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1914-18 War**

Infantry

Item number: 23/39/4

Title: 22nd Infantry Battalion

November 1915



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Tran heavy to Col Pt Craich 22 Oct to 20/11/15

Date. 1915	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
Nov 2	Anzac 2000	Sea too rough to day for Comd'g party to leave for IMBROO Lucky weather - but number of attendants on M.O. morning little sniping, but some M.G. fire from enemy all day at 0718 to 1800 much artillery fire from both sides. Three of our parapets + one M.G. position injured with 2 casualties. Half water ration ordered. Summary of events for 31 Oct - 1 Nov received for Fort Tomer - passed round empirically to O.B.S.	
4	Anzac 2150	Some artillery at 1215 new type 4" 2" at base and + 4-9" shrapnel fired at high descent as if from machine Dropped parapets only. Tomer 2045 to 2155 enemy demonstration with bombs, bullets, M.G. + 2 shells 75T no casualties + they had about 100,000 cartridges Lucky weather	

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Nov 5	Anzac 2100	Sharp sniping and hot fire from enemy all day increasing at 1900 to 2100. Artillery fire 15-15 with heavy shell 7 in at base (shrapnel) Full casualties taking. Fog from morning. Half worn rations for Troops.	
11	Anzac 0800	During interval of 11 Nov normal sniping & dark bombardment by enemy - one gas & 1 plane. Aeroplanes mostly over us of enemy occasionally. Last night 1930 - this morning 0130 at 100 - 3 mm parachute OFFENSIVE GULLY. Little information from sounds of men enemy working at night. Sounds underground enemy rattling reported behind C2 D Co lines, and reported to engineers. Point known as the CRATER	

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10 Nov 1915	Anzac 800	and we replaced stepping some. Sinker mean by me reported by man on Post A9 (near B3) found to be 10 ft in front of my 5 trench. On 8 Nov 21st. Asahi with our DEAD END, WIREGULLY and TAMBOUR. our line now C & G B & A CO 165 yds on right. B 140 yds C 120 yds D 75 yds approximately 600 yds.	
11 Nov	Anzac 2200	1200 Found White - Col. Rhodes (NZ) inspected an line. Two M45 put on an line in rear A + D company - now unutilized - will be removed.	Fine day. Heavy rain at night. Enemy shelled us with 75's at 1220, little damage no casualties.

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Nov - 11	Anzac 2300	Fired 3 howitzers at 2130, one failed to explode. Demonstration on our left at night. Only m.g. fire from ^{our} LONE PINE on our lines.	
13	Anzac 0800	Foggy day with front rear of line in leading to WIRE GULLY during night. Patrols sent out and found Barracks in WIRE GULLY occupied by a unit known and came from three directions at LONE PINE and JOLLY.	
15	Anzac 2200	Rain to night, heavy wind and lightning. Much fire on our lines for many miles south of LONE PINE. Heavy artillery fire on our lines and a few shells with our support and quiet day.	Little enemy activity. D. M. M.

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Date. 1911	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
(17	Anzac 2200	At 2030 violent rain storm and wind storm, and trunks starting heavy fall on our left. In response, this morning they erected stakes in several dry beds in front of encampments. Parrots are very noisy with • OWENS GULLY since 12 to 15.	
19	Anzac 2100	Cold morning with night 18/19 - from sunny day. Half water rations. Snowing in tent. Birds at Anzac 6/16 have and the low in light. Condolence Normal in front No parrots	
(20	Anzac 1000	Bad night and some rain. Normal in front repulsed 2 miles East, through into the night. Snow, long shaped, much deep bombardment all night to get much relief command Australian troops appointed. Company to command 22 Base.	Strange light

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20.11.15	ANZAC 045	Orders received from the Brigadier Col. R. Spencer Browne that Major R. Smith was to assume command of the Bn. at once. Ordinary sniping through the day, both sides. Artillery both sides not very active. Casualties 2 killed. Fighting strength ^{Officers} 34, ^{O. Ranks} 866	<p>→ COL. R. SPENCER BROWNE CB. VD</p> <p>→ MAJOR R. SMITH</p>
21.11.15	— — 0900	Mine exploded RUSSELLS TOP. No effect observed here. Ours + enemy's rifle fire, volume slight. Both artilleries fairly inactive. Fighting strength ^{Officers} 34, ^{O. Ranks} 862	
22.11.15	— — —	Ours active. Enemy's inactive. Sniping quiet both sides. Fighting strength ^{Off} 34, ^{O. Ranks} 858	
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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
23.11.15	ANZAC	<p>Our Artillery shelled CHESSBOARD and JOLLY at intervals. Enemy answered with shrapnel, no damage. Usual sniping both sides. Enemy landed stick bombs into support trenches. no damage</p> <p>Fighting stungest ^{Officers 0. pants} 34 856</p>	
24.11.15	— " —	<p>Our artillery shelled CHESSBOARD. TURKS HUMP + LONEPINE. Enemy replied onto our right, no damage. Sniping both sides normal.</p> <p>1715 Received verbal orders from Brigadier of new policy to come into force at 1800 which was followed by written orders. Issued</p> <p>1800 at orders covering new policy → See Appendix I</p> <p>Enemy fired fair number stick bombs onto our right</p> <p>Fighting stungest ^{at} O. PARKS</p> <p>Casualties ^{at} 34, 855 R. Smith Major</p>	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
25.11.15	ANZAC	<p>Tanks very curious at our inactivity, ^{many} periscopes observed along Enemy trenches. our fire nil except at 2015 when No 2 Machine Gun opened fire on Turkish patrol + logged on. Enemy sniping normal. His Art from OLIVE GROVE kept firing on beach throughout day and night.</p> <p>0118 Heavy burst of rifle fire was heard from direction of CHESSBOARD which lasted some minutes when things became normal. During the night enemy stick bombs burst on our night or damage Fighting strength ^{Officers} 34 ^{O. Roberts} 852</p> <p>Casualties 1 wounded R. Smith Major</p>	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
26.11.15	ANZAC	<p>No sniping done by us, but during the night fired 3 Portland Bombs at Trucks, from TABBOUR, working near there. Enemy's artillery shelled our lines with "75s" at 1030 & 1530. One man injured & goods in Cookes lines scattered. Enemy's sniping less active. Observed German flag flying from house 81.V.9 Ref. KURIJARE DERE 9m. Stick bombs on right our lines. Casualties 1 Killed 1 Wounded Fighting strength officer 0. ranks 34, 852. 3 ret'd from 7. Amb.</p>	
27.11.15	ANZAC	<p>Our Artillery & Rifle fire inactive. Received 2158 wire from 6th Bde that normal conditions</p>	<p>R. Smith Major</p>

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
27.11.15	ANZAC	were to be adopted as from 2400 27/28. See appendix 2.	See Appendix 2.
	" 1600	Enemy fired few rounds in artillery our lines, no damage. His sniping very inactive	
	" 1500	Enemy and throughout night enemy fired bombs onto our support trenches, no damage. Casualties nil, Fighting strength ^{Officers 2} 34. ^{Ranked} 852	
28.11.15	"	Our sniping quiet, enemy presenting few targets	
	" 1515 1700	Our Artillery shelled at intervals CHESSBOARD On account of extreme cold. Machine Guns fired short bursts during the night at selected targets to prevent water in jackets freezing. Turkish	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
28.11.15	ANZAC	<p>1340 sweeping less inaction. At 1340 a few 8.2s fell into our support trenches but did no material damage</p> <p>1520 75s slightly damaged our parapets. Casualties 1 Wounded. Fighting strength ^{Off. O. Rank} 344. 849</p>	
29.11.15	---	<p>0915 Our Artillery opened fire. Our howitzers got well on to JOLLY and LONEPINE. Firing ceased 1245. Our pumping normal. Machine Guns fired during night to keep water from freezing. 5 Red flags were observed flying at along line of enemy trenches. These proved to be artillery marks. Enemy artillery severely bombarded this subsection & LONEPINE. The damage done to us was exceedingly small considering volume of fire. Parapets knocked down & dug outs blown in. At</p>	<p>R. Smith Major</p>

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
29.11.15	ANZAC 1230	<p>Enemy artillery ceased firing. Enemy sniping less active than usual. Bursts of machine gun fire from GERMAN OFFICERS passed along over our trenches towards LONE PINE during the night.</p> <p>Casualties 4 Wounded Fighting strength ^{OFF. D.R.} 34,847</p>	
30.11.15	" 1120	<p>Our aeroplane overhead for 15 minutes. Our Artillery at intervals throughout day shelled towards TURKS HUMP & CHESSBOARD. Our sniping normal. Enemy aeroplane flew towards our lines but on being fired at by our anti-aircraft guns flew away. Enemy Artillery quiet. few 75's in the subsection. no damage. Stick bombs fell on right of subsection during night and also across</p>	<p>R. Armit Major</p>

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
30-11-15	ANZAC	<p>mine on left into WIRE GULLY. We fired GARLAND BOMBS into their trenches + stick bombs ceased. Enemy sniping normal.</p> <p>Casualties nil. Fighting strength ^{OFF. OR.} 34, 84</p> <p>R. Smith Major C.O. 22nd A.I. F 30-11-15</p>	

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Operation Memorandum No 1

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Major R. Smith. G.O. 24th Nov 1915. A.I.F.
ANZAC. 24-11-15.

ACT 10 IV.

Unless otherwise ordered no action against the enemy shall be taken from 1800 Nov 24th 1915. except to repel an attack. but the following instructions will be observed. No opportunity of killing work is to be missed. Thus hostile patrols, hostile working parties & hostile snipers who give good targets are to be fired at. Fire will not be directed at inanimate objects such as parapets, loopholes & periscopes without a very adequate reason. Movements on the beach & in the gullies by day are to be reduced as far as possible.

GAS.

The use of gas by the enemy will be taken to constitute an attack. All ranks are warned against the use of revolvers, rifles, trench mortars or the throwing of bombs. This does not apply to operations in occupied tunnels where we are in touch with the enemy.

ARTILLERY.

Our artillery will not fire. In the event of an attack O.C. Units will at once request through Artillery Serving Officers or by most direct means for artillery assistance.

PERISCOPES.

The use of periscopes will be reduced as far as possible compatible with safety, & observations should, where possible, be made through loopholes or by other means.

SIGNALLING.

In the event of an enemy attack, the position attacked will be signalled by rockets as follows:- RUSSELLS TOP. Three WHITE Rockets, POPE'S ONE RED ONE WHITE ONE RED Rockets. QUINN'S Three GREEN Rockets. COURTNEY'S TO II/16 inclusive, ONE WHITE ONE RED ONE WHITE Rockets. From II/16, (left of 21st BN) TO BT ONE GREEN ONE WHITE ONE GREEN. LONE PINE. Three RED. In each case there will be a pause of 10 seconds between firing of the rockets. No time will be lost in communicating by telephone or other means. TO BN HQ QRS

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FLANKS. In the event of an attack by the enemy flank Coys will kept in close touch with the troops of other units to their flank so as to render or request assistance.

SIGNALLERS. O.C. Sig. Section will see that all lines of communication are in proper working order at all times.

MACHINEGUNS. The Brigade M.G. Officers will personally see that all M.G. crews fully understand these orders and signals and that the guns are laid on to their selected fields of fire, traverses checked and ranges noted.

C. J. Bazeley ^{2/Lt.}
Adj. 2d Ind Bn A.I.F.

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APPENDIX 2

"C" Form (Duplicate).

Army Form C. 2123.

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

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