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GOONDIWINDI, Queensland.

DR. C.C. FINLAY.

9/12/1929.

The Director,  
Australian War Memorial,  
Melbourne, Vic.

Dear Sir,

Reference communication No. L/12/11/2668.

The only item of interest with which I can supply you happened whilst I was a Sergeant on Quinn's Post in Gallipoli in November 1915 -

"There was about a quarter-hour's truce with the Turks there on that occasion which happened in the following way. We could notice the Turks putting their heads above the "parapet" and signalling to us - shortly afterwards there was a dull thud in the trench which we took to be one of the many bombs. However, as nothing transpired, in the course of a few minutes I picked the parcel up - it contained cigarettes and written underneath one of the boxes was the following inscription :-

"Prenez avec plaisir notre hiros ennemies?  
Envoyez du lait."

Unfortunately I have lost the original box but a photograph of myself (no name mentioned) appeared in the last Anzac Day issue of the Sydney Mail, holding the cigarette box in question.

After this the Turks and ourselves intermingled in No Man's Land for about quarter-hour and then "finis" was announced - a few shots fired towards the sky and everything went on as usual.

Yours faithfully,

(SGD.) C. C. FINLAY.

NOTE:-

For a photograph of the message referred to above, see Official Photograph G.1345.

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