

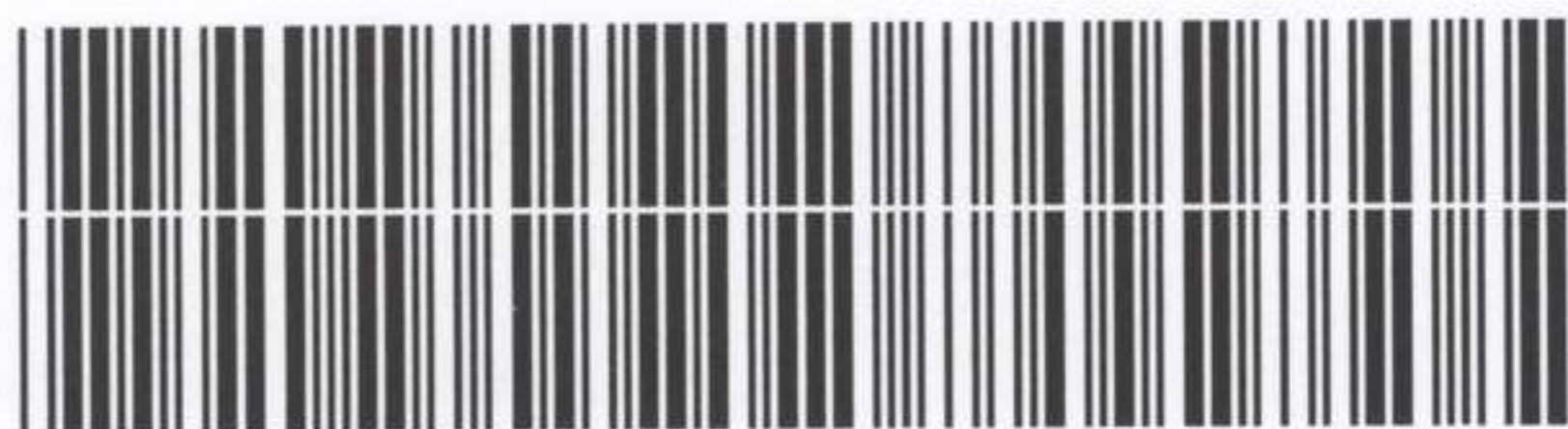
AWM4
Australian Imperial Force unit war diaries,
1914-18 War

Infantry

Item number: 23/20/3

Title: 3rd Infantry Battalion

May 1915



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3rd Bn AIF 8.14

Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
1-5-15		Bn in bivouac until 5 pm when Orders were received to prepare to move at very short notice; 1/4 hour later Bn moved out & reported to GENERAL TROTMAN of the R.M.L.I. for Orders. At 9 pm. the Bn commenced to relieve a Bn of Marines; the operation was completed by 4 am (2-5-15). We found the trenches in a very bad state & open to inflade fire of the enemy. The night was put in digging & improving the trenches. The Bn this time operates as a unit intact with a definite	

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2-19

Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
1/5/15		<p>frontage. B & C Coys and 2^d platoon of D Coy were put in the firing line, A Coy with remaining 2^d platoon of D remained in support.</p> <p>The following were present recommended for promotion to the rank of 2^d Lt for meritorious service in the field: -</p> <p>W. O. M. SKILL, C. Q. M. S. BLAYDEY, C. S. M. MEAGER, SERGT M'LEOD, SGT. GARNHAM, SGT. WHITE, SGT. GIBBINS, SGT. SHEPPARD.</p> <p>Promotion was given to other NCOs in recognition of their services.</p>	

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9-16

Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
2-5-15		<p>The day was one of extreme quietness as compared with previous experience. The enemy appeared to be holding off & we suspected a night attack. About 7 p.m. the enemy's position was shelled heavily. Shortly afterward they advanced in strength & attacked particularly concentrating on our left flank. It was a very anxious night but passed off</p>	
3-5-15		<p>dissatisfactorily. Casualties ^{officers killed} ^{wounded} ^{officers killed} ^{wounded}</p> <p>The town was subjected to very heavy shrapnel fire throughout the day. No determined attack was made by the enemy although</p>	

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8-17

Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
4-5-15		<p>Snipers were very busy. The night was very quiet. During the afternoon Capt 20 Smith who had just repaired the ton was struck by Common Shell & killed. Casualties:</p> <p>OR Killed 8 Wounded 14 Total 22</p> <p>The day was extremely quiet, improvement of trenches & communications was pushed forward. Early in the night there was some activity in front of some of our lines but no serious attack executed.</p> <p>Casualties OR Killed 2 Wounded 8 Total 10</p> <p>Officers 2 wounded</p> <p>Maps sent Capt Douglas</p>	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
5-5-15		<p>During the previous night an attack was begun but did not develop. Sniping was continuous all day & night as usual. It was suggested that the Ptn should be relieved for 24 hrs for re-organization & rest. Enemy artillery fire was very severe & accurate. ^{Lower officers} Killed 1 Wounded 3.</p>	
6-5-15		<p>The Ptn was given a definite ^{frontage} & those not in front line were kept working day & night improving communications. Except for sniping & intermittent artillery fire the day was quiet.</p> <p>Officers Killed — Wounded 1 OR " 1 " 3</p>	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
7.5.15		<p>The morning was quiet but about 6pm the enemy bombarded us severely with artillery until dark. Fearing a night attack all supports were ordered up close to firing line. Nothing, however, eventuated. Continued improvements to trenches go on day & night.</p> <p>Losses Officers — Killed — Wounded O.R. — 2 " 6 " 10</p>	
8.5.15		<p>The disposition of logs remained unaltered. Entrenchments & communications were still further improved. The enemy continued actively entrenching, his</p>	

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6-20

Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
9-5-15		<p>Advanced trenches are now only about 100 yards from our position, the Saps from our trenches being made up to the general line. This will nearly meet the Turkish Saps working towards us. Our casualties were — Officers Killed 2 — Wounded 1 other Ranks Killed 2 & 4 wounded. Ammunition expended was approximately 2000 rounds.</p> <p>Our disposition still remained the same. Except for sniping the night was quiet. A member of the Bn was sent out to search for & inspect a suspicious</p>	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
		<p>looking spot in front of our trenches which appeared to be an airhole for a tunnel. It turned out, however, to be a shrapnel hole. We could observe no new movements of the enemy beyond continued sapping towards us.</p> <p>Ammunition expended about 3000 rds.</p> <p>Casualties</p>	
10-5-15	ANZAC	<p>Disposition of troops remained unaltered</p> <p>The 24 hours was very quiet except for occasional bursts of shrapnel &</p>	

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C-22

Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
11-5-15	ANZAC.	<p>very few enemy showing. They were busily engaged on their trenches but their work could not be stopped by rifle fire. It is suspected that they are sapping towards our trenches.</p> <p>Casualties: 2 O.K. wounded. BMT</p> <p>No change in disposition of troops. At 9.30 pm a patrol consisting 1 NCO & 6 privates from 2nd Bn & 1 NCO & 8 privates from our bn moved out with instructions to investigate & reconnoitre a donga from 100 to 150 yds in front of our trenches & to ascertain if any attempt was being made by the enemy to sap towards</p>	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
12-5-15	ANZAC	<p>our trenches. The men were, previously to setting forth on their mission, fully instructed as to mode of procedure. The ground was explored but no trace of activity on part of enemy found. Casualties 3 or 4 wounded slightly - 2 by falling earth. Trenches & communication ^{improved} improved. Disposition of troops the same. On part of enemy no activity, except for sniping & an increased energy in digging. We still continued extending our communication trenches & improving existing trenches.</p>	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
13-5-15	ANZAC	<p>Casualties nil</p> <p>Our position grew stronger day by day owing to improvements to trenches carried out continuously. Enemy continues actively digging in on our front & extending his works. We feel lack of Howitzer Guns greatly as these are the only ones that can cope with the enemy's artillery successfully.</p> <p>Casualties 3 O.R. wounded.</p>	
14-5-15	ANZAC.	<p>Disposition remained unaltered except that men are being absorbed by degrees as space increases in new FIRE TRENCH. Enemy still improving his trenches. Casualties 3 other ranks wounded (2 very slightly).</p>	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
15-5-15	ANZAC	<p>connecting + support trenches + connecting roadway to night completed. Troops engaged deepening + improving trenches. Suggestions to BDE. HDQRS that tunnels be put forward for listening galleries. Day + night very quiet. Enemy still engaged on his trenches; At 7 am enemy made a half hearted attack which was probably only intended for demonstration. They did not approach our lines but contented themselves with firing off a lot of ammunition.</p> <p>Casualties: Killed 4 wounded (other ranks) 11.</p>	
16-5-15	ANZAC.	<p>We have now advanced our alarm posts closer to firing line. No movement of enemy.</p>	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
17.5.15	ANZAC.	<p>observed. Our parapets were considerably damaged by mortar fire between 5 and 7 pm but these were repaired during the night. Casualties 1 OR killed & 6 wounded</p> <p>dispositions unaltered. Good progress made with sap towards 2 BH. Enemy attempted bomb throwing but no damage done. Enemy quiet (casualties 2 other ranks wounded (one injured by fall of earth))</p>	<p>P.M.</p> <p>P.M.</p>
18.5.15	ANZAC	<p>Throughout the day we were subjected to a heavy shell fire from the enemy. At 12 (midnight) the enemy commenced an attack up to that time save for sniping</p>	<p>P.M.</p>

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
19.5.15	ANZAC.	<p>they remained quiet. Casualties 11 d</p> <p>A fierce attack was made by the enemy who advanced in considerable force at a few minutes after midnight. Another demonstration was made by them at 1.45 am. the main attack on our position developed at 2.45 am. We were specially warned by DIV. HDQRS. to expect an attack in force during the night & were standing to arms at 2.45 am. when the main attack began. The attack extended along the whole front of the Army</p>	<p>19.5.15</p> <p>14</p>

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19-28

Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
		<p>CORPS, The TURKS attacked in successive lines, which were close together and came on with great determination. They pushed right forward to our firing line in the part formed by the new ^{and a few} sap, got right on the parapet. As they got closer the light was improving & as soon as we were able to distinguish them clearly our fight fire became very deadly, so much so that the TURKS were compelled to retreat with very heavy loss. As soon as the</p>	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
20-5-16	ANZAC	<p>enemy commenced to retreat our men exposed themselves along the parapet and it was from this time that our losses were heaviest as the the enemy's retreat was covered by fire from their trenches & hill in rear. During the evening we were subjected to very heavy bombardment by enemy artillery.</p> <p>Casualties 1 officer killed 2 wounded Other ranks 41 " 49 "</p> <p>The night 19th-20th was quiet although we expected another attack. The enemy had evidently learnt a lesson & were reluctant to attack us again so soon.</p>	

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7-30

Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
		<p>after losing so heavily. The day was unusually quiet. About 11 pm the enemy showed the white-red crescent flag just in front of our positions. We had a parley with them and they expressed a wish to bury their dead. All firing was ordered to cease. Enemy stretcher bearers commenced collecting arms and ammunition instead of collecting wounded. Our suspicions were aroused & this was pointed out. We again received orders to cease fire & the enemy came out again. We received orders that hostilities were not to be resumed until 7 pm. unless started by enemy, once more they commenced collecting arms & ammunition & every man who did so had a shot fired over his head. They suddenly withdrew & our men did the same. The red crescent & red cross flags still remaining out. This news withdrew & we were forced to the conclusion that the armistice was only a ruse as a heavy fire was immediately poured in on us by artillery and rifle.</p>	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
21. 5. 15	ANZAC	<p>There was no trouble during the night but during the day we were subjected to a very heavy shelling by enemy artillery. Enemy aeroplane was up over us during the morning & in the afternoon an 8" enemy gun dropped 6 high explosive shells in close proximity to our Bn Hdqrs. One of these shells buried 3 men in a trench & wounded 4 men [and LIEUT COL BRAND] slightly on leg & back. The effect of these shells is very demoralising.</p> <p>Casualties :- 2 other ranks killed & wounded</p>	

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19-39

Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
22. 5. 15	ANZAC	<p>There was nothing particular to mark the morning. D. COY were relieved at 2pm by B. SQUADRON 6th L. H. and throughout the night everything was quiet.</p> <p>Casualties. Nil.</p>	
23. 5. 15	ANZAC	<p>During the early morning the JAPANESE MORTAR was fired from our trenches. The disposition of our troops remained unchanged. Enemy large guns located at BOGHALI TURK on square 226.</p> <p>Suspicious movements of enemy observed at end of enemy's S trench. Position pointed out to observation engineers. Casualties.</p>	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
24-5-18	ANZAC	<p>One other ranks killed. Truce arranged for 7.30 am to 10.30 am. Truce declared at 7.30 am & to cease at 4.0 pm. Hostilities not to be resumed until 4.30 pm. 50 men from our own went out as a burying party & carried on their work during the armistice's duration. An objection was raised by a Staff Officer to our burying dead wholly between the old & new firing line. There are still 15 bodies unburied at this spot. Some difficulty was experienced in preventing members of other units back from beach & elsewhere who came up.</p>	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
		<p>assightseers from wandering about & exposing themselves on the sky-line. They could not be seen from the trenches. We had to post sentries up above to stop them. At 9pm and again at 11pm the enemy, under cover of fire from his trenches, made half hearted attacks from the NULLAH, but they only came on in small parties. Several bombs thrown in our trenches by enemy but without doing any damage. Casualties 1 Killed 1 Wounded.</p>	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
25-5-15	ANZAC.	<p>The new sap trench completed through 52nd BN. & we took over 25 yds of this from 2nd BN. Our section now includes the head of the gully. Enemy made no attack but fired heavily from their trenches about 10pm. but without doing any damage. Gas shells 10 other ranks wounded.</p>	
26-5-15	ANZAC.	<p>At 2 am the enemy fired several star shells towards our position near the Gully. He appeared to be expecting an attack from us. No activity was noticed on part of enemy in their trench digging. Day throughout was quiet. Casualties 6 other ranks wounded.</p>	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
27. 5. 15	ANZAC.	<p>For the 24 hours the disposition of troops remained unchanged. New loop-holes were made in trenches & trenches deepened. Enemy guns within 350 yds of the parapet. It is probable that the enemy's tactics will be to smother our fire trench at the head of the gully with percussion shell followed by shrapnel, under which an attack ^{will be made} [the enemy's movements]. Emplacements for 5 guns 300 yds. bearing 120° from our section of fire trench. Besuelle & other ranks 30 of whom remain on duty. W.S.</p>	
28. 5. 15	ANZAC	<p>We stood on the defensive. So far as we could ascertain no new guns were ^{placed in position by the} found</p>	

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2-31

Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
28.5.15 (Continued)		by the enemy. Neither could we see any sign of new trench work going on. During the day the enemy subjected us to a heavy shrapnel fire but no damage was done. Up to midnight there was very little activity on their part. Casualties: 2 other ranks killed 1 - - - wounded. <i>MP</i>	
29.5.15		At 3.30 am & again at 4.35 the enemy made a demonstration with artillery & rifle fire. This was probably only a feint as their main attack appeared to be delivered on the left on the 1 st BN	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
30.5.15	ANZAC	<p>Casualties 1 other ranks wounded (a member of B. Squad. G.L.H attached) <i>PH</i></p> <p>The enemy can be seen digging actively on the false crest below ridge 971. We suffered a very heavy artillery attack from the enemy during the afternoon, in reply to our heavy bombardment of their trenches whilst assisting an attack on the left. Signallers being exercised in their work daily & reinforcements instructed in musketry & trench discipline.</p> <p>Casualties 3 other ranks wounded (inclusive of G.L.H. attached) <i>PH</i></p>	

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COL OWEN left today a few days prior to GENERAL SIR IAN HAMILTON.

Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
31-5-15	ANZAC COVE	<p>The day & night throughout were very quiet. The enemy appeared inactive. We expected an attack between dark & moonrise, but nothing eventuated.</p> <p>About 9/30 pm. enemy reported to be picking in front of the Centre of the new sap. This could be distinctly heard for a time but when all work was stopped in our own trenches there was no one who could be sure. The noise was put down to men walking in our trenches.</p> <p>Casualties Nil</p>	

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2.35/1m
by W.F.O.
3 BN

THIRD BN *Red*
also Red
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KFHL Second / 5/15 *FAFA*
1 A.I.B.

The officers commanding the
ROYAL MARINES and NAVAL
BDES have been instructed
to clear the area occupied
by the BRITISH Troops *FAFA*
In order to facilitate their
labor ~~com~~ C.O.s are ordered
to collect all articles in
heaps behind their lines
FAFA such things as
rifles, equipment, amm'n,
empty water tins &c &c.
are to be collected.
FIRST INF BDE 2.10/1m.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

RESULT OF INQUIRIES RE LIST OF DEFAULTERS FROM COMPULSORY DRILLS FOR THE MONTH
OF **192**

Area **Brigade** **Division.**

Name in Full. (Block Lettered or Typewritten.)	Address.	RESULT OF INQUIRIES.				Remarks.
		Reasons of absence— Whether through sickness or otherwise.	Why leave of absence was not applied for.	Any circumstances which may warrant a relaxation of the conditions specified in Section 135 (1A) (a) of the Defence Act.	Whether prosecution is considered necessary or not, and reasons.	

Date

Place

Provost Staff.

This form to be forwarded by the Provost Staff to Commanding or Area Officers before the last Saturday in each month.

D.1986/7.21.—C.10509.—12M.

WAO ^{12.21 PM} 2/5/15

~~DIV. ART~~
FIRST INF BDE

Please ask DIV. ART. to
shell instruct COL ROSENTHAL
to shell

224-N-S ~~777~~ 777

This is over 100
yds ^{B.E.} of our
position ~~777~~ full
of enemy most
important

3 B

12 17/15

X

[Faint, illegible handwriting]

Sent 1.10 pm

To KA

FIRST IN BDE By. A.G.B.

2-5-15

My infantry anxiously
awaiting help of artillery
fire directed on

224-N-5 AAA

COL ROSENTHAL'S Bde
can get this target.

THIRD Bn.
1 pm

[Handwritten mark, possibly initials]

By MAB
2/5/15
3.27 PM

CAPT DOUGLASS

cc to Base Record
M9

Please make a good
path from communication
trench to valley as
early as possible

THIRD BN
3.25 pm

addr Base Recd on
199

FIRST INF BDE

Please ask also for
ships gun fire on

224 - 5 - ~~15~~ 2/5

Sent at 5.45 pm
to 1213
by 1213

~~2/5 15~~

THIRD BN

5.45 pm

~~X~~

FIRST INF BDE

2-5-15

also Base Records
K9

Enemy's artillery shelling our
position most probably from
direction of 225 - B - 1/4
AAA. Could the ship's guns
try a couple of trial rounds

THIRD BN

5.35pm

Send to K A.

By Air

Time 5.45pm

~~XXXX~~

O C

add. Base Record
119

THIRD BIN



KA 308

Third 15/15 AAA

capt McBonachy reports as follows begins
the artillery is dropping shells in our
trenches Ends AAA. Can you
make out which guns are firing AAA
It about the means for shells

Captain B M

1st Inf Bde

3.8 pm

Received

3.10 pm
6/8 P
3.5.15

(verbal)
30° EAST 200 yds plus

(verbal) Capt. Macdonald suggests to stop
our own artillery firing in trenches

Received by G.P.
3. 20 W.M.
3. 5. 15

[Faint red scribbles]

Third BN

~~Base Record~~ (verbal)

Send down for Periscopes

1st Inf Brigade

Received 14.10 pm

6.5.90

3.5.15

Third Bn

Shells are dropping into trenches
Third BN apparently from direction
of KA BA TEPE ~~striking~~ our
trenches almost in reverse several
already wounded

Lieut Moore
for - O.C. Forward Line

Received

5.30 pm
6 4 10
3 5 15

5 p.m.

Sent on immediately to 1st Inf Bde

Officers: Commandy 3rd BM
and 4th BN

*delivered to Bin Room
119*

KA 312.

A A A

Please note that supplies will be drawn at noon to morrow 4th inst and at the same time daily until further orders.

~~A B M~~ A / BM
1st Inf Bde
4.55 pm

Received at 5 pm

699
3.5.15

1 A. 1. B.

THIRD BN

whoever is firing at
present are doing good work
H.A.A. we think it is
warships

Captn MacLennochie
5.35 pm

Bde H.C.

Kindly inform Division

R.H. New 1/21

5.50 pm

3 May 1915

officer general 3rd BN

FOURTH BN

KA

Thurs 15/15 AA

Daily state killed due this morning not yet received.

Please forward this evening as Divisional Headquarters are enquiring urgently for it AA. Approximate figures will suffice.

FIRST INF BDE

Rec'd
7:35 pm

J. 20 pm

FOURTH

O C ~~THIRD~~ BN

all correct

add. Base Record 1919

4th BN on left

5.40 pm

Serjt Smyth on Duty 6 pm
Dvt Gollers
3 May 1915

L/c Tersemer relieved 6 pm
Dvt Page
3 May 1915

3rd May 1915 at 1 A.I.B.

First INF BDE

B-5-15

actn Base 199

I beg to suggest that
Col Braund be asked to
call for say 12 men ~~with~~
who have the necessary
qualifications for tracking
down snipers to work
in the scrub near the head
of both sides of this gully
also should any attack
in force be probable two
cos of his Bn should
be drawn up in lines
along the communication
paths Right & Left of
Gully with orders not to
fire but to bayonet

any Turks trying to
break through or take
charge of any work
to Sunderduk

1 Unit Bn

8.30 pm

Third

3/5.15

call Base Record
K9

Target given to Capt. Ots.

By 225-B - 4. 5. 78

" 225-F

" 224 - 0-8 AM

H.I.B

Firing Line

add Box Room
129

Conditions much improved but all hands must work hard at making traverses in trenches AAA deeper where necessary and make steps for firing from AAA. Well done third B Co AAA. Report quickly where sand bags wanted

Col Owen

8 15 a.m

1 A. I. B

3 5 15

Third BN

Periscopes not yet returned to
Bde H' Quarters AAA. Please
expedite

First Inf Bde

9 A.M.
3.5.15

100
100
100

Thrd BN

~~Base Record~~
R9

A 147

Thrd/5/15 AAA

Please submit pro forma C state of losses for 2nd Inst as soon as possible AAA. Daily casualty Report of Officers is cancelled vide Divisional circular sent you this morning AAA. Pro forma C to be submitted here by 8 a.m. daily in duplicate.

1st Inf Bde.

9.5 a.m.

(Received 9.20
189 P)
8.5.15

Verbal:

A Coy are still being sniped at. Tell
one Goldring that they have taken
a another phone to ACR. (VF)

Third BN

~~1st Inf Bde~~ *Recd*
199

KA 153

Third / 5 / 15 228

AAA

Re two PERESCOPIES did not arrive
with your message (which was received by
telephone) AAA. Are you sending them
by orderly AAA. There are two more
in addition still to be returned AAA
Please attend to this matter AAA
Urgent

1st Inf Bde

10.33 a.m.

Received

10.40 a.m.

by P
3.5.15

1st Inf BDE

Two PERESCOPIES forwarded by orderly
one reported
~~one~~ shot away Now searching
for fourth

Third BN

sent 3.5.15

10.50 a.m

10.50 a.m

B. G. P.

~~C. 6~~

sent Move

Records
159

ack Bas^e

observe gun 600 yards from
your fire trench we are
going to direct artillery fire on
it

17.1.13. Col Owen

2 pm

sent
by P

8.5.15.

1st Inf Bde

Could a couple of shots from Third
Artillery Brigade be put on 224
S 2 and 5 AAA. Forward line
reports a field gun in position
there

Col Owen

2-15 pm

sent

10 4 P
2 5 15

G-2

PT 1000

Lieut Moore
A COY

*Order Book Record
119*

Observe Artillery fire 600 yards
in front of other fire

Major Brown
2.20 pm

Sent
6^h P
8-5-15

1. A.I.B

Third BN

Gun is ~~from~~ 500 to 600 yards
due south of junction of our fire
and communication trench

Received 2.31 pm
to HQ
3.5.15

RTD

Lieut Moore

3rd Bn

2.30 pm

IB

W... ..

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... ..

... ..

THIRD BN

The gun that was shelling us
this morning has been located
at 200 magnetic north

Capt Auster

Received
64 P

5-5-15

3 Bu

~~XXXX~~

2nd Bn.

Pencil line

C 24

fourteenth K44

AAA

Pencil line

*Just occupied KATES
FARM AAA Putting it in
state of defence.*

Pencil line

C. Coy.

3 20 p m.

Report

by Lieut Col. R.H. Owen

Commanding 3rd Pom B Coy

I wish to bring under the notice of the G.O.C. an interim list of names of the following NCOs & men, who, during the time ^{the time} the Pom has been engaged with the enemy, have done meritorious service:

- | | | |
|----------|---------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| No. 1151 | Cpl. Ralph J. Moore, | No 932 Pte. W. Batten |
| 1156 | Roy McInerney | 904 - 4 ward |
| 1170 | Pte. A. A. Rashid. | 898 - 10 - Keale |
| 1350 | Cpl. J. R. B. Scott | 158 - E. Powell |
| 104 | Pte. Brennan P. | |
| 1309 | J. J. Burke, | |
| 944 | Pte. Amos. | |
| 67 | Pte. John Cunliffe | |
| 1202 | Pte. Frank Farrow | |
| 326 | A. Farmer (missing) | |
| 69 | Cpl. A. J. Dwyer (wounded for 2 nd Lt) | |
| 354 | Cpl. J. B. Malone | |
| 559 | Pte. John Owens, | |
| 896 | John Blackburn | |
| 955 | Mulcahy m. m. | |
| 486 | G. B. Dick | |
| 681 | CSm. W. B. Phipps | |
| 1293 | Pte. R. Numberstone. | |

5/5/15

3 Br

R.H. Owen

Commanding 3rd Pom B Coy



Report on Night Operations
4-5-1918
Adm. ^{Revised} 18/11/18
K9

The enemy skirmishers advanced about dusk & maintained an intermittent fire all along the part of the ground occupied by my Platoon all night. An attack by stronger force was made but did not approach closer than 500 yards. This was opposed by 2 belts of machine gun fire & their attack died out.

Another attack developed about 12.15 am & it was reported at that time that the enemy were running in front of 2nd Platoon trenches 100 yards to our left & attempting to throw hand grenades. At one place a small body of the enemy approached within 20 yds of my trenches. A short burst of rifle fire dispersed them & nothing further happened until 3 am when rifle fire commenced in my trenches by about 25% of the men, who were firing deliberately. This was immediately stopped by Coy. Officers.

At 12.15 am 1/2 Coy of 2nd Platoon was called up in support in response to a request for reinforcements from the centre of the line. They were not, however, needed.

At 4 am. the whole of the firing line & supports took to arms as a precautionary measure but did not fire. The machine gun found a good target & fired about 3 belts.

From this time onwards the enemy's rifle fire - small volley but accurate - has been directed
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at the Crest of my Fire Trenches. The system I have adopted for meeting this by day is for about 1 man in every eight to be on constant watch for a shot an officer being on the look out with a periscope

By night about 1 in 10 keep watch but fire is not supposed to be opened unless the enemy can be distinctly seen.

As an estimate I say that less than 5 rounds per man were fired during the night I would submit that it is advisable for purposes of re-organization & rest my men should be taken out of the trenches for 24 hours at least. They have now been continuously in the trenches for 4 nights. During the day the enemy keep up an accurate rifle fire & their artillery fire during the day is at times, very accurate, inflicting the trenches from ~~the~~ a point bearing 60° from trench from a position 330 yds distant & bearing 129° from trench the following bearings were taken:

Northern end of small island	299°
Southern " " "	290
Northern " " large "	275
Southern " " "	249

The last Shrapnel time fuse to fall in the trench was during the 3rd night when, we believe, the fuses were firing from the same point & was timed at $17\frac{1}{2}$

R. W. Owen

Commandant 5th Bn 1917

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Report on Operations 5th - 6th May 1919 ^{Success}
by Lt-Col. R. H. Owen, Commandant
3rd Div. A.I.F.

Troops were disposed in trenches in order of A.B.C. 10
Coy. from Right to Left; each Coy had 2 Platoons in trenches
and one Platoon in support and 1 platoon working
party, acting as support or reserve.

No patrols were sent outside firing line. It is
not practicable to do so by day & by night it can
only be done with a reasonable degree of safety
by pre-concerted arrangements with other units.

No further movements of enemy have been
observed other than already reported. Some
activity in entrenching about 1000 yds in front
of centre of my section of defence & some sapping
the particular object of which it, at present, is
difficult to determine. A gun was observed & reported
as shown on attached sketch at 12.30 pm & handed
to the Artillery Observing Officer for confirmation.
This gun had previously been located & reported.

Continuous, though desultory fire was maintained
by the enemy during the night. This fire was replied
to by picked shots. A rather heavy rifle fire by
the enemy from their trenches opposite the centre of
my section accompanied by fire of a novel
description with which I am unacquainted.

It appeared like a shower of shrapnel about 20 feet
in length fired at an elevation of about 10° from
the same direction and up to about 150 yds from
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my line of trench. There were no casualties
last night.

A bomb or hand grenade exploded here.
There appeared to be a good deal of smoke
rising from the valley about 1 to 2 miles to
the front, possibly from 224 U L or from
225 L Q

This smoke was lit up either by fires or
from reflection of our ships searchlights.
This was about 9.30 pm.

A few small bodies of the enemy hovered
about my front but no serious attack
was made by them.

The men held in reserve were constantly
employed during the night in digging communication
trenches

R. W. Owen
Lieut Col.
Commanding 3rd Bn
A.I.F.

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Report on flight operations

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1st Lt R. W. Wood

Commanding 3rd Squadron

Daily Report 7-5-15 3 Bu

Nothing unusual
happened during the preceding 24
hours, no attack having been observed
on my section of trench, sniping fire
however, is constant & accurate. I am
endeavouring to meet it with similar
fire.

R. W. Wood
Lieut Col
Commanding 3rd Squadron

Report on the 7th and 8th May 1915
by 3 Bn
8-5-15
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Late afternoon yesterday my trenches were very heavily shelled although they were damaged to some extent repairs were made & good during the night. I expected that the enemy would attack & made all preparations but no ~~attack~~ ~~was~~ ~~made~~ ~~at~~ ~~any~~ ~~place~~ ~~on~~ ~~my~~ ~~front~~, although the position was very carefully watched in morning of any kind. ~~They~~ ~~did~~ ~~not~~ ~~be~~ ~~detected~~, ~~they~~ ~~were~~ ~~seen~~ ~~to~~ ~~be~~ ~~moving~~ ~~towards~~ ~~the~~ ~~3rd~~ ~~Bn~~ ~~section~~ ~~has~~ ~~advanced~~ ~~some~~ ~~20~~ ~~yards~~ ~~during~~ ~~the~~ ~~night~~.

R. W. M. G.
Lieut Col
Commanding 3rd Bn
A.I.F.



Report on Night Operations

8th - 9th May, 1915.

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1st Lt. St. Owen
Commanding Coy 4th Bn

The disposition of the Coy is detailed, namely
2 platoons of each Coy in firing line, the remaining
2 platoons employed as working parties, relief
being used as supports.

At 12 (Midnight) the enemy advanced within
about 150 yards, but put his force up as moderate
fire for 10 minutes no further attack was made
during the night.

The Casualty report has been furnished.

R.M. Owen

1st Lt.
Commanding Coy 4th Bn

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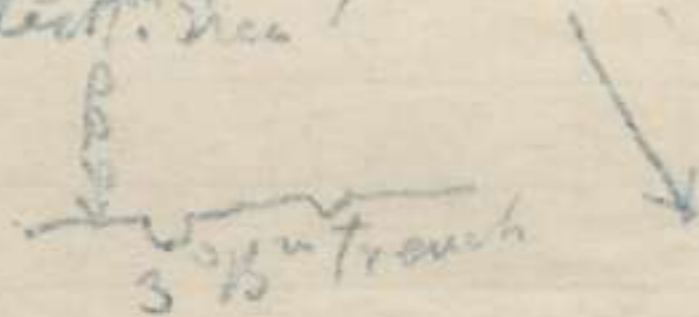
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Report on Operations of 10/5/1915
by Capt. C. H. Owen
Commanding 3rd Bn

3 Bn

Have to report:-

1. Disposition. Same as yesterday. ~~Revealed~~
2. Reconnaissance ~~efforts~~ of suspected enemy tunnel or sap towards Ben Engineer's Taps, report - nothing discovered.
3. No patrols.
4. Very few enemy showing, probably not more than (500) five hundred on front of 3rd Bn. Section. Enemy gun near angle tree, east of centre 3rd Bn section, 50 yds to 60 yds, in ^{sketch} of Dark Trench on sketch. Previously reported. ~~see~~



Enemy sappers 200 yds in front apparently firing from fixed posts, no snipers showing.

5. Casualties 1 officer wounded (Lieut. H. [?]) other ranks 3 wounded + missing, once reported present.
6. Ammunition: Expenditure 4000 rounds.

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R. H. Owen

Commanding 3 Bn



3 Br

Report on Operations 11-12/5/15

By Capt. R. H. Owen

Commanding 3rd Br

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1. Disposition of troops unchanged.
2. No special action.
3. At 9.30 pm patrol consisting of 1 NCO & 10 privates (including 2nd Lt) moved out with following instructions:-
Patrol consisting of 2nd Lt & 10 privates to be sent to investigate and report on the progress of the enemy's work in the tunnel. If any attempt was being made by the enemy to break through the line of the tunnel was discovered word to be sent back to party of 3 men & 3 engineers who were then moved up forming a covering party which the engineers placed in charge of gun to then destroy the enemy's work. 2 men formed a connecting link between patrol & firing line. Directed how to be taken to carry out the work secretly. If resistance was offered to use force to bring on the bayonet. Firing along the front to be suspended during the operation. Patrol moved out at 9.30 pm. It returned at 5.0 minutes. It was found necessary for the point under Cpl. Henderson of 3rd Br to move down to the danger of investigation. Word was sent back for

Supporter in view up the examination of the
ground satisfied the Corporal that the ground was
not being mined. Half the Patrol then retired
in perfect order, followed by the other half shortly
afterwards. There was some fire from the enemy
trenches which were approached to within
25 yds by part of the patrol, every care was
taken that any man ~~not~~ known to be hit should
be brought back. When all had returned it was
found that one man, (2nd Coy) P^{te} J. H. DUFFELOW
No. 156 had not returned although he was with that
part of the Patrol when they began their retreat.
~~There was no~~ indication of any man being
wounded. The men were well together, there
were a number of dead Turks through which
the party had to pass, so it can only be
surmised that this man was killed
instantaneously. Cpl. Humphreys & Pte Smith
again went out to make search for DUFFELOW
his name was called several times close
by where he was last seen but nothing
discovered.

I wish to record the cool & calm
conduct of the whole of the Patrol &
particularly Cpl. Humphreys No. 1293
& Pte P. Smith No. 1088
I have had definite information that
the enemy has mounted some trench
mortars on the left of the line.

Small Outpost a separate report is made
and may obtain something definite, but
think these mortars have already been
used

Casualties - 3 men wounded. 2 of them were
slightly bruised by falling earth & one
slightly wounded in hand.

Ammunition expended 200 rounds.

Lieut Col

Commanding Officer
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Report on operations - 13/5/15
By Lieut Col. H. H. Brown, ~~3/15~~
Commanding 3rd Bn
Adv. B. 19

1. Situation remains unaltered
2. No special action taken by our troops.
Saps for new firing line to the south is being
saps held & prepared for defence & occupied
by rifle and machine guns. Head of saps now
beginning to look into the douga.
3. No patrols sent out.
4. Some mine trenches made ~~from~~ from sparrows
to my fire trench which is continued by
enemies to the south & appears to be curving to the
south-east. This being well saps held & prepared
for machine gun emplacement.
5. Casualties Nil.
6. Ammunition expended 2000 rounds.

R.H. Brown

Lieut Col.
Commanding 3rd Bn

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Report on Operations to 14/15/15

by Lieut Col. R. H. Owen
Commanding 3rd Bn 19th Div
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1. The disposition of troops unchanged except that
men are being absorbed by degrees ^{ast} space
increases in the new Fire Trench. Both Maxims
now have emplacements in the Fire Trench but
have not been unmasked as there has been no
necessity for them to fire.

2. Movement of troops ~~side diagram~~



3. No patrols outside Fire Trench

4. Enemy's trenches continued construction by working
party of about 50 men. Evidence of gun emplacements
between 2 embankments. It is probably designed
to fire at our Right Flank. This is east 250 yds. of
centre of my Section. Enemy improving & lopholing
his trenches; continuous & accurate fire by day
through loopholes. Three signals with light about
midnight.

5. Casualties 3 O. R. Wound (2 very slightly
wounded)

6. Ammunition expended 2000 rounds.

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R. H. Owen
Commanding 3rd Bn 19th Div

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Report by Lieut Col R.H. Owen
Commanding 3rd Bn A.I.F.
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My connecting & support trenches & connecting roadway
trenches are now through & are being deepened
widened & improved. Communication trenches are
in progress to connect the new fire trenches. The old
fire trench will then become a support trench. I
suggest that tunnels be put forward from my
fire trench towards the enemy for such distances
& at such intervals as the Engineer Officer ^{may} advise.
Listening galleries to intercept or locate attempted
mining tunnels.

R.H. Owen
Lieut Col.
Commanding 3rd Bn A.I.F.

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Report on Operations 14th 15/5/1915
by Lieut Col R.H. [unclear] 3/3/15
Commanding 3rd Bn A.I.F.

1. Disposition of troops unchanged.
2. No movement.
3. Patrols nil.
4. Enemy still working at his outcristlements; apparently barbed wire entanglements being constructed as shown on sketch forwarded herewith. Enemy made an attack in half hearted way, which probably was only intended for demonstration about 2 a.m. but did not approach near our lines but contented themselves with firing off a lot of ammunition.
5. Casualties other ranks: - 1 killed & wounded.
6. Ammunition expended 4000 rounds.

15/5/15

Rpt. given Lieut Col
Commanding 3rd Bn A.I.F.



Report on Operations 15-16th May, 1915

by Capt. D.M. McCarthy

Adj. C.O. 3rd Bn. 3rd Div.

3rd Div.
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1. Disposition of troops remains unchanged except that supports have been moved forward to New Alarm Posts closer to Firing Line. One 7.5" gun has been placed in new sap and commands a field of fire extending from the old Turkish Trench to Turkish Ridge. This gun is only in position from dusk to twilight.

2. No movement

3. No Patrols

4. No movement of enemy's troops observed. He is still vigorously improving all trenches to our front.

We were subjected to intense fire by shrapnel from enemy's guns from 5 to 7 pm which did considerable damage to our parapets.

5. Casualties: 1 Other Ranks Killed

6 Wounded

6. Ammunition: 2500 rounds of ammunition expended during preceding 24 hours

McCarthy

Adj. C.O. 3rd Bn. 3rd Div.

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Report on operations

16/17 May 1915

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1. Dispositions unaltered. Good progress made with sap towards 2nd B new sap. Overhead cover in sap for observation posts being made. N^o 2 Communication Trench should break through to Sap by 9 am to-day. Have issued instructions for N^o 1 Com. Trench to be continued through to meet sap. ~~Work~~ This work was commenced at 5 am from a point 5 yds to the left of where N^o 1 Com. Trench meets present firing line.
2. Enemy movements Nil. Bombs were thrown from his trenches towards our line held by D Coy. No damage as bombs burst midway between the two lines of trenches.
3. New guns new works enemy - Observers in A Coy trench reported 2 new enemy m.t.s. to their left front at dusk last night. They were not fired during the night.
4. Casualties Two - one wounded by rifle bullet in leg slight and one injured by fall of earth in N^o 2 Com. Trench. Am enquiring into cause.
5. Ammunition expended during past 24 hrs
2500 rds
17/5/15
C.A. Brand Major
Tent Co 2nd B



Report on Operations

17/18 May 1915

Ado. Report Received
3/1/15

1. Dispositions. Two platoons of each Coy in the firing, strength 11 officers 253 others, other two platoons in communication trenches in support. Head cover in sap damaged by shell fire yesterday was repaired during the night. Sap now connected up with old firing line. The Burial party which was to go out from A Coy did not do so owing to suspicious movement of enemy in front.
2. Enemy movements. Extraordinarily quiet. Very little sniping.
3. New enemy guns or works nil
4. Casualties One man hit during the shelling of sap yesterday morning. Has returned to duty.
5. Ammunition expended during the past 24 hrs - 1700 rds.

18/5/15 -
5 am

Ch Brand Major
Dc (Juni) 3rd Bn



WAR BULLETIN ^{3 Dec 1915} 18.5-15

In BELGIUM the GERMANS delivered 3 Counter attacks in the night of the 15th and 16th on STEENSTRATE and its approaches. The third one which took place at 2. am was particularly violent. The GERMANS were repulsed with heavy loss. The FRENCH yesterday captured 6 machine guns and a trench mortar to the North of LA BUSSE between RICHBOURG LA VONE and the QUINGUE and the BRITISH delivered a night attack and took several GERMAN trenches. To the North of ARRAS fierce fighting continued the whole night. On 15th - 16th the French made good progress on the slope East and South of JACOVETTE after a fierce fight with hand grenades. At NIEUVILLE the GERMANS made ineffective attempts to retieve the trenches captured by the FRENCH during the day also the trenches on the outskirts of the village. Nothing further to report on the rest of the front.

Late. The ARMENIANS have risen against the TURKS. 20000 well armed mountaineers are defending EETOOM which the TURKISH soldiers have been ordered to raise to the ground. The ARMENIANS are provisioned for 4 months.

In SULTAN ABDUL HAMAD's time 100,000 TURKS besieged this mountain fastness for seven months.

M.



Coy

Report on Operations

18th/19th May

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1. Dispositions. As for 17th/18th May except that a platoon of D Coy was brought up to line the bank of earth immediately behind D Coys firing line. An observation post was established there with good results.

2. Enemy's movements. Considerable activity was displayed by the enemy after nightfall and as predicted by Div. Hd Qrs the enemy commenced his attack on this Bn frontage at midnight, by heavy machine gun fire which came directly from the front. So serious was the situation becoming that the Bn stood to arms. Between 1 and 3 am the fire slackened but at 3.15 am it was renewed with vigour until 5 am. The enemy advanced to within 10 yds of our trenches. They crept up to the sap and for some time a party held the old Trench trench close by the sap.

The night m.g. was put out of action temporarily by rifle fire delivered at short range. 50 yds. The barrel casing was damaged.

Our fire evidently took effect for at 5 am the enemy retired back into their trenches. I consider the repulse of the enemy was due to the coolness and determination of all ranks.



Report on Operations.

19/20 May 1915

~~19/20~~ 19
3 Bn

1. Dispositions. Unaltered. The m. g. section
5th Bn reported at 10.15 p.m., one gun was placed
in centre of line of trench held by A Coy, the
other gun being kept in reserve.

2. Enemy's movements. Sniping took place
all through the night otherwise conditions
were normal. A few enemy left trenches
and crept forward up the nullah leading
towards the sap. They retired after the
m. g. had put in a few rounds. No ground
fire during the period ending 8 p.m. - 5 a.m.

3. New enemy gun works or hit

4. Casualties 2 killed and 2 wounded in
support trenches by an 8" shell at 6 p.m.
on 19 May - 3 wounded during the night

5. Ammunition Since noon on 19 May
4000 rds approximately.

C. H. Brand Lt. Col
9. 5th Bn

20/5/15
5 am

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Report on Operations

20/21 May 1915

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1. Dispositions. As before. In addition to the m. l. section 3rd Bn both guns of 5th Bn were mounted. B Coy 7th Bn formed a reserve in the gully below Bn Hd Qrs.
2. Enemy movements. As usual snipers advanced close to our trenches. No general advance was made. The noise of a small engine was plainly audible about 500 yds down the nullah which leads up to the Sap. Apparently there is a tram line for conveying stores, or else an armoured train.
Generally speaking it was a quiet night.
3. New enemy guns works etc Nil
4. Casualties 2 killed and 6 wounded
5. Ammunition expended 1800 rds.

C. H. Brown Lt. Col

9. 3rd Bn

21/5/15

5 am.

Report on Operations

21st / 22nd / May / 1915

3rd Bn

3rd Bn

Dispositions. As usual. The observation post which
mounts at 8 p.m. on the bank of earth in
rear of D Coy is well placed and can see
any movements of the enemy from their
trenches. The m. l. section of Bn spotted
at 9 p.m. and both guns placed in the Sep
the right gun commanded the mullah.
C Coy 5th Bn was in reserve

Enemy movements. Very quiet. Snipers were seen
to leave the trenches after dark
at 7 p.m. ~~there~~ two 8" shells fell in the
vicinity of Bn Hd Qrs. They were apparently
fired from Hill 971. Three men were
killed (buried in debris) and four wounded.

New enemy gun works - Nil

Casualties For past 24 hrs 4 were
killed and wounded

Ammunition expended 2500 rds

C H Wood Lt. Col
9. 3rd Bn

22/5/15

5 am.

Report on Operations ^{20 Oct 1945} ~~20 Oct 1945~~
by ^{Base} ~~Base~~ ^{For} ~~For~~
Commanding 3rd Bn. ADP

1. With the exception of one squadron of LIGHT HORSE having relieved D. Coy the disposition remains unchanged.
2. No movement of our troops have been made.
3. No patrols were sent out by this For
4. No new work of enemy has been observed but his existing works are being extended & improved. Enemy's 9.2 gun is ^{now} on a bearing of 94° 30' magnetic from Pt. Hags. As specially reported by me this morning.
5. Casualties nil.
6. Ammunition expended 1500 rounds Japanese Mortar was fired from our trenches - result not known.

23.5-XV.
R. W. Owen
Lieut Col.
Commanding 3rd Bn. ADP
3 Bn



Report on Operations 23-24 Nov
 by Lieut Col [Name]
 3rd Bn 1st Div
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1. Disposition Unchanged
2. Movement of Troops No offensive action of any kind taken by my Bn. Small parties were sent out close to our lines; they collected some Turkish rifles, bayonets, one bomb & various articles of equipment which are being sent in this morning to Bas Hagar.
3. Patrols Nil
4. Movement of enemy None except as reported yesterday namely enemy Artillery Observation post, enemy large guns at Boghali TURK on square 226 and suspicious movements of art at the end of enemy S trench were pointed out to Engineer Officers who are considering the advisability of tunnel to ~~the~~ meet enemy's possible tunnel.
5. Casualties One other ranks killed
6. Ammunition expended 1500 rounds

Art work
 Lieut Col
 Commanding 3rd Bn 1st Div

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Report on operations

25-5-15 3 Bn

Base Record
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- 1. Disposition remains unchanged
- 2. Movement of troops no special movement except burying party which was wired out satisfactorily. An objection was raised by Coy Officer to our burying dead who lay between the old & new firing line. There is still some 15 bodies unburied & an early opportunity must be taken of burying them. Some difficulty was found in procuring other units both from beach & elsewhere, who came up as nightfall from pursuing about all over the high ground. They could not be seen from the trenches & I had to put sentries up above to stop them. Even then it was difficult to get them to keep away.
- 3. No patrols were sent out
- 4. No new works of enemy observed. 2 ~~attacks~~ half brigs attacks at 7 pm and 11 pm under cover of fire from his trenches. Small parties were sent up the N.H.L.A. on the right of my section, bombs were thrown in the trenches, fortunately without doing any harm. The enemy cannot be seen as we do not find in front of my

Handwritten signature or initials.

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plans I am trying to discuss the
means of overcoming the difficulty
which I pointed out was sure to occur
before the new sap was started. At
night we no longer have the skyline
to see the enemies movements against
frequent use of flares may perhaps be
successful although there are objections to
this as the enemy can easily
throw them back again to our own
trenches which ~~might~~ make matters
worse than before. I ~~must~~ am
considering the advisability of slightly
advanced pick head trench. One of my
men who is very reliable reports a man
apparently in protective armour, who comes
out to draw fire, stands up at close quarters
whilst sniping fire from his feet. This
is not of importance but it might be
worth while for other units in this section
to know.

Casualties 2 Killed 2 Wounded Other ranks
(1 Killed 1 Wounded were members of)
6th LIGHT HORSE
Ammunition expended 5600 rounds.

25/5/15 R.H. Power
Commanding 3rd M.A.I.

Urgent

Report on Operations 26-27th Mar. ^{Revised}
by Lieut Col. R. M. Owen ¹²⁹
Commanding 3rd Bn
27/3

I have to report that the disposition of my troops remains unchanged during the preceding 24 hours.

New ^{one} trenches are being deepened and improved and well loop-holed but is liable to be mined again by enemy shells from guns within 350 yards of the parapet as reported by telephone at 6.40 am. to-day. I suggest that the enemy tactics will probably be to smother our fire trench at the head of the gully with ~~percussion~~ percussion shells followed by shrapnel under cover of which an attack in columns will move up the gully, and that no time should be lost in endeavouring to destroy his gun positions.

No special action taken by my battalion
No patrols.

Movements of enemy as reported above.
Emplacements for 5 guns 300 yards bearing 120° from centre of my section of fire trench.
Casualties 6 other ranks wounded 30 taken

Remain on duty.

Ammunition expended 1710 rounds

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3 Bn

R. M. Owen

Lieut Col.
Commanding 3rd Bn



Report on operations 27-28 May 1915
By Lieut Col R. H. Owen
Commanding 3rd Bn

1. Disposition unchanged. *also 3rd Bn 119*
2. Demonstration was made during the night with the object of containing the enemy by various ruses such as moving bayonets showing above the parapet towards the right, glistening them in the moonlight and occasional clattering of entrenching tools, whistles, lights and bursts of fire at intervals. The effect seemed to be quite satisfactory. The enemy threw our star shells, fired heavily and ~~was~~ *was* ~~very~~ *very* ~~loudly~~ *loudly* and threw out hand grenades.
3. No patrols sent out.
4. No further ~~gun~~ *gun* ~~placements~~ *placements* discovered. Enemy's movements nil - he has been very quiet.
5. Casualties: - 3 other ranks wounded (this is inclusive of 2 light horsemen B Squadron 6th L. H.).
6. Ammunition 2650 rounds.

28/5/15 R. H. Owen Lieut Col
3 Bn Commanding 3rd Bn



Report on Operations ^{28/29} May 1915
by Lieut Col R.H. Owen,
Commanding 3rd Bn A.I.F.

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1. Disposition Disposition of my Bn. remains unchanged. The Machine Guns of the 5th Battalion were relieved by the 7th Bn. Machine Gun Section at 6pm last evening.
 2. Movements actions of our troops. Defensive action only.
 3. Patrols. No patrols sent out.
 4. Movements of enemy new guns etc. No new guns or trenches so far as we can ascertain. Enemy made Artillery and ^{inf.} fire attack at 3.30 am. At 4.35 am. small parties of enemy infantry came out over the parapet but did not advance. It was possibly only a feint.
The damage done by enemy fire was slight.
 5. Casualties. 2 other ranks killed
3 wounded (inclusive of 2 members Bth Squadron C.L.H.)
 6. Ammunition. Ammunition expended during preceding 24 hours. 3000 rounds.
- K A 666. Reference this message only. ^{and I} ~~has arranged for daily inspection in force of the mine~~ ^{has arranged for daily inspection in force of the mine}

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R.H. Owen, Lieut Col
Commanding 3rd Bn
A.I.F.

Report on Operations 29-30 May 1915
by Lieut Col. R.H. Owen,
Commanding 3rd Bn 4th

3rd Bde. Recd
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1. Disposition remains unchanged.
2. Defensive
3. No Patrols
4. The enemy has been very quiet since 9 am yesterday. The numbers appear to be unchanged judging by the fire from his trenches when his fire is drawn.
Some work is being done by enemy on false crest between this position and the top of hill 971. A ^{small} cutting is being made which may eventually turn out to be a new gun emplacement. It is fairly well screened by bushes. Its position has been pointed out to Artillery Observing Officer by my Adjutant.
5. Casualties 10 other ranks wounded (member B Squadron 6th L.H.)
6. Ammunition expended 4000 rounds
7. Signallers are being practised one hour daily in addition to other duties. ~~The~~ The reinforcements are being ~~instructed~~ instructed in firing exercises & care of arms as directed by Bde Orders.

30/5/15 3 Bde R.H. Owen
Commanding 3rd Bn 4th

Report on operations 30th - 31st May 1915
by Capt Dan McCanaghy
A/C.O 3rd Bn. A.I.F.

Recd. at Base 7/6/15

1. Disposition remains unchanged
2. No special action taken by our troops. Covering fire assisted the position on the capturing attack.
3. No patrols.
4. Enemy's artillery very active. Our positions damaged by shell fire. Positions already known to our gunners. As far as we know the enemy have not increased in numbers to our front.
5. Casualties: 3 other ranks wounded (inclusive of one High Horseman)
6. 1 officer (attached) wounded - Lieut Fowler.
7. Ammunition expended 2200 rounds
8. Reinforcements being restricted in fire control and trench discipline.

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