

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

Infantry

**Item number:** 23/32/7

**Title:** 15th Infantry Battalion

May 1915



AWM4-23/32/7



4.4

Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
May 1		our machine guns inflicting severe casualties amongst the enemy.	
May 2		Remained at post on Popes Hill Concerted advance of <sup>our</sup> troops was made on enemy's <del>traps</del> <sup>position</sup> and position of B <sup>o</sup> 4 Coy, which was under command of Col Moore (Otago Infantry) reached the enemy's trenches on our left centre, but were unable to hold them on account of being unsupported. The Coy then took up a position in left of 13 <sup>th</sup> Bn	<p>4</p> <p>John H. Cameron 6/5/15 P.M.</p>

G.11056.

111



4.5

Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
May 3	<del>May</del>	The enemy made an attack upon our position early in the morning but was repulsed, we losing an Assistant Capt Willis killed.	
		Batta was relieved at 8 PM by the Auckland Bn under Col Puyse.	
May 4		Went into Bivouack at Monash Valley	
May 5		In Bivouack were joined by Capt Quinn & party.	
May 6		Relieved Col Pope on Quinns Hill at 5 PM with half the Bn	<p>at 10/15 Bn</p>

G.11054.

2



4.6

Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
May 7		Position unchanged; enemies	
May 8		snipers cause several Casualties.	
		Left half Bn relieved Rt half	
May 9		on Quinn's post, which was placed	
		in charge of Major Carter by C.O.	
		C.O. decided to attack enemies	
		trenches in front of Quinn's Hill	
		+ dispositions were made	
		accordingly for attack at 9 P.M.	
		This was however postponed until	
		10.30 P.M. when the assault was	
		made, and enemies trenches	
		were occupied by our troops	

*John Bowman & Co  
66/15 Bn*

G.11056.

3



47

Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
May 10		<p>owing to a portion of the trenches being held by the enemy who could not be dislodged, it was necessary to withdraw our troops to our original position which was again occupied at 6 am next day. At 7 AM the enemy made a determined counter attack but were repulsed. Heavy casualties to the number of 100 were inflicted, were suffered by our Bn during the withdrawal of our troops to the original position.</p>	<p>Donnan 6/6/15 Bn</p>

C.11058.







dl

49

Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
		also on same date Lt H.C. Home & 2 other ranks	
		May 7 <sup>th</sup> Lt H.P. Armstrong & 52 other ranks	
		May 8 <sup>th</sup> Lt Anderson & 48 other ranks	
		This brought the total strength of the Bn on shore to 1089 all ranks on May 6 <sup>th</sup> Capt Cannan & batman landed reported to Bn on 7 <sup>th</sup> inst on May 9 <sup>th</sup> Melchaplain, batman & 6 others landed & reported. This left the following on	

J. J. Cannan Lt Col  
 6/6/15 Bn

C.11056.



4.10

Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
May 14	None	<p>H.M.T. Australia Lt Hill. Lt Platt and 68 other ranks. now  H.M.T. Leanyhee 4 other ranks  The following are the casualties to date.</p> <p><u>Killed 10</u> Capt With. Capt Walsh Lt Waters  Lt Dickson Lt Freeman Lt Armstrong  Lt Armstrong A.P. Lt Hinnan  Lt Anderson Lt Warburton  Missing 2 Lt Robertson Lt Collins  Wounded 15 Major Snowden Capt Richardson  Capt Case, Capt Davie Capt Moran  Lt Luensen, Dickenson Casey.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">jal</p>

C.11056.

10007



10

4-11

Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
	12 Sept	<p>Lts Smartt, Douglas, Kesell,  Harry, Smith, Sampson (later  since returned to duty) Youden  The following have been recommended  for Commission to replace  officers killed or missing viz.  CQM S. Smith N.G.  CSM Leitch A.L.G.  1st Little E.M.  CQMS Brown J.C.  Cpl Youden J.C.  1st Corrigan J.J.  1st Koch H.</p>	

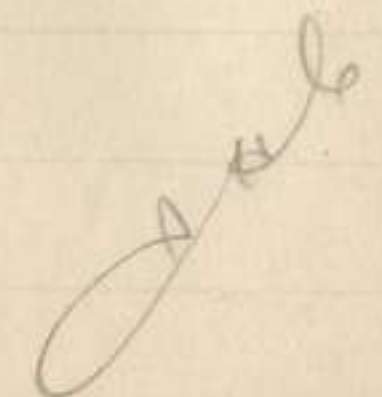
Jul

C.11056.

8



4.12

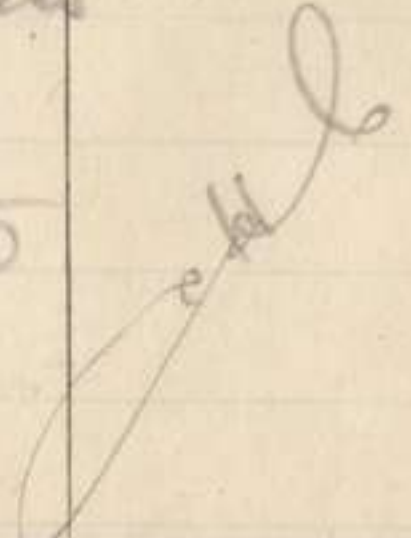
Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
		S.S.M. Corbett E. Sgt Sparkes J E L/Sgt Mundell W. J. W. O. King G. Sgt Atkinson P S.	
		In addition to the above casualties of officers the following other ranks are Killed 128 Wounded 296 Missing 103 Unaccounted for 116 Sick 23	

G.11056.

6 11 1916



413

Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
May 15		<p>The Battalion remained in bivouac at Monash valley until 2.30 P.M. when it received orders to relieve the 2<sup>nd</sup> L.H. at Quinn's Post which it did at 3.30 P.M. but C squad was left at the post as a reserve to the Battalion. In the evening it was decided that C squad should make an assault on the Turkish trench in front of the post and the details of the operation were entrusted to the Col Cannon C/O 15<sup>th</sup> Batta.</p>	

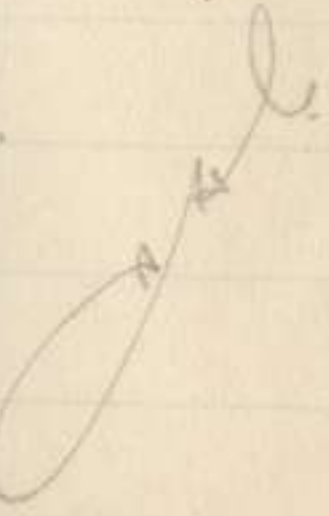
C.11054.

10



d

4.14

Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
		<p>The assaulting party was divided into two, 30 men for Rt &amp; 30 for Lt. These were to be followed up by 2 digging parties of 20 men each, as soon as the assaulting parties sent back that they had made good the trenches. There were also 10 men for each party, told off for bringing in the wounded. The assault was fixed for 1.45 AM 15<sup>th</sup> inst, and was delivered by the Rt party at that time. The Lt party delivered its assault a few minutes later.</p>	

C.11056.

11



4.15

Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
		<p>The Rt party was in Command of Capt Burkbeck with Major Graham in Command of digging party.</p> <p>The Lt party was in charge of Lt Ojilvic with Lt Potts in charge of the digging party. The 15<sup>th</sup> Bn supplied guides who had a knowledge of the position of the enemy trenches having previously been with the assaulting party of Sunday last.</p> <p>When the parties moved out to the assault they were met with a</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><i>J. J. L.</i></p>

C.11056.



4.16

Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
		<p>very heavy fire from the enemy of both bombs &amp; rifles. The Rt party pushed on and occupied the enemy's trenches but the Lt were unable to make good in face of the added opposition of 2 machine guns from enemy's right.</p> <p>The Casualties of the assaulting party were very heavy being 25 killed &amp; 21 wounded. As no word had come back from the assaulting parties, the digging parties were not sent out which</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">J. H. L.</p>

C.11056.



4.17

Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
<p>7 May 15</p>		<p><del>was</del> undoubtedly saved considerably more casualties. Major Graham while gallantly urging his men on to the assault &amp; helping wounded who were then coming back, into our trenches, was killed. Owing to the preparedness of the enemy for our attack, it was evident that either they had intended to make an attack on our position, or else they had got an inkling of our intentions. At 11 AM the Post was relieved.</p>	<p>J. K. B.</p>

C.11056.



4.18

Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
		was relieved by Col Pope & 16 <sup>th</sup> Bn together with a sqn of 3 <sup>rd</sup> LH. & returned to Bivouac in Monash Valley.	
May 16 <sup>th</sup>		15 <sup>th</sup> Bn remained in bivouac at Monash Valley.	
May 17 <sup>th</sup>			
May 18 <sup>th</sup>		15 <sup>th</sup> Bn relieved 16 <sup>th</sup> Bn & other details at 12 noon. <del>the enemy</del> <sup>all the afternoon</sup> the enemy were non aggressive but about 11:30 PM in anticipation of an attack the post was reinforced by 2 Coys of 16 <sup>th</sup> Bn, & later on by another Coy of 16 <sup>th</sup> Bn & 1 Squadron	

*John*

C.11056.



4.19

Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
May 19		<p>of L.H. At about 3 am the enemy were heard attacking on the right &amp; left &amp; shortly afterwards Quinn's post was engaged. A very determined attempt was made by the enemy to carry the position but after several hours hard fighting were beaten off, the enemy finally ceasing its offensive at about 11 am. Our casualties amounted to 120 killed &amp; 43 wounded. The whole of the personnel at the post showed the greatest courage in</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">J. N. G.</p>

C.11056.



4.20

Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
May 19		<p>repelling this attack, which was supported by a continuous fire of bombs from the enemy.</p> <p>At 2 pm the Batta was relieved by the 16<sup>th</sup> Bn less H'quarters plus 150 men of 13<sup>th</sup> Bn and 1 Regt of 2<sup>nd</sup> L.H. and they returned to Bivouac in Monast Valley</p>	
May 20		<p>15<sup>th</sup> Bn remained in bivouac at Monast valley but at 1 am 1 Coy was sent to foot of Quinn's Post in case of emergency &amp; the other Coys stood to arms in the bivouac</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">J.H.C.</p>

C.11056.



51

*10/11/15*

Date.	Place and Time.	
May 21		Remained in bivouac at
May 22		Monash Valley.
May 23		Relieved the garrison at Quinns Post at 12 noon
May 24		In garrison at Quinns Post at 7.30 am armistice which was granted to our enemies to bury their dead. Commenced. A quarter of an hour after the armistice commenced 2 men of the batt <sup>n</sup> were shot one killed & one seriously wounded by the enemy. The incident


Ass. Adj. General  
 3rd Echelon M. E. B.  
 Remarks or References  
 to Appendix &  
 attached. 17 AUG. 1915  
 CENTRAL REGISTRY.  
 No MFC/

*10/11/15*  
*15 "Apr*  
*A.T.F.*

*made*

G.11056.



Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
		<p>was immediately reported to Brigade Head quarters.</p> <p>Air strike ended at 4:30 after which time hostile recommenced. Our burial party recovered &amp; buried the bodies of Lt Annan, <sup>Wareham</sup> but obtained no trace of Lt Harry, <del>Wareham</del> or Collins.</p>	
May 25	-	<p>15<sup>th</sup> Bn were relieved at 12 noon by 16<sup>th</sup> Bn and 100 men 10<sup>th</sup> L M &amp; 60 men of 13<sup>th</sup> Bn &amp; returned to bivouac at Monast.</p>	

O.11054.



53

Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
		valley. at 5 P.M. Batts were moved to Quinn's Post to support the garrison in event of an attack consequent upon our blowing up one of their mines but returned to bivouac at 6.30 P.M.	
May 26		Remained in bivouac sniping very heavy into the bivouac all the morning causing several casualties.	
May 27		Remained in bivouac sent 3 platoons to reinforce Quinn's post at 10 A.M.	g.H.B.

C.11056.



54

Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
May 28		Remained in bivouac at Monash Valley. Col Cannan received an invitation to spend 2 days on HMT Arcadia	
May 27		C.O.M.S. Koch and 27 men arrived from Helipolis were taken on the strength of the battalion. 8 wounded men Lt Youden returned from hospital.	
May 28		The additional casualties to date are - Killed Wounded Missing Sick Officer - 1 - - NCOs/mm 22 69 5 32 Present strength of Bn 22 officers 520 other ranks	

C.11056.



21

55

Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
May 29		<p>At 3.15 AM the 15<sup>th</sup> Bn received instructions to reinforce Quinn's Post as the enemy had blown in portion of our trenches &amp; occupied them. Major Carter took up the Bn &amp; found the enemy attacking heavily. Col Chauvel ordered 100 of the 15<sup>th</sup> to charge &amp; retake the trenches. Major Quinn was instructed to retake the trenches, and after severe fighting we were able to reoccupy the trenches. During the engagement</p>	

*[Handwritten signature]*

G.11056.

22



5.6

Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
		<p>The enemy threw a large number of bombs which inflicted severe casualties. A number of Turks had taken possession of the bomb proof shelter in No 3 trench &amp; we found it very difficult to dislodge them, but after some time they surrendered to the number of 17. We took 23 dead Turks out of our trenches. Our casualties amounted to 1 killed Major Gamm. Wounded - Lt Hill, Koch, Kitch, Little King. Other ranks killed 9 wounded 19</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">J. S. B.</p>

C.11056.



57

Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
May 30		<p>Major Quinn &amp; McKill did conspicuously good work during the engagement, which ceased between 10:30 &amp; 11 am.</p> <p>In the afternoon the 15<sup>th</sup> Bn less 275 returned to bivouac.</p> <p>75 men of 15<sup>th</sup> Bn came off Quinn's Post &amp; rejoined the rest in bivouac leaving 200 on the post.</p> <p>At 1 P.M. orders were received to take the Bn from bivouac make a demonstration in the gully between Quinn's &amp; Popes Hill while an attack was launched from</p>	<p><i>[Signature]</i></p>

C.11056.



5.8

Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
		<p>Bunker's post against the enemy's trenches in the front. These were withdrawn at 6.30 P.M. &amp; the balance of the Bn were withdrawn from Quinn's Post into bivouac.</p>	
May 31	9 AM	<p>Col. Seaman returned from H.M.T. Arcadians &amp; resumed Command N. Coy 15<sup>th</sup> Bn and A. Coy less M.C. Sect moved to rest Camp in Walker's Gully</p>	
<del>June 1</del>		<p>Lt. Davy and 56 others comprising 23 reinforcements &amp; 34 sick &amp; wounded returned to duty, reported to Bn.</p>	
June 1	9 AM	<p><del>Capt. Quinn and 13 other reinforcements</del></p>	<p><i>J. G. B.</i></p>

C.11056.



Reconnaissance Order

for night 9/10 May

see 15 Am War diary  
pages 17 & 18.



R.

Company of Coy  
of. 1 officer 1 sergeant 1 Corp  
20 men 3 messengers

Dig.  
Party 1 sergeant 1 Corp  
10 men.

Centre.

N<sup>o</sup> 3

1 officer 2 sergeants 2 Corp  
40 men 3 messengers

1 officer 2 sergeants 2 Corp  
20 men

(1)

Left

N<sup>o</sup> 2.

1 officer 1 sergeant 1 Corp  
20 men 3 messengers

1 sergeant 1 Corp  
10 men

Of 6 Comp. to make all officers except Of 6 draw for  
who will command each party Assault party with  
1 day returns with full bayonets fixed 250 rounds  
fighting over no packs each man 2 empty sandbags  
shovel trenching tool ready for immediate use.

Digging party same as assault party 150 per



each man to carry 1 pack & 1 shovel. If empty can buy  
The assault at 9 PM. Signal being a burst of 13<sup>th</sup> 13<sup>th</sup>  
Machine Gun fire lasting 30 seconds. Of each section will  
report to N 2 by 8.50 PM that all is OK for an advance  
The assault party to stealthily creep over our trenches  
and on Of rising all push forward without noise  
or cheering until on the parapet of enemy's trenches  
Of to have senior N CO will have to have the  
three messengers in immediate touch to send out  
urgent reports. Of chooses his line of advance, if  
first trenches are taken & no fire of fire exists  
which can be ascertained by a patrol of



(3)

Two or three men of must endeavour to seize a  
more forward position entrenched or capable  
of being entrenched. If successful with trenches  
immediate work to be sent back for digging  
party and members in firing line whether  
first or second line of trenches to make good  
bags & entrench, 1 company of sappers & digging  
Digging party on being led must be informed by  
signal as whether first or second trenches are to  
be improved care being taken that assault  
party on firing do not hinder the digger party,  
They should therefore if possible be in front of  
the line to be improved. The depth of the



assault to reconnoitre. Consequently if our own  
sections cannot be taken, or if taken cannot be held,  
the O/C must use his discretion as whether he must  
withdraw or not. It being understood that we want  
to hold well advanced positions, hence the speed of  
the digging party. If withdrawn W9 to come  
down the valley between Courtney's our R section  
W3 to our parapet to observation tower W2 on  
left of our left section of defence. Messengers  
must be lightly equipped, intelligent & fleet  
of foot & be constantly used. On return to HQ  
must know how to find their way back to O/C  
of this section & lead other parties there. It is



(5)

possible that one section may succeed and another  
 therefore must have information of more men  
 & how many are wanted to make the assault  
 successful, If quite futile of section must  
 be able to fully detail all points which prevent  
 success. At 7 PM our forming line will be composed  
 of the assault party & digging party, in right  
 section No 1. Centre No 3 left No 6. ready to move out  
 plus only such men (reliefs) are wanted to fill the  
 forming line throughout. Support trenches to be filled  
 right up ~~but~~ all communication trenches free  
 and intelligent men at flanks of them ready  
 to act messenger to C/O. O/C No 1 & 3 & 4 & 6



our own firing line to know where to dig out a new  
communication trench. On a new firing line, if  
successful of 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> Pls to be informed that our  
assault is successful a flag to pour in a rapid  
fire.



Location Chunstrong 10mm



Detailed  
individual  
reports of ops

A - B - C & D

Covering periods  
25 April to 4 May

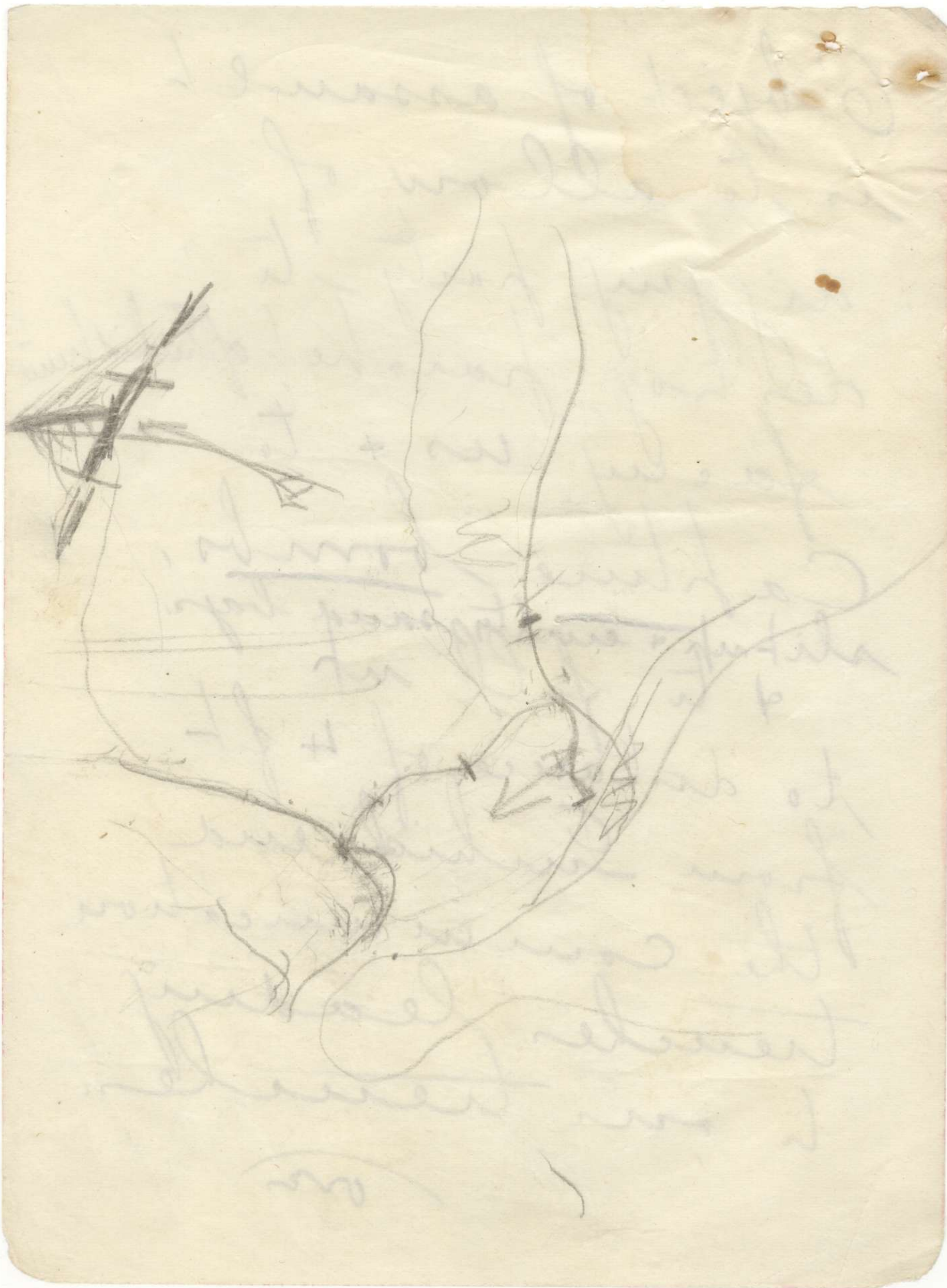
See 15 Bw War  
Diary pages 12/16.



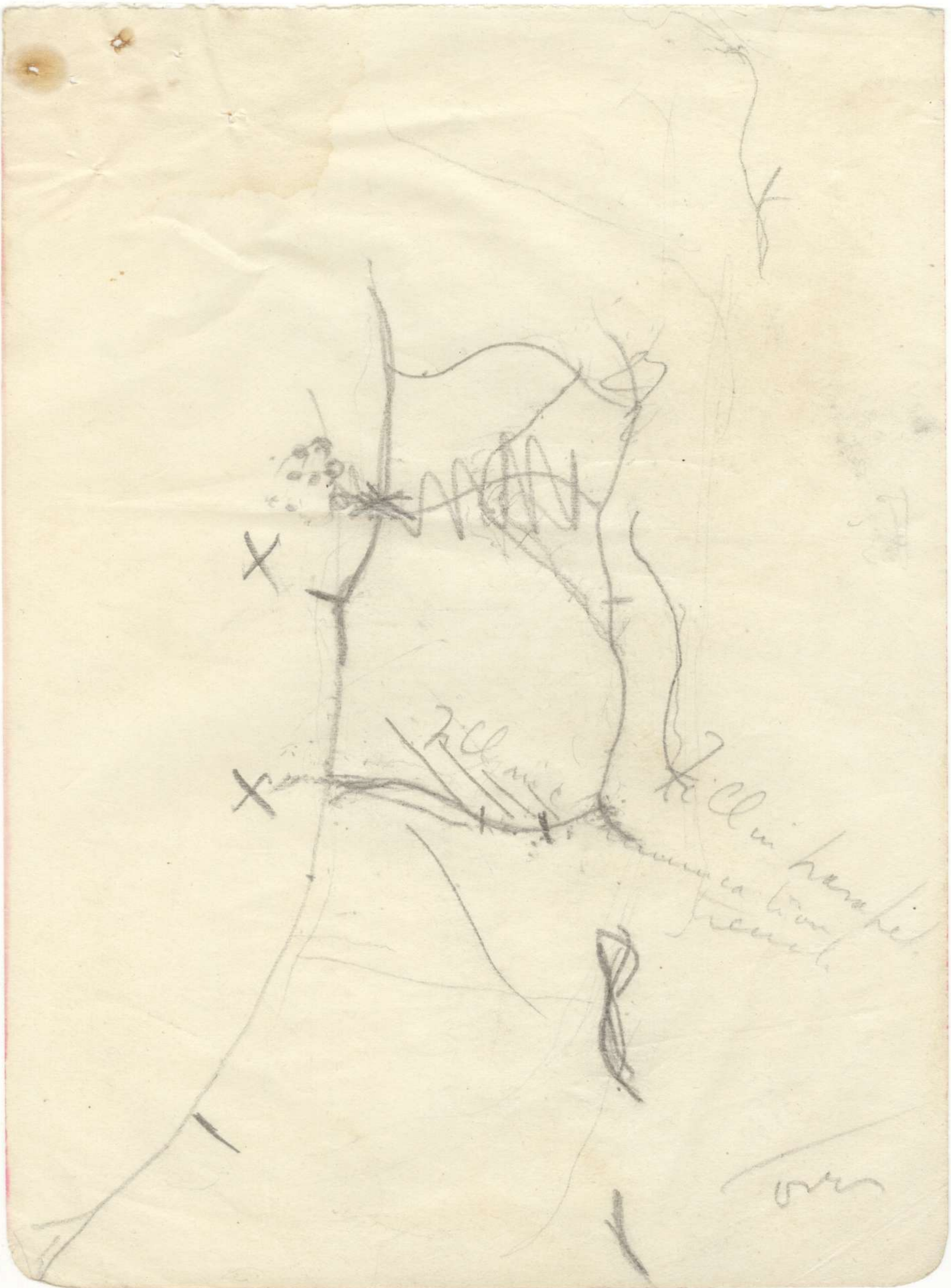
Object of assault  
is to allow of  
digging party to  
destroy parapet of Turkish line  
facilitating us + to  
Capture bombs,  
slit up eighty sand bags  
& to fill up  
to distance of 4 ft  
from Turkish end  
the communication  
trenches leading  
to our trench.

over









X

X

200m

to Cl in hand  
ca. 100m  
trench

over



R. Beaver party of 5 to  
~~each~~ assault  
party  
each to carry 1 oil sheet

L. Ditto.

Every man to know his  
job & to act without  
officer or NCO.

Firing at night draws  
fire on rifles that  
are firing hence  
assaulting party  
must not fire - they assault  
turn enemy out of first  
trenches must no cheering



It must be  
thoroughly  
understood  
that no  
supper can be  
given if  
assault fails  
all members must  
return. Digging  
party must work  
with great energy.



of A.C. will  
provide ~~6~~<sup>6<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub></sup> messengers  
who know position for  
R bomb trench.

of B.C. will provide  
~~6~~<sup>6</sup> messengers who  
know position I  
bomb trench  
messages to be sent  
in pairs (2 at time)  
Position is not  
to be held



push forward to  
new trenches 5 or  
10 or 15 yds or  
not more than 20 yd

Beaver remain  
handy under  
1' Turkish parapet  
facing our line.  
Digging party  
fell in 1' line  
Turkish trenches  
slit sand bag  
& empty them



when trenches  
filled & then  
extra spare earth  
of parapets so  
as to leave ground  
flat throughout  
whole Turkish line.

If L & H assault  
party must fire  
they must assault.  
forward then fire  
& then return, but



must not block  
or interfere with  
party following in  
the trenches.

Each man to carry  
150 lbs. ammunition.

~~no~~ bayonet fixed  
no packs or haversacks.

Signal to assault  
11-30 p.m. Bomb thrown  
by us.



Trench diggers

~~will~~

destroyers to  
uniform assault

party when  $\frac{1}{2}$  hr

~~reached~~  
will finish  
destruction work.

Assault party to  
prepare  
them retire

through digger  
party, but assault

is definite message

that work has finished  
when digger party



will withdraw  
followed by  
assault this party.  
All parties must  
be back behind  
our trenches at

3-45 am as all  
retirement must  
be carried out  
before day light  
at 4 am. 1<sup>st</sup> L.A. 15 Bn  
& 14 Bn will be  
busy with



Movements of B Coy  
15<sup>th</sup> Inf # Bde

Disembarked on the night of  
the 25<sup>th</sup> and early morning  
of the 26<sup>th</sup> the men under Capt.  
Richardson Lt. Waters + Dickinson  
being of the first off were very  
soon in action and very hard  
hit to lose Lt. Waters Lt.  
McCormack + McKinnie also  
have several Corporals wounded  
the Remainder of the Company  
under Capt Moran + Lt Snart  
not being able to get ashore until  
early morning and so had to  
dig in on the Hill near Beach  
until morning when that Party  
were detached for Ammunition  
Carrying to the Hill on the Right  
of the Beach that Time the



All was under Shrapnel  
and a very severe climb  
we rested until evening and  
went into action on the Right  
Flank under Capt. Moran  
having to dig in and had  
fire both Shrapnel and Bullets  
flying around the whole time  
and were attacked the whole  
time until the next day ~~to~~  
when they were beaten off by  
us in Co with the Naval  
Guns. It was then we heard  
of our Capt. being wounded

(Richardson)  
we were in these trenches for  
3 days and 3 nights being  
Relieved ~~of~~ and Returned to the  
Beach and moved into Buwono  
in the Valley having a



spell for 24 hours and then  
took up the trenches on the  
left flank where Capt. Moran  
was wounded in the Leg also  
Lt. Smart. we stayed 3 days  
and were then relieved and  
Returned to the Bivouac after  
Resting for 48 hrs we left that  
Bivouac for one near the left  
in the valley, and that afternoon  
were amalgamated with No 4  
Co. and went into the trenches  
that evening with No 3 Co.  
the 0

J Seale  
C. I. M. P. Co.



9 May 1915

War Diary

The Coy landed on Monday the 25 April 1915 at about 9.30 am. under direction of the Navy. The Torpedo destroyers were used to carry us from our troopship Seang Kee to within short distance of the shore - then into craft boats to the landing beach. The Coy landed under shell fire ~~and~~ but only had four casualties. At about 2 pm orders were received to support the right flank and the company moved across to support and fill up the firing line of the 3rd Brigade's ~~left~~ Right. Capt Richardson's Company command was already committed to the firing line. Our advance was made under heavy shrapnel fire. Two platoons advanced to support the firing line - reaching within a ~~very~~ short distance of the firing line. Scout Sgt H Edelman dashed forward under heavy fire to ascertain where the platoons could fit in, and found the line too densely packed to fill up. The Coy had to retire to the trenches (Ducksh)



vacated. Edelsten has been recommended for his courage. ~~The~~ At dusk the situation was reconnoitred and it was necessary that communication was necessary to the firing line and the valley. Digging was at once commenced to connect up and communicate. Parties were detailed to assist the getting in of wounded and dead. <sup>rept Capt Butcher, the aerial officer</sup> At about 8 P. M. Lieut Robinson and 25 men were detailed by Major Irving to occupy an outpost position in advance and unfortunately for them, they did not retire at dawn and in consequence were practically cut up by machine guns. Digging was continued day and night a long deep winding trench 6ft deep and 60 yards long to the firing line which proved invaluable to our mixed battalions in firing line in filling up, carrying water, rations and ammunition.

The firing line was in need of rations water and ammunition and it was absolutely necessary to connect the trenches. In the meantime Cpl Melia; Craven risked their lives under



heavy. Shrapnel and rifle fire by dashing  
<sup>usually</sup> across the opening ~~and~~ between communication  
 trenches in progress and the firing trenches  
 with rations of water. distance about 35 yards  
 The trenches were connected and the  
 force occupying same were a mixed force of  
 New Zealanders and Australians.  
 at 12 pm Wednesday night we were relieved  
 by the harmonis and was told to move  
 to the north end of the beach and get  
 into touch with our own brigade.  
 Reaching the north end of beach the  
 company bivouached and at 7 a.m. a  
 threatened attack along the beach. The  
 company was ordered by Col Cheater to  
 take up a position & entrench along the  
 beach to meet the threatened attack.  
 The Company was withdrawn and breakfasted  
 at 12 a.m. we were ordered to report to  
 our brigade and was allotted a position  
 to relieve Major Rankin at which place  
 the company have been on and off since  
~~then~~ Thursday the 28<sup>th</sup> April 1915 At 5.30 pm  
 8<sup>th</sup> May we have been relieved for 48 hours  
 21 Queen Coy



*[Faint, illegible handwriting in cursive script, likely bleed-through from the reverse side of the page.]*

Council has voted to ban  
 return of staff to US arm



War Diary of Co & Compy 15<sup>th</sup> Bu  
Sunday Apr. 25<sup>th</sup>

Landed on beach from transport  
A.H.O. & moved up a valley immense  
owing to this hurried move one  
platoon under Lieut Dickson became  
detached and were taken to the  
right flank.

Monday Marched with Battalion towards  
Apr 26<sup>th</sup> right flank and arrived in

rear of a high hill where we  
entrenched at daybreak. Heavy  
shrapnel fire during the day  
but very few casualties as we were  
sheltered by hill. At about 5 P.M.  
a bayonet charge was reported to  
be required on our right front  
& Lieut Good and a party of 45  
men were sent to carry this  
out during advance over about  
300 yds they were subjected to  
heavy shrapnel fire. When  
they arrived at position it was  
found that owing to the fine



(3)

requiring support having changed its position  
the charge was not necessary so Lieut  
Good and men entrenched with few  
casualties. Remains of company  
kept their original position.

Tuesday Platoon in advance trenches heavily  
Apr 27<sup>th</sup> shelled. During afternoon Company  
was ordered to occupy line of support  
trenches held by Lieut Good. But  
Lieut Benneman & Platoon had to be  
sent to right flank to reinforce.

Wednesday Remains in supporting trench  
28<sup>th</sup> under heavy fire from Germ.

29<sup>th</sup> No. few casualties. Relieved by  
R. A. I. and marched to Beach

30<sup>th</sup> Arrived beach 3-30 A.M. and  
remained there until about 10 A.M.  
when we marched up valley  
towards Popo Hill. Relieved by  
Pope at about 9 P.M. and occupied  
trenches on extreme left.

1. ~~at~~ Heavy firing on left flank but  
few casualties.

2. nd Very quiet until Bombardment

8



of enemies trenches commenced at  
about 6.30 P.M. at about 9.30 Otago  
commenced charge and about an  
hour later company was placed at  
disposal of Col. Moore to assist the  
Otago who had become scattered.  
We formed up and were ordered to  
charge. Went forward under exceptional  
heavy fire which caused a great  
number of casualties and position  
of fire got into trenches but were  
not strong enough to hold them  
without support. Remained out  
for some time and made other  
advances without success, owing to  
all forces being so scattered. I then  
ordered all the men I could find  
to entrench on left of 13<sup>th</sup> Bn  
which they did and we remained  
there.

3<sup>rd</sup>

In trenches on left of 13<sup>th</sup>  
N. G. retired and left our  
flank exposed. The assistance



Retirement of Nelson's nearly  
made complete break on left flank  
but <sup>our men</sup> halted when ordered  
them to do so and went back  
to trenches although under heavy  
Machine Gun fire. Remained  
in trenches until about 11 P.M.  
when we <sup>were</sup> ordered to retire.

H<sup>nd</sup> to H<sup>nd</sup> in Beronac in rear of  
Pipes Hill

Je 44 Rob Picot  
No 41 Gmpy

Leupflecker wounded 6<sup>th</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> Bul  
Major Snowden, Capt Waveris &  
Lt Knebles wounded 3<sup>rd</sup>

Small Gampy with "B" Company  
on May 5<sup>th</sup>



see 15 Bw War diary pages 14918  
Report on Sortie made from MONASH'S GULCH by  
a portion of the 4<sup>th</sup> Australian Infantry Brigade on the  
night 9/10 May 1915.

1.

On the 9<sup>th</sup> May, Major General Sir A. J. GODLEY, comm<sup>d</sup>  
N2. & A Division issued instructions to Officers commanding  
Sections of Defence to arrange for minor offensive  
operations from their Sections, with a view to testing  
the enemy's strength.

In accordance with the above Lieut Colonel J. H. Curran  
15<sup>th</sup> Batt<sup>l</sup> Australian Infantry issued orders for an offensive  
movement from QUINN'S POST in No 3 Section to be made  
on the night 9/10 May.

2.

Objective

The object in view was the occupation of certain Turkish  
tranches situated in front of QUINN'S POST at a  
distance of from 25 - 100 yds.

3.

Troops engaged.

The Troops at Lieut Colonel Curran's disposal were

15 Regt Aust Inf <sup>2</sup>	400
16 - - - - -	100
13 - - - - -	100*

\* Reported during the night - were not all engaged. A force  
of 100 R.M.L. also reported but did not go into action.

The troops detailed for the actual assault were divided into  
three parties:-

Right party	25 men	15 Batt	Lieut H. P. Armstrong
Centre -	47 -	- - -	Lieut Gordon
Left -	25 -	- - -	Lieut Smith.

4.

Orders issued.

The three parties detailed for the assault were ordered to  
advance simultaneously on a preconcerted signal at 10.30 p.m.  
Should the Turkish trenches be found suitable for our  
occupation, word was to be sent back for working parties  
who were to render the trenches suitable for our use - the  
assaulting party, in the meantime pressing on to a  
further position from which they could cover the  
working parties.

5.

Details of the  
Action.

At 10.45 p.m. the three assaulting parties issued from  
the trenches of QUINN'S POST and advanced on the  
Turkish trenches without suffering any casualties: the  
frontage of the advance was approximately 300 yds.

(a) The right party continued its advance for some 500 yds  
into a small valley, the head of which lies between  
COURTNEY'S and QUINN'S Posts. It accounted for some  
80 Turks and pushed a dug-out which contained  
telephone equipment and was apparently the local  
Headquarters. Corporal Tichner 15<sup>th</sup> Regt distinguished



(2)

himself by moving round this small camp and cutting the telephone wires on the far side of it. The party then re-assembled and returned to the trench which was their objective with the loss of 3 men only.

(b) The centre party bayoneted such Turks as were found in the trench assaulted: it then remained in the trench & sent back for the working party. When this arrived, there was much congestion in the trench.

(c) The left party met with considerable opposition from the trenches they were assaulting; but eventually drove off the enemy. It found the enemy trenches suitable for our own use, but sent for the working party to connect them up with QUINN'S POST. The party itself remained in the captured trench.

By 12 midnight satisfactory reports had been received from each of the three parties: and all working parties were out at work. There had been some 12 casualties. Up to 2 a.m. there was no further incident and communication trenches leading back to QUINN'S POST were constructed.

About 2 a.m. messages were received from the centre and left parties asking for reinforcements. The centre trench (as previously stated) was much congested & the working party had been gradually absorbed into the firing line. In response to these requests the following were sent:-

60 men	of the	15 <sup>th</sup> & 16 <sup>th</sup> Batt	to the centre
100	-	-	15 <sup>th</sup> - - - left.

These reinforcements were apparently led directly up to the firing line in the trenches, thus increasing the congestion. The right party reported all well.

About the same time (2 a.m.) Lieut. Harry, Adjutant 15<sup>th</sup> Batt reported that there was a gap between the centre and left portions of the firing line. The size of this gap was not at the time ascertained, though patrols were sent out for the purpose from both flanks. It afterwards appeared that this gap was about 25 yds long, was in possession of the Turks & that into it led a Turkish communication trench leading from the direction of Square 22 to D.S.

The gap & the communication trench were strongly held by the enemy who brought a heavy enfilade fire to bear on the centre and left of our firing line, which was in occupation of the captured trenches.

It was now beginning to get light. Colonel Curran ordered Captain Townshend, 16<sup>th</sup> Batt to assault the gap and fill it with 40 men 16<sup>th</sup> Batt & 30 men 15<sup>th</sup> Batt. Soon after this assault started from the left of QUINN'S POST two of the officers with



(3)

it were shot and the assault was not pushed home. Lieut Marks, 13<sup>th</sup> Batt; however, with a small portion of the force pressed on but were repulsed by rifle fire & hand grenades.

At about 4 a.m. Captain Stoddart R.M.L.I. reported to Col Curran, with 100 Marmion. He was ordered to assault & close the gap. This assault did not take place.

About 4.30 a.m. the left of the line began to give way & the centre requested permission to fall back as its position was becoming untenable. Lieut Col Curran therefore ordered the retirement of the centre and right, thus withdrawing the whole force. The right reported that it was holding its own, but was withdrawn as it could not be properly supported.

At daylight the enemy appeared to have some 1500 troops in front of QUINN'S POST and they attacked it heavily, assisted by a Mountain gun & machine guns on both flanks and in the centre - the last named gun being brought along the communication trench to within about 45 yards of QUINN'S POST.

b.  
Casualties.

The casualties in this action were:-

Killed	7 Officers + 29 other ranks
Wounded	} 7 - +164 - -
Missing	

The enemy's casualties are estimated at 800, as many were bagged. Some of our machine guns got into a man of troops forming up for assault.

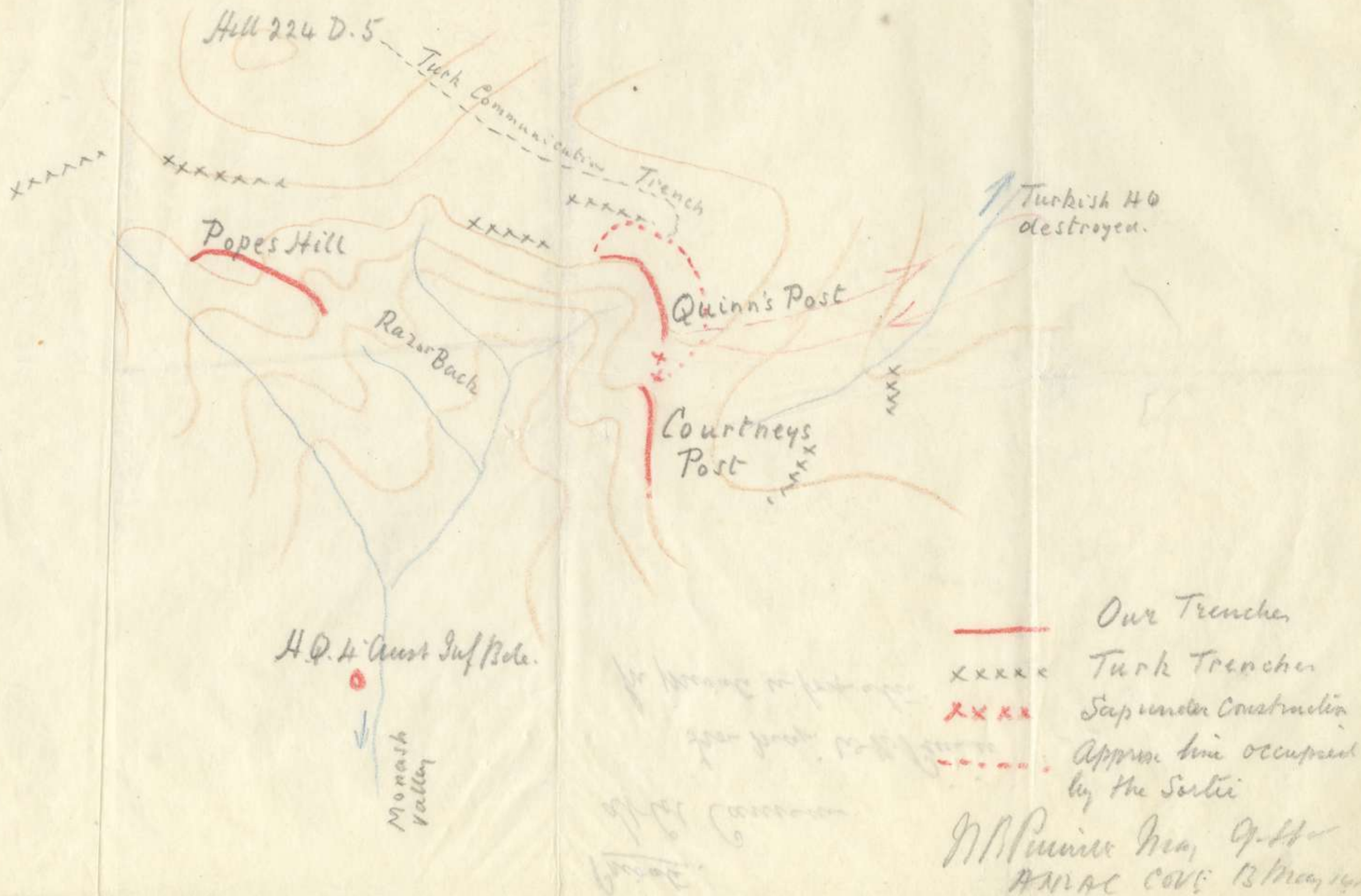
ANZAC COVE

13 May 1915.

N. R. Percival Major  
General Staff.  
N.2 + A. Division



DIAGRAM  
 to Illustrate Sortie from QUINN'S Post 9/10 May 1915.





See 15 Bn War diary  
page 40/41.

Extract from Routine Orders,  
dated 28th May, 1915.

-----

Complimentary. 105. The Army Corps Commander has learnt, from an entry in a Turkish Officer's note book, that in an attack on May 10th, the losses in two Turkish regiments alone amounted to 600 killed and 2000 wounded. The attack is evidently the counter attack which forced the 15th battalion to relinquish the trenches which it had taken during the night, with a loss of about 200 killed, wounded and missing.

The Army Corps Commander congratulates Colonel Cannon and the 15th battalion and those associated with it, on having inflicted a punishment on the enemy far outweighing their losses in this operation.

Army Corps Headquarters.

A for Divl. Commander  
Reference see 15 Bn  
War diary page 45/47.



NOMINAL ROLL.

"C" COY. 15th BATTALION. A.I.F.

(Taken in Quinn's Post during first  
holding of it by "C" Coy. 15th Bn.)

Note: Information supplied by Cpl. now Brigadier  
Craven, who compiled Roll.



Sgt. Taffe  
 L/St. Mackay  
 Corp. Mella  
 Corp. Ferguson  
     McDonald  
     Nichols  
     Stormough  
 Sgt MacNeil  
 L/Corp Craven  
     Kendall  
     Eibel  
     Mackay  
     Woods  
     Boston  
     Salmonia  
 Pvte. Adams  
     Anderson  
     Alcock  
     Burns  
     Buckley  
     Brown  
     Buzly  
     Brayley  
     Bamerry T  
     Bamerry G  
     Bartholomew  
     Blake  
     Cousins  
     Courtney  
     Crigley  
     Carroll  
     Cave  
     Cooper  
     Cash  
     Cresswell  
     Castely  
     Clark  
     Daniell C  
     Daniell L  
     Dunstan  
     Damers  
     Davis  
     Dougherty  
     Eddilson  
     Elliott  
     Fraser  
     Fuhrmann  
     Fielding  
     Hughes  
     Hodgson  
     Hogben  
     Heathcote  
     Inman  
     James  
     Johnson  
     Jackson  
     Kinder  
     Kirby  
     Leonard  
     Munro  
     Merrie  
     Masson  
     Milford  
     Minter  
     Mackay A G  
     McNamarra  
     McLeod R  
     McLeod K

McPhee  
 Martin  
 McGarry  
 Oxenham  
 O'Connor  
 Owens  
 Perrett  
 Parkes  
 Patterson  
     Rogers  
 Rodgers J  
 Ryan J  
 Ross  
 Metcalfe  
 Spearo  
 Smale A J  
 Smale A  
 Secombe  
 Siddons  
 Smythe  
 Simpson  
 Smith G  
 Smith J  
 Smith H  
 Smith S  
 Shelly  
 Sideson  
 Sewell  
 Schofield A  
 Schofield N  
 Tweedale  
 Taylor A  
 Wynne  
 Watts  
 Weimuss  
 Weedon  
 West  
 Whiffen  
 Worly  
 Williams  
 Williams L  
 White  
 Webb  
 Quale  
 Gillespie  
 Maher  
 Blair  
 Baxter  
 Smith H  
 Lambourne  
 Wilson

men  
 These ~~names~~ were the garrison of Quinn's post  
 for about five weeks from the 30 of 4 - 1915.  
 This was C Company of 15th Battalion and held  
 the centre bays.