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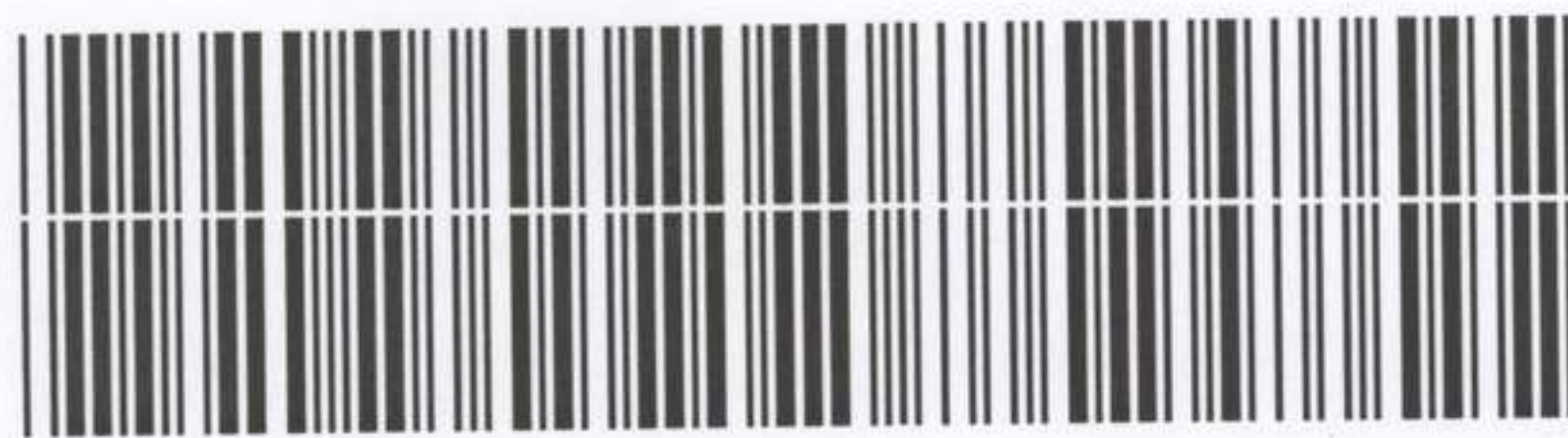
**Australian Imperial Force unit war diaries,
1914-18 War**

Infantry

Item number: 23/41/4

Title: 24th Infantry Battalion

November 1915



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Date.	Place and Time.	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
1 st 11/15	ANZAC 1620	Returned to 23rd Battalion, ^{LONE PINE} Quiet day, normal shelling from enemy 75's 1725 Further shelling little damage At night large enemy stick bombs fell on LONE PINE. Completed new machine gun positions, enemy actively working on JONESTONES TOWER
2 nd 11/15	ANZAC	Quiet day enemy & our bombing & sapping normal, work continued on our tunnels & saps, linking up flanks continued 2145 burst flares & lit up whole position, wounded 2200 3rd Bde who pointed in. Lot fire on enemy position at Sappers Ridge.

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Date.	Place and Time.	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
3 ¹¹ / ₁₅	ANZAC 1135	Enemy shelled LONG PINE for 1/2 hour
	1540	shelled again & at 1700 still further
	1700	shelling by 75s all in retaliation for our shelling.
		Quiet night, enemy again busy on Tour we continue work consolidating our position enemy appear to be building new works in rear of their present front trenches.
4 ¹¹ / ₁₅	ANZAC.	WHITES VALLEY morning, hazy, winter quarters. Fine & warm, southerly wind. Capt Louelle to IMBROS
5 ¹¹ / ₁₅		Resting WHITES VALLEY. until 1200 then shelled by 23 ¹¹ / ₁₅ . 3 ¹¹ / ₁₅ Aust. Battery & LOWLAND Battery

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Date.	Place and Time.	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
5 ¹¹ / ₁₅	ANZAC 1200	shelled trenches in front of LONE PINE Enemy retaliated with 75s Shelling continued & prospects brilliant. 1515 17" Hqs Battery shelled PLATEAU 400 & enemy immediately retaliated on LONE PINE. 1715 On 8" Battery fired registering shots, enemy rifle & machine gun fire increased in volume Enemy continued to improve the South side of JOLLY in order to command OWENS CROSS 6 ² / ₁₅ ANZAC. In view of activity on night great vigilance exercised but enemy quiet, night normal. 0705 On battery 17 Hqs shelled Plateau 400 again & enemy replied. Increased bombing by enemy also machine guns.

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7 ¹¹ / ₁₅	ANZAC 1100	LONE PINE afterwards relieved by 23rd Botton. 1415 Every shelled position with 7.5 and at 1400 1400 our heavy howitzer 17" size retaliated: Broke into old Turkish tunnel shell with gun no new firing line special report attached considerable Turkish workings have been occupied. Letter of congratulation from G.O.C. & request that the engineers officers & men concerned should be mentioned in despatches for this good work. Capt Barber & 1st F. Coy Engineers Lieut Carr & his men reported for distinguished services accordingly. Every machine gun & large shell bombs very active but effect quite local.	W. S. Col.

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Date.	Place and Time.	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
8 th 11/15	ANZAC	Resting WHITES VALLEY, preparing winter quarters, digging trenches & tunnels for dugouts on the hill side; report that Turks may use gas to exterminate us from present position, precautions taken accordingly. Quiet day & night, but seeing machine gun & bombs could be heard on the hill above.
9 th 11/15	1000	Resting WHITES VALLEY until 1000 when the 23 rd again in LONE PINE, little artillery fire a 10 lb shell & parapets without a hit. Strengthened our position in L.P. 14 tunnel & improved approach to Turkish works, erected barricades on N & S ends of the large wooden

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Date.	Place and Time.	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
9 ¹¹ / ₁₅	ANZAC,	gallery, bomb pits constructed, many machine guns & large sticks bombs again. Sketched to Bde of action especially from SE N ^o 1 section, Patrols now workings also from 22 nd Battalion visited OWENS Gully, Evening action report.
	"	on Tolly, wire put out & trench continued on rear face of same facing CIRCUS, continue to improve second & third line of defenses, machine guns placed in as to enfilade our advance
10 ⁴ / ₁₅	"	across plateau 400, also centre of our position, Lone Pine, fairly quiet but machine gun & large bombs more action, bombs landed in SE corner N ^o 1, little damage, ceased when we retaliated; position in new workings continued

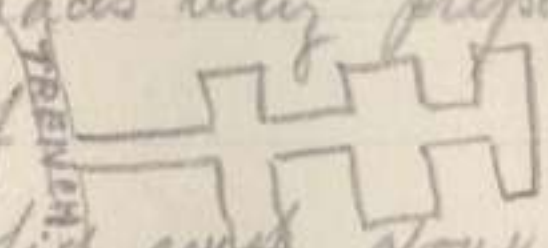
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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
10 ¹¹ / ₁₅	ANZAC.	to improve, small bomb pit on E end of covered gallery: Two men wounded one through the tube at N:1 barricade: Machine guns from Tolly West side, SE & front cut our parapets during night: Sleeping less than usual: Action on the R towards Chalken's post.	
11 ¹¹ / ₁₅	ANZAC 0945	Relieved by 23 rd L WHITES VALLEY Quiet day special orders about inspectors, large party 100 men detailed to prepare new quarters at Bridge Rd culatun to MONASH Gully, orders given that our present Barracks may be moved at a future date. Weather clear & cold.	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
12 ¹¹ / ₁₅	ANZAC	Resting WHITES VALLEY. preparation of new quarters continued in Bennett's Gardens . of Bridges Rd. large dugouts being prepared & dugouts branching off  to held side men with 12 ft solid earth above. (cold/clear)	
13 ¹¹ / ₁₅	"	1100 Enter LONE PINE ^{23rd} Battalion " Heavy bombing by stick bombs on our artillery silences every mortar otherwise all quiet	1 man killed 3 wounded
14 ¹¹ / ₁₅	"	" LONE PINE, blew up Trucks in LP 17 Arranged artillery signals.	Capt. Rushlon & two men wounded in bomb accident

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
15- ¹¹ / ₁₅	L PINE 1000	Released from LONE PINE by 23 ¹⁰ returned to WHITES VALLEY	
16- ¹¹ / ₁₅	" "	WHITES VALLEY. QUIET day preparing winter quarters.	
17- ¹¹ / ₁₅	" " 1140	Returned LONE PINE, Tanks veryumpy very shelled our position, enemy 1150 aeroplane passed overhead, enemy reported to be undermining party trenches constraining to thwart their works Light horse released by new squadron.	

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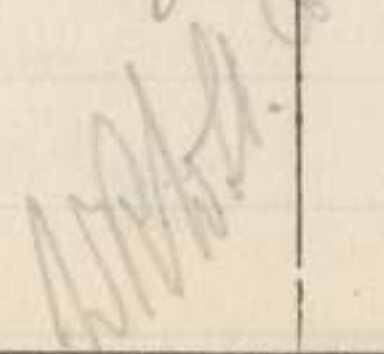
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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
18 ¹¹ / ₁₅	LPINE	Still Lone Pine, still bombs very trouble some, stopped by our artillery fire otherwise quiet	
19 ¹¹ / ₁₅	LPINE	All quiet enemy aeroplane passed over our position, precautions taken to counter attack	
20 ¹¹ / ₁₅	WHITES VALLEY 1145	Released from PINE by 23 rd returned to WHITES VALLEY, continued liaising our winter quarters	
21 ¹¹ / ₁₅	WHITES VALLEY 1145	Returned to PINE quiet few enemy shells fell on our position. A sgdn wound Begden LH	M. M. M. M. M.

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
22 nd 11 th	L PINE 0600	Hauled to arms, every artillery from SELF GROVE settled on position & our guns heavily shelled, took stock of all stores in L PINE position very dark & bitterly cold morning.	
23 rd 11 th	L PINE 0615	Hauled to arms, Brigadier Col Spencer Browne inspected L PINE 1400 24 th Batt relieved by 23 rd Batt. returned to WHITE VALLEY.	
24 th 7 th 11 th	WHITE VALLEY	Rain time continue working for winter dug outs	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
25 th XI 15	L. PINE 1035	relieved 23rd in L. PINE. General Holmes & Brigadier inspected garrison, established communication with the 5th Bde on R. flank. sent out patrols to OWENS GULLY, 6th Bde advised that 5th Bde report that enemy are moving about in COOEE VALLEY, enemy actively working on T. TOLL. Col Starford called & reported that gas of an irritating nature had been encountered behind S.M. SPUR. Two tanks shot near our parapets.	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
26 th $\frac{41}{15}$	L PINE 0615	Head to arms	
		1715 Brigadier visited L PINE.	
		1800 General Holms called & inspected part of our works.	
		Enemy active with stick bombs. destroyed one of our machine guns. Enemy shelled our position from SCRUBBY KNOLL.	
		Silence maintained by guns & rifles to cause enemy to attack but no luck, orders	
		2215 proceed to maintain silent policy until 2400 on 27 th	
27 th $\frac{41}{15}$	L PINE 0450	Head to arms ordered enemy reported moving on R of our position & warning their trenches	

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Date.	Place and Time.	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
27 $\frac{x1}{15}$	L. PINE 0750	Reports that Turks were seen moving along their trenches with fixed bayonets. We shot one Turk opp SE angle, two Turks also shot on 1400 plateau. Snow fell all night covering ground for 6". men suffer extremely from weather conditions.
28 $\frac{x1}{15}$	WHITES VALLEY 1000	23 rd Bn returned 24 th & 24 th returned to WHITES VALLEY expected attack following or silent policy has not yet executed. Quiet in VALLEY extremely cold & snowy conditions, snow threatening.
29 $\frac{x1}{15}$	L. PINE 1000 to 1245	Commenced to silence 23 rd Bn against bombardment our guns was poured into LONE PINE, casualties very severe for both 23 & 24 Bns totally over 100 all ranks.

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
29 th ¹¹ / ₁₅		(2) Two officers killed & four wounded (5) Lt Col Fogarty & Finlay killed; Major Manning, Lieut Beith, Telfers, Williams, & Fletcher from shock 11 N.C.O's killed & wounded 16 men killed & 20 wounded & records not yet complete 3, N.C.O's missing & eight men missing, Garrison stood to arms & awaited attack but did not succumb.	
30 th ¹¹ / ₁₅	0500	Stood to arms, Gunnels White, Holmes & Spencer-Browne sailed LONG PINE Bay repairing the damage done by enemy shelling, parties from 23 rd engineers	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
30 ¹¹ / ₁₅		working night and day also many available man of 24th. The effect of evening 12' x 10-2' ^{8 inch} howitzers most destructive forming huge craters 12 ft across & causing our deep trenches to fall in & smother many of our men, about 149 yesterday casualties were caused by suffocation. Men considerably shaken but game & dying to have a fight with the enemy. Telegram from Gen Birdwood expressing regret at heavy casualties & urging our men to new efforts. Work of repair very arduous, especially as many	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
30 ^{XB} _{15.}		of the men are suffering from shell shock. The ship Hermit is the bold official account of the bombardment which states that 12" guns were used against the position. Casualties now total 72 R.E.O.s & men & (4) seen officiating. This is said to be the heaviest bombardment since the landing & that the guns used are those taken from the Goeben.	
1 st Dec.	L. Pine 0600	Went to areas but no attack, busy until relieved by 23rd Batts, to WHITES VALLEY many dropped a few shells in business men very tired, many still very shaken from the shelling.	

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Divisional Orders No 66

3rd December 1915

Extract from Army Corps Routine Orders
dated 1st December 1915

402. Congratulatory. The Army Corps Commander wishes to congratulate the Officers and men of the 2nd Australian Division, engaged in the occupation of the Turkish underground workings at LONE PINE on the 6th November and following days on a piece of work, which was as gallant as it was successful.

Particularly he commends the courage and resourcefulness shown by the following Officers, A.C.O's and men.

Captain Barber 4th Field Coy. Engineers.

2nd Corporal Graham " " "

Lt. Col. Arnold " " "

2nd Lieut. Macgregor, 23rd Battalion,
and the party of the 24th Battalion, which
furnished the escort to the Engineers when
they first entered the enemy's tunnel.

24th Battalion. A. I. F.
Summary of Casualties
Up to 6 p.m. 30/10/15 -

Killed in Action	14	
Died of Wounds	7	
Wounded (evacuated & not returned)	66	Returned to Duty 6. Died of Wounds 7.
In Hospital at present date	215	Returned to Duty 94
Total Casualties (wastage)	<u>302</u>	

— Up to 6 p.m. 11/11/15 —

Killed in Action	14	
Died of Wounds	13	Returned to duty
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Wounded (Evacuated & not yet returned)	65	Returned to Duty 7. Died of Wounds 13.
In Hospital at present date	226	Returned to Duty 124
Total Casualties (wastage)	<u>319</u>	

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Officers Killed in action.

2/Lieut. Coffe (2nd Br.) Killed 18/11/15
Lieut. Fogarty A.C. " 29/11/15

" Finlay W.J. "
Officers Wounded

Major Manning C.E. "
Lieut. Reith Gordon "
2/Lieut. Fletcher J.H. "
" Fethers F.G.D. "
" Williams C.M. "

Arthur Watson Lt. Col.
C.O. 24th Batta.

Total wastage, from all causes, for same period
is as under:— From 5th Sept. to 1st Dec. 1915.

Killed	46	Almost all killed
Died of Wounds	12	9 wounded happened
Died of Sickness	3	in LONE PINE.
Missing	14	
Wounded <u>123</u> less <u>10</u> men who have returned to duty.	113	
Hospital <u>414</u> less <u>133</u> men who have returned to duty.	281	

H. Russell Watson A. Col.
C.O. 24th Bn. A.I.F.
6th Bde.

Total 469.

LONE PINE report the enemy commenced shelling this position at 0900. At 0930 the bombardment became heavy. Large guns were used including at least one 12"; 8" guns were also used. No. 3 section was badly damaged and the recently captured gallery was cut off. Fire and communication trenches in many places were filled in. One of our machine guns was damaged. For a time communication was cut off owing to the PLATEAU SAP B 5 and B 8 tunnels being blocked by falls of earth. These have since been cleared and a new communication through B 9 has been opened. All communication in and to the PINE are now opened up. During the night the enemy attitude at LONE PINE has been normal.

Extract from official
Summary of 30th Dec.