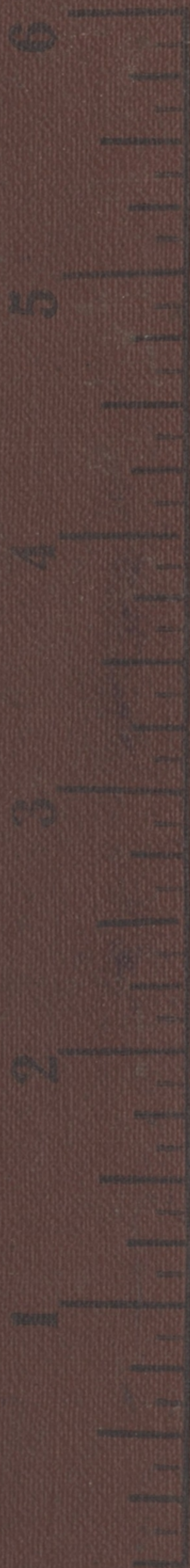


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Correspondence Book.

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Operation Report - 17th Battalion
Summary of events from 0600 NOV 21st
to 0600 NOV 22nd 1915.

At Quinn's:

At about 1830 on the past two evenings, enemy has placed white sand bags right along parapet of trench L7 (diagram 3), and has taken them down again in the morning at about 0545. As much rifle fire as possible has been brought to bear from our southern position during this process, and Scoutneys have also cooperated. Under ordinary circumstances enemy does very little firing from this trench, and nothing has transpired to suggest the meaning of the procedure.

Mining Progress:

<u>No of face</u>	<u>Footage for it</u>	<u>Total footage</u>
No 38A	7' 9"	31' 3"
No 40	5' 6"	33' 6"
No 8 Tunnel	7' 0"	16' 0"
Crosscut North from No 7 line	1' 0"	16' 0"
" South	3' 8"	24' 8"
No 1 Tunnel underlee	2' 6"	8' 6"
No 2	3' 6"	10' 0"

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Enemy did a little work during night to the front of left arm of No. 23 gallery, but sounds were very distant. A few distant knocks were also heard out from No. 18 right.

At 0015 there were two prolonged bursts of No. 5 gun fire on our left, each lasting 8 to 10". Position of gun could not be placed, however.

Bombing:

At 1700 we threw a Lethine Bomb into enemy overhead cover, between I20 and L1 (diagram 3), a small portion of which was destroyed.

Trench bomb throwing was heavy both by enemy and ourselves between 0310 and 0345. Two panels of screens in Central were fallen, but have since been replaced; otherwise no damage caused.

Casualties

	Killed	Wounded	Missing	Sick
Officers	-	-	-	-
Other ranks	-	-	-	3 F.Amb

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At 00:15 there were two ...
 ...
 ...

Barrage:

At 1:00 we threw ...
 ...
 ...
 ...
 ...

Killed ...

J.I. 10A13

Operation Report 3 = 17th Battalion
 Snipers' Reports from 0600 hours 22nd

- 1 Periscope = Dead Man's Ridge
- 1 " = Choclose Hill
- 2 " = Chess Board
- 1 " = Razorback

At about 10:00 ...
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 ...
 ...

Richard Lieut.
 S. 10. 17 Battalion

Mining Progress

Depth	Bottom	Side	Percentage
2'	9"	36"	3"
4	4	36	0
5	0	21	0
1	0	16	0
4	6	22	6
1	9	11	3

...
 ...

Operation Report = 17th Battalion
Summary of events from 0600 Nov. 22nd
to 0600 Nov. 23rd 1915.

At Quinn's

at about 1600 enemy commenced work fairly close to 37 left, and appears to be working across our front towards 38A right arm which is just about completed.

During the day he has also been busy out to the right of No. 18 Centre, having apparently gone back from his face, close to our right arm of No. 18.

at 0300 a working (surface) party was heard digging in front of our central position and was dispersed by our bombing.

Mining Progress

<u>No. of face</u>	<u>Frontage for 24 hrs.</u>	<u>Total frontage</u>
38A	2' 9"	36' 3"
40	4' 9"	36' 0"
No. 8 Tunnel	5' 0"	21' 0"
Cross cut north from No. 7	1' 0"	16' 0"
" " South " "	4' 6"	22' 6"
No. 1 tunnel underlie	1' 9"	11' 3"
No. 2	" "	Corner and timbering

Report - 17th Battalion
Summary of events from 20th Nov
to 24th Nov 1915

20th Nov

At 1630 we threw another Lotbiniere bomb at enemies overhead cover between I20 and L1 (diagram 3). This passed into enemy trench underneath the cover, actual damage resulting unknown.

The enemy were very quiet during the night and would not reply to our bomb throwing.

Snipers Report

1 Periscope = Razorback
 1 " = Chessboard
 1 " = Between Pop's and Quinn

Casualties

	Killed	Wounded	Missing	Sick
<u>Officers</u>	-	-	-	-
<u>Other Ranks</u>	-	1	-	5 FA

C. Howther, Lieut
 A.I.O. 14th Battalion

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Casualties

	Killed	Wounded	Missing	Sick
<u>Officers</u>	-	-	-	-
<u>Other Ranks</u>	-	1	-	5 FA

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 A.I.O. 14th Battalion

Summary of events from 20th Nov to 24th Nov 1915

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Casualties

	Killed	Wounded	Missing	Sick
<u>Officers</u>	-	-	-	-
<u>Other Ranks</u>	-	1	-	5 FA

C. Howther, Lieut
 A.I.O. 14th Battalion

Operation Report - 17th Battalion
Summary of events from 0600 Novr
23rd to 0600 Novr. 24th 1915

At Quinn's

Repairs to overhead cover, bomb screens, and parapets were carried out.
 The enemy has been heard working at intervals to the right of No. 18. Gallery.
 At about 1945 enemy exploded a mine out from the left arm of No. 37. It is thought that an attempt was made to blow in No. 38^A where a party of men were working at the time of explosion. No damage was done to our underground or surface works. Four bomb screens were blown down, but have since been replaced.

Mining Progress for 24 hrs. ending at 1900

No. of face.	Frontage for 24 hrs.	Total frontage
38 A	7' 6"	43' 9"
40	3' 6"	39' 6"
No 8 Tunnel	5' 0"	26' 0"
Cross cut South x hot.	4' 6"	34' 0"
No 1 tunnel underlie	1' 6"	12' 9"
No 2. " "	3' 4"	15' 4"

1st Battalion
 1st Brigade
 1st Division
 1st Army

At Quinn's
 1st Battalion
 1st Brigade
 1st Division
 1st Army

1st	1st	1st	1st
2nd	2nd	2nd	2nd
3rd	3rd	3rd	3rd
4th	4th	4th	4th
5th	5th	5th	5th
6th	6th	6th	6th
7th	7th	7th	7th
8th	8th	8th	8th
9th	9th	9th	9th
10th	10th	10th	10th

Operation Report - 17th Battalion
 Snipers Report from 0600 Nov 24th
 to 0600 Nov 25th 1915

1 Rifle 2 periscopes Deadmans Ridge
 2 " " " Old observation Post.
 1 " " " Razorback to the right
 of No 2 gallery Chessboard
 1 " " " on left of Quinn's
 parapets We carried out during the day
 all underground work ceased at 1200

Casualties	killed	Wounded	missing	sick
Officers	—	—	—	—
Other Ranks	—	—	—	—
no of files	38A	6' 0"	14' 9"	
	10	3'		
cross cut south point tunnel		4'		
No 1 tunnel undrilled		2'		
No 2 " " "		2' 8"	16' 0"	
No 3 tunnel		3' 6"	29' 6"	

Howther Lieut
 A.S.O. 14th Battalion

Snipers report:
 1 periscope on Board
 1 periscope on Razorback.

Casualties	killed	Wounded	missing	sick
Officers	—	—	—	—
Other Ranks	—	—	—	—

Howther Lieut
 A.S.O. 14th Battalion

Operation Report = 17th Battalion
Summary of events from 0600 Nov. 24th
to 0600 Nov. 25th 1915.

At Quinn's

The enemy were heard working to the right of No. 78 gallery.

Usual daily repairs to trenches and parapets were carried out during the day, all underground work ceased at 1800.

Mining Progress for 24 hrs ending at 1700 24.11.15.

<u>No. of face</u>	<u>Footage for 24 hrs</u>	<u>Total footage</u>
38A	6' 0"	49' 9"
H0	3' 6"	43' 0"
Cross cut south from No 1 tunnel	4' 6"	38' 6"
No 1 tunnel underlie	2' 9"	15' 6"
No 2 " "	2' 8"	16' 0"
No 8 Tunnel.	3' 6"	29' 6"

Snipers report

1 periscope on Chess Board
 1 periscope on Razorback.

<u>Casualties</u>	<u>Killed</u>	<u>Wounded</u>	<u>Missing</u>	<u>Sick</u>
<u>Officers</u>	—	—	—	—
<u>Other Ranks.</u>	—	—	—	3 FA

Howarth Lt.
 A.S.O. to 17th Batt.

Operation Report - 17th Battalion
 Summary of events from 25/11/15
 to 26/11/15

The enemy were found working to the right
 of the 8th Battalion
 and were able to dig in to their own
 parapets on the right side of the
 trench at 1800

Mining Report for 24/11/15
 24.11.15

Time	Location	Depth	Remarks
10.00	A 82	0	
10.30	H 0	3	
11.00	H 0	4	new cut with foundation
11.30	H 0	2	No 1 tunnel
12.00	H 0	2	" "
12.30	H 0	3	No 2 tunnel

1 parapet on the right
 1 parapet on the left

1 parapet on the right
 1 parapet on the left

24/11/15

Intelligence Report - 14th Battalion

25/11/15

at 0650 about twenty of the enemy we seen to leave
 their second line trenches opposite the southern
 end of our trenches and rush across to their first
 line of trenches at the same time heads appeared
 above the parapets on our front two and three
 at 0655 a bombing party of four men reached our 3rd
 trench at "central" and temporarily bombed then
 our men out of a small section of trench of
 about five yards. Three of our men were
 slightly injured by bomb fragments.
 One Turk got into the trench and was bayoneted.
 Our men then reoccupied the trench and he
 bombed the remaining three who retreated to
 their firing line in the 2nd trench.
 Bayonets were thrown from the first line of
 Turkish trenches at the end of our position.
 Everything possible was done to encourage
 the Turks to attack.

The Turk who was ~~shot~~ ^{killed} was very poorly
 clothed. You will find here with a ribbon from his
 tunic and a button from his greatcoat. Each
 of these were driven off and related to their trench
 from where they were shot. How the Turkish
 usually are reported. S.O. 14th Batt.
 There were a lot bursts of machine gun and the
 fire at 0800 which lasted about five minutes.

Operation Report = 14th Battalion
Summary of events from 0600 Nov. 25th
to 0600 Nov. 26th 1915.

At Quinn's.

This consisted mainly of cleaning up the
at 1700 parties of Turks in twos and threes
were seen gathering wood between gun and
mortar ridges. At no time were more than
twenty visible

The men had apparently come from a
long march as they were carrying
haversacks.

During this period digging could be
heard continually (between) in no. 18
Tunnel, and also in no. 2 surface tunnel.

at 1940 the enemy threw several flares in
front of the Northern end of our position
at 2100 enemy opened fire with machine guns,
rifle, and bomb fire

at 2110 a reconnoitring patrol of about twelve
of the enemy left their trenches and advanced
on our central position. Six of our men
opened fire on them, firing three rounds each.
They were driven off and retreated to their trench.
Groans could be heard distinctly, a Turkish
casualty was reported from "central".

There were short bursts of machine gun and rifle
fire at 0125, which lasted about five minutes.

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MILITARY

bayonets were visible along the parapets.
Work has also been done in the first line
of enemies trenches, in front of our southern
end.

This consisted mainly of cleaning up the
trenches, as far as we could see.
So far as we know we were responsible
for five Turks

Casualties	Killed	Wounded	Missing	Seck
<u>Officers</u>	—	—	—	—
<u>Other Ranks</u>	—	1 P.A.	—	5 P.A.

Howther, Lt.
L.O. 14th Batt.

Operation Report - 17th Battalion
Summary of events from 0600 ~~NOV~~ 26th
to 0600 ~~NOV~~ 27th 1915

At Quinn's:-

At 1400 a party of about 20 of the enemy were seen gathering wood in area 680 (1-20,000 map). They worked principally in pairs, and were very much scattered. Each wore a good heavy-looking greatcoat.

During the day the enemy remained very quiet along our position.

At 2150 a small party of Turks approached our central trenches, they were engaged by rifle fire and bombs, and driven back.

At 2300 our central position was subjected to a heavy bombing, following which suspicious movements of two Turks were observed in front of enemy trenches opposite central. Bombs were thrown by us, and nothing further transpired.

At 0255 party of 5 Turks again approached our central position. Rifle fire was opened by us, and three of the enemy were seen to fall, the rest making back to their trenches.

At 0302 about 10 Turks were seen moving along their trench parapet at our Northern end, carrying rifles and greatcoats. They were fired on and disappeared. About 15 minutes later apparently the same party moved up from their second to first line at Northern.

At 0445 about 6 Turks attempted to occupy crater close to our central position. They were seen to be carrying sand bags, and apparently intended establishing a bombing position. They were driven out by our bombs however.

At 0550 about 20 or 30 Turks were reported by 21st Battalion to have been seen leaving trenches to the right of German Officers, and making towards Quinns. Nothing transpired along our

Report of events from 0000 to 0000
21st Battalion
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At 0255

At 0255 a party of about 5 of the enemy were seen approaching our central position. Rifle fire was opened by us, and three of the enemy were seen to fall, the rest making back to their trenches.

At 0302 about 10 Turks were seen moving along their trench parapet at our Northern end, carrying rifles and greatcoats. They were fired on and disappeared. About 15 minutes later apparently the same party moved up from their second to first line at Northern.

At 0445 about 6 Turks attempted to occupy crater close to our central position. They were seen to be carrying sand bags, and apparently intended establishing a bombing position. They were driven out by our bombs however.

At 0550 about 20 or 30 Turks were reported by 21st Battalion to have been seen leaving trenches to the right of German Officers, and making towards Quinns. Nothing transpired along our

position up to time of rendition of this report.

During past 24 hours enemy has been working continuously at No 32, and a charge of 75 lbs has been laid in the right arm and tamped. He is considered to be about 3 ft away.

He has also been heard out from Nos 45A, 25 and 18, but sounds distant

Mining Progress.

	<u>Progress.</u>	<u>Total</u>
No 40	4' 3"	47' 3"
No 8 tunnel	3' 3"	34' 9"
cross-cut south from	3' 6"	42' 0"
No 7 2nd underpass	1' 3"	16' 9"
No 2	1' 0"	17' 0"
No 38A completed.		

Snipers Report:

- 1 Periscope = Chess Board
- 2 Turds = Ragsback

Operation Report - 17th Battalion
Summary of events from 0600 HOURS 27th
to 0600 HOURS 28th 1915

At Quinn's:

1' 0"	1' 0"
2' 0"	19' 0"
1' 6"	1' 6"

Five panels Chevaux de Frise have been erected in a temporary manner by enemy along his trench opposite our central position, also two additional panels of Angle Iron screens at our Northern end.

Between 1000 and 1100 several bursts M. Gun fire were directed along our Southern trenches, damaging iron loop-hole plate in our M. Gun emplacement. Fire came from the direction of enemy's trench 17 (diagram 3), from which trench a M. Gun frequently plays into our trenches, as reported from time to time.

Enemy has not been so busy underground. He worked occasionally at Nos 18 and 45A, but sounds distant.

Since laying charge in No 32 he has not been heard there.

Mining Progress:

No of Face	Progress	Total
No 1 Tunnel	1' 0"	1' 0"
" 2 In Underlie	2' 0"	19' 0"
" 6 Tunnel	1' 6"	1' 6"
Cross-cut South from	4' 0"	46' 0"
No 7 Tunnel		
No 8 Tunnel	1' 3"	36' 0"
No 40 (completed)	1' 8"	49' 0"

Snipers Report

Air

Casualties

	Killed	Wounded	Missing	Sick
Officers	-	-	-	-
Other ranks	-	-	-	3 F. Amb

Richard's Lieut.
S. W. of Battalion

first sounds distant
since having charge in No 32 he
has not been heard there.

being active digging from shelter
on Raglan down into Monash

Operation Report - 1st Battalion
Summary of work from 0000 hours to 2400 hours

Dr. Richards

Dr. Richards has been in the
trench since the start of the
operation and has been
working in the trench since
the start of the operation.

Between 1000 and 1100 hours
the trench was cleared
of all debris and
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cleared of all debris
and the trench was
cleared of all debris.

Since having charge in No 32 he
has not been heard there.

Operation Report - 17th Battalion
 Summary of events from 0600 MON 28th
 to 0600 MON 29th 1915:-

At Quinn's:-

The period under review has been quite uneventful along our position.

As enemy has been working consistently, and fairly close to N^o 23 left, a charge has been laid there, and partly tamped.

He has not returned to N^o 32 since we laid charge there.

At N^o 45^A he has done very little work during the 24 hours.

Mining Progress:

	Progress	Total
N ^o 1 Tunnel	2' 6"	3' 6"
N ^o 2 Tunnel underlie	4' 6"	23' 6"
N ^o 6 Tunnel	4' 6"	6' 0"
N ^o 8 Tunnel	4' 3"	40' 3"
N ^o 36 ^A (Recess)	2' 0"	2' 0"

Snipers Report

3 Snks. = Razorback
 Enemy active sniping from shoulder on Razorback down into Mcnash Gully.

Operation Report - 17th Battalion
 Summary of events from 0500 to 0600
 at 0500 17th Bn
 17th Bn

The period under review has been
 quite uneventful and quiet.
 The enemy has been working consistently
 and fairly close to the 17th Bn line. A change
 has been made to the 17th Bn line and partly
 to the 17th Bn line. The 17th Bn has been
 very busy during the 24 hours.

Missing Progress

Company	Missing	Returned
No 1 Bn	2	2
No 2 Bn	4	3
No 3 Bn	4	4
No 4 Bn	4	3
No 5 Bn (Reserve)	2	2

Report Report

3 Bn - Regular
 Enemy active during from 0500
 on 17th Bn line into the 17th Bn line.

Operation Report - 17th Battalion
 Summary of events from 0500 to 0600
 at 0500 17th Bn
 17th Bn

	Killed	Wounded	Missing	Sick
Officers	-	-	-	-
Other ranks	-	-	-	3 F.A.

Between 0500 and 0530 an enemy
 appeared to engage in a series of
 trenches in the 17th Bn line (17th Bn
 line). This was the 17th Battalion
 line to speak of in the vicinity of
 Quinn's. This being directed principally
 into the trenches between the 17th Bn
 and the 17th Bn and appeared to be heavy.

At 0530 a party of about 15
 were in position and in the
 vicinity of the 17th Bn line (17th Bn
 line) at our southern
 end and fire on this party and
 there were three casualties that were
 aware of the remainder immediately
 taking cover.

The enemy has been very
 active during the 24 hours and
 the 17th Bn has been very busy.

Operation Report = 17th Battalion
Summary of events from 0600 NOON 29th
to 0600 NOON 30th 1915:

Parade	2' 3"	5' 9"
At Quinn's:	7' 6"	11' 0"
	7' 3"	15' 3"

Between 0930 and 1130 our artillery appeared to engage very effectively, enemy trenches in area 80 W 5 and 80 X 7 (Trench map 11). There was no hostile artillery fire to speak of in the vicinity of Quinn's, this being directed principally into our trenches between Steele's Post and Lone Pine, and appeared to be heavy.

At 1430 a party of about 15 Turks were seen gathering wood in the vicinity of saps situated at 68 C 2-3 (1-30, 000 map). M. Gun at our southern end opened fire on this party, and there were three casualties that we are aware of, the remainder immediately taking cover.

The only place enemy has been heard working during the 24 hours, is at No. 45th, but sounds were distant.

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Mining Progress:

No of face	Footage	Total
No 1 Tunnel	2' 3"	5' 9"
" 6 (central)	8' 6"	11' 0"
" 6 (entrance)	7' 3"	13' 3"
" 8 "	2' 9"	43' 0"
" 36 ^a Recess	2' 0"	4' 0"
" 36 ^b Wings	2' 6"	2' 6"

At 1600 we threw 3 single slab Lathiniere Bombs into enemy trenches opposite our central position, also 1 double and 1 single slab bombs onto enemy bomb-proof shelter at $\frac{80 \times 2}{110-20}$ (trench map 11). In each case the bombs were well placed, but the actual damage to bomb-proof shelter cannot be quoted.

Twice between 2130 and 2400 enemy started bombing our central and Northern positions somewhat heavily, but was soon silenced. We sustained two casualties from one of his bombs, which burst in mid-air in our Northern trenches.

At 2200 and 2245 long bursts of reverse M. Gun fire were directed along our central and Northern trenches. Five

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Progress

2' 3"	2' 3"	2' 3"	2' 3"
2' 3"	2' 3"	2' 3"	2' 3"
2' 3"	2' 3"	2' 3"	2' 3"
2' 3"	2' 3"	2' 3"	2' 3"
2' 3"	2' 3"	2' 3"	2' 3"
2' 3"	2' 3"	2' 3"	2' 3"
2' 3"	2' 3"	2' 3"	2' 3"
2' 3"	2' 3"	2' 3"	2' 3"
2' 3"	2' 3"	2' 3"	2' 3"
2' 3"	2' 3"	2' 3"	2' 3"

At 1000 we were...
 The enemy...
 We were...
 The enemy...
 We were...
 The enemy...

At 2000 we were...
 The enemy...
 We were...
 The enemy...
 We were...
 The enemy...

is reported as coming from trench
 West of C 29 (dia. 3) ⁸⁰⁵⁵ (trench map 10),
 which has already been under notice
 from time to time.

At 0500 enemy again attempted to
 occupy broken cut from our bestral (N03)
 position, but we bombed him out.

Snipers Report:

- 1 Junk = Razorback Gun fire.
- The Rifle = ... registered. Two
- 6 Peniscopes = ... exploded
- 4 " = Dead Man's Ridge
- 1 Rifle =

Casualties

	Killed	Wounded	Missing	Sick
Officers	3	3	2	0
Other ranks (bestral)	3	0	14	4 FA
(Entrance)	6	6	19	9
	2	6	45	8

Deaths:
 1 killed by enemy's bomb
 1 wounded...
 2 sent... by hostile M. Gun fire
 distant...
 elsewhere.
 Richards Lieut
 J. N. 17 Battalion

Operation Reports - 17th Battalion
 Summary of events from 0600 NOV 30
 to 0600 Decr 1st 1915

At Quinn's:-

Between 1015 and 1115 six rounds were fired from Japanese Mountain at enemy's trench west of C39 (dia. 3), $\frac{8055}{C4-5}$ (trench map 10), from which position, as already reported, we experience considerable hostile M. Gun fire. Three good shots were registered; two bombs, however, failed to explode owing to defective fuses.

Mining Progress

	<u>Progress</u>	<u>Total</u>
No 36A Winze	4' 0"	6' 6"
" 1 Tunnel	3' 3"	9' 0"
" 6 " (Central)	3' 0"	14' 0"
" 6 " (Entrance)	6' 6"	19' 9"
" 8 " (Entrance)	2' 6"	45' 6"

Enemy has done a little work out from No 45A, but sounds are distant. He has not been heard elsewhere.

Operation Report - 17th Battalion
 Summary of reports from 0800 Dec 1915
 to 0800 Dec 1915

At 0800 hours the enemy was seen
 firing from their position
 at a distance of 1000 yards
 from our position. The
 enemy was firing from
 a trench which was
 100 yards long and
 10 yards wide. The
 enemy was firing from
 a trench which was
 100 yards long and
 10 yards wide.

Progress Tatar

4	0	0	0
3	8	0	0
3	0	0	0
2	0	0	0
2	0	0	0
2	0	0	0

The enemy has been
 seen firing from
 a trench which was
 100 yards long and
 10 yards wide.

Operation Report - 17th Battalion
 Snipers' Report: from 0800 Dec 1915
 to 0800 Dec 1915

- 1 Turk = Razorback
- 3 Periscopes = "
- 1 Rifle = "
- 1 " = Chess Board
- 1 Periscope = "
- 2 " = Dead Man's Ridge
- 1 Rifle = "
- 1 Periscope = Old Obs. Post.

Casualties

	Killed	Wounded	Missing	Sick
Officers	-	-	-	-
Other ranks	1	-	-	7 F. Amb.

Details:-
 1 Killed by Rifle bullet, away from
 trenches. by M.G. fire
 N. B. 1 Man reported wounded in last
 summary, has since died.

Richard's Lieut
 S. O. 17 Battalion

Operation Report = 17th Battalion
Summary of events from 0600 Decr. 1st
to 0600 Decr. 2nd 1915:

At Quinn's

Between 1115 and 1200 there were several bursts of enemy shrapnel over Popes; three shells burst particularly close to our extreme Northern trench and ~~x~~ some five or six over gully between Quinn's and Popes (Dead Man's) and it appeared for a time that our trenches were the objective of enemy Artillery. Fire came from the direction of Mortar and Gun Ridge, but nothing could be observed to suggest position of Gun.

Effect of our shell fire directed onto enemy trenches in area 80N5,6,8,9, could not be clearly observed from Quinn's.

Between 1100 and 1145 enemy succeeded in getting several bombs into our Central and Northern trenches, but was silenced eventually by our Garland Mortar.

Mining Progress

<u>No of face</u>	<u>Footage</u>	<u>Total</u>
No 1 Tunnel		
Cross-cut No 1 to No 2 Inlet	5' 0"	14' 0"
No 6 Tunnel (Central)	1' 6"	15' 6"
No 6 " (Entrance)	6' 6"	26' 3"
No 8 "	2' 6"	48' 0"
No 36 ^A Winze.	3' 9"	10' 3"

Change 120 lbs Ammunal placed in No 23 left on 28/11/15 was fired at 2030, when enemy was heard working about 300 distant. The blast was most satisfactory, and the Engineer Officer reports everything in order underground as far as he can ascertain at present. No damage to our surface work.

Between 2000 and 2030 short intermittent bursts fire from enemy Mo. Gun situated at 8055 (rench map 10), were directed onto our Northern trench. Our artillery fired three rounds at this Mo. Gun emplacement, but pending observation of position in daylight I cannot

Richardson

Operator Report - 1st Battalion
Summary of events from 0000 to 0000 Dec 1st
to 0000 Dec 2nd 1915

The British
Between 1115 and 1200 there were
several bursts of enemy shrapnel
over the trench; the shells burst particularly
up close to our trench. The British
and some fire was seen over the
between the trench and the
and it appeared for a time that
our trench was the objective of
enemy artillery. One round from
the trench of the British and
ridges, but nothing could be seen
to suggest position of the
effect of our shell fire. The
into enemy trenches in area 8055, 8050,
could not be clearly observed from
trench.

Between 1100 and 1115 enemy shrapnel
was directed onto our trench in
direction of the trench and
was observed to be directed
towards the trench.

Operation Report - 17th Battalion
 Summary of events from 0600 Decr 2nd
 to 0600 Decr 3rd 1915

At Quinn's

Advancing to para. 5 of my report dated 1-2/12/15. Observation this morning did not disclose any damage to enemy trench at $\frac{8055}{04-5}$ (trench map 10), which confirms my previous report that our Artillery fire was a little too high. No. 23 at this position was again active during the early part of night. No. 23 fire could not be observed.

An examination underground of site of our recent mine explosion in left arm No. 23 revealed the fact that, although we had about 15 ft of backs here, the explosion broke the ground to the surface, which it is thought is due to our previous blow in No. 21 loosening the ground over a considerable area.

Enemy has not been heard working anywhere underground.

Richardson
 17.12.15

Operation 2 Report - 7th Battalion
 Mining Progress

No. of face	Progress	Total
No. 1 Tunnel		
Cross cut No. 1 to 2 Inl}	4' 0"	18' 0"
No. 2 Tunnel	2' 3"	2' 3"
No. 6 Tunnel (bentual)	2' 6"	18' 0"
" 6 " (entrance)	3' 9"	33' 0"
" 8 "	2' 3"	50' 3"
" 36 ^a Winze	4' 0"	14' 3"

Bombing:-

This was very brisk at 10.15, but enemy was silenced after about 15". Six bombs reached our trenches, but no damage resulted.

Snipers Report:-

- 1 Rifle = Chess Board.
- 4 Periscopes = Razorback.
- 2 " = Old Obn Post.

Casualties:-

	Killed	Wounded	Missing	Sick
Officers	-	-	-	1
Other ranks	-	1	-	8

Lieut. J. K. Chambers to B. Amb. sick.
 1 N. Rank wounded in trench by bullet ricochet.
 Richards Lieut.
 S. No. 17 Battalion

Operation Report - 17th Battalion
 Summary of events from 0500 to 0600 hours 1918

At 0500 hours the enemy was observed to be working in the trench system. At 0515 hours the enemy was observed to be working in the trench system. At 0530 hours the enemy was observed to be working in the trench system. At 0545 hours the enemy was observed to be working in the trench system. At 0600 hours the enemy was observed to be working in the trench system.

Operation Report = 17th Battalion
 Summary of events from 0600 Decr 3rd
 to 0600 Decr 4th 1915:-

At Quinn's:

Twice during the day our Artillery shelled enemy's trench at 8053 (trench map 10), but failed to destroy portion built up with sand bags. Two panels chevrons de face were demolished, and earth work cut away in two or three places. Enemy's Mce Gun at this position was again active between 1800 and 1830, and was engaged by Mce Gun on Courtney's and our Garland Mountain, after which this gun gave very little trouble.

Our Artillery also placed high explosive shells over German Officers, and trenches at 80x7 (trench map 11), which appeared to be very effective.

Enemy has renewed with heavy railway sleepers, about 7 ft bombproof shelter at 80x2 (trench map 11), damaged by our bombs from time to time.

Time	Remarks	Notes
0 18"	4 0"	No. 1 tunnel
3 3"	2 3"	No. 2 tunnel
0 18"	2 6"	No. 3 tunnel (observed)
0 23"	2 3"	No. 4 tunnel (observed)
0 30"	2 3"	No. 5 tunnel
0 34"	4 0"	No. 6 tunnel

This was very quiet at 10:15 but enemy was silent after about 18".

Enemy's Mce Gun at Courtney's and Garland Mountain.

Killed Wounded Missing Sick
 Officers
 Other ranks
 1 killed
 1 wounded
 1 missing
 1 sick

Summary of events from Dec 2nd to Dec 1918

At about 0600 enemy started working close to and a little above the right arm of No 32. At 0700 the charge of 75 lbs Ammunal laid here on 26. 11. 15 was exploded while enemy was still working, and distant about 5 ft. About 3 seconds later there was a secondary explosion, causing a violent rush of air throughout the galleries, and a little damage to the main envelope in the vicinity of No 32. No surface disturbance was observed, and stamping was not displaced, neither were there any signs on the walls of the drive of gas having ignited.

Mining Progress

No of face	Progress	Total
No 1 Tunnel	1' 3"	12' 0"
Cross-cut No 1 to No 2 Ine	1' 3"	8' 6"
No 2 Tunnel	1' 6"	3' 9"
" 6 Tunnel (entrance)	3' 0"	36' 0"
" 8 "	1' 3"	51' 6"

No sounds of enemy working anywhere underground.

At about 0000 enemy mortar shells
 fell in the trench. At 0100 a
 heavy mortar attack was made
 on the trench. At 0200 a
 heavy mortar attack was made
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Training Progress

Total	Progress	No. of days
12' 0"	4' 3"	No. 1
8' 0"	1' 3"	No. 2
3' 0"	1' 0"	No. 3
20' 0"	3' 0"	No. 4
8' 0"	1' 3"	No. 5

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At 2045 three white rockets were seen
 to go up from our trenches in the
 direction of Lone Pine, where heavy
 rifle fire was heard for a limited
 period. Enemy threw one red flare
 over our Northern trenches, to which
 we replied with one white flare from
 Very Pistol. Otherwise nothing unusual
 transpired on this Post.

Snipers Report:

- 2 Periscopes = Chess Board
- 5 " = Kaschack
- 2 " = Old Obn Post
- 1 " = Chocolate Hill
- 1 " = Dead Man's Ridge

Casualties:

	Killed	Wounded	Missing	Sick
Officers	-	-	-	-
Other ranks	-	-	-	6. F. Amb.

Richard's Lieut
 S. N. 17 Battalion

Operation Report - 17th Battalion
 Summary of events from 0600 Decr 4th
 to 0600 Decr 5th 1915:

At Quinn's:

Between 1000 and 1045 a considerable number of enemy's small stick bombs, directed from rear of trenches opposite our central position, burst on terraces, situated at the rear of our trenches, and the immediate vicinity thereof. One passed through the iron roof into the Post Cookhouse, resulting in one casualty, otherwise no damage was caused; these bombs were very local in effect. We retaliated with Garland Mountain

No sounds have been heard of enemy at work underground.

Fire from enemy's No. 8 gun at $\frac{8055}{64-5}$ (trench map 10) played persistently on our Northern position between 1900 and 1930. Our Garland Mountain engaged this position well, Mice Guns on Courtney's and Popes co-operating, some long bursts of fire being exchanged. Intermittent fire from these guns continued during night.

Mining Progress:-

No. of face	Footage	Total
No. 1 Tunnel	2' 0"	14' 0"
Cross cut No. 1 to No. 2 Ine	2' 6"	11' 0"
No. 2 Tunnel	1' 3"	3' 0"
No. 6 (Central)	1' 0"	37' 0"
No. 8	4' 0"	55' 6"
Cross-cut South from No. 8 Ine	1' 0"	1' 0"
" " North No. 7 Ine	2' 6"	22' 6"
No. 36A Winze	1' 6"	15' 9"
No. 36A	3' 6"	3' 6"
Shearer Recesses	2' 0"	2' 0"

Sniper's Report:-

- 1 Rifle = Razorback
- 4 Periscopes =
- 1 " = Chess Board
- 1 " = Chocolate Hill
- 1 " = Old Wbn. Post
- 1 Rifle = " " "
- 1 " = Dead Man's Ridge
- 1 Periscope = " " "

Casualties

	Killed	Wounded	Missing	Sick
Officers	-	-	-	-
Other ranks	-	3	-	10 F.Amb

Operator Report - 17th Battalion
Summary of reports from 0500 hours to 0200 hours 25th 1918.

At 0500:

Between 0500 and 0600 a number of enemy shells were heard to burst from rear of trenches opposite our forward position but no damage was done at the rear of our trenches and the immediate vicinity thereof. The gas was all blown into the rear trench and no damage was done. The gas was all blown into the rear trench and no damage was done. The gas was all blown into the rear trench and no damage was done.

At 0600:

At 0600 hours the enemy was seen to be moving in the direction of our forward position. The gas was all blown into the rear trench and no damage was done. The gas was all blown into the rear trench and no damage was done. The gas was all blown into the rear trench and no damage was done.

Missing Progress:

Total	Parade	No. of men
14 0"	2 0"	No. 1
11 0"	2 0"	No. 2
8 0"	1 0"	No. 3
27 0"	4 0"	No. 4
23 0"	4 0"	No. 5
1 0"	1 0"	No. 6
22 0"	2 0"	No. 7
13 0"	1 0"	No. 8
2 0"	2 0"	No. 9
2 0"	2 0"	No. 10

Missing Progress:

- 1 Rifle
- 1 Rifle
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- 1 Rifle

Casualties

Killed Wounded Missing
 10 F.A.M.B.

Casualties - Contd

10. Rank wounded by small stick bomb on reserves at rear firing line
10. Rank wounded in trench by enemy Cricket Ball Bomb

Richard's Lieut
 S. W. of Battalion

Intelligence Report

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Richard's Lieut
 S. W. of Battalion

Operation Report - 9th Battalion
Summary of events Quinnes Post, 5th
No. 0600 Decr 6th 1915 3. 12. 15

Adjutant,
of Battalion

Two parcels bomb were seen along
on At about 0400 flashes from
a hostile M. Gun were picked
up at $\frac{8055}{039}$ (trench map 10).
This is undoubtedly the Gun
which plays down into Monash
Gully, and was shifted from
a position further south on the
Razouback some time ago. The
present appears to present a good
artillery target, and can be
easily pointed out.

to be Artillery Officer on
duty at this Post at the time and
I understand Richard's Lieut
made to engage S. 10. 17 Battalion
6th inst.

The Artillery Officer was also
seen position at $\frac{8055}{039}$ - trench
map 10 - especially reported on 3th
inst.

Operation Report = 17th Battalion
Summary of events from 0600 Decr 5th
to 0600 Decr 6th 1915:

At Quinn's

Two panels bomb screen along
our central trenches have been
renewed owing to their damaged
condition.

At 1130 a hostile Moe Gun
could be distinctly observed firing
short bursts from a position
indicated by $\frac{80x7}{560}$ on trench map 11,
and an occasional glimpse was
gained of the Gunner attending on
same. This Gun was pointed
out to the Artillery Officer on
duty at this Post at the time, and
I understand an endeavor will be
made to engage this target to-day,
6th inst.

The Artillery Officer was also
shown position at $\frac{8055}{639}$ - trench
map 10 - specially reported on 5th
inst.

Report of operations
 from 0000 hours to 0600 hours
 13th Dec 1918

At 0000

The panels had been
 removed and the
 tunnel was in a
 satisfactory condition

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Mining Progress

No. of face:	Footage	Total
No. 1 Tunnel	2' 6"	16' 6"
No. 2	2' 9"	4' 0"
Crosscut No. 1 to No. 2	2' 6"	13' 6"
Crosscut bench from No. 7	1' 6"	24' 0"
" bench " No. 8	4' 0"	5' 0"
Shelter Recesses.	10' 0"	12' 0"

Enemy has not been heard working underground.

At 2230 the enemy opened up a brisk rifle fire along our southern end, lasting about one minute, following a slight shock felt ^{caused} by a mine explosion some distance on our right. Countmays were unable to place it however.

Casualties

	Killed	Wounded	Missing	Sick
Officers	-	-	-	-
Other ranks	-	-	-	5 F. Amb

Missing Passports

<u>Tatar</u>	<u>Footage</u>	<u>No. of Passports</u>	<u>No. of Men</u>
10 0	2 0	1	1
0 4	2 0	2	2
0 13	2 0	2	2
0 24	1 0	1	1
0 0	0 4	4	4
0 0	0 0	0	0

Enemy has not been heard working underground.

At 2300 the enemy opened up a brisk rifle fire along our front line. Looking about for a minute following a slight dark light in the night explosion some distance on our right. Handgrenades were visible to glow in the darkness.

Casualties

<u>Officers</u>	<u>Other ranks</u>	<u>Killed</u>	<u>Wounded</u>	<u>Missing</u>	<u>Sick</u>
-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-

Snipers Report:

- 1 Rifle = Ghess Board
- 4 Periscopes = Razorback
- 4 " = Old Obn Post
- 1 Rifle = " " "
- 1 " = Dead Man's Ridge
- 1 Periscope = " " "

Intelligence Report

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Richard's Lieut.
S. N. 17 Battalion

Some machine guns were seen in the direction of the ridge. Targets were seen in the direction of the ridge. Targets were seen in the direction of the ridge.

Operation Report = 17th Battalion
 Summary of events from 0600 DECE 6th
 to 0600 DECE 7th 1915:

At Quinn's:

Adverting to para. 2 of my report dated 5-6th instant. The 1st Artillery Battery now advises that effective range cannot be obtained to engage hostile Mace Gun at $\frac{8032.7}{860}$ (trench map). Several times during the morning this gun was seen to direct short bursts onto our position, the Gunner being again much exposed to our view. Pending action by artillery, however, Mace Gun at our southern end did not retaliate, but this will be done when enemy's gun is next seen to open fire.

Enemy's Artillery has been more active than usual during the day with bursts over Courtneys and Steeles, coming from direction of Jinks Dump, also over Walkers Ridge, from the direction of Wave Glass Ridge.

Targets taken on by our artillery were too far distant to observe fire effect.

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Mining Progress

<u>No of face</u>	<u>Progress</u>	<u>Total</u>
No 1 Tunnel	2' 6"	19' 0"
No 2 "	2' 0"	6' 0"
Cross-cut No 1 to No 2 Inl	2' 6"	16' 0"
" South from No 2 Inl	5' 0"	10' 0"
" North " No 1	2' 0"	26' 0"
Shelter Recesses	10' 0"	22' 0"

Enemy has been heard to give a few taps opposite gallery No 435, but has not done any continuous work here. He has not been heard elsewhere.

We fired one round from our new 3.7 mortar on to the Ragnback, for experimental purposes, with satisfactory results.

Bombing:

Enemy gave a vigorous response to our bombing at 0900 and 1800. A few crossed our parapet, but did no damage.

At 0100 we sustained 4 casualties in Northern as a result of an accident with one of our own bombs.

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Mining Progress

<u>No of face</u>	<u>Progress</u>	<u>Total</u>
No 1 Tunnel	2' 6"	19' 0"
No 2 "	2' 0"	6' 0"
Cross-cut No 1 to No 2 Inl	2' 6"	16' 0"
" South from No 2 Inl	5' 0"	10' 0"
" North " No 1	2' 0"	26' 0"
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Target	Progress	No. of guns
10 10	2 0	No. 1
10 0	2 0	No. 2
10 10	2 0	No. 3
10 10	2 0	No. 4
10 10	2 0	No. 5
10 10	2 0	No. 6
10 10	2 0	No. 7
10 10	2 0	No. 8
10 10	2 0	No. 9
10 10	2 0	No. 10

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Snipers Report:

- 3 Periscopes = Razorback
- 3 " = Chess Board
- 1 " = Old Obn Post.
- 1 Rifle = " " "
- 1 " = Chocolate Hill
- 1 Periscope = " " "
- 2 " = Dead Man's Ridge

Casualties:-

	Killed	Wounded	Missing	Sick
Officers	-	-	-	-
Other ranks	1	3	-	14 F. Amb.

- 1 W. Rank killed owing to accident with one of our own bombs
- 3 W. Ranks wounded " " " "

Richard's Lieut
 J. W. 17 Battalion

Mining Progress:

<u>No of face</u>	<u>Footage</u>	<u>Total</u>
No 1 Tunnel	1' 0"	20' 0"
" 2 "	1' 6"	7' 6"
Cross cut No 1 to No 2 Tnl.	2' 0"	18' 0"
" North from No 1	1' 0"	27' 0"
" South " " 8	4' 0"	14' 0"
No 36A	8' 9"	12' 3"
Shelter Recesses	3' 3"	25' 3"

Parties also engaged on rear firing positions at Central; also firing step for an additional three men in our Southern (No 2 Pos) supports.

Enemy Mce Guns from direction Popes very active throughout the night. We fired two rounds from 3.7 mortar onto position 8055 (trench map 10), the shots being well placed; Enemy's gun was not silenced however. One man received 3 slight bullet wounds whilst sitting in our No. 3 position in Southern trenches, but direction of fire cannot be stated.

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Forward	Target	No. of rounds	No. of hits
0' 20"	0' 1"	1	1
0' 30"	0' 1"	1	1
0' 40"	0' 2"	2	2
0' 50"	0' 4"	4	4
1' 0"	0' 4"	4	4
1' 10"	0' 8"	8	8
1' 20"	0' 8"	8	8

Parties also engaged on rear firing positions at 1000 yds. also firing on main positions. The 2nd Coy. (M.G.) supported.

Temp. Capt. E. J. Aswell to St. Aubin
 Lt. G. Russell " "
 1 O.R. wounded by hostile M.G. fire

Snipers Report

- 1 Periscope = Old Man Post
- 1 Rifle = " " "
- 1 " = Dead Man's Ridge
- 1 Periscope = Chocolate Hill
- 2 " = Chess Board
- 1 Rifle = " " "
- 2 Periscopes = Ragnersk.

Casualties:

	Killed	Wounded	Missing	Sick
Officers	-	-	-	2
Other ranks	-	1	-	3

Intelligence Reports:

The
 Richards
 10 of Battalion

1. 1st Coy. 17th Batt. 1
 2. 2nd Coy. 17th Batt. 2
 3. 3rd Coy. 17th Batt. 1
 4. 4th Coy. 17th Batt. 2
 5. 5th Coy. 17th Batt. 1
 6. 6th Coy. 17th Batt. 2
 7. 7th Coy. 17th Batt. 1
 8. 8th Coy. 17th Batt. 2
 9. 9th Coy. 17th Batt. 1
 10. 10th Coy. 17th Batt. 2

11. 11th Coy. 17th Batt. 1
 12. 12th Coy. 17th Batt. 2
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 14. 14th Coy. 17th Batt. 2
 15. 15th Coy. 17th Batt. 1
 16. 16th Coy. 17th Batt. 2
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 30. 30th Coy. 17th Batt. 2
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 32. 32nd Coy. 17th Batt. 2
 33. 33rd Coy. 17th Batt. 1
 34. 34th Coy. 17th Batt. 2

35. 35th Coy. 17th Batt. 1
 36. 36th Coy. 17th Batt. 2
 37. 37th Coy. 17th Batt. 1
 38. 38th Coy. 17th Batt. 2
 39. 39th Coy. 17th Batt. 1
 40. 40th Coy. 17th Batt. 2

Operation Report - 17th Battalion
 Summary of events from 0600 Decr 8th
 to 0600 Decr 9th 1915

At Quinn's

Four panels of enemy angle iron
 screens at our Northern end have
 been fallen by our grenades, and
 partially destroyed.

We have renewed two panels of
 screens in Central, owing to their
 damaged condition.

Hostile Mce Gun at 803.7 (trench
 map 11) - see para. 2 of my report dated
 5-6 instant - was engaged by our
 Mce Gun at Southend, just at the
 time enemy Gunner was seen to take
 up his position preparatory to opening
 fire. Our Mce Gun appeared to get on
 to the emplacement very accurately, and
 put in a burst of little short of a
 belt of ammunition. There was no
 response from hostile gun, which
 was seen to be removed shortly afterwards.

Summary of work done from Dec 24 to Dec 31 1915

Artillery

Some parcels of enemy shells were received at our position and have been taken up in trenches and particularly destroyed.

We have received two parcels of shells in Central, owing to their damaged condition.

At 10:30 AM we had a shell burst in front of our position. It was a 2.5 inch shell and was exploded by our own fire. The shell burst at the top of the trench and the enemy was seen to take some running. The position is opening up and the enemy is appearing to get on to the left of our position. The enemy is very active and is firing at our position. The enemy is firing at our position. The enemy is firing at our position.

Enemy continued to bank up his earthworks along the Rasputin, particularly so at $\frac{8035}{059}$ (French map 10), in the vicinity of which, the earth has been banked up quite 6 ft during the past two nights. This has been pointed out to the Artillery Officer present on duty at this Post.

Mining Progress:

No. of Face	Footage	Total
No. 1 Tunnel	2' 0"	22' 0"
No. 2 "	2' 0"	9' 6"
cross cut No. 1 to No. 2 In	2' 9"	20' 9"
" North from No. 1 In	5' 6"	48' 6"
" South " " 8 "	(broken through)	
No. 3 Tunnel	7' 0"	7' 0"
No. 36A	5' 9"	18' 0"
Shelter Recess	4' 9"	30' 0"

Party still engaged in rear firing positions at Central.

During the day enemy did about one hundred rounds out from No. 45A centre. Sounds estimated to be about 6 ft distant.

During the period under review, enemy has been quieter than usual. He has not done any grenading worth speaking of, and there was a marked decrease in his smoke gun fire.

Snipers' Reports:

- 1 Rifle = Dead Mans Ridge
- 2 Periscopes = " " "
- 1 " = Sheslar Hill
- 2 " = Old John Post
- 1 " = Shes Board
- 2 " = Razorback.

Casualties:

	Killed	Wounded	Missing	Sick
Officers	-	-	-	-
Other ranks	-	-	-	4 F. Amb.

Intelligence Report

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Richardson Lieut
S. W. 17 Battalion

Enemy continues to dig in... (mirrored text from reverse side)

Missing Progress:

Company	Missing	Returned	Total
A	2	0	2
B	2	0	2
C	2	0	2
D	2	0	2
E	2	0	2
F	2	0	2
G	2	0	2
H	2	0	2
I	2	0	2
J	2	0	2
K	2	0	2
L	2	0	2
M	2	0	2
N	2	0	2
O	2	0	2
P	2	0	2
Q	2	0	2
R	2	0	2
S	2	0	2
T	2	0	2
U	2	0	2
V	2	0	2
W	2	0	2
X	2	0	2
Y	2	0	2
Z	2	0	2

During the day enemy has... (mirrored text from reverse side)

Operation Report - 17th Barration
Summary of events from 0600 DEC 9th
to 0600 DEC 10th 1915:

at Quinn's:

At 1100 three panels of barbed wire
opposite Central, erected by enemy
during the night, were practically
demolished by our grenades. He
retaliated without effect, but was
silenced after about 10 minutes.

Our Artillery directed heavy
shells into trenches at 8027-8, usual
response from enemy guns into 1000 ft.
Other targets engaged by enemy and
successes not observed from this Post.

We fired two rounds from our
3.7 mortar into enemy No. 10 Gun
positions at 8055, and 8055 (trench
map 10), and secured good hits.

Enemy again heard working at
No 45^A centre sum. Charge of 80 lbs
has been laid here, and partly
dumped.

Operation Report - 17th Battalion
Summary of events from 0700 Decr
10th to 0700 Decr 11th 1915:-

At Quinn's:-

Enemy has further strengthened his
bombproof shelter at $\frac{8032}{A10-26}$ (trench
map 11), to the extent of about 12 ft,
by the addition of steel rails and
new railway sleepers.

Although considerable Artillery
and Naval fire took place during
the day, apart from the usual hostile
fire onto Countneys, Steeles, Walkens,
and Popes, nothing could be observed
from this Post, as would admit of
a definite report being submitted.

Between 0830-0900, and 1045-1100,
grenading, both by enemy and
ourselves was exceptionally heavy.
Approximately eighteen grenades
reached our fire and support
trenches, but no damaged to speak
of resulted. Judging by the distance
some of the grenades lodged to the
rear of our fire trench, also the

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17th Battalion
 Summary of events from 0700
 10th to 0700 Nov 11th 1915

17th Battalion

I have had further information re
 hand of shells at trench
 map (A) to the extent of about 12 ft.
 by the addition of this shell and
 new position of trench.

Although considerable Artillery
 and heavy fire took place during
 the day, apart from the usual
 fire and counter fire, no
 trench could be observed
 from the east, as trench
 a definite report being submitted.

Between 0830-0900, and 1045-1100
 trenching, both by enemy and
 ourselves was exceptionally heavy.
 Approximately fifteen grenades
 were used in fire and support
 trenches, but no attempt to
 penetrate by the distance
 of trench. Some of the grenades
 were of our fire trench, also the

fact that they did not emerge from
 any advanced position, it appears enemy
 has made use of some appliance for
 throwing the grenades, which were
 of the ordinary Ball and Tin type.
 With the co-operation of Counters
 and our own Garland Mortar,
 enemy was eventually silenced.

We brought down, and considerably
 damaged, three more panels of enemy
 angle iron screens at Northern, with
 our grenades, and rendered others
 very insecure.

Mining Progress:

No. of face	Progress	Totals
No. 1 Tunnel	2' 9"	26' 3"
" 2 "	4' 6"	16' 0"
" 9 "	5' 3"	22' 0"
cross-cut No. 1 to No. 2 Tals	3' 0"	27' 0"
" " 8 to " 9 "	4' 6"	8' 0"
" " 6 to " 5 "	2' 0"	2' 0"
No. 36A	7' 0"	25' 0"
Shelter Recesses	3' 0"	40' 0"

Trenching position in rear of bentual
 completed; also repairs to approach
 trench No. 5 Post (Northern) during
 night of 9-10th inst.

Operation Report - 1st Battalion
 to 0700 hrs 15th 1915

At 0700 hrs
 The day was quiet on this front

A short new trench extending
 for about 20 yards from
 (trench map 10) down into
 the trench which has been dug
 by enemy during the past two
 nights.

The trench also to be dug up
 on trench map 10. The
 trench map 10 also between
 (trench map 10)

Mining Progress:

Progress: Total		No. of feet	
7' 0"	7' 0"	No. 1 tunnel	1' 0"
20' 3"	2' 6"	" "	2' 0"
4' 0"	4' 0"	" "	3' 0"
14' 0"	2' 3"	" "	4' 0"
28' 3"	2' 3"	" "	5' 0"
28' 3"	2' 3"	" "	6' 0"
27' 9"	2' 6"	" "	7' 0"
27' 9"	2' 6"	" "	8' 0"

All work on deep shelters has now
 ceased. As there is only another 5 ft
 to go in order to break through in
 the cross-cut from No. 1 to No. 2 tunnel,
 it is considered advisable to do this,
 as No. 1 Post (southern end) would
 then have a certain amount of
 shelter with two outlets.

Traverse in No. 5 Post firing line
 completed and completed.
 Approach trench to No. 3 Post (central)
 is now being deepened.

~~Periscopes have been used here.~~
 Enemy has done a little work out
 from gallery No. 34, but sounds are
 distant. He has also been playing
 about at No. 45.

Snipers Report:

2 Periscopes	- Razorback
2 "	- Chess Board
3 "	- Old Obn. Post
2 "	- Dead Mans Ridge
2 "	- Chessboard Hill
1 Rifle	- Razorback
1 "	- Dead Mans Ridge

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All work on deep shelters has now ceased. As there is only one trench in front of the position, the trench is now the only one in front of the position. It is necessary to dig a trench in front of the position. The trench is now the only one in front of the position. The trench is now the only one in front of the position.

- 1. [Name] - [Rank]
- 2. [Name] - [Rank]
- 3. [Name] - [Rank]
- 4. [Name] - [Rank]
- 5. [Name] - [Rank]
- 6. [Name] - [Rank]
- 7. [Name] - [Rank]
- 8. [Name] - [Rank]
- 9. [Name] - [Rank]
- 10. [Name] - [Rank]

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Moderate grenades and machine gun fire took place during the night, although some long bursts were exchanged between hostile guns on Popes, and our own guns at Popes and Courtney's.

Casualties

	Killed	Wounded	Missing	Sick
Officers	-	-	-	-
Other ranks	-	1	-	6 F. Amb

1 Other rank wounded by grenade accident.

Richard's Lieut
 SO 17 Cavalry

Barbed wire along trench [Name] has been built up during the night, and sand has been put in one or two places. It appears some [Name] [Name] [Name] here. In the [Name] [Name] [Name]

1545
1715

At 1545 during hostile Artillery
fire into Steele's from the direction
of Battleship Hill, one 6 inch
Howitzer shell lodged on No 3 b
firing position, Southern Mines,
doing a fair amount of damage
to parapet. However, this has since
been repaired. Casualties nil.

Killed Wounded Missing

6 7 8

0 0 0

0 0 0

Between 1700 and 1715 two stick
bombs fell in the direction of
Wellington Tully, but no damage
resulted.

Barthwood along trench 80561 (map 11)
has been built up about 3 ft during
the night, and sand bags erected
in one or two places. It appears enemy
intends establishing firing positions
here. In the past little or no fire
has.

Operation Report - 2nd Battalion
Summary of events from 0700 Decr 12th
to 0700 Decr 13th 1915:

At Quinn's and Courtney's:

During the day enemy was again
particularly quiet along this Post

Between 1700 and 1715 two stick
bombs fell in the direction of
Wellington Tully, but no damage
resulted.

Barthwood along trench 80561 (map 11)
has been built up about 3 ft during
the night, and sand bags erected
in one or two places. It appears enemy
intends establishing firing positions
here. In the past little or no fire
has.

Operation Report No. 10
 Summary of events from 0700 to 1700
 to 0700 P.M. 15th 1918

At 0700 the company was alerted to
 be ready for action. The day was
 particularly quiet along the front.

At 1045 during a lull in the
 fire and shells from the direction
 of the trench, a shell landed in
 the trench, killing a man and
 wounding a man. A fair amount of
 damage was done. The trench
 has been repaired.

Between 1700 and 1715 the
 trench was shelled in the direction
 of the trench, but no damage
 was done.

At 1800 the trench was shelled
 and a man was killed. The trench
 was repaired. The night was
 quiet and no shells were seen
 in the trench. The trench was
 repaired.

been observed from this trench.

During the night enemy M. Guns
 were less active than usual, being
 confined to intermittent bursts of
 two or three rounds along our
 parapet during grenading operations.
 Very few grenades were thrown by
 enemy.

Snipers Report

- 1 Periscope = Old Obn Post
- 2 " = Dead Mans Ridge
- 1 " = Cheselate Hill
- 3 " = Raspback
- 1 " = Bless Board
- 1 Rifle = " "

Casualties:	Killed	Wounded	Missing	Sick
Officers	-	-	-	-
Other ranks	-	2	-	3 F Amb

2 O.R. wounded in support trench by
 enemy grenade.

G. Richards Lieut
 W 17 Battalion

Intelligence Report

Place	Date	Hour	Summary
Quinns	13/12/15	0100 to 0330	Four red flares thrown by enemy towards Central and Northern Quinns at 30 to 40 minutes interval. Nothing transpired.

G.P. Richards Lieut.
S. O. 17 Battalion

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S. O. 17 Battalion

Intelligence Report
13/12/15

Intelligence Report:

Place Date Hour

Summary of events:

Quinn 11-12-13 1930

From the left of Officers' Observation Post on Courtney's, to right of Quinn, comprising Groups 19 to 25 inclusive, taken over by this Battalion.

Richard Lewis
M 17 Battalion

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Intelligence Report

Place	Date	Hour	Summary
Quinn	9.12.15	1650	Hostile Aeroplane flying a North-easterly course, passed well out in front of our position, and after proceeding a short distance, retired East under our Artillery fire. This Aeroplane opened four bursts from a Mce Gun whilst in this vicinity, but fire was not felt along this Post.
"	"	2015- 2025	Two red flares thrown by enemy towards our central position
"	"	2055- 2115	do do do
"	"	2130	One red flare thrown by enemy towards South
"	10.12.15	0215- 0430	Five red flares thrown by enemy towards our central and Northern positions.

Intelligence Report

Place	Date	Hour	Summary
Quinn's	6.12.15	1530	<p>Hostile Aeroplane, approaching from the South-west, passed along at the rear of our position, when over Bloody Angle, a very powerful bomb was dropped from this machine, which burst without effect in gully between Quinn's and Popet (Dead Man's), followed shortly afterwards by Moe Gun fire. The latter was not felt at Quinn's, however.</p> <p>At 1540 this Aeroplane again flew immediately above our Southern end, and after proceeding a short distance North opened further bursts from M. Gun, retiring thence towards the East under our Artillery fire. We did not feel the Moe Gun fire on the second occasion.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Richard's Lieut. D. 10. 17 Battalion</p>

Intelligence Report

Place	Date	Hour	Summary
Quinn's	2/12/15	1600 to 1612	Green and white, followed by red and white rockets, were sent up by enemy from trenches opposite our Northern end, in the direction of Popes. Nothing transpired. These rockets were imitated by us at 1645 as per instructions from Brigade A. Quarters.
"	"	1820	Enemy sent up one white rocket from vicinity of German Officers' trenches towards Boumneys. Richard's Lieut S. W. 17 Battalion

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Intelligence Report

Place	Date	Hour	Summary
Quinn's	1. 12. 15	2430	<p>Hostile Aeroplane (L.V.G. Biplane) approaching from the North-east, passed along in front of our position, and after proceeding a short distance towards the South-west, disappeared in a South-easterly direction under our artillery fire. This Aeroplane opened fire from a M. Gun when out in front of our extreme Southern position, but the target engaged was one situated North of Quinn's.</p>
		1612	
		1830	

Richards Lieut
 S. W. 17 Battalion

Intelligence Report

Place	Date	Hour	Summary
Quinn	30.11.15	1430	<p>Hostile Aeroplane, approaching from a southerly direction, passed well out in front of our position, retiring East under our Artillery fire.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Richard's Lieut 8th Coy Battalion</p>

30.11.15

Hostile aeroplane was observed in front of our position, approaching from a southerly direction, and retiring East under our Artillery fire.

Intercept Report

Summary

29. 11. 15 0900 Quinn's
70
1200

Enemy displayed one white and one black flag on German Officers' trenches, also 4 red flags along his trenches within area 80x7 (trench map 11). Flags were undoubtedly put out for purposes of enemy's artillery, mentioned in para. 1 of Operation Report.

Richardson
D. 10. 17 Battalion

Quinn's 22. II. 13 1850
1200

Green flag thrown from enemy trenches black
opposite our southern position, towards
central. Nothing transpired. (trench map)
Flags were undoubtedly put
out for purposes of enemy artillery, mentioned
in para. 1 of Operation Report.

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J. V. 17 Battalion

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Quinn's 27.11.18 2150

Three flares (white), resembling Very Pistol
flares thrown by enemy in front our
central position. Talking followed

Richards sent
S. N. 17 Battalion

