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**1914-18 War**

Infantry

**Item number:** 23/20/4

**Title:** 3rd Infantry Battalion

June 1915



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3rd Batt. 3rd A.S.F.

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
1 <sup>st</sup> June 1915	ANZAC	Heavily bombarded by enemy artillery in the morning. The rest of day & night very quiet. Tunnel observation posts junction 2 <sup>nd</sup> Pln left & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Pln right completed. Two tunnels from D Coy subsection were commenced and it is intended to push them forward vigorously.	
2 <sup>nd</sup> June 1915	ANZAC	Casualties Nil General improvement of trenches was pushed on with vigor. The enemy were extremely quiet. We had information that the enemy were being reinforced & we expected an attack through the night.	H.P.

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
		<p>and kept a very keen lookout. About 10pm. the enemy were heard to blow bugle calls &amp; at various times during the night were singing. Some few men were noticed on our side of the enemy trenches but these soon went back and otherwise the night passed without incident.</p>	
3. 6. 15	ANZAC	<p>Casualties Nil            The day was very quiet throughout. The enemy keep materially working on their trenches. At 8pm. we began two tunnels from D Coy's subsection</p>	<p>✓            ✓</p>

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
4.6.15	ANZAC.	<p>about 25 yards apart beginning at an angle of 135°.</p> <p>Casualties Nil.</p> <p>The morning was quiet. In the afternoon we were bombarded heavily by enemy artillery <del>from</del>. We received instructions to hold the enemy on our front at 11 pm. to cover attack made on our right and left by 3<sup>rd</sup> BDE and 1<sup>st</sup> BN. respectively. We opened fire at 11 pm. but drew very little fire from the enemy. Casualties 20 other ranks wounded.</p>	<p>MP ✓</p>

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
5-6-15	ANZAC.	The day and night were extremely quiet The enemy are sapping towards D Coy Dab-section.	✓
6-6-15	ANZAC	Casualties Nil During the morning & afternoon at different times the enemy shelled heavily with practically little result. He received orders to send out Patrol to try & estimate enemy strength in Fire trenches. The patrol of 4 men went out at 11 pm & returned shortly before 12. No definite information was gleaned. A hose was tried to draw <del>down</del> casualties Nil	✓

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
		<p>fire which consisted of a number of lines attached to a string, worked from the parapet. in conjunction with a burst of fire</p> <p>Casualties Nil.</p>	<p>OWP ✓</p>
7.6.XV.	ANZAC	<p>The day &amp; night were quiet save for usual ½ hours shelling by the enemy, which took place in the afternoon. Good progress is being made with the tunnels.</p> <p>Casualties Nil.</p>	<p>OWP ✓</p>
8.6.XV.	ANZAC	<p>During the afternoon - about 2.30pm - a traction engine was reported to have been seen at LONE PINE RIDGE ✓</p>	<p>OWP ✓</p>

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
9.6.15	ANZAC	<p>and reported out to BDE. Japanese mortar fired five shots, result unknown. Casualties Nil</p> <p>At 5 am. it was reported the enemy had very strong wire entanglements in position on LONE PINE RIDGE at the place where the Traction Engine was seen. This had all been put up during the night. There was considerable activity on the part of the enemy at this point during the night &amp; several bursts of fire. The enemy is extending his sap in front of the right of 4<sup>th</sup> BN. line approaching our line diagonally</p>	<p>✓</p> <p>✓</p>
10.5.15	ANZAC		<p>✓</p> <p>✓</p>

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
10-6-15	ANZAC.	<p>Casualties 2 other ranks wounded (one on duty).</p> <p>The wire entanglements put up the previous night were strengthened and increased.</p> <p>The day was quiet as far as this Pn. was concerned. At 9.15 pm. a patrol was sent out with instructions to get as close as possible to enemy's trenches &amp; discern any movements or digging at various places &amp; report. Nothing was discerned.</p>	<p>✓</p>
11-6-15	ANZAC.	<p>Casualties Nil</p> <p>The Mountain Artillery fired 20 Star Shells from the right &amp; left flanks (10 each flank)</p>	<p>✓</p>

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
		<p>Late in the afternoon a new gun was discovered on LONE PINE. Word was received to be on guard against parties of 20 or 30 <sup>of the enemy</sup> advancing towards the line's apparently with the intention of surrendering. Unless these advanced one at a time they were to be fired on. During the early morning we were heavily bombarded by a gun at very close range which was not placed <sup>by us.</sup> <del>by the enemy</del>.  <del>casualties 10 officers (2 other ranks wounded but on duty) 1 B.N.M/c</del>  <del>machine gun fire relieved the B.N.M/c</del>  <del>lines</del></p>	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
12-6-15	ANZAC	<p>At day break the enemy bombarded our front line with heavy artillery fire at close range. The gun position was destroyed &amp; tripod broken. Japanese Bomb Mortar was returned to our lines &amp; fired two shots at suspected gun position. Some rockets were observed. Enemy showed great activity in sniping during the day.</p> <p>Casualties Nil.</p>	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
13.6.15	ANZAC.	<p>The enemy again fired from the same position as yesterday morning. The Japanese Mortar, having returned to our line, opened fire on this gun with good effect. Observation posts from the parados are being constructed. These have proved very satisfactory.</p>	
14.6.15	ANZAC	<p>Casualties. - Nil            Enemy shows a great number of lights at night. It is often difficult to know whether these are flares or signals. The enemy's numbers appear to be the same as usual. The enemy was found</p>	

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3.11

Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
15-6-15	ANZAC.	<p>attempting to extend his barb-wire entanglements &amp; it was stopped by one of our saps  guns several times during the night.</p> <p>13th Reinforcements joined the Battalion  these require some training.</p> <p>Casualties Nil</p> <p>The night was very quiet. The system of telling &amp; recording time by meridian came into force at midnight so as to give a uniform way of timing messages, despatches etc.</p> <p>Casualties: 1 Killed &amp; other ranks wounded</p>	

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3.18

Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
16-6-15	ANZAC	<p>New Reinforcements are being trained in Musketry. We believe a shot from the Japanese Mortar burst on a gun emplacement on JOHNSTON'S TOLL. This was an emplacement of 75MM Gun.</p> <p>Casualties 3 other ranks wounded.</p>	
17-6-15	ANZAC	<p>The attack <sup>by the enemy</sup> which was expected on night of 16/17 <sup>at</sup> did not eventuate &amp; as bugle call &amp; chanting were heard early in the evening it was expected to develop to night. One M/C from the 1st BN rejoined its unit. Reinforcements training being carried on. Our party</p>	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
18.6.XV.		<p>of bomb-throwers are making satisfactory progress.</p> <p>Casualties, Nil</p> <p>No attack was made last night. The morning has been extremely quiet. Enemy is pushing on with new saps and tunnels on our left front. We fired four shots from Japanese Mortar at enemy sap head, sap &amp; trenches Sand West of JOHNSTONS TOLL.</p> <p>Three of these actually burst in the trenches and appeared to do considerable damage.</p> <p>Casualties nil</p>	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
19.6.15	ANZAC	<p>Before daybreak enemy were heard chanting &amp; blowing bugles but made no movement towards an attack. The Japanese Mortar was again used with good effect on JOHNSTON'S TOLL. BS Squadron 6 L. H. <sup>replaced their</sup> <del>replaced their</del> <sup>Regiment which has been allotted &amp; definite</sup> <del>casualties</del> <sup>action of defence.</sup> <del>casualties</del> <sup>casualties</sup> <del>hit</del> <sup>hit</sup></p>	
20.6.15		<p>Day was extremely quiet. at night the enemy fired several bombs from a trench Mortar located in his trench. South of OWEN GULLY but no damage was done to our trenches. Early in the evening we received instructions from DII H.Q.R.S. to be prepared to take</p>	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
		<p>part in a puse to draw the enemys fire. The puse consisted of 2 red lights to be fired at the extreme left by the ARMY CORPS, 2 white lights at extreme right. 5 minutes later (2235) and the Distrops on the right flank fired 2 shots at 2240. This latter to be the signal for short rapid bursts of fire from us. This was very successful in drawing the enemys fire &amp; showed the enemys trenches were held strongly. we were able to place several enemys Mf guns</p>	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
21.6.XV	ANZAC	<p>Casualties Nil</p> <p>The enemy is active back on JOHNSTONS JOLLY and LOYD FINE works. He appears to be strengthening the latter as a defensive position whilst leaving OWEN'S GULLY and JOHNSTONS JOLLY open for his offensive movement.</p> <p>Japanese Mortar was again instrumental in inflicting damage on enemy's trenches and silencing his trench mortar.</p> <p>Lieut Col R.H. Owen was slightly wounded Lieut J.L. CADDELL seriously wounded</p>	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
22-6-XV	ANZAC	The day was extremely quiet the enemy showing very little visible activity beyond the usual digging and improvements to existing works.	
23-6-XV	ANZAC	Casualties 2 other ranks wounded. To-day the enemy were again very quiet although sniping was constant. The enemy opened <sup>artillery</sup> fire about 1700 (8pm) which was replied to by our guns. Casualties 1 other ranks wounded.	

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3.17

Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
24.6.XV.	ANZAC	<p>The night was quiet. Early in the morning the enemy opened with Shell Fire, On LONE PINE RIDGE and JOHNSTON'S TOLL the enemy continued actively improving his works. A couple of his wife guns have been located. The jaw Mortar fired 3 shots - two with good result - one failed to explode.</p> <p>Casualties 5 other ranks wounded.</p>	
25-6-XV	ANZAC	<p>On night of 25/26 June. at 2230 a Mine was tried to draw the enemy fire so long as we fired the enemy replied, but as soon as we ceased they did the same.</p>	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
26-6-XV	ANZAC	<p>After the cease the enemy fired several shots from his trench mortar doing considerable damage in the 4<sup>th</sup> BN line, at whose request we opened fire with our Jap mortar. Our second shot was apparently a direct hit. The enemy's mortar was silenced. <sup>1 other ranks wounded</sup></p> <p>From the disposition of the enemy's <sup>works</sup> we expect an attack which may be lodged to come up OWENSGULLY as this part is clear of entanglements. Sketch showing enemy trenches in front of our line is attached.</p> <p>Casualties. 1 other ranks wounded.</p>	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
27.8.15	ANZAC	<p>The enemy suddenly opened fire all along the line between 0500 and 0600 both with rifle &amp; machine guns. This rifle fire was, in many cases, wild, men being observed to simply put their rifles above the parapet &amp; fire in the air without any pretence at aiming. As we made no reply their demonstration died down in about 10 minutes. The enemy made no attempt to leave his trenches. COL OWEN left on leave for 14 days. MAJOR McCONAGHY assumed temporary command</p>	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
28.6.XI.	ANZAC	<p>casualties Nil</p> <p>The EIGHTH CORPS attacked in the Southern Theatre at 1100. We got instructions, in order to prevent the movement of reinforcements from TOKES before us that 3<sup>rd</sup> BDE &amp; 2<sup>nd</sup> L.H BDE would take the offensive at 1300 against SNIPERS RIDGE on the right. 3<sup>rd</sup> BN was instructed to keep down hostile fire against THE PIMPLE as counter attack is expected <sup>on trenches facing</sup> by 8<sup>th</sup> ARMY CORPS enemy to our front is to be held by fear of an attack, following the day operations. The following use</p>	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
		<p>was tried:- At 2040 flares were burnt in the firing line, fixed bayonets shown &amp; much more <sup>men</sup> stimulated. At 2045 INDIAN M.A. BDE fired star shells at various points along the front. On this by words of command, signals with whistles, raising of drums &amp; increased <del>the</del> the attention of enemy was drawn in the form of several heavy bursts of fire. The same was repeated at 2330 and 0130. The most effective way of drawing his fire was by a volley from the whole line. Casualties 4 A.R. wounded.</p>	

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3.23

Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
29. 6. XV	ANZAC	<p>The day was very quiet but at 20.45 very rapid rifle fire was opened on us right along the whole line. No reply was made to this &amp; his fire slackened. When we fired the enemy <del>was</del> answered heavily. Apparently the enemy was very nervous &amp; was afraid of an attack from us.</p> <p>Casualties: other ranks wounded <i>W.P.</i></p>	
30. 6. XV	ANZAC	<p>About the same time as last night the enemy again made a demonstration with heavy fire otherwise very quiet.</p> <p>Casualties: nil</p> <p><i>W.P.</i></p>	

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The 96. Signallers *W. Blaydes Lt.*  
 machine gun *W. Blaydes Lt.*  
 SA Coy  
 2-6-15  
 B  
 C  
 D  
*W. Blaydes Lt.*  
*Moore Lt.*  
*E. Padhale Lt.*

*Blaydes*  
*Moore*  
*Padhale*

STAND TO Troops will stand to arms  
 at 9.30 am. at this hour Company  
 Commanders will be in the firing  
 line, and other officers wherever  
 their commands are. Every man  
 will stand up, rifle in hand,  
 properly dressed with web  
 equipment on.  
 It must be clearly understood  
 that on no account is there to  
 be any waiting for a general  
 order to "Stand to". Company  
 Commanders must make their  
 own arrangements to have troops  
 awakened and ready for action  
 at this hour. The Battalion  
 Commander will give the order  
 "Carry on" when working parties  
 will commence duties and a  
 general clean up of the trenches

*[Handwritten mark]*

*[Faint, mostly illegible handwriting, possibly bleed-through from the reverse side of the paper.]*

Carried on. any lounging  
about or sleeping before this  
is completed is forbidden.  
Please communicate this to  
all ranks under your  
Command.

*[Signature]*  
A/Col 3rd Bn

1 Km  
2-6-15

Sign and return to H.Q.  
after carefully noting.

*[Handwritten mark or signature]*

Report on operations of 2 June 1915  
by Capt Dan W. Conroy  
A/C.O. 3rd Bn. <sup>Records</sup>

- 1 Disposition remains unaltered.
- 2 No special action taken by our troops we have commenced tunnelling toward the enemy in the 2 places suggested by the engineers & sanctioned by the Brigadier.
- 3 No patrols.
- 4 Enemy very energetically digging especially along PINE RIDGE.
- 5 Casualties nil
- 6 Ammunition 1740 rounds expended
- 7 The training of reinforcements is being carried out by Coys in small squads at a time under Officers & NCOs

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A/C.O. <sup>Leapt</sup> ~~to~~ <sup>to</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~front~~

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Disposition of Troops.

Adv have 3 Br  
3-6-15  
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Right Sub Section

By Day.

- 1 Platoon in firing line.
- 1 " " Old firing line in Support.
- 2 " " No. 1. Communication trench  $\frac{1}{2}$  right support.

By Night.

- 2 Platoons in firing line
- 1 " " Upper part of No. 1. Communication trench.
- 1 " " Old firing line.

If attacked lodged by enemy in day platoon in old firing line will reinforce firing line. ~~Should~~ platoons in reserve will be closed up, one platoon in communication trench & one in old firing line. One platoon as enemy advances ~~can~~ will take up position in rear of parapots to right of communication trench the other to be held for use as required by circumstances in old firing line.

If attacked by night

platoon in communication trench files up at once to position in rear of parapots. Platoon in old firing line stands to arms where it is.

It is to be impressed on ~~platoons~~ <sup>men</sup> ~~who~~ <sup>whose</sup> line parapots that the success of their part in the action depends largely on surprise & they must keep out of sight till ordered to fire.

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Right Centre Sub Section

By Day.

- 1 Platoon in firing line.
- 1 " " Old firing line.
- 2 " " No. 2. Communication trench  $\frac{1}{2}$  Right Support.
- 1 " " Centre Support.

By Night.

- 2 Platoons in firing line.
- 1 " " ~~No. 2. Communication trench~~ Old firing line & closed up communication trench to firing line.
- 1 " " No. 2. Communication trench.

Same instructions as above except that both platoons in support will take up position in rear of parapots on right & left of No. 2. Communication trench.

Left Centre Sub Section

By Day.

- 1 Platoon in firing line
- 2 " " No. 3. Communication trench
- 1 " " Centre Support.

By Night.

- 2 Platoons in firing line.
- 1 " " No. 3. Communication trench
- 1 " " Centre Support.

Platoon in Centre Support must connect with firing line, following up. Platoon which is forward.

Attached by day, nearest platoon reinforces firing line at once. ~~Platoon in~~ <sup>Platoon in</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~front~~ <sup>front</sup> of sap taking care to leave a passage way to ~~from~~ <sup>from</sup> the firing line. When platoons of Coy. in Left Centre are in position in rear of parapots ~~that~~ ~~it~~ ~~is~~ in No. 3. Communication will take up position in old firing line connecting with left of Coy. in Right Sub Section.



Attached by night.  
2 Platoons in firing line.  
Same action as for day attack.

Left Sub-Section  
By Day.  
1 Platoon in firing line.  
1 " " left support.  
2 " " West Communication & Old Turk trench.

By Night.  
2 Platoons in firing line.  
1 " " left support.  
1 " " Old Turk trench.

Attached by day  
2 Platoons in left support into firing line.  
Platoon in West Communication trench behind ~~parades~~ ~~parades~~ ~~parades~~  
~~parades~~ rushing up ~~from~~ over parapet of left support.  
Platoon from Old Turk trench moves up to top of West.  
and reinforces ~~from~~ where required.

Ladders are placed behind parades to ~~enable~~  
be placed across the trench to enable men to cross over  
in case a counter attack is ~~not~~ ordered. Four men will  
be told off as ladder men from the platoon which  
will ~~be~~ line the parades, to take up their  
position alongside the ladder and place it in position  
when ~~required~~ ordered.

It must be impressed on the men each night that the  
success which is hoped for by placing them in rear of  
the parades will largely depend on their keeping under  
cover till ordered to fire.

The reserve Company or Squadron will on receiving  
the alarm by day at once close up to the trenches.  
~~to support of~~ ~~squadron~~ ~~and~~ the Commander report  
for instruction to the Co. if none have been issued.  
By night this reserve will close up to the trenches at  
~~8.30 pm~~ and place 1 platoon in West Communication  
trench, 1 platoon in Old Turk trench, 2 platoons  
remaining outside & taking up position on Artillery  
Road.

All troops "Stand to Arms" at 3.45 am ~~without~~ <sup>daily</sup>  
Res. Old Turk trench & main roadway

Firing line 2 Platoons. Disposition by Night

Supports A. Coy. No. 3 Sap. — Old firing line  
& No. 1. Communication trench.

0 ins  
120 ft  
yds

Men in old firing line to be prepared to  
rush over the parapet & line parapet of sap.  
Platoons in No. 3 Sap & No. 3. Communication  
trench to be closed up as near as consistent  
with reasonable comfort to the firing line.

L.H. 2 Troops in firing line.

7 1/2  
150 ft  
yds

Supports No. 2. Sap old firing line from No. 2.  
Communication trench to No. 1. Communication  
trench & No. 2. Communication trench & left  
right support.

B. Coy. 2 Platoons in firing line.

6 1/2  
100 ft  
130 ft  
yds

Supports in No. 3. & No. Centre Support & No. 2.  
Com. trench from right support to main Com.  
trench to 2nd Par.

D. Coy. 2 Platoons in firing line.

Supports No. 4. Com Left Support & Old Turkish  
trench.

6 3/4  
135 ft  
yds

By Day

One Platoon in firing line, one in  
support as close up as convenient.  
One finding fatigues and one resting.

Proposed manner of employment.

Reliefs change at 6.30 pm. & night dispositions  
then taken up.  
All ranks stand to arms at 3.45 am.

Equipment

The active garrison in fire trenches will  
invariably be properly dressed with equipment on,  
and supports are to wear their equipment all night  
to be ready for a forward move at any time.

The men ~~in~~ in old firing line will rush over top of parapet to ~~lie~~ lie rear of parados in case of a sudden attack.

If attack develops slowly these troops will fill up from steps in 26.2 & 2A Seps to take up their position in rear of parados.

The platoons in Communication trenches, Right, centres & left supports will close up ~~to~~ as near to firing line as possible.

To deliver a counter attack the troops in rear of parados must rush over ~~and~~ fire trench by means provided & deliver assault.

In case of temporary loss of fire trench those troops closed up in rear must rush over & line parados in rear to reinforce those already there & help in a counter attack if necessary.

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checked with equipment on  
near their equipment at night  
to be kept for a forward move at any time

Report on Operation of 4<sup>th</sup> June  
by Capt. A. J. [unclear]  
A/C O [unclear]

*Adm. Base*  
*K9*

1. Disposition same as previously reported  
except that A Coy relieved the LIGHT HORSE  
(B. Squadron)

2. Nil

3. Nil

4. No movement of enemy observed.

5. Casualties 2 other ranks wounded

6. Ammunition expended 2200 rounds

2. Reinforcements receive daily instruction in  
handling of rifle, fire control and trench  
discipline.

5. Japanese Mortar We have one Japanese  
Mortar placed at the head of No 2 Communi-  
cation Trench (i.e. in the old firing line position)  
we consider this to be an <sup>effective</sup> effective  
weapon. The firing is fairly accurate and  
the morale effect great. Ammunition is  
being used sparingly. In fact the fire  
only fires when enemy artillery opens.  
Ammunition expended <sup>two</sup> rounds.

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*Subcommanding*  
A/C O [unclear] Capt. A J [unclear]



Report on Operations 115 June 1915  
By Lieut Col R.H. Swain  
Commanding 3rd Bn  
C.F.

- 1 Disposition unchanged
- 2 No special action except that at 11 pm a fire was opened on the enemy. Loop holes and some shots from the French mortars were fired in accordance with instructions.
- 3 No patrols
- 4 No change has been observed as regards number of enemy; no new works.
- 5 Casualties One other tank wounded.
- 6 Ammunition 2800 rounds expended
- 7 Reinforcements receive daily instruction in fire control and trench discipline.
- 8 French mortar 4 rounds were fired, mainly at enemy trenches Johnston, Jolly and the far end of the Jolly where the enemy appears to have a depot. Result unknown. ~~at~~ 1.25 am One trench mortar was sent to 1st Bn & ordered

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XV. 3 Bn

At 11 pm Lieut Col  
Commanding 3rd Bn  
C.F.

Operation Memorandum

*Over base known  
No 9*

On the Alarm whistle blasts being sounded the Battalion will "stand to arms" and the following allotment of trenches will be adopted: -

- A. Coy. 2 Platoons in firing line
- 1       "       "       No. 1. Communication trench.
- 1       "       "       Old Turk trench
- B. Coy. 2 Platoons in firing line
- 1       "       "       Old firing line.
- 1       "       "       No. 2. Communication trench.
- C. Coy. 2 Platoons in firing line
- 1       "       "       Old firing line
- 1       "       "       No. 3. Communication trench.
- D. Coy. 2 Platoons in firing line
- 1       "       "       left support
- 1       "       "       No. 4. Communication trench.

Machine Gun Sections at their stations.  
 Head Quarters & Orderlies to H.Q. at Bn Orderly Room.  
 Stretcher Bearers at their station.  
 A.M.C. Pioneers and Sanitary Piquet at A.M.C. Headquarters.  
 Cooks at Quartermasters Store.  
 Batmen with their officers.  
 C.Q.M.Ss. with their fatiguemen at <sup>Bn.</sup> Q.M. Store.

Reserves. (L.H). One troop in main communication trench to 2<sup>nd</sup> Bn.  
 1 Troop in Old Turk trench.  
 2 Troops on Artillery Road.

5/6/15.

1 A.S.B.

*Howell Price  
Lieut & Adj. S.  
3rd Bn. A.I.F.*

Report on Operations 5/6 June 1915  
by Lieut Col R. H. Owen  
Commanding 3rd Bn  
AIF

1. Disposition is unchanged
2. No special action taken
3. No patrols
4. The enemy appears to be inactive with the exception of some towards our position.
5. Casualties Nil
6. Ammunition expended 1200 rounds
7. Marning of Reinforcements in Fire Control and trench discipline being carried on.
8. Japanese mortar was sent to 4th Bn at 7 pm. According to instructions I sent the 2<sup>nd</sup> Japanese mortar at 10.30 pm to replace one temporarily out of order. It was not however required & was returned here within an hour.

also Base Record  
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R. H. Owen Lieut Col  
Commanding 3rd Bn  
AIF

6/6/15 3 Bn



Report on Operations 6/7 June 1915

by Lieut. Col. R.H. Doolan

Commanding 3<sup>rd</sup> Bn

Recd 15  
ade 300<sup>+</sup> X9

1. Disposition unchanged  
the special one
2. A Patrol was sent out 911 pm to investigate whether the enemy trenches were held in actual strength or not. Patrol returned safely and reported that the front line of enemy trenches did not appear to be held in force. An endeavour was made to harass the enemy and draw him fire but they only responded with a few shots.
3. No movement of enemy observed.
4. Casualties nil
5. Ammunition expended 450 rounds.
6. The training of new recruits is being carried on.
7. Three rounds were fired from Jabong's Mortar as the sap being made by enemy in front of 4<sup>th</sup> Bn. 2 of these shots appeared to be very effective.

7/6/15 . 3 Bn R.H. Doolan  
Commanding 3<sup>rd</sup> Bn

Further Report on operations 17/11/15  
at 11.15 AM  
Base  
K 9

The Patrol referred to in my report this morning consisted of 4 selected men - 2 of LICHT HORSE and 2 of 3<sup>rd</sup> BIV. Their instructions were to reconnoitre along the <sup>no. 1</sup> side of the gully & get as close to the enemy's trenches as they could, stay there for 15 to 20 minutes and endeavour to find out in what strength the front line of enemy trenches was held. The ~~front~~ enemy threw out flares expecting there was some movement about. Beyond sniping shots, <sup>they</sup> did very little firing. The patrol leader reported on his return that he did not think the enemy trenches were held very heavily although it was next to impossible to do so any attempt to look into them must necessarily be fatal to the patrol. In order to test the enemy's strength I arranged an alarm of two on a long string which was worked from our parapet accompanied by a burst of fire from us. This drew the enemy's fire for a short burst & showed that his trenches held much about the same number of men as usual. He is more careful of his ammunition now & refuses

to be drawn into wasting it. No patrols of the enemy were met, or heard. I am of the opinion that the enemy occupies his front trenches with a few observers by day with supports close at hand, and at night he has about a man per yard in his trenches.

7/16/15.

R. W. Brown

sent Col. in  
Commander's report  
A 7

Operation Order 7/8<sup>th</sup> June 1945

by Lieut-Col. R. H. Owen

Commanding 3<sup>rd</sup> Pn A93

1. Disposition unchanged *add base 19*
2. No special action taken until 19.30 when my Battalion opened fire on the enemy parapet keeping them engaged as a counter attack appeared to be in progress at QUINNS POST.
3. No patrols.
4. I have noticed no alteration in enemy's disposition or strength.
5. Casualties Nil
6. Ammunition expended 2800 rounds
7. Training of reinforcements is carried out as usual.
8. Japanese mortar did not fire during preceding 24 hours.

R.H. Owen

8/6/45

Lieut-Col  
Commanding 3<sup>rd</sup> Pn A93

To  
2nd Bn.

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Answer  
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Forwarded herewith are 30  
copies of an Army Corps memorandum  
regarding the responsibility of Officers  
in connection with the collection of  
arms, ammunition, and equipment  
of casualties.

A copy should be supplied to  
each officer under your command  
including Light Horse.

D. H. King  
Lieutenant Colonel  
Battalion Major

Captain  
Inf Bde.

8.6.15

Report on Operations 8/9<sup>th</sup> June 1915  
by Lieut Col R. H. O'Brien  
Commanding 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion

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1. Disposition is unchanged.
2. No special action taken.
3. No patrols sent out.

4. No apparent change in enemy's disposition or strength. Reliable observer reported to me about 2.30pm that he had seen a chimney of a traction engine about 2 feet above enemy parapet on LOVE FIVE HILL. He supposed it was drawing a gun but this is very problematical. The engine only appeared for about half a minute. It was near a roundish mound on the Western side of the enemy's fire trench opposite the Pump. I ordered fire from Japanese Trench Mortar. Result unknown.

5. Casualties Nil
6. Ammunition expended 1200 rounds
7. The training of reinforcements is being carried on.



8 Japanese Mortar I wish to point out  
that it is necessary that the Commander  
of ~~the~~ section - Japanese Trench Mortars -  
should have some sort of instructions if  
possible an officer with knowledge of  
artillery work should supervise the firing.  
I feel confident that in still weather very  
accurate results can be got with these  
guns if proper attention is paid to -

- (a) Platforms
- (b) Levelling
- (c) Fuse setting
- (d) Laying by aiming post and prismatic  
Compass.

Ammunition expended 5 rounds

9/6/15

Rgt. Wren Lieut Col.  
Commanding Troop at 7

Report on Operations 9/10 June 1915  
by Lieut Col R.H. Owen,  
Commanding 3rd Bn A 97

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1. Disposition unchanged
2. No special action taken.
3. No patrols sent out
4. As before reported, there is considerable activity in enemy's fire trench opposite the Pimple. During the night there were several bursts of fire from his trenches, opposite the Pimple.  
The enemy is extending his sap in front of the right of the 4<sup>th</sup> Bn line, approaching our line diagonally.  
He has constructed, during the past 24 hours, considerable Barbed wire entanglements of rather a substantial nature opposite 2<sup>nd</sup> Bn, as shown on the ~~sketch~~ sketch sent in by me yesterday.
5. Casualties 2 other ranks wounded (one on duty)
6. Ammunition expended 1650 rounds
7. The training of Reinforcements as usual.
8. The Japanese mortars have been removed from this sub-section of defence.

10-6-15.

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Commanding 3rd Bn  
Lieut Col R.H. Owen



Special Report on "Rockets"

by Lieut Col R H Owens

Commanding 3rd Coy

The following were seen by ~~me~~ <sup>observers</sup> last night: -

Time	Number	Color	Place
1.30 am	one	Purple	From Johnston's Jolly.
1.54 am	one	White	} STrenchon } LONEPINE RICE
1.56 "	"	"	
2 am	"	"	

These lights were, I believe, nothing more than Pistol Flares which the enemy frequently uses when he suspects an attack.

10/6/15

R H Owens Lieut Col.  
Commanding 3rd Coy

at 10.15 pm. there was a burst of firing from NIBURNES POINT. From 10 to 20 rifles - possibly a Pom. Pom. The fire lasted for about 10 minutes.

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adv Base Regt  
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15/6/15.

Rt Wren  
Lieut Col.  
Commanding Sub Bn



Report on Operations 10/11<sup>th</sup> June 1915  
by Lieut-Col. R.H. Outen  
Commanding 3<sup>rd</sup> P.A. Coy

1. Disposition unchanged ~~unchanged~~  
2. No special action  
3. A patrol was sent out at 9.15 pm with instructions to get as close as possible to enemy & discover any movements or digging at various places & report. Nothing was discovered. Patrol returned safely.  
4. Nothing observed - no new movement.  
5. Casualties nil  
6. Ammunition expended 1950 rounds  
7. Training of reinforcements being carried.
- add Base Key

R.H. Outen  
Lieut Col  
Commanding 3<sup>rd</sup> P.A. Coy  
at 7

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Report on Operations

3<sup>rd</sup> Bn

11/12 June 1915

by Lieut Col R. H. Owens  
Commanding 3<sup>rd</sup> Bn AIF

Olds Base Records

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1. Disposition unchanged
2. No special action taken.
3. No patrols
4. New gun appears to have opened from LONG PIT. It was not located until too late to make an observation or sketch. These will be forwarded this morning. The enemy appears to have some new ammunition. I forward a piece of shell which burst on my trench.
5. Casualties 1 Officer wound 2 other ranks wound but on duty
6. Ammunition 1940 rounds
7. Training of Reinforcements continues as usual. They still require some further training.  
My gun 1<sup>st</sup> Bn reported for duty yesterday afternoon to replace those of 7<sup>th</sup> Bn.

17/6/15  
Edm.

R. H. Owens

Lieut Col  
Commanding 3<sup>rd</sup> Bn  
AIF



Report on operations 13 June  
 by Lieut Col R H Owen  
 Commanding 3rd  
*Old Band Recce*

3 Bn 13-6-15

1. Disposition. The positions of ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~my~~ <sup>my</sup> gun (so as to give ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> fire across the ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> front) was altered
2. No special action
3. No patrols
4. There are reports of rockets seen during the night but have not yet been able to collect them into any thing definite as a report Details will be forwarded this morning
5. Casualties nil
6. Ammunition expended 100 rounds
7. Training of Reinforcements still carried on.
8. One Japanese mortar is now in my lines. It was fired at the gun which has been damaging my parapet. ~~It~~ <sup>It</sup> was soaked but enemy's gun has not fired since. Mortar is now trained ready to open fire immediately. 2 shots fired.

13/6/15 *R H Owen*  
 Commanding 3rd *Lieut Col*

Report on Operations (1st June 1915)

by Lieut Col R. H. Owen

Commanding 3rd Bn

*Old Pen Record*

3 Bn

- 1 Disposition unchanged *K9*
- 2 No special action. Observation Posts are being constructed similar to the one which we have had in use for the past 3 weeks which has been very satisfactory.
- 3 No patrols
- 4 The enemy has been very quiet and I do not think his numbers are altered - in any event in the future live he is preparing his trenches with overhead cover, particularly at gun emplacements. I suggest that these should be destroyed if possible in detail ~~by the use of~~. A great many lights were visible from the enemy's positions. No rockets
- 5 No Casualties
- 6 Ammunition expended 1400 rounds
- 7 4 rounds were fired by the French mortar at enemy gun emplacement. I regret to say that two rounds missed fire
- 8 Reinforcement are still being trained

R. H. Owen  
14/6/15  
Commanding 3rd Bn  
Lieut Col

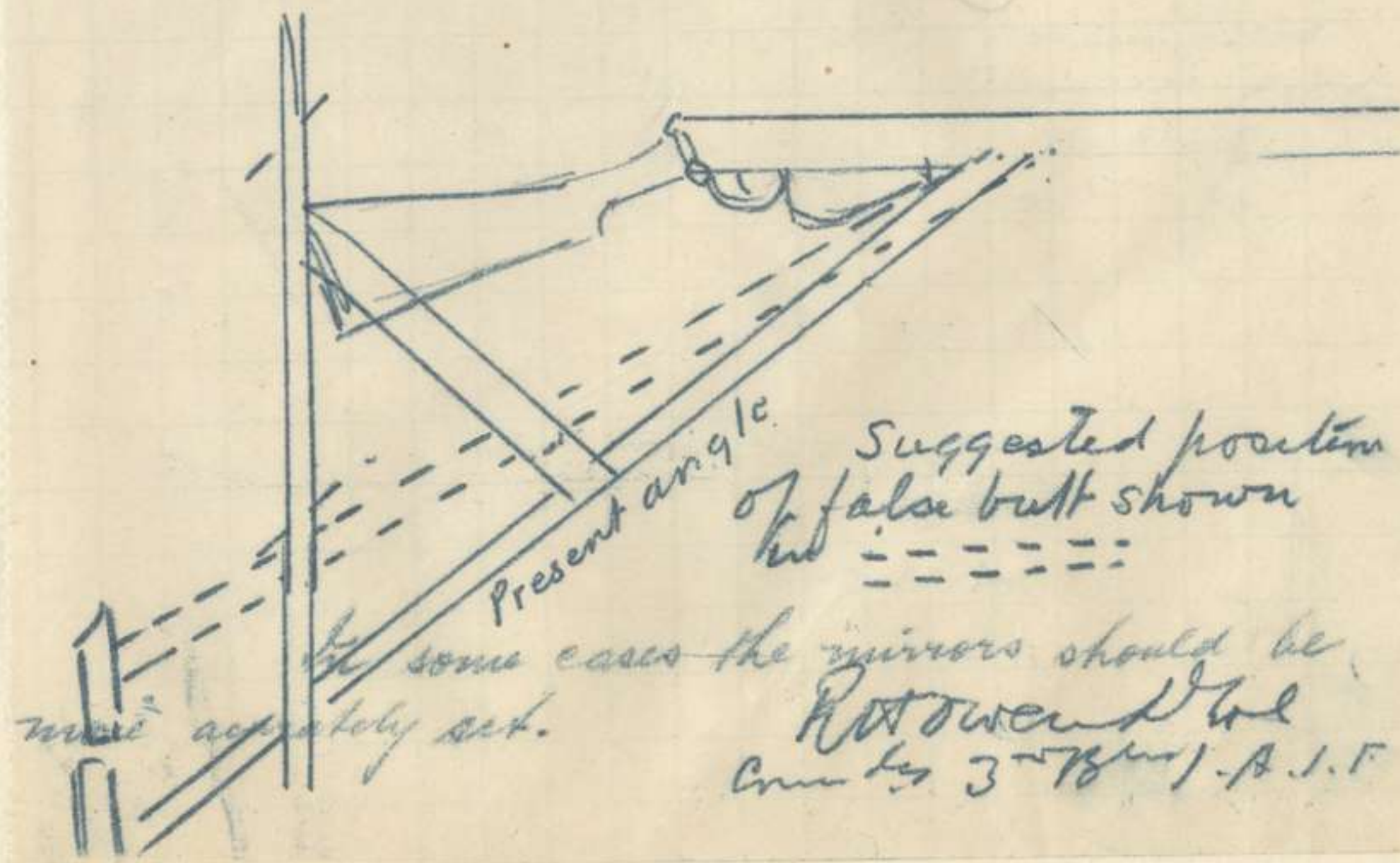
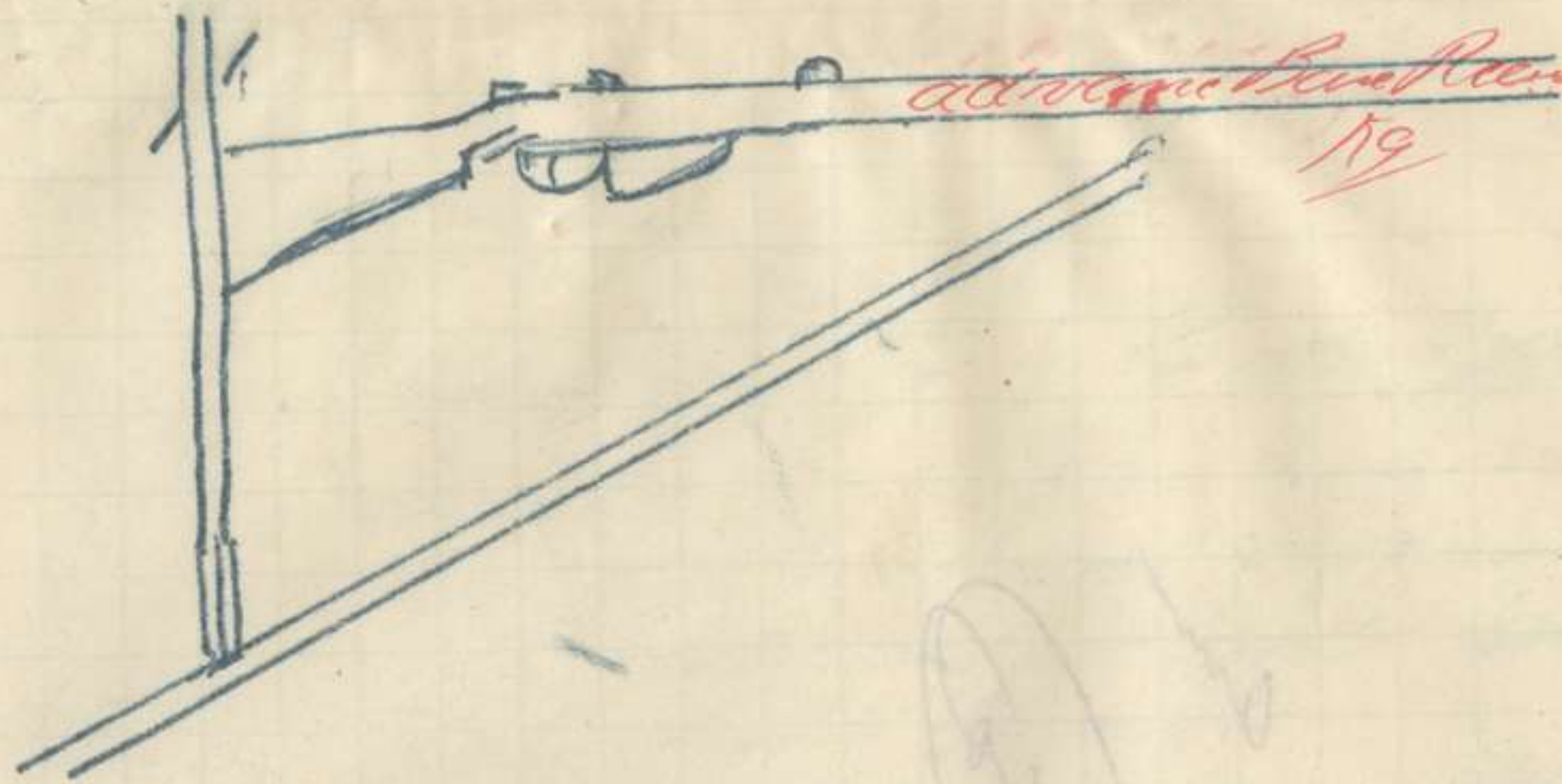


Report on Periscope Rifles  
 by Lieut. Col. R.H. Owen  
 Commanding 3rd Bn A.I.F.  
 14<sup>th</sup> June 1915  
 add 13<sup>th</sup> 1915  
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I have to report on  
 Periscope Rifle.

I am of opinion that if  
 used intelligently it is most useful  
 as it enables men to take long and  
 steady aim without exposing themselves  
 to enemy's fire, although as a matter  
 of actual shooting results are not as good  
 and uniform as when the rifle is  
 fired from the shoulder. It is however  
 easier for a man to spot his own  
 shooting with the periscope & for that  
 reason alone it would be worth using.  
 Some men of course require instruction  
 in how to use it with effect but with  
 a little practice & patience most men  
 can become expert in its use.

Regarding structural improvement the  
 false butt is too low down & without  
 altering the position of the lower mirror  
 it could be set at least 6 or 8 inches  
 higher.



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3 Bn Report on Operations 14/15<sup>th</sup> 19  
by Lieut Col R.H. Owen,  
15-6-15 Commanding 3<sup>rd</sup> Bn  
*Advs Bn Report 29*

1. B Squadron 6<sup>th</sup> Light Horse relieved C Company, otherwise unchanged.
2. No special action taken.
3. No patrols except patrol from L.H. - Nocturnal report.
4. Enemy attempted to enter his barb-wire entanglements and one of my machine guns, firing single shots, stopped them several times during the night.
5. Ammunition expended 1400 rounds.
6. Casualties Nil.
7. Training of Re-enforcements is being continued. 134 Re-enforcements joined in addition to previous re-enforcements.
8. These will require some training.
9. Japanese Boat fired one shot.

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R.H. Owen Lieut Col  
Commanding 3<sup>rd</sup> Bn  
at 7

Report on Reinforcements  
by Lieut-Col. K.H. Owen,  
Commanding 3rd Bn 4th

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I have to report that the 5<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements are satisfactory both as regards training & discipline. They have had good training in handling their arms with the exception of rapid loading in which they are now being practised. I consider that in a few days they will be quite equal to the average as regards their efficiency as soldiers. The work they are having in the firing line is the best practice they can have in war. The system on which I am giving them instruction is that reinforcements in the resting platoons, in which there are 4 companies, are practised in whatever detail they may require further instruction under Coy N.C.O., supervised generally by the R.M. Regret this report being late through inadvertence.

R.H. Owen Lieut Col  
Commanding 3rd Bn  
4th

21<sup>st</sup> Battalion AIF

Return of effective strength & men  
on duties etc at 2pm (1900)

<u>Effective</u>			Officers 30	Other ranks 830
<u>Outside Fatigues</u>	of 3	or 86		
<u>Truck work</u>		31		
<u>Miners</u>		65		
<u>Night Duty</u>		12		
<u>Details</u>		86		
<u>Battalion &amp; Coy duties</u>		119		
<u>Informing Line by day</u>		132		
" " " night		189		
<u>In support by day</u>		187		
" " " night		240		
<u>Reserve by day</u>		112		

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"Details etc" above mentioned includes Pioneer 11, Headquarters 15, Headquarters signallers 23, m/c guns 10, stretcher bearers 16, AMC 5  
Battalion & Coy Duties 119 "Police" 5, Coy Signallers 12, Guard 18  
 2 M/c Fatigue 10, Pm Orderlies & Post Orderly 5, Sign.  
 m/c fanners & attached 14, Coy 2 m/s & tentory  
 Regiment 13, Cooks 16, Detention of Coy Fatigue 18.  
 O. J. Howell *Price*

3 Bn

16-6-15

15/16 June 1915  
Lieut Col. R.H. Owen  
Commanding  
3<sup>rd</sup> Bn  
A.I.F.

1. Disposition unchanged.
2. There was sign of some activity in the enemy's trench in the afternoon & I had 2 Japanese Bombs fired which seemed to have excellent effect. Work ceased then: no all events until dark. No perceptible difference alteration in numbers of enemy's troops.
3. No patrols sent out.
4. No special action taken by our troops.
5. Ammunition 1200 rounds.
6. Casualties 1 killed & wounded - other ranks.
7. Training of Reinforcements carried on as usual.
8. Ammunition expended Japanese  
Mortar 2 rounds.

16-6-15

~~16/15~~

At night  
Commanding 3<sup>rd</sup> Bn  
A.I.F.



Report on operations 16/17 June  
by Lieut Col R.H. Owen 1915

Commanding 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion

Old Base Record

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1. Disposition unchanged except that Resting Company are repairing resting trenches in rear of right to be used by day only.
2. No special movement.
3. No patrols.
4. Nothing to report except about
5. Casualties.
6. Ammunition expended
7. When the enemy approached our line closely and <sup>was</sup> dispersed with a bomb.
5. Casualties. 3 other ranks wounded
6. Ammunition expended 5000 rounds.
7. The training of new Reinforcement begins to day with Company resting.
8. The Japanese Mortar threw 3 bombs at enemy's 75 MM Gun emplacement on FORT STONIS TOLL. It is believed the 3<sup>rd</sup> shot actually burst on this emplacement.

R.H. Owen

17/6/15.  
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Lieut Col.  
Commanding 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion

Report on Operations 17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> June 1915

by Lieut Col. H. H. Denny

Commanding 3<sup>rd</sup> Bn. <sup>1915</sup>

3 Bn

*See Base Records*  
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1. Disposition - One mpc from 1<sup>st</sup> Ptn. was returned to the Beach - otherwise unaltered
2. No special action
3. No Patrols
4. Nothing new to report. He is pushing on with his caps & tunnels on my left front.
5. Ammunition expended, 1280 rounds
6. Casualties Nil
7. The training of Reinforcements is being carried on by nesting Company
8. Japanese Mortar 4 shots were fired at enemy's cap-head, cap and trenches on the S. and West of JOHNSTON'S TOLLY. Three bombs burst actually in the trenches and appeared to do considerable damage + enemy blew some byes & did some ~~chaunting~~ during the night.

R. W. Denny

18/6/15

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Lieut Col  
Commanding 3<sup>rd</sup> Bn  
at



Report on Operations 17/18 July  
by Major W. M. Macnamara  
of CO 3rd Battalion

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1. Positions. We are gradually occupying new positions up the complete reverse slope to complete breakthrough through to night.
2. One regular mortar gun fired 3 shells at 2245 into the NETWATER in front of 4th BN. Shells fired from a very severe.
3. Manual patrols from 1700 to 1800.
4. 2 No special movements of the enemy observed on the part of the enemy at
5. Killed 1 other mortar killed through
6. Ammunition expended 205 rounds
7. Japanese mortar. No ammunition fired
8. Garland mortar. One 4 rounds fired into enemy front line of trenches in
9. ONE IN 5 - 3 shells fired 1700 rounds.
7. Japanese mortar - no ammunition expended.

Garland mortar 4 rounds fired  
18/7/15 considerable amount of Japanese  
ammunition expended  
CO 3rd Battalion  
A. J. J.

18-7-15

3rd BN

Major  
CO 3rd Battalion  
A. J. J.

3 Bn 19/20 June 1915  
Report on operations  
By Lieut Col R. Owens  
Command ~~1st~~ 3rd Bn  
1300 K9 097

1. Disposition, A Coy moved into the firing line vacated by B Squadron 6<sup>th</sup> L.I. who rejoined their own Brigade.
2. Sinking is proceeding in the tunnels. No sound of enemy tunnelling has yet been confirmed. Four rounds were fired from Jap Trench mortar to various parts of TOMMISTONS TOLLY with apparently excellent effect. At about 20:30 to 21:00 enemy fired several bombs of trench mortar located in his trench south side of OWENS GULLY. Bombs burst in 2<sup>nd</sup> B.I. lines. I fired three bombs from Jap. mortar in reply. First ~~was~~ landed on enemy parapet near the S trench, the piston attachment was hurled in direction of 2<sup>nd</sup> B.I. ~~causing injury~~ causing injury. I understand one private also was injured by portions of the shell. I may state that this ~~was~~ bomb exploded at least 100 yds from 2<sup>nd</sup> B.I. lines. Second & 3<sup>rd</sup> Bomb were also exploded on enemy parapet

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- and for the present, at all events, have silenced his trench mortar.
3. No patrols were sent out
  4. No alteration in enemy - his position, he is steadily improving. I think that by judicious use of trench mortar his works can be kept at a standstill. This would entail an expenditure of 15 to 20 rounds a day on my frontage which is much in excess of quantity at present allowed.
  5. Casualties nil
  6. Ammunition 1100 rounds.
  7. Training of Reinforcements begins today under new system.

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R. H. Green Lieut Col  
Commanding 3rd Bn

Report on Operations <sup>Base Record</sup> X 40121<sup>11</sup>  
June 15  
3 Bu 21-6-15<sup>10</sup> Lt Col. R. H. Owens  
Commanding 3<sup>rd</sup> Bu

1. One gun of 1<sup>st</sup> Bn Mc gun section returned last night. Otherwise disposition unchanged.
2. No special action taken except as ordered. Jap. mortar fired 3 rounds at JOHNSTON'S TOLLY, one at LONE PINE and one into OWENS GULLY. The last 2 were at 2240.
3. No patrols.
4. Observed no particular change. No Jap on the left of my sub-section is now being pushed a little faster.
5. Casualties Nil.
6. Ammunition 4800 rounds.
7. Reinforcements trained during forenoon.

R. H. Owens

Lt Col.  
Commanding 3<sup>rd</sup> Bu  
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Report on Operations 21/22<sup>nd</sup> June 1915 3 Bn  
by Lt Col R.H. Owen  
Commanding 3<sup>rd</sup> Bn

1. Dispositions unchanged

2. No special actions.

3. No patrols

4. The enemy is active both on JOHNSTONS  
JOLLY and LOVE PINE works. He  
appears to be strengthening LOVE PINE as a  
defensive post whilst OWEN GULLY  
and JOHNSTONS JOLLY are left open for  
his offensive movement.

5. Casualties { Slightly wounded Lt Col R.H. Owen,  
2. } wounded, Lt J.L. Caddell

6. Ammunition 3400 rounds

7. Training of reinforcements continues. I find  
that a fairly large percentage of recent  
reinforcements have had good training in  
handling the rifle and fire control. I hope  
soon to pass them as qualified. There are some  
however who require a considerable amount of  
further training.

8. By request of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Bn, two bombs were fired  
from Jap mortars at LOVE PINE defenses which  
appeared to have good results. Also one bomb was  
fired at enemy trench mortar which then ceased  
fire.

22/6/15

R.H. Owen  
Commanding 3<sup>rd</sup> Bn

Report on Operations 22/23 June 1915 3 Bu

by Lieut. Col. R. W. Wren  
Commanding 3rd Bn

Add Base Record  
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1. Disposition unchanged.
2. No special action.
3. No patrols.
4. Nothing since last night's report.
5. Casualties 2 other ranks wounded.
6. Ammunition expended during preceding 24 hours 2700 rounds.
7. Training of reinforcements is being proceeded with as usual.
8. One round was fired from Japanese Mortar at a spot where enemy were moving a heavy object down ONEI C. V. L. L. The range, however, was too great. The bomb fell about 50 yards.

R. W. Wren

23/6/15

Lieut. Col.  
Commanding 3rd Bn  
A. 17

3 Pm  
Report on Operations 23/24 June 1945  
by Lieut Col R. Owen  
Commanding 3<sup>rd</sup> Pmb Bn

1. Disposition unchanged Adv Base Report
2. No special action taken 159
3. No patrols
4. No apparent change in enemy numbers or dispositions except as specially reported in intelligence Report.
5. Casualties & other reports wounded
6. Ammunition expended 2200 rounds
7. Training of reinforcements to be carried on.
8. Japanese Bomb was not fired during preceding 24 hours.

The sinking for listening shaft or well in C9 ~~still remains~~ has not started yet. Another 12 hours have elapsed ~~therefore~~. There is no reason as far as working of tunnel is concerned to prevent this work being started from the time I signed it.

R. Owen  
Lieut Col  
Commanding 3<sup>rd</sup> Pmb Bn



Report on Operations 24/25 June 1915 3 Km

by Lieut-Col. R. H. Owen  
Commanding 3<sup>rd</sup> P.M.A.S.F.

Adv Base Records

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1. Disposition is unchanged
2. No special actions
3. No patrols
4. Enemy's dispositions & numbers seem to be unaltered. No new work but steadily pushing on with 200 in front of 4<sup>th</sup> BIV.  
There is the air in tunnel (cross-cut - C 13) which is bad. I ordered a couple of more ventilation holes to be put through at once.  
The forge is established and arrangements for the sharpening of all picks in this section of defence.
5. Trench mortar fired 3 bombs at junction of S Trench and trench leading into OWEN'S CULLY. One shot was very effective, one shot missed fire, third shot exploded about 15 feet above trench.
6. Draining of Reinforcements still carried on
7. Casualties 5 Other ranks wounded
8. Ammunition 2075 rounds.

R. H. Owen

Commanding 3<sup>rd</sup> P.M.A.S.F.



Report on Operations 25/26 June 1915

by Lieut-Col R H Owen  
Commanding 3<sup>rd</sup> Div

Acting Brigadier-General  
R H Owen

1. Disposition unchanged
2. No special action taken. Instructions as usual were carried out. It could not be seen whether the enemy exposed themselves. But fire was directed to the top of their parapets after the usual manner used by French Mortars. As at the request of C of 4<sup>th</sup> BIV I fired 2 bombs from 1st French Mortar at enemy trench mortar. First shot was 20 yds short, second shot was reported direct hit in the enemy trench. There was an angry burst of fire from the enemy trench following this. His trench mortar was not since fired. He is intended to bomb another French mortar. 2<sup>nd</sup> in total.
3. No patrol
4. No addition to enemy works except as in Intelligence Report of yesterday. There appears to be more activity than usual in near ~~part~~ LONE PINE + JOHNSTON'S TOLL. A little more firing than usual indicating the arrival of some fresh troops or a new commander.
5. Casualties 1 other ranks wounded
6. Ammunition expended 3500 rounds
7. Training & Reinforcements continues

R H Owen  
Commanding 3<sup>rd</sup> Div

Report on Operations 26/27 June 1942  
by Lieut Col. H. H. Owen  
Commanding 3<sup>rd</sup> BN

Disposition unchanged  
No special action  
No patrols

3 Bn 2196-15  
*Records*

Enemy strength & dispositions  
apparently unchanged. Additions & improve-  
ments to his works are being constantly  
pushed ahead. It appears to me with  
the design of strengthening LOVE RIVE  
for resistance & to support attack ~~from~~  
OWENS GULLY and JOHNSTONS  
TOLLY is being strengthened for offence  
with obstacles being placed which would  
interfere with an advance from these  
in the event of a partially successful  
attack. The sapping ~~in progress~~  
front of JOHNSTONS TOLLY is not progress-  
ing very fast & is, I think, more of the  
nature of a blind to cover the more important  
tunnelling operations which, I think, are  
being made against the ~~left~~ section  
of defence occupied by 4 BN.  
Casualties: 1 other ranks killed  
Ammunition expended 2300 rounds  
rounds



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Training of Reinforcements is still  
Carried on  
Japanese French Mortar. Five rounds  
were fired from the Japanese Mortar  
against LONE PINE position. Other  
shots were judged to be very effective  
but 2 struck the parapet and appeared  
to do some harm.

27.6.44  
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Ret Wren  
Lieut Col  
Commanding 3rd P.M.B.

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Report on Operations 27/28/15  
by Major W. Bonagry  
AFCO 3<sup>rd</sup> Bn at 7

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Adv Base Records

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1. Disposition unchanged
2. No special action
3. No probes.
4. Between 0500 or 0600 the enemy opened up rapid fire from 7 rifle fire on our positions. As we did not reply the attack died away in about 10 minutes. The enemy made no attempt to leave his trenches.
5. Casualties nil
6. Ammunition expended 2000 rounds
7. Dressing of Reinforcements still carried on.
8. There were no targets offering yesterday so no ammunition expended by Japanese forces.

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AFCO 3<sup>rd</sup> Bn at 7

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Report on Operations 26/29<sup>th</sup> June 1915

by Major MacDonagh

Staff Commissioning 1st A.I.B. Co.

Adv Base Reports

1. Distribution unchanged.
2. A 1200-<sup>00</sup> battalion stood to arms in readiness to co-operate with any movement of our line. Between 12<sup>00</sup> and 12<sup>30</sup> we pinned the enemy with machine gun & occasional bursts of fire. Misses as directed in special orders, were carried out at 21<sup>40</sup>, 22<sup>30</sup> and 01<sup>30</sup>. We found the most effective way to draw the enemy's fire was one round fired simultaneously from each look hole as a volley.
3. No patrols.
4. Special movements of enemy were reported by our Observers.
5. Casualties of other ranks wounded.
6. Ammunition expended 3450 rounds.
7. Reinforcements still being trained.
8. Jap. Motor was transferred to SECONDBN. at 12<sup>00</sup> and returned to our lines at 21<sup>30</sup>. No ammunition was expended.

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29/6/15.



Special Report on Rockets, Flares etc  
 by Major Dunn Conaghy,  
 A/C.O 3<sup>rd</sup> Para A.F.F.

Have to make the following report on  
 Rockets and flares used by the enemy  
 on the night of 29/30 June 1947

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No	Time	Nature	Colour	Place
1	2145	Rockets	Green	LONE PINE
1	2150	"	"	"
1	2155	"	"	"
1	2200	"	"	"

The above appears to have been a series of probes

at a point behind LONE PINE

1	2215	Flare (small)	White	OVER GULLY
1	2130	Rocket	White	over 3 <sup>rd</sup> BDE
1	0230	Light (Stationary)	Green	N <sup>th</sup> QUINN'S PT (contains left Hill in front of QUINN'S POST)
1	0100	Morse Lamp	White	QUINN'S POST
2	1255	Rockets	"	On left was CHESSBOARD
2	0105	"	"	
2	0120 0150	"	"	

The green Stationary Light on extreme left was followed by  
 two lights of a similar colour but less brilliant at 0200 and  
 0230

*S.M. Conaghy Major  
 A/C.O 3<sup>rd</sup> Para A.F.F.*

20/6/47  
 0400

Report on Operations 29/30 June 1942  
by Major Desmond Conaghy  
A/CO 3<sup>rd</sup> Bn. A Coy

1. Disposition unchanged.
2. No special action
3. No Patrols

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4. The enemy very quiet all day but at 2145 very rapid Mf gun & rifle fire was opened on our position and right along the line, we did not reply to this fire until 2200 when we showed signs of tiring and the fire considerably slackened off. We then put in 2 round rapid which caused another burst of fire on the enemy's part, which lasted quite 10 minutes unless he was covering an attack at some other portion of the line he showed signs of great nervousness, especially when the sky was very over-cast. There was energetic digging along PINE RIDGE from 2300 till daybreak.

5. Casualties: 1 other ranks wounded
6. Ammunition expended 2250 rounds
7. (Training) Reinforcements still carried on
8. Japanese mortar was removed to 2 BH lines where it still remains. No ammunition expended.

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Major  
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