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SITUATION.

From 6 am. 1st to 6 am. 2nd December 1915.



NORTHERN SECTION:

West Beach was shelled persistently. One of the sunken vessels forming the breakwater was struck causing three casualties to men working near, and S.S. "Silverfield" was also struck, little damage however resulting.

One of the guns of the 10th Heavy Battery was put out of action (sights, elevating gear, buffers and cradle being damaged).

Sick (evacuated) 30th November. 60 officers. 1341 o.r.

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No. 1 Section, CHATHAM'S POST (68.G.7.) to (68.B.5.), 1st Australian Division.

Although enemy artillery firing did not at any time amount to a bombardment, still, at times our trenches were heavily shelled, particularly about POPP'S and LONE PINE. Our batteries fired more than usual - chiefly retaliations. The bearing and marks of an unexploded 9.2" shell which fell in LONE PINE during the bombardment appear to indicate that the gun is about TARSILA TEPE.

Our anti-aircraft gun fired 5 rounds at a hostile aeroplane. The aeroplane was marked with black squares instead of black crosses.

No. 1 Section Left. During the night enemy machine guns were active and several very powerful broomstick bombs dropped in our lines. Between 2000 and 0200 enemy fired 19 white flares.

No. 2 Section, LONE PINE (68.B.5.) to RUSSELL'S TOP (80.N.7.) 2nd Australian Division.

LONE PINE was shelled by 75 mm. from SCRUBBY KNOLL but suffered no damage

CASUALTIES.

	<u>Officers.</u>	<u>Men.</u>
Sick (evacuated)	23	407
Wounded "	3	102

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SOUTHERN SECTION.

Right Section, 52nd Division. At 2040 some Turks crawled towards a grenade station in the centre subsection. They were received with a volley of grenades which caused several casualties.

Left Section, 42nd Division. Existing work continued. Machine gun fire caused an explosion in the Turkish trench opposite WESTERN BIRDGAGE.

EVACUATED. 1.12.15. Officers 11, o.r. 84.
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War Diary.SITUATION.

From 6 a.m. 3rd to 6 a.m. 4th December, 1918.

NORTHERN SECTION.

The enemy showed little activity yesterday either as regards sniping, or as regards artillery fire.

Sick (evacuated) Officer 60. Other Ranks 2030.

A. N. Z. A. C.

No.1 Section. CHATHAM'S POST (68.G.7) to (68.R.5) 1st Australian Division. At 1335 enemy troops, estimated at 400 and fully equipped, were seen moving through sap 68.R.7-W.1. The column blocked the sap and halted; our guns swept the trench; the party then tried to retire through the sap and were again met by our heavy fire. The Turks then apparently became confused and went into the open where they were again fired at.

No.3 Section HAPPY VALLEY (80.M.5) to (92.O.1) New Zealand & Australian Division. At 1400 machine gun on FRANKLIN'S POST (92.Z.4) engaged a party of the enemy about 150 strong, as they were entering a trench on BULGAR BLUFF (92.Z.2) at a range of 600 yards - the party dispersed in confusion - casualties estimated at 30 or more.

Sick (evacuated) Officers 10. Other Ranks 224.

SOUTHERN SECTION.

Artillery. Howitzers and Right Group fired on enemy's trenches about the KRITHIA Mullahe and considerable damage is reported to have been done.

Infantry. Centre Section, R.E. Division. An interpreter again spoke to the enemy but as yet there have been no further surrenders.



SITUATION.

From 6 a.m. 4th to 6 a.m. 5th December, 1915.

NORTHERN SECTION.

The beaches and shipping in the harbour were shelled but no damage was done.

Sick (evacuated) - Officers 9, Other Ranks 456.

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No.2 Section. LONE PINE (68.B.3) to RUSSELL'S TOP (80.N.7)

2nd Australian Division.

No.2 Section. Left. D.16 to RUSSELL'S TOP both inclusive.
Front D.16 to COURTNEY'S was shelled by 75's and 6" - the latter from the direction of 80.S.6/8. Some 79 shells in all were fired.

No.3 Section. HAPPY VALLEY (80.N.5) to (92.O.1) New Zealand & Australian Division. The APEX and CANTERBURY SLOPE were heavily shelled during the day - estimated that 100 shells were fired.

At 1345 SNIPER'S NEST was engaged by 17th Siege Battery and very effective shooting was done. During the night the Turks are reported to have been hard at work on SNIPER'S NEST; their works on the NEST itself reported as shattered.

We put out during the night wire entanglement linking up APEX and CHESHIRE RIDGE. TUNNELS are in hand at NEWBERRYS POST (junction of squares 92.Z.2 and 80.D.F.) and FRANKLIN'S POST.

No.4 Section. (92.O.1) to SUSAK KUYU inclusive. Eastern Mounted Brigade, 29th Indian Brigade, 163rd Brigade.

The enemy artillery shelled HILL 60 with shrapnel and the supporting trenches with H.E. On HILL 60 the enemy could be heard mining in two places one of which is very deep. Our mining continues on five faces.

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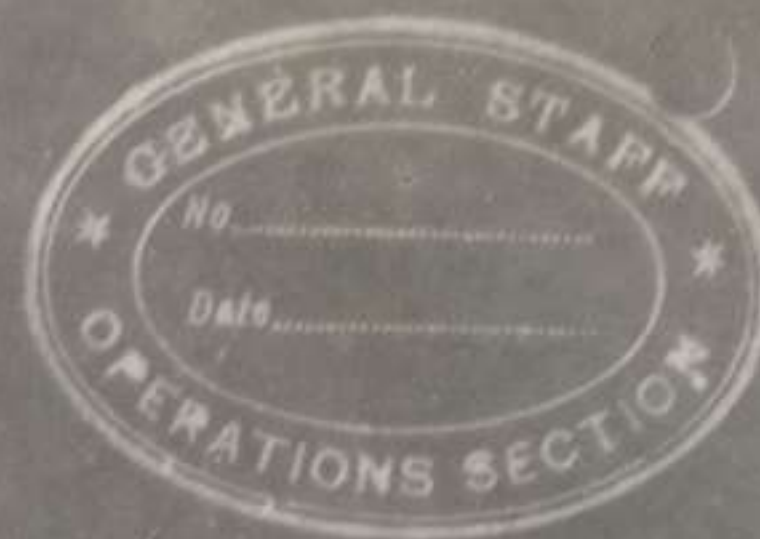
Corps Headquarters was shelled intermittently throughout the day and night.

SOUTHERN SECTION.

Artillery. All groups took part in the bombardment of the Turkish trenches, which was carried out in the afternoon, in conjunction with the Navy.

Infantry. Right Section, 52nd Division. French trench howitzer on the right of the right sub-section bombarded Turkish trenches with apparent effect.

Left Section, 42nd Division. The Turkish trenches opposite this section were considerably damaged by the bombardment in the afternoon.



SITUATION.

From 6 a.m. 5th to 6 a.m. 6th December, 1915.

NORTHERN SECTION.

There was a general bombardment of our line and the beaches. At LALA BABA there resulted a large number of casualties among the animals, including 15 horses.

The experience of the last few days is that the enemy have been in a position to expend much more ammunition than they were previously. Their fire also has been more accurate and under better control and direction.

Sick (evacuated. - Officers 26, Other Ranks 1917.

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No.3 Section HAPPY VALLEY (80.M.5) to (93.C.1) New Zealand & Australian Division. Between noon and 1300 the enemy's artillery shelled FRANKLIN'S and NEWBERRY'S POSTS, the regimental areas of N.Z. Mounted Rifles, but except for a small portion of Otago Mounted Rifles line, no damage to trenches, but the gullies behind were searched in a manner not before attempted. H.E. shells fell in Old No.3 Post, in SAZLI BEIT DERE, and in vicinity of No.2 Post and Divisional Headquarters, the latter being shelled for fully half an hour.

No.4 Section (92.C.1) to SUSAK KUYU inclusive. Eastern Mounted Brigade, 29th Indian Brigade, 163rd Brigade.

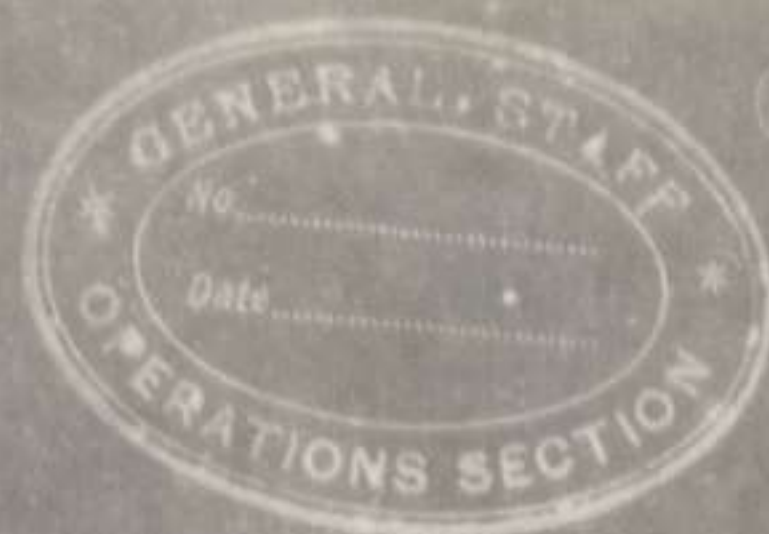
The enemy were heard working underground at HILL 60. Our mining in this locality is being pushed ahead.

SOUTHERN SECTION.

Right Section (52nd Division). Existing work continued and improvements effected in fire trenches.

Centre Section (R.N. Division). All existing work continued and some rewiring of the front line done.

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SITUATION.

From 6 a.m. 6th to 6 a.m. 7th December, 1915.

NORTHERN SECTION.

The enemy's artillery was less active than it has been of late. The beaches and ships in harbour were shelled.

The left flank destroyer is now reported to have been fired at during the night of 5th - 6th.

Two guns of the 10th Heavy Battery were disembarked at West Beach. A new position is being chosen for them.

NOTE. The sick evacuated in seven days reach the total of 238 officers, 10,083 other ranks.

A. N. Z. A. C.

No.1 Section. GHATHAM'S POST (68.G.7) to (68.B.5) 1st

Australian Division. At 1200 a report was received from the 2nd L.R. Brigade that a submarine had been sighted off GABA TEPE - our observing officers and special reconnaissance failed to locate it although the officers who reported it, who has had many years experience at sea, is positive he saw the ripple moving south from GABA TEPE for a distance of about a mile and a quarter.

No.2 Section. LONE PINE (68.E.5) to RUSSELL'S TOP (80.N.7).

2nd Australian Division.

No. 2 Section. Right. LONE PINE to D.16 exclusive. Our wire entanglements opposite LONE PINE were somewhat damaged by shell fire.

No.3 Section. HAPPY VALLEY (80.W.5) to (92.O.1). New

Zealand & Australian Division. The blockhouse at PINNACLE (80.K.1/2) was again demolished by our 17th Siege Battery. Our Hotchkiss gun blew in a sandbagged position near 80.F.5

No.4 Section (92.O.1) to SUSAK KUYU inclusive. Eastern Mounted Brigade, 29th Indian Brigade, 163rd Brigade.

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At 1100 the enemy broke into one of our galleries on HILL 60 and shots were exchanged.

SOUTHERN SECTION.

Right Section (52nd Division). Enemy opened heavy rifle fire opposite right sub-section at 2230, 0100 and 0600.

Centre Section (R.N. Division). Grenadiers were active throughout the day in this section. At one point the enemy's parapet was so damaged that it is now possible to snipe into one of their communication trenches.

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SITUATION.

From 6 a.m. 7th to 6 a.m. 8th December, 1915.

NORTHERN SECTION.

The enemy's artillery was active during the day. LALA BABA and the beaches were shelled at intervals and the transports in harbour were shelled with some accuracy and had to move outside the net. H.M.S. GLORY was hit by one shell.

In the afternoon the warships in the harbour, assisted by a monitor on the left flank, shelled the enemy's trenches near THE PIMPLE and certain selected areas.

A. N. Z. A. C.

No. 1 Section. CHATHAM'S POST (68.G.7) to (68.B.5) 1st Australian Division. At 1420, 1st Infantry Brigade reported enemy moving heavy guns with 6 horse teams south of the OLIVE GROVES. As this target was beyond the range of our guns the Navy was asked to shoot.

No. 1 Section, Centre. At intervals during the night enemy fired a new type of bomb hitherto unknown in this section; it seems to have a very high velocity and to be fired from about 68.B.8 - H.3, but no audible explosions are reported.

No. 2 Section. LONE PINE (68.B.5) to RUSSELL'S TOP (80.N.7). 2nd Australian Division. Enemy's artillery fairly active in firing in morning and afternoon, but little damage done except at RUSSELL'S TOP where some 6" shells fell.

No. 3 Section. HAPPY VALLEY (80.M.5) to (92.O.1) New Zealand & Australian Division. The APEX and the bivouacs in rear of WARWICK CASTLE were shelled in the afternoon by 75's

No. 4 Section. (92.O.1) to SUSAK KUYU inclusive. Eastern Mounted Brigade, 29th Indian Brigade, 163rd Brigade.

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On HILL 60 the enemy crawled out of his trenches at night and endeavoured to put out of action with grenades a newly placed machine gun of ours - they were unsuccessful. Mining activity on both sides continues on HILL 60.

SOUTHERN SECTION.

Right Section, 52nd Division. Japanese Mortars bombarded Turkish trenches opposite the right sub-section with apparent effect.

Centre Section, R.N. Division. Enemy's artillery shelled this section periodically.

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SITUATION.

From 6 am. 8th to 6 am. 9th December, 1915.

NORTHERN SECTION.

The enemy's artillery objective at WEST BEACH usually now appears to be ships lying alongside the breakwater.

In consequence of information received that six companies of the enemy were to be relieved after dark opposite the right sub-section of Section 'C', our field artillery and machine guns opened fire at intervals on the enemy's communication trenches leading to that part of their line.

A N Z A C.

No. 1 Section, CHATHAM'S POST (68.G.7.) to (68.B.5.), 1st Australian Division.

No. 1 Section Centre. A party sent out by 1st Battalion secured more timber and grenade proof netting from works formerly occupied by Turks in front of LEANE'S. These works were thoroughly searched without result.

No. 2 Section, LONE PINE (68.B.5.) to RUSSELL'S TOP (80.N.7.), 2nd Australian Division.

Large howitzers passed over LONE PINE trenches coming from a point approximately 80° from LONE PINE. RUSSELL'S TOP was also shelled by 75's and 6" howitzers during the day.

No. 2 Section, LONE PINE to D.16 exclusive. Nil.

No. 3 Section HAPPY VALLEY (80.N.5.) to (92.O.1.) New Zealand & Australian Division.

In front of CANTERBURY Mtd. Rifles the Turks from SANDBAG RIDGE (92.U.5.) last night cut our wire entanglements and swung back a length of 12 feet of French wire; a party was sent out and repaired the cut wire and were not interfered with.

Our artillery fire on BATTLESHIP HILL by 4" battery and on SNIPER'S NEST by 17th Siege Battery had excellent results.

No. 4 SECTION, (92.O.1.) to SUSAK KUYU inclusive. Eastern Mtd., 29th Indian and 163rd Brigades.

Enemy's mining has proceeded energetically especially

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in locality of ASH LANE.

After yesterday's camouflages we picked up pieces of fuse proving that the enemy had mines laid.

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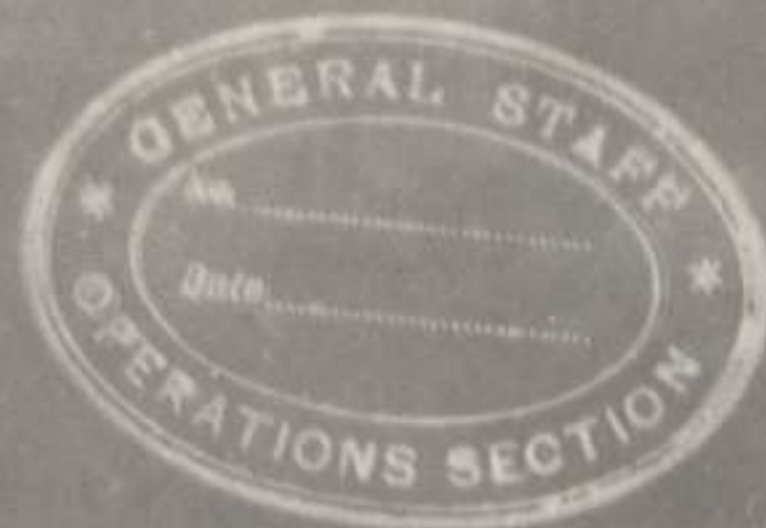
ARTILLERY. Turkish communications and bivouacs shelled during the night. An instructional shot was carried out by the Corps Mortar group, against trenches opposite the right of the 52nd Division. Good results were obtained.

Centre Section, R.E. Division. Enemy's artillery shelled the left sub-section periodically and did some damage to parapets.

Left Section, 42nd Division. At 2400 a counter mine was exploded against the enemy's gallery near EASTERN BIRDAGE. No surface damage can be seen.

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SITUATION.

From 6 a.m. 9th to 6 a.m. 10th December, 1915.

NORTHERN SECTION.

Enemy's artillery was active. HILL 10 was shelled three times during the day, and CHOCOLATE HILL was shelled. The beaches were shelled intermittently, but no damage was done.

A. N. Z. A. C.

No.1 Section. CHATHAM'S POST (68.G.7) to (68.B.5) 1st Australian Division. Quiet until about 1430 when Turks opened a brisk fire on LONE PINE, McCAYS RIDGE and RYRIES POST. A heavy gun also fired at BROWN'S DIP from about 80.2.9. Enemy's guns fired salvoes concentrating on No.3 gun, 8th Battery, just above Divisional Headquarters. The enemy had apparently moved his guns further south for this purpose. Our guns fired in retaliation and engaged working parties. At 1625 a hostile aeroplane passed overhead; some darts were dropped also three bombs which did not explode.

No.1 Section, Right. During the night Turks threw grenades into WILSON'S LOOKOUT; one of these contained liquid.

No.1 Section, Centre. Turks are now using a new "scatter" mortar but no pellets have yet been found.

No.3 Section. HAPPY VALLEY (80.N.7) to (92.O.1). New Zealand & Australian Division. An officer's patrol reconnoitred along AGHYL DERE to 500 yards from 80.F.4, 92.2.7, 80.O.3 and back to barricade. The commander reports that our previous surmise that enemy had removed wire in this locality is incorrect, on the contrary wire has been advanced 50 yards and screened with bushes.

SOUTHERN SECTION.

Artillery. Instructional shoot with Japanese Mortars, the

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rate of fire being considerably increased and good results obtained.

Infantry. Left Section (42nd Division). The East Kent Yeomanry have established a listening post within about 4 yards of the enemy's front line near BOYES POINT.



SITUATION.

From 6 a.m. 10th to 6 a.m. 11th December, 1915.
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NORTHERN SECTION.

Enemy's howitzers shelled W. Beach, they were silenced on each occasion by our howitzers or heavy battery.

Otherwise enemy's guns were ordinarily active.

Sick (evacuated). Officers 16. Other Ranks, 823.

A. H. Z. A. G.

No.1 Section. CHATHAM'S POST (68.0.7) to (68.3.5), 1st Australian Division. Enemy artillery showed very little activity; shelling on beach much less than usual. Our 8th, 9th and heavy batteries co-operated with the Navy in the bombardment of squares 56.Q., 56.W., north-western half, and 56.Z., eastern half. The bombardment commenced at 1130 and lasted for 27 minutes. Our artillery observers are of opinion that the fire of the Navy should have been effective; the whole area occupied by enemy guns was well searched and swept. Within 3 minutes of the cessation of the bombardment an unlocated enemy gun, apparently from the bombarded area, fired a few rounds on the beach. At 1310, shortly after the bombardment R.M.S. "BACCHANTE" moved closer to shore, and repeated some of her work of 25th April last, when she stood close in and shelled GABA TIRE.

No.2 Section. LONE PINE (68.5.5) to (68.8.5), 2nd Australian Division. The enemy artillery shelled practically the whole of the line of this section, but caused little damage.

No.3 Section. HAPPY VALLEY (68.7.5) to (68.0.1), New Zealand & Australian Division. A special patrol sent out from Wellington Mounted Rifles which was connected by telephone to machine gun caused it to open fire on a party
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of about 20 Turks passing along KAJAJIK DERE with good results. The position of telephone was not disclosed as buzzer key was not used but a signal made by pressing the "button".

SOUTHERN SECTION.

Right Section. (R.E. Division). A yellow flag was erected by the Turks in P.14a in the afternoon, during the time it was up no guns were fired by them.

Left Section. (42nd Division). One 18-pdr. gun was moved forward to fire at the GRINDERON (H.13.e.) this morning. Considerable damage was done, two Turks and a considerable amount of timber and material being seen to be blown into the air.

S I T U A T I O N

From 6 am. 11th to 6 am. 12th December, 1915.



NORTHERN SECTION.

The hostile guns were active. CHOCOLATE HILL was shelled severely in the afternoon. Various portions of our line and support trenches and the beach were shelled at intervals throughout the day.

A N Z A C.

No. 1 Section, CHATHAM'S POST (68.G.7) to (68.B.5.), 1st Australian Division. A very quiet day; the beach was shelled as usual at intervals, but the gun could not be located and the shooting was erratic.

No. 2 Section, LONE PINE (68.B.5.) to (80.M.5.), 2nd Australian Division. An enemy 75 mm. gun from direction of WINEGLASS and SCRUBBY KNOLL shelled LONE PINE to D.16 wrecking one post and damaging 5. Our artillery silenced 75's firing on LONE PINE.

No. 2 Section Left, D.16 to (80.M.5.) The enemy has been busy improving and extending his trenches.

No. 3 Section, HAPPY VALLEY (80.W.5.) to (92.O.1.) New Zealand & Australian Division. At 2230 SHIPER'S NEST was engaged by 'D' Battery, 99th Brigade, very good results being obtained; 4 direct hits and 9 others very effective.

SOUTHERN SECTION.

ARTILLERY. Registration carried out and retaliation for enemy's fire on our trenches and LANGASHIRE LANKING.

Left Section, 42nd Division. Progress has been made on the new line in front of BIRDCAGE BALK where the saps between the craters have been deepened and lengthened.

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OPERATIONS SECTION

S I T U A T I O N.

From 6 a.m. 12th to 6 a.m. 13th December, 1915.

NORTHERN SECTION.

Enemy's artillery was active. About 16 guns and howitzers took part in the bombardment.

In forenoon JEPHSON'S POST was shelled; one shell falling in a dug out where rations were being issued killed 10 and wounded 22 men.

An unlocated 5.9" howitzer reported as "over Hill 70" at very long range, or "near ANAFARTA SAGIR windmills", which took part in HILL 10 bombardment was firing a German shell of greatly superior nature to anything yet seen here.

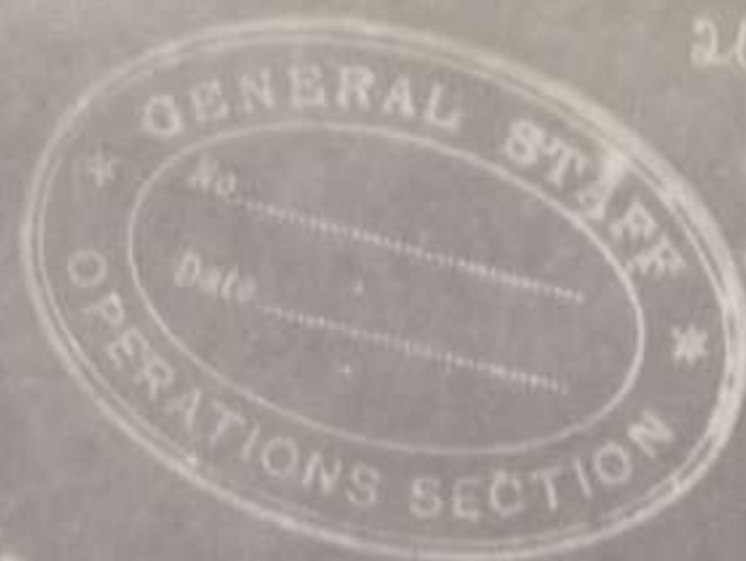
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No report received.

SOUTHERN SECTION.

Turkish communications and bivouacs were shelled both by day and night.

Right Section (R.N. Division). A counter mine exploded by the French at midday caused a good deal of hostile artillery and rifle fire. The Turks in the trenches opposite the left and centre sub-sections were observed to have their bayonets fixed.



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From 6 a.m. 13th to 6 a.m. 14th December, 1915.

NORTHERN SECTION.

Patrols reported enemy working at night in their trenches. An officer's patrol reported enemy to be working on their wire entanglements.

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No.1 Section. GHATHAM'S POST (68.G.7) to (68.B.5). 1st Australian Division. Enemy shelled the beach persistently throughout the day.

No. 1 Section Left. A searchlight was observed from the East. It apparently signalled "gn" six times in succession.

No.2 Section. LONE PINE (68.B.5) to (80.H.7). 2nd Australian Division. COURTNEY'S was shelled, one man being killed and two of our parapets being damaged. Considerable damage was done to parapets.

No.4 Section. (92.O.1) to SUSAK KUYU inclusive. Eastern Mtd. Brigade, 29th Indian Brigade. The enemy shelled HILL 60 with 75 mms. and with large H.E. shells causing 3 casualties. During the night there was enemy activity with grenades and bombs on HILL 60 and he was heard working underground in at least one place on this Hill. In one shaft shots were exchanged underground.

SOUTHERN SECTION.

Enemy's trenches, communications and bivouacs shelled in retaliation for their fire on the beaches.

Left Section (42nd Division). At 0500 the enemy broke into the gallery in front of EASTERN BIRDCAGE. A small counter-mine was immediately exploded.

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From 6 am. 14th to 6 am. 15th December, 1915.



NORTHERN SECTION.

Artillery fire on the whole was only moderate on both sides owing to the mist.

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No. 1 Section, CHATHAM'S POST (68.9.7.) to (68.8.5.),

1st Australian Division.

Enemy shelled beach at intervals of a few minutes at increased rate. Rounds were fired in pairs as if two guns were in action, but it is thought that only one gun was really firing.

No. 1 Section Right. Quiet 24 hours; enemy sniping heavier than usual.

No. 3 Section, HAPPY VALLEY (80.M.5.) to (92.0.1.), New Zealand & Australian Division. An enemy's aeroplane passed overhead and dropped steel arrows over Canterbury Mounted Rifles bivouac.

No. 4 Section (92.0.1) to SUBAK KUYU inclusive. Eastern Mounted Brigade, 29th Indian Brigade.

Enemy activity. In front of the Indian Brigade the enemy did some digging and cut brush wood with covering parties in front. On the front of the Eastern Mounted Brigade there was less enemy rifle fire than usual.

Our activity. We sent out patrols in various directions, put out more wire and silenced an enemy machine gun.

GENERAL. Weather - mild and overcast - sea calm till 9.00, 15th, when a strong easterly wind sprang up.

SICK. 14.12.15. 3 officers, 176 other ranks.

SOUTHERN SECTION.

Right Section (R.N. Division). There was increased activity on the part of the enemy's artillery.

Centre Section (52nd Division). Increased activity on the part of the enemy's grenadiers, who were, however, silenced by retaliation.

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Summary of Events.

From 6 a.m. 14th to 6 a.m. 15th December, 1915.

No.1 Section. CHATHAM'S POST (68.G.7) to (68.B.5) 1st Australian Division. Enemy artillery showed little activity during the morning but were busier during the afternoon from 1435 onwards. At 1615 a hostile aeroplane approached from the east; it was engaged by the anti-aircraft gun and it then turned east; again engaged at 1623 and finally flew eastwards out of sight. Our field guns fired in retaliation and searched enemy communications. Our howitzers fired aeroplane registrations of enemy guns. Enemy shelled beach at intervals of a few minutes at increased rate. Rounds were fired in pairs as if two guns were in action but it is thought that only one gun was really firing.

No.1 Section. Right. Quiet 24 hours; enemy sniping heavier than usual. We put out more wire along our front. Fewer broomstick bombs than usual.

No.1 Section. Left. Quiet night; situation normal. We put out more wire between 0100 and 0230; our covering parties and patrols encountered no Turks and all returned safely.

No.2 Section. LONE PINE (68.B.5) to (80.M.5) 2nd Australian Division. Enemy activity. LONE PINE, RUSSELL'S TOP and POPE'S were shelled during the day but no damage was done. At COURTNEY'S and QUINN'S the enemy were active extending and improving his trenches. Many periscopes were seen in enemy trenches. Our activity. We sent patrols into OWENS and WIRE Gullies; they report no movement of the enemy. We accounted for 1 Turk.

No.3 Section. HAPPY VALLEY (80.M.5) to (92.O.1) New Zealand & Australian Division. Enemy activity. During early part of night Turks fired 4 bombs into APEX without causing damage.

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An enemy's aeroplane passed overhead and dropped steel arrows over Canterbury Mounted Rifles bivouac - no damage was done. Our activity. A Turk working party on their entanglements opposite main sap was quickly dispersed by our catapults, and a party heard digging on FARM was stopped by our machine guns. A small party of enemy seen on cliffs edge under BABY 700 withdrew when fired on by our machine guns. Our Japanese mortar at APEX fired with good results. Our artillery fired at SNIPERS NEST during afternoon and again about 2115 with very satisfactory results; also on night lines at SANDBAG RIDGE (92.U.5). The mountain artillery fired at machine gun emplacement on SANDBAG RIDGE and at 105.X.8. Other usual targets engaged. In No.6 N.Z. Battery a shell exploded at the muzzle of the gun destroying the gun, killing 2 men and wounding 3.

No.4 Section. (92.O.1) to SUSAK KUYU inclusive. Eastern Mtd. Brigade, 29th Indian Brigade.

Enemy activity. In front of the Indian Brigade the enemy did some digging and cut brush wood with covering parties in front. On the front of the Eastern Mounted Brigade there was less enemy rifle fire than usual.

Our activity. We sent out patrols in various directions, put out more wire and silenced an enemy machine gun.

GENERAL. Weather - mild and overcast - sea calm till 0100, 15, when a strong easterly wind sprang up.

<u>CASUALTIES for 14th December, 1915.</u>	<u>Officers.</u>	<u>Men.</u>
Killed.....	-	4
Sick.....	3	176
Wounded.....	-	24

Note.- Return of evacuations not yet to hand.

(sgd.) R.B. SMYTHE, Major, G.S.
for Lieutenant-General.
Commanding Australian & New Zealand Army Corps.

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SITUATION.

From 6 a.m. 15th to 6 a.m. 16th December, 1915.

A. N. Z. A. C.

No.1 Section. CHATHAM'S POST (68.G.7) to (68.B.5). 1st

Australian Division. Very quiet day; the only enemy guns which fired were those near OLIVE GROVE, these shelled the beach early in the morning and again at 1500.

No.1 Section. Left. We tried silent ruses (cessation of fire) for short periods of about $\frac{1}{2}$ an hour; orders were issued that enemy scouts if seen were to be allowed to come up to the trench before being shot. It is thought this may accustom enemy to lull in firing.

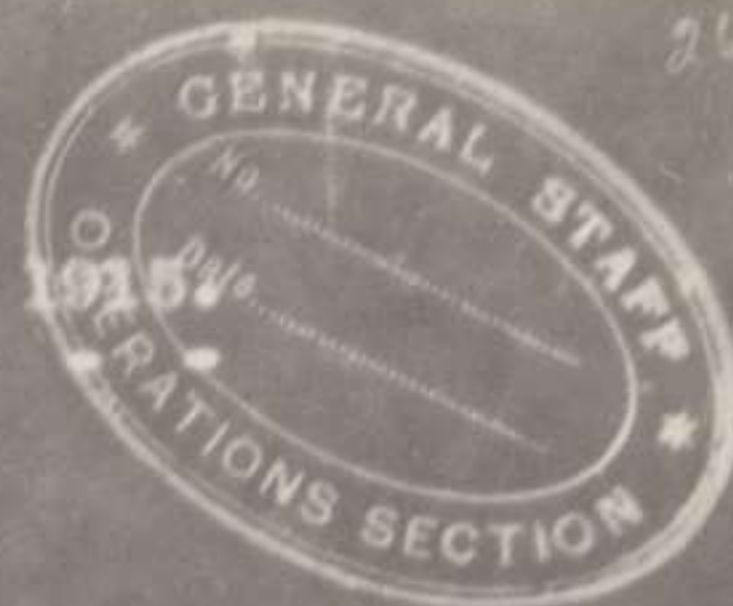
SOUTHERN SECTION.

Right Section. (R.N. Division). Work on improvement of firing line, deepening communications and construction of redoubts continued.

Left Section (42nd Division). During the night the enemy's mine head at the GRIDIRON was blown in, and a counter-mine exploded, by this Division.

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From 6 am. 16th to 6 am. 17th December, 1915



NORTHERN SECTION.

A quiet day; very little activity was displayed by the enemy's artillery, probably owing to the activity of our aeroplanes.

A N Z A C.

No. 1 Section, (68.G.7.) to (68.B.5.), 1st Australian Division.

Enemy consistently shelled the beach near WILLIAM'S PIER.

GENERAL. A fire broke out about midnight in the supply depot at NORTH BEACH causing a great glare in the sky for some hours. Part of the 21st Battalion turned out promptly and prevented it from spreading. The cause of the outbreak is unknown. Extra precautions were at once taken to prevent other fires.

SOUTHERN SECTION.

Centre Section, ~~XXXXXX~~ 52nd Division. It is thought that an H.E. shell has knocked out a Turkish trench mortar.

G. S. 262/116.

9th CORPS: SUMMARY OF EVENTS.

From 6 am. 17th to 6 am. 18th December, 1915.

Turkish artillery inactive till towards dusk, when LALA BABA was shelled by a 5.9" howitzer behind 'W' Hill, not definitely located. The ammunition used was exceptionally good.

All sections had a quiet day.

Enemy were working in their trenches during night, opposite 'A' Section, and were driving in stakes opposite Centre sub-section of 'B' Section.

Two deserters surrendered to 'D' Sections, one belonging to 33rd Regiment, and the other to 126th Regiment, both of XIth Division.

Casualties reported 16th December :-

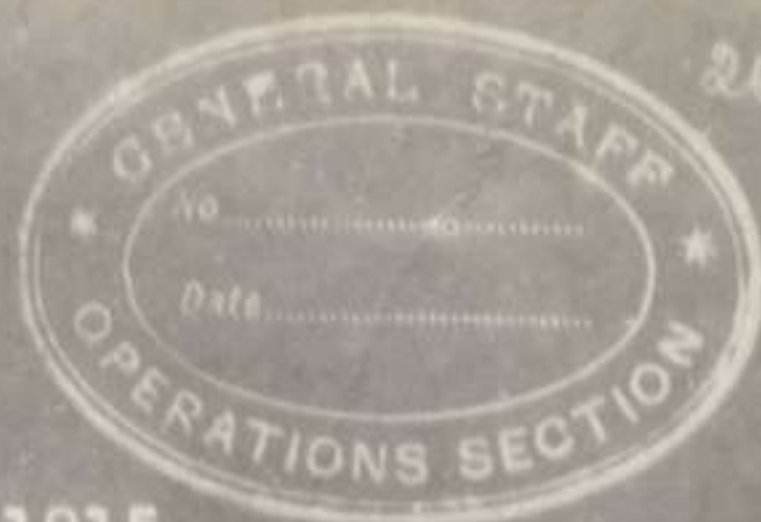
	Officers.	O.R.
Killed.	-	9
Wounded.	-	18
Missing.	-	-
Sick (evacuated).	Total. -	100 (walking cases.)
	Total.	<u>127</u>

M. MAGNIAC.

Major,

for Lieut-General,

Commanding 9th Corps.



S I T U A T I O N.

From 6 am. 18th to 6 am. 19th December, 1915.

NORTHERN SECTION.

A very quiet 24 hours. A little shell fire on the beaches, but the weather was for the most part misty, and this probably accounted for the inactivity of the enemy's guns.

The evacuation proceeded smoothly and punctually in accordance with programme and Operation Order No. 13, dated 14th December.

SOUTHERN SECTION.

Retaliation for enemy's artillery fire during the day.
Turkish bivouacs were shelled at night.

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No.183.

Captain Peyton



8TH CORPS.

DAILY REPORT FROM 0600 19th TO 0600 20th DECEMBER, 1915.

ARTILLERY. Monitors opened fire at 1400. At 1415 Batteries opened fire to cover the operations of the 42nd and 52nd Divisions, which was maintained till enemy's artillery fire ceased. Turkish reinforcements coming down the ACHI BABA and KRITHIA NULLAHS were effectively shelled. Batteries co-operated with infantry in repelling counter-attacks during the night and shelled Turkish communications at intervals. The French artillery co-operated effectively.

INFANTRY. (Right Section R.N. Division). During the attack by the 52nd Division, this Division co-operated with rifle and machine gun fire. The Dumezil Mortars proved effective. Several good targets being presented.

Centre Section (52nd Division). On the explosion of the mines at 1415, two attacks were delivered one on the Western portion of G.12 the other on the Western end of G.11a. The Eastern attack was completely successful and the position was consolidated and barricades erected. The Western attack pushed up G.11 to a point 20 yards short of the communication trench running N. from the centre of G.11a, where a bomb proof work was encountered which held up repeated attacks made on it. Barricades were erected opposite this work and in the communication trench running N. and immediately E. of KRITHIA NULLAH, which was enfiladed by a Turkish machine gun. A barricade was erected across W. KRITHIA NULLAH with a good field of fire up the NULLAH. About 1830 the Turks captured the barricade erected on the E. bank of E. KRITHIA NULLAH, which was gallantly recaptured by the 5th H.L.I. at 1900. The Turks twice attacked G.12 across the open during the night but were repulsed on both occasions. Consolidation of the position is progressing favourably.

Left Section (42nd Division). The mines exploded punctually
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at 1415. At FUSILIER BLUFF there was no smoke and only a small furrow was formed, which afforded no cover to the grenadiers who advanced at once but could not maintain their position in the open. The damage done to the trenches in the left sub-section by artillery fire was not serious.

At the GRIDIRON, H.13c, two ends of the Turkish trench were exposed and grenading parties advanced up them and established barricades. At the same time consolidating parties occupied the crater and commenced a new fire trench on the front edge of it. At 2115 the enemy counter-attacked and succeeded in reoccupying their trench, but were driven out by the 7th Lancashire Fusiliers. During the night barricades were erected 20 yards up the Western and 15 yards up the Eastern ends of the exposed Turkish trench. Damage to trenches and wire by enemy's shell fire have been repaired.

CASUALTIES. 18.12.15. Killed O.R. 9 Wounded O.R. 29.

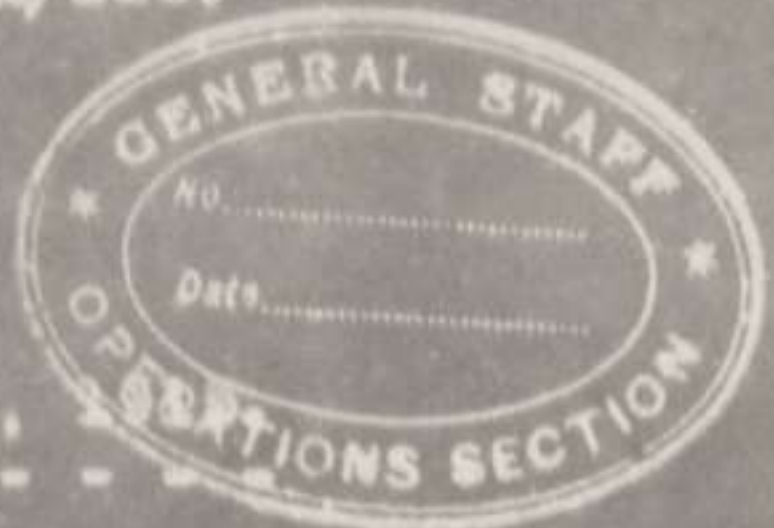
EVACUATED. 19.12.15. N I L.

20.12.15.

(sgd.) FRANCIS DAVIES.
Lieutenant-General.
Commanding 8th Army Corps.

Lieut Peyton

G.S. 262/118.



9th CORPS: SUMMARY OF EVENTS.

From 6 am. 19th to 6 am. 20th December, 1915.

The morning passed quietly and there was a good deal of haze which must have obscured the enemy's view. The weather was warm and the air perfectly still. Towards noon the sun began to disperse the mist and the Turks opened fire with what appeared to be a 5.9" howitzer from the direction of 'W' Hill and searched the Western edge of LALA BABA. One shell struck the South Pier, but luckily, though it struck the edge of one of the cribs, did little damage beyond breaking the roadway which was quickly repaired.

The day passed quietly on other sections of the front.

The evacuation proceeded expeditiously and quietly according to programme, with no aggressive action on the part of the enemy. On the left the time required to get parties back from the extreme left of the line had been slightly under-estimated, and it was not until 0515 that it was possible to report the complete evacuation of SUVLA? including the very few casualties that had occurred during the retirement.

Casualties reported 18th December:-

	Officers.*	O.R.
Killed.	-	2
Wounded.	1	2
Missing.	-	-
Sick (evacuated.)	<u>2</u>	<u>14</u>
	<u>3</u>	<u>18</u>

(Sgd) F. S. FULLER, Lt-Col.

for Lieut-General.

Commanding 9th Corps.

8th ARMY CORPS: DAILY REPORT.

From 0600 20th to 0600 21st December, 1915.



ARTILLERY.

Fire was kept on E. KRITHIA NULLAH whenever movement there was observed. Movements North of the WINDMILLS were engaged. During the night bursts of fire were opened, at intervals, by the Right Group on the KRITHIA NULLAHs and communication trench from G.11.a. to G.12.c. was also shelled. Left and Counter-Groups retaliated for enemy's artillery fire during the day.

INFANTRY.

Right Section, R.N. Division. The enemy fired bombs from some form of thrower and also a few rifle grenades against the right sub-section, but soon desisted when replied to.

Opposite the Left sub-section the Turks were exceptionally quiet. Work continued on the deepening of fire trenches and construction of narrow shelters also on deep dug-outs in rear of the HORSE SHOE.

Centre Section, 52nd Division. The consolidation of the trenches captured on the 19th inst. was continued. A new communication trench has been commenced to run South from the captured part of G.11.a. parallel with W. KRITHIA NULLAH. At about 2010 a Turkish working party in E. KRITHIA NULLAH was fired on by a machine gun of the right sub-section. The Turks at once opened rapid rifle fire from their trenches E. of the NULLAH. The enemy's grenadiers were more active than usual opposite Sap 30 and WORCESTER BARRICADE, but were eventually silenced by retaliation.

Left Section, 42nd Division. Work in craters occupied on the 19th inst. progressing satisfactorily. All damage done by Turkish bombardment has now been repaired. Work was continued on the support and reserve lines, and wire has been placed in GULLY RAVINE where it joins the Support Line.

CASUALTIES. 19.12.15. Killed; officers 5: O.R. 38.
Wounded. " 15: " 225.

EVACUATED. NIL.

(Sgd) FRANCIS DAVIES, Lt-General,
Commanding 8th Corps.

Capt. Peyton

No. 185.

8th CORPS.DAILY REPORT FROM 0600 21st to 0600 22nd December, 1915.

ARTILLERY. Working parties and movements were engaged by day and communications and trenches between the E. & W. KRITHIA NULLAHS were shelled during the night.

Fire was opened at 1800 on Turks who were attacking from H.13c and J.12c. The attack was repulsed and fire stopped at 1840.

INFANTRY. Right Section (R.N. Division). The trenches in this section were somewhat damaged by the storm especially between A.12 and A.26 in the right sub-section. A machine gun in G.11 was struck by lightning and damaged. The Turkish artillery was active during the period. A small party of Turks with white packs were seen creeping towards the left sub-section, during the night, but retired when fired on.

Centre Section (52nd Division). At about 0600 8 Turks advanced from a mine crater opposite No.9 Grenade Station on the W. of W. KRITHIA NULLAH and threw some grenades. They were quickly dispersed by rifle fire and grenades. At about 0700 this morning a party of Turks under cover of a shower of grenades rushed No.6 Grenade Station (G.11a), they were driven out and the line re-established. Detailed report not yet received.

Work chiefly confined to drainage of trenches. More wire was put out in front of the Left Sub-section.

Left Section (42nd Division). At about 1800 the enemy rifle opened heavy fire E. of the GULLY RAVINE and at 1820 attempted to force their way down the loop trenches at the GRIDIRON but were repulsed by grenadiers. The Turks threw a good many grenades in the vicinity of EASTERN BIRDCAGE but were silenced by retaliation.

No damage to BORDER BARRICADE by the storm.

CASUALTIES. 20.12.15. Killed O.R.16. Wounded Officers 2
EVACUATED. 21.12.15. N I L. O.R. 86.

(Sgd.) FRANCIS DAVIES,
Lieut. General.
Commanding 8th Corps.
22.12.15.

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No. 186.

8th ARMY CORPS: DAILY REPORT.

From 0600 22nd to 0600 23rd December, 1915.



ARTILLERY.

working parties and Turks in the open were engaged several times with good effect. Retaliation for enemy's artillery fire. A machine gun in J.14 near the RAVINE was engaged and has been moved.

INFANTRY.

No. 1 Section, R.N. Division. The enemy were inactive, except their artillery which shelled this section at intervals. Several small parties of Turks seen repairing their parapet were dispersed by rifle fire. The condition of the fire trenches is improving, but communications are still bad. Drainage of trenches is being carried on.

No. 2 Section, 52nd Division. The enemy shelled the right sub-section during the day especially ST. VINCENT STREET. Two Turks who crept up towards the Barricade in G.11a were shot. Drainage of trenches and repair of parapets in progress. A new barricade was erected in W.KRITHIA NULLAH.

No. 3 Section, 29th Division. A quiet 24 hours, during which there was some retaliatory grenade throwing. At 1600 a Turk was shot in the open behind a support trench.

Work on drainage of trenches and communications carried on.

No. 4 Section, 42nd Division. Two Turks in H.16^{and one} opposite EASTERN BIRDCAGE were shot. Telescopic rifles were used with good effect on the enemy in H.13c.

Good progress has been made with the consolidation of the position at the GRIDIRON.

CASUALTIES. 21.12.15. Killed, O.R. 18.
Wounded. Officers 5, O.R. 55.

EVACUATED. 22.12.15. Officers, 1: O.R., 34.

(Sgd) FRANCIS DAVIES,

23rd Dec. 1915.

Lieut-General,
Commanding 8th Army Corps.

Capt Puxton

No. 187.

8TH CORPS.DAILY REPORT from 0600 23rd to 0600 24th December, 1915.

ARTILLERY. Several parties of Turks moving in the open were shelled and dispersed. Vigorous retaliation with guns and howitzers on Turkish trenches, KRITHIA, and bivouacs, for their fire.

INFANTRY. No.1 Section R.N. Division. A quiet day. Condition of fire and support trenches is improving but communications are still very bad. The Turkish trenches opposite left subsection appear to be flooded. Work continued on drainage of trenches, wiring of BSKI LINE and construction of deep dug-outs.

No.2 Section 52nd Division. Fire was opened on a Turkish working party in F.11. More wire put out in front of Grenade Stations and repairs to parapets and drainage continued.

No.3 Section. 29th Division. Some retaliatory grenading otherwise a quiet day.

No.4 Section 42nd Division. Telescopic rifles were used with good effect especially from SPITHEAD yesterday. Work on new line at the GRIDIRON progressing.

CASUALTIES. 22.12.15. Killed Officers 1, O.R. 17.
Wounded Officers 1, O.R. 50.

EVACUATED. 23.12.15. Officers NIL, O.R. 23.

24.12.15.

(sgd.) FRANCIS DAVIES,
Lieutenant-General,
Commanding 8th Army Corps.

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No. 188.

Capt Poyton
8th CORPS.



DAILY REPORT from 0600 24th to 0600 25th December, 1915.

ARTILLERY. Enemy working parties and Turks moving about outside trenches were engaged. Vigorous retaliation was made to enemy's bombardment of No. 1 Section. Enemy's communications were shelled periodically during the night.

INFANTRY. No. 1 Section R.N. Division. The enemy's artillery were active against this section and at 1315 commenced a heavy bombardment of firing line, support and Reserve trenches, which was maintained for about half an hour.

Considerable damage was done to parapets in the right subsection. A Turkish working party at K.1 was dispersed by rifle fire during the night. The condition of communication trenches is improving.

No. 2 Section 52nd Division. Snipers accounted for 7 Turks opposite North VINEYARD grenade station. Repairs were effected where trenches had been damaged by bombardment.

No. 3 Section 29th Division. The enemy were very quiet opposite this section. Some retaliatory grenade throwing took place. Three patrols sent out during the night from the right of the section report that the enemy trenches are strongly held at night. A considerable amount of barbed wire was put out in front of the firing line and 200 yards of entanglement erected in the Redoubt line.

No. 4 Section 42nd Division. 127th and South Eastern Mounted Brigades relieved the 125th and 126th Brigades in the right and left subsections respectively. Work on trenches and communications continued.

CASUALTIES. 23.12.15. Killed Officers 1, O.R. 17.
Wounded Officers 1, O.R. 50.

EVACUATED. 24.12.15. Officers NIL, O.R. 25.

25.12.15.

(sgd.) FRANCIS DAVIES,
Lieut. General.
Commanding 8th Army Corps.

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No. 199.

Captain Peyton



8TH CORPS.

DAILY REPORT from 0600 25th to 0600 26th December, 1915.

ARTILLERY. Vigorous retaliation to enemy's bombardment. Working parties and body of troops fixed on. Registration of new batteries continued.

INFANTRY. No.1 Section R.N. Division. Enemy quiet along the whole front except for a short intense bombardment of reserve lines round ACHI BABA Nullah. Work continued on drainage and trenches.

No.2 Section. 52nd Division. The whole of the front and support line trenches from ACHI BABA Nullah to junction with 29th Division was heavily shelled from 1500 to 1530. No developments. Parapets repaired and more wire put out.

No.3 Section. 29th Division. Improving position. Putting out more obstacles. Deepening and drainage of fire and communication trenches continued.

No.4 Section. 42nd Division. Fire withheld from 1700 till 2100 when a Turkish working party was observed close to the GRIDIRON and was driven off by grenades. A heavy fire broke out along the Turkish trenches and was maintained till about 2145. Improvement of trenches proceeded with.

CASUALTIES. 24.12.15. Killed Officers NIL O.R. 6.
Wounded Officers NIL O.R. 25.

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EVACUATED. 25.12.15. Officers 5 O.R. 89.

W.H.
(sgd.) FRANCIS DAVIES.

Lieutenant-General.

26.12.15.

Commanding 8th Army Corps.

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No. 189.

Captain Peyton



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8TH CORPS.

DAILY REPORT from 0600 26th to 0600 27th December, 1915.

ARTILLERY. Several Turkish working parties engaged with effect.

Enemy's communications and bivouacs shelled during the night. Retaliation for hostile artillery fire.

INFANTRY. No.1 Section R.N. Division. With the exception of some shelling the enemy were inactive during the day and no patrols were observed during the night. Work continued on drainage and repairs to parapets. The rain again made communications bad in places.

No.2 Section 52nd Division. 155th Brigade relieved 157th Brigade. More wire put out and work on improvement of trenches continued.

No.3 Section 29th Division. Some grenading during the day. One Turkish sniper was killed. Draining and deepening of trenches continued. With exception of some small gaps the front is now completely wired.

No.4 Section 42nd Division. A counter-mine was fired by the Tunnelling Company near GAWLEY'S CRATER no ground surface was broken. Work on improvement of trenches continued.

CASUALTIES. 25.12.15. Killed - Officer 1, O.R. 17.
Wounded - Officers 2, O.R. 66.

EVACUATED. 26.12.15. Officers 2, O.R. 102.

(sgd.) FRANCIS DAVIES,
Lieutenant-General.
Commanding 8th Army Corps.

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No.191.

Captain Leyton



8TH CORPS.

DAILY REPORT from 0600 27th to 0600 28th December, 1915.

ARTILLERY. Enemy movements and working parties shelled at intervals during the day. A vigorous retaliation was made to enemy's bombardment and infantry report enemy's parapets badly damaged. Some registration.

INFANTRY. No.1 Section R.N. Division. Enemy heavily bombarded the left sub-section from 1330 to dusk, including support and reserve lines. Some communication trenches damaged. Grenading of enemy sap opposite A.25 drew considerable rifle fire. Work continued on drainage and repair of trenches.

No.2 Section 52nd Division. Some shelling of right sub-section especially about junction with R.N.D. Work on improvement of trenches and communications continued.

No.3 Section 29th Division. Grenadiers of this Division were active at the GRIDIRON. 127th Brigade (42nd Division) was relieved along portion of the line from present left to GULLY RAVINE with exception of 3 posts and 3 machine guns. - the latter retained to enfilade front of FORWARD INCH. Drainage and improvement of trenches continued and more wire put out.

No.4 Section 42nd Division. 127th Brigade was relieved during the night by the 87th Brigade. Position at GRIDIRON now capable of being improved by daylight.

CASUALTIES. 26.12.15. Killed - Officers Nil O.R. 9.
Wounded - " 2 " 44.

EVACUATED. 27.12.15. Officers 6, O.R. 119.

28.12.15.

(sgd.) FRANCIS DAVIES,
Lieutenant-General.
Commanding 8th Army Corps.

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No. 192.

Captain Haydon

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DAILY REPORT from 0600 28th to 0600 29th December, 1915.

ARTILLERY. Registration of targets. Enemy working parties and movements engaged at intervals during the day. A retaliation of enemy's bombardment was effected on "H" trenches and suspected emplacements in KRITHIA were bombarded by the 60 pounders at the same time.

INFANTRY. No.1 Section R.N. Division. Enemy shelled the trenches and bivouacs at intervals during the day. Enemy were inactive during the night and no enemy patrols were encountered. Parapets were repaired and improvement of communication trenches continued.

No.2 Section 52nd Division. Fire was opened on enemy working parties in F.12 and more wire put out in front of grenade stations. Drainage and improvement of trenches continued. A new barricade erected across the W. KRITHIA NULLAH which connects the southern end of ROSEBERRY STREET with the new communication trench leading up to G.11a and a new sally port into E. KRITHIA NULLAH from G.12 was completed.

No.3 Section 29th Division. A greater volume of rifle fire than usual was directed on those parts of the enemy lines which had been damaged by artillery bombardment. Wire trestles put out and work on redoubt line. A new communication trench commenced and improvement of trenches continued.

No.4 Section. 13th Division. The 39th Brigade relieved the 127th Brigade and 4th Bn. East Lancs. Regiment (42nd Division). Improvement of trenches continued.

CASUALTIES. 27.12.15. Killed Officers 1, O.R. 40.
Wounded. Officers 3, O.R. 84.

EVACUATED. 28.12.15. Officers 10. O.R. 132.

29.12.15.

(sgd.) FRANCIS DAVIES.
Lieutenant-General.
Commanding 8th Army Corps.

Captain Peyton



DAILY REPORT from 0600 29th to 0600 30th December, 1915.

ARTILLERY. Vigorous retaliation to enemy's bombardment. Operations in conjunction with 52nd Division (q.v.). Various enemy movements engaged.

INFANTRY. No.1 Section R.N. Division. Some damage done by enemy artillery fire. An enemy working party, with covering patrol, dispersed by rifle fire and grenades at 0400. Improvements of trenches continued.

No.2 Section 52nd Division. 155th Brigade, at 1300, attacked remaining portion of G.lla. Two mines were successfully exploded completely blocking and obscuring all trace of G.lla. Barricades were erected in communication trenches in G.lla and G.lla. 26 Turks in G.lla finding their retreat cut off, surrendered. Captured trench was consolidated and barricades erected. Enemy counter-attacked three times at 1700 when all were either shot down or threw themselves back on their trench; other small parties shortly afterwards assaulted but were all shot down. At 2200 a grenade attack was delivered on a barricade in G.lla and again at 2300 a determined attack was made on the same barricade and was driven off., three Turks who reached it being killed. Trenches were heavily shelled by shrapnel and H.E. between 1300 and 1430 and again between 1650 and 1750.

All positions gained were held and consolidation proceeding satisfactorily. Casualties - Officers 2 Killed, 7 wounded. Other Ranks 14 killed, 37 wounded. Repairing and improvement of trenches continued.

No.3 Section. 29th Division. Assisted in offensive of 52nd Division. The communication trench along which enemy reinforcements were hurried forward was blocked by machine gun fire. They then jumped on to their parapets, but were driven back again by grenade and rifle fire. They made no further attempt to leave their trenches or even open fire and their /casualties.

casualties are estimated 30-40. At 1700 the trenches were heavily bombarded and enemy fixed bayonets but were bombed from all sap heads and made no attempt to leave trenches. Enemy on W. of KRITHIA NULLAH were prevented from participating in the operation. Trenches improved and more wire put out and with the exception of a few gaps the whole front is now wired.

No.4 Section. 13th Division. 39th Brigade relieved S.E.M. Brigade. - Improvement of trenches continued.

CASUALTIES - 29.12.15. Killed - Officers Nil O.R. 16.
Wounded - Officers 4. O.R. 69.

EVACUATED. - 28.12.15. Officers 11. O.R. 169.

(sgd.) FRANCIS DAVIES.

Lieutenant-General.

30.12.15.

Commanding 8th Army Corps.

8th ARMY CORPS: DAILY REPORT.

From 0600 30th December to 0600 31st December, 1915.



ARTILLERY.

During the day 754 rounds from field guns and 274 rounds from field guns and 274 rounds from howitzers were fired in retaliation of enemy's bombardment. Counter-group replied to enemy artillery. During the night enemy field guns were shelled.

INFANTRY.

No. 1 Section, R.N. Division.

Except for some shelling and the firing of a few stick grenades, the enemy were quiet during the day. A few Turks were seen during the night, but none approached the trenches of this Division.

No. 2 Section, 52nd Division.

Enemy's artillery shelled the right sub-section from 1300 to 1700 doing damage to trenches and causing some casualties. About 1900 the Turks succeeded in blowing up "O" Grenade Station, but were driven back and the barricade was rebuilt. Consolidation of the captured trench (G.11a) continued.

No. 3 Section, 29th Division.

Normal firing and sniping. A good deal of grenading at the GRIDIRON.

Two grenade sections were sent, in the evening, to assist the 155th Brigade in the KRITHIA NULLAH subsection.

Improvement of trenches and work on deep dug-outs continued. The wiring of FUSILIER STREET and REDOUBT line completed.

No. 4 Section, 13th Division.

Grenadiers obtained several direct hits on enemy trenches. Improvement of trenches continued.

CASUALTIES. 29.12.15. Killed; officers 2; o.r. 27.
Wounded. " 9 " 97.

EVACUATED. 30.12.15. Officers, 1, o.r. 92.

(Sgd) FRANCIS DAVIES,

Lt-General,

31st December, 1915.

Commanding 8th Army Corps.