

AWM4
Australian Imperial Force unit war diaries,
1914-18 War

Infantry

Item number: 23/30/13

Title: 13th Infantry Battalion

November 1915



AWM4-23/30/13

VOLUME I

28

Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
1-11-15	SS "Osmanieh" ANZAC 0400	Sailed for IMBROS & anchored inside boom at KEPHALOS before daybreak	
	IMBROS -	Further case of mumps in 8 th Reinforcements	
		1920 Sailed, arriving at ANZAC at 2010. Disembarked at WALKERS PIER & marched to WATER-COURSE GULLY.	
2-11-15	ANZAC -	Barracked in WATER-COURSE GULLY	2/2 Lieut G.E. KNOX to hospital (appendicitis)
3-11-15	" 1000	Took over DURRANTS POST from 28 th BN. 13 th BN Nos 1 & 2 sections, 14 th BN nos 3, 4, 5 & 6 sections	
		1500 Took over further frontage on our right from 27 th BN (see sketch) Whole post from 80 D 9 (approx) to AGHYL DERE under Major J.M.A. DURRANT. 1 wounded, 3 sick to hospital	
4-11-15	DURRANTS POST	1 wounded. Sub-section redivided:-	No 1 Post
5-11-15	" -	killed 1 wounded 3 sick. Commenced new fire trench in No 1 Post. Scrub-cutting & wire fixing at night	No 2 " No 3 "

C.11056.

11.2

29

Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
6-XI-15	DURRANTS POST -	3 sick to hospital aka Epidemic of jaundice amongst "old hands". Sent out patrols at night.	
7-XI-15	do. -	4 sick. Patrolled AGHYL DERE at night.	
8-XI-16	" -	4 sick - installed "regimental snipers" under a sniping NCO. Telescope-sight rifle in use, very effective but not sighted over 600 yds.	
9-XI-15	do.	3 sick to hospital. Lieut H.C. FORD, rejoined. Patrols, wire-fixing etc. do usual.	
10-XI-15	do -	4 to hospital. Patrols as usual. ^{Major S.C.E. HEARINGS} HACKNEY WICK attached unsuccessfully by 16 th B.Y. made use of direction sticks for night firing.	
11-XI-15	do	1 wounded. Snipers accounted for a German (?) officer & a Turkish sniper. Turks observed working near HACKNEY WICK.	
12-XI-15	do	3 to hospital. Started construction of underground support shelters	

C.11066.

Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
13-XI-15	DURRANTS POST	2 to hospital.	63 other ranks rejoined from hospital & arrived without sufficient clothing or blankets ^{rifles} & equipment.
14-XI-15	"	2 to hospital.	snipers accounted for two more. total to date four. Machine guns fired on turkish working parties on HACKNEY WICK at 0100 & 0200.
15-XI-15	"	2 to hospital.	Patrols etc as usual. 38 special men detailed
16-XI-15	"	2 to hospital.	Snipers accounted for two more turks. ^{as miners.}
17-XI-15	"	1 to hospital.	Snipers tally. 1 more - total to date 7.
18-XI-15	"	1 killed, 1 to hospital.	
19-XI-15	"	1 killed, 5 to hospital.	Major J.M.A. DURRANT to hospital.
20-XI-15	"	1 to hospital.	Major S.C.E. HERRING assumed command of B & N.I. ent-section mining & engineering works progressing favourably & on a systematic basis. Lieut F.M. BARTON rejoined

C.11055.

11.4

31

Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
21/xi/15	Durrants Post		Completed tunnel to new firing line on left of N:1 Post. 1 sick to hospital
22/xi/15	"		Every available man employed in the construction of underground winter quarters. 2 to hospital
23/xi/15	"		Enemy observed to be using steel loopholes for first time. Party sent out to intercept Turkish patrol but without success. 5 to hospital
24/xi/15	" 2100		Ruse of silence commenced. For 48 hours all guns, rifles etc will be silenced in order to lead enemy to believe that the force is evacuating. 14 to hospital.
25/xi/15	"		Enemy's snipers have command of CHAILAK DERE due to inaction of our snipers. Silence still maintained. 3 to hospital
26/xi/15	"		Turks seen moving openly about & exposing themselves in their trenches. Became very jumpy during afternoon & seem to expect an attack by us. Ruse extended till midnight 27/xi/15
			1 to hospital

C.11056.

4

11.5

32

Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
27/xi/15	Dominant Post	N.Z. Inf Bde reported turks to be massing in trenches in vicinity of FARM. at 1345 our artillery commenced a heavy bombardment of these trenches. Turks did not reply with rifle fire. Snow commenced falling at about 2300.	
28/xi/15	"	Ruse of silence terminated at midnight. 7 ² to hospital. Men suffering from effects of cold. 10 to hospital. Our snipers silenced those who were firing down CHAILAK DERE. Patrolling very difficult on account of condition of western slopes AGHYL DERE.	
29/xi/15	"	Sniping tally now eight. Winter quarters almost complete. 3 to hospital. Patrols etc as usual	
30/xi/15	"	Completed underground kitchen. Men still suffering from effects of cold. 7 with foot-bite. 7 sent to hospital.	

C.11056.

57