special except
for occasional shelling.
The infantry had a
bit of a flutter about
10 p.m.

Went for a swim
after tea with Phil
McDonald & Jim Bayly.
These much better.

172 21 MONDAY 193

Received 3 letters from Mother, one from Emma, one from Lella, one from Mary, and from B. Ella & one from Eileen & which made a great difference to us all.

Went down for a swim with D.H.A. some more of A. SUB. in the afternoon, the water was beautiful.

Big bombardment down South & we hear the French are advancing.

Thinks quiet except for occasional shelling. Peace almost night again.

173 22 TUESDAY - Coronation Day 192

In morning a team of four from the gas. included Leo Challey, Harry Purvis, Harry of Alderbury & were challenged by a team of four from the gas. gun to swim them.

The race caused great excitement & we won fairly easily.

Waited at pump from 8 pm till 11 p.m. to get a can of water.

Writing letters in spare time.

Trained at new road in rear of Olive Grove in afternoon.

In evening fired at a party of ^{se}boymen as they were cut up. (Near Newdunbar Road)

Then we fired at a party of ^{se}boymen near Olive Grove left section.

~~Keith~~ Keith & I had an interview with Major about English Army Commission.

Lin Ridge Bty started firing & we engaged them at 6.30 a.m.

Swim at night.

Turns on hill 600 started firing at an ~~warship~~ ^{warship}, these only started firing for the first time.

JUNE

6th Month 1915

176

25 FRIDAY

189

Pretty quiet all day
except for occasional
rain fire.

Swim at night.

Received letters from
Mother, C. Dada,
Sandra & Belle.
Lily.

Next I saw Alf in
the afternoon.

1915 30 Days

JUNE

177

26 SATURDAY

188

Still very quiet.
Writing letters for
mail at night.

178 27 SUNDAY—4th after Trinity 187

Everything fairly quiet.
 Snowy Drwin & I challenged
 Len Holloy & Phil Medhurst
 for the bread stroke
 championship, but were
 defeated by a length.

179

28 MONDAY

186

Bombarding very heavily
 down at the point, &
 in afternoon we started
 here. Things were
 very warm all the
 afternoon but
 quietened down in
 the evening.
 Shells fell all around
 the station at 3 & 4
 guns, but not one
 was hurt.

Over 400 rounds were
 fired from the 4
 guns.

Business fairly
quiet

Major unwell.

Had a dip in
evening.

At 7.30 a.m. an
aeroplane came &
observed for us as
we fired 2 series of
the Blive Grove guns.
Another pneumatic
in the afternoon. We
have hardly scarcely
fired since.
Thunderstorm
in evening.

Blue Grove gun opened
fire at 5 a.m. &
again at 7 p.m.
but we did not
engage it.

Dip in the evening.

Len Lovett shot
through the stomach
with a stray
bullet.

JULY

7th Month 1915

1915 31 Days

JULY

184

3 SATURDAY

181

185 4 SUNDAY—5th after Trinity 180

Pretty lively first thing
Sun fine from all
directions.

A big howitzer was
sending some 8 in-
shell over, & also
a big gun from
Kontak was sending
11 in. It is a very
uncanny feeling
to hear these
coming.

Marie Evans returned
from Lemnos.

Building another
station close by the
present one, & after
digging all day we
came to a hole, so had
to abandon that one,
& start another close
by.

Everything pretty
quiet all day.
Went for a swim
at 9 p.m.

Sun fine a bit
hot & wind here at
times.

JULY

7th Month 1915

188

7 WEDNESDAY

177

Working at new station with Keith. The best part of the day.

Went for some water & had a swim at 3 p.m.

The Major was hit by a shrapnell bullet in the hip tunic button but as it came at an angle luckily it flew off.

Edgar Evans went to hospital with dysentery. A few French 75's flying round.

1915 31 Days

JULY

189

8 THURSDAY

176

Up at the station at 4-30 a.m. thought there was something doing but nothing happened.

JULY

7th Month 1915

190

9 FRIDAY

175

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JULY

191 10 SATURDAY 174

JULY

7th Month 1915

1915 31 Days

JULY

192 11 SUNDAY - 6th after Trinity 173

193

12 MONDAY

172

JULY

7th Month 1915

194

13 TUESDAY

171

Working at new station with Keith. About 5 p.m. Keith was hit on the bottom lip by a shrapnell bullet. It cut his lip pretty badly & knocked two teeth out. He was sent to the hospital.

1915 31 Days

JULY

195

14 WEDNESDAY

170

Keith left for Alexandria by hospital ship. Stan McKenzie, as Morgan & Edney. Moore came up. I had lunch with me.

JULY

7th Month 1915

196

15 THURSDAY

169

Deepening trench
into new station
but it was very
warm.

I was detailed from
old quarters to make
one of the party
to go to Imbus for
a few days rest.

1915 31 Days

JULY

197

16 FRIDAY

168

Finishing off new
station before
going on a few days
rest to Imbus.

Went down to No 2
gun & slept with
Mr. Ellis ready
for the morning.

JULY

7th Month 1915

198

17 SATURDAY

167

Went up at 2 a.m. I went
down to beach, left
for Imbros at 4.30 a.m.
but did not arrive
at Imbros till 9.30 a.m.
After we were allotted
a tent we had breakfast.
Had a swim in afternoon.
Then went to saw Sgt.
Russek & got some hot
bread. After tea
Sgt. Russek came up
with some bun loaves,
talked till about
midnight & then decided
to stay with us till
morning.

Re. party were
Lieut. Ellis, Sgt. Morley,
Bomb Harris, Wheeler, Peter,
Summers, Guinn, Hana,
Evans & self.

1915 31 Days

JULY

199 18 SUNDAY 7th after Trinity 166

Had a swim in the
morning & in the
afternoon 4 of the
others went over to
a banteen boat to
get some things, &
while they were
away. When Peter
& I had to do an
outlying guard,
but we did not
do one shift.

200

19 MONDAY

165

Peter & I loafing
about at guard tent
all day. Relieved
at 6 p. m. Had tea
& went for a swim.

201

20 TUESDAY

164

on water fatigue
& for about an hour
swimming nearly
all day.
Neuralgia off for

202

21 WEDNESDAY

162

Swim in morning
 & late in afternoon
 Got stores to take
 back to Angac.
 At 8 p. m. we got
 orders to be ready
 to move off at
 11 p. m. we picked
 up our kit & went
 down to a tug &
 left for Angac at
 12 o'clock.
 Lootache very bad.

203

22 THURSDAY

162

Arrived in Angac
 at 4 a. m. just daylight.
 Lumped our things
 home & when
 I arrived I found
 Ray B. & Jack & in
 our posy. They
 were very happy
 & pleased to be with
 us.

I am transferred
 to St. Sub. gun detachment
 & am in posy with
 Alf & Bomb. Scott.

Lootache again at
 night.

Received first parcel
 from home

JULY

7th Month 1915

204

23 FRIDAY

161

Went to dentist &
 had teeth attended
 to.
 Received letters
 from home & C. Ada
 with birthday
 greetings.

1915 31 Days

JULY

205

24 SATURDAY

160

Went & had tea with
 L. McHenry & Leo
 Hargrett.
 Fairly quiet all
 day.

JULY

7th Month 1915

206 25 SUNDAY 8th after Trinity 159

Nothing much doing
except an occasional
go with Gun Lodge
to Pine Grove.
My first go with
the gun detachment
on No 2. seat.

1915 31 Days

JULY

207

26 MONDAY

158

Down again to
see dentist about my
teeth.

Went to had supper
with S. Mc. H. & G. Carter
after a swim.

The focus of my 21st birthday, everything in the best of condition.

Went down for a swim in the evening & had supper with S. M. H. & H. East.

A spherical shell about 12 in. diameter landed just near us but did not burst, & we rescued it.

Twenty one to day, (Got the key of the door) in excellent health.

Stan McKays brought some groceries up & we lived very high.

Fired 3 rounds at eleven two at 26 at Nine Glass about 10 a.m. My ear a bit sore.

Took a snap of some Turkish shells we collected.

Two 8 in shells burst 20 yds from the gun while we were in action, & we got plenty of dirt.

Cambridge sausages
for dinner which
were delightful.

Early quiet.

Down to beach for
water in afternoon.

Fired a few rounds
at Gun Ridge & Olive
Grone.

Fairly quiet but at night the 11th & 12th Btts took a Turkish trench & we opened fire about 11 p.m.

We were fired on by alive Grove & Sun Ridge guns. I had one of the warmest drinks we have yet had.

Capt. Lee was shot through the nose & hand by a sharpnell bullet.

Nine Glass batteries opened fire at 4 a.m. & fire was again heavy.

We fired off over 100 rounds from our gun before breakfast.

Womb. Higgins of No 4 gun was shot through the stomach by a sharpnell bullet about 4.30 a.m.

Down to beach for water in afternoon.

214 ~~214~~ 2 MONDAY ~~MUR~~ 151
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Did a bit of visiting in the morning while off duty, & had a general look round. Fairly quiet except at 5 a.m. we were roused by the 8.5 inch landing round us & matters were a bit uncomfortable for a while.

215

3 TUESDAY

150

Up at 4 a.m. on guard, but affairs were very quiet so I made a cup of cocoa for Mr. Pybus & myself.

Our howitzers did a good lot of bombarding on the Turkish trenches again about 5.30 a.m. the 8.5 visited us & got very near the guns.

Lined a few rounds
at Mines Glass but
otherwise very quiet.
Occasional rifle
flutters during the
night if lights were
being thrown.

Not much firing
lost by our gun but
1 & 2 did a good bit
at blue shore guns

Went down & had
tea with Stan Maiberg
& Les Honeysett.

Turks attacked on the night flank ~~at~~ rifle & shell fire was very lively from 4.30 to 8 a.m.

We fired 170 rounds before breakfast, & we also got a shell through the shield. Bob Edwards' pony was cut to atoms; luckily he was not in it, but Roy Peters was in it & was sleeping on the night side, just missing it.

Big bombardment at 6.00 a.m. early in the afternoon, & about 4-30 we had a big bombardment & general attack here. We were firing at sun fire all

Off firing at daybreak & found that another division was landing at Annakata & advancing up on our left flank.

At 10 a.m. we heard the German Laubs had been brought down ^{at last} & everything was going very well.

Mr. Evans of our gun shot by shrapnell through the hand.

Mr. Henderson brought up to take Mr. Evans' place.

220 8 SUNDAY--10th after Trinity 145

Shining again at 5 a.m.
fighting ~~also~~ very
lively all day.

The big 8.5 in was
trying to get us again.
It came mighty close.
He got an 8th Bty
gun & killed one man.

We were firing.
High explosion at a
gun on Jun Ridge W
the 7th Bty. reported
that we got a direct
hit on it.

221

9 MONDAY

144

Rifle fire very heavy at 4 a.m.
~~Firing again~~ but a
gun fire started shortly
after it was very heavy.
We were engaging
sweeping Mine Glass
Ridge.

The remainder of the gunnery
(about 6) arrived from
Cacandria & one with
the ammunition
column.

Gradually slackening
as we got down for
a swim. At night
Jack McInerney came
on to our guns.

Chie Grove gave us
a lively time, & just
after we got it easy
& got under cover,
we got in our passy
& a low burst came
all over it, smashing
two water bottles, two
pns. leggings, through
a bunch of papers,
& through our overcoat
& my tunic.
No damage was done,
but gave us a surprise.

224

12 THURSDAY

141

Fairly quiet again.
A few Austrian bombs
fell pretty close.

Went for a swim at night
then had a look at
Star M. George & got
some sugar & salt from
him.

225

13 FRIDAY

140

Fairly quiet again,
except occasional
shelling.

Went over & had
a look at Ray & the
rest at H.D. P.O. in
the morning.

AUGUST

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226

14 SATURDAY

139

Everything very quiet all day.

Had to go down to H.D. bus. with three others to get some gift milk.

Had a swim at night.

Boxer Blair came onto our gun.

1915 31 Days

AUGUST

227 15 SUNDAY - 11th after Trinity 138

Down for water in the morning.

Got letters from Keith Eltham from Malta & Larry Lowley from Polygon camp. Also the song of bouquiers of June 10th. & 17th.

Made some butters & rice & raisins which were very nice.

AUGUST

8th Month 1915

228

16 MONDAY

137

Fairly quiet except occasional firing at Mine Glass & above Snow guns.

Swim at night & went for a stroll along to the hospital.

Len Lovett returned after a wonderful recovery.

1915 31 Days

AUGUST

229

17 TUESDAY

136

Very quiet all day.
Fired about 12 shots at the twin trenches.
Stan McRenzie came up to tea & we had custard & rice.

Wrote to the girls & Guy.

AUGUST

8th Month 1915

230

18 WEDNESDAY

135

Very quiet all day.

Wrote to H. E. in Malta
I went & saw Mr. Pybus.

1915 31 Days

AUGUST

231

19 THURSDAY

134

Nothing doing all day,
but had three rounds
gunfire on to Halosape
at 10 p. m. The phone line
was broken & caused some delay.
Up at 4 a. m. on guard
I wrote these letters.

AUGUST

8th Month 1915

232

20 FRIDAY

133

21st Birthday

Received the parcel
from home, which
was very welcome

1915 31 Days

AUGUST

233

21 SATURDAY

132

Leaving at the train
trenched in afternoon
A blue dove 15 pr.
tried to get us.

Bombardment attack
on the left in
afternoon.

AUGUST

8th Month 1915

234 22 SUNDAY—12th after Trinity 131

in guard from 2-15 a.m.
till 4 a.m.

Went to Holy Communion
with Bob Edwards at 10 a.m.
in 90 Battalion lines.

only fired one round at
Lunenburg all day.

The Olive Grove 4:2 gun
tried to get us & came
very close, Bob Woods &
Boxer Blair getting some
splinters & a shell went
right into Mr. Glendenings
possy & never hit him.

1915 31 Days

AUGUST

235

23 MONDAY

130

Never fired all day.
The weather much cooler
but the flies something
damnable.

236

24 TUESDAY

129

Again never fired,
everything very quiet.
Sergeant Chelengie
transferred to 7th Bty.

Making ammunition pit
waterproof.

Weather cool & windy.

Mail from Lassy,
great rejoicing.

237

25 WEDNESDAY

128

Trained at some Infantry
marching along Mados
road at a range of
6100. Good effect.

AUGUST

8th Month 1915

238

26 THURSDAY

127

Fired at Lava Ridge
about doz. rounds. He
came fairly close
to us.

1915 31 Days

AUGUST

239

27 FRIDAY

126

Got some stories
from the barten ship.
Again never fired.
Very lively on the
aft plank I heard firing
all night.
Got letters away.

AUGUST

8th Month 1915

240

28 SATURDAY

125

Still quiet here, not
feeling too clever.

Salmon for dinner.

Curry & rice for
tea.

1915 31 Days

AUGUST

241 29 SUNDAY—13th after Trinity 124

Still very quiet. Fired
a few shots at Howitzers
& a mah
Cambridge sausages
for dinner, delicious.
Went to church at night
with W. Scott, Ray, Jim B.
& some others.

AUGUST

8th Month 1915

242

30 MONDAY

123

Very quiet except for
a little artillery.

There were engaging
Howitzer attacks.

1915 31 Days

AUGUST

243

31 TUESDAY

122

Met Eric Leabrook
for the first time since
leaving home.

~~Food~~ never fired all
day.

The infantry had a
demonstration for a
few minutes about
9 p. m.

Killed a few wounds
 at Gun Bridge.
 Had the luck to get
 a fresh water wash
 bath out of 1/2 of a
 tin of water.

In the afternoon we
 did some firing at the
 blue line 4.20 pm
 opened on us, getting
 right through into
 the 4 ammunition shed
 it flying with 5 men
 including officer & sergeant.
 Gunner & 2 others
 were wounded the other
 badly shaken.

The most marvellous
 thing was it did not
 explode the ammunition
 although fuses were bent.

If this had happened
 it would have been
 good-bye 5 men.

While firing in the afternoon
Blue Grove 4.2 again came
at us, & got all round
us.

A low burst over No 4
resulted in a poor infantry
man who was passing
with an important message
being killed & Lt. Bowers
slightly wounded.

Engaged Hamah Howitzer
at Sun Ridge.

Fairly quiet otherwise.
Alan Pitt & Jack Elliott
came to No 4.

248 5 SUNDAY 14th after Trinity 117

Very new fresh fruit
for us from the
grove.

Truly quiet.

249

6 MONDAY

116

Engaged the church
in the afternoon.

Received mail & parcels
about 6 p.m. great
rejoicings.

Eric Leabrook came
to see us.

Got onto a crowd of
infantry in rear of
Almond Grove &
scattered them badly.

Digging new funk
pit.
Got on to some camels
on Chaidos Road & cut
them up badly.

Went for a walk round
the H.Q. quarters beach
to where the new division
landed. Very interesting.

It made some jam
tarts in the oven &
they were very good.

A good go on the left.

Anders came for an officer
& 20 men to be ready
to proceed to Lemnos by
tomorrow at noon.

M. Glendinning, Bomb.
Scott, * Ins. Blakeney &
Ingles & Dr. Ahearne.
represented our gun.

This should be Sat. 12th.

Capt. Lee & Keith arrived
from Alexandria quite
recovered from their
wounds, & brought some
stores for us.

Engaged Gun Didge Bty
but he soon ceased.

Let on to some more
men & horses by the
Almond Grove & slightly
disarranged them.

Heith came up to tea.
I made a meat pie out of
Bully Beef, onions & bread
& Biscuits crumbs & I
made a Spinach pie.

They were both very good
& General Hobbs thought
it very good.

In guard at 4 a.m.,
made a cup of cocoa.
Getting much cooler,
especially during the
early morning.

Eighteen men & a officer
went down to the beach
to leave for Lemnos, &
after being there all
night returned disappointed.

156 13 MONDAY 08 109

Got a great surprise when Alf brought Danny Lowrey and Bo up to the pass.

They both looked very well.

After lunch I went back with Danny to where they were camped & saw Dan & Ralph Whelan & all the rest of the chaps.

Another touch of neuritis which formed an abscess on my right cheek.

157

14 TUESDAY

108

Leaving over at Wine Glass a good bit ~~in the~~ ~~early morning~~ about breakfast time at Twin trenches later on at Shamah Howitzer in the afternoon.

The party for Lemmas left the gun for Angar beach at 8 p.m.

Wore not too good, also a bit of a cold.

Fairly heavy shower
of rain from five till
seven a.m., the
first for about three
months.

Party gone to Lemmas.

Not feeling too clever.

Timing at Amah &
Lwin Branches.

A demonstration by
our people at night,
but only lasted about
20 mins. A lot of
flares were sent up
& a lot of rifle fire
was indulged in.

260

17 FRIDAY

105

Mothers birthday.
Pretty quiet all day.

Engaged "Howitzer" at
the "Quint," as a
working party at
Saba Tepe near.

Also engaged a big
target of infantry etc.
left of the Almond
Grove.

361

18 SATURDAY

104

While firing at Samah
the Turks made a
demonstration all along
the line of things
were pretty likely
for a while.

Not one wounded.
Down for a swim
in the afternoon.

262 19 SUNDAY—16th after Trinity 103

Writing home in the
morning.
Roy's birthday.

In the afternoon at the blin
grove 4.2 at the squirt were
firing at us, & we had to open
on a large working party at
ismah Dene.

We were putting in very
fast work when the squirt
burst over night in front of
the gun with the result
that John McIngon^{No 4} & Bob Woods
No 3 both got shrapnell & each
had an arm broken badly.
I was No 2 luckily missed it,
the shield being sprayed
with shrapnell.

aimed at ismah Dene again
at about 7 p.m.

263

20 MONDAY

102

Got mail from home
Aug. 7th.

Albert Beard came over
to our gun. very
short handed.

Firing at ismah Dene,
& Wine Glass.

Mine Glass started early
 & we had to engage
 them. Alf started
 laying.

Getting much cooler
 & very cold at night.

All guns opened about
 11.30 a.m. No 1 on Blue Grove.
 No 2. Hamah Howitzer No 3.
 Mine Glass & No 4 the Light.
 & we had a bit of battery
 fire.

About 11 a.m. Mine Glass opened
 on the two observing stations
 & took the roofs off both
 of them so they had to
 desert them. They
 luckily all got away
 before he got direct hits
 & no one was hurt.

Just for spite the shjan
 gave them a go at
 mound at 11.30 a.m.
 To let them see we were
 still going.

A bit of ^{artillery} ~~misc~~chap in the afternoon, otherwise very quiet.

In the morning about 11-30 a.m. we were engaging the "Gully Gun" when the 4.2 & two guns from Nine Class opened on us. We got a fair peppering but no one was hit, except an engineer who was passing on his way to the trenches. He was killed outright.

In the evening about 8 p.m. our people had a demonstration. We were firing at Twin Trenches when Nine Class opened on us & I don't know how we missed it. However we came through alright.

SEPTEMBER

9th Month 1915

268

25 SATURDAY

97

Wine Glass Bty opened on
the trenches at 7th.
Bty, so we had to engage
it; it soon stopped after
half a dozen or so shots.

1915 30 Days

SEPTEMBER

269 26 SUNDAY--17th after Trinity 96

A perfect morning, too good
for a war. Everything seems
at a standstill.

270 27 MONDAY AUG 25 95

Got news of the advance
in Flanders & also
Russian success.

Heavy bombardment &
rifle fire about 8 p. m.
both at Helles & on our
left flank.

Keith & I up at 4.45 a.m.
digging the Major dug-out
in the morning.

Dining at Smash Dere
& Wine Glass.

About 8 a.m. a 75 opened
on the 1st Bty just by us
& kept it up, ~~putting~~ ^{putting} one
gun out of action.

271 28 TUESDAY SEP 26 95

Dining at Wine Glass Bty
who was after the 6th Bty.

Down for a swim after
dinner & Beachy Bill
put two shots all round
us. With the second shot
he got an Aust. & an Aust
babe, & an Aust. & an Aust
slightly wounded.

272 29 WEDNESDAY—Michaelmas Day 93

The good news from
Icelanders has been
confirmed.

Oliver Grove p. 2 at us
again but could not hit
the right spot. An over
went to the bus over in
near & covered General
Walker up but did not
hurt him.

Seven fired all day
but 1 & 2 guns did a
good lot.

273

30 THURSDAY

92

Jim Dudge opened where
had to engage them
about 7.30 a.m.

In the afternoon I
went & saw Davies of the
Engineers & Eric Sealbrook.

OCTOBER 22

10th Month 1915

274 WEDNESDAY 1 FRIDAY FEBRUARY 25 1916

On guard at 6.20 am.
while there is a low,
dense fog all round, with
nothing but the tops of
high hills to be seen.

Seven fired all day.
The Major went away
sick & Bob Edwards
went as his batman.

1915 81 Days 301

OCTOBER

275 THURSDAY 2 SATURDAY FEBRUARY 26 1916

Fired 14 rounds at
an obscuring station
near cement trench.
Weather beautiful
again.

276 3 SUNDAY—18th after Trinity 89

Glorious morning,
everything fairly quiet.

277

4 MONDAY

88

About 9 a.m. the Turks
started bombarding heavily,
a few made a half-
hearted attack at Lone
Pine but soon got
back, so those who
were lucky enough.
We were engaging Mine
Class & after fired along
Laba Teppe.

Seven fired all day.
The other chaps returned
from Lemnos after a
good time & look very
well.

Staying at Stable Blump
& Laid Life.
Went round the left to
see the 7th & 8th chaps,
& when I returned found
I had to get ready to
go to Lemnos with the
others for a spell.
Left for the boat
about 10 p.m.; boarded a
pontoon about 11 & went
out to our boat the
El Hakira.

steamed for Lemmas
about 7 a.m. arrived here
about 12, but did not
get to the camp till
5 p.m., dead tired &
nothing to eat except
what we bought at
very high prices.

Went to a concert in
the Y.M.C.A. at night
which was very good.

Feeling very much off
colour with headache will
think last night's fish &
fruit retaliating.
Very poor food issue,
stayed in camp all
day.

Very much off colour,
went to the doctor for
the first time since
leaving Egypt. Stayed in
camp all day. Alf, Eric
& Jim Bayly went to Kermoo
for the day.

Alf & I tent orderly for
the day.

Went to church in the
y. m. b. at night,

284 11 MONDAY

285

12 TUESDAY

80

A party of 13 of us went
out in a boat & went
round the harbour, boarded
several transports & got
some stores, & aboard
the warship Magnificent.
Then we went across to
Mudros, had a look round
& arrived home about
5 p.m. after a good
day.

Not feeling too clever
still

Our brigade on duty
I was assisting the cook.

A party of six of us
went out to the mos-
on donkeys & had
a bath.

Weather cold &
windy, got a cold.

G.M. fatigues.

290 17 SUNDAY—20th after Trinity 76

Not too clear still.

291

18 MONDAY 77

Had a look through
the forest village.
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20th TUESDAY 1914. 73

Departed from Ocean
Pier. 4 p. m.

Passed S. Brunis about
8.30 p. m. lovely evening,
bed 9 p. m.

Travelled

class orderly.

21 WEDNESDAY

Turn out 6 a.m.
physical drill. Road
Read L. Adams letter.
Travelled

Anniversary of our
leaving Hobart.

Feeling very much off.

Turn out 6 a.m.
 Boat drill 11 a.m.
 physical drill & lecture
 afternoon.
Travelled

Ray bad throat.

Stayed in camp all day.

Turn out 6 a.m.
 Physical drill 11 a.m.
 Started 1st sentry 4 p.m.
 Travelled

Ray very bad throat.
 Operation at sea. One of
 Infants, proved successful.

Stayed in camp.

Turn out 6 p.m.

Lentily to 8 p.m.

Ray very bad throat.

~~Travelled~~

Not feeling at all clever

Turn out 6 a.m.

Church 11 a.m.

Ray very bad throat, gone to hospital. Quinsy.

Jim Bayly very bad throat.

~~Travelled~~

Evensong 7-15.

Feeling very much
off still, jaundice
coming on

298 26 MONDAY 67

Arrived at Albany 8 o'clock.
dropped anchor 8-15

Jim Bayly very bad
throat.

Splendid harbour, with
small ore ~~ore~~ on
inside.

Splendid trip.
Man lost overboard off
Star of England.

Hung round camp
all day.

299 27 TUESDAY 66

Jim Bayly very bad
throat.
Ray a little better.
Ordinary routine.

Got yellow jaundice.

Katuna arrived.
 Ray a little better.
 One of the Army Medical
 slipped into water, but
 was brought aboard safely.
 Two horses died on
 Katuna.

Received C. H. A's letter.
 1st since we left.

Pull through Blabe verge.
 Knowall anchored, bet of
 5 pound. Very fast & furious
 stopped by Police end of second
 round. Result a draw.

Feeling very sick.
 Cannot get any satisfaction
 from Doctor.

Went into small harbour
 for coal, water etc.

J. Bayly Tonsillitis.

Ray better.

Washing day. 1st time
 on board.

Very much off,
 patronised the bed
 most of the day.

OCTOBER

10th Month 1915

302

30 FRIDAY

63

came out of small harbour.
 Inoculated at 10 a. m.
 Full dress parade &
 inspection at 3 p. m.)
 Right section inoculated.
 Major falls over off
 lifeboat at Flatina, boat
 was very gallantly
 rescued by Gr. H. Chambers.
 Mr. Lee also had a
 hot water bath & came
 into clinches with Gr.
 beams on bottom of boat.

Feeling about the same.

November.
OCTOBER

1915 31 Days

303

31 SATURDAY

62

Received identification medals.
 Inoculation almost well
 Left section inoculated.
 27 men put ashore for
 refusing inoculation.

Full dress parade inspected
 by Colonel Clarke

Had to move camp
 out past the Y. M. C. A.
 it on account of the
 2nd Sledge. Inf. being placed
 under quarantine.

Turn out 6 a.m.

Went to communion with D.
Started to move out of Albany
harbour as we came out of
communion at 7 a.m.

Splendid sight, boats in
single column

Beautiful morning.

Morning service 11-30 a.m.

Evening 7 p.m.

Last sight of Australia.

Fourth Brigade infantry
left here.

Showery & became very
windy which lasted through
the night.

Rumoured by wireless
that England had
declared war on Turkey.

Feeling very much
off

306 **3, TUESDAY**—Cup Day 59

Jim Bayly went to
hospital with very
bad throat.
(Tonsillitis)

Bought a chicken at
the village for 2/-
boiled it for myself, which
made me feel much better.

307

4 WEDNESDAY

68

Peterley caught &
overtook us. 7 p.m.
lost.

Still got the jaundice,
but feel a bit better.

Full dress parade
inspection by Colonel
Blanke. 3 p.m.
hot.

Came to Hospital.

Fire alarm, boat drill
3 p.m.
hot.

Temperature up, on milk
diet.

310

7 SATURDAY

55

Fire alarm boat
drill 7-45 p.m.
very hot.

311 7 SUNDAY—23rd after Trinity 54

church parade 10 a.m.
very hot.

^{th.}
9 MONDAY

Things Birthday.

Capture of the Emden
by Sydney:

Great excitement on
board when news came
to hand.

Second inoculation; no
effect at all.
very hot.

10 TUESDAY

Ordinary routine work,
lectures etc.
very hot.

^{Lieutenant}
Major's lecture on ~~Lieutenant~~
to range takers.

Ray went to hospital
again with Quinoy.
Melbourne left us.
Named merchant boat
part. (British). Empress of Asia.
on guard.

Paused
~~Post~~ over equator about
 8 a. m.

Königsberg captured by
 Chatham.

Jim Bayly's birthday.
 gone to
 hospital with rheumatics.

Jim Bayly bad with
 rheumatics.

Ordinary routine work.

15 318 ~~N~~ SUNDAY - 24th after Trinity 47

Communion 6-30 a. m.
 Sydney & Empress of Asia
 passed with German prisoners
 at 5 a. m.

First land sighted &
 reached Colombo at 1 o'clock.
 Church 10 a. m.

Signalling to Katuna
 at 3 p. m. re-horses etc.
 Jim Bayly bad with
 Rheumatics.

Ray D. much better.

319 16 ~~N~~ MONDAY 46

Lectures etc.

Lunners, Woods, Mr. Gregor, Miller, W. S.
 Lloyd, Eltham, Oddie, Nelson, Howell,
 Hay, Lashley, Hellesey, Manson,
 Rich, Evans. escaped ashore
 on tug & had a look all
 round Colombo & returned
 6 a. m. & went into the clink
 getting 12 days detention.

The black fourteen return

6 a.m.

Leave Colombo 11 a.m.
for Aden.

Spent all the day in
the hospital. I
am very bad with
rheumatism,
my leg much better.

General work.
Lovely sunset.

Lectures etc.
 beautiful weather.
 Ray & Jim much
 better.

Lectures etc.
 Lovely sunset.
 Third division which
 was left at Bolombo
 caught us up & passed
 us. Temperature down at
 night. On medium
 left at last.

324 21 SATURDAY 41

Lectures etc.
concert.

22³²⁵ SUNDAY—25th after Trinity 40

Communion 6.30 a.m.
Guard 8 a.m.

Temperature down at
last. On medium
diet at last.

326 23 22 MONDAY 39 22

Came off guard 8 a.m.
Passed Locotua Island
at Lilly & dry.

Re most extensive
mixture in Red
Red. Red.

327 24-23 TUESDAY 38

Lectures etc.
Very Rot.

Light Arabian coast,
drop anchor in Aden
harbour 4 p. m.

Very hilly & bare rock.
Very pretty entrance
& well fortified.
Beautiful sunset.

Capt. Evans birthday.

Left Aden about 7 a. m.
& reached Perim at 4 p. m.
beach line all rock &
sand with not a green
blade anywhere.

Very uncommon &
picturesque.

Some of the rocks of
Fells Gates, Perim like
stacked metal.

Viv Leary's birthday.
 Stopped to get goods
 etc. from Curitiba, 4 p.m.
 Very hot
 Passed group of islands

Received 18 letters from
 the Peninsula, which
 made me feel much
 better.

Very hot.
 Passed group of islands
 early.
 An account of the
 Sydney, Camden fight read
 to us & diagram of
 their course shown us.
 News came that we
 were to go to Cairns
 to finish our training.
 Concert 7 p.m.
 Bleaming harness.

Feeling O. K.

29 332 ~~2~~ SUNDAY—Advent Sunday 33

Communion 6:30.
 Day 10 a. m.
 Church 11 a. m.

333 30 ~~2~~ MONDAY 32

Sighted land. Sugar Gulf,
 about a days run from
 Sugar.

All the boats a full steam
 ahead with us in the centre,
 a lot of lights all along
 the coast.

Temperature much cooler
 & a fine breeze.

December.

NOVEMBER

11th Month 1915

334 10 TUESDAY—St. Andrew 31

Dropped anchor at Port Luez, followed by Indian troops ships.

Look in water.

Had great fun with Arabs with their Turkish Delights etc.

Got up for the first time after a month all but two days in bed, & felt very funny on my pins.

1915 31 Days

DECEMBER

235 21 WEDNESDAY 30

Left Luez on route to Port Said, beautiful scenery & Gurkhas camped along the banks.

on guard.

Had a good send off from Luez people.

All boats fitted with search lights to go through Canal, boats about $\frac{1}{2}$ a mile apart.

Pace 5 miles an hour.

Length of Canal 87 miles width about 150 to 200 yds.

Passed one camp of 15,000 Gurkhas & Panjabs.

Beautiful sight by night with full moon.

336

3 THURSDAY

29

Arrived Port Said at 6 a.m.
after about 16 hrs. run.

Got home letters at 11 a.m.
from Mother, May, & C. Ada.
Look coal aboard by shovels
sacking it in baskets,
also water.

Saw a Hydroplane run along
the water at the nose about
600 ft. above our heads.

Left at 5 o'clock &
lashed outside about 2 m.
Got Niggers diving for
money.

About a dozen frostbitten
Lommies arrived from
the Peninsula, some very
bad.

337

4 FRIDAY

28

Still outside Port Said.
Nothing special except
getting our kit ready to
disembark.

Beautiful sunset. Sky
a burnish red. Most
beautiful I have ever seen.

338

5. SATURDAY

27

Still anchored off Port Laid
waiting to get to Alexander
boundary work.

At 10:30 a hydroplane was
seen in the water at the nose about
400 ft above our head.
Left at 5 o'clock &
anchored outside about 20
miles. Biggers dining for
noon.

About a dozen football
bombers arrived from
the Peninsula, some very
bad.

339

6. SUNDAY—2nd in Advent

26

Church 11 am. Evening 7:15
pm.
Still anchored outside
Port Laid.

Lecture on Discipline by
Major A. L. Major.
26 Indian troop boats
left en route.
Saw Hydroplane go up
Percussive sound.

1915 p.m.

Written home, post closes
at 12 noon.

Pay day 10¢.

At 9 p.m. hauled up anchor
& steamed for Alexandria.
Loud cheers.

~~1915~~

Letter from J. H.
with two from others
one from G. H.

Skinned alongside
wharf at 12 noon. Got
hits ready for disembarka-
-tion & watched natives
scrambling & fighting for
money etc.

Leville 4 a.m.

At 9 a.m. a party of
13 including Ray D. H. E.
P. J. H. of the staff were
sent off to Katina to
help to unload horses.
Worked all day &
piequed at night.

Got a letter from Alf
with two from Mother
& one from C. Ida.

Worked all day & had leave at night. First leave since we left Lasmaria. Ray & I took a cab & went to British square then walked to soldiers institute & got a native book of translations for our use.

Took a cab & arrived back at Katuna about 11 p. m.

The cabbie got lost when coming home.

Loaded horses & left en route for Cairo at 12 noon, arrived 5 p. m. had cup of coffee & bread & cheese, marched 9 miles to camp (with horses) & arrived about 10 or 11 p. m. dead tired.

Country beautiful, similar to Darling Downs in Queensland, only irrigated.

346 **13** **V** SUNDAY—3rd in Advent 19

Exercised & separated Horses.
 At Mena, all sand &
 about half a mile from
 pyramid.

Coupl. Wagenfield, one of
 the frostbites had his
 right leg ^{foot} off.

347 **14** **X** MONDAY 18

Exercised Horses. Went &
 hunted for some posts for
 picquet lines. Got some
 & brought them back in
 an Arab cart.

First night leave from
Mena.

Got a Kodak for \$3.

Walked the horses around
the pyramids & had our
photo taken under the
sphinx.

Corp. Wagenfield died.

Private Lenton had both
feet off.

Nothing special, ordinary
work.

350

17 THURSDAY

16

Had a brigade parade
of signallers; we were tested
by Lieut-Col. Rosenthal
& officers.

351

18 FRIDAY

14

Put harness on horses
for first time

The raising of the British
flag in Egypt.

Sultan of Egypt crowned.
Had leave in the afternoon
I went all through the
town.
Had a bath in
Shepherd's Hotel for 5
Piastres.

Had my first ride with
the Brigade staff on
Dolly.

Did some scouting etc

Went for a ride round
the pyramids & ~~some~~
the sphinx & did some
scouting.
The staff finally
allotted.

Private Lenton died
10 p. m.

Received Exmas cake &
parcel with some papers,
but no letters.

Lecture on contours by
 Col. Rosenthal at
 Officers Mess. Map reading
 on Self Ridge in afternoon.
 Went to Cairo at night
 on leave.

Privates Parsonage, Heath.
 Mr. Ineson, Innin, Montgomery
 & Clifton went to orderly
 room at 12-30 & from
 there on board Hospital
 boat to proceed
 to Malta.

Christmas Eve.

Took Haversack ration
 & went out all day with
 Col. Rosenthal round
 through native villages
 & then across desert
 & back to camp.

Supt. Burgess. Pte. Hegglett
 Pte. Henry, & my self got
 word to go to orderly
 room at 12-30 p.m. to go on
 board ship. Arrived on board
 Hospital ship Delta about
 3 p.m.

Christmas day.

Had a ~~big~~ goose & pudding
for dinner.

Went up the first pyramid
& got some snaps.

Saw Arab run down it

& up the second in

7½ minutes

Quiet at night.

Steamed for Alexandria
at 8 a.m.

Lecture in the morning on
telephones.

Riding in the afternoon.

Writing home & also sent
a cable.

On board *S. J. Delta*. As we
opened our eyes we found
a box with nuts, lollies,
pkt. cigarettes, box matches,
& an apple so we started well.

For dinner we had chicken
plum pudding & an orange,
then in the evening we
had a concert, so altogether
we had a very pleasant
day.

27 360 ~~X~~ SUNDAY—1st after Christmas 5

Church parade 9 a.m.
 Leave in afternoon.
 Went to English church
 at night
 Phyllis bolted with Bobb's.
 Ray thrown off finger #
 Dolly, ~~Hoelbe~~ Bessie
 bolted with me.
 Mr. Morgan came off
 Hoelbe at night.

Dropped anchor in Alexandria
 at 10 a.m.

361 28 ~~X~~ MONDAY 9 2 4

General work, *generally*

Disembarked & boarded
 hospital train for Cairo.
 Started 11-55 a.m. arrived
 at Cairo station at 3-20 p.m.
 From there we went
 to Luna Park Hospital.

DECEMBER

12th Month 1915

302 29 TUESDAY 35. 1915

General work.

1915 81 Days

DECEMBER

303 30 WEDNESDAY 16 1915

I went through date farm with Mr. Morgan; very interesting. We leave at night, went to a place I had a bit of a dance.

General work in morning.
Sir George Reid's review in
afternoon.

New Years eve, some of
A. sub-section played a
joke & let our tent down,
we woke up with the moon
shining on us. The picket
put it up about 3 a. m.

New Years Eve.

Saw Guy for the first time marching
past & in the evening he came
down to see me.

At 9 p. m. the Sisters gave
a concert to the patients
which went till midnight.
Everyone enjoyed it very
much.

Turn to No 2.

JANUARY—1st Month—31 Days.

Letters Received & Written

Memo Written.

Monday 17th Dec. card. Rome

FEBRUARY—2nd Month—28 Days

Received.

Post Paid, Mother 1, Mary 1, C. Ada 2.
Jan. 1st Mother 2, Mary 1.
Gloria 1, Leila 1, C. Paulkner 1.
Jan. 4th Cousin Ada 2, C. Dick 1.
Mr. Leo Wright 1.

MARCH—3rd Month—31 Days.

APRIL—4th Month—30 Days.

MAY—5th Month—31 Days.

JUNE—6th Month—30 Days.

JULY—7th Month—31 Days.

AUGUST—8th Month—31 Days.

SEPTEMBER—9th Month—30 Days.

OCTOBER—10th Month—31 Days.

NOVEMBER—11th Month—30 Days.

DECEMBER—12th Month—31 Days.

MEMORANDA.

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- 1 Waterproof coat
- 3 fuzes.
- 1 ~~scarf~~ scarf.
- 1 balaclava.
- 2 mittens.
- 8 fuzer rings.
- 10 driving bands

MEMORANDA.

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