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Extracts from Diary 1915
18th Aug.

Aug 19 } Lemnos at Daylight, hundred of
Thursday } vessels here - protected by a torpedo
net mine about 4 mls long.
Anchored outside boom for breakfast &
then went into harbour ^{Sankloris} L. Nelson.
Cornwall anchored near shore.
heard we were sailing at once
Everyone excited.

Aug 20 } 18th Batt - 219th Batt - moved away at
Friday } sundown in Asmaniah (Egyptian mail
boat our transport from Lemnos to Smyrna)
We go tomorrow - very dirty ship
filth & filth everywhere, 7 stowaways
on board.

Aug 21st Boat alongside 1 pm. Left Lemnos about
5.45 pm. Ran at 15 knots in darkness.
Gun flashes & roar of cannon at 9.15 pm
Big battle on. Saw warboats in action

Aug 22. Landed at daylight - No casualties, but
one of crew wounded in stomach -
took up position in Reserve Gully just
near Watson's Pier. Roar of cannon

incorrect

Aug 26th ^{18th} Went round trenches on Russell Top
 Saw periscope rifles in use. Heard
 Aust. everywhere. Hear 310 attacked on 8th
 & 237 killed. We take over at noon.
 Took charge of 'No 1 Post'. Made demonstr.
 at 9.15 pm. Turks replied vigorously.
 about 10,000 rds amm. used up.

Aug 27th At 1 am. old 75 drove a hole in our gun
 position. At 14.50 a demonstration
 took place but Turks ready. Good sniping
 along front. Sgt Paine had magazine
 blown off. No damage. At 16. a deter-
 mined attack was made on our left.
 Lyddite & shrapnel rained on the M.G.s
 hummed. Fancy our men O.K. Heavy
 firing in front. 75 at it.

Aug 28th Everything quiet on Russell Top. Action
 on left still progressing with rumours
 of all sorts flying round foot over
 further ~~at~~ part of trenches. No casualties
 Saw Gen Burdwood.

Aug 29th Everything quiet. German plane dropped
 bombs, no damage done. have got good hole
 for sniping. Saw Warboat on fire.



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Aug. 30th. Turks very quiet - Had shots at German Officer (target found to be a dummy). Enemy shelled Div.H.Q. this afternoon but issue of rations went on. In the night several scares & 2 rockets sent up. C.Coy. in trench, one shot himself in leg & other ran bayonet in shoulder.

Aug. 31st. Got a sniper before breakfast (0400). Putting up a 3 pounder. Got two more at close range (40.3 pr in position) Turks made demonstration tonight but we scared them off in short order.

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