

**AWM4**  
**Australian Imperial Force unit war diaries,**  
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Infantry

**Item number:** 23/20/10

**Title:** 3rd Infantry Battalion

December 1915



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Tab 3. Folio 49

Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
1/12/15	SHELL GREEN.	Improvements to fire recesses were carried out and progress made with underground chambers. Wire entanglements were placed on our front during the night.	
2/12/15	SHELL GREEN.	The enemy were quiet throughout the day & night. Particular attention is being paid to sniping.	To Hospital 3 From Hospital. ✓ Casualties <sup>for</sup> killed } 77.
3/12/15	SHELL GREEN	To Hospital 1 From Hospital 1 Casualties - 10 killed 10 wounded A start has been made on the construction of underground dug-outs for sheltering of the men. More wire entanglements were erected to our front. Casualties —	77.

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
4.12.XV.	SHELL GREEN	<p>To Hospital 3 From Hospital 1</p> <p>Beyond shelling with 10 pounders on our <sup>support</sup> reserve trenches the enemy was quiet.</p> <p>Progressive works are well in hand.</p>	H.
5.12.XV	SHELL GREEN.	<p>To Hospital 4 From Hospital 1 Casualties 2</p> <p>Other ranks wounded.</p> <p>Enemy were very quiet.</p> <p>Nothing of importance occurred.</p> <p>We still continued to improve our firing line. Works on underground chambers was carried on.</p> <p>To Hospital From Hospital</p>	H.
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Date.	Place and Time.	Vol 9. Fol 51	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
6/12/15	Shell Green	The enemy are still very quiet. Nothing of importance happened. Progress work still continue. To Hospital From Hospital Casualties	J.
4/12/15	SHELL GREEN	Nothing unusual happened. Enemy showing no signs of activity. We still continue to strengthen our position. To Hospital From Hospital Casualties	J.
8/12/15	SHELL GREEN	No change could be observed in enemy's dispositions.	

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Date.	Place and Time.	Vol 9. Fol. 52	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
		They have been quiet right throughout although he continues to strengthen his defence To Hospital From Hospital Casualties	Dr.
9/12/15	SHELL GREEN	Enemy still quiet. Our improvements continue satisfactorily. To Hospital From Hospital Casualties	Dr.
10/12/15	SHELL GREEN	We continue to improve our position. Barbed wire was put out on our front. To Hospital 2 From Hospital nil Casualties 3	Dr.

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Date.	Place and Time.	Vol <del>2</del> 3. Folio 53	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
11/12/15	SHELL GREEN	The enemy beyond a few shells throughout the day showed little activity. We can find our sniping on enemy barbed wire entanglements To Hospital 1 Casualties 1 From Hospital nil	D.
12/12/15	SHELL GREEN	There is no change in the enemy attitude. We still by constant sniping prevent him from making any progress on his front. To Hospital 2 From hospital nil Casualties nil	D.

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Date.	Place and Time.	Vol 9. Folio 54.	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
13/12/15	SHELL GREEN	Beyond a few shells. Enemy was quiet. Work and improvement to parapets & loopholes was continued. Progress in construction of underground chambers was continued. To Hosp. 1.	A.P.
14/12/15	SHELL GREEN	The enemy were very quiet. Orders for evacuation of <del>ANZAC</del> ANZAC and <del>SIVIA</del> received. Sick men are being evacuated	A.P.

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Date.	Place and Time.	Vol & Folio 55	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
14/12/15	SHELL GREEN	and preparations being made for an early departure. Despite this work is being carried on as usual & during the early hours of the morning an additional amount of barbed & French wire was placed on our front. Casualties 1. C.R. wounded Hosp. Nil. D	A.P.
15. 12. 15	SHELL GREEN	The enemy still remain very quiet - sniping	

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Date.	Place and Time.	Vol 7 Folio 56.	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
		<p>throughout was quieter than usual. Enemy has improved his trenches on PINE and NEIR RIDGES by new sandbags &amp; overhead cover. Following on order for evacuation we have made all preparations to relinquish present position. Throughout the night the enemy were very quiet.</p> <p>Casualties 2 OR. wounded.</p> <p>Hosp. 6 OR. From Hosp. Kit. Evacuated 16 OR.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">A. J.</p>
		<p>&amp; Chaplain <del>to</del> WILSON</p>	

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Date.	Place and Time.	Vol 2. Fol 57	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
16. 12. 15	SHELL GREEN.	<p>Although vigorous sniping was kept up by us the enemy kept remarkably quiet. Fatigues were confined to arrangements for our evacuation &amp; works on improvements to trenches have ceased. All tools that likely to prove serviceable to the enemy have been damaged and deeply buried. Everything is in readiness for embarkation. During the night we ceased fire for 2 periods of 1/2 hour</p>	<p>App A.T. 2.</p>

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Date.	Place and Time.	Vol 3. Fol. 58.	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
17.12.15	SHELL GREEN	<p>intervals. The enemy during the first interval opened heavy rifle &amp; machinegun fire &amp; during the second a spirited sniping. Casualties 2 OK. wounded. Hosp. 1 OK. From Hosp. 116.</p> <p>The enemy has improved his barbed wire &amp; seems restless. Our aeroplanes are displaying great activity, one at least being always in sight. Work was again confined to cleaning up &amp;</p>	<p>ATP</p>

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Date.	Place and Time.	Vol 9 Fol 59.	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
18. 12. 15	SHELL GREEN.	<p>and perfecting our arrangements to move. During the night there was a silent truce for <math>\frac{1}{2}</math> hour. The enemy paid little attention to it. A thick fog obscured SNIPER RIDGE and KNIFE EDGE during the early hours of the morning. Casualties <sup>500 killed</sup> 100 Def was Hosp. 1 OR. From Hosp. Nil</p> <p>Work was continued cleaning up the trenches. Two days iron ration issued. About 1630</p>	<p><i>[Signature]</i></p>

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Date.	Place and Time.	Vol 3. Fol 60	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
		<p>Word was received that ANZAC would be evacuated tonight and tomorrow night. Sniping &amp; Artillery fire has been normal. At 1800 the Turkish Machinegun &amp; Crew of 6 men left the lines for embarkation. At 2130 3 officers &amp; 82 OR &amp; one Machine Gun were evacuated. Remainder of the night was very quiet. A silent gale was carried out from 0200-0215 but failed to</p>	

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Date.	Place and Time.	Vol. 2 Fol 61.	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
19. 12. 15	SHELL GREEN	<p>draw fire from the enemy          7000 ft - Nil - Wounded 2 or 3.          From 1000 ft. Nil -          Preparations are made for our          complete evacuation of ANZAC.          The enemy showed little activity          in their trenches, but heavy          shells were thrown <sup>into</sup> the valleys in          the rear, but without doing          any damage - GENERAL BIRDWOOD          inspected the trenches about 1300.          At 1700 one machine gun, 10 officers</p>	<p>AT 11.</p>

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Date.	Place and Time.	Vol 3. Fol 62.	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
		<p>and 238 O.Ranks evacuated, arriving at ANZAC GULLY at 1800. By 1900 the whole had embarked on motor transport &amp; safely boarded H.M.T "ABBASSIEH". At 2140, 7 officers &amp; 49 O.R. &amp; one machine gun left the trenches &amp; safely boarded motor lighters 40 minutes afterwards, from which they boarded a small transport. There now remained of the Battalion in the firing line 5 officers, 61 O.R. &amp; one machine gun. The enemy was</p>	

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Date.	Place and Time.	Vol. 9. Fol 63	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached:
		<p>very quiet. our troops keeping up a vigorous sniping. At 0220 <del>the</del> <sup>two</sup> Officer &amp; 20 OR. left for ANZAC GULLY - 20 minutes later 2 Officers and 29 OR. evacuated. At about 0250 the Commanding Officer MAJOR O.G. HOWELL-PRICE and 12 O.R., the last of the Bn. left the trenches &amp; hurriedly proceeded to ANZAC GULLY where they safely embarked. The whole Bn. had thus</p>	

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Date.	Place and Time.	Vol 4 Fol 1.	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
20.12.15	<del>SMITH</del> GREEN.	evacuated ANZAC without a single casualty. The first and advance party disembarked at MUDROS WEST & once more were under canvas.	A.P.P.
20.12.15	LEMNOS	The party which had evacuated at 5 p.m. on preceding evening disembarked at MUDROS WEST at 1100 & proceeded to SARPI CAMP & made preparations for the arrival of the remainder of the Bn. who arrived about 1630. Sick admitted 1 off. 3 OR. From	

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Date.	Place and Time.	Vol 4. Feb 2.	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
21. 12. 15	SARPI CAMP	<p>Hosp. Nil.</p> <p>Morning was spend in roll call &amp; drainage of camp site.</p> <p>The afternoon was also spent in straightening up, building cookhouses, latrines etc.</p>	
22. 12. 15	SARPI CAMP	<p>To Hosp. Nil. From Hosp. Nil.</p> <p>A roll call &amp; fatigue in Coy. lines comprised the morning's work. The afternoon was again spent in working on drainage - cookhouses &amp; latrines.</p>	<p>A.P.</p> <p>A.P.</p>

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Date.	Place and Time.	Vol 4. Vol 3.	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
23.12.15	CAMP SARPI	<p>The Officers class of instruction in from 7 to 8 am was commenced. The Am. paraded in Drill Order at 9.30 am. &amp; carried out Squad drill with &amp; without arms. About 1100 word was received to hold ourselves in readiness for an early move &amp; preparations were immediately begun to get packed up. At 2100 word was received that we would embark about 0900 in the morning.</p>	
24.12.15	CAMP SARPI	<p>The Battalion <sup>from 4000 three on</sup> marched out of camp at 0920 to WEST MUDROS</p>	<p><i>[Signature]</i></p>

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Date.	Place and Time.	Vol. 4. Fol 4	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
H.M.T.S. "SIMLA" "MUDROS BAY"	25.12.15	<p>PIER where we embarked on a lighter &amp; put aboard H.M.T.S. "SIMLA" at 2400. total strength 25 officers 456 O.R. We were stico at anchor at 1800, when the boom is put across the entrance to the Harbour. From 800. To 800. Nil.</p> <p>The 4<sup>th</sup> Bn &amp; Wellington Inf. Bn. are now aboard, also ARMY CORPS HEADQUARTERS. MAJOR SCOTT D.S.O. is O.C. Troops. Troops paraded at 1000 on boat stations</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>[Signature]</i></p>

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Date.	Place and Time.	Vol. 4 Feb. 5.	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
HMTS SIMKA AT SEA.	26.12.15	<p>The troops were well catered for with a good Xmas dinner -</p> <p>No put out at 0600. The troops paraded at Boat Stations <sup>100°</sup> - life belts are worn at all times -</p> <p>Two machine guns are mounted on the fore-sail. We have a permanent alarm guard of 1 off. &amp; 16 OR. to take posts over davits &amp; rafts should the alarm be raised.</p> <p>To Keep Oil -</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">A.P.P.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">A.P.P.</p>

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Date.	Place and Time.	Vol 4 Fol 6	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
27.12.15	AT SEA. HMTS. SIMLA	Ru. paraded 1000 on boat stations; after inspection by 60 TROOPS, the Ru. was dismissed and no further programme was carried out.	
28.12.15	At Sea HMTS. SIMLA	To Hosp. Nil. The Ru. disembarked at 0200 & boarded train. The transport entered ALEXANDRIA HARBOUR at 12 noon & berthed at 1800.	A.P.P.
29.12.15	HMTS. SIMLA ALEXANDRIA	The Ru. disembarked at 0200 & entrained for TEL-EL-KEBIR, where	A.P.P.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
TEL-EL KEBIR	30/12/15		we arrived at 2230 and bivouaced. To Hospital 1 officer 6 other ranks Roll call at 0800. No further parades during the day. Tents are not yet available. From Hospital 410 R. To Hospital 20 R.	A.F.V.
	31/12/15		Bn. paraded (Drill order) at 0900 & carried out squad drill with & without arms. A thorough inspection of rifles carried out by Armourer Sergeant. To hospital Nil From Hospital Nil.	A.F.V.

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0840 <u>7/12/15</u>	3 Pack animals and one loaded cart at 56 G 3 bound south west.	
0842	7 pack mules (loaded) & 1 mounted man passed out from 48 N bound S.W.	
0858	4 camels loaded & 10 men from 56 G 3 bound north east.	
1015	Observed 40 men working on GUN RIDGE north of ANDERSON'S KNOLL.	
1145	70 Saddle horses led by men from 48 N to 48 S.	
1201	4 mounted men passed into 48 N 2.	
1255	10 men & 1 pack mule passed down communication trench 68 R 4.	
1413	Observed about 200 men moving S.E. from about opposite Turkish Hdqrs. Observed piece of heavy artillery which came from fold in ground into roadway, south of Sq. 56 and passed in S.E. to valley leading toward valley 48 M. g. The supposition is the gun was Howitzer piece from emplacement near Turkish Hdqrs.	
1425	28 pack animals going towards 48 N.	
1432	50 pack animals and 1 waggon passed along sunken road bound S.W.	
1455	15 men from 48 S. came out about 300 yds in the meadow	

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<p style="color: red; font-size: 1.2em; margin: 0;">7/15/15</p> <p style="margin: 10px 0;">1615</p> <p style="margin: 10px 0;">1640</p>	<p>and seemed to reconnoitre the ground &amp; then returned. Some of these men wore white trousers and dark tunics</p> <p>10 pdrs. from ANDERSON'S KNOLL, WINEGLASS RIDGE &amp; emplacement near BOOMERANG Trenches shelled across our lines for 30 minutes.</p> <p>12 pack animals &amp; 30 men moving north from 48 S behind GUN RIDGE.</p> <p><u>General:</u> - Last night search lights from GALLI POLI direction &amp; from Asiatic Coast (MAIDOS direction) were visible nearly all night. At 0130 a red flare was visible for 15 seconds at GABA TEPE. At 0615 one red &amp; 4 white flares were shown at GABA TEPE. At 0630 a fire was lit on WINEGLASS RIDGE. Pyrobuss fires were observed on SHIPERS, WEIR, PINE Ridges and in WANLISS GULLY.</p> <p>Enemy entrenchments show much improvements on communication trenches on Plateau 400 and on east side of PINE RIDGE and on lower (south) end of SHIPERS Ridge, on ANDERSON'S KNOLL. But he has not improved his firing line. As is usual a great deal of movement has been observed in 48 N and 48 S. In the early morning at 48 N the troops were inspected. There was about a battalion about the same number were observed in 48 S in the afternoon.</p>	

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0645 } 8/12/15 47 } 48 }	3 fires were started on PINE RIDGE at these times	
0715	18 men went out from trench 68 R 4.	
0903	5 pack animals went eastward from 56 Q 6.	
0918	about 20 men with shovels came over GUN RIDGE through a communication trench into LEGGE VALLEY.	
0940	10 pounder from 68 F 4 began firing in direction JOHNSTON'S JOLLY - also the man on the grey horse with orderly went from 48 N to Turkish Adops.	
1215	12 loaded camels went into sunken road, bound S.W.	
1318	9 pack horses went in behind WINEGLASS Ridge. Packs were loaded with what appeared to be ammunition. 10 pdr. fired from WINEGLASS RIDGE to BLACK HAND.	
1415	Anti-aircraft gun discovered being put into position about 68 R 4. 2-4 enemy mp gun fired from 68 R1-2.	
1450	Five loaded pack animals and 4 men came in trench 68 R 4.	
1510	10 loaded pack animals and 11 men came up trench 68 R 4.	
1600	2 white covered waggons and 20 loaded pack animals	

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<p>1632 8/12/15</p>	<p>went into 48 H from westward</p> <p>Heavy gun from SCRUBBY KNOLL direction began firing to BLACK HAND. This gun appeared to be a 6" Howitzer.</p> <p>General:- Entrenched north end of SHIPER'S RIDGE enemy has put in overhead covering and over it a layer of earth. &amp; at same place he has opened up communication trench. Midway on SHIPER'S RIDGE he has placed new sand bags on his fire line. On South east end of SHIPER'S RIDGE he has dug communication trench about 50 yds long leading into a pit like hole from which smoke can be seen issuing daily. On east side of SHIPER'S RIDGE South end he has put a line of new sand bags. On WEIR RIDGE he is deepening his communication trenches &amp; on the South end he has put in new loop holes.</p> <p>On PINE RIDGE he is extending his communication trench to the South and leading across the centre to the West side. He has steadily improved ANDERSON'S KNOLL with earth works &amp; is extending the big communication trench to the North. From close observation would say that enemy changes his relief between 0600 and 0800 morning and 1800 and 2000 at night. This conclusion is drawn</p>	

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	<p>for these reasons: Men have been seen leaving SNIPERS RIDGE going through Communication Trench to WEIR Ridge and also to R4 trench and <del>an</del> almost a cessation of fire from the enemy during these hours. Last night at 1845 enemy broomstick bomb commenced firing from Communication Trench leading from North end of WEIR RIDGE to SNIPERS RIDGE across our lines. Following the "broomstick" bomb on several occasions there was a mysterious bomb, which passed over our Observation Station from direction of WEIR RIDGE, west trench, south of the position of the "broomstick" bomb mortar - about 50 yds. This bomb as it passed over emptied some kind of liquid on the ground but no odour could be discovered nor hear any explosion when the bomb dropped, neither could any flash be discerned from where the bomb was fired, but thought could hear a faint report when the 2nd bomb was fired. The bomb was of high velocity. These bombs passed over at 1845, 1854, 2003 &amp; 3 at 2430. Enemy is digging in a new Communication Trench along the south side of LEGGE Valley opposite the mouth of VALLEY OF DESPAIR. This trench is both very deep and wide. <span style="float: right;">68 R 4</span></p>	

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	<p>One white flare was sent up from WEIR RIDGE at 0135.</p> <p>This morning at 0600 fires were lighted simultaneously on SNIPER'S, WEIR and PINE RIDGES.</p> <p>Enemy has been very actively employed on his entrenchments during the past night. The whole of his earthworks open to our view show great improvement and he has placed numerous new sand bags on the whole of his fire lines.</p> <p>During the night the enemy were exceedingly quiet.</p> <p>Sniping today has not been so consistent nor accurate as during the last few days and I would presume from this that he has changed the position of his firing line.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">O. G. Howell Price Major Commandy. <u>3rd Div. A.I.F.</u></p>	

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0858	9/12/15	
0907	5 men moved up Communication Trench 68 R 4, four of them carrying some heavy object.	
0946	Large working party on trench on south end of LEGGE Valley.	
1015	106 men & 5 pack animals passed out from Trench 68 R 4.	
1220	8 men and one pack animal came in Trench 68 R 4 and 9 men went out.	
1315	Observed a motor car with four passengers about 48 M 5.	
1448	30 pack horses (loaded) moved out from 48 N bound westward.	
1451	8 pack animals went in towards Turkish Adqs from 56 Q.	
1500	Observed about 50 men working on ANDERSON'S KYOLL.	
1645	6" gun from direction of SCRUBBY KYOLL fired on BLACK HAND - also 10 pdr from WINEGLASS Ridge, ANDERSON'S KYOLL and 45 MM from SUNRISE Jupiter fired across 10 BDE lines.	
	Enemy Paube flew from southward over our lines, circled round & went back, dropping 3 bombs none of which exploded.	

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<p style="color: red; font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold;">11-</p>	<p><u>General</u>:- Enemy continued work on all his communication trenches during the past 24 hours. Also on earthworks on ANDERSON'S KNOLL and FLODDEN FIELD. During the early part of last night his "brownstick" bomb mortar fired across our lines at 1750, 1930, 2330 from north end WEIR Ridge. After 2400 he fired from south end of WEIR Ridge, WANLISS Gully side, at 0300, 0400 and 0500. At 0645 almost simultaneously fires were lighted on SHIPERS RIDGE, PINE RIDGE and near WANLISS and LEGGE valleys.</p> <p>During enemy bombardment 2 guns fired from emplacements in 68 W1 and <del>W1</del> R 8/W2.</p>	

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0847 10/12/15	Gun (5 pdr) fired several shots from sanddune on skyline S.E. corner of LONE PINE towards BLACKHAND.	
1008.	60 horses turned out from 48 N on to meadow to graze.	
1255	50 mounted men went east from 48 N 8	
1420	9 camels from MAIDOS road passed over top of TABLE MEVKY. to SERAFIM.	
1500	4 men drove 8 sheep from 48 N to behind WINE GLASS Ridge.	
1505	3 lories and 6 men passed into 48 N from east.	
<p><u>General</u>:- Last night at 2018 broomstick bomb fired from north end WEIR Ridge to across our lines. At 2020 and 2052 a white flare appeared from south end of KNIFE EDGE. At 2058 there was a heavy burst of rifle fire from about LONE PINE lasting 28 minutes but could see movement on part of enemy. At 2113 another white flare from KNIFE EDGE. At 2115 a red flare appeared from GABA TEPE. At 0045, 0135, 0425 broomstick bomb fired from North end of WEIR Ridge. At 0210 enemy sent up 2 white flares from Plateau 400.</p>		

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trained daily in <sup>in the form of</sup> work, <sup>for one hour each</sup> 2  
separate classes being held daily.

A fair degree of <sup>Knowledge of the</sup> has been  
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The common causes of stoppage  
& their remedy are understood.

This class will be ~~continued~~ for the  
next few another weeks.

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<p style="text-align: center;"><u>                    </u></p>	<p>He has continued work of improving the whole of his Communication Trenches—Also on earthworks on ANDERSON'S KNOLL &amp; across FLODDEN FIELD. He is also improving his fire line on SNIPERS RIDGE with new overhead cover in four places &amp; sand bags etc several places. On KNIFE EDGE he has placed some overhead cover &amp; new sand bags and loop hobs on south end.</p> <p>During the naval bombardment the target seemed to be reached and the fire well distributed but could not say what damage was done to gun emplacements; neither could any movement be discerned. An enemy 10 pr. from WINE GLASS ridge and 75 MM from ANDERSON'S KNOLL fired several shots across our lines.</p> <p>Early this morning (at 0645) fuses were lighted as usual, but have seen no movement of troops in Communication Trenches.</p> <p>A heavy calibre gun fired toward men over during the naval bombardment from an emplacement <sup>South of</sup> <del>in</del> Augus about 48 K-<del>XXXX</del>. Also a heavy gun was reported to have fired during this time from about 55 Z-9</p>	

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<p>1800. <u>11/12/15</u></p> <p>1030</p> <p>1430</p> <p>1500</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>2nd Battalion Observation Post.</i></p> <p>A working party of 20 men worked on communication trench leading from BOOMERANG Trenches to LEGGE Valley.</p> <p><del>5</del> men were seen working on road at 48 N</p> <p>One lorry went along sunken road into 48 N.</p> <p>9 mounted men came out from 48 N - also 4 waggons at intervals - went South west from 48 N.</p> <p><u>General</u>:- Last night enemy worked on whole of his communication trenches and put some new overhead covers on north end of SNAPE'S RIDGE. On lower end of PINE RIDGE he has completed communication trench leading across to his firing line.</p> <p>Last night at 1750 enemy fired 6 mortar bombs from North end of SNAPE'S RIDGE (in communication trenches joining across our lines)</p> <p>At 0055 two large bombs were fired from north end of WEIR RIDGE across our lines, at 0127 a large bomb was fired from Plateau 400. At 0255 large bomb fired from north end of WEIR RIDGE. At 0524 gun (10pdr) fired from WINEGLASS Ridge.</p> <p>This afternoon, at 1455, he was seen to be sponging and cleaning a small field piece at 68 W 1, this gun was man-handled by 6 men into position. Eight Batteries have been shown the position.</p>	
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0705 <u>13/12/15</u>	<del>After</del> men went from behind SNIPERS RIDGE through communication trench to WEIR RIDGE.	
0810.	200 Infantry observed drilling in and around 48 N both in close & extended order.	
0850.	Observed about 150 men coming towards WINE GLASS Ridge from Sunkou road. The advance was extended and ragged.	
0905.	3 Waggon's coming out from 48 E going North east	
1005.	About 100 pack animals and about 200 Infantry came from S W into 48 S.	
1030.	About 100 men appeared to be drilling at 48 S. 60 pack animals moved in direction of 48 N.	
1200	7 mounted men coming north went into 48 I.	
1355	3 pack animals and 1 loaded lorry came from east along MAIDOS Road to 48 N.	
1530	45 pack animals and 63 men moved out from communication trench 68 R 4.	
1610.	18 men came into trench 68 R 4.	

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	<p>General:- The Chevaux de friso on KNIFE EDGE runs almost the entire length and all the sections have at least 4 strands of wire on them &amp; in 4 or 5 instances there are 30 or 40 turns of the wire under &amp; over from end to end of the panels.</p> <p>On SNIPERS RIDGE from the south end to about <math>\frac{2}{3}</math> up the ridge the Chevaux de friso stands unbroken along the trench line. In many instances there are panels of the hurdles which have 3 or 4 strands of wire on them, but the first quarter of the ridge from the south end has the wire wound under &amp; over from end to end. At about <math>\frac{2}{3}</math> of the way northward on the ridge the Chevaux de friso leads diagonally towards SILT SPUR. These panels appear to have very little wire on them - 3 to 4 strands although some 3 or 4 have a lot of wire loosely wound over them.</p> <p>On the extreme north end of SNIPERS RIDGE there are a few panels of hurdles which do not appear to have any wire on them. As many loop holes on SNIPERS and KNIFE EDGE Ridges are so skilfully concealed it is impossible to give what number there are, but I should say one per yard. On SNIPERS RIDGE the loop holes are by no means regular. In many</p>	

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	<p>40 or 50 pack animals have been grazing on 48 M during the whole of the afternoon. All movement appears to centre in and around the deep chasm south of the WHITE RUINS at 48 M and the entrance to Chasm leading up to KAYALI TEPE.</p> <p style="text-align: right; margin-top: 50px;"><i>A. Howell</i> Quint Wagon</p>	<p style="text-align: right; color: red; font-size: 1.2em; margin-top: 100px;">13/12/5</p>