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Tunks; no damage.

28th Letters received from Mother and Mrix and parcel from Sophie Tunks put up new dog leg fence last night to the left of our position. Sniper opposite us gives us plenty to do filling up his hole.

Big Camoude South.

29th Bell went to Doctor and has been ordered away. Quiet day and fine.

30th Our lot moved out of beams and went back to Pyries' trenches which they occupied before. These are further to the right and adjoin the 7th Lt. Self, Lawless & Morrison went onto No. 6 post. Tunks trenches still 50 yards away.

31st Moved out of firing line 9.30 am and went into Supports

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Had a change of clothes which
is our equivalent of a bath. Our
water fatigue 2.30 pm. General
Birdwood came round on a tour
of inspection. We have a Patent
bomb thrower like a large catapult
throwing bombs into Turks. Turks
employed in Ruia: they have one too!
November 1st

Water fatigue 6 am. After breakfast
went on sapping all day at Head
quarters signal office. Fatigues form
an important part of the itinerary
here and there are always plenty
to be done. At 5 pm went into
firing line No 2 post with Belcher
and Gale. Quiet day.

2nd - Came out of line 9.30 am +
went into supports. Went for water
2 pm. Fine day. Reciprocity of gun
fire.

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3rd Went for water 6 am. Into firing line 9.30 am with Beldier and Murray. Fine day. Letters from Pattie. Bombs thrown on Chatham's all day long (150 yards to right)

4th Came out of line 9.30 am. Letters from Sophie and Aunt Fanny and parcel from former. Parcels are very acceptable here. Ration fatigue 3.15 pm. Turks attacked Chatham's but repulsed. Overcast day.

5th Ration fatigue 6 am. Into line 9.30 am. Deepening trenches all day and dumped earth into gully behind. Jacko saw us and made things interesting with whizz bangs (most objectionable missiles). Turks shelling a good deal all day and placed a few into their own trenches in trying

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to get over front line with their
howitzers. New firing line opened
by us near to Turks in front
of Chatham's Bunkers advanced
against us but were repulsed by
our guns

6th Turks supposed to have received
1600 Reinforcements. Came out of line
9.30 am. Water's fatigue 2 pm. Turks
attacked Chatham's with bombs
about 9 pm. Continued half the
night and again at daybreak, a
most unusual procedure on their
part.

7th Water's fatigue band. Received 7
letters, a fine mail. Turks expected
to attack: did not eventuate.

8th 5th L.H. took a trench at
Chatham's without opposition. Great
bombardment by Turks all along

the gully. Have an extraordinary swelling in jaw either bad case or mumps, inclined to think it is the latter. Went to far beach for water. Very long and hard walk.

9th Went on water fatigue ban. Saw doctor & am as swelling in jaw not abated. Gave verdict of mumps. Sent down to 3rd Field Ambulance. 40 others admitted same day suffering from mumps. Hunt kept up all last night by Jacko with bombs and shells.

10th 25 of us are in one tent (square medical). We sleep on the floor and receive very little to eat. Other side of jaw swollen today and feel very poorly. Rained last night.

11th Jaw very sore and eating difficult. Rained last night and

very windy. Two other men from
4th L.A. joined the happy family.
Good view of beach and maritime
affairs from here. Rough Sea today.
Turko shells beach and road at
different periods.

12th Rained a good deal last night
and turned very cold this morning.
Face a little better.

13th Unsettled day. Face better and
not so difficult to eat. Four more
recruits to our band. Time goes
very slowly here. Kitchener landed
today for a short period and
inspected five of the men.

14th Face a good deal better and
swelling down a lot. Quiet day.
Warships shelled Gaba Tepe

15th Unsettled last night with slight
rain. Received 12 letters (a record
mail)

Twice fired Salvoes of 4 shots
at Beach most of day. Very heavy
cannonade South at Achir Baba,
heaviest we have heard.

Feel better.

16th) Very rough night. Fine day.
Some of brigade went away and
fresh troops took their place.

Scarcity of water owing to rough sea.
Whenever sea is rough we suffer
in provision line as all our
supplies come from the sea.

Cannonading South continued

17th Very violent wind arose in
morning: blew over three tents down

Another man from our Squadron
joined the Patients

18th Another very wild day and
violent wind. Much dust. Sea
very rough. No water. Trucks
shelled all day.

19th Rained last night and made it very cold. "Beachy Bill" firing all day onto the beach and got a good many men. Turks also bombarded with their howitzers and landed one night in our Hospital Cook house killing the cook and two other men. No dinner as shell blew it all away.

20th Turks bombarded intermittently through last night and all the day. Shelled three trawlers with out success. Our chaps took two lines of trenches at night. Heavy bombardment by our cruisers. Our incoming Xmas mail supposed to have been sunk in late the other night - bad news.

2nd Inf Bde returned from Mudros after spell and relieved 3rd Bde.

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21st Terribly cold last night and felt it very much. Continued cold all day. Six or seven fellows evacuated. Lively to our left.

22nd Left Hospital at 3 pm and returned to trenches. Not sorry to leave as have had a very lean time during my sojourn there. Very cold. Our howitzers tried to blow out Beachy Pier but were unsuccessful.

23rd Moved into tunnel which has been made to accommodate most of our troop, about 24. It is six feet underground and very warm to sleep in though stuffy and dark. However warmth is the first consideration. Beachy Pier still firing and a few 75's.

24th Much milder last night. Fitzgerald went to hospital with jaundice. Inward mails sunk, bad news. Went on sapping job at Head Q's from 6 to 9 p.m. Mild night.

25th Went for water 6.30 am. At 9.30 went into firing line No 9 post. Beachy still at it. Received orders not to return Turks fire. Rather uncomfortable for us as fire from Turks has been very heavy. Turkish "stunt" at night.

26th Came out of firing line 9.30 am. Overcast but fine. Turks have a new big gun in position for shelling bay. Heavy thunderstorm in evening.

27th Turks attacked opposite 6th Lt and Nos 10 and 12 post but were

repulsed with loss of 12 dead and some wounded: our casualties nil. They were evidently cuticed out by our "Silence".

Wet and cold day. Rifles and machine guns very busy to the left. Went into line 7.30 am

28th Snowed last night while on post: spent a very miserable time. Machine gunner killed in next post shot through head. Came out of line 7.30 am: very glad to get out. Terribly cold. Went on fatigue 3 to 5 pm to bring up tarpaulin from beach.

29th Went into firing line 1 pm. You got hit in back with shrapnel. Everything freezing. Turks gave Lone Pine a terrible bombardment. Our casualties

about 250 men. Ghastly affair. Owing to hardness of ground, being frozen, shells went clean through ground and buried men alive. If Turks had have attacked trenches after bombardment they could have taken them without the slightest opposition as most of the surviving men rifles were buried, and they were generally demoralised. Our fully also received some shells

30th Came out of firing line 9.30 am. Fine day, clear sky, and sun fairly warm. Bombardment by battleships

Dec 31st Went into firing line 9.30 am No 8 Post with McKenzie and Murray. Last night not so cold. Not feeling well, sore throat and

Lips and stomach out of order
 Five day. 1 Quart of water per man
2nd Came out of firing line 9.30 am
 All rations very short especially
 water. M. Chowdies used for first
 time. Five day and good sun.

Several men go away sick.

3rd Went into line 9.30 am. Overcast
 and cool. Water drought broken
 Bottle full.

4th Left line 10 am and went into
 Reserves exchanging places with
 C. G. di. Fixed up our bivouacs. Our
 water fatigue 6 to 12 pm at tanks
 at bottom of Clarke's Gully.

Unloading water from cans
 brought up by donkeys. Plenty
 of water and full ration of rice
 Feet very sore. Nightly frost bitten

5th Feet still very sore. Had good
 sleep last night

Plenty of water and I was even able to indulge in a bath consisting of a Nestlé milk tin three quarters full of water! a rare luxury. The change to reserves is appreciated by all especially as there is water and more food. "Now Br D" Troops went down to 'Chathams' at 4.30 pm to support 5th Light Horse.

6th came back from Chathams at 7.30^{am} after an uneventful night but a very cramped one. Trenches there are like a honeycomb and not at all substantial. Received two parcels from Sophie and Sybil and five cakes from Mrs Knox at Cairo. Wait on guard 2.30 at A.S.C. Stores. Did well as we found a box of 'Ideal Milk' which we broached & fattened on.

7th Came off guard 3 p.m. Fine night. Received 8 letters from home etc and 3 Hampers and parcel from Miss G. Had a fine supper and living like a lord with candles to burn also! Warships shelling Olive Grove and sunken prove to right. Ships also bombarding over Suola way.

8th Went for water 6.30 a.m. On observation post until 3 p.m. when I went down to Beach and brought back Canned water (Kerosene tin full) Made my feet very sore. More of our fellows went to Chastan. Fine day.

9th Feet very sore last night. Went to doctor and received pills and liniment. Warships firing actively. Beautiful day. Had good clean up.

10th Went to D^r again. Feet slightly better.

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Had a good spell as I was put
on light duties by D^r. Intense
bombardment of Olive Grove by
light warships

11th Orders at breakfast to be
ready to leave trenches at 10 AM.
Did so by 12.30 pm. Relieved by
7th L.H. Camped in gully behind
until 5 pm when we proceeded
to Beach via Shrapnel Gully. A
hellish march as big pack up &
feeling very weak. Got on lighters
and taken out to 'Princess Gna'
channel boat at 8 pm. Lively
speculation as to destination! Is
it a spell or are we on another
expedition as all branches of
army are on board

12th Sailed from Anzac 6 am just
before dawn with boat full

Spent a very cramped night and would have been a 'breadless' one too if it had not been for the remainder of my hampers. Arrived Mudros 1 pm and disembarked and had a very strenuous march of about four miles to camp at Sarpi. Fixed up in tents at 8 pm.

13th Fixed up our camp in the morning. After lunch went across in boat to No 3 General Hospital right opposite and saw Pattie. She was very surprised needless to say. Looked thinner but in good nick. Came back 5 pm. Beautiful day. This place assumes all the delights of Arcadia to us. Plenty to eat and drink and one can indulge in a sea bath which is good, although cold.

13th There are several small Greek villages nearby and there one can purchase oranges in abundance chocolate and coffee to drink. Got my clothes washed for first time in six weeks.

14th Our Squadron on duty all day, water fatigue etc. Beautiful day. Went for a swim after lunch, cold but very refreshing. More troops arrived on island from Peninsula.

15th On pier guard at 9 am with five others. Very windy and water rough. Waded across in afternoon to Hospital and saw Pattie and had tea with her and Sister Hardy. Had fine feast. Moon, Thomson, Sword and French there. Came away well supplied with chocolate etc.

16th Went on pier guard again 7.30 am to 9am when we were relieved. Finer today. More troops arrived today. Amzac being evacuated. And so all the work done has ended in nought! There is no doubt however that the wise thing has been done as a winter there would have been impossible.

Everyone is agreed about that.

17th On fatigue for rations etc in morning. afternoon free.

Had clean up. Beautiful day.

18th Ration fatigue in morning.

Played cricket after lunch against Engineers. Met Allan an old G.G.S. boy. Good game. Went over and saw Pattie afterwards. Beautiful day.

Troops arriving every day and a great number on the island now

19th Moved our tents to another line at noon. Church service in morning. Fawcett and self went up to Portianos after lunch and visited Church nearby. Tea with Pattie afterwards. Last men from Peninsula arrived and everything carried out in a satisfactory fashion without any casualties being sustained.

20th Drilled all morning on parade ground. At 2 p.m. waded across and had tea with Pattie. Xmas puddings and billies issued at 6 p.m. (one each per man). I got a very nice billie from Methodist Ladies College Adelaide.

21st Very windy and dusty last night. Went on bread fatigue to other side past Hospital Sam.

Very wet and bad day altogether.
6 of us loaded 12000 loaves of
bread and arrived back at
camp at 5 pm.

22nd Drill in morning. In afternoon
went over and saw Pattie and
had afternoon tea with her.

Fine day. Met Pele: he is in 1st
Field Ambulance and has been
on Lemnos for some time. Also
met Youkin in same outfit.

23rd Received word we are going
to embark at midday. Took a
hurried trip across to say good-
bye to Pattie. Very annoyed that
we are unable to have Xmas
together. Fell in 11 pm and taken
out to S.S. "Caledonia" 900 tons at
1 pm. 1st and 3rd L.S. Brigades on
board. Evidently not going today.

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24th Left Madras 10 am. Dazzly
rain 2800 men on board. Life
belt drill etc. Fine and smooth.

25th Fine night. Very unexciting
Xmas day. 1 Swan bottle of beer
and the worst piece of meat I
have encountered for a long time
constituted the Xmas dinner.
Fine day. Travelling fast.

26th Met McAlister FA who used
to be on 'Maneroo'. Reached
Alexandria 8 am. Remained in
harbour all day. Two other
transports full of troops followed
us into the harbour which is
very full of shipping. Beautiful
day.

27th Had good night. Disembarked
10 am and got straight onto
Special train ready on pier.

Left Alexandria 11 am Arrived
 Heliopolis 6 pm. Slept in shed.
 Many men here in camp.
28th Large mail received this
 morning. Fixed ourselves up
 more or less. In afternoon went
 into Heliopolis and visited old
 haunts. Sent Telegram to Mother
29th Good old rifle drill again
 in morning. From 4 to 9 pm. Left
 Fawcett & Daniel went into Cairo
 and had a good dinner at the
 Obelisk. Cairo very full of troops.
 It is a pleasant place after
 Turkey!
30th Rifle drill morning and
 afternoon. Received large mail
 letters and parcels. Beautiful
 day. Received our black kit bags
 again & found contents intact.

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31st Drill in morning. Pele
called in. AM fatigue 4 pm. Fresh
togs issued. Beautiful day.

This brings to an end my
experiences on the Peninsula.
