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Title: 21st Infantry Battalion

October 1915



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Date. 1915	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
October 1 st	ANZAC.	We fired a few farland grenades from B Coy trenches. The enemy replied with 4 75MM shells - Casualties nil	
2		Nothing of importance happened. Sniping & Engineering works were carried out.	
3		It was reported that enemy were showing Red light on ridge left of JOHNSTONE'S JOLLY - Enemy were working at entanglements opposite COURTNEY'S and QUINN'S. were stopped by machine gun fire & bombs.	
4		1910 Lt Col HUTCHINSON reported & took over command of this unit. Enemy shelled our trenches very heavily from direction of BATTLESHIP HILL & from GUN RIDGE. Parapets & traverses were damaged. - Casualties four wounded.	
5		Usual Sniping & Engineering work. - Nothing of importance	

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Date. 1915	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
Oct. 6	ANZAC.	Enemy working during day & night improving his trenches	
	between 2100-0400	The enemy put up 3 rockets & two flares: Casualties one	
4		Nothing of importance. Usual sniping	
8	2000	Enemy opened up heavy rifle & machine gun fire on our	
		line which lasted for about half an hour. It is not	
		thought that this was meant as a demonstration, but that	
		he became "gumpy" owing to the storm which broke	
		at that particular time.	
9	1715	None in D21E was fired. Results satisfactory	
10		Nothing of importance took place.	
11		Usual sniping - We had two casualties (1 killed 1 wounded)	
12	0750	Enemy shelled our trenches with 12 pounders.	
	1000	Parapets damaged - Casualties nil	

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13	ANTLAC.	Nothing of importance	
14		Usual sniping - we had 1 Casualty.	
15		Nothing of importance	
16	0400	<p>We made a demonstration one or two rounds were fired from different posts along our line; dummies were shown during the lull in the firing - men cheered & "loper" orders were shouted - Very little fire was drawn from the enemy. Enemy's machine guns were used very sparingly - contrary to their usual custom - which gave the impression that the enemy knew of the demonstration.</p> <p>We had two Casualties (both wounded - 1 being Lieut. A. J. Brown "C" Coy.) The enemy later attempted to fire sticks of bombs into our trenches, but failed, later this mortar was reported to have been destroyed by our guns on</p>	PLUCES PLATEAU.

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17	F.N.Z.A.C.	Enemy very quiet - both day & night -	
18		Nothing of importance - Two messages written in Turkish were thrown by us into enemy's trenches. We erected some wire entanglements (French wire interlaced with barbed) in front of our trenches.	
19	0800	Several of enemy exposed themselves & went to our mine at COURTNEY'S who also showed themselves & exchanged cigarettes with the Turks - This matter was fully reported to Bde.	
	0830	Ad. Leankers Enemy's Artillery opened fire on our trenches with 6 "Howitzers" & 75 M.M. - Bombardment lasted about one hour. Casualties (2 wounded).	
20		Particularly quiet - both day & night.	
21	11430	Our trenches were shelled by the enemy - Result - Several	
	1700	Carapets were destroyed. Casualties Nil.	
22	between 1400 1500	Twelve large "Blitz" bombs were fired into our trenches. No damage was done.	

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Date.	Place and Time.			Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
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Oct 23	ANZAC	1000	Mine exploded in our s.d. of Tunnel (COURTNEYS) with good effect.	
24			Very quiet both day & night.	
25	..		Four or five large Slick bombs were fired into our trenches. No damage was done to trenches. Casualties (1 wounded).	
26	..	214.5	Enemy exploded a mine near our D 16 trench, but did no damage to us.	
27	..		Nothing of importance - We had one man killed (Expd)	
28	..		Very quiet both day & night. We had 1 man wounded.	
29	..	1720	Eight 6" Shells were fired into COURTNEY'S POST by enemy, but only one communication trench slightly damaged - No casualties.	
30	..		Nothing of military importance.	
31	..	1720	Enemy fired several 6" shells into our trenches. No damage was done.	

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