

Major Thomas Everard Holland

Personal Diary Covering the Gallipoli Campaign



Part 1

Diary

September 3 1914

September

3rd Reported at Regimental Headquarters Morphettville
& was allotted to F Coy 12th Inftry

21st paraded the streets of Adelaide after doing so
left Adelaide by 3.30 Special for Melbourne

22nd Arrived Spencer Street 9 am thence to
Williamstown pier to embark on troopship
Geelong sailing at 4 pm distance 560

26th Arrived Hobart Tasmania after running
through one of the worst westerly gales known
there for years. 62 hours overdue distance 580 miles

27th attended church parade at cathedral at 11 am

28th had Battalion drill on domain

29th Exercised the company in Musketry at
Sandy Bay Rifle Ranges

30th Left troopship for Portville camp arriving at
1.30 pm

December

1st Arrived at Suva at 1 pm & anchored only the
new Zealanders going on through the canal

2nd Entered Suva canal at 3 pm very interesting
to see the sights all along the banks with native
troops encamped ~~along~~ ^{all along} there are a great number
of dredging Boats all along the canal ~~arrived~~
~~arrived port said at 6 am~~

3rd Arrived port said 6 am taking on coal & water
all day very interesting sight to see the natives
~~and~~ carrying coal they were like bees around a hive
the place abounds with cadgers italians in boats
rowing around singing & begging for money left
the harbour at 4 pm & anchored out in the
Roadstead awaiting orders

4th Still awaiting orders out side

5th Still awaiting orders laying out in the Roadstead

6th Still awaiting orders shifted position about 1 mile
nearer the town

7th Still awaiting orders

8th Left port Said at 9.30 pm for Alexandria

9th Arrived Alexandria at 2 pm the port being very busy as there were a lot of transports so the unloaded had leave to go ashore & have a look around it being a very quaint place Alexandria is one of the oldest cities in the world

10th Left Alexandria for cario at 5 pm by train the country surrounding the Railway being something beautiful arrived cario at 9.30 pm disentrained & had cup of cocoa supplied unload Baggage vans & loaded Baggage into trams which had Boards laid on top of seats so carry same then taking train for the Mena

11th arrived Mena 1.15 am unloading Baggage off trams getting into bed at ~~3.30~~ at 3.30 am fixing up camp all day

12th Fatigue work all day fixing up camp sanitary arrangements splendid had the camp area lined out with stones

13th church parade morning Visited the Spence
afternoon

14th Started training in earnest Tramping over sand
all day

15th Drilling from 8^{am} until 3 pm the the company
went out on leave to cario no officers granted leave

16th Drilling all day company in attack & formations
under artillery fire

17th Drilling all day Battle formations & formations
firing line

18th Advanced Guard & fire discipline & fire
control

19th Inlying picket to company very little drill

20th Church parade 9.30 am Visited Zoo afternoon
& then cario

21st ~~practical trench digging~~ all day

21st Training in attacking & carrying out
small assault & pushing home attack charging

② Reforming after attack

22nd probed trench digging with communicating trenches & concealment of same

23rd training in day outpost & taking up night outpost position & entrenching same at 4 pm

24th Returned to camp from outpost line at 6 am then doing duty as Orderly Officer 1st Coy
Being duty company

25th Reveille 6.15 Christmas day church parade
morning afternoon visited pyramids & climbed to
top of Big pyramid 451 feet remaining there
to see sunset

26th Reveille 6.15 parade 8 am until 2.30 pm
went into Cairo for a look around

27th Reveille 6.15 am church parade
9 am afternoon Rested

~~28th Reveille 6.15 am parade 8.30 am
new organisation of 4 companies of 4 platoons
each~~

28th Reveille 6.15 parade 8.30 am untill 2 pm
4 pm night Outpost

29th

Returned to camp from night outpost at 4 am

~~Rested untill took over duty as Orderly Officer~~

~~the company being Orderly Company~~ Rested all the morning.

30th Reveilled 6.15 am parade 8.30 am untill
3 pm Returned to camp

31st Reveille 6.15 am parade 8.30 am untill
12.30 noon evening Visited the 3 Battalions officers
mess & Remained there untill the new year came
in

January 1915

1st Remained up until 2.30 as there was no sleep
to be got with the row the troops were
kicking up in welcoming the new year in
then Reveille 6.15 am parade 9 am until
~~2nd Reveille 6.15 am Parade~~
2.30 pm Returning to camp 3pm.

2nd parade 8.30 am until 1 pm then Returned
to camp the company going out on leave

3rd Reveille 6.15 am Church parade 9 am
march past after service then free for day

4th Reveille 6.15 am parade 9 am started
new organisation of double company work E & F
being coupled together doing platoon drill
for rest of day

5th Reveille 6.15 am Parade 8.30 am
Platoon Drill with few company movements
& being Battalion orderly officer of my platoon
during the duties

6th Reveille 6.15 am Parade 8.30 am
Platoon Drill all day with few company
movements musketry judging distance.

- 7th Reveille 6.15 am Parade 8.30 am Company
movements to area could do nothing for sand
a most Brutal day nearly blinded with sand
Advance guard Returning to camp
- 8th Reveille 6.15⁰⁰ Nothing only Drill with picket
carrs from 2.30 until 12 pm brought 23 prisoners
- 9th Orderly Officer Battalion Duties
- 10th Church Parade 9.30 am sent to Carrs evening
~~10th ^{to} ~~from picket Carrs~~ ~~Orderly Duties to picket~~~~
- 11th Reveille 6.15 am platoon Drill & Musketry
Instruction.
- 12th Officer of Canal guard Divisional Duties
from 10 am
- 13 Relieved from guard 11 am done nothing
Rest of day
- 14 Reveille 6.15 am platoon Drill &
Musketry under Section Commanders
- 15th Reveille 6.15 am Company in attack
& March discipline

16th Reveille 6.15 am Platoon Drill @ company
training Reported Brigade Headquarters as
Battalion Orderly Officer 5 pm Rounds 11 pm

17th Battalion Orderly officer until 5 pm then
went into cars

18th Company training 1st & 2nd Stage
Attack

19 Company training 2nd & 3rd Stage of attack

20th Done nothing only around Camp Lewis
Platoon all on duty

21st Whole company Attended Burial of Pte Bishop
Cairo Cemetery Returning in tram

22nd Reveille 6.15 am platoon on Duty Home
Carting from pyramids morning afternoon
Resting

23rd Sunday Company Divisional Inspecting
party mounted 10 am

- 25th Reveille field firing practice at unknown ranges returned to camp 7 pm
- 26 Company training & platoon Drill Batt also orderly officer taking over at 5 pm alarm at 4.30 am turn out splendid
- 27 In camp all day as Battalion orderly Officer nothing important
- 28 Reveille 6.15 am platoon field firing at unknown ranges morning platoon drill afternoon
- 29 Reveille 6.15 am field firing sectional at unknown Ranges
- 30th Reveille 6.15 am special field firing by platoons at unknown Ranges fire Direction fire control
- 31 Morning Church Parade 9.30 am afternoon went to Cairo
- ~~1st Brigade Brigade Route march fully equipped about 10 miles as a test~~

February 1915

- 1st Brigade route march as list with first line transport about 10 miles
- 2nd Demonstration of platoon firing at Unknown ranges afternoon formations of advance under fire in Battalion
- 3rd Battalion in attack of Vanguard Reported as Regt. Ord Officer 5 pm
- 4th Orderly officer all day until 5.30 pm all night Outposts
- 5th Returned to camp at 7.30 Rested until 11 am platoon training until 12.30 afternoon Rested
- 6th Regimental Holiday no work movement to Sakkara tombs
- 7th Sunday Church parade 9.30 afternoon Rested went to Cairo
- 8 Started Battalion training mixed drill
- 9th Battalion training night digging

10th Battalion Training, Battalion in attack

11th Regimental Holiday no drill

12th Battalion in attack & Rear guard action

13th Rear guard action then assumed the offensive

14th Church parade 9.30 Visited cars afternoon

15th Started Brigade Training, Brigade in attack advance guard & night operations

16th advance guard in Brigade

17th Brigade in attack C. Company & in Reserves Brigade holiday for all from 10 am to 10 pm

18th Advance Guard action in Brigade Reported at 5 pm as Battalion orderly officer

19th orderly officer Remainder of company in Brigade training Relieved at 5 pm as orderly officer

- 20th Brigade ~~orderly~~ officer holiday all day
- 21st Church parade 9.30 afternoon Rested
- 22nd parade 8.45 Brigade in delaying
action Very easy day
- 23rd Went into Cairo on weekly picket along
with a coy men
- 24 10 pm town picket
- 25 5 pm town picket
- 26 Called Back to Camp as we
had orders that we were moving off
- 27th still awaiting orders to move out
- 28 Struck Camp during day Marched
into camp 5 pm arrived 9.10 pm &
camped for awhile at Kasr el nil Barracks.
- ~~29 left camp~~

March 1915

1st Left Cairo 4 am Arrived Alexandria
9.40 am Embarked on Board ~~SS~~ Devanha Remained
in port all night

2nd Left Alexandria at 10.40 am destination
Unknown

3rd Usual Routine of Duty on Board ship

4th Arrived Lemnos Island at 6.30 am
anchored in harbour where there were
several warships including the Prince George
Triumph Albion & also 2 submarines & a few
destroyers This island belongs to Greece a neutral
country & is in the Greek archipelago

5th Usual Routine of Duty on Board ship
still awaiting orders to disembark other transports arrived
during day

6th Usual Routine of Duty 9th Batt disembarking
all day off Lonia 10th to follow

7th Church parade 10 am then Usual Routine
of Duty B Coy went ashore for Route march
still awaiting orders another transport arrived
during morning

- 8th Battalion went ashore for Route March
- 9th Went ashore for Brigade Route March
& attack practice
- 10th Brigade route march on shore with attack practice
- 11th went ashore at 9 am for Practice Brigade in attack
- 12th Captain of the Day stayed aboard Remainder went ashore for Route March
- 13th Washing & Bathing parade ashore for all hands
- 14th Church parade 9 am went ashore afternoon for Route March
- 15th practice in ~~early~~ ^{night} no landing & company first ashore as covering party Rained all the time everybody soaked scheme only partly carried out afternoon paraded on board
- 16th Route march on shore with Brigade
afternoon officer of Guard 5.30 pm

- 17th Remained on board on Guard all day
Remainder of Battalion acting as covering party
to division landing under fire
- 18th Battalion as covering party to division
landing under fire
- 19th all Remained on board parades as usual
took over Captain of Day at 5.30 pm
- 20th Captain of the Day all day a gale blowing
all night & several boats went ashore parades
on board as usual
- 21st Church parade 11^{am} afternoon. Rested.
weather Bitter cold
- 22nd Remained on board parades as usual a
gale blowing all day Bitter cold
- 23rd Route march to the Village of Mudros
this is the largest Village on the Island of Lemnos
- 24th parades on board as usual two rough to
go ashore mixed games afternoon

25th Saw Rough to go ashore paradises us at
afternoon games mounted guard 5.30 pm

26th on guard all day saw enough for others
to go ashore came off guard 5.30 pm

27th Route March ashore hill climbing

28th Church Parade 11 am afternoon washing
Parade ashore afterwards visited Inflexible
had look round

29th three companies went ashore to Buvouac
near Mudros

30th hill climbing & practice in attack

31st attack practice during morning afternoon
marched to Filenka point & returned
to ship

8

April

- 1st Route marching & hill climbing
attach practice as Bridgade officer of Guard
5 30 pm
- 2nd Good Friday on Guard untill 5.30 pm
Remainder had holiday church parade 9 am
- 3rd Went ashore & carried on with a little
of all sorts including Battalion Drill
took over capt of Day 5.30 pm
- ~~4th Church Parade 9.30~~
- 4th Church Parade 9.30 am on Duty as
Capt of day
- 5th Nothing doing all day too rough
to go ashore short Lectures
- 6th Went ashore as O.C per Guard
at 2 pm
- 7th on Guard all day Returned to ship
at 5 pm
- 8th nothing doing preparing to go
ashore for the landing at the Dardine
packing up all day

- 9th Nothing doing packing up all day
- 10th Parades as usual afternoon spell
- 11th Church Parade 9 am afternoon Practice
Climbing rope ladders
- 12th Remained on board Parades as usual
afternoon took over officer of Guard 5 pm
- 13th On guard all day others went ashore
hill climbing evening lecture first aid
- 14th Remained on board all day Parades
as usual
- 15th Remained on board took over captain
of Day 5 pm
- 16th Captain of Day Remained on board
Remainder went ashore hill climbing evening
lecture machine guns
- 17th Parades as usual on board afternoon
spell

18th Church Parade 9.30 am afternoon
Packing up

19th Left Dewanka went on Board SS
Malda. D Coy to Suffolk B Coy to
London A Coy remained on board Dewanka
no accommodation on board Malda men had
to sleep anywhere on Deck

20th Still awaiting orders to move to Bardanelle

21st Still waiting orders landing orders issued

22nd Still waiting orders practiced disembarking
from Malda on to Destroyers & then into
own Boats morning & afternoon

23rd Still waiting to move took over Duties
as captain of Guard at 4 pm

24th got sailing orders to move at 3 pm
to Embros Island Dismounted guard at 4 pm
arrived Embros Island 9.30 pm. Embarked on
board torpedo boat Destroyer Beagle
at 11.30 pm.

25th @ Left Embros for the peninsular
at 1.30 am arrived off Gaba Tepe at 4 am
Started disembarking into row boats at
4.30 am when the turks opened up a
very hot shell & rifle fire several of
our men being hit whilst in the boat
jumped out of boats & waded ashore
& swarmed up the hills driving the
turks back at the point of the bayonet
for about 2 miles when we encountered
a very strong force of turks strongly
entrenched about 9 am when they checked
the rush & some of our men on the
left flank had to retire being on the
extreme right flank myself we being on
& were nearly cut off from the left
the reinforcements just arrived in time
for us at this point I had to remain
in one position for 3 hours being engaged
by a machine gun & rifle fire also
under a fierce shrapnell fire it being
impossible to move a hand without drawing
the fire of the enemy at this stage I
got wounded in the head & had to
crawl back out of the firing line
& was taken on board the hospital

Ship ~~Cusora~~ This was about 2 pm left the
peninsular about ~~9.10~~ pm for Lemnos Island

26th arrived Lemnos Island early morning
& left again at 4 pm for Alexandria slowed
down at 5.30 pm to bury 6 men that had
died from wounds

27th everything going well sea very smooth

28th Buried three men before Breakfast who
had died during the night arrived off Alexandria
at 11 pm & anchored for the night

29th Buried 2 men before going alongside
the quay at daylight tied up in harbour
at 6 am & left hospital ship by train for
cairo at 10.15 am arrived Helipolis Hospital
at 2.30 pm & went straight to bed

30th nothing doing all day

May 1915

1st nothing doing all day

2nd got up & went for stroll around hospital grounds

3rd went into camp for run afternoon

4th nothing doing all day ✓

5th rather slow doing nothing all day

6th Reported at Base details Tietoun & got attached to 1st Training Batt

7th nothing doing all day dammed hot

8th nothing doing only Rest as much as possible

9th }
10th } nothing doing getting as much Rest
11th } as possible
12th }

13th went down to Alexandria for a run to get Mr. Murray's Box to send home

14th Left Alexandria for Cairo at 4 pm

15th nothing doing run into Cairo afternoon

16th Sunday nothing doing got orders for to leave next day for the front

17th Left Zeitoun for Alexandria at 9.15 am with 192 men mostly wounded returning arrived Sidi Gaba at 1.30 called roll & found we had 274 men they having sneaked away from Zeitoun had to go into camp at Mustapha Barracks

18th nothing doing waiting orders all day

19th Still waiting for boat to leave for front got moving orders at 8 pm to leave next morning

20th Left Alexandria by SS Commadore at 8 pm for Lemnos Island

21st nothing doing all day very quiet

22nd rather quiet on Board until 4.5 pm when a german submarine was sighted making straight for us the Boat was turned round in her course & made Back Around the Donald light house & Linnos Island in the meantime all men were ordered on Deck with life Belts on all making sure that the submarine would overtake us & torpedo the ship so make things worse there was only life Belts & Boat accommodation for 250 on Board & we had 3.70 all told the submarine was only 2½ miles off when we sighted her

23rd Arrived Lemnos at 11^{am} had church parade on board left again at 7 pm for Embros Island going the long way round on account of submarines

24th Arrived Embros Island 6 am 12 miles from Gaba Tepe Remained there all day as an armistice was on so allow the turks to bury their dead which amounted to 3.000 being the Result of 6 days fighting & sniping

25th Left Embros at 8 am & steamed across to Gaba Tepe & were ordered Back at full speed as a submarine had been sighted

near by Returned at once to Embros on
Reaching there we heard that the Triumph
had been blown up & sunk so that was
another close call for us as we were right
alongside the Triumph tied up alongside the
Arcadian to protect her from torpedoes

26th Remained alongside the Arcadian all day
for the Submarine was still lurking about
the shores at Kaba Tepe

27th ~~At~~ Still at Embros the Majestic being
torpedoed at 6.30 am at Cape Helles

28
29 } nothing doing still waiting at Embros
30 }

31st Left Embros at 6.30 for Anzac Cove &
on arrival at 7.30 disembarked on Barges &
got ashore all right & joined our Regiment

①

June

1st on duty all day in firing line nothing doing on our front going most of night on the left shells flying all day

2nd on watch firing line ~~11 to 8~~ 2 am to 5 am
4 pm to 8 pm shells flying all day patrol from

3rd on watch firing line from 2 am to 5 am
4 pm to 8 pm rather quiet nothing doing an attack on the left shells flying all day patrol from D Coy

4th on watch firing line 2 am to 5 am
8 am to 12 am & 8 pm to 11 pm rather quiet shells flying all day patrol from D Coy

5th nothing doing rather quiet the turks attacked on left & were repulsed shells flying all day

6th Rather quiet in supports all day nothing only a few dozen shells flying about supports all night started to at 3 30 4 patrol from

7th on firing line all day rather quiet until 9.30 pm when the turks made rather a determined attack being repulsed by our men

- 8th Came out of firing line into second Relief & Rested until 4 pm things very quiet
 patriot from C Coy
- 9th Nothing doing one of the quietest of days the Turks doing nothing afternoon a member of a board of Enquiry expecting an attack which never came
 patriot from D Coy
- 10th Transferred from C Coy to A Coy took over 9th Platoon first Reserves patriot from D. Coy
- 11th Supports all day things very quiet nothing doing only a few shells coming over patriot from C Coy
- 12th Firing line all day nothing doing only a few shots being fired plenty of shells coming over
 patriot from A & B Coy laying from a Coy
- 13th Came out of firing line into 2nd Reserves had early morning shelling from Turks Replied with two cruisers Shelling for an hour Church parade 9.30 A. B. Coy afternoon very quiet only shelling going on patriot went out from D Coy A Coy were laying
- 14th Early morning artill. duel otherwise quiet few shells dropping around all day first Relief heavy firing on left flanks at night

15th opened up with heavy Shelling early morning otherwise quiet all day in supports & all day

16th Very quiet all ~~day~~ ^{morning} nothing doing only a little Shelling transferred back to C. Coy from A Coy afternoon very heavy Shelling not much damage done

17th First Relief very quiet nothing doing all day except a little Shelling

18th In supports morning very quiet afternoon nothing doing only Shelling & a little sniping

19th In firing line day fairly quiet heavy Shelling only night working parties went out & started new trench

20th early morning Shelling nothing during day had party working in new forward trench all day night got up Ruse to draw turks fire & were very successful in ~~first~~ ^{second} Relief all day

21st First Relief fairly quiet only sniping & Shelling all day very heavy Bombardment

going on at Akar Baba continued through the night sent out another working party in front.

22nd Fairly quiet all day a good deal of shelling going on all day & a little sniping - had party working in new trenches all day & also night in supports all Day

23rd On Duty in firing line fairly quiet only sniping & shelling going on all day party still working on new trenches in front.

24th Second Relief nothing doing only sniping & shelling all day

25th First Relief nothing doing only sniping & shelling all day

26th In supports all day rather quiet only sniping & shelling going on.

27th In firing line the Turks opened up an attack on our lines at about 5 am but they did not have their trenches but Rained a very hot Rifle & artillery fire on trenches all along the front

Very few of our people being hit

28th In Second Reserves until 5.30 pm then had to Reinforce firing line for our men were making a demonstration against the Turks with the idea of keeping as many as possible on our front & not letting them Reinforce their lines down south but our men lost very heavy having about 150 killed & wounded the 11th Batt having 17 men & three officers killed by high Explosive shells 9th Batt suffered heavy losses & the light horse ^{137 killed & wounded} also our Batt only having a couple of casualties

29th In first Reserves rather quiet nothing only shelling & sniping going on all day the Turks opened up on our men at about 9.30 pm with very heavy Rifle fire for about 2 hours

30th In Supports rather quiet nothing doing only good deal of sniping all day the enemy opened up on our lines at 10.30 pm with very heavy Rifle fire for about an hour

July

1st Manned new fire trench about 150 yards in front of old fire trench & had rather a lively time Rifles cracking all night & a few Bombs were thrown by the Turks this trench is practically isolated being so far ahead of the remainder of the firing line officially known as Tasmania Post one man wounded by Bomb.

2nd came out of firing line into supports at 8. am nothing doing but continued sniping & a little shelling all day night our side made demonstration to try & draw Turks fire by throwing up lighted flares opening up with a few rounds of artillery fire & machine guns this is with the sole idea of getting a fair idea of the strength of the Turks on our front demonstration put off in favour of one for the light horse no success.

3rd In firing line very quiet day nothing doing but shelling all day & little sniping night sent out patrols & they were bombed back to trenches also light Rifle fire all night.

4th Came Back to main defence at 8 am
I went into 2nd Reserves rather quiet day nothing
only shelling & sniping all day except at night
when I coy in first line defence who sent out
Scribe cutting party & small covering party &
had three men wounded

5th Turks opened up very heavy shell fire
at 4.30 am & shelled all trenches all along the
line doing very little damage patrols went out
at 9 am 2 men being wounded in first Reserves

6th In supports very quiet all day nothing doing
except sniping & shelling made a bit of a show
at night the Turks opened up with fairly heavy
Rifle fire & kept it up continually all night

7th In second line of defence which was our
old firing line early morning shelling by the
Turks all along our trenches wounding 11 & killing one
at night on the extreme left & centre Turks opened up
a very heavy Rifle fire at 10.45 pm for about
1/2 hour then ceased on our front firing all night

8th in 2nd Reserves very heavy shelling going
on all day with plenty of sniping good

Deal of Rifle fire at night

9th 1st Reserves heavy shelling & sniping all day at night a little Rifle fire all along the line

10th In Third line defence which is the main line morning heavy shelling all along the line one of our gunboats Bombardier Kotid Bahr Ridge one of our men was wounded

11th In first line defence firing line ~~with~~ at Laomama Post had rather quiet day tried a demonstration at night a failure

12th In supports first line defence but not for long as I had to take charge of firing line where we had rather a warm time with shrapnell our trenches being ~~infected~~ infaladed it was very warm for about 2 hours but our object was successful our Batt had 12 men wounded 4 very serious our casalties all along the line were fairly heavy night very quiet

13th In second line defence shelling during day heavy rifle fire all along the line at night

Expected Turks to make an attack but did not come off as this was the night they were supposed to go mad being new moon & the starting of their Religious month called Ramazan

14th had well earned rest after 4 days in firing line rather quiet all day only shelling going on night very quiet

15th In second line defence very quiet all day few shells coming over good deal of Bombing during night changed stand to arms from 0300. to 0400. to 0330. to 0430.

16th In first Reserves rather quiet during day only shelling going on got inoculated against cholera first dose good deal of Rifle fire & Bomb throwing during night

17th In second line defence rather quiet during day plenty of shelling had to Reinforce first line Defence at 7.30 pm very quiet during night

18 Returned to first Reserves at 6 am very quiet all day only shelling going on at 9. pm

Sent out 2 parties to charge Turks Trenches
① A. Coy 20 men to one trench they did not
succeed C. Coy 16 men to another trench which
they managed to capture two of C Coy being
wounded & 4 of A. Coy.

19th In first line defence in firing line very
quiet all day until evening then rather a
heavy shelling little rifle fire during night

20th In first line defence supports ~~very~~ very
quiet during day little shelling afternoon
night very heavy Rifle fire all night we
were making a demonstration plenty of Bomb
throwing

21st In second line defence nothing only
shelling during day fairly heavy rifle fire
& Bomb throwing during night

22 In first Reserves fairly quiet during
day only shelling going on at night rather quiet
expecting Big Attack from information received
the Turks were bringing up 100-000 ~~of~~ reinforcements
but the expected did not come off

23rd In second line defence rather quiet all day only shelling night the quietest we had for weeks as orders were issued not to return the turks fire still expecting the attack stood to arms $\frac{1}{4}$ of an hour before the moon ~~set~~ set ^{1.15 am} also at 3 am to 4.30 the expected did not happen

24th In Reserves very quiet day only shelling all day still expecting the attack stood to arms at 1.40 am & at 3 to 4.30 am still waiting for the attack which never came

25th In second line defence 9th 1st sub-section good deal of shelling during morning & afternoon night very quiet

26th In Reserves turks shelling all the morning very quiet nothing doing except shelling all day

27th Were Relieved by 11th Batt from the trenches & went into rest camp which was more dangerous than the trenches the camp being on the side of hill & exposed to shell fire from both flanks

Supported 11th Batt as Reserves during night

28th Was in charge of party of 50 men on fatigue work on Beach from 12 to 5 the Turks fired two high Explosive shells over from Olive Grove the first wounding 3 & killing 1 the next shell wounded 10 & killed 3 making a total of 14 with 2 shells this is what goes on from day to day on the Beach where thousands of men are congregated swimming & water parties & working parties

29th had good spell all day nothing exciting going on only a few shells coming over german aeroplane dropped three bombs doing no damage

30th had 200 men on fatigue party at Beach for carrying Explosives & Loop hole plates Barb wire timber etc during morning afternoon little shelling german aeroplane flew over & dropped three bombs doing no damage

31st nothing doing only shelling German plane dropped 3 bombs & a number of Darts killing 2 mules & wounding 1 Indian at 10.20 pm started to send out a party from 11th Batt

~~August~~

to attack. Turkish trenches in Turkish
despair gully succeeded in taking some when
the men were busy all night sandbagging
some there were several casualties about 100 in all
~~being killed~~ C. Coy were Reserve to
11th Batt but were not called on there were
about ~~70~~⁵⁰ killed of the 11th the Turks lost very
heavy for we could count 80 or 90 dead
lying in front of the trenches so I should say
there were at least 400 casualties among the
Turks & Turks were brought out to the rear
of our line they had been blown up with
one of the three mines that we had
sapped under their trenches & exploded
these were exploded before the attacking
party went forward to attack the trenches

August

1st nothing doing during morning but expected
Turks to bombard our trenches in Retaliation
for our success in capturing their trench but
there was no more than the usual amount
of shelling during day very quiet during the
night the Turks not daring to attack to
get their trenches back

2nd rather quiet all day had fatigue party of
90 men on carrying Engineer's stores from
beach little shelling going on afternoon very
quiet

3rd had very easy day nothing at all doing in
the way of work at night very heavy Rifle
fire & shelling all day german aeroplane
flew over but did not stop to drop any
Bombs

4th anniversary of declaration of war german
aeroplane flew over & Dropped Bomb early
morning afternoon good deal of shelling
& heavy Rifle fire during night

5th Rather quiet all day nothing doing only
shelling & sniping Reported on Beach

with Party of 20 men for water fatigue
sending water up to firing line for the
attack sending it up in water Bags on
mules kept going all night

6th Returned from fatigue at 4.30. am
& had just got settled down when the turks
had forestalled us & made an attack on
the trenches that we had captured a
few days before they succeeded in getting
a footing in the trenches with the
aid of Bombs but did not hold it long
for our men drove them out with the
bayonet taking a few prisoners & causing
many casualties among the turks our side
had 170 casualties 40 killed in the 11th the
light horse had a good many casualties
also our guns & warships opened up a
Bombardment on the turks at 4.30 pm & at
5.30 pm the first Brigade made an attack
on the turks trenches on their front our
Battalion being out spelling were told
off as Reserves to the 1st Brigade to
be called on if Required but we were
in a worse place as we were
compelled to Remain out in the open

under very heavy shell fire as they were infiltrating the Ridge we were on from both Right & Left went out to lone pine at 4 pm to reinforce the second Battalion who had succeeded in taking the 1st 2nd & 3rd line of the Turkish trenches our company done brilliant work carrying ammunition & stretcher bearers after surmounting the gauntlet of the most terrific shrapnel fire

7th Returned to Busuac during day for a couple of hours & then returned to lone pine to reinforce the 2nd & 3rd Batt & were kept busy keeping the Turks from regaining their trenches again it was a regular Bomb duel all night & the stench from the dead was terrible their being hundreds of dead lying about the trenches were full of them they were piled 4 & 5' high & it was almost impossible to pass in places the bottom of the trenches was a complete carpet of dead bodies & we had to walk over

them so get through they were also piled up on the parapet as well it was impossible to estimate the number as they were packed everywhere in the trenches & large parties were working hard to get them buried it was a sight I will never forget had 42 Casualties mostly with Bombs was struck in three places with fragments of Bombs just managed to get clear of the explosion

8th Came out from lone pine at 4 pm & had a spell in Rear of our old lines after 48 hours hard going being Relieved by the 4th Batt not sorry to get out & get a Breath of fresh air the attack still going on on extreme left

9th Spelling all day expecting to get called on at any moment but the Turks did not try a counter attack the left was swinging around splendid & gaining the objective hill 971 heavy shell & rifle fire during night

10th Shifted Back to our old camp as it was a little more secure that

where we were camped rather quiet on our front but heavy shelling going on Rifle fire very heavy during night.

11th Rifle fire eased off early morning things very quiet all the morning information received that the Turks were moving from Helles towards Maïdos & up to the 10th we had got 700 prisoners & 7 machine guns two trench mortars & 1 Nordenfält heavy shelling towards evening & then heavy Rifle fire on left flank

12th Fairly quiet all day little shelling towards evening fairly heavy Rifle fire during night on left flank

13th Moved Back into our old Batt area in Tasmania post at 10 am & took up left flank of firing line this line was previously held by the Turks fairly quiet all day little shelling going on night very quiet nothing doing in firing line 4 to 5 am

14th Rather quiet nothing only shelling & hours in firing line four at day

14th during night

15th Fairly quiet on our front nothing much doing except shelling going on 8 hours in firing line

16th Fairly quiet all day only shelling going on during morning afternoon very quiet in firing line 8 hours

17th still very quiet along our front nothing doing only shelling in firing line 8 hours heavy Rifle fire on left flank during night plenty of sniping heavy bombardment on left flank

18th Very quiet along our front nothing only shelling going on with plenty of sniping & breaking of periscopes heavy bombardment on left at Achi Baba in firing line 8 hours

19th Very quiet all day only shelling going on little Rifle fire at night 8 hours in firing line

20th Came out into Reserves to main line defence only shelling going on all day

21st Started shelling early morning in Reserve
main line defence very heavy firing on
left flank where the Tommies were
attacking

22nd

Returned to firing line in Leans Trench
heavy shelling during day Tommies still
attacking on extreme left flank in firing
line 4 hours had demonstration during night a
success

23rd Very quiet all day very little shelling
going on Tommies still pushing around left
flank nothing doing on our front in firing
line 4 hours

24th In firing line all day very quiet
nothing doing only sniping & shelling
during day very quiet night

25th Things very quiet all day nothing doing
only shelling & sniping in firing line 4 hours

26th little shelling during day otherwise
very quiet all along the line a demonstration
by our people at night at lower pine
in firing line 4 hours

27th Very quiet nothing doing little
shelling & sniping going on opened up
attack on extreme left flank made good
progress in forming line all day

28th came out into main line defence
rather quiet nothing only shelling & sniping
going on

29th In main line defence nothing doing
plenty of shelling going on little rifle fire
few hundred reinforcements arrived for the
night horse church parade during evening
tanks aeroplane dropped 6 bombs doing no damage

30th Returned to garrison leaves trench
very quiet all day only shelling & little
rifle fire in forming line 4 hours

31st fairly quiet just the usual shelling
going on during day heavy rifle fire
at low point during night & also
on extreme left liveliest night for some
time

September

1st Very quiet all along the line nothing doing except shelling & little sniping in front line four hours

2nd Very quiet all along the line couple of good bursts of heavy Rifle fire on extreme left usual shelling during day in front line 4 hours

3rd Nothing doing all day very heavy shelling during the afternoon doing very little damage heavy Bombarding on the right at Achi Baba in front line four hours

4th Everything very quiet on our front good deal of Bomb. throwing at long low pine usual shelling during day in front line 16 hours

5th Went back into main line defence at 8 am in Reserve very quiet the usual daily shelling going on

6th Still in Reserve had a good wander around the positions around paper quinn's & Courtenay's also Sharpnell monash & Rest gully

during the day usual daily shelling

7th Returned to firing line at 8 am everything very quiet nothing only shelling going on light horse Blow up two mines during night on duty 4 hours during night

8th In firing line all day everything quiet except usual shelling & sniping going on rather busy night at lone pine Bombing had wander around in front of firing line during night

9th Nothing doing all day except usual shelling had a demonstration during night very little fire being drawn in firing line 4 hours

10th Was Relieved from trenches by 4th L. H & went into Bunkers at Clark's gully the usual daily shelling going on

11th Nothing doing only Resting usual shelling & little Rifle fire at lone pine during night

12th Very quiet during day usual daily shelling Church parade during evening

13th nothing doing except a great deal of shelling by Beachy Joe heavy Rifle fire during night

14th artillery duel during morning otherwise very quiet nothing doing good deal of Rifle fire during night

15th Very quiet all day nothing doing except the usual shelling & Rifle fire at night with Bomb throwing

16th Very quiet all day nothing doing the usual shelling going on during day Rifle fire during night had look around the 10th Batt trenches previous to taking over a portion of their frontage has demonstration during night along 3rd Brigade frontage ~~the~~ the Turks thought we were going ~~to~~ to make an attack on their trenches the demonstration was very successful

17th Relieved the 10th Batt 2 coys at 10:am in firing line & supports very quiet only the usual daily shelling going on During day few Bombs & Sniping during night

18th Still in fire, line 10th frontage only
Shelling during morning very heavy Shelling
started afternoon accompanied by heavy rifle fire
from the Turks who were putting up a
skint

19th Came back to Buranao at 10 am fairly
quiet all day only shelling going on aeroplane
flew over at night but nothing doing church
parade evening

20th Still very quiet all along the line
only the usual daily shelling going on with
sniping

21st good deal of shelling going on during
day otherwise fairly quiet all along
the front

22nd Relieved portion of 10th Batt 2
Coys at 10. am nothing important only
usual shelling during day one of the quietest
nights known

23rd Still very quiet nothing doing only
usual shelling that being fairly heavy

24th Left 10th Batt Tranches & Returned to
Bivouac at 10 am very quiet all day only
usual shelling going on was 6.0 12th
Bn detachment during time in 10th Bn
Tranches put up stunts on Turks at
8 pm. I succeeded in drawing a good
deal of fire from them

25th ~~Monday~~ very quiet only shelling going
on during day nothing much at night

26th Sunday quiet all day only usual shelling
going on church parade during evening

27th Relieved three coys in 11th Batt firing
line everything very quiet usual shelling
going on aeroplane flew over during night

28th Only usual shelling going on during
day aeroplane flew over & dropped Bombs
heavy sniping & Rifle fire during night

29th Returned to Bivouac at 10th am
from 11th Batt firing line very quiet
day very little shelling during day
aeroplanes flying over

~~30~~ 30⁰ extra quiet all day only the usual ~~day~~ ~~at~~ daily shelling, going on heavy Bombarding on right with heavy Rifle fire during night

October

1st the whole company were put on sapping during morning, very quiet still Bombarding on Right flank

2nd all the compy on sapping only usual shelling going on during day still heavy firing going on on right & left flanks

3rd Sunday rather quiet: usual shelling evening church parade

4th Turks opened up early morning with a rather severe shelling ^{on} ~~of~~ our trenches causing a few casualties our gunners soon quietened them down fairly heavy rifle fire during night

5th Very quiet nothing doing only usual shelling going on during day & sniping at night

6th Relieved 2 coys of 10th Batt from firing line at 10 am our men taking up their positions nothing of importance occurred usual daily shelling

7th fairly quiet all day only usual shelling going on put up stunt at 8.30 very successful the turks opening up with a good Rifle fire also little shelling & Bomb throwing

8th Relieved from 10th Batt firing line at 10 am & Returned to Birrouac only usual shelling going on during night fair amount of Rifle fire got washed out of dug out during night

9th Very quiet all day nothing doing very little shelling all day Repaired the dug out by putting bag roof on

10th Very quiet all day nothing doing only usual shelling going on Sunday night evening service good deal of Rifle fire going on during night

11th Relieved 9th Batt in firing line at 10. am things very quiet little Rain during morning heavy Bombardment going on on left flank starts on right flank of firing line very active especially snipers during night

12th fair amount of shelling during day otherwise quiet enemy snipers on left flank very active during night

13th Relieved from 9th Battalion's firing line at 10 am fair amount of shelling during day especially during evening

14th only fatigues during day fairly quiet during morning usual shelling going on all day

15 Relieved two companies of 10th Batt from firing line usual shelling going on otherwise fairly quiet

16th Nothing doing very quiet usual daily shelling only going on had fatal accident one man being shot dead

17th Sunday was Relieved from 10th Batt firing line at 10 am everything going smoothly only usual daily shelling going on Promoted to Temp Rank of Capt

18 Left with Party of 6 men to go to Embros for Cantent stores for the brigade at 2.45 pm arrived Embros at 6.15 pm

19th Went out to Panageai Greek Village on horse back for a run returned same afternoon distance 6 miles track very rough

20th all day taken up buying & packing stores

21st Left Embros at 7 am with stores arriving at Anyae 12 am calling at Suvla with mail

22nd Nothing doing everything going quiet only usual daily shelling going on

23 took over 11th Batt firing line frontage
at 10 am they taken up our old quarters
to prepare to get away for a spell in
firing line 4 hours during night usual shelling
during day otherwise quiet 10 pm till 2 am

24th Sunday nothing doing everything quiet
only usual shelling going on no church
parade in firing line 4 hours during
night 2 am till 6 am

25 Everything very quiet nothing doing
only usual shelling going on in firing
line 4 hours during night 6 pm to 10 pm

26th In firing line from 5 am until 6 pm
only usual shelling going on sniper by
enemy very desultory in firing line 4 hours
during night 2 am to 6 am

27th Turks took mad fit during morning
started sending over quite a number of
shells of all sorts but doing very little
damaged when our guns opened up on them
they very soon shut down rest of day
very quiet night also in firing line
4 hours during night 10 pm to 2 am

28th Nothing much doing fairly quiet only
usual shelling going on sniping very dull
in firing line 4 hours 6 to 10 pm.

29th fairly quiet Turks went mad for
awhile & shelled our trenches so a fair
bit of shelling otherwise all quiet in firing
line 4 hours 2 am till 6 am

30th one of the quietest days we have
had absolutely nothing doing except
few shells & Bombs towards evening in
firing line 4 hours 10 pm till 2 am

31st Nothing doing except usual shelling
or sniping little Bomb throwing in
firing line 4 hours 6 till 10 pm