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## INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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CENTRAL REGISTRY.

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Hour, Date, Place.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices.
1915 Sept. 1 <sup>st</sup> Anzac	Very quiet day and night. Received news that troops on our left had captured Hill 60. Health of men not good. Weather cooler. 12 men to Hospital.	
2 <sup>nd</sup> "	Quiet during the day. Race at 2:30 by No 3 Section - very little response by enemy. Received word that an attack by enemy was expected on or before night of 5 <sup>th</sup> . Everything in readiness. 13 men to Hospital.	
3 <sup>rd</sup> "	Another quiet day. Went to bushy ground 12 <sup>th</sup> and 11 <sup>th</sup> sections the former of the 7 <sup>th</sup> of the two latter of 6 <sup>th</sup> reinforcements reported for duty and were attached for duty. 1 <sup>st</sup> Alsbury to B Coy. 1 <sup>st</sup> Ground to 1 <sup>st</sup> Alsbury to C Coy. A few things from comfort stores Alexandria, Arrived were distributed to men to Hospital.	
4 <sup>th</sup> "	An alarm during night no result. Very quiet. 14 men to Hospital. Heavy firing at Lone Pine.	
5 <sup>th</sup> "	Very quiet. Received word that 20 <sup>th</sup> Batt <sup>n</sup> were to relieve us. 11 men killed 7 to Hospital.	
6 <sup>th</sup> "	20 <sup>th</sup> Battalion under Major Zethers arrived. At present they are receiving instruction in trench work from 8 <sup>th</sup> Batt <sup>n</sup> . Race by ourselves at 2:00. Very little fire returned. 17 men to Hospital. Capt. Trickey returned.	
7 <sup>th</sup> "	Instruction 24 <sup>th</sup> Batt <sup>n</sup> in work of trenches. Very quiet on our front. Mail arrived. Men to Hospital 3.	
8 <sup>th</sup> "	24 <sup>th</sup> Batt <sup>n</sup> proceeds before Lone Pine their place taken by 21 <sup>st</sup> Batt <sup>n</sup> under Major Harris. Work of instruction gone through again by members of 8 <sup>th</sup> Batt <sup>n</sup> . All work gave himself up at Courtneys.	
9 <sup>th</sup> "	Lieut. Yates proceeded to Lohrioz to prepare camp for our holiday. 5 men to Hospital.	
10 <sup>th</sup> "	Very quiet. Trenches inspected by General Burrows. Heavy instructions to 21 <sup>st</sup> Batt <sup>n</sup> still goes on. 2780k and 8 officers left at night for Lemnos. Race at 2:15. Fair amount of fire drawn.	
11 <sup>th</sup> Lemnos	Handed over Batt <sup>n</sup> to Major Ebeling also charge of Northern No 2 Section to Major Harris. Major Coulter left with 21 <sup>st</sup> Batt <sup>n</sup> for instructional purposes. Remaining portion of Batt <sup>n</sup> 12 Officers and 320 men withdrawn from the trenches preparatory to embarkation. Capt. Trickey left in charge of reinforcement camp Anzac. Battalion warned to embark at 23:35. All on board at 00:35. O.C. Batt <sup>n</sup> congratulated upon manner of embarkation. Proceeded by "SARNIA" to Lemnos.	
12 <sup>th</sup> "	Arrived at 0:20 proceeded to camp 2 1/2 miles inland. 17 Marquees allotted to Battalion; men very comfortable. Capt. Yates and Lieut. Thomas to hospital also 4 men.	
13 <sup>th</sup> "	Paras arrived. 1164 distributed amongst members of Battalion. Mail arrived 2 <sup>nd</sup> August. 3 men to hospital. Battalion resting all day.	
14 <sup>th</sup> "	10 bags of mail arrived. Address to Brigade by Colonel Forsyth. Batt <sup>n</sup> resting all day. Halfway number of tents taken for Aust <sup>n</sup> and New Zealand Divisions. Have now only 7 Marquees. 300 men sleeping out.	
15 <sup>th</sup> "	Commenced work 2 1/2 hours in morning smartening up drill - remainder of the day off duty. Rained very heavily during night; making men wet through Aust <sup>n</sup> and N.Z. Divisions arriving. 7 <sup>th</sup> Batt <sup>n</sup> arrived from Anzac. Lecture to all officers of Bde by Pde Major and Brigadier during the evening.	
16 <sup>th</sup> "	Physical training indulged in. Major G. Coulter returned from special duty with 21 <sup>st</sup> Batt <sup>n</sup> 6 <sup>th</sup> Bde 2 <sup>nd</sup> Aust <sup>n</sup> Div <sup>n</sup> at Anzac and took over command of 8 <sup>th</sup> Batt <sup>n</sup> from Major G. Ebeling.	
17 <sup>th</sup> "	Inspected by French Gen. Admiral Gutfreath, Camp Commandant and British General during afternoon. Portion of mail arrived, too tough to land remainder. Very heavy rain; many men wet through through shortage of tents.	
18 <sup>th</sup> }	Very windy, clear weather; usual training; very rough sea no mail landed again. 10 officers (1 Johnson) returned from wounded and hospital. 120 tents issued to Batt <sup>n</sup> . M.E.P. + 1 Hospital Marquee.	
19 <sup>th</sup> }	Usual training. Men slowly improving though many going to hospital. Three tents M.E.P. Pattern.	
20 <sup>th</sup> }	Elyen now returned from hospital. Four sick sent to hospital.	
21 <sup>st</sup> }	Holding camp.	

