

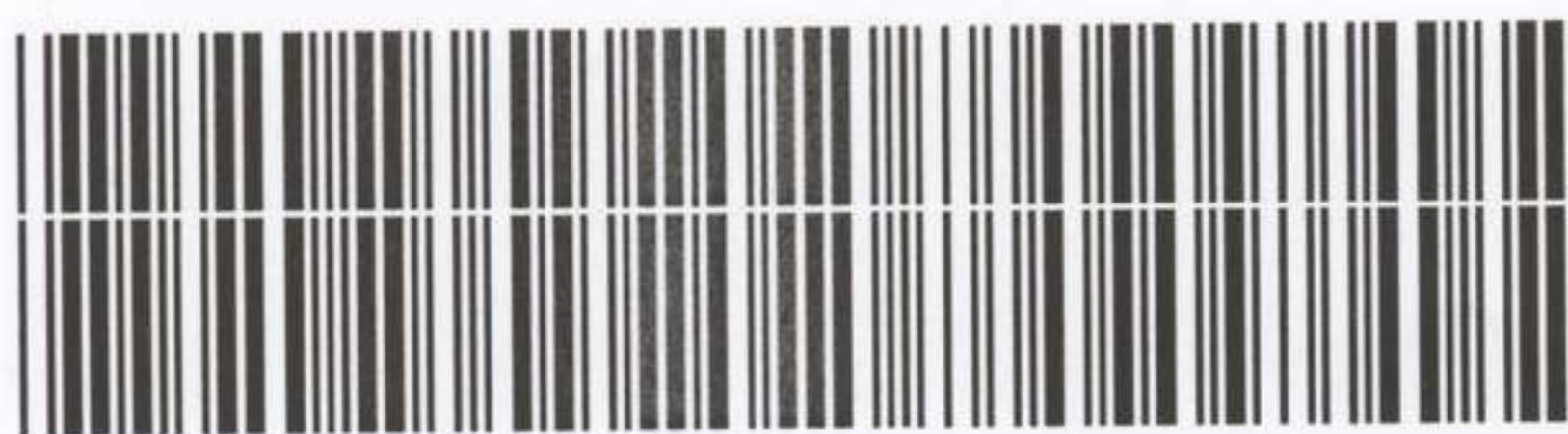
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5th Bn A.I.F.

A. G.'s OFFICE AT THE BASE  
3rd. ECHELON M. F. C.  
Remarks or References  
24 SEP. 1915  
Appendices, &c.,  
attached.  
CENTRAL REGISTRY.  
No. M. F. C/

Date. 1915	Place and Time.	
August 1	A. H. ZAC COVE. Right Subsector of N. No. 2 Sect In trenches	Quiet day. A. hostile aeroplane overhead at about 1800.
2	do	Lieut A. J. PHILLIPS + 2nd. Lieut. D. E. FITZGERALD ret'd from Hosp. Hostile aeroplane flew overhead about 1800.
3	do 2145 2130 + 2200 2335	Heavy rifle fire by enemy. Ruses to draw enemy fire. GERMAN OFFICERS + SNIPERS TRENCHES apparently fully manned. Incendiary bomb landed in K length burnt one man's head.

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C.11054.

5th Bn A.I.F.

Date. 1915.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
August 4.	A.N.Z.A. Coy COVE <u>2 trenches</u>	0730 Unusual enemy activity noted on MULLIE TRACK 2215 Rush to draw enemy fire. Very little reply. Operation Order issued	APP. 1. APP. 2.
5th do.		1 officer (2nd Lieut. C. H. JAMES) + 141 other ranks & 6th Reinforcements + 12 men of 5th Reinforcements reported. 0900 commenced relieving 1st Inf. Bde. in their trenches, 5th Bn. on our left relieving us simultaneously from that flank. Operations 1500 complete at 1500	

C.11056.

5th. Bn A.I.F.

Date. 1915	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
August 5th	A. N. 2 AC COVE	Placard exhibited in front of enemy trenches reading "Warshewve est Lombe (Warsaw was fallen)" Quiet night.	
6th		1400 Mines fired on JOHNSON'S JOLLY by us. 1630 <del>Number</del> A number of <sup>our own</sup> 5 inch shells burst in left trench lengths of Southern No. 2. Casualties 16. 1730 from this cause. Intense bombardment carried out by our Artillery between these hours. 1530 1st. Inf. Bde took and held LONE PINE trenches	

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5th Bn A.I.F.

Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
1915 August 7th	A. I. Z. A. C.	In gascon's Southern No. 2 sections. Enemy shelling whole line intermittently throughout day.	
8th	✓	do do	

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5th Bn A.I.F.

Date. 1915.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
August 9	ANZAC COVE	<p>The Bn. less C &amp; D boys ordered into captured LONE PINE trenches. No. 9. Section still in Northern No. 2 Section</p> <p>1400 Lieut Col. Bennett relieved A + B boys with his Bn. and took over Southern No. 2 Section <del>at</del>.</p> <p>5th Bn. <sup>as above</sup> relieved 7th Bn in LONE PINE trenches on right of line. In position at 1830. Trenches in bad state as dead men all over the place and beginning to decompose. Enemy bombing heavily all night. Capt R. M. F. HOOPER killed.</p>	

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5th Bn A.I.F

Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
1915 August 10	A NZAC COVE	Intermittent bombing by enemy all day and night.	
11	(LONEPINE trenches)	Relieved by 3rd Bn. and proceeded for spell to WHITE VALLEY.	
12		In reserve A & B boys & Hqs. C & D boys still in trenches in Southern No. 2. Section	
13	0930  150 1700	5th Bn. less C & D boys and M.G. Sections relieved 3rd Bn. in No. 1. Section of LONEPINE trenches. Severely shelled by enemy 75s. from left front again shelled from same direction	} 3 men killed & wounded

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5th Bn A.I.F.

Date. 1915	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
August 15	A. N. Z. A. C. (LONE PINE Trenches)	Putt out a number of Chevreau's de-feral - during night, improving trenches, narrowing trenches, and putting up overhead bomb-proof covers.	
✓ 15	✓ 0015 0300	Heavy bomb attack by enemy do do do	
✓	0900	enemy out of their trenches on first occasions. Our casualties for night. 2 killed 16 wounded Relieved by 3rd Bn. & proceeded to rest bivouac Lieut LEVY returned from wounded.	

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5th Bn A.I.F.

Date. 1915	Place and Time.			Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
August 16	A.N.Z.A.C.		In rest camp. Lieut RICKETSON returned from wounded.	
17	✓	0900	Relieved 3rd Bn in LO-KE-PINE position No. 1. Section	
		1700	Shelled by enemy 75p. damage to parapets. Quiet night	
18	✓		Shelled by enemy at intervals during morning, which demolished portion of head cover. Quiet night	
19	✓	0700	Relieved by 3rd Bn. A+B Coys. & Hqs proceeded to reserve bivouac	

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5th. Bn A. I. F.

Date. 1915	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
Aug. 20.	ANZAC.	In rest (Reserve)	
21		Relieved 3rd Bn in NO. 1 Section	
		0800 LONE PINE trenches (less C + D Coy) Capt D. A. LUXTON to hospital.	
22	LONE PINE	Shelled by 750. + 9 pdr 1700 at intervals. Damage slight.	
23	✓	1815 Relieved by 3rd Bn. proceeded to rest camp.	
24		Lieut H. GRAY reported from sick for duty.	
25		0800 Relieved 3rd Bn in LONE PINE	
26		In LONE PINE No. 1 Section	
27		1700 Relieved by 3rd Bn. proceeded	

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5th Bn A.I.F.

Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
1915 August 27	A N Z A C	torest camp. Strength of Bn.	
28	✓	In Rest camp. Lieut JACK reported for duty. Average number of men being sent to Field Ambulance 10. Health of men not good, weakening with strain.	
29	✓ 1400	Relieved 3rd Bn in No. 1 section LONE PINE trenches (Hqs and A+B boys)	
30	✓	In LONE PINE trenches	
31	✓ 1200	Relieved by 3rd Bn in	

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5th. Bn A.I.F

Date. 1915	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
August 31	ANZAC	<p>LONE PINE trenches (Hqrs + A + B. boys) and ordered to act as supports to 2nd. Inf. Bde. A. Coy. situated at head of BRIDGES RD., Hqrs and B. Coy. at original Hqrs. of 5th. Bn. 2nd Lieut. Morrison sent to hospital. Strength of Bn. 21 Officers + 28 other ranks.</p>	

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5th Bn

Date.	Place and Time.			Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
		<i>Effective Strength</i>		
		<i>Officers</i>	<i>Other Ranks.</i>	
<i>As at</i>				
31-7-15		19 <del>23</del>	607	Including A.M.C
7-8-15		20	757	✓
14-8-15		20	606	✓
21-8-15		18	540	✓
28-8-15		19	475	✓
				<i>H. De la Balle</i>

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Appendix No. 0

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Prefix	Code	m.	Words	Charge	OFFICE AT THE BASE		
Office of Origin and Service Instructions			Sent		This message is on a/c of: 3rd. ECHELON. M. E. F.		
Dictated at 2000			At		24 SEP 1919		
			To		CENTRAL REGISTRY.		
			By		No. M. F. C/		
					(Signature of "Franking Officer.") By		
TO							
Sender's Number		Day of Month		In reply to Number		AAA	
*		3/8/15					
AT		2130,		2150		and 3000	
companies in this subsection will		shout words of command, and		open fire rounds on		GERMAN OFFICERS TRENCH and SNIPERS TRENCH	
aaa Machine gun in		trench length will		sweep		GERMAN OFFICERS parapet, not more than	
two belts							
				SR Baughy			
				Capt			
				Capt 5th Bn			
Appendix		0					
From							
Place							
Time							
The above may be forwarded as now corrected.				(Z)			
Censor				Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.			

Operations Order

Russ Night 4/5/15

app. 1.

I At 2100 and 2200 tonight (4/5/15) Russes will be carried out by No 3 section

II Commencing at 2200 Southern No. 2 section will commence work by throwing coloured lights, at 2215 rocket from 4th line, unless they will fire 3 rounds.

III At 2200 Right subsection of Northern No. 2 section (5th Bn) will cooperate with Southern No. 2 section by burning flares and at 2215, firing not more than 5 rounds per rifle in fire trenches directed at GERM. OFFICERS & SNIPERS TRENCH.

IV If signs of enemy movement are noticed immediate application will be made for artillery fire on such target

Atkinson  
Capt 5th Bn

4/8/15.

I The 5th Bn plus 235 rifles furnished by the 8th Bn. will occupy Southern No. 2 Section, now occupied by the 1st. Inf. Bde., relieving them as under:-

a A Coy. 8th. Bn will relieve the 4th Bn commencing at 0900 the 5th inst.

b B. Coy. 5th. Bn will relieve that portion of the 1st. and 3rd. Bns. from D. Coy 3rd. Bn. Hqs. inclusive to GULLY POST inclusive. Firing line frontage approximately 110 yds. commencing to relieve at 1000.

c c. Coy 5th Bn. will relieve portion of the 1st. and 2nd Bns. from GULLY POST exclusive to MACHINE GUN TRENCH inclusive. Approximate firing line frontage 115 yds. commencing to relieve at 1100

d A Coy. 5th Bn. will relieve that part of the 3rd. Bn from their left to D Coy 3rd. Bn. Hqs. inclusive, noting that it includes Point d. appears known as MODRES POST. Approximate frontage 115 yds. commencing to relieve at 1200

e D. Coy. 5th Bn. will relieve portion of 2nd. Bn. section from MACHINE GUN TRENCH exclusive to right of this section. Approximate fire trench frontage 160 yds. To commence to relieve at 1300.

II The Quartermaster will arrange to issue to each company on the 5th inst. 24 hours water and ration supply. The 24 hours to count from after the evening meal of the day of occupation, but all troops will move into the trenches carrying sufficient food to do for the morning meal of the 6th inst and all water bottles full.



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- III The Q.M. will requisition from Bn Hqrs of the 7th. Bn for the necessary fatigues
- IV The Medical Officer will arrange to take over from the Bns. at present in occupation all gas apparatus and necessary liquid.
- V Each company will take its ammunition bombs and grenades.
- VI Machine guns will remain in their present positions. Ammunition reserve will remain with them.
- VII Coy will arrange to draw as follows.

	Bombs		303	Sour Flares		Lights			
	Jam Tin	Double cylinders				White	Red	Blue	Green
A Co.	25	20	6000	20	8	2	1	1	
B Co.			3000		6	1	1		
C Co.	11	9	3000		4	1	1		
D Co.			-		3	2	1	1	

Coloured lights are not to be used unless under special instructions, probably to communicate with Navy.

- VIII The D. O. C. Army Corps particularly wishes company Officers to encourage men to economise water, as owing to the large increase of troops in this area the water supply is very difficult. The ration is to be strictly limited to half a gallon per man per day for all purposes
- IX Supports. Each company will communicate direct with the Bn. Hqrs. nearest its Coy. Hqrs. if any supports are required. Same are not to be asked for unless absolutely necessary.
- X Dressing Stations. Companies will in like manner instruct stretcher bearers to evacuate wounded to nearest Bn. Dressing station. Sick will also parade at the nearest Bn. Dressing station.
- XI Reports. To 3rd. Bn. Hqrs.

XII  
18.17

Points d'appui will be held as under:

A. Coy 8th Bn. No. 1. TAMBOUR. No. 2. THE CRATER.

A. Coy 5th Bn. MOORES POST.

B. Coy 5th Bn. GULUY POST.

C. Coy 5th Bn. 2nd Tiev Fiev trench near Bnt  
Tunnel to be known as "Bnt POINT D'APPOI"

D. Coy 5th Bn. THE PIMPLE.

These points will be specially strengthened and where possible so built up and occupied as to provide two tiers of fire

Obstacles will be kept in readiness to place on either flank if necessary.

XIII Nomenclature. Southern to 2 sections will be divided into five subsections as follow.

That portion of trench occupied by:-

No. 1. Subsection		D. Coy 5th Bn.
2	✓	to ✓
3	✓	B ✓
4	✓	A ✓
5	✓	A ✓ 8th Bn.

S. R. Slaughter  
Capt adyt  
5th Bn.

Dictated  
1930 4/8/15.

By Major F. W. Le Bauste  
Commanding Southern No 2 Section

References. Map of Gallipoli Peninsula 1-20000 +  
Trench diagram No 2.

Information. (1) As a prelude to major operations elsewhere, the outline of which has been communicated confidentially to Company commanders, the Division is to take action on its present front with the object of preventing the enemy moving reserves to other areas.

The New Zealand Division will in the early morning of the 7th inst. assault towards BABY 700.

(2) Intention. The Battalion plus one company of the 8th Bn. will occupy & hold the entrenched line at present held by 1st Inf. Bde, which will continue to be known as Southern No 2 Section.

(3) The 1st Inf. Bde will attack & capture the works known as LONE PINE; and the 2nd Inf. Bde will attack and capture the works known as GERMAN OFFICERS TRENCH, and also destroy SNIPERS TRENCH. The party detailed to destroy SNIPERS TRENCH will return to the present entrenched line after having accomplished it.

It is also possible that at daylight on the 7th inst. there may be an attack on JOHNSONS JOLLY.

4. Distribution. The Section will hold the line as is now in occupation of.

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Distribution  
(contd)

The Frontage allotted to the 1st Inf Bde for deployment lies between the vicinity of Tunnels B 3 to Tunnel B 24. Fire, support & communication trenches, in rear of this alignment, will be placed at the disposal of the 1st Inf Bde, as required. Details will be communicated later. The main communication with the captured works will be through Tunnels B 5 B 8 + B 6. Details regarding this work will also be communicated later.

Artillery  
(5)

The Divisional Artillery will co-operate in the attacks under special orders from the Divisional Commander.

(6)

During the night of the attack Star shells will be fired at intervals by a section of the 21st Mountain Battery.

Indication  
of Position  
(7)

Every effort will be made by attacking troops to display red & yellow flags to indicate their position. Small red flags will be shown in captured trenches.

Times  
(8)

The attack on LONE PINE will take place at 1730 on the 6th August, the signal being three short whistle blasts, the first sounding promptly at 1730. All watches will be synchronised at 1600 on 6th August.

The attack on GERMAN OFFICERS TRENCH will take place at midnight night 6-7th August. This latter attack will be preceded by mines fired under GERMAN OFFICERS TRENCH.

Action  
(9)

The Section will cover the advance of the 1st Inf. Bde by keeping down fire from JOHNSONS JOLLY and LONE PINE, and preventing the movement of enemy reinforcements via OWENS GULLY and the eastern glacis of LONE PINE.

To this end machine gun sections as notified verbally to Company Commanders

will be trained on the special plants they can cover best during the night.  
 Those covering JOHNSONS JOLLY being arranged to traverse certain trenches with the object of screening & disturbing fire from JOHNSONS JOLLY mines will be exploded in TUNNELS between C 31 + C 38, + tunnels adjacent to B 26 + B 22, under arrangements made by C. G. Divisional Engineers

The C. G. Gambou's Point d'Appui will arrange to cover assault of No 3 Section (New Zealand Division) towards BABY 700, by machine gun fire.

Trench Mortars. Trench Mortars <sup>are</sup> in the sections follows

(10)

One Garland in Subsection No 5; objectives same as No 4

ONE

MINE, JOHNSONS JOLLY + GERMAN OFFICERS TRENCH.

Observation  
(11)

Each subsection commander will specially observe & report <sup>at intervals</sup> ~~on~~ the estimated intensity of enemy fire from works immediately <sup>to</sup> his front. Careful watch must always be maintained for any signs of enemy preparations for counter attack

do  
(Special detail)  
(12)

Commanders of No 4 + 5 subsections will each detail a special officer + a senior NCO. to watch enemy fire from JOHNSONS JOLLY, reporting its intensity at frequent intervals

casualties  
(13)

Subsection Commanders will instruct their stretcher bearers to evacuate all casualties occurring in or brought into their subsection as follows -  
 No 1 Subsection. - Through 2nd Battalion Dressing Station + No 3 Field Ambulance advanced dressing station BROWNS DIP  
 No 2 Subsection - Dressing Station of 1st Battalion

Casualties  
contd

No 3 Subsection. To No. 3 F.A. advanced dressing station in VICTORIA GULLY

No 4 Subsection. To 5th Bin dressing station

No 5 Subsection. To No 2 F.A. advanced dressing station in BRIDGES ROAD.

All wounded able to walk will proceed to Divisional collecting Stations as they are places of comparative safety.

basis of this character from Nos 1, 2 + 3 Subsections to No 1 Field Ambulance Pivouac in VICTORIA GULLY at DAWKINS POINT.

basis from No 4 + 5 Subsections to No 3 Field Amb. Pivouac on the northern slope of MCFAY'S HILL

The Brigade Reserve 7th Bin will be distributed between BRAUND'S HILL, in rear of the CRATER POST and in the passes in rear of 3rd Bin H.Q.

The Divisional Reserve, one Battalion, will be on the Northern flank of 3rd Brigade Section.

Order for operations will be Field service equipment less packs. Respirators + mess tins will be worn. Jackets with distinguishing armlets + shoulder patches will be worn.

All ranks will wear white armlets six inches wide fixed on each arm above the elbow, and a patch about six inches square fixed on the back between the shoulder blades. Any one not answering with the counter sign at once and anyone without the distinguishing armlets + patches as ordered will be treated as an enemy.

200 Rounds per man will be carried on the person.

Steel + do be very sparingly used

One days iron rations will be carried in the haversack. Twenty four hours ordinary ration + supply of water will be kept in the tunicist

Reserves  
(14)

Administrative  
Arrangements  
(15)

Dress.

Armlets  
patches

Ammunition

Water Bottles

Rations

Administrative  
arrangements  
(cont'd)

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Appendix No. 3

disposal of  
surplus equipment

Packs, coats & other articles surplus equipment  
that would have to be left behind in an  
advance will be collected & stored before  
1600 on the 6th inst in a central spot  
near company H.Q. under a guard of 2 men  
per company

water

All ranks are specially warned to be  
sparing in the use of their water as in  
some cases there is no possibility of  
water being sent up to <sup>forward line</sup> troops after  
commencement of operations.

Reports

at frequent intervals to Div H.Q. established  
at old 3rd Div H.Q.

AR Baughen Capt + adjt  
5th Bn

I N F O R M A T I O N .

General. A British resident who left Constantinople beginning of July states :- "Sultan Mohamed, who has made a good recovery from his operation, recently stated in conversation that he feared that the Turkish Government was making some grievous blunders, and that he prayed that Turkey might be saved from the consequences of her own folly. As usual the Young Turks were taking for granted the realisation of their hopes."

Turkish recruiting. According to an unconfirmed report since March about 100,000 men have been sent to European theatre of war from the district of Alexandretta, Aintab, Urfa, Adana, and Konia, and 35,000 to the Caucasus. This includes part of the Army operating against Egypt under Djemal Pasha. (Konia vilayet has a population of over one million, nearly all Turks.

Turco-Bulgarian negotiations. Negotiations have for some time past been in progress between Bulgaria and Turkey concerning the cession by the latter of the Turkish section of the Maritza Valley railway. This railway is the only one connecting Bulgaria with Dedeaghatch, its port on the Aegean. No agreement had been reached as late as the 29th July.

Condition of the Turkish forces in Syria. A trustworthy source gives the following information regarding the state of the Turkish forces in Syria. "The total number of troops in the whole district has been reduced to between 10,000 and 15,000; all the rest have been sent towards Constantinople. Of the German officers who had been attached to them, some forty in number, including two Generals, scarcely any were left. It was further stated that the condition and moral of those remaining troops was anything but good, and that a shortage of coal seriously interfered with the use of the railways. It was believed that Djemal Pasha had been on bad terms with the German officers when they were with him, and that his view rather inclined towards support of the Allies.

Railways. It is reported that work is being pushed on feverishly on the El Arish line in southern Syria. Railhead is said to be at a point 3 miles north of Bir es Saba.

Personnel. It is reported that Turkish feeling against Enver is increasing, but he and Talaat are still all-powerful.

Regimental numbers. Regimental numbers on collars and shoulder straps have been suppressed by the Germans; numbers are now worn concealed.

Aust Div. H.Q.,  
5th August 1915.



INFORMATION.

1. Yesterday last instance considerable progress was made by our troops operating in the direction of ANAFARTA SACHIR. The 32nd Brigade advanced North of trench running from HETMAN CHAIR to W.HILLS and NORTH EAST Sq. 105 R3 and 6. The 29th Division carried a series of trenches in 105 S 6.8 and moved up the spur. A communication trench was still in hands of the enemy and the 33rd Brigade had been ordered to take it.

The Mounted Division reached CHOCOLATE HILLS.

Progress was also reported from the area North of WALKER'S RIDGE.

Brigadier General Russell obtained a strong footing on KATAJIK and KABAK KUYU was captured and entrenched. The Indian Brigade reported were entrenching SUSAK KUYU.

2. INFORMATION REGARDING ENEMY. - ANZAC. Turkish deserters state that the counter attack made on CHUNUK BAIR the 10th, 11th and 25th Regiments practically wiped out. Information received from other sources confirms fact that the Turkish troops engaged in this counter attack suffered extremely heavy losses.

SOUTHERN ZONE. In the Southern Zone the enemy shows no activity except in repairing and strengthening his trenches. Our troops have obtained superiority in sniping and bombing. Out of six 8" shells fired yesterday from Asia only one exploded.

AK BASHI LIMAN. At this landing place yesterday afternoon there were three large and six moderate sized transports besides a number of small craft. One transport was disembarking troops and a battalion was formed up on the road. One ship was unloading stores. On the shore there is a park of ammunition and stores which is estimated to be at least 500 yards square.

3.

TRANSLATIONS OF CAPTURED DOCUMENTS ETC.

The following is from a captured Order Book :-

July 7th: 10 lashes to any man going about with his shirt undone at the neck and his waist sash tied outside his tunic. Germans are sending presents from BERLIN to the Turkish troops in the trenches.

Routine Order, 14th Regiment.

To O.C. 3rd Battalion, ABDURRAHMAN BAIRI, June 30th.

1. The Minister of War and Vice Generalissimo, H.E. Enver Pasha and the Imperial Prince Eumer Faroun Effendi, condescended yesterday to go to the Northern Group H.Q. in order to see with his own eyes the deeds of valour and bravery of our soldiers. He also condescended to go to the firing line trenches at ARI BURNU. In the course of his visit he witnessed many deeds of valour and as in the future acts of bravery will be performed which will cause the present ones to pale in insignificance, there is not the slightest doubt that the enemy will be unable to remain in the position which he now occupies, and will be driven into the sea. H.E. wishes his salutations to be communicated to the troops.

2. Commencing from tomorrow, maize flour will be mixed with the wheat flour in the proportion of 40% and the bread made accordingly.

3. During the last few days very mouldy and uneatable bread has been served out to the troops. Unless bread has been issued by the Divisional Commissariat and Supply officers of units, it will not be served out to troops.

H.Qs. 1st A.D.

22nd August, 1915.

INFORMATION.

MOVEMENTS OF TURKISH TROOPS. An unconfirmed report states that Turkish troops in large numbers are being sent to ADRIANOPLE.

A force of 4600 soldiers consisting partly of convalescents and containing 800 untrained men is reported to have left CONSTANTINOPLE for the front between the 17th and 20th August. It is possible that these were the troops observed disembarking at AK BASHI LIMAN on the 21st August.

LOSSES AND MORALE. A report from the same source, which is generally well informed, states that the Turkish losses in the recent fighting, were 6000 killed and 20,000 wounded.

Two persons wearing the uniforms of Turkish officers were arrested at the Admiralty with bombs in their pockets.

POLITICAL. It is reported on good authority that the Italian Ambassador and Staff were expected to arrive at DEDEAGATCH by special train from CONSTANTINOPLE on the 22nd instant.

M. Radeslevoff, the Bulgarian Premier, is stated to have expressed himself as follows to an American correspondent :- "If quadruple Alliance guarantee beyond doubt our re-occupation of Serbo-Greek Macedonia we will fight in any way best to serve the Allies. Our aspirations do not extend to CONSTANTINOPLE. We are not willing to continue neutrality to Germanists till the end of the war."

RAILWAYS. Railhead on the new railway which the Turks are building in Southern Syria towards the Egyptian frontier is at KHEIMER. It had reached this point several weeks ago. It is reported that about 5000 labourers are employed on the construction work, who are suffering much from disease.

TRIPOLI. The ATHENS paper "Hostia" of 7th August contains a telegram from Rome stating that the Arab revolt in TRIPOLI is spreading dangerously. A large number of arrests have been made, and several put to death.

The Arabs in revolt attack the Italian garrisons.

ENEMY RUSES. A message from General Cox states that on the night 21st/22nd August about 11 p.m. a number of Turks approached the left flank defences at KALAJIE AGHALA shouting and with both hands held over their heads. As it was thought they wished to surrender, they were permitted to approach the trench held there by the 14th Sikhs. Some saluted and shook hands with the Sikhs. It was then noticed that they had their rifles in their hands, and attempts to take them away were resisted and a scuffle ensued, two Sikhs being shot. The Sikhs then opened fire, those Turks who were not killed fleeing. It was also noticed that all or nearly all the Turks had bombs on their waist belts.

There is little doubt it was a ruse, so that when a few more Turks had collected, they were to bomb and rush the defences.

A. G. 1st A. Divn.  
23rd August, 1915.

I N F O R M A T I O N .

PRISONERS. The total number of prisoners captured since the commencement of operations up to the 20th instant is over 3000.

PERSONNEL. According to deserters the following are some of the names of the commanders of units belonging to the Vith Corps :-

16th Division:	RUSYDI BEY
47th Regt.	TEWFIK BEY
48th "	AMMED ELY
125th Regiment	ABDUREZZAK BEY
24th Division:	WLIBEY BEY
26th Division:	BESSAD BEY.

LEBANON The administration of the LEBANON has now been taken over entirely by the Turkish Government. Ottoman officers have replaced the local police officers, who have been drafted elsewhere in SYRIA. The Administrative Council was arrested and deported to DAMASCUS and the Governor's Secretary was sent handcuffed to BEIRUT. The Governor then resigned.

(The LEBANON is the district lying behind BEIRUT inhabited by Druses (Islems) and Maronites (Roman Catholics). For the last 50 years it had enjoyed a form of local autonomy under a Christian Governor appointed by the Porte.)

MATERIAL. Reports received from a variety of sources confirm the fact that the Turks are finding it increasingly difficult to arm the men they call kurax up for service. An Englishman who left CONSTANTINOPLE recently saw a large number of troops near SAN STEPHANO of whom the first party only carried mausers, the remainder being armed with long barrelled rifles, martinis, winchesters and some even with ordinary sporting guns.

Metals are beginning to run out. Old machinery in the Admiralty is being broken up for the copper it contains.

SUPPLIES. The gasworks at CONSTANTINOPLE have closed owing to shortage of fuel and the tramway service is reduced. Petroleum costs 11 a tin and is practically unobtainable.

AVIATION. Aviation has now been entirely taken over by the Germans.

L.G.s Ist A.D.  
27th August 1918.



Handwritten in a circle: *W. B. Brown*  
*1/19*

I N F O R M A T I O N .

INFORMATION REGARDING ENEMY. Aeroplane reconnaissances carried out on the 26th instant report from 5 to 7 steamers at AK BASHI LIMAN at different times and one at KILIA LIMAN.

CONTRABAND. It is reported from a reliable source that except for an occasional truck which is smuggled through, no ammunition for TURKEY is passing through ROUMANIA.

MEDICAL. Large numbers of wounded arrive daily (at CONSTANTINOPLE) by land and sea. They are quickly distributed to the various hospitals by a well-organised service of trams, carriages, motors and motor omnibuses. A large percentage of the men seem only slightly wounded. These are well treated. Serious cases are badly tended owing to the lack of doctors, each doctor having 130 to 150 men to look after. In consequence there have been many cases of tetanus and gangrene, and many of the wounded have been permanently disabled. There are a large number of deaths.

It is reported that the hospitals have been moved from GALLIPOLE to KESHAN and MALGARA.

Special information has been received to the effect that one of our submarines torpedoed 4 large transports in the STRAITS OF NAGARA on the 25th instant.

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H.Qs. 1st A.D.

28th August, 1915.

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NAVAL A List has been received giving the names of steamers under the Turkish and German flags lost in the BLACK SEA and SEA OF MARMORA. The total is 47, of which 32 are over 1,000 tons, the total tonnage being 100,000.

In addition to these, several large steamers and a number of tugs and sailing craft of all sizes and descriptions, which were engaged on the transport of coal and munitions have been sunk by the Russian Fleet in the BLACK SEA.

PERSONNEL. It is reported that VON DER GOLTZ is about to go to ADRIANOPLE, thence along the BULGARIAN FRONTIER, and via UZUN KEUPRU to KIRK KILISSE.

ENEMY TROOPS. Judging from the information received, the intelligence that the Syrian troops had refused to proceed to the Peninsula, appears to be well founded.

It is known that there is great disaffection amongst the Arab soldiers who have been brought from Syria, and it will be remembered that some weeks ago, when at CHATALJA, their mutinous attitude caused the Turks a good deal of trouble.

It is now stated that Turkish troops have been sent from CONSTANTINOPEL to ADRIANOPLE and UZUN KEUPRU to deal with the Syrians.

CAUCASUS. The General Staff of the Russian Caucasus Army announces in its communique dated 17th August that as the result of the fighting from mid-July till the 12th August on the MELAGIRD-AKHLAT front, the Turkish right wing was completely defeated. Several thousands of prisoners besides guns, supplies etc., were taken by the Russians.

REGIMENTAL ORDER 14th REGIMENT.- 17th June.

1. A model fixed tripod machine gun for firing at aeroplanes has been given to the machine gun section. The mode of using this weapon has been sent with the instructions.
2. No drill will be done on Fridays. Men will be occupied with cleaning and their religious duties.
3. Men's washing will be done tomorrow before noon i.e. Thursday. It is essential that the men should perform their religious duties at the hour of prayer on Friday. There must be no washing of clothes on Friday.

THE FOLLOWING HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM THE G.O.C. 5th ARMY. 17th JUNE.

In order to be able to make use of rifles taken from the enemy one Medjidie will be given to all men who are able to collect rifles and a hundred rounds of ammunition. This does not include those that come into our hands in large numbers after an engagement. This order should be communicated at once to all troops.

REGIMENTAL ORDER, 14th REGIMENT.

To G.O.C. Companies.

18th June.

You will announce to all troops that soldiers deserting will be shot.

Later regimental orders have been captured in which the small number of rifles captured by the Turks is commented on and ordering a search with a view of securing any rifles hidden by men not tempted by the reward which is 4/- to give up those secured.

POLITICAL. The differences between the extremists and moderates in the Turkish National Committee are reported to have become acute. The question at issue is stated to be one relating to the SHERI LAW, but it is possible that an attempt is being made by the advanced section of the party to obtain possession of the Wakuf funds for the "national cause", which would naturally be opposed by the more moderate members, amongst whom are the Grand Vizier, the Sheikh ul Islam and the Minister of Justice.

R.G.S. 1st A.D.

30.8.1915.

I N F O R M A T I O N .

PRISONERS. Yesterday a deserter belonging to the 70th Regiment, 1st Division, surrendered to the 8th Army Corps.

PERSONNEL. Von der Goltz is reported to have been at ADRIANOPOLE on the 19th instant.

Several Turkish Generals, known to have leanings towards the Entente, have been sent to the centre of Asia Minor.

INFORMATION REGARDING ENEMY. The Turks are digging trenches to the N.E. of KUM KALE. It appears that this work goes on chiefly at night, when flares are to be seen in the region behind KUM KALE.

ENEMY RUSES. The enemy threw unlighted bombs into Anzac trenches expecting probably that our men would light them and throw them back. When examined the fuses of these bombs were found to be instantaneous.

To C.O. 2nd Battalion,  
From, 14th Regiment Observation Post. 6th May, 1915.  
Very Urgent.

1. It is needless to point out how important it is to furnish details, who have already come and are coming in the near future to fill gaps at the front, with rifles without any delay. The latter cannot be supplied on the lines of communications.

2. So far the arms of battalion casualties have not been brought in.

3. The spare arms in possession of battalions must be collected and sent back at once to the Second Line Transport.

4. Advantage is to be taken of the darkness and the rifles lying about in the firing line are to be collected by some men under an officer without further delay, and sent to the Second Line Transport.

H.Qs. 1st A.D.  
31st August 1915.