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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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June 1 st MONASH VALLEY	<p>Bugdetia, 2 Coy's Stago, 2 Coy's well moved. QUINNS POST was taken over by Canterbury Batt, (C.O. Lt. Col. Brown) & COURTNEYS by Wellington Batt, (C.O. Lt. Col. Malone). The whole Section is under the command of Lt. Colonel Chappel to whom these Posts report. Stago Batt in Section Reserve. A Turkish Bomb proof 6 feet from the parapet of Quinns Post was destroyed by gun cotton about 11 pm but not occupied.</p>	
June 2 nd	<p>Auckland Batt arrived at 10.30 am & went into reserve.</p>	
June 3 rd	<p>Permanent arrangements for garrisons of posts are as follows. Wellington Batt. garrisoned COURTNEYS POST, finding 400 men for front line & 400 in local reserve. These are interchanged every 48 hours. Canterbury Batt 1 Coy & Auckland plus 1 Coy Canterbury & 1 Coy Auckland every 24 hours in QUINNS POST.</p>	

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June 24th

It was decided to make a sortie from QUINNS post to occupy Turkish trenches immediately ~~to~~ the front of the post. Orders were issued accordingly. * A party consisting 60 men formed the storming party, formed from volunteers half from Auckland under their bear & half from Canterbury under their Stewart. They were assisted by parties to go off as working parties ~~and~~ to follow with sandbags, tools etc. The rush was made at 11 pm. The right & left parties occupied the Turkish fire trench & the support trench, bayonetting many Turks in doing so - 28 Turks were captured in about 100 ft shelter. Measures were at once taken to build up sandbag traverses & loopholes then. The party seemed well established but about 4.30 am the Turks commenced throwing bombs & by 6.30 am the position became untenable & the party was compelled to withdraw. Not less than 50 Turkish dead were ^{left} on the field.

* Appendix 17

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Our casualties	were		other units			Total
	K	Officer	R	W	M	
Auckland		2	3	45	8	58
Canterbury	1	3	10	48	7	66
	1	5	13	93	12	124

June 4th

a similar sortie to that of June 4th was organized with the object of destroying the Turkish trenches & bunkers & removing tools, equipment, etc. if possible regarding what we had left there on the 5 June - The sortie was suitably organized & started at 11 pm. The right party were heavily fired upon & fell back, a second attempt was organized on the right but failed. The left party was divided into two, half went over the ground & half through the sap of the former only three of the working party reached the enemy's trench, the latter was bombed & fell back & made no further effort. At 12.10 am a party of 20 men were sent in to occupy the trench in which the working party was but they came back at 1 am & reported

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No 3 Section	June 5		<p>The result was a complete failure to attain our object. The casualties were as follows:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Auckland</td> <td>1 off</td> <td>1 missing</td> <td>3 killed</td> <td>21 men</td> <td>7 OR</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Canterbury</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>2</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td><u>33</u></td> </tr> </table> <p>The Turks commenced a counter attack about 1.30 am but was repulsed by Japanese bombs & artillery.</p> <p><u>Sketch of Turkish trenches reoccupied night of 4/5 June</u></p> <p>Report of Lt Col Young on action of night 7/8</p> <p>June 9 a draft reinforcement arrived of the following strength:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Auckland</td> <td>5</td> <td>263</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Canterbury</td> <td>5</td> <td>214</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Otago</td> <td>4</td> <td>239</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Wellington</td> <td>3</td> <td>254</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td><u>17</u></td> <td><u>970</u></td> </tr> </table> <p>Relief of posts commenced</p>	Auckland	1 off	1 missing	3 killed	21 men	7 OR	Canterbury				2		Total					<u>33</u>	Auckland	5	263	Canterbury	5	214	Otago	4	239	Wellington	3	254		<u>17</u>	<u>970</u>	<p>Apr 18 Apr 19</p>
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June 10 th	<p>The reliefs of posts took place on June 9th 010th and was completed by 10am on the 10th was. The new distribution was.</p> <p>QUINNS POST. C.O. Lt Col Malone - Garrison Wellington Battalion</p> <p>COURTNEY'S POST. C.O. Lt Col Moore - " Otago Battalion</p> <p>Reserve - Auckland and Canterbury Battalions.</p>	
June 17 th	<p>The relief of QUINNS Post commenced Wellington being relieved by Canterbury. Colonel F.E. Johnston went sick other place was temporarily taken by Lieut Col Malone, who remained in command of QUINNS POST</p>	
June 18 th	<p>The relief was completed other units remaining where they were. The week has been quiet one or mainly occupied in improving defences</p>	
June 19.	<p>Lieut Col Brantwaite took over temporary command of the Brigade & of the Section</p>	
June 26.	<p>Col F.E. Johnston resumed command of the Brigade & of the Section</p>	

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June 26 th	QUINNS & COURTNEY'S Posts were relieved Canterbury & Auckland Batts replacing Wellington and Otago. move was completed on June 26 th .	
June 29 th /30 th 9.45pm 1.30am	at 9.45pm Turks opened a heavy fire all along the front which began to die away about 10.45pm. At 1.30am a determined attack was delivered on WALKERS RIDGE which was repulsed with a loss of 250 killed in front of the ^{heavies} tanks . A certain number of Turks tried to get down the gully between POPES and WALKERS but were repulsed, leaving several dead. The Brigade was not actively engaged as no attack except by fire was delivered on the posts occupied by us.	<p style="text-align: right;">ANZAC } June 30th } 1915 } Al. Kemberley M.O. Brigade Major N.Z. INFANTRY BRIGADE</p>

No. 3 Section Defence,
MOHAWH GULLY,
3/6/15.

O.C.

QUINN'S POST.

Abb 17

- 1.- A sortie will be made from your Post on the night 4/5th. inst. with a view to taking and occupying the enemy's fire-trench immediately facing the centre of your Post.
- 2.- This sortie will be organised as under :-
 - Assaulting Party. This party will consist of 60 men who after occupying the enemy trench will transpose the parapet for use against the enemy.
 - Working Party. The Assaulting Party will be followed immediately by a Working Party (without arms) carrying filled sand-bags. This party will sub-divided as under :-
 - Right Party. - To construct a loophole traverse on the right of the captured portion of the enemy's fire-trench.
10 men
 - Left Party. - To construct a loophole traverse on the left of the captured portion of the enemy's fire-trench.
10 men
- 3.- ADDITIONAL PARTIES. The following Parties are also to be arranged :-
 - (a).- 10 men (unarmed) on each flank to pass out sand-bags and material, tools, etc. to the Party in the captured trench as may be possible.
 - (b).- To dig two communication trenches to the captured trench, 3 men at each end of trenches to be dug.
 - (c).- Bomb-throwing party (rifles slung) to accompany Assaulting Party (or to form part of it). This party will carry a few Lobiniere bombs to destroy the enemy trench on each flank of the captured portion.
- 4.- WOUNDED. On no pretence whatsoever is anyone in either the Assaulting Party or the Working Party to touch a wounded man. This work will be done entirely by Stretcher Bearers who should be organised ready to move out where and when required.
- 5.- MANNING OF POST. The Post will be otherwise fully manned and Local Reserves brought up to the side of the Hill.
- 6.- CO-OPERATION. Arrangements for co-operation from Flank Posts and Sections have been made.
- 7.- HOUR OF ASSAULT. The assault will commence at 11 p.m. which will be about five minutes after the 1st. Brigade has commenced a sortie on a machine gun near GERMAN OFFICER'S TRENCH.
- 8.- The operation will be under the direction of Col. L.T. Lieut-Co C.H.J. Brown.

William Major
B.M. 1st. A.L.H. Brigade,
No. 3 Section Defence.

H. 3 Section Defence
 MONASH GULLY,
 4/6/15.

H. J. Inf. Bde.

An assault on the Turkish fire-trench in front of QUINN'S POST will be made at 11 p.m. to-night by the garrison of this Post with the object of permanently occupying the position immediately facing the Post.

At ~~11 p.m.~~ to-night a sortie will also be made by H. 3 Section on the Northern end of GERMAN OFFICERS TRENCH.

Although Units are not being called upon at present to stand to arms, they are to be ready to do so at 11 p.m. or on short notice at any time. This paragraph applies only to Units not forming the garrison of POSTS.

Instructs have been issued to the O.C. QUINN'S POST and O.C. ENG-REPTS that all Working Parties not part of the garrison (XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX) of QUINN'S POST (including miners) are to be withdrawn ~~from~~ from the POST at 10 p.m. and sent to join their own Unit. Commanding Officers will take steps to ensure that men of their Units employed on the Working Parties referred to herein do return to their Units by 10.30 p.m.

William Major
 B.M. 1st. A. M. Bde.

Rough Sketch of Turkish Trenches
occupied in front of WINN'S POST
on night of June 4/5²

Appendix

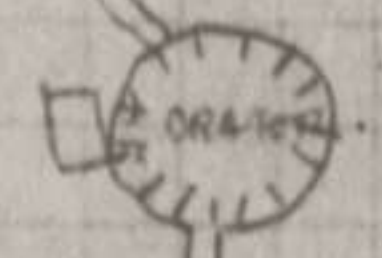
Machine Gun
Redoubt

60' Trench

Trench

communication
Trench
down valley

to fire trench in front
of courtyards
Trench



our Trenches

Colin Mearns
Boe Mearns
N.2 2nd Bde

No. 3 Section Defense,
 MCNASH GULLY,
 8/6/45

COPY OF REPORT BY LIEUT.-COL. R. YOUNG, O.C., QUINN'S POST
 ON SORTIE ON NIGHT OF 7/8th. INST.

The attack was detailed as per orders and the men were in position ready to work at 10:30 p.m.

The left party were divided 1 Off., 1 N.C.O and 14 men to go from fire trench, 1 N.C.O. and 10 men from BLOCK-HOUSE.

The right party of 1 Off., 2 N.C.O's and 20 men to go from fire trench of No. 2 Post.

With each party 3 bomb throwers carrying a supply of bombs and following them 10 men with sand bags.

Only 3 of the party of 14 on the left and nine sand bag men got across. The party of 1 N.C.O. and 10 men failed to go forward from the Blockhouse. The N.C.O. states he went forward but only one man followed him and he was afterwards struck with a bomb.

On the RIGHT FLANK the storming party went out but failed to face the heavy fire and came back, the officer was badly wounded in the leg but was got in.

At 11 p.m. the N.C.O. came in from the left, wounded. He stated that they had got into the enemy's trench and he thought there were 16 men had got forward.

The sandbags had been carried forward and they were building up the barricade without much opposition but had not gained trench with the RIGHT.

I again tried to get men forward on the right but they would not face the heavy fire and again came back.

At 11:20 I got a message from the left saying they were hanging on but the sand bag men had no rifles. I then sent 20 men forward under N.C.O. with instructions to work down to his right and try and pick up the communication trench through to our lines, which the enemy was denying us from our own trenches. I got no report for some time and sent an officer and five men forward, but before they got away the whole party returned at 1 a.m.

The Sergeant said he could not get to his right as there was a considerable number of the enemy, but the party only had 1 man killed and 1 wounded while in the trench.

I regret to say the sortie failed to achieve anything we had hoped for.

I personally think the men had not quite recovered from the sortie of the 4/5th. inst as they showed no dash and were very half hearted throughout, otherwise, we could easily have attained the objects we had set out to do.

The Casualty List is :-

AUCKLAND

<u>KILLED</u>		<u>WOUNDED</u>		<u>MISSING.</u>	
Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.
Nil	3	1	21	1	7

CANTERBURY

2 men wounded.

I am not sure of the missing and wounded of CANTERBURY, as they have gone down into bivouac, but I will furnish a complete return as soon as possible.

No wounded were left in enemy's trenches.

(Sgd) R. Young, Lieut-Col.
C.C. QUINN'S POST.

QUINN'S POST.
8/6/15

P.S. The situation is unchanged.

NZ. & A. DIV

*forwarded. A copy
has been sent to O.C. N.Z.
Inf. Bde for investigation
and report.*

8. 6. 15.

*H. G. Chancel. Cae.
O.C. No. 3 Section
ANZAC.*