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Date	Place	Events	Remarks etc.
1.6.15	Anzac Cove Gallipoli Peninsula	Very quiet day. Bn gradually refitting	
2.6.15	"	Total casualties up to date (25/4/15 - 2/6/15) - Killed 8 officers 65 other ranks; wounded 8 officers 276 other ranks; missing 1 off. 72 other ranks. Grand total 17 off. 413 other ranks £316 distributed in pay.	
3.6.15	"	King's Birthday. Lt Col C.H. Brand of 8 th Bn informally awarded D.S.O. Capt. G. Coates promoted major. Lt Col Capt. Horn to be Capt.: Lt J. Bolton Dalton + Bennett to be Lieut.: and Lt H. Bolton returned to duty.	
4.6.15	"	Bn inlying quiet. Capt. Cooper to Hospital for operations.	
5.6.15	"	Sgt. E.A. Evans appointed Lt. 1.6.15	
6.6.15	"	2 Coys as support to 2 nd Bn, 2 to 1 st Bde	
7.6.15	"	} Quiet day.	
8.6.15	"		

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9.6.15	ANZAC COVE (GALLIPOLI PENINSULA)	Lt H. Bolton sent to Alexandria in connection with eye sight. 10 men per Coy being trained in bomb throwing	
10.6.15	"	Received word to relieve 1 st Bn in trenches	
11.6.15	"	Whole Bn relieved 1 st Bn by 4 p.m.	
12.6.15	"	In trenches 3 casualties. Mail received	
13.6.15	"	In trenches. 9 p.m. enemy reported to be tunnelling towards our lines 5 ft away from our tunnel D9.	
14.6.15	"	7.30 am charge fired. Results satisfactory	
15.6.15	"	Quiet day. Mail arrived small one.	
16.6.15	"	Heavy shelling. casualties 4 killed + 9 wounded. Parapets seriously damaged but repaired at night. Attack expected but only slight firing about 11 p.m. to midnight	
17.6.15	"	Capt. Hardy appointed Battalion intelligence officer to collate all information received from Companies.	

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18.6.15	CALLIPOLI PENINSULA ANZAC.	4th Grenadier, Jennings + Lysons reinforcements transferred back from 7 th Bn to 8 th Bn. Our trenches heavily shelled 3 killed 9 wounded	
19.6.15	"	Quiet day casualties. 1 killed 2 wounded 27700 to Hospital	
20.6.15	"	Strength of Bn at Gallipoli 28 off. 826 o.R. = 854 casualties to date Killed 8 off 77 o.R.; wounded 1 off. 310 other ranks; Missing 1 off 68 o.R. = 241 17 off. 455 other ranks Total 472	
21.6.15	"	Lieut. E. James returned to duty.	
22.6.15	"	Quiet day. Lieut Fay to Hospital Influenza. 7th reinforcements arrived Capt. R. Dickenson + 26 others. Sent to 6 th Bn now in Reserve for further training. Trenches heavily shelled 40 landed in D Coy left in 3/4 hrs. damage only to parapet.	
23.6.15	"	Lieut Hurry to Hospital Influenza. Average cases daily for Hospital = 4.	
24.6.15	"	Guns, machine guns, all rifles to opened fire at 10 pm to draw enemy fire and ascertain his strength. Successful.	
25.6.15	"	Quiet day. Mail arrived. Major General G. Legge took over command of 1 st Div. Lt. Blackman to Hospital. Branches.	

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26.6.15	Gallipoli ANZAC.	Capt. Ham to Hospital Influenza. Strength of Bn 26 off. 852 other ranks. Casualties to date i.e away from the Bn. Killed 8 officers 73 others, wounded 8 off. 289 others missing 1 officer 65 other. Total 17 off. 427 other ranks. Weather warm in daytime. Flies flies bad.	
27.6.15	"	Recommended the establishment of Sunday detachment should be 1 Capt + 8 not 1 lance Capt + 8. This NCO if he does his work well is worth Capt. pay. Enemy attacked half heartedly.	
28.6.15	"	Heavy bombardment at Cape Helles. Another Div. landing, 8 th Bn with other demonstrated in front. Capt. Dale to Hospital Diarrhoea	
29.6.15	"	Quiet day. at 9.30 pm enemy attacked very hard especially left flank. Quiet at 11.30.	
30.6.15	"	Enemy again inclined to attack dusk stern 9 pm. no casualties. Capt Hardy to command Coy since he came in trenches on 11 June 6 killed 44 wounded and 53 to Hospital sick	CH Hardy sick 11/5/15