

Baily Diary 1915

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useful information for
the Enemy whatever

yours
Harry E Baily

Home address: Huonville
Tasmania
Australia

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Claremont Camp
AMC
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My N° 3751

Harry Edward Baily
C Section
7th Field Ambulance
Australian. Armie. Medical. Core
A.A.M.C.

H E Baily

Home Address

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Australia
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No War information
whatever in this book
Open for any one to read

P.S. If anything
Happens to me in this
war would the finder of
this kindly send this to my
parents by favour HE Baily
AAMC
Tasmania

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*[There are several printed pages of useful information, tables and calendars
at the beginning of this Diary.]*

*Page (4) is the Title Page of the Diary, and bears a purple stamp showing where the diary
was
purchased:*

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[The word Tasmania is written below the stamp in Baily's hand.]

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[*This page is a printed Will filled out by Baily. The hand written entries of this Will appear in italics.*]

Directions for Making a Will.

May 21th – 1915

A will must be written in ink, and be signed by the Testator in the presence of at least two witnesses, and if written on more than one sheet, each sheet should be signed by testator and witnesses. Persons under 21 years of age cannot legally make a will. Particular attention should be paid to the fact that witnesses must not be in any way interested in the will. Any error in this respect may upset the validity of it in a Court of Law.

FORM OF WILL.

Here put full Name, } This is the last Will and Testament of Me
Occupation and } *Harry Edward Baily*
Address of Testator } *Soldier Huonville Tasmania*
Australia

And I do hereby give and bequeath my whole estate and effects,
real and personal, of which I may die possessed, or be
entitled to, unto

Here insert Person or } *Mrs L.C. Baily wife of* [*Insered word "wife" initialled by HEB and RT*]
Persons' Names } *William J Baily*
} *Huonville Tasmania Australia*

And I appoint *Mrs L.C. Baily*
executors of this, my Will, and I hereby revoke all former Wills and
Codicils, I also ordain my said executors to deliver to the persons after-
named, the following legacies out of said estate.

In witness whereof I have subscribed these presents at *Brisbane*
this *21st* day of *May* one thousand nine hundred and
15 years, in presence of two witnesses.

Harry Edward Baily
Person granting Will signs here.

. *RJ Todd. Davey St Hobart. Tas.*
Witness, Name, Occupation, and Address.

. *O.W. Reynolds 197 Brisbane St Hobart*
Witness do

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NOTES FROM 1914

7th Field Ambulance Death-Rowl

Oct. 4th 1915 J Neal. A Sec. Killed by Beachy Bill

Oct. 24th 1915 Edward Hale C Sec. Killed Shrap. B. Hosp.

Nov 11th 1915 Harry Homer A Sec died "16 Hosp. Clearing"

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NOTES FROM 1914

7th Field Ambulance Wounded

Sep 25th 1915 A J Williams - in Hosp. - Pelvis wound

Sep 29th 1915 F Lowrie – No.3 Dressing S. & Knee

Oct 7th 1915 Kidman. B Sec. Wound Hip, 2 Hos

Oct 9th 1915 McGuire - B Sec. Wound, sit down 3 Hos

Oct 24th 1915 Tom McAliaster C Sec Wounded foot B Hos

Nov 3rd 1915 Captain Brownel B Sect. Wound side Bres Brest

Nov 3rd 1915 Maj Ross S Sec slight wound back

Nov 11th 1915 J Dunn B Sec shrapnel wound in Head

Nov 11th 1915 L J Butler B Sec. Shrapnel wound in hand

Nov 13th 1915 S Swinton C Sec slightly wounded side

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3rd Month MARCH 1915 31 Days

1 March MONDAY 60-305

Talking at the table my sister says if she was a boy she would sign ~~of~~ on for the war. I told her she ought to go as a nurse she said she couldnot stand to see the crippled solders I told her if she does not intend going she ought to be quiet about it. I said I would go only, I stay for Mothers sake.

2 TUESDAY 61-304

Would like to sign on for the frunt but Mother is so against us when we talk about it. she says she would brake her heart if any of her boys were to go that is all that is stopping me from Joining

3 WEDNESDAY 62-303

Was listning to the boys playing some of the latest war songs one of them the ~~the~~ British troops landing in France and singing A Longway to Tipperary Marcelays and God save our King It made me feel like signing on I would now if it was not for my Mother I no she would take it hard

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31 Days MARCH 1915 3rd Month

4 THURSDAY 63-302

Was listning to the Phonograph to night and made up my mind to sign on for the frunt in the Artillery

5 FRIDAY 64-301

Finished building Apple house for G A Griggs Went to Franklin but never said a word about going to the war to any of my friends I never told Mother until to night that I had made up my mind to go to the frunt and nothing would stop me – opposite page on lift

[Pink interleaf sheet]

5 FRIDAY 64-301

When I told mother I was going to the frunt she went off at me to some order. I told her that if she mentioned anything about me joining I would not listen I would clear out side it acted very well. She found it was no good to try and stop me

6 SATURDAY 65-300

Went up to my old Farm and had the last look ~~arew~~ **around** was speaking to C Watson to whome the place belong to he wished me every success **and** Went to the Pictures at Franklin

7 SUNDAY 66-299

Told Mother I was going to town to see about go to the war

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3rd Month MARCH 1915 31 Days

8 MONDAY 67-298

Came up to Hobart to see about signing on for the war Saw Nellie in town I had to pool my motor byke to pieces as Gaghman men never took a piece of a Broken piston out of the case

9 TUESDAY 68-297

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8 am put Engin of my Byke together and had a Rideout to Claremont I went fool speed through Claremont Moona and Newtown every one staired at me I reckon they thought I was mad I sold motor to gagham cheap fixed up about signing on for the frunt in Motor transport

10 WEDNESDAY 69-296

Picking fruit at G A Grigges Nellie cleared away from ~~home~~ her home at 3-30 Lou Nation came up for her they got into Beltz car and he took her home to Geo Nations

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31 Days MARCH 1915 3rd Month

11 THURSDAY 70-295

Picking fruit all day

12 FRIDAY 71-294

I missed going to Franklin to night the first time for several months to day was the last fool day I will have to work at G A Grigges I have been making cases all day

13 SATURDAY 72-293

Hired a pony trap and went to the Franklin Pictures and said good by to one of my best friend Sat 8 am this is the last day at work

14 SUNDAY 73-292

Went to Franklin and said ~~has~~ good by to some of my Friends who wanted me to try and not go

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3rd Month MARCH 1915 31 Days

15 MONDAY 74-291

Left Huonville 8-15 am to sign on for the expeditonary force had dinner in town reported myself barrocks 3-30 PM passed doctor and papers and sertificate given me

16 TUESDAY 75-290

1-10 caught train for camp Claremont to enquire what ~~we~~ I needed their drove into newtown with bakers cart then caught tram

17 WEDNESDAY 76-289

Arrived in camp 3-45 filling f matrases with straw and pitching tent 4-30 PM Drying Blankets 5-30 PM Tea 6- PM no plates panicans or dishes to eat food in 7 6-45 PM wash up tea tins 7- PM Writing letters TMCA bed 9-45 telling yarns till 3-am Having a real good time in camp

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31 Days MARCH 1915 3rd Month

18 THURSDAY 77-288

PS Sworn in the British Australian Army 7-30. Issued overalls. 10.am. Drill 2-30 PM. Swim 4 PM. tea 6- PM. Lights out 10-PM 11-PM a real quiet camp 11-15 sound asleep having a real good time in camp. much better than expected tucker much better than was told PS had my pictures taken by mooving picture machine.

19 FRIDAY 78-287

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Friday Transfured to AMC motor transport uniform issued 3-15 PM. Leave 5-30 for Hobart return in train 12-am bed 12-30 lights out

20 SATURDAY 79-286

Ambulance Drill 10.30 dress for march through Hobart Arrived in Hobart by train 2-45. 3-30 on our way to Claremont refreshments 5 - PM arrived in camp 6. PM People giving fruit on our way

21 SUNDAY 80-285

Breakfast 7-am church 8. am Visiting afternoon 2-PM mother came to see me at camp

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3rd Month MARCH 1915 31 Days

22 MONDAY 81-284

Drilling with stretchers 2-30 on march to Bridgewater with light Horse and infantry arrived back 5-30 for tea Mooved into AMC tents along side hospital

23 TUESDAY 82-283

I took Camp orderly in our new tent drilled as same as usual with AMC with Sargent Harris under Dr Bailey a new Doctor expected tomorrow Dr Crouther expected to be back tomorrow

24 WEDNESDAY 83-282

Drill as usal in morning lined up 2-30 and went Swimming all the afternoon Returned at 5 PM and went into camp to straten up for tea. My mate went into Hobart to his Sisters wedding he is going to give her away

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31 Days MARCH 1915 3rd Month

25 THURSDAY 84-281

Drill as usal Kicking football from 1-30 till 2.PM. Swimming till 15 to five, I won throwing weight and second in jumping height Got leave off for Friday night from Dr ~~Doctoe~~ Bailey I am in love with camp here ~~Met Army in town~~ --Friday

26 FRIDAY 85-280

Called out to clear up AMC tents, drill 10-20 am. till 12 am Belgum Relief fund collectors ~~visiting~~ visited all tents 1.PM every tent has a belgum flag flying. General leave from 6 PM till 11-30 I have got leave untill eight am Saturday we have got a new football now in Camp

27 SATURDAY 86-279

Drill Drill Drill no leaf, all men very disapointed. 70 light horse and infantry went by train to Broadmeadows to finish their drill. We watched motor boat race up the Derwent

28 SUNDAY 87-278

Church in Morning General leave in afternoon. Mother came out to camp. Walked to Moona in evening got invitation to a dance at Moona

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29 MONDAY 88-277

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Drill as usual Noctulated 3 PM Drill as usual

30 TUESDAY 89-276

Sick had a very bad night, bad Stumicate Doctor gave me Castoroil
Which gave me great relief Corpral Jeminson gave us a lecture in first ade and how to [stop] a
bad wound from Bleeding

31 WEDNESDAY 90-275

Got ~~general leaf~~ final leaf from Captain Bailey from thursday 2 PM untill the following
Tuesday 10 am

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30 Days APRIL 1915 4th Month

1 April THURSDAY 91-274

one short Route march rest of morning wating to get passes for final leaf 2 PM on my way to
station 4 PM on Motor Buss for Home got bad cold coming home 7 PM arrived home safely
all AMC that were in Camp got their small Kitt

2 FRIDAY 92-273

Good Friday

Got out of bed 9 am drove to mountain river so see them building concrete pillars ready for
the steel frame Went to Glen to watch the hop pickers 7 PM rode to Franklin

3 SATURDAY 93-272

Easter Saturday

Went down and Watched the GlenTirk unload steel girders for the new bridge at Ranelagh I
had invitation to go out for the afternoon

4 SUNDAY 94-271

Went to Franklin in evening and said good by to AM.^CG Went to church with Mother for the
first time for severa years

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4th Month APRIL 1915 30 Days

5 MONDAY 95-270

Easter Monday

Left Huonville for Camp 3-30 PM arrived **town** 6-30 PM arrived at camp 9 PM

6 TUESDAY 96-269

Ambulance wagons arrived today Stretcher Drill as usual

7 WEDNESDAY 97-268

Ambulance wagon Drill with stretcher the first we have had. Small kit 2-30

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30 Days APRIL 1915 4th Month

8 THURSDAY 98-267

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Drill Overcoats 2-30 and Badges 104 left this morning by special train. Sagers Sharp Bullock Cosgrove Nauton were out of AMC we were not allowed to go and see them off

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8 Thursday

7-15 exercise drill Jamerson Blamed me for pushing another boy into him I was not within yards of them he got me by myself and made me run all over the field until I dropped to what he was up to I then turned on him and asked ~~me~~ him if he thought I was a worm or though he is a corporal I blue him up a tree when he formed us to break off he came over to me and he told me he would shake me up in the Drill I told him if he treated me worse than any other of the AMC I would make things worse for him or though he was a corporal I would not have mind if I had been to blame

9 FRIDAY 99-266

General leaf from 10 am till 11-PM had a good time said good by to some friends A M^c G-Jimison has treated all right so far he has found out his mistake Jimmison has resigned ~~as his~~ from his position as action Corpral privates pay

10 SATURDAY 100-265

Raned very heavy last night ~~V~~ very little drill in morning I had a very slow time as it is my birthday I am 23' we think we are leaving here for Sydney Thursday 15-

11 SUNDAY 101-274

Church 10 am leaf 2 PM till 6 PM

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4th Month APRIL 1915 30 Days

12 MONDAY 102-263

2-am Very hard Rain and Wind at 3-30 am Rain woke us up at 3 am had to peg down tent 3am raining in torrence 4 am nearly all tents to the ground. we having a great deal of trouble to keep ~~our~~ ours up 5 am only 8 tents standing out of 130 ours stood all night long we had to put up new tent 10 am as the other was nearly in ribbons we got a little wet. it was great fun to see all the men running about with blankets around them and no clothes on. rebuild tents 11 am we are the driest tent in the whole camt

[*Pink interleaf sheet - (82)*]

12 MONDAY 102-263

the Hospital and officers ness tent we blown down we had leaf to go to a dance in Moona but prefured to go to town we had a real good time

PS 3-30 am rain woke me up it was coming through tent like a sive the tent was too slack and the clothes touched the tent and let in all the rain. 4 am five men hung to the tent pole, to prevent tent from going over while I put in some new tent pegs. ~~Am~~ I managed to secure three long tent pegs and that is what saved our tent I was out in all the rain in my flannel sometimes my flannel would blow right over my head some poor fellows never had a dry stitch of clothing

Thursday 13 1915 [*date handwritten*]

Inspection by Camp Comodan Photo taken of AMC 2-30 Removed AMC Kitchen

14 WEDNESDAY 104-261

It is rumored we will not leave here before three weeks. 2-30 issued with new boots had my trouses stolen from tent Monday night while we were in town arrived home by motor car

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30 Days APRIL 1915 4th Month

15 THURSDAY 105-260

130 troops left by the train for Broadmeadows camp 4 out of AMC. Herbert, Saggars, Pearsall Watson. four Men who left our Company we marched to the station and gave them a good send off we expect to leave here on the 22'. We are having a good time here in camp I got leave Friday night 6 till PM till 11 Saturday morning

16 FRIDAY 106-259

Drill 10-am paid; 2-30 PM Vaccinated 3-PM General leaf 5-30 till 11 PM I got my leaf extended until 11 am Saturday Went to pictures in evening Received proofs of my Photo and one of group of AMC

17 SATURDAY 107-258

Arrived in camp Claremont two ours late go through gards all right. We had this afternoon off Met Tas Walton and some of other boys from Huonville in town.

18 SUNDAY 108-257

Got leaf from 9 am till 9 PM A Motor car got burnt Maypole hill Hired a Car and came into Camp

(85)

4th Month APRIL 1915 30 Days

19 MONDAY 109-256

Picked for Hospital duties this morning. Branded my Kitt bag Pass given me for Wednesday night off Mother Rung up on Phone and asked for leave Wednesday

20 TUESDAY 110-255

Leave to get another spare set of teeth 11 am in Herburgh Dentists get fitted for teeth 3-30 PM Pictures leave town for Camp 8 PM Met A Crisp L James & G Golliger in town they are leaving for camp 1-PM

21 WEDNESDAY 111-254

Branding my clothes with stencial paint, leave this afternoon for Hobart to see Mother I am getting plenty of leave lately I will soon run out of excuses so will have to stay in camp.

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30 Days APRIL 1915 4th Month

22 THURSDAY 112-253

Bugle Call 6 am breakfast 8 am I being tent orderly had to get the camps supply of Dry rations. 9 am fall in for inspection 9-30 marching to station Ambulance wagons left for Hobart 11 am marching through Hobart. 2.45 lined up Barrocks 3 PM on our way to Claremont

[*Pink interleaf sheet – (87)*]

22 Thursday 112-253

We having too Ambulance wagons with. The Pongoes came and met us at Glenorchy and marched back to camp with us. Dr Crouther and Brownell inspected our feet as soon as we

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arrived here in camp no one was passed out

23 FRIDAY 113-252

Drill as usual 7 am till 12.30 leave for Dentist 2 PM until 11 PM got new set of teeth fit well. Met Mother at Sister Louies had good time in town Captain Evans told me this afternoon that we are leaving May 1st for Sydney

24 SATURDAY 144-251

It is said that Capt Crouther said we will leave by the SS Ulimara for Sydney we are all longing to get to the front

25 SUNDAY 115-250

Church parade 10-30 am leave from 2 PM until 12 PM.

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4th Month APRIL 1915 30 Days

26 MONDAY 116-249

packing up clothes we want to send Home no drill this morning. 2-30 Were Issured our second Tunic and Identification medals Having a good time in camp

27 TUESDAY 117-248

9-30 Branding Kitts Bags and having a general loaf Light duties from 2-30 PM until 3-30 then got cleaned and had general leave for the night as we were going away Saturday by Ullamora. Saw AS in town look real well

28 WEDNESDAY 118-247

Tent orderly today Getting fixed up with Home address and Wills. made out my will Will.

[Indent] Mother to draw all my money and bank it if anything happens to me she clames all

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30 & 31 Days APRIL & MAY 1915 4th & 5th M'ths

29 THURSDAY 119-246

Branding our Kitts and clothes 2-30 Mother comes out with Reggie to see me. I go into town with her with a Dummie pass get through lines alright come home 1 am in motor Car

30 FRIDAY 120-245

Expection of clothes in our Kitts paid 4 PM get our Numerals and red cross Badges

1 May SATURDAY 121-244

preparing to catch a train sometime today we are wating for further orders caught the 4 PM train marched to the steamer. 6 PM on gard on wharf tea 6-30. leave for Sydney 11-30

2 SUNDAY 122-243

Having a pretty rough trip several on bord sick to met Miss Baker

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3 MONDAY 123-242

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Weather calm exercise 10-am Having a good time with Miss Baker on deck all the afternoon
went to bed 11.30 PM ~~at~~

4 TUESDAY 124-241

Awaken by mad Toley 4-am he came running down to our Cabin saying we are their and we
were 10 miles away from Heads 5 am waiting out side heads for daylight 7 am inside harber
very windy several ships followed us in landed at the wharf 8 am Jeanie wating for me—

[*Pink interleaf sheet – (94)*]

4 Tuesday 124-241

we marched up to Elizibth St and caught tram for Barrocks arrived Barrocks 9.30 am given
leave from 11-am till 12-15 PM Were taken to dinner in Oxford St and leave again from 2
until 3 PM I stayed until 4 had nothing said to me-we went in tram to Railway station 5 pm
left by train 5.15 PM for Bris had good trip on train only five in our carriage

5 WEDNESDAY 125-240

Changed trains at the Border we had special train on the Queensland line the government
found us in food on our journey we had showers all along the the [sic] line I saw several
improvements since last I traveled on the Brisbane to Sydney We arrived Brisbane 10-15 PM
and had to go 8 more

[*Pink interleaf sheet – (94)*]

5 Wednesday 125-240

miles to the camp at Noggara When we arrived their we not enough tents so half had to go to
Hospital we got to bed 1.30 am prety tired so all Slept well we were let sleep till eight We get
no ticks to sleep on here

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31 Days MAY 1915 5th Month

6 THURSDAY 126-239

Having Breakfast 9 am no plates or cups eating and drinking out of mess tinns I think we will
like being here better than Claremont Their are all kind of Refreshments tents here it is just
like a town on a gold diggings We are told we can get plenty of leave here so hope it is true

7 FRIDAY 127-238

~~Went into~~ We are not so well off here in convienence we are put to much more trouble I went
into town tonight without a pass. I came back behind the Mill and fell into big drain got past
gards Met a lady friend I knew in Queensland St. (opersite page)

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7 Friday 127-238

She was surprised to see me in uniform she is coming out to see me shortly Brisbane hasnot
altered a bit since I was last here I am going to try and get leave through the week so I can see
some friends in the Fruit markets We have a very bad drill ground here it has just been
cleared It is said that we are to leave here Monday 17 for the frunt the Captains told us if they
could equippe~~d~~ the Queensland AMC we were sure to leave then

8 SATURDAY 128-237

Cooks off sider until 12 PM Camp leave until 10 PM Broke leave from 6 PM until 12 got
through gards all out of our tent but one broke leave all came back drunk I had to put the rest
to bed

9 SUNDAY 129-236

Church parade 10 am leave from 2 PM till 9 PM had good walk through parks

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5th Month MAY 1915 31 Days

10 MONDAY 130-235

Stretcher drill Went to YMCA at night and wrote four letters We are having good time in camp we are getting very lazie as we have very little drill to do Our Transports men have to go on picket now to watch their Horses

11 TUESDAY 131-234

Stretcher drill Received letter from Mother and got my Photoes I sent to get developed came out very clear We are nearly certain to not to leave here on monday as they are short of Kitt bags for the Queensland AMC

12 WEDNESDAY 132-233

Having trouble about our food only getting one tin of jam among 10 men where we are suposed to two every other day. We are supose to go away Monday week as we are not proply Equipped I am hoping to leave shortly

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13 THURSDAY 133-232

The Captain gave the officers a lecture about not looking after the men proply we are getting a little better cooked meals now It is nothing to get a piece of bone instead of meat for Breakfast It is nearly always burnt out side and raw in side

14 FRIDAY 134-231

Having half a day in digging holes for the rubbish to be burnt in. I got leave from 12 PM until midnight tonight left town 9.20 for Enoggera so to tired of walking about 10 PM making a road for the carts to go round the orderly stores instead of through the lines

15 SATURDAY 135-230

Drill. Leave from 12 till 10 PM I got cleaned and went over to the main camp and saw a friend A Rugby match was played on grounds I broke leave from 5 PM until 11 PM I caught a cold coming out in the train

[Pink interleaf sheet – (99)]

15 Saturday 135-230

got some friends coming out today. I was talking to a lady friend of mine I used to go with when up here two years

[Indent] ago

16 SUNDAY 136-229

Church parade, two young ladies came out to see me am going in to town tomorrow

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5th Month MAY 1915 31 Days

17 MONDAY 137-228

Fell in for sick parade for the first time I have lost my voice there is no pain I done no drill today on light duties wrote letter to Arthur Crisp Claremont Tasmanian Contingent of ~~no~~ 440 is expected to arrive here today. Went into town and saw some ladies. South Brisbane going out again

18 TUESDAY 138-227

Stretcher drill today I am tent orderly it is easier job here than at Claremont We hope to get paid today: I am stoney Broke Full dress Parade this afternoon Broke leave at 7 PM went to the new Tivoli Theatre and had a supper of fish after when coming out of fish shop two Seargent Majors

[*Pink interleaf sheet – (102)*]

18 Thursday 138-227

stopped ~~us~~ us and asked for our pass, we showed him one we had for Monday, he wouldnt pass us and told us to fall in and they marched us to barrocks and put us in a sell about 8 x 8 with another man out of the Infantry we had two blankets between three of us the night was fairly warm otherwise we would of frozen

19 WEDNESDAY 139-226

I never had too good a sleep the cement floor was too hard I woke about seven I had a terrible stiff back and neck owing to having no pillow ~~no~~ we had to sweep the sell out after we folded up our blankets we had breakfast 8-am without any forks the meat was cooked far better than our cook can cook it.....

[*Pink interleaf sheet – (102)*]

19 Wednesday 139-226

after Breakfast we were allowed out in the sun. Five armed gards escorted 13 of us to the train arrived at camp 12 PM. had dinner and were paid our wages 2.40 PM marched before the Major after a little talking he told us we had never crimed and was let off ~~for~~ with the sum of 2/6 owing to being away in the morning 6 PM Transport men slept out all night in the scrubb. Over

[*Pink interleaf sheet – (103)*]

[continued 19 Wednesday 139-226]

had a good sleep along side a big fire the grass was much softer than the cement flour in the sell We got wurd from one of Seargents that we were nearly certain to go Monday 24

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31 Days MAY 1915 5th Month

20 THURSDAY 140-225

Stretcher drill as usual 10 am Issued with leggons 6 PM bought a pass off one of tent mates and went into town and saw the Seargent- major who run me into Barrocks arrived home 12.30 am Had a very cold nights sleep

21 FRIDAY 141-224

A Final Kitt Inspection 10 am paraded to orderley tent for spare laces and for things we were short off. 2 PM general inspection of dress and ~~un~~ marching Kitt 3 PM parade which I managed to get out of. managed to get in town and coming out I lost

2£ worth of camera supplies I left them in train

22 SATURDAY 142-223

10. am change mess tins 11.am got leave to go to station for the parcel I lost last night I went into town and stayed to 11. PM I bought some more films I saw Hanco dive off of the Brisbane Bridge.

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22 Saturday

Our transports wagons ~~broke~~ bolted tonight and smashed up one of the weels and knocked the wagon about

23 SUNDAY 143-222

Very busy getting ready for tomorrow morning we are to catch transport at Pincanbar¹ for Sydney

[*Pink interleaf sheet – (103)*]

23 Sunday

Went to YMCA tent tonight and gave myself up with several others to go strate in life. I wish I had of gone before

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24 MONDAY 144-221

Empire Day

turn out 4. am breakfast 4-30 am fullie dressed 6 am inspection 6-30 marching for station 7.30 the other lads gave us a real hearty send off it made us feel real jolley We were cheered from Enoggera to Pincanbar by all the people along the line. had dinner 2 PM people very good to us giving us lots of eatables

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24 Monday 144-221

we had plenty of people making friends ~~to us~~ with us before [*indec*] we sailed 4 PM there were thousands of paper ribbons flying from the transport the transport is the Ascanius No 44 A 11 of twelve thousand tonns. I had three ~~people~~ ribbons flying with three young ladies I never saw before. when we were leaving I through one my address in my match box. I expect see will write to me it was my home address. I took several photoes of the boats and some people It was one of the prettiest sights ever I saw when we were leaving with all the ribbons flying we had stew for dinner no jam not enough food for tea will get more tomorrow I am orderly with another man Poke we have 20 men to look after It is great fun watching the boys putting up their hammocks they cannot get the roaps the right way

25 TUESDAY 145-220

We had a real good sleep in our new hammocks the meals on bord are real good we get soup, puddings cheese and Biscuits it is a beautiful trip the sea is smooth

¹ Pinkemba is a seaside suburb of Brisbane from which many troops embarked during World War 1

26 WEDNESDAY 146-219

Birth of Queen Mary

Off Sydney heads 5 am, enter about seven, took pilate aboard 6-30 am all the steamers soluted us with their whistles the people on bord the ferry cheered along side 9 am marched to Sydney Show ground camped in stables broke leave and went to Airdale and AJ Cooper

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31 Days MAY 1915 5th Month

27 THURSDAY 147-218

Drill as usual broke leave 3-30 am went in town had a good time arrived back to Show Grounds 11 PM got through a hole in the fence with our cook

28 FRIDAY 148-217

Drill ---Inspection by Cournal out in park I made out I was bad so got back to Grounds had a shave and went in town Went out to Rosell to see old Tomas but has shifted further out. Went and saw Tom Watson and then went to supper to Jeanies Edge C

29 SATURDAY 149-216

Got a bad cold off duty off drill all morning All granted leave on our good befavour by our Captain went to Manly in afternoon and again at night had a good time saw Jean about 6-30 out at her place

30 SUNDAY 150-215

Went out Will Coopers for the afternoon cold feeling no better arrived home 9 am in bed

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June 1

31 MONDAY 151-214

bugle call 5.30am breakfast 5.30 fall in for march 7 am on way for Transport A11. 7.15 people giving us a great cheer on the way on bord 8.30. cast off from shore 9.30 am anchored in harbour 10 am motor boats came out to us crowded with people left Sydney Heads 11 am. Dinner 12 PM very good dinner lounged about deck all day

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31 Monday 151-214

tea five PM bed 8 PM our cabbin very stuffey as it has been to rough to open them

1 June TUESDAY 152-213

Foundation Day – Public Holiday

West Australia

had a restlas nights sleep with my cold the sea is beautiful and smooth on guard 9 am

till 12 had sosages and potatoes for breakfast ~~div~~ dinner. soup potatoes meet tea coffee cheese biscuit apple and rice had lot of books given to us by a YMCA who is aboard with us

2 WEDNESDAY 153-212

Had a good nights sleep cold much easier than was when came on the transport fisical drill first thing poridge for breakfast and fish coffee. Dinner boiled beef soup plum duf. tea butter ~~cheese~~ cold meat. playing draughts nearly all day ~~and~~ is sore throat much better

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30 Days

JUNE 1915

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3 THURSDAY 154-211

King's Birthday

Fisical drill sea rough several sick nearly all laying down on deck very few to meals plenty of ~~us~~ food for us to eat. I am fealing in the best of spirits not all feeling sick general inspicion of mess rooms every morning playing draughts and sleeping all astenoon and night

4 FRIDAY 155-210

up 5.30 washed phisical drill 6.30 breakfast 7 am asleep till 12. dinner stewed rabbot not much good no pudding. tea cold meat not to good 3 PM cemephore signaling 4.30 PM Fire Sygnal drill fall in officers mess hoses run out and then dismissed Having ripping time game of draughts all night fixed up bunk will now tum in

5 SATURDAY 156-209

up 5.30 am wating for the water to be turned 6 am phisical drill 7 6.30 no drill to rough played draughts just sat down to tea and the fire alarm went and had to rush to our place on deck the signal for fire is three blasts of the whistle

6 SUNDAY 157-208

no parade as it is sunday to rough for church having a few showers of rain Church in the evening on middle deck crouded

(113)

6th Month

JUNE 1915

30 Days

7 MONDAY 158-207

Full porade inspection with sea kitt inspection paid 3 PM Only getting 1/- day while on boat Came in sight of land 11am sailing along coast 3 PM passed two manofwars 7 PM I expect wating to escort us with the other transport from Freemantle. The captains are Censoring all letters that wer posted on bord. I am [Indent] posting mine in Freemantle

8 TUESDAY 159-206

Crossing Sharks bay 10 am weather smooth No drill had a sleep 2.PM passed two lighthouses 15 miles from Freemantle Took in pilot by blinking light in bay. The pilot boat very short and dumpty steam passed two steamers when taking in pilot

Freemantle looks a funny looking town with a breakwater off of the beach we cannot see much as it is dark 6 PM anchored out until 6 am [Indent] [Wedns

9 WEDNESDAY 160-205

Weighed ancor 6 am two tugs took us through breakwater alongside wharf 7am. Wharf soon got a crowd on. Orders to dress for marching 9 am marched off boat and through Freemantle the people gave us a great reseption cheered us at every corner we were in great spirits. Fremantle looks a nice little town the people are were very good to us. _____

Seven Stowaways on board one a boy 15.

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9 Wednesday 160-205

We marched on boat again 12.30 PM had dinner and I secured a long piece of string a through it on the wharf with a message to some people and they put a lot of fruit and Sigarets I filled my pockets and had to give the rest away I met three very nice ladies Miss Gerty Murley and her sister Doris and Gerty Bennet they gave me several presents I am just sick of Choclare and fruit I have about two dozen peoples addresses they asked me to write I belive one of my ladies friend cried when I left . Their were about eight or nine thousand people on wharf when we left.a lot came out in motor boats after we left the heads. I wrote three letters after we left the heads I gave them to the pilate to post one was home

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other two to Fremantle There are 2000 now on board the boat is crowded

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30 Days JUNE 1915 6th Month

10 THURSDAY 161-204

Cooks orderley plenty of work to do I rather like it it puts the day in. I was asked by the cook to stay on pemantly I am going to ask the Seargent. I am on permantly we get plenty to eat in cookhouse Nearly all the West Australians were sick. I am used to the boat now we have 12 horses on board and 2100 men.

11 FRIDAY 162-203

I am still Cooks orderley it is hard work but dont mind it at all I was disappointed at not getting any letters from home. I got one from Jeanie in Sydney. The boat is roaling something terrable we are finding the weather getting wormer every day. Saw a

PS 12 Sat Saw a ship in distance

12 SATURDAY 163-202

Up 5.30 am plenty of work to do in cookhouse. I get off from 10.30 until 12 PM after dinner I get 2.30 till 4.40 PM. 7.30 PM had a hot wash all over it was beautiful after swetting so much in cookhouse

13 SUNDAY 164-201

cookhouse boat roaling terrable could not go to Church to busy no sign of any ships in sight today

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14 MONDAY 165-200

boat very steady no sliding about in the cookhouse We have first ade lectures every day on board they are very interesting. I had my hair cut ~~short~~ all off look like a convic we all have to have ours right off. We are all to grow a mastarch ordered to today

15 TUESDAY 166-199

Having beautiful weather hardly a move in boat It is rumered that we are to call at ~~Aiden~~ Aden first port of call. The weather is getting hotter the days are growing longer The persperation pores out of me I think I am loosing wate. Had a box with W Turner the seco

16 WEDNESDAY 167-198

Some of the boys on board have had instruments issued them so hope to have a band shortly four of our ~~x~~ boys have got them. Our little boy stowaway 15 years old is the captains orderly he got issued with his uniform he look first rate.
(on blotter)

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16 Wed 167-198

The little stoway is from Fremantle he sneaked on board when us troops marched on he hid down with the Queenslanders and gave himself up when we had ~~given~~ lift the pilate. They Wirlessed to his people and they gave their concent for him to go to the war he Sings real well we call him our ~~m~~ mascot he is very small. He tried to join in Fremantle but would not pass as he was far too young He is now trying to blow a bugle in our mess he is managing it well

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30 Days JUNE 1915 6th Month

17 THURSDAY 168-197

We expect to be on the line Saturday I expect their will be some fun on board. We had a concert on board AAMC & ASC we are compeeting against the other section. we gave some good songs much better than the 28 Batalion gave us on Wed.16 Weather getting sssvery hot we all sleep on deck

18 FRIDAY 169-196

Weather getting very hot When surving out Breakfast one of our cooks fanted with the heat I dont mind it at all I perspire terrable. We the AAMC had a tugofwar against the other sections we won it was a great pull The final comes off tomorrow. The pull shook me up a great deal in legs

19 SATURDAY 170-195

No drill for lads, 2.30 PM sports We won two pulls at tugawar. I had a scalded foot very sore. we also won 4 boxing contests we have the champion boxer in AMC heavy

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and light. The perspiration pored off me in the galley. I wore no singlets

20 SUNDAY 171-194

One of our fetauge men was done up in the galley owing to the heat and another very nearly I am quite used to it.

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21 MONDAY 172-193

Never went to cookhouse owing to my bad foot. pay day tomorrow day lecture in first aid and bandage practice. Having lovely smooth weather there are great schools of porpoises around the boat. We have a great lot of games on board. We do not know the weather we are across the line or not.

22 TUESDAY 173-192

In cookhouse. A lovely smooth day breezy day not hot at all. A little sloppy some of our boys were wet to the skin. I got a good dousing. Parry picked a row with one of A Sections men. He deserves a sound thrashing as he is always picking rows. We have concerts every night on board.

23 WEDNESDAY 174-191

Prince of Wales' Birthday

Sighted a light house off African Coast. All lights put out at seven PM. Everything very quiet on board. We are expecting to be escorted through the canal by man-of-war. A beautiful light wind blowing all day and night.

[Indent] Rashafin [?]

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24 THURSDAY 175-190

Sighted land some cape off African coast. The air is very hazy. Passed a tramp steamer for Comombo. Not a breeze today at all. Sharks are in great swarms. You can see them swimming alongside the boat. We are in the Gulf of Aden. Passed two big liners 7 PM. A light breeze springs up 7 PM.

25 FRIDAY 176-189

1 AM a mysterious boat run around us. She was going at a great speed. We thought she may be a destroyer. She disappeared in the east. We have two quickfirers. One up in the bow and the other in the stern. We sighted Mount Aden which is on the south of Aden. It is a very rough looking place. Look on blotter ----

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25 Frid Guardifuar

We saw Aden from the distance. They played their searchlight on us. We saw several junks outside Aden. The coast is very rough. All hills of barren rocks. Several islands with lighthouses. We are travelling about 15 knots. We have overtaken several boats. The soldiers are laying all over the decks trying to get a little air.

26 SATURDAY 177-188

Not a breath of wind the hottest day we have had. I have given up the forward Galley for a while to get a spell. It is a job to get anybody to stay their . We passed Six steamers and two ~~Tu~~ Arab Junks

27 SUNDAY 178-187

One of the Pantry Stewards died through the heat. (on blotter)

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27 Sunday

I have taken his place I get real good food we have fowl Turkey apples and all such nice things

6th Month JUNE 1915 30 Days

28 MONDAY 179-186

Passed two ships. the weather is getting cooler the days are very long daylight four dark 7 PM We sighted lighthouse 9 PM ~~S~~ Orderleys had Kitt inspection tonight. the hospital is not quite so full as when on the line The heat played up with the 12 horses.

29 TUESDAY 180-185

Hope to be in suez tonight passed several Boats and lighthouses ~~Landed at S~~ Arived Suez 12 am tonight deck being cleared for searchlight. breeze died away a launch came alongside and inquired if all was well and then left

30 WEDNESDAY 181-184

Ancored off Suez quite lively in port about twenty ships in port several more boats arive 4 PM - over fourty in port a Bluefunnel ship was blown in the bitterlakes by a turkish mine which was supposed to be for us in Asconius she didnt sink but was very badly damaged by explosion pumps working hard

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1 July THURSDAY 182-183

Separation Day, Victoria

Still anchored off Suez canal we are to leave boat at Port Suez and trane to Cairo our boat is then going through Suez. We have four armed lifeboats around the Ascanius keeping ~~Tu~~ Egyptian bum boats away had orders not to ~~by~~ buy any fruit atall

2 FRIDAY 183-182

7 am weighed ancor went into port Suez very prety little harbour inside breakwater four British ships in at wharves the warves swormed with niggers or Arabs and Egyptians they unload boats their wages is two pence halfpenny all is very busy [Indent] - on blotter -

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2 Friday 183-182

10 am had a gang of niggers under me the man put over them couldnot get them to do the wirk, so asked me to try a Captain told me to use my boot or a stick or I would never get any work a out of them I got a stick onto them and they worked real well all

drivers have a stick I used to tutch those up with a stick who never tried to lift a thing They seamed to like me more with a stick than without The weather not as hot as expected. Left Suez by train at 6 PM all others but AMC gone to Cairo, had a i I rode on engin from Suez to Cairo Egyptian driver very funny in his way on blotter

[*Pink interleaf sheet*]

Friday 2 183-182

The Egyptian said he liked Australians he could speak English fairly well. My friend B Mawly was on ear Engin two the Egyptian was great on Kissing us Australians used to kiss our hands he said I was his best friend. We passed through Desert and came a the Irragated land crops looking fine. I saw the Bluefunnel boat in the distance that was torpeoted She is very low in water. We arrived at Cairo, 3 am marched to Camp 1 mile out of town. slept in wodden barns built without flors very cold in morning without any blankets slept on table in overcoats.

3 SATURDAY 184-181

Awake 6 am very cold breakfast 7 am, breakfast bread black and butter jam. Very busy changing our money for Egyptian. We must treat Egyptians and Arabs as niggers or they think they are better than us. ~~4 SUNDAY 185-180~~ Had a day in Cairo. Had a great time never thought such a town ~~exeis~~ existed.

Sunday 4

Stayed in camp drilled two ours afternoon

7th Month JULY 1915 31 Days

5 MONDAY 186-179

Bugle Call 4 am drill without breakfast till nine. Transport Wagons and all AMC goods. Went to Heliopolis this evening had a good time saw the pictures Here you can get a drink and look at pictures the same time Drinks in town run at one to two piastres.

6 TUESDAY 187-178

Drill as usal our camp is well fortified their are several batteries on the hills. Their is an old Egyptian battery here in camp all muzzle loaders one 12 inch shell shell would blow it to pieces

7 WEDNESDAY 188-177

Pitching tents for Officers drill in afternoon had easy time Went to Heliopolis in a Red cross vann to see Laddie Cummngs **Cummings** who is still here his brother Eck has been wounded. Laddie had gone to Cairo so missed him Saw one of our boys in Hospital who was with us in Claremont Camp name Art Saggars not left for frunt yet

31 Days JULY 1915 7th Month

8 THURSDAY 189-176

No drill owing to boots worn out I am off on Police duties today have to keep niggers away from our tents and mess rooms I spent my last piaster on a bun this morning so

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the sooner payday comes the better

9 FRIDAY 190-175

No drill for me as my boots are worn out. I am mess orderly today so do not drill the Left tenant Blacklow lent us 7 piasters a piece that is 1/7 in Egyptian money

10 SATURDAY 191-174

Drill to 9 am none for me as my boots are worn out we have from 12 till 9 PM off I went into Heliopolis did not have much of a time as money was short

11 SUNDAY 192-173

Went to church then into ~~barrack~~ **Cairo** went without our dinner and tea as we only had six piasters between two

7th Month JULY 1915 31 Days

12 MONDAY 193-172

Drill 5 am till nine sat down in the shade nearly all time lecture 10 am till 12 PM drill half past four till seven while drilling we had pyramids pointed out to us they are about fifteen miles from here they look a terrable size went into town had a ride on donkey the first we had got paid 2£ paid Sat. again

13 TUESDAY 194-171

Drill as usual two ours march across country in evening had a look at a German Barron palace is a beautiful concrete building with statues and decorations all over it Saw Tasmanian Light horse camp in distance and the Nile.

14 WEDNESDAY 195-170

Paraded ~~for~~ in sick parade for bad headache. Fell in for drill 7.30 PM Issued with our new uniform very much cooler than old clothes to get helmets following week Took 12 Photos in afternoon took them to be developed in Heliopoly In evening

31 Days JULY 1915 7th Month

15 THURSDAY 196-169

Rout march the hottest day we have had Got my photos from Chemist turned out fairly good. Met Bull Nickels in town looks very well. We are all in good spirits all having a good time. But longing to get to the front like all other Australian Solders we have a great [Indent] name here

16 FRIDAY 197-168

Drill as usual Lecture 10 am 12 PM Went into Heliopoly Moto Ambulance ~~so~~ went into Cairo with Laddie - Cummings to take 2,000 wounded to hospital some of solders were in rags and clothes covered with blod arrived back to camp 9 PM for Hospital Duties

17 SATURDAY 198-167

4 am took temperture and pulse of patents the first time I have been able to try my hand. B Section of AMC arrived here this morning Full Kitt inspection this morning

18 SUNDAY 199-166

Got passes to go to pyramids left here 11 am caught train arrived at Pyramids 1 pm
(on blotter oppersite)

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18 July Sunday 196-169

I had a gide and went into pyramids it cost me and my two mates 2 Piastre a piece we saw where the Kings and Queens ~~we~~ of Egypt are buried the passages are very low nearly all granate and lime stone very slippery. We then went on top of Pyramids the first is 151 feet high their is a flagpole on top so to say I was right on top I climbed to the top of pole and put my hat on it and had a good look over the top We then ~~highere~~ hired a Camel and went round to Sphnix had our photoes taken and then went and had a look at ~~d~~ Dead City and second pyramid. An American is unearthing the city he has found ~~many~~ many valuable things I am in hopes of seing them again

7th Month JULY 1915 31 Days

19 MONDAY 200-165

Ordered to take a stretcher with another mam name Poke H to get one of our boys who is real bad with Ruematicfeaver ABC Section drilled together for the first time we the C Sec can run rings around the others They were told they had to be ready in a fortnights time as we are badly needed.

20 TUESDAY 201-164

Had several rout marches this morning ABC Section had a lecture in our Messroom every thing is looking as if we will not be here more than three weeks. Went to Heliopoly and got my photoes I took of our camp

21 WEDNESDAY 202-163

Called out for Cookhouse first parade having a good easy time much easier than Drilling in Sun We are getting very heavy drill now much harder than ever had before hardly any spells Went to Heliopoly tonight had a look round and came home.

31 Days JULY 1915 7th Month

22 THURSDAY 203-162

Cook house 1 PM all of A.C. Section parade for their money which is over due We were told we are to be paid tomorrow Egyptian climate beautiful and cool their is always a breeze. It is said that the Australians on Garrison duty at Aden are fighting with the tirks their several of our troopships called in.

23 FRIDAY 204-161

Cookhouse as usal, we sacked two of our niggers through not cleaning the dishes propyl We had great time, after tea we were building Pyramids with our boys one standing on top of others sholders. Everything is going well am in best of good health having good time

24 SATURDAY 205-160

Cook house. Leave from 2 PM till 9.30. Went to Cairo Introduced f to French lady she was very nice. Got Payed 3 PM paid 3£ up to now I have received 12 letters. Bollett hasnot returned to camp [indent] tonight

25 SUNDAY 206-159

Cookhouse 6 am till 12 2 PM went into Cairo bought table center for mother.

7th Month JULY 1915 31 Days

26 MONDAY 207-158

Drill 6 am till 9 am lecture in medacines and in Field first Ade Box In eavening fealing queer inside Bed 7 PM with headake George Pitt returns from three weeks sicknes at Heliopoly Hosp.

27 TUESDAY 208-157

Paraded sick 6 am off duties for the day Ballett better fone as Organ has been missing from camp since Saturday Went to bed 7 PM bad headake

28 WEDNESDAY 209-156

Sick parade 10 am till 12 PM lecture in first ade. Ballett still missing I was asked to go into Cairo on Sunday and buy a motor byke for the storeman in the camp he is not a solder belongs to ~~Egy~~ Malta

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29 THURSDAY 210-155

Sick parade Doing photoes 10 am The Military police is going to parade the wasser to see if they can find him. a man was found in one of the houses in wasser. after been missing for five months he is ~~now in~~ still in Hospits

30 FRIDAY 211-154

Received two letters. I have received 14 letters while in Egypt. Tasmanian 26 infantry is expected here Tuesday 3 Mest Reg McDermot in Heliopoly tonight.

31 SATURDAY 212-153

Drill as usual received four letters Went to Cairo two PM Had a good look all through Cairo in afternoon. At 8 PM a row started in the Wassar through niggers (on blotter

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31 Saturday

robbing two Drunk solders when the Solders sung out for help they tried to strangle them but some of our boys were on the stares and heard them calling and run and smashed in three doors before getting to them then a mob of mad solders rushed the place and threw the furniture through the window into the street and then it was set on fire f by a mad lot of men by this time their was about 20,000 thousand on the sene they then smashed open a shop and stole all fancy work all they could not take in the pockets went onto the fire By this time military police were their on horses the mob

chased them down the street with bits of wood Then they started robbing all shops near
[on opsit side of this Blotter].

Sat 31

The second shop broken to a Italion shop owner had his rist nearly cut off by a sheat of glass I being near saw that he had also out an artry So I rushed and stopped bleeding then put a ~~turn~~ turnacue on and took him to Egyptian hospital where I saw sinues and cuts sown up [indec] my clothes were smothered in blood so had to have them washed by niggers. By time I arrived back at the wasser four houses were well alight but fire Brigade had them well in hand The houses will not burn much here owing to not much wood being in them The Doctor Gave me a certificate for First [Indent] Ade.

1 August SUNDAY 213-152

Went into Cairo and saw the ruins of wher the battle of the wasser was. I thought their was going to be one at Heliopoly too
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8th Month AUGUST 1915 31 Days

Sunday 1

No Soldiers were allowed in Cairo after six PM it took all day to clear them out Heliopoly was very lively tonight military police everywhere. One or two little rows **started**

Monday 2

Red out in orders that no one was allowed ~~in~~ in Cairo for a week Sunday all shops and hotels were ordered to be shut to keep men off drink

3 TUESDAY 215-150

Pitching Hospital tents this morning and lectures.

4 WEDNESDAY 216-149

25.26. Arrived here today Tasmanians Are expected tomorrow. 25-26

31 Days AUGUST 1915 8th Month

5 THURSDAY 217-148

Paraded before Major and Cournal to try and get a transfer to Motor Despatch Riding. Tasmanian INF arrived here ~~this morning~~ to night saw Len James looking well

FRIDAY 218-147

Fell out to pass in transfer papers for Motor Despatch riders Saw rest of Tasies this morning A Crisp, S Parsons, P Cherry Phillips, E Hay G Golliger and several others I kno well All looking first rate

7 SATURDAY 219-146

Drill 6 to 12 PM. Leave 1 PM till 10 went into Helioploy Fell in for test ~~of~~ with Motor Cycles Mecanics Do not think there is much chance as we have to kno morse Code

SUNDAY 220-145

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Went Zoo looks very pretty and then took ~~len~~ Len James and four others through the Wassor in Cairo

8th Month AUGUST 1915 31 Days

9 MONDAY 221-144

Drill as usual 5 PM pitching tents 6 PM orders were to be prepared to go to Alexandria to help unload Hospital ships I myself and five others were kept behind to look after Camp [George Bentley axidentally shot Himself through the finger breaking it.
10 Tuesday Aug lower down

10 AUGUST 2220143

All bustle at six breakfast seven am. I toled off for guard over two transport wagons I was not able to go to Alexandria owing to putting in for a transfur to Despatch riders

11 WEDNESDAY 223-142

No Drill shifting store tent Went down to 26 batalion and saw Clord Smith I got a great surprise never drempt of him coming to the war We aren't ~~at~~ attached to the 7th Bregade It is rumoured we will go into a base hospital that well be no good to me I will get a transfur to infantry

31 Days AUGUST 1915 8th Month

12 THURSDAY 224-141

Shifting our tents and Hospital in a line with Infantry ~~tw~~ 2 PM fell in to go to Heliopoly to pitch tents for wounded solders from Dardanells It is said there are 30.000 wounded coming from Dardanells I stayed in town instead of coming back with others. saw R McDermot

13 FRIDAY 225-140

6 am marched to Heliopoly Auxiliary No 3 Hospital and pitched tents and unloaded wounded. Was speaking to Parry brother out of our section who was wounded Like the change in Hospital very much.

14 SATURDAY 226-139

6 AM fell in and marched to No 3 ~~Aulix~~ Auxiliary Hospital and unloaded wounded and pitched 6 tents Fell in 8 PM and went on in No 7 ward as orderly until 7 am Sunday mornig arrived in camp 8 am went to bed until 11 am and then went into Cairo for night

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15 Sunday

Ambulance arrives here for McCann

8th Month AUGUST 1915 31 Days

16 MONDAY 228-137

Drill 6 am till 9 am breakfast then marched to Auxilary Hospital No 3 and worked till 6 PM marched home got three letters and then had tea. Tonight we were issued with lamp for our mess shed for the first time since we have been here

17 TUESDAY 229-136

~~Guard tent~~

Stores tent nothing doing today Received three letters

18 WEDNESDAY 230-135

Stores tent received three letters

31 Days AUGUST 1915 8th Month

19 THURSDAY 231-134

Stores tent packing goods. Sent in another ~~app~~ application for despatch riding. Gard 6 PM till Friday 10 am over Carlson. Was fined 5/-

20 FRIDAY 232-133

One of our AMC men was put in the gard tent the second time for being Drunk and disorderly and got fined very lightly 10/-

21 SATURDAY 233-132

Went to Citadel. Saw arms captured off of Napoleon when he tried to take Cairo and the Citadel also saw the church he ram-sacked of its gold and valuables it is now a ruin except building

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21 Saturday

I saw several napoleons cannons and some of the cannon balls ~~out~~ fired out of his guns one is still sticking in the wall of one of the worshipping places There are thousands of bayonets and araments of all sorts in a large room. Also saw the dead City with its dead buried in among the Houses I hope to have another look at it later

22 SUNDAY 234-133

Went to Heliopoly with E Hay. P Cherry A Crisp L James C Smith. Cooper and had our Photos taken

8th Month AUGUST 1915 31 Days

22 MONDAY 235-130

Store tent 6 am till 4.30 PM then stretcher drill till 7 PM first time I have done any drill for over a week Harry Roberts came up from 26 batalion and stayed until 9. PM he arrived a week ago another lot from Tasmania are expected anytime

24 TUESDAY 236-129

Drill 6 am till 9 am lecture ~~and~~ 10 to 12 managed to get out of drill in afternoon owing to no roal call.

25 WEDNESDAY 237-128

In a lecture Cap Brownel told us that the Cournal told him we are to go in less than a week We all think it is another Latrine wireles message

31 Days AUGUST 1915 8th Month

26 THURSDAY 238-127

Printing ~~our sections~~ name and number on our section goods All of C Section came back today from Alexandra ~~today~~ Doctors Examined us today

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27 FRIDAY 239-126

Orders came out we are to sale for Dardanells in less than a week All is very busy One of our boys are to be sent back to Tasmania as he has a rupture very slight

28 SATURDAY 240-125

Branding goods and Kitt bags paid 150 piastres 30/- went into Cairo and spent 100 P- had a ripping good time got tattoed number and regiment on chest-----

28 SUNDAY 241-124

Got a tutch of influenza went into Cairo and went to Pyramids again and saw some of the old toombs

8th & 9th Months AUG. & SEP. 1915 31 & 30 Days

30 MONDAY 242-123

Very busy this morning marking number of wagons on goods ready for this afternoon full marching order parade We were issued with our new haversack it is a very big one much bigger than infantry when in fully equipped order our load is heavier than infantry.

31 TUESDAY 243-122

Packing my sack ready for the Frunt am in hopes of getting photoes I had taken sunday week, tonight

1 September WEDNESDAY 244-121

Very Busy. got my Photoes from George Golliger looks alright it is said we will not go until Friday or Sunda owing to not quite being ready Went to Ca Heliopoly tonight

30 Days SEPTEMBER 1915 9th Month

2 THURSDAY 245-120

All Bustle packing wagons and getting more equipment had ~~our~~ **two more** field ~~first~~ Dressing issued out to us with soap it is said we are to be on the move tomorrow The Southener was torpedoed between here and Lemnos but got to Lemnos safely

3 FRIDAY 246-119

Orders came we are to ~~sail~~ go to Alexandra today. fully equipped march off 5 PM in ~~train~~ train 9.30 PM ~~at~~ 25.26 betalions are leaving with us

4 SATURDAY 247-118

Arive Alexandra 3 am loading horses got very little sleep and am prety tired 12 am got leave to go into Alexandra post office and post letters. left Alex Harboar 5 PM three other troopships

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4 Saturday 247.118

I believe all ~~other~~ of the other Huon boys are on a fine big ship about 20.000 tuns we were second to leave the Harbour four Hospital ships were at ancor our ship is the Knight Templar

5 SUNDAY 248-117

Sunday nothing doing our ship the Knight Templar is a horse transport we have about 1.000 troops on board

9th Month SEPTEMBER 1915 30 Days

6 Monday 249-116

passed four boats passed us as we only do about 10k- we have passed several Islands some fair size ones

7 TUESDAY 250-115

two destroyers passed us 2.PM Came insite of Isl of Lemonos 3. PM we saw all the smoke from the ships in harbour when a longway off. On Entering harbour we saw two rows of mines and Harbour crowded with boats of all sorts it is a wonderful sight.

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7 ~~T~~ Tuesday 7

Leminos is a beautiful Harbour for big ships the Moreatania 50.000 tunner can steam in without any trouble. the Island is bare of trees plenty of grass the Harbour is full of English and French Battleships We are anchored alongside two 20000 tuns boats Z 42 and A11. our boat is Z49 The Southerner is just inside the Harbour with a big list on we could see the hole in her side

8 WEDNESDAY 251-114

Nothing doing went infor a swim The Harbour is a wonderful sight one will never see another like it. There is a Russian manofwar here the only one that is not locked up by the enemy she has five ~~fun~~ funnels we call her the packet of woodbines

30 Days SEPTEMBER 1915 9th Month

9 THURSDAY 252-113

Went over in one of the life boats to one of the many little towns on Leminos Island They have a beautiful little church their beautifully fitted up inside much better than most Suburban churches in any Australian town

10 FRIDAY 253-112

I again had another trip to the Naval landing stage on the other side of the harbour we saw a big condenser they are fitting up for fresh water for the Island They grow a lot of grapes nuts figs and all other sorts of fruit here.

11 SATURDAY 254-111

It is a week since I we came on board the Z49 I have been having a bad time with the diarear. their is a strong wind blowing and is rather cold at night The A42 which was mined came into the harbour today with a terable big hole by the after mast

12 SUNDAY 255-110

Shipped on board SS Osmanu on blotter

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12 Sunday

all very busy preparing for our departure in the SS Osmanich had three days rations issued to us leave the Z.49. 3.40 PM for Dardanells doing 22 miles an hour

9th Month SEPTEMBER 1915 30 Days

13 MONDAY 256 109

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Ancored off Australians landing 1 Am leave ship 6 am beach was bombarded just after we landed Went up Shrapnel gulley till 7.30 then marched two miles to a gulley near Table Top I having the Diarear very badly was knocked up so we slept near the beach until morning

14 TUESDAY 257-108

Very weak this morning was very sick had nothing to eat for two days. We then walked up to new Hospital and releaved the N Zelanders who had put five months here I had to lay down all day knocked up we took the Hosp over 12 PM. Our Hosp is fairly well protected from bullets

15 WEDNESDAY 258-107

Feeling a little better this morning am now able to get light diet, we are not rushed with wounded 11,30 am I took a walking patient to beach to have his two wounded fingers amputated at the first joint had to bring him back as he shot himself he is to be tried to see if guilty for shooting himself The rain came in our dugouts and gave us a good soaking late early this morning

30 Days SEPTEMBER 1915 9th Month

16 THURSDAY 259-106

Things very quiet today only four wounded several sick I took four walking patients to beach Hospital. I had an egg given me it seemed the best ever I had eaten. I am camped with Wise Brooks camp very cosy one of the best here they made curry for their tea. I am still on light diet

17 FRIDAY 260-105

Bread and meat issued for the first time since we arrived here I took another patient to beach also went to A & B section got a mail We are kept very busy here making preparations for winter A Grubb was sent back from here today =====

18 SATURDAY 261-104

Went to beach brought back 30 Doz of Eggs. 5-30 Rappid firing started and bullets were flying every where every body had to make for their dugouts or shelter, one of our patients got wounded in the neck whilst lying [blotter

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Saturday 18

Saturday

The firing Ceased 6 PM hardly a noise could be heard. The Manawar all made towards the beach at full speed and bombarded the Turks. I believe the Turks made the charge and then the Australians chased them right back over their own trenches their were very few Australians hit compared with the turks I believe they cut Turks to pieces

Saturday 18

on a Stretcher in Hospital our Hospital is not too safe

Start on top again

19 SUNDAY 262-103

Went as Dispatch bearer today got two letters – shifted Hospital further up gulley for winter

9th Month SEPTEMBER 1915 30 Days

20 MONDAY 263-102

A Turk came into the Austra lines and gave himself up & last night he said he did not want to fight the British I was a dispatch bearer again today the Turks sunk a three masted schooner of about 300 tunns near the beach today all her decks are above water. The Turks are very bad shots they tried to blow her to pieces but their gunnery was too bad sometimes they were 100 yards away

21 TUEADAY 264-101

Light Duties also carried my first stretcher patience to the beach since I landed here w 2. PM went with Despatches to AMSC and A Section also got our mails The days are fairly worm and nights cold

22 WEDNESDAY 265-100

Took despatches up to 28th & 25th lines in trenches about some of their men dying at our Hospital. I saw two N Zelanders lying dead outside of their trenches also turks trenches took five & sick ~~and~~ wounded to beach Had a real good tea last night of Curry and poridge made from Biscuits and bulley beef

30 Days SEPTEMBER 1915 9th Month

23 THURSDAY 266-99

All my bones are aking this morning had a bad night sleep took one patience beach also a despatch the easiest days work we have had since we arrived here Tucker bad today half cooked onions and bulley beef

24 FRIDAY 267-98

I am now on the first dressing station I have been very sick with a bad nights sleep and a cold one. I brought one patience to our hospital so had to stay their owing to being to bad one of our patience had his brain turned by a shell bursting close to his head he had to be tied to stretcher Our tucker was very bad today raw onions and bulley beef

25 SATURDAY 268-97

Two wounded passed through our hands Our first casualty in 7th FAMB was AJ Williams shot in the seat while taking tempeture not serious. Our gully is called Chailak-Dre Chailac-Dre [*Chailak dere*] The fleas are very bad at night

26 SUNDAY 269-96

Carried my first dead man this morning Died while wating at our Dressing station (on blotter)

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26 Sunday

Three men of the 28th Bet were killed with bombs in the trenches Orders came out today any man caught carrying ~~anything~~ on a stretcher anything but a man would be cautmarshald owing the the turks firing on streeatcher bearers and saying we are using stretchers f to carry amunitions Dr Bailey always got me to sharpen the scapels I used to sharpen on a file wich left them with rough edges & they cut a bit better

9th Month SEPTEMBER 1915 30 Days

27 MONDAY 270-95

Had a very bad nights sleep owing to my bad Kidneys Two patience slightly wounded in hand and arm walked to our head hospital I rather like being here the tucker is a bit crook at times. The flies are very bad here have to smoke to keep them off

28 TUESDAY 271-94

Very little to/do today no wounded able to lay down all day. Went up to 28th Bet trenches had a good look through a periscope saw several dead N.Z. and Mauries mixed up with turks. a Turks Blockhouse is quite close to our trenches they have got a ~~bar~~ wirenetting around it to stop our hand bombs. Had a got at T trench.

29 WEDNESDAY 272-93

Very easy, no work until 5 PM only fetuge We got a surprize when we ~~g~~ saw Laurie F coming down on a stretcher shot with a shrapnel bullet just below the right knee. Two other patience were also on stretchers one shot through the side of stomace other in the ~~km~~ knee also walking patience shot behind the ear none very serious am feeling very well fitt for any work F Laurie was in very good spirit

30 & 31 Days SEP. & OCT. 1915 9th & 10th M'ths

30 THURSDAY 273-92

Today is one of the hottest days we have had since we arrived here only one patience crushed by sandbags 5 PM Turks done lots of shelling and fired a lot of bombs but done no damage. Fixed up my photos Their are only four in our dressing station now and three in the top one owing to fatiuge to be done at our Hospital

1 October FRIDAY 274-91

Very foggy this morning but not atall cold I find it very hard to go to sleep before 12 PM at night. Took two patience down to the beach in our new two wheeled rickshaw much easier than carrying patience also two walking patience We are all very short of writing paper & envelopes We are now on dayshift at Hospital Sprayed our Dugoug with Disenfectad

2 SATURDAY 275-90

Busy at our Hospital clearing scrubb and levelling off ground four our new Hospital tents. Two shrapnel cases burst very close to our Hospital Took one stretcher case to the beach came back by the new track

3 SUNDAY 276-89

Church at Hospital 10-30 stretcher case for beach 12-30 6.30 another case for the beach

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4 MONDAY 277-88

Eight Hour Day, Sydney

Rations issued. Treacle & bread. 7 am lot of bombarding going on with our guns 9.30 our men must be charging as their is machine and rifle fire all along our trenches. I think our men are charging on the left bullets are flying about everywhere we are all in dugouts wating for wounded as it is too dangerous to be walking about out side. J Neal was killed instaneous by shrapnel from Beachy Bill he is one of A Sec. 7. FA first killed

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October 4

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No more wounded than usual came along as our men were not charging the Turks

5 TUESDAY 278-87

Orders were red out this morning that all our equipment we left behind in Alexandra was to be taken by the military for equipping other solders also that all broken stretcher poles were to be taken out of our dugouts it is too hard as there are no trees here to get any more poles for the roof of our dugouts took two patience to beach

6 WEDNESDAY 279-86

Went to beach for stores. B Section was building Hospital just below us and the Turks shelled both them and us wounding three of 27 Batalion, Shrapnel burst right in among our Hospitals and dugouts. The 27th Bet were on fatuge their helping with their Hospital

31 Days OCTOBER 1915 10th Month

7 THURSDAY 280-85

Went to beach for stores one of B sections men named Kidman was wounded in the hip this morning. B Section is mooving Hospital just above us owing to turks shelling us 8 PM this evening disentary patience was shot while laying in our Hospital wounded in R leg bullet was poking out of flesh other side

8 FRIDAY 281-84

I have fixed up a table in our dugout also a cubbard we are very comfortabe now took five patience to beach also had a swim the first for a month. Took the wounded soldier who was shot while laying in our Hospital with disentary to beach the bullet was a spent one which never went right through his leg, this morning bullet was showing through other side saw Doctor extract it from the leg [blotter]

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8 Friday Oct

Had rain and wind 7 PM tonight our dugout was perfectly dry several had to leave theirs camp as the water fairly poored in

9 SATURDAY 282-83

M^cGuire B Section was shot in his sit down about 1 am this morning he never woke untill sometime after feeling it itchy he began to scratch and then felt the blood on blankets On duty at No 1 dressing station tonight Had an easy day as I have to go on duty tonight

10 SUNDAY 283-82

Went round to Anzac to the Tasman 12 Batalion also saw Achi-Barbra a hill about 500 feet high [blotter]

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10 Sunday

I believe our troops are half way up on one side their is a big flat all round one of the railways is distroyed also went to 26 batalion [on top of blotter]

10 Sunday

Saw a british airship off Achi Baba I believe it was the one they captured off the Germans, as she is a Zeplin. I believe they have two and several airopains

10th Month OCTOBER 1915 31 Days

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11 MONDAY 284-81

Am on duty top dressing station rather cold owing to no tent or cover to sleep under I took one walking patience to no 2 dressing station had a shower of rain during the night During the day was on fatuge carting timber from the beach to Hospital My hand has swollen up a good size owing to ----- Barkoa rott

12 TUESDAY 285-80

Had a shower of rain today saw Doctor about hand, so now will get it dressed at Hospital, on light duties, carried a soldiers equipment to beach also developed some photoes for Spient We have a new Doctor atached to our Hospital owing to Dr Bailey being very bad with disintary

13 WEDNESDAY 286-79

~~Have-bee~~ Have been very busy with streatcher cases about the hardest we have had Dr Baily went ~~b~~ on board Hospital ship today with Disintary put up two new Hospital tents for sick and wounded. A 25 betal man died here last night through a bad wound in top of head. One of our British Airaplain dropped on the plain by the salt lakes I think with engin trouble the Turks tried to blow her to pieces but failed

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Wednesday 13

The Turks put two high explosives into our Hospital hollow this morning but neither done any damage

31 Days OCTOBER 1915 10th Month

14 THURSDAY 287-78

Two trips to beach. Had a bad nights sleep owing to bad back the Turks are using a lot of bombs lately. Our new Doctor seams a very nice fellow. Our canteen stores arived here tonight also newspapers and parcels

15 FRIDAY 288-77

On Day shift at No 2 dressing station been fairly windy all day Seargent Mahoney, Pt C Bushby & Pt Hood left here for Hospital Ship tonight sick. Major Ross slightly wounded **in** arm Our cook is sick we are in hopes of getting another cook so can get better tucker. Five N Zelanders came as reenforcements to us today

16 SATURDAY 289-76

This morning 7.30 am our boys had a Deminstration in their trenches no wounded Our Hospital is very short handed only three carrying to the beach also three on night duty I volinteered to help night shift. got my canteen stores tonight [17 *SUNDAY 290-75*] new cook better tucker Had a grand breakfast this morning of tinned sausages the best since we left Aus Blotter

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Sunday 17 1915

Corporal Nickols C Section Cook send back to Egypt sick with Interic feaver also Seargent Bell A Sec Have been here 5 weeks today

10th Month OCTOBER 1915 31 Days

18 MONDAY 291-74

Had a heavy shower of rain early this morning Big mail for C Section two bags, nearly all parcels and papers I received four letters and four papers Tibbey Forsythe went away tonight

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with Interic fever, I am very disappointed at not getting any parcels since I arrive here N
Zelanders started work today streatchebear

19 TUESDAY 292-73

Four more reanforcements came from A Section to help us as we have very few men left fit
for heavy duty Small mail today received four letters A Cold dull day looks like rain No
Airaplanes have come about the last few days

20 WEDNESDAY 293-72

Turks put some high explosives just below our Hospital but done no damage. J Jogan C Sec
sent away sick. We made Rissoles and Pancakes for tea we are getting first rate cooks

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*[Although dated 18 & 19 Oct entry on this
page is a complete anecdote distinct from
main diary]*

18 Oct

it Rained fairly hard so I stripped off & soaked myself all over & when well soaped the Rain
stopped Well I was in a mess no water & all soap 19 Oct Went down 7 AM this morning to
No 2 outpost I was in a mess I went to Wilsons pier took off Hat & Coat and Dived in the sea
An Officer came onto wharf Roaring like a Bull & said I will crime you for this When I
explained to him About the soap he just laughed & said it was a crime to swim in the sea

31 Days OCTOBER 1915 10th Month

21 THURSDAY 294-71

Things very easy this morning made some more pan cakes. Had a light shower this evening
Had more Risoles for tea Several Turkish shells burst near the sap going towards the salt lake
but done no damage but gave some of the lads a bit of a shock

22 FRIDAY 295-70

We are getting very cold wind and rain today making our roads very muddy and slippery Pt
Shanks of C Sec was taken to beach suffering with rumatic two or three others of our sec are
also have it fairly bad.

23 SATURDAY 296-69

This morning very cold and showery I done my first washing since we landed All men are
prohibited against cutting scribb down for wood owing to shortage of scrubb for shelter one
of 26 bet was killed on Apex last night while trenching

24 SUNDAY 297-68

Went round to Anzac for bags, very cold with drizzling rain [on blotter

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Sunday 24

While carrying patience to the beach Hospital E Hale ~~and~~ was Killed by shrapnel, shot throw
the heart, and T M^cAlister was wounded in the foot also the patience whome they were
carrying ~~We~~ I and my partner had great luck being delayed a minute or else we might of been
a victim I Carried Ted 1½ miles back to our No 2 Dresing Station I could not let them berry
him in the Tommy Grave Yard as they were Packing 5 bodys one on top of the other just
outside of their Hospital so decided I take him back to our Grave yard

10th Month OCTOBER 1915 31 Days

25 MONDAY 298-67

Edward Hale funeral took place this morning all of C Sec and several B Sec were there to see the last. Turks shelled all round our Hospital this afternoon also tonight, the first time they have fired at night. The shells done no damage one large piece went very close to some of our tent division

26 TUESDAY 299-66

The turks are putting a lot of bombs over near our trenches on ~~th~~ our right Searg Ket Emms sent back with a relaps of Interic fever. Our Troops were very busy last night both on the Left and right.

27 WEDNESDAY 300-65

The Turks put some high explosives right along side ~~our~~ the officers dugout another lobbed between the red cross flag and operating tent Went to Anzac for winter clothing while at Beach Hospital we were shelled but no one was hurt some went very close to our shelter Started our new dugout other nearly blew away with the wind

31 Days OCTOBER 1915 10th Month

28 THURSDAY 301-64

Day duty No 2 station we are very short of Stretcher bearers only 14 available owing to sicknes Tonight had a very narrow escape from a high explosive only a few feet away we had a shower of dirt sent over us also another burst in on top of the bank we were sheltering under nearly covering us with dirt

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Oct 28

We are short of Doctors We stretcher bearers act as Doctors all we have to do is to take off our coats & they think we are a Doctor & Call us so We had a 26 Bat man here this morning with a wound just in front of his left ear where there ar Dozens of arteris & I could not stop the bleeding I asked him if he had a Indian Rupea – he had one so I put it over the wound & bandaged it up & it stopped bleeding Dr Crowther compermented me on it

29 FRIDAY 302-63

Done away with top station on Apex owing to being too short of men to wirk Hospital. Went to A WMS and saw General Johnston about my invention a new shrapnel gunn. Our boys paraded up to our officers over being to much work having to work all day and some of night

30 SATURDAY 303-62

Went to DMS to enquire about my new Gun. Wirking on dugout George Buckley left here for Hospital ship today-~~x~~ sick with simptoms of Pendacitus

31 SUNDAY 305-61

Moved into our new Dug Out a great improvement on old one.

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1 November MONDAY 305-60

Very quiet today very little shelling being done, it is said we are to shift camp round to where the 12 Batalion is. Went to A Section and brought back a byke for going to the ADMS with our returns. There are 400 lovely bikes stacked out in the open, so I pinch one every now & again

2 TUESDAY 306-59

**Melbourne Cup Day – Public
Holiday in Victoria**

Went ADMS this morning also went 25 Battalion headquarters and had a look through a periscope at Turkish trenches also in hill It is rumored we are to go in a couple of days to round past shrapnel gully to take over a new Hosp

3 WEDNESDAY 307-58

Turks shelled us for nearly an hour today shrapnel went through nearly every Hospital tent without wounding a single patient Captain Brownell of B Section was shot in the breast with a stray bullet came out just under arm pit

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Wednesday 3

When not stretcher bearing I take dispatches from the trenches to No 2 ADMS at 7 AM each morning & use the bike I had to go down to ADMC No 2 outpost at 7PM tonight & took the bike & used the Night track I passed 2 Ausies on the way down it was Dark & the bike was making a rattle When I returned to ~~Cam~~ Camp I met the 2 boys & they had told Dr Crowther that a Gost past them on the track. They had the wind up until I showed them the bike

30 Days NOVEMBER 1915 11th Month

4 THURSDAY 308-57

Turks again put shrapnel into our Hospital doing no damage. Orders were red out we are likely to leave here for the right wing any day now Their were a lot of firing on both Right and left wing.

5 FRIDAY 309-56

Took several photos of our Hospitals and Dug-out also went on top of hill the back of our Hospital and saw where Turkish snipers used to fire at our boys. Several high explosives came from the Turkish forts on the narrows tonight but done no damage. A Fraham sent back to Hos ship with Yellow Gaunders

6 SATURDAY 310-55

Turks put several High explosives on beach early ~~fr~~ this morning from battery on narrows We were again shelled this morning doing no damage preparing to move Hospital, at minutes notice CM Sprent went back sick today

7 SUNDAY 311-54

Turks again tried to blow up the tug on the beach Had church at our Hospital

11th Month NOVEMBER 1915 30 Days

8 MONDAY 312-53

Ration fatigue to the beach saw Turks trying to blow one of our tugs which got washed up on the beach it is said they were 8 inch shells only one doing any damage hitting her about 15 feet from her bow blowing part of her decks away.

9 TUESDAY 313-52

Beach fatigue, Saw our destroyers chasing a Turkish submarine but it escaped owing to our boats being too far off when first sighted Dennis Whishaw sent away sick Had our byke taken away today but am in hopes of getting another Went ADMS tonight

10 WEDNESDAY 314-51

Some of the 7th Brigade were being relieved from the trenches by 4th Brigade when the enemy turned their machine gun onto them wounding a couple and killing a donkey also wounding two or three mules While at the beach on stores the Turks fired about 150 eight inch high explosives playing havoc ~~on~~ with ADMS and their Dugouts
Blotter

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Nov 10 Wednesday

one shell blew up the ~~Ho~~ Wireles station killing some of the orderleys also destroying ~~with~~ wireles plant While under shelter of No 2 out post a shell hit the cliff a few feet away covering us with dirt nearly braking my back Three of us were thrown in a heap and covering us up to our head with sand and stones. When I arrived back at our Hosp I found my Dug out a reek a shell blew it to pieces smothering three of my mates with dirt not hurting one the roof was torn to ribbons breaking a big rigpole in two, everything was a real reek. I found the concussion cap inside the dugout B Homer, T Merrit, B ~~Hennesey~~ Hennesey were in dugout at time of explosion

30 Days NOVEMBER 1915 11th Month

11 THURSDAY 315-50

Two of B Sec were wounded by shrapnel this morning J Dunn & LJ Butler the enemy again shelled ADMS killing five wounding two. Turks are playing their machine guns on our saps again today doing no damage We are in hopes of being relieved from our station by the 4th FAMC about Saturday

12 FIRDAY 316-49

Turks again shelled our headquarters this morning. The Indian mule drivers are terrable scared both of snipers and shells whilst with their convoy. Conway Clark M Drake, Coulbourn was sent away from here sick today It is said we are not atatched to any brigade now.

13 SATURDAY 317-48

Went to beach for rations. very cold Turks shelled one of our bigs guns also a Hospital on the beach. R Len Swinton went back to Egypt sick. The 4th Brigade have brought their band back with them it sounds great after not hearing any music for such a long time.

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Sat 13

I was having a lot of trouble with my left side Bill Brook said let us have a look he said you are all Broozed & you got a beautiful boil on your Hipp he said he would lance it for me when he started to cut he said its metal he took out a 3 cornered piece it was a piece of led off a shell

14 SUNDAY 318-47

Orders came out 2 PM we were to shift round to Mule Gulley. Owing to not getting enough carts we had to pospone it until tomorrow

11th Month NOVEMBER 1915 30 Days

15 MONDAY 319-46

Very windy two rough to land ~~Boats~~ stores and to take away wounded. All our stores went

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round two our new camping ground All very busy packing kits ready to move off. Our boys are having a bit of a bombardment on the left A Husband sent back sick (on blotter) .

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Nov 15 Monday

6.30 PM mule carts arrived for our stores Heavy shower or two while loading transport Arrive round at Mule gulley 10-30 PM slept out in open 12-30 am Had a bad cold & dysentary Bill Mawby of Hobart & Myself were the last two to leave our old camp. I told Bill I did not think I would be able to walk the distance ~~so he was~~ My back was terrible bad. Bill wraped the Redcross flag round my back & gave me support

15 TUESDAY 320-45

Very busy carting our stores up to where we are to camp a lot of work to be done levelling down the bank so be able to pitch tents. Slept in one of our Hospital tents. It is rather a rough place for a Hospital owing to being so steep altho well sheltered

17 WEDNESDAY 321-44

Built a new Dug-out terrible windy all boats had to go for shelter to Imbros Island two small wharves were washed away Had some heavy showers our dug-out leaked a bit Our boys are doing a lot of shooting tonight

30 Days NOVEMBER 1915 11th Month

18 THURSDAY 322-43

Last night a small tug went ashore close to the wharf owing to water putting her fires out. Weather has calmed down a lot still there is a little swell on which would make it bad for getting patience aboard
We have a beautiful view from our Dug-out.

19 FRIDAY 323-42

Weather very calm this morning we are on quarter rations of water owing to rough weather our water is brackish through salt water being mixed with it Went round to ~~my~~ our old camping ground with a letter from our Major also took bykes back to their places.

20 SATURDAY 324-41

Tea very salty this morning owing to **water** been taken out of a well on the beach. Very cold wind blowing Had several sick & wounded patience coming into our Hospital

21 SUNDAY 325-40

Townley returned back from Egypt for duty looks well Had a cabbage for dinner second since we landed

11th Month NOVEMBER 1915 30 Days

22 MONDAY 326-39

Very cold had a slight shower of rain. Had stew for dinner with cabbage best meal we have had on the peninsular. Some Yanks brought a boring machine to sink a hole for water owing to a Turkish shell bursting a little way off they wouldnot work plant any more so took it away again

23 TUESDAY 327-38

Proclamation Day, Victoria

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Thing very quiet today as usual very cold I believe we are to have a man go over to the Ireland and get canteen stores for us. Had an interview with Major Ross over the new gunn

24 WEDNESDAY 328-37

Went round to YMCA canteen their were about two thousand wating for it to be opened when it did open they only had a few cakes and buns to sell I believe they never have anything of much good in it it would be far better if they done away with it, owing to it making a disturbance among the men

30 Days NOVEMBER 1915 11th Month

25 THURSDAY 329-36

Nothing doing today. About 10 patience come daily to our Hospital from Walkers Ridge. We are very short of water here have not had a wash since we came to our new posey

26 FRIDAY 330-35

Went 4th field Engineers about my patent. we are in hopes of being fixed up their we are to go again tomorrow to have an interview with their Major. Weather very cold with showers of rain Turks done some bombarding with bombs & shells while in Shrapnel gully.

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26 Nov

All the troops on Gallopoly have jaundes

27 SATURDAY 331-34

Went round to 4th F Engineers we are to be transfured over to them while drawing the plans out. Had several showers of rain Last night had a great storm of lightning and thunder. O Renolds sent away sick with Armstrong

28 SUNDAY 332-33

Snow lay thick on the ground very cold getting very poor tucker only tea bacon for Breakfast

11th & 12th M'ths NOV. & DEC. 1915 30 & 31 Days

29 MONDAY 333-32

bitterly cold today ones toes and fingers nearly freeze off Weather rough and windy A lot of sick coming in owing to snow Feeling off colour last few days All Hospitals are full up owing not being able to avucate

30 TUESDAY 334-31

Had a bad nights sleep had rumatic in my legs very badly Dr Brownel put me in Hospital. Taking patience off in life boats owing to Hospital punt getting washed ashore

1 December WEDNESDAY 335-30

Went into Hospital today James Boa sent away sick. Sun came out a little Percy Cherry & Vic Golliger was hit on the side of the head with a bomb.

31 Days DECEMBER 1915 12th Month

2 THURSDAY 336-29

Hospital sick Sent to N^o 13 Clearing Hospital to wate transhipment for Hospital Ship. Percy Cherry & Vic Golliger both at No 13. Percy looks pretty bad on it, The tucker is very bad

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here, Both Percy & Vick got caught on the head with a broom handle bomb, also a chap from Cygnet got hit.

3 FRIDAY 337-28

Slight roal on the sea today Afraid we will not be able to get off to Hospital Ship ~~5~~ 5 PM orders to line up to embark motor punt for H ship 6 PM on board H ship. Had a bath got into clean blankets Got terrible lousey while in N^o 13 clearing Hos. (on blotter) .

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3 Dec

Hospital orderly wanted to know why I had a flag wrapped round me his mate said to keep B well warm you mug

Friday 3 December

Serg Riley of A Sec and Rivett of B sec Had a beautiful piece of bread with beef tea for supper

Gloucester Castle Hospital Ship

4 SATURDAY 338-27

Had poridge for breakfast with bread butter and stew very nice Taking more patience aboard Our batteries bombarded the Turks twice today Up ancor for Lemnos about 1 am.

5 SUNDAY 339-26

Ancored inside Lemnos Harbour 6.30 am, up ancor again for Alexandra

12th Month DECEMBER 1915 31 Days

6 MONDAY 340-25

Having very bad nights sleep Rumatics are something cruel The food is beautiful after what we have been getting on the Peninsular. All the afternoon had a terrible headache. In the evening had three pills given me which made the perspiration pore out of me

7 TUESDAY 341-24

Had a fairly good nights sleep my clothes we soaking wet through this morning Dropped Ancor in Alexandra Harbour 4 PM had a beautiful smooth trip. We find it very worm after the snowie Peninsula

8 WEDNESDAY 342-23

Went down to breakfast for first time this morning. Dress and march off boat onto the train. Arrive a Heliopolis 4 PM worn out. Taken in motors to Palace Hospital to N^o 12 ward had a nice hot bath got into clean pyjammers Had two eggs with bread & butter tea the Sisters look after us real well will do anything for us.

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9 THURSDAY 343-22

Had a beautiful nights sleep the best for over a month. I believe the 8th Brigade is here in Egypt The Doctor came round and examined me all over. I still have the rumatics in sholder and side. Had to be shifted from Palace Hospital owing to a lot of wounded or sick expected. Went in Motor Ambulance to Aux No 3 Hospital

10 FRIDAY 344-21

Had a great sleep last night Sisters were very good to me had a good breakfast of fish. fairly

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cold here. Dr came round about twelve and examined me Had some Oranges and biscuits & choclet Had to put a day in reading Saw George Weymouth of our section also Serg Riley and another of A Sec men Had -

11 SATURDAY 345-20
Separation Day, Queensland -
Public Holiday in Brisbane

Feal much better this morning They are putting all new spring beds in here instead of the old bambo ones Had boiled fowl for dinner Two train loads of wounded came in tonight some came into our ward.

12 SUNDAY 346-19

Had rumatics again prety bad in my sholder and legs. Church survice was held in the grounds was unable to go

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13 MONDAY 347-18

I believe I am to get up tomorrow Things are very quiet here in Hospital George Weymouth came and saw me again last night, We got some red cross goods this morning. H George brought three letters from their camp for me.

14 TUESDAY 348-17

Rumatics came on again lastnight also this morning but the rubbing of embrocation on the rumaticy parts soon gave great relief Two train loaded with sick came into Heliopolis this afternoon some look as well as could be Was not allowed to get up owing to Dr orders.

15 WEDNESDAY 349-16

Things very slow today in Hospit The clothes I had given me when I came into Hospital wer full of louse eggs which soon hatched when I had worn them for a while I had a good wash all over and got into all clean clothes

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16 THURSDAY 350-15

Nothing doing more patience came into our ward yesterday Had rumatics prety bad this morning. Not allowed to get up yet Abdul our washerman was just talking to me he wants to kno when the 7 Brigade is coming back so he can do their washing French Airaplain flew over our Hospital she was on her trial spin.

17 FRIDAY 351-14

Nothing doing. Not feeling too good pains in stomach. Got some winter clothing given me At teatime had terrable pains come in my stomach sister gave me some medicine and put hot water bottles on me it eased pain after a couple hours had hardly any sleep temperture 103.

18 SATURDAY 352-13

Saw Syke Parsons this morninghe is to go under an operation at Palace Hos Feal much better this morning not allowed out of bed now. Had two letters brought to me by one of our transport boys

19 SUNDAY 353-12

Mutch better this morning George Weymouth came a saw me

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20 MONDAY 354-11

New Sister on this morning other Sister got the day off. Doctor would not let me up but hope to be able to get up tomorrow Hospital train came in with sick from Alexandra clearing Hospitals their to make room for more men from the Peninsular

21 TUESDAY 355-10

Doctor letting me up for a little while this afternoon he took a long while to sound me. The mornings are fairly cold here All men allowed up are issued with a uniform of carkee with a red tye and we have to give it in when when leaving Hospital

22 WEDNESDAY 356-9

Had to stay in bed today but hope to be up tomorrow. Rumatics still in legs and back I hate the site of bed been in Hospital for a month now. In todays Egyptian paper it said all of our Soldiers have left the Dardanells we are expecting them here in Egypt any time now

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23 THURSDAY 357-8

Allowed up this morning feel very weak after been in bed so long. Went over to Heliopolis also to Kersalls Tivolley in evening I was terrable tired when arrived back to Hospital. Have met several boys I kno since I have been in Hospital. Two Hospital trains load of sick came in

24 FRIDAY 358-7

Very worm last night. One can hardly believe tomorrow is Xmas Went into Heliopolis at night Had a few showers of rain in afternoon Rain fell at 1 PM all patience in our Hospital got wet in the morning the rain had soaked right through my blankets Gave the day and night sisters a christmas present

25 SATURDAY 359-6

Christmas Day

A beautiful sunny morning after last nights rain, got rumatics again all busy getting into dry clothes Had Turkey plum pudding cake and fruit for dinner tea. Jellies cakes fruit bon bons. Had a most delightful Xmas. on blotter.

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25 December

Xmas day

Saw Vic Gollegin in Heliopolis also Corp Nickols and Ian Smithi both ~~lat~~ latter are going back to Australia. Our Wards are beautifully decorated we got our xmas boxes nearly all ciggarettes

26 SUNDAY 360-5

Boxing Day

Things very quiet here today went over to Skating rink saw Ockey Leaky who is going to Australia Wednesday

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27 MONDAY 361-4

Fixing photoes all the morning Doctor said I was to go to Helowan for treatment as I had a bad night last night Went out to Oases camp and saw 4 our transport boys also got two letters and 2 packet of printing paper

28 TUESDAY 362-3

Proclamation Day, South

Australia

Printing some photoes of off Sisters Shepards films Got a pass to go into Cairo It has not altered much a few new resturants which are much cleaner than those when in Cairo before Got my new clothes ready for the morning, am very tired tonight

28 WEDNESDAY 363-2

Breakfast 7.30 am get into cars and go to North West Cairo Station and catch train for Helowan The rest Hospital here ~~was~~ was a German Hotel blonging to the Crown Prince of Germany. Their must be a couple of thousand rooms in the building. The food is very good It seams as if it will be much better for comfortable than No 2 Auxiliary

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30 THURSDAY 364-1

Up 7-30 am breakfast 8.30 am Sick parade 9-30 am never saw doctor. I feel dead tired all day saw the pictures shown on the premises. Al Hayat before the war belonged to the Crowned Prince of Germany and was seised by the British for a Rest Hospital It is very roughly finished off in side

[Indent] on blotter

[*Pink interleaf sheet*]

Thursday 30th 1915

The floa is all concrete the plaster is very rough also the lectric lights are very badly put up all wires are hanging loose from the walls and celings Altho is is a fine big place from the out side The Crown Prince of Germany had his honeymoon here. Helouan is not a large town but looks much cleaner than Cairo and most other towns On our way up from cairo I saw one of the Portland Cement Mills nearly all the present houses are built of cement

31 FRIDAY 365-0

Paraded before Doctor this morning I believe I will be examined tomorrow One can hardly believe it xmas week and tomorrow New Years day and all at home going to Shipwrights Regatta I cannot grumble I am getting the best of tucker and heaps of it I must start my new diary tomorrow and post this home. After tea we had a great concert made one think he was at home A soldiers life is not as rough as ~~one~~ people in Australia thinks
Tonight 12 am the Huonville people will be on their way to Shipwrights Regatta as we are behind their time.

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~~JANUARY~~ – CASH MEMORANDA

October Sick patients sent back from Dardanells

Sep 25th 1915 CH Townley sick C Sec
Sep 17th 1915 A Grubb was sent back from here sick ====
October 15,th 1915 Searg Mahoney sick Interic fever C Sec
Oct 15, 1915 Pt Hood Dysintary C Sec
Oct 15, 1915 Pt Bushby fluid under the knee C Sec
Oct 17th 1915 Corp Nichols sick Interic fever C Sec
Oct 18th 1915 Tibby Smythe sick Interic fever C Sec
Oct 20th 1915 Joe Hogan sick C Sec
Oct 22nd 1915 Pt Shanks rumatics C Sec
Oct 26th 1915 Ret Sarg Emms Interic F C Sec
Oct 30th 1915 George Buckley sick of Pendacitus C Sec
Nov 5th 1915 Albert Fraham sick Yellow Gaunders CS
Nov 6th 1915 Coll Sprent sick C Sec
Nov 9th 1915 Dennis Whishaw sick Interic C Sec
Nov 12th 1915 Conway Clark sick C Sec
Nov 12th 1915 Max Drake sick C Sec
Nov 12th 1915 Kennie Coulbourn sick C Sec
Nov 15th 1915 Adren Husband sick C Sec
Nov 19th 1915 Bruce Douglas sick C Sec
Nov 27th 1915 O Reynolds sick C Sec
Dec 1st 1915 Jim Boa jaun C S.
Dec 2nd 1915 HE Bailey jaun rumatics & jaun
Dec 5th 1915 Bond jaunders

FEBRUARY – CASH MEMORANDA

Officers sent away sick

October 14th 1915 Capt Baily Dysentary C Sec
Oct 18th 1915 Captin Crouther Dysentary C Sec
Nov 21st 1915 Leftenant Cournel Huxtable sick

MARCH – CASH MEMORANDA

March 17 .. Arived in Claremont Camp
March 15 .. Left Home for Camp
March 10 Nellie Griggs runs away from [?] with L Nation
March 9 Had my last ride on my motor bike
March 9 Sold byke to Gagham CK
March 8 Came up to hobart to see about signing on for the war
March 4. Made up my mind to sign on for ~~xxx~~ war
March 1 Started this Diary

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APRIL – CASH MEMORANDA

April ~~M~~ 5. Easter Monday. Leave Huonville for Claremont had my final leave
April 1. Leave Camp for final leave arrive home 6 PM

MAY – CASH MEMORANDA

~~May 31. Left Sydney for Fremantle 11 am~~

May 24. Leave Enoggera Camp for Sydney arrive on board Accanius A11 10.am. at Sandgates on Brisbane R

May 5. Arrive at Enoggera Camp 12 PM midnight passed through Brisbane 11 PM very tired

May 4 Arrive a Sydney 6 am by the SS Ulamora

May 1. Leave for Sydney by SS Ulamora got a great sent off from Claremont.

JUNE – CASH MEMORANDA

June 1 Left Sydney for Fremantle 11 am

June 8. Anchored off Fremantle Breakwater

June 9. towed into Freemantle ---

June 9 Leave Fremantle 5 PM.

June 19 Champion tugofwar match gained 2 wins

June 29 Arrived Port Suez 11.30 PM ---

JULY – CASH MEMORANDA

July 2 Landed at Port Suez 9 am Started for Cairo 6 PM train

July 3 Arrived a Heliopolis Camp 3 am slept in mess room.

July 14 Issued with new uniform short trousers and Helmets.

July 18 Went to Pyramids saw dead City and all inside Pyramids

July 25th 1915 Ballett missing from camp

July 31st 1915 Battle of the Wassor ===

Aug 8th 1915 Went to Zoo and gardens

Aug 8th 1915 26 Batalion came into Polygorg **camp**

Aug 10th 1915 C Sec went to Alexandra H Ships

Aug 26th C Sec arrive back from Alexandra

Sep 3rd 1915 Left Egypt Camp for Alexandra

Sep 4th 1915 Left Alexandra on Transp X49 Knight Templar Horse ship

Sep 7th 1915 Anchored Lemnos Island beautiful sight full of ships of all sises

Sep 12th Tranship onto SS Osmanich leave Lemnos 4 PM doing 22 knotts Anchored off Anzac 11 PM

Sep 13 taken ashore on lighters

Sep 14 take over N Zeland Hospital attached to 971 Sari – Bahi & Apex

AUGUST – CASH MEMORANDA

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Nov 3rd 1915 Turks shelled our Hospital slightly wounding our Major
Nov 10th 1915 Blown up with a 8 inch shell at No 2 out post
Nov 10th Dugout blown to ribbons not hurting three of my mates who were sitting inside covered them **with** dirt
Nov 15th Shifted our Hospital to Mule gulley with A & B Sec.
Nov 22nd 1915 American boring for water and stopped work owing to being frightened of Turkish shells

SEPTEMBER – CASH MEMORANDA

Sep 4 Leave Alexandra for Dardanells by the Horse ship Z 49. Knight Templar.
Sep 12. Leave by the SS Osmarnish for Dardanells Arrive Dardanells 11 PM
Sep 13 Landed 6 am
Sep 14 Take over N Zelanders Hospital near Table Top
Sep 25 B Williams was shot in his **not serious AMC** seat while taking temperatures in Hospit
Sep 29 AMC Frank Laurie shot with **not serious** Shrapnell just above the knee
Nov 15th 1915 N Zelanders AMC taken over our Hospital we leave for a gulley off Mule Gulley called Happy Valley.
Nov 10th 1915 Had a very narrow escape from being killed by a shell 8 in **shell**
Nov 10. Had my dug-out blown to pieces by an 8 in shell three men in side at the time and not one was hit

DECEMBER – CASH MEMORANDA

December 2nd 1915 Told to pack up to go away to Hospital
Dec. 3rd 1915 Shipped on motor punt for Hospital ship
Dec 4th 1915 Sail for Lemnos for orders
Dec 5th 1915 leave Lemnos for Alexandra
Dec 7th 1915 Anchored in Alexandra Harbour
Dec 8th 1915 Tranship onto Train for Heliopolis
Dec 8th 1915 Went into Palace Hospital N. 12 ward
Dec 9th 1915 Went into No 3 Auxiliary for treatment
Dec 22nd 1915 In Egypt paper./ Australians withdrawn from Dardanells Peninsular
Dec 25 Had a great day plenty of presents and food
Dec 29th 1915 Sent to Rest Hospital at Helouan (Al Hayat Hotel) to be treated in Sulphor baths for Rumatic

(Dec 23rd 1915 Allowed up for a couple of hours in the sun very weak.)

Dec ~~30~~ 31 Had a great concert 6.30 PM
Dec 31 Had a great con [*arrow pointing to above entry*]

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Returned back to Unit fit for duty

November 21st CH Townley. Returned – **from** Egypt

Excerpts that may be of interest for exhibition from diary of Harry Edward Baily

First entries in diary:

MARCH 1915:

1 March MONDAY

Talking at the table my sister says if she was a boy she would sign on for the war. I told her she ought to go as a nurse she said she couldnot stand to see the crippled solders I told her if she does not intend going she ought to be quiet about it. I said I would go only, I stay for Mothers sake.

2 TUESDAY

Would like to sign on for the frunt but Mother is so against us when we talk about it. she says she would brake her heart if any of her boys were to go that is all that is stopping me from Joining

3 WEDNESDAY

Was listning to the boys playing some of the latest war songs one of them the ~~the~~ British troops landing in France and singing A Longway to Tipperary Marcelays and God save our King It made me feel like signing on I would now if it was not for my Mother I no she would take it hard

4 THURSDAY

Was listning to the Phonograph to night and made up my mind to sign on for the frunt in the Artillery

5 FRIDAY

Finished building Apple house for G A Griggs Went to Franklin but never said a word about going to the war to any of my friends I never told Mother until to night that I had made up my mind to go to the frunt and nothing would stop me When I told mother I was going to the frunt she went off at me to some order. I told her that if she mentioned anything about me joining I would not listen I would clear out side it acted very well. She found it was no good to try and stop me

7 SUNDAY

Told Mother I was going to town to see about go to the war

13 SATURDAY

Hired a pony trap and went to the Franklin Pictures and said good by to one of my best friend

14 SUNDAY

Went to Franklin and said ~~has~~ good by to some of my Friends who wanted me to try and not go

15 MONDAYS

Left Huonville 8-15 am to sign on for the expeditonary force had dinner in town reported myself barrocks 3-30 PM passed doctor and papers and sertificate given me

18 THURSDAY

Sworn in the British Australian Army 7-30. Issued overalls. 10.am. Drill 2-30 PM. Swim 4 PM. tea 6- PM. Lights out 10-PM 11-PM a real quiet camp 11-15 sound asleep having a real good time in camp. much better than expected tucker much better than was told PS had my pictures taken by mooving picture machine.

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