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Hour, Date, Place	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
<p>0500 <i>27/10/45</i>                      0515                      0605                      0615</p>	<p><i>Sarpi beach Lemnos</i>                      Reveille <sup>at 0500</sup> blankets rolled in bundles of 10 and placed on waggons.                      Breakfast                      Fall in. effective strength 16 officers &amp; 38 other ranks, 1 officer &amp; 5 ORs attached. then in full marching order with 1 blanket, 100 rds of amm &amp; 2 days ration.                      Brigade marched off in order 1st 2nd 3rd &amp; 4th Bns. at the camp boundary the band of the 2nd Inf Bde met the column and marched at the head for about 1/2 a mile, then halted &amp; played us out of camp. About a mile from the starting point men were noticed dropping out unable to continue. This may have been due to marching with a heavy load on the shoulders so soon after breakfast. The unusual muggy heat may have contributed, and probably the majority who did fall out were men who had not fully recovered their strength after the fatigues of Anzac.                      At No 2 General Hospital (Australian) the New Zealand Inf Bde band was waiting, and they played us right away down to the Royal Engineer Pier. Here there was a long wait before we finally embarked on the ferry. Wind and dust very trying.                      Embarked on ferry boat with rest of Bde.                      left R.E. Pier. and started transferring men &amp; stores to transport A.O. (OSMANIEH).                      Too rough for troops to be landed at Anzac so we all remaining in</p>	<p></p>
<p>1130                      1200</p>	<p></p>	<p></p>

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	Transport "Osmanieh" Indros Bay Lemnos	
1400 27/10/15	Indros Bay until the wind moderates.	
1500.	Brigadier Gen. N.M. SMYTH V.C. on board but has appointed Lt Col W.E.H. CASS, 2nd BN O.C. troops. Captain R. HARRISON, ships adjutant.	
1800.	Weather still unfavourable.	
0600. 28/10/15	Fine day but still too rough to sail. Effective strength 16 officers and 238 other ranks.	
0900.	Everyone settled down, and fairly comfortable. Latrine and lavatory <sup>accommodation</sup> very unsatisfactory in mens quarters. Latrines only capable of soaking a little over 10% instead of 5% which is generally recognised as being necessary.	
1300	Still too rough to leave harbour.	
1800	No improvement in weather. We cannot <del>not</del> leave to-night.	
0600. 29/10/15	Fine day. sea quite calm. Certain to leave for ANZAC to-day.	
1100.	Orders received from the ARAGON to sail at 1300 sharp	
1315	on the move. The men seem quite contented to be on the way back to the firing line.	
1800.	all lights screened as we are now off ANZAC	
2000	troops starting to disembark. 1st load 1st Bde. second load 2nd Bde and 120 men of 3rd Bde & Bde details. third load	

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<p style="text-align: right; margin-right: 10px;">Anzac</p> <p>2000 29/10/15</p> <p>2400</p> <p>0600 30/10/15</p> <p>1000</p> <p>1200</p>	<p>remainder of 3rd Bde &amp; 4th Bde. Fourth load stores and fatigue parties left to handle them. The Bde met by guides who led the way to CLARK GULLY where we arrived at 2400 and bivouaced.</p> <p>2nd Bde bivouaced at the bottom of the gully.</p> <p>Fine day. - effective strength 16 officers &amp; 38 other ranks.</p> <p>2nd Bde took over firing line in the CORNFIELD from the 9th Bde. and occupied from Q1 sap to L5. which is at the northern end of LEANES TRENCH. well known for account of its capture from the Turks by 11th Bde, its recapture by the enemy a few days later, followed by its recapture by <sup>(Australians)</sup> us, almost immediately.</p> <p>Trenches are particularly clean and well kept. The ground is very rotten in parts and needs revetting to prevent the trenches from falling in.</p> <p>37 details belonging to 2nd Bde reported for duty and are in charge of <sup>Platoon</sup> A.G. MORRIS. 8th reinforcement officers. 40 men of the 2nd Bde 7th and 8th reinforcements also joined, having been working at ANZAC for the Bde to return. They appear to be a fine lot of men.</p> <p>Have made complete tour of our lines and find it is only possible to get two Companies into the area allotted.</p>	

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<p>1200 30/10/15. Shell Green Bogae</p>	<p>This means one Co in firing line, one Co in support and two down in the gully behind our trenches, in reserve.</p> <p>The enemy's trenches are about 200 to 250 yards from our lines with a deep gully between. In parts the fall away from our trenches is very steep, and for this reason <del>it</del> it is hard to keep an efficient look out from our trenches owing to some of the ground close in front being dead.</p>	
<p>1600.</p>	<p>Very little happening. — the usual sniping along the line by both <del>the</del> sides.</p>	
<p>2030</p>	<p>Rather violent rain storm.</p>	
<p>0600 31/10/15.</p>	<p>Fine day. casualties nil. effective strength 17 officers 314 other ranks.</p>	
<p>1000</p>	<p>Quiet day. very little firing. either rifle or artillery. A start made on improving and increasing accommodation for officers and men. Timber and galvanised iron unprocureable. The C.O. and others compelled to sleep out in the open.</p>	
<p>1600 2000.</p>	<p>Everything quiet with exception of usual night sniping. <del>Light</del> A.G. MORRIS. sent to hospital. temperature very high. He only joined <del>to</del> yesterday.</p>	