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28th Battalion
7th Inf. Brigade
A. J. F.

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Adj. General
3rd Echelon. M. E. & F.
12 DEC. 1915
CENTRAL RECORDS
No MFC
Remarks and references to Appendices

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information
	1915		
LOWER CHESHIRE RIDGE (Gallipoli)	November 1 st		C Company & portion of Battalion Head Qs leave LOWER CHESHIRE RIDGE & proceed to TAYLORS GULLY, where the Battalion will act as Divisional Reserve.
	"	2	D Company proceeds to TAYLORS GULLY. Informed today that the 7 th Brigade is to join the 2 nd Australian Division & that the 4 th Brigade (AIF) & New Zealand Inf. Brigade will take over the APEX & UPPER & LOWER CHESHIRE RIDGE positions.
TAYLORS GULLY	"	3	A Coy & remainder of Batta. Head Qs arrive Taylor's Gully. The 26 th Battalion soon to have replaced at Taylor's Gully move off to join the 2 nd Australian Division, then destination being RUSSELLS TOP. The whole of the 28 th Battalion with the exception of a small number of N.C.O.s and company details are employed in Beach fatigue under the Beach Commandant and C.O. Engineers, bivouacking near the Beach.
	" 4-10		No events of interest to record. Weather has been fine.
	"	11	Mechanics Section, Light Phillips Platoon and a number of miners from APEX again to Battalion
HAPPY VALLEY	"	12	The Battalion (less Beach parties) moves to HAPPY VALLEY near RUSSELLS TOP forming the 2 nd Australian Division as reserve Battalion to the Garrison of Russell Top.



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HAPPY VALLEY	1915 November 12 th		To furnish a patrol for the trench line connecting Russell Top and the lines of the 1 st Light Horse Brigade and also supply an infantry platoon, on duty at night only.	
"	14 - 20		Weather fine during this period, with the exception of a thunderstorm on the 15 th .	
"	18 - 20		accompanied by very heavy sea which interferes with the trans-shipment and landing of stores for a couple of days.	
"	21 - 27		Weather turns very cold with strong bleak winds from N. Heavy thunder-storm on the night of the 25 th .	
"	28		Fall of snow during the night & ground is all white in the morning. Snow continues to fall until midday - very cold & slushy underfoot. In the evening there is a hard frost. Our first real taste of winter and the men feel it severely, especially the patrol. Two cases of frost-bite reported.	
"	29		Sharp frost and very cold all day. Wind very bleak	
"	30		Wind drops, but it is still freezing & very cold all day.	
			Owing to bad weather conditions (& for other reasons) little or no stores are landed during the last week of the month and all troops are on bully beef & biscuits & there is also a shortage of water.	



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7 Inf. Brigade
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HAPPY VALLEY	1917 November		<p>Orders were received on the 24th for a cessation of fire against the enemy, except in the case of actual attack. The period of cessation lasted until the night of the 27th, during which time there was practically no rifle or gun fire along the whole front of the Army Corps.</p> <p>During the last 3 weeks, the enemy have been particularly active with their artillery, Anzac Beach being^{being} constantly & heavily shelled. Our men working on the beach have been frequently under shell fire & there have been several casualties amongst them. Jaundice has been very prevalent & this disease also combined with the other conditions has been responsible for the evacuation of a number of sick from the Battalion.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Casualties for November</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Killed</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Died of wounds</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Sick</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Total</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">open or</td> <td style="text-align: center;">open or</td> <td style="text-align: center;">open or</td> <td style="text-align: center;">open other rank</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">- 1</td> <td style="text-align: center;">- 8</td> <td style="text-align: center;">4 - 107</td> <td style="text-align: center;">4 - 116</td> </tr> </table>	Killed	Died of wounds	Sick	Total	open or	open or	open or	open other rank	- 1	- 8	4 - 107	4 - 116	
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