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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
MEX Camp	APRIL 1915 1st		Battalion practised in covering landings.	
"	2nd		Battalion practised landings and covering landings from ship's boats.	
"	3rd		Battalion practised in landings and covering landings by night.	
"	4th		Dinner Service.	
"	5th		Battalion practised disembarkation & landing of amm. stores etc.	
"	6th		29th Division 86th & 87th Inf Bdes inspected by General Sir IAN HAMILTON.	
"	7th	2 am	Received orders to embark on H.T. CALEDONIA	
"	"	7 pm	Completed embarkation of Battalion. 7 days supplies. 2 days iron rations. RE stores.	
			1/R. MUNN FUS. - ANSON 13th R.N. DIV. - G.H.Q. Signal Coy. embarked also.	
			Strength of Battalion on embarkation - 27 Officers & 30 other ranks - No transport.	
			Took 200 rounds amm. per man. Battn Tools - Signalling Equip. Short of Bde tools.	
			1 days (24 hours) ration for men & officers chargers -	
Mitrosobazania	8th		Lt. Col. ORMOND 1st Bn LAIN. FUS. in command of troops on board.	
H.T. CALEDONIA	8th	10.30 am	Left ALEXANDRIA.	
"	9th		Places of parade allotted for disembarkation.	
"	10th	1.30 pm	Arrived W. LEMNOS	

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LEMNOS	APRIL 1915			
	11 <sup>th</sup>		Practised loading men into boats by day & by night.	
	12 <sup>th</sup>			
	13 <sup>th</sup>	10 am	Loaded 830 all ranks into Cutters (22) & were taken in 5 tugs to near the beach took 35 minutes to disembark this number into Cutters.	
	14 <sup>th</sup>		Practised transferring from Ship to Boats day & night.	
	15 <sup>th</sup>	9 am	Practised landings in ships boats manned by bluejackets. Took machine guns & amm.	
	16 <sup>th</sup>		Practised landings by $\frac{1}{2}$ Battalions.	
	17 <sup>th</sup>	8 pm	Landed on LEMNOS Island & route marched.	
	18 <sup>th</sup>	4 am	Returned to CALEDONIA.	
	19 <sup>th</sup>	9 am	788 all ranks transferred in 6 tugs of 4 Cutters each to H.M.S. EURYALUS for	
	20 <sup>th</sup>		Practise in mustering ready for eventual disembarkation.	
	20 <sup>th</sup>		Major Bishop took over command of 1 <sup>st</sup> LAN. FUS. from Lt. Col. H.V.B. ORMOND owing to ill health of latter.	
	21 <sup>st</sup>	10 am	Conference of Generals & O.C. units on H.T. ANDANIA.	
	22 <sup>nd</sup>		Moved to LEMNOS TENEDOS portowed 24 hours. weather conditions	
	23 <sup>rd</sup>	5.30 pm	Left LEMNOS	



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TENEDOS	APRIL 1915 24 <sup>th</sup>	4 am	Arrived TENEDOS. waited for weather.	
		6 pm	Transferred to H.M.S. FURYALUS. Strength of Batt <sup>y</sup> landing 25 officers & 918 other ranks.	
GALLIPOLI PENINSULA	25 <sup>th</sup>	4 am	Transferred to ship's boats & rowed to landing place on beach between C. HELLES & TEKKE BURNU.	App. IX
		5.30 am	Landed under heavy fire from machine guns & rifles from cliffs. Heavy casualties.	Orders for Landing.
		9 am	Several men hit in boats & in water before getting ashore. Barbed wire entanglement near water's edge.	
		9 am	In possession of 114 hill & adjacent redoubts. Dispositions reported to B.G.C.	
		10 am	ESSEX Regt. reinforced on our right. Dated for information re ROFTUNS FUS. landing.	
		2.45 pm	C Coy. 1.L.F. in Redoubt North of hill 114. D Coy. 1.L.F. just South of hill 114.	All references are to
		5 pm	Ordered to make good. Spent 200 & 2.4. Keeping connection with troops on hill 138.	Squared map issued to all troops
		26 <sup>th</sup>	C Coy 1.L.F. connected up with 2. Royal Fus. & entrenched on their right. D Coy. 1.L.F. on right of C Coy. on a line 600 yards North of hill 114.	MAP of GALLIPOLI Sheet I
		6 am	Heavy firing all night on our left flank.	
			Firing continued all morning. Collected A & B Coy's who had gone to hill 138 in accordance with orders issued by Bde. Reorganised Battalion.	
			Strength 15 officers & 411 other ranks.	
		5 pm	Petition Turks retired towards ACHI BABI.	

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ANADOLIAN GALLIPOLI PENINSULA	APRIL 1915 26 <sup>th</sup>		Position on night of 26/27 April. North East from SITH BAHN - 1 Co. HANTS. & 1 Co. R. DUB. FUS. OLD CASTLE is single tree. & Cos. R. MUN. FUS. THAMES is L in HOSPITAL up to No 2 Redoubt exclusive. WORE. Rgt. Redoubt No 2 is ROYAL SCOTS - ESSEX Rgt. From R. SCOTS, 2 Cos. HANTS. 1 Co. LAN. FUS. & R. FUS. to cliff edge.	
	27 <sup>th</sup>		Firing from Turks on left of our position. 8 am. Turks withdrew. All quiet & peaceful in front for 1 mile. 2 pm. 2 Batts. 175 Rgt. of French Infy. landed & joined our forces. 4 pm. Batts. left trenches & put in Divisional Reserve with R. FUS. R. DUB. FUS. & R. MUN. FUS.	
	28 <sup>th</sup>	8 am.	Ordered to move forward & occupy trenches dug on night of 27/28 April on line point 286 NE of ESSA HISSARLIK to mouth of stream in square 168 d. On arrival at trenches ordered to move forward with Div. Reserve, go through 88' Infy Bde. & carry on attack. 15 KRITHIA.	App. I Orders for occupation of new line
		1 pm.	Attack ordered by Bde. Major to push on through small fir wood. Turks retired in small numbers from opposite slope.	App. II Orders for pushing on attack

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GALLIPOLI PENINSULA	APRIL 1915			
	28 <sup>th</sup>		Turks fired heavily all the afternoon. No change in situation. Owing to retirement of French troops on our right flank, the advanced line of the attacking troops could not hold their forward position. in small fir wood about 1000 yards S.W. of KRITHIA.	
"	29 <sup>th</sup>	4 am.	1. LAN. FUS. was ordered to entrench in square 175Z 2-6.	
			St. Col. WILLIAMS HANTS REGT. took over command of 36 Int. Bde.	
		2 pm.	The line of trenches was straightened out & the 1. LAN. FUS. entrenched on a line 176V 4-8.	
"	30 <sup>th</sup>		No change in situation. Effective strength of Bde 11 Officers 354 men. 1 Major Officer. 1 Major. 1 Lt. Col. 1 Capt. 1 Sgt. 1.	
<p>H. H. Bishop Major Comd. 1<sup>st</sup> B. LAN. FUS.</p>				





Lichfield.

Wednesday night 17<sup>th</sup>.

Dear Charlie.

Here you are - My account has  
been verified by C.S.M's. Victor & O'Shea  
who were both at the landing & are  
holders of C.S.M's. O'Shea saw  
several Turkish Maritime Gun Belt  
Boxes. There are two enlargements of the  
photo I have in the Museum that  
taken by an R.A.M.C. photo on the  
 Clyde we struck after no landing.



I have given you a simple story -  
he new ~~start~~ showed a little also.  
The Navy knotes clunker out of the  
course - but did no good - & did not  
replace the drink. You might ask me  
this - I say if it is any good to you.  
Anyway it is a true story however  
bad criticism. Cheers de!

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Yours.

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TO	O. C. 2nd Inf		
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Sender's Number	Day of Month	In reply to Number	AAA
B50	28th		

LT Needham has been directed to move his left on White Mosque west end of KRITHIA AAA This will be centre of firing line AAA remainder of force on right of Needham in one line under your command AAA RF will be on your left AAA conform to Needham's movement to move in first instance AAA Major Pearson to remain at late Bde HQ & try to get ammunition forward with 2 Pz men who return from taking 88th amm AAA Go through 88th Bde & carry forward attack K

From	Harwar Bde Major
Place	12.30pm
Time	

The above may be forwarded as now corrected.

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