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Courtneys Post	5/11/15	1800	The enemy was heard picking within about 6' of D9A4 in which a sand-bag barricade was made and 6 men posted in case the enemy broke through.	
		2230	A Turk mine exploded in D26.	
		2240	Another explosion occurred in the vicinity of D9A4	
		0040	Engineer Corporal was taken from D26 suffering from the accumulated effect of gunpowder gases	
			Lieut ^{Picot} Blaney returned from Hospital	
			1 man killed & 1 wounded owing to one of our grenades exploding almost instantaneously	
	6/11/15		Lt Blaney went to Hospital.	
		1530	A Turkish aeroplane dropped a bomb on Pope's Post	
		1535	Parapets of No 1 damaged by shell fire - No casualties	
	2/11/15	1145	Post shelled by 75's for 30 minutes - No damage done	

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Courtney's Post	25/11/15.		<p>Battalion holding positions known as Courtney's Post No.1 (formerly known as Steele's Post) and Courtney's Post No.2 (formerly known as Courtney's Post) Batt. Hd. Qrs. located at Courtney's No.2.</p> <p>At 0100 24th - 25th instructions received from Bde Hd. Qrs to try to make Turks attack by becoming silent & not firing unless we were attacked. Patrols to be dealt with, if possible with bayonet but on no account were Turks to be allowed to look into our trenches and go away. No periscopes nor periscope rifles to be used & no fires excepting those essential for cooking purposes. Mining operations to cease. No traffic between posts. In fact no sign of life to be displayed in our trenches until further orders. Should we be attacked our signal would be white, red & white rockets to be fired with an interval of 10 seconds between each.</p> <p>At 0700 a party of about 40 Turks left trenches in front of Quinn's Post & advanced. They however retired when two or three grenades were thrown at them.</p>	

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Courtney's Post	26/11/15	1300	A Turk killed while looking into our crater. On going out for Turk's rifle at 0700 it was discovered that wire entanglements had been erected between ours and Turk's Craters which are about six feet apart and that a newly, well constructed communication trench led from German Officers' trench to their crater, in which a sentry group of four Turks were posted. These were bombed and rifle obtained.	
		1500-1600	Our trenches damaged by shell fire - No Casualties.	
	27/11/15	0500	A patrol of about 20 turks came out of the G.O.T. and lay down in front. They retired when we opened fire.	
		0600	Three shells landed in Courtney's No 1	
			Great number of periscopes used in Turk's trenches throughout the day	
		0400	Patrol of about 20 turks reported moving across Wire Gully towards German Officers' Trench. This fired on by 21 st Bn and dispersed.	
		2100	Snow commenced falling heavily.	
		0000	Temporary cessation of hostilities ceased & normal conditions resumed	

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Courtney's Post	28/11/15		Blizzard all day Shortage of water	
	29/11/15	0630 1050	<p>Flags seen flying from G.O.T, dark blue, white & red</p> <p>Very heavy bombardment of our position lasting for about one hour considerable damage being done to trenches but we suffered no casualties. Some of the six inch shells used failed to explode. The shell fire was fairly accurate. One 6" however, exploded in Turks Trenches, a red flag was immediately placed, by the Turks, on the trench where this shell burst.</p> <p>Quarter issue of water</p> <p>Three inches of snow on ground. This probably accounts for the non-explosion of some of the shells.</p>	
	30/11/15		Picking heard close to our forward mines D26 and D9B Snow thawing	