Thursday 22-4-15

Held routine 15 day

Nothing happened. Mail day and great excitement. About 6 sacks of it came aboard and I think everyone got some news from home. The quietness that prevailed after it was all given out was quite pathetic. 25 marvellous how happy & bright everyone was after all the reading was over.

Friday 23-4-15

Same old things all day! Late in the afternoon the transports containing Australians began to move. Beginning the last great movement! Our turn will come very soon we hope!

It will take sometime to get clear of this place. Hydroplanes have been flying above all day. Beautiful machines!
Saturday 24-4-15

To-day the Australian transports have been going off one by one accompanied by warships. The 'Queen Elizabeth' also went and looked a power of strength as she steamed away. To-morrow we hope to be on the move! The harbour looked quite deserted to-night.

We have had a telegram from Yatchen which has been read right throughout the fleet! It's very good & right! To the point. It sketched what we were out to do it etc.

Sunday 25-4-15

At 5am this morning our anchor was weighed in glorious weather! Of the remaining ships of which there were a goodly number we steamed out of Demnos under escort of the remaining warships! Of course we had a fair idea of what was before us but what we have actually seen far surpassed all our...
ioned at close intervals are along the coast line and the crashing of the guns is awful! At last we came to anchor off a rather formidable hill which needless to say was being shelled continually! One position which we could see was held by the enemy after about 6 shots was reduced to ruins! Two capsized rowing boats drifted past us perhaps telling some mute tale? Our first line has landed and are having a very hot time of it! The rifle and machine fire could be heard distinctly in the busses of heavy gun fire. With glasses you can distinguish our troops quite distinctly and also the enemy. Shrapnel is playing blayers with them (enemy). It's one perpetual crackle of fire and our chaps are cutting their way up the hill by means of long zig-zag tracks. Kaba Tape is where we are landing! It's going to be pretty hot going! We are awaiting our turn to go off! Between 4 pm to 5:30 pm the fighting by sea and land was terribly fierce! Our warship lying in pretty shallow water was moved out. Other ships soon picked up the hidden guns and very soon silenced them! At 6 pm all firing ceased! Aeroplanes were controlling most of the fire & it was rather amusing to see the futile attempts made by the planes to reach us. From 6.30 pm bombardment commenced again with renewed vigour. The concussions shaking our boat terribly! It's a magnificent yet terrible sight to see the shots tearing up the ground in dense clouds of shells bursting above the trenches. The naval shooting is good and shell after shell burst in the same place. At 8 pm things quietened down a
lot! An occasional shell showing up in a vivid flash on the ridge tops and the rattle of rifle fire! We turned in to have a few hours sleep. Midnight all were aroused to stand by! Fierce fighting was evidently going on ashore by the din.

Monday 26.4.15

Sea at 1 a.m. and then on deck to see what was doing! Along the whole ridge line was nothing but the flashing of rifle fire! Quite like a continuous spattering electricity wire! At one stage yesterday 50 to 60 shells fell to rise up the earth in one particular spot in the space of a quarter of an hour. It was then wonderful when you consider that the coast for at least 20 miles is more or less being shelled in this manner! Disembarked at 3.30 a.m. for shore by torpedo destroyers!