

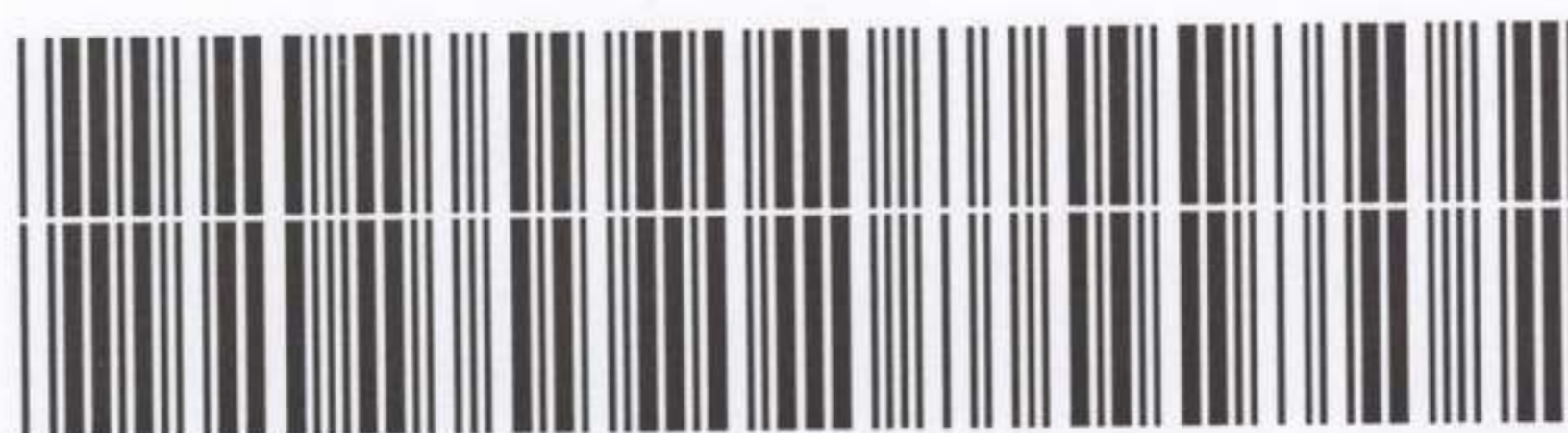
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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached <b>17 NOV. 1915</b> <b>CENTRAL REGISTRY.</b> No M. F. C/
1. 10. 15	Korumburra 2100	In Reserve Browns Dep. Supplied Supplied 100 men Reserve Lane Vine 5 men for Kimple + 3 M.G. Co + 18 men for Picquet in Klatsau Sap. Strength 263 33 Officers + 2 attached M/S and majo	
2. 10. 15	Lone Pine 2100	In Samson Lane Pine Relieved 24 <sup>th</sup> Bn + 13 Lt. between 0800 + 0900 Sun opened on Pine from direction Battleship Hill Enemy in nearby quiet sniping + improving their trenches. improving our parapets & tunnelling. sniping + bombing now extended S.A.A. 12450 bombs 316 strength 256. 33 Officers 2 attached M/S and majo	

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Date.	Place and Time.	<p align="center"><b>23RD BATTN.</b> Cth Inf. Bde.</p>	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
3 10.15	Lore Pine 2400	<p>Quiet night. In Samson Lore Pine Stellung opened on Pine from direction of scrubby knoll at 0815 75 opened + fired few shots at 1800 Enemy improving his works Our Engineers making new latrines + cess pits + tunnelling Repairing parapets 849 strength 33 Officers + 2 attached including bombing kept up continuously M Said Mgr</p>	
4 10.15	Kranis Def 2100	<p>Quiet night. Relieved from Lore Pine by 4th Bn + 13 L.H. between 0800 + 0900. Heavy artillery bombardment between 0900 + 1000 Supplied 20 to O.C. Lore Pine as reserve also 50 men in rifle also 100 men in Reserve also Riquet</p>	

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5.10.15	Krommedijk 2009	<p>3.11.6. 60 + 18 men for Klaten Sap.            1 Casualty. Strength 844 33 officers + 2 attached            M.B. and M.J.            On Reserve Brown's tip. Quick day            supplied 50 men for Krommedijk 100 for Reserve            Lone Pine. 20 men as supports to Lone Pine            + 3 N.S. 60 + 18 men as per quest Klaten            Sap. Strength 844 6ffo 33 + 2 attached            M.B. and M.J.</p>	
6.10.15	Lone Pine 2/10	<p>Relieved 24 BN + 13 L.H. in Lone Pine between            10.00 + 11.00 L.P. 4 blown up by Engineers            at 1545 Engineers tunnelling &amp; digging latrines            4 latrines. and also new Sap from B5</p>	

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Date.	Place and Time.	<p align="center"><b>23RD BATTN.</b> 6th Inf. Bde.</p>	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
		<p>Enemy sniping bombing &amp; improving his trenches. Sniping &amp; bombing kept up all day. Strength 84733 officers &amp; 2 attached Casualties 4. M. Baird Mjr</p>	
7.10.15	Lone Pine 2200	<p>In Garrison Lone Pine Quiet day Enemy sniping &amp; bombing &amp; improving their trenches Demonstration on right to draw fire. Very little fire in front of Lone Pine. It was reported that Gas was in Bismarck's dip but only affected the eyes reported at 2035 Ammunition expended 1000 bombs 476 Casualties nil Engineers improving trenches Strength 834 334ffs &amp; 2 attached M. Baird Mjr</p>	

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Date.	Place and Time.	23RD BATTN. C. 11. 56.	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
8.10.15	Brouns Dip 2200	Quiet night. L.P. 8 blown up by Engineers at 1000. Relieved by 24 BN + 13 L.H. at 1000 + 1100 in Reserve in Brouns Dip. Supplied fatigues. Also 50 men for Temple 100 men for reserve of Lone Pine + 20 men reported to G.O. Lone Pine as support at 1800 3 Lt. Co. 18 men as picket Plateau Sap. Strength 830 33 Officers + 2 attached. M.B. and M.P.	
9.10.15	Brouns Dip 1800	Quiet day in reserve Brouns Dip. Col Knorr had interview with several officers as to efficiency. Supplied fatigues 50 men for Temple 100 reserve Lone Pine 20 men reported to G.O. Lone Pine at 1800 3 Lt. Co. 18 men as picket Plateau Sap. Strength 833 33 Officers + 2 attached. M.B. and M.P.	

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Date.	Place and Time.	23 <sup>RD</sup> BATTN. 6th Inf. Bde.	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
10. 10. 15	Love Line 1300	Garrison in Love Line. Battalion suffers 32 permanent + 28 each day as fatigues for Engineers, supplied 12 more today to commence new firing line in front of No 3 Section. Engineers tunnelling & draining also digging latines & saps. Enemy improving trenches & obstacles, sniping & bombing. Garrison sniping & bombing. Enemy had erected barbed wire entanglements in front of Nos 1 & 2 sec during our absence from trenches. Released 24 BN & 18" L.H at 1000 & 1100 found paratro in bad condition reserve of bombs in No 1 sec 200 shot reserve of s & a damaged with 75 opened on for line	
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11. 10. 15	Lone Pine 2100	<p>Enemy very quiet 75 opened a few shells on Lone Pine at 1555. Enemy miping &amp; bombing during night &amp; improving his trenches. Made some experiments with flares from Wes Sec. very successful also with some rockets which were not so successful on account of wind. Kept up miping &amp; bombing by day &amp; night. Engineers tunnelling &amp; draining asked for 12 extra men to commence new firing line from L. H. Vaint to head of A. Sap Tunn. expended 8. a. a. 11200 bombs G.B. 206 J.S. 271          10th Bn 10 Saxford 52. strength 839          33 officers &amp; 2 attached. 113 reinforcements arrived tonight 16 off. Mr. McEgo Mr. Dawson          away sick. Mrs. and Mrs.</p>	

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12. 10. 15.	Braun's	<p>2000 in Reserve Braun's Dig. Released by 24:00 + 13:00 L.H. at 1000 + 1100. Suffered fatigue digging winter quarters 100 men reserve Lane line 50 men for Kimple 3 W. G. Co &amp; 18. night picket for Plateau Sap. B. Co. received orders to act as reserve to 22<sup>nd</sup> Bn. in the event of being called out to receive orders from Lt Col Lynch Strength 938 33 affs. &amp; 2 attached. M/Sand m/s</p>	
13. 10. 15.	Braun's	<p>1600 in reserve Braun's Dig. Suffered fatigue digging winter quarters &amp; other work 100 men reserve Lane line 50 men to Kimple 3 W. G. Co &amp; 18 men night picket Plateau Sap. 75 killed Braun's Dig. 16:15 Strength 919</p>	
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14.10.15	Braunslaf 2100	<p>In Garrison Braunslaf Det. Relieved 24<sup>th</sup> BN + 13 L.H. at 1000 + 1100. Supplied 40 men for Engineers 24 for M.S. 1. + 2 new firing line. Engineers tunnelling L.P. 4 + 9. Also making recesses in rear of firing line. Enemy improving trenches with new sandbags also mining &amp; bombing. Garrison mining &amp; bombing renewing parapets &amp; digging latrines. Casualties four strength 200 MB 33 bfts + 2 attached. Amm. extended 3 ad 11500 bombs C.B. 53. J.J. 206 Lathb. 8 Garland 30</p>	
15.10.15	Lone Pine 2400	<p>In Garrison Lone Pine Quiet day. Engineers working in tunnels &amp; recesses behind firing line for bombing</p>	<p>MB Sandmy's</p>

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16.10.15		<p>digging + improving latrines. Enemy miping + bombing exceptionally quiet. Our artillery firing on enemies benches. Casualties Nil. Amm expended. S.A.A. 10300 bombs G.B. 24 25. 288. Ltkb. S. Sarland 41 strength. 915 M<sup>o</sup> former to 67a 33 lfts + 2 attached. M<sup>o</sup> Sand m<sup>o</sup>.</p> <p>Enemy very quiet until 0400 when demonstration made along whole line to draw enemil fire. Signal rocket from Russell's top answer rocket from Lone fire fired from circus No 4 Sec. Very little fire from enemy drawn. appeared to draw very little machine gun fire. Enemil fire ceased about 0420. Artillery opened on enemy at 0405 heavy howitzer opening on benches on road at Lone</p>	

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		<p>In reserve in Brown's Dip. Relieved by 24<sup>th</sup> Bn at 1000 + 1100 heavy bombardment just after relief suffered fatigue also 50 men for Pimple 100 for reserve 3 W.C.O.s + 8 men for Piquet Plateau Sap. Strength all 32 offrs + 2 attached 1 casualty + 2 left sick M. David Mjr</p>	
17. 10. 15	Brown's Dip 2100	<p>In reserve Brown's Dip Church parade at 1130. Under heavy shell fire. Suffered fatigues 50 men for Pimple 100 reserve Loe Pine 3 W.C.O. + 18 men for Piquet Plateau Sap. Strength 906. 32 offrs + 2 attached Received 5 from hospital + 8 left sick M. David Mjr</p>	
18. 10. 15	Lore Pine 1710	<p>In Garrison Lore Pine Relieved 24 Bn at 0800 + 0900 L.P. 8 had been blown away</p>	

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19. 10. 15	Loche 2100	<p>by Junk B Sap badly damaged by mines &amp; 75. 75 opened at 1245 Engineers working LP. 8 &amp; 11 also MS. 1 &amp; 2. T. 1 &amp; 2 7 &amp; 8. new entrance to W04 Sec. &amp; drains. Enemy improving trenches mining &amp; bombing Garrison mining &amp; bombing. Casualties air strength 8 of 8 32 before attacked messages thrown to Junk's ann. raid. 8 a.m. 8400 bombs G.B. 76. J. 7. 165. J.M. 4. Sailed 17 M. 17th in garrison Low River. Direct night 75 opened at 0830. Col. Knox inspected B Sap with Col Watson in order to decide policy to pursue with regard to it at 1215. Heavy mortar opened on enemies trenches at 1410 &amp; 75 refused on Low River</p>	

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20 10 15	Kororua 2100	<p>LP. 17421 blown up by our engineers at 2130 engineers tunnelling &amp; making bomb pits garrison mifing &amp; bombing. Every morning hevels mifing &amp; bombing. Amm expended 8 a.a. 15900 bombs 6 B 143. 2. J 964. 2 Mt 5 3</p> <p>Strength 896 32 lffs &amp; 2 attached Annals, 1 departures 3 &amp; 1 wounded M. Baird</p> <p>In reserve Browns dip relieved by 24 Km at 0800 &amp; 0900. Supplied fatigues also 50 men for simple 100 for reserve for the 3 W. 66 &amp; 18 men for proquet. Plateau Sep. Strength 898 32 lffs &amp; 2 attached annals 3 departures, 1 sect. M. Baird mps</p>	

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21.10.15	Knoxy 1700	<p>Measure Lagoon dip shelled at 0800            + 1500 supplied fatigue also 50 mm for            knife 100 reserve for Lone Pine 3 M. 6 box 18 men            for picquet plateau sap. strength 898            32 vfts + 2 attached arrivals 2 departures 1            killed M/S and up</p>	
22.10.15	Lone Pine 2100	<p>Demonstration made on right of line at 0530            very little response. In Garrison Lone Pine received            24. Bom. at 1000 + 1100 No shelling Engineers working            MS. 142. T's 3.44. 748 L.Po. 14. 15. 16. 17. 20A            supplied 32 extra men to engineers for work in            B sap. Quiet night ammunition expended 3 ad.            6900. bombs 6B. 104. 57. 80 Lath. Garland 20 Casualties            Nil. strength 899 32 vfts + 2 attached M/S and up</p>	

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23. 10. 15	Lone Pine 2000	<p>In Garrison Lone Pine very cold a few shells during day very quiet enemy more active during night putting up sandbags &amp; loopholes mifing &amp; bombing. Engineers working MS. 142. T.s 544. 748. L.P.s 14. 15. 16. 17. 20 A. Garrison mifing &amp; bombing. amm. expd. 5000. bombs. GB 260. J.J. 44. Loh. 2. Scotland 23 casualties &amp; wounded strength 890 32 bffs &amp; 2 attached M.B. and my 1</p>	
24. 10. 15	Korran's Gap 2000	<p>In reserve Korran's Gap relieved by 24: Km at 1100 &amp; 1200 quiet day. supplied fatigues 50 men for Kilmble 100 reserve for Lone Pine 3 W. 600 &amp; 18 men for picket Kilmble Gap. strength 891 32 bffs &amp; 2 attached arrivals 6 O.K. departures 5</p>	<p>M.B. and my 1</p>

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25.10.15	Braunstein 1700	In reserve Braunstein. Quiet day & shelling commenced at about 1500 & continued at intervals until 1700 Supplied fatigues 50 men for Vertriebe 100 for reserve Lone Vine 3 M.G.s + 18 men for quiet plateau Dep. strength 949. 35 lfts + 2 attached arrivals from Hosp. + Meinf. 62 G. R. 3 lfts. W. Conran & Lormier & M. Wool. departures 4. Meicare 3 lfts + 58.0 R. W. Paul Wiff	
26. 10.15	Lone Vine 2400	In garrison Lone Vine. Relieved 24:00 at 1530 + 1600 Engineers working L.P. 11. 14. 15. 17. 21A + L.P. 0. T's 5+6. 9+10. M.S. 1+2 improving trenches Engineers broke through into L.P. 14 at 1600 & erected barricade of sand bags & posted sentry. at 2100 barricade removed & work commenced to make entrance into enemy's tunnel but sapper was	

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27. 10. 15	Love Vm 2000	<p>immediately fired on by Turk, work stopped &amp; breastwork erected, small charge placed on top of tunnel &amp; hole blown through. Enemy mining &amp; bombing &amp; improving trenches. Two mules shot in front of No 4 sec. Garrison mining &amp; bombing &amp; digging cover from heavy howitzer fire. Amm expended S. a. a. 9700 bombs CB 210 J. 70 S. a. l. 12 strength 948 35 lffs. &amp; 2 attached MB and mps</p> <p>Quiet night 75 opened 1145 heavy fire for 15 minutes Engineers working 11. 14. 15. 17 21A. L.P. 6. T's 5 &amp; 6 9 &amp; 10. 11 5. 14 2. also churning &amp; digging for cover mining &amp; bombing. Enemy improving trenches mining &amp; bombing. Amm expd. S. a. a. 10900 bombs CB 212 J.</p>	
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28. 10. 15	Kraun's dip 2000	In reserve Kraun's dip relieved by 24 Bn at 1100 + 1200 Supplied fatigues also 50 men for Kimple 100 for reserve Lone Pine 3 M. 5 Co + 18 men for quiet Plateau Day. Strength 939. 33 off. + 2 attached Capt. Mares + Lt. Addison to 6. 7. A. sick M. B. and mjr.	
29. 10. 15	Kraun's dip 1800	In reserve Kraun's dip being shelling by enemy at 1200 Supplied fatigues also 50 men for Kimple 100 for reserve Lone Pine 3 M. 6 Co + 18 men for quiet Plateau Day. Strength 35 off + 2 attached.	M. B. and mjr.
30. 10. 15	Lone Pine 2100	In garrison Lone Pine relieved 24 Bn at 1100 + 1200 quiet day engineers working L.P. 8. 10. 12. 14. 16. 17. + 21A also L.P. 6. T. 546. 9 + 10 M. S. 1 + 2 garrison	

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31. 10. 15	Love Line 1542	<p>sniping &amp; bombing. Enemy sniping &amp; bombing &amp; improving benches. Amm. expended S. A. 11000. bombs. G. B. 192. J. J. 252. Ltkbt. 10 Farland 29 strength 935 32 bffs + 2 attached M. Parkes to 6-7 a M. Sand mjr</p> <p>In garrison Love Line. Increased machine gun fire on line started from all sections Engineers working L.P. 8. 10. 12. 14. 16. 17. 21A also L.P. D. T. 546 9+10 M.S. 1+2. garrison sniping &amp; bombing enemy kept up machine gun fire throughout day also sniping &amp; bombing. Placed new sand bags on benches strength 935 32 bffs + 2 attached M. Sand mjr</p>	

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