

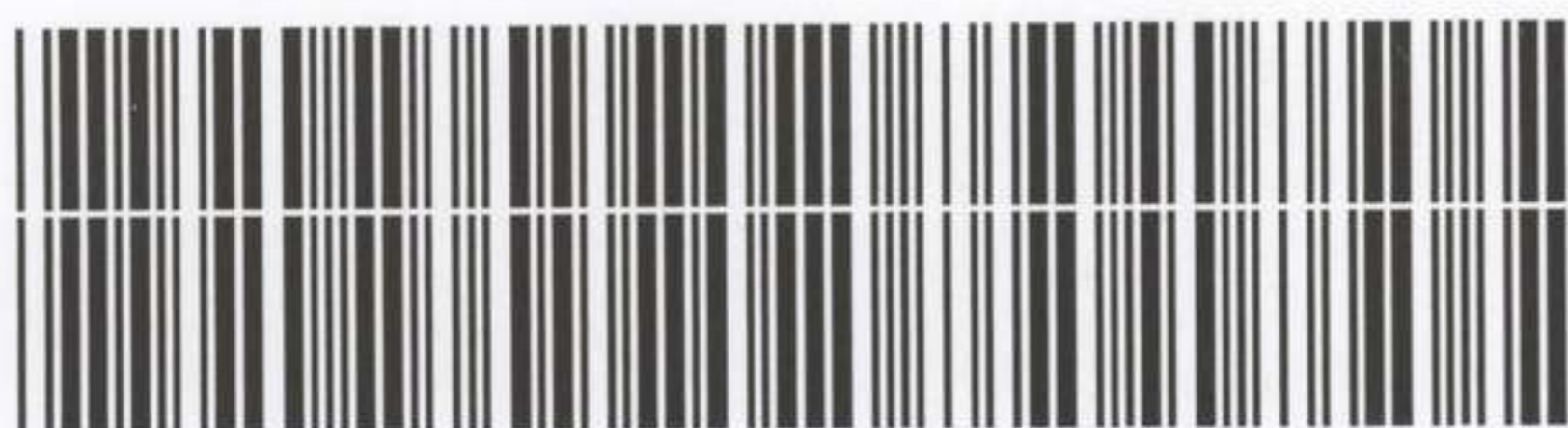
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18th Battalion A.I.F.
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Oct. 1st. 6th Bty. F.A. arranged to drop shells on road to Chunak Bair tonight at 5 sec. intervals. Pointed out 3rd M.G. over shaft. Arranged for 17th Siege to fire on M.G. 'Jacko' still at work.

Oct. 2nd. At 0430 heard Pope's shouting out 'Stand to Arms'. 17th Siege fired on Chessboard but did not shift guns. Six inch shells fell on our post at Monash Gully. Second in Snipers ^{Jay} 3rd. A few yards to my left into dug-out, one on Latrines &

(The original of above appears on the same sheet as entries for previous month and will be found with the diary for that month).

2 others on Todd Rd. ¹⁸⁹⁰ Saw movement of
Lurks to left - (about 19 in Party) at 1800.

Oct 3rd
0005 Yesterday we broke through to Lurk's
gallery & found the blow had been successful.
Very warm today - nothing much doing.

Oct 4th Artillery duel at 0900 to 0940. 75's & coal
bates. no damage reported.

Oct 5th very quiet today

Oct 6th sent party to trench - report of Lurk's
there in small section. everything
very quiet all night.

Oct 7th Beattie Byrne, Paine promoted to Lt. Roper
to Capt & Wether to Major. Everything quiet all day.
Just heard report that Lurk's now
using gases. (report since denied)
a few wounded.

Oct 8th 75 got to our no 2 Post wounded 4
men in one hit - one man dead.
Rained a little. Lurk's fired wildly
for 1/2 hr at the wind.

Oct 9th Storm last night wrecked Amzac.
Boats, wharf stones etc on beach.
New firing line nearly complete.
Only 1/2 gallon water for some time now. Hear

only $4\frac{1}{2}$ days supply here.

- Oct 10th Bully beef had another visit from the 75th.
 Broke one man's leg with sandbag.
 Ray came along today. Hear that two
 spies are at work along our front.
 New orders out promoting Bloomfield
 to 1st Lieut. My app^{nt} to 18th Bn to date 22/8/15
 Over at Hill 60 Turks lost direction
 & blew up their own trench.
- Oct 11th Sent officers down to 18th took Turks
 down to Crater to coat others over. No good.
- Oct 12th In afternoon met Sir Ian Hamilton
 who went through trenches.
- Oct 13th In bed ill (getting worse since
 Sept 29th) Turks tried to blow us up
 New firing line opened
- " 14th X
- " 15th Moved to 5th Field Ambulance.
- " 20th plenty of birds about, heavy shelling.
- 21st very windy all day & night.
- 24th geese flying overhead today.
 Turks fired 26 shells at one spot -
 near Braeville - no damage but cut wires



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- Oct 25th Beautiful day. Atmosphere very clear. Lt Ferguson back last night. Feel much better today - getting up for 15 minutes. Blew a mine at Russel Top last night but not a great success formed a crater.
- Oct 26th Very cold. a lot of shelling going on just now. A bomb put 13th MG out of action last night no one hurt. Heavy firing from seaward all day.
- Oct 27th Close & Windy, very heavy firing all day.
- Oct 28th Very close - had had turn tonight.
- Oct 29th Close & dull. Explosion up Warg Gully. Lt Thom killed along with 30 others.
- 30th x
- " 31st Over 50 large bombs on R. Top last night. 4 injured. Very windy night.