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1. 11. XV	ANZAC.	The battalion was still in reserve To Hospital 2 From Hospital ✓ Casualties Nil.	
2. 11. XV	SHELL GREEN	Instructions were received to take over firing line occupied by the 9 th BN from Q1 to Q4. An inspection of the line and trenches was carried out and preparation made for an early move. To Hospital 2 From Hospital ✓ Casualties ✓	
3. 11. XV	"	At 9.00 the Battalion took over the firing line from the 9 th BN. During the afternoon the supports and reserves had moved in and by 4 pm. the whole Battalion	

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4. 11. XV	SHELL GREEN	<p>were in their new quarters. The enemy throughout the day was very quiet. To Hospital ✓ From Hospital 16 casualties ✓</p> <p>Disposition were unchanged namely one platoon in the firing line, one in support and one in reserve. The enemy were very quiet. Many improvements to the trenches were commenced. To Hospital 2 From Hospital ✓ casualties ✓</p>	<p>✓</p>
5. 11. XV	"	<p>Fighting was very brisk & enemy artillery showed considerable activity during the night. To hospital ✓ From Hospital ✓ Casualties ✓</p>	<p>✓</p>

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6.11. XV	SHELL GREEN	Enemy usual morning bombardment commenced at 0600 which was slightly earlier than usual. Enemy on our front very quiet ^{during the day} the enemy m/c guns were very active during the night. 2 Hospital 2 From Hospital 12 Casualties ✓	
7.11. XV	do	The enemy were active digging on PINE RIDGE and throughout the day his artillery was very active. We have continued digging fresh trenches close to firing line and 2 forward tunnels which are being constructed are proceeding satisfactorily. During the night enemy M.Cs. very active	

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		To Hospital ✓ From Hospital ✓ Casualties 1 OR wounded	
8.11. XV	SHELL GREEN	The enemy are still actively digging to our front. M & fire is directed on them where possible. During the night the enemy showed symptoms of restlessness which were evident by their constant sniping. Signal lights were shown to rear of LONE PINE & these were answered from GABRIELLE. At 5000 we sent out a patrol. An enemy patrol was encountered at the bottom of the valley of DESPAIR where it junctions with ALLAH BULLY. They were bombed by	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
		<p>us and driven back. Fire was opened on our patrol but without effect. Throughout the day the enemy was quiet. Satisfactory progress is being made with forward tunnels. A Bomb proof shelter is also under construction. Improvements are also being carried out satisfactorily in fire trenches. To Hospital ✓ From Hospital ✓ Casualties ✓</p>	
9. 11. XV.	SHELL GREEN	<p>we sent out a patrol from Q3 tunnel & they reconnected the gully on the left of our front. No enemy was observed. During the night the enemy were very active</p>	

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		with their M.G. fire. works of improving position continued To Hospital ✓ From Hospital ✓ Casualties ✓	
10. 11. XV.	SHELL GREEN	Enemy commenced sniping close to our trenches but they were promptly bombed out. The enemy were extremely quiet both day & night. To Hospital ✓ From Hospital ✓ Casualties ✓	1 OR Killed 1 OR Wounded
11. 11. XV	"	Again the enemy were very quiet. Our improvements still progress satisfactorily. To Hospital ✓ From Hospital ✓ Casualties ✓	
12. 11. XV	"	A patrol was sent out at 2000 and	

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13. 11. XV	SHELL GREEN	Remained out 1 1/2 hours. They encountered a Turkish patrol who evidently were out to capture our men. However they were bombed and retreated. The enemy are still actively digging to our front & consolidating their position. We installed 2 more mpc guns making our total 4. These are trained on chosen targets. 3 Hospital 2 Iron Hospital & Casualties & etc. Concept for usual sniping the enemy was very quiet. Work has been commenced on 2 tunnels leading to underground winter quarters for which plans are prepared.	

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14. 11. XV	SHELL GREEN.	To Hospital 4 from Hospital 6 Casualties ✓	✓
		The enemy were again very quiet, even sniping was not so brisk To Hospital 4	
15. 11. XV	"	From Hospital 6 Casualties ✓	✓
		Sniping was brisker than usual, otherwise the enemy showed very little signs of activity. He still continues improving his trenches. Our improvements are well under way To Hospital 2	
16. 11. XV	"	From Hospital 1 Officers Casualties ✓	✓
		The enemy were quiet throughout day & night. Forward tunnels & tunnels leading to winter quarters have	

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17. 11. XV.	SHELL GREEN.	made satisfactory progress to Hospital & from Hospital & Casualties 10 R wounded The enemy showed no signs of activity. A patrol was sent out but owing to very heavy shower had to return. To Hospital 1 from Hospital 7. Casualties 20 R Wounded.	
18. 11. XV.	SHELL GREEN.	There was no movement of the enemy on our front. Good progress was made on improvements to trenches and underground Chambers for winter quarters To Hospital 2 from Hospital 3 Casualties	
19. 11. XV.	SHELL GREEN.	The enemy showed no unusual activity. He is still busily engaged	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
20.11.15	KV SHELL GREEN.	improving his firing line to our front. Additional underground chambers have been commenced To Hospital 2 Casualties 1 OK Wounded. From Hospital 2	
21/11/15	"	The enemy still remain inactive, no unusual movement being perceptible. Our work of improvement still continues. To Hospital 1 (wounded) 1 Killed 1 From Hospital 1	
		No change in enemy's attitude - they are still very quiet. Arrangements have been made whereby the men get hot soup in the firing line at 11 pm. nightly To Hospital 3. From Hospital 9 From ambulance 1 Casualties 1	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
22/11/15	SHELL GREEN	<p>No unusual signs of activity were shown by the enemy. At 1000 OLIVE GROVE was bombarded by the Naval and land guns but although the shooting appeared to hit the target the enemy guns were not silenced. The enemy appears to have established a camp in 45 I (Ref map 20000) judging by the numbers of troops coming & going from this spot. He also has improved his firing line on GUN and PINE RIDGES by the completion of new look-holes. The work of improving of firing line, communication trenches and underground chambers.</p>	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
23. 11. XV.	SHELL GREEN	Continues satisfactorily. From Hospital 1 To Hospital 2 No wounded 1. The enemy was very quiet throughout the day. Work of improving the trenches Continues To Hospital 2 From Hospital ✓ Casualties ✓	J.P.
24. 11. XV	SHELL GREEN	Our machine gun fire has deterred the enemy from carrying on improvements on his trenches. The day has been quiet. To Hospital 2 From Hospital ✓ Casualties ✓	J.P.
25. 11. XV	SHELL GREEN	Work on advanced flank tunnels is progressing and preparations for providing under- ground Winter Chambers, which act as	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
		Shell proof chambers as well. A "silence ruse" was adopted, no firing of any description being done. This apparently mystified the enemy as at times he remained perfectly silent and at other would break out with bursts of fire as if uncertain what to do. To Hospital 1 From Hospital ✓ Casualties ✓	J.S.
26. 11. XV.	SHELL GREEN	The silent ruse was still continued. A patrol was sent out & came in contact with a Turkish patrol. Owing to excess of ^{enemy} numbers our patrol retired. Work was continued on improvements in	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
27. 11. XV	SHELL GREEN	<p>providing shell proof chambers & on trench improvements To Hospital ✓ From Hospital 2 Casualties ✓</p> <p>The silent ruse was continued until mid night when our m/c guns opened fire & the usual routine was carried out. Sundry effort is being made to push forward improvements. The enemy throughout the ruse were very quiet. A patrol was sent out at 1745 & returned at 2020. They encountered 2 Turkish patrols, who, however, did not come within bombing distance.</p> <p>To Hospital 3. From Hospital ✓ Casualties ✓</p>	J3

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28. 11. XV	SHELL GREEN.	The weather conditions have interfered with improvements & new works. On acc of the extremely cold weather the rifle guns did not work well; it will be necessary to have a constant supply of glycerine on hand, to get satisfactory results. Owing to the cold the weight of a fuse spring increased up to 15 lbs. A patrol was sent out at 1800 o'clock but no enemy was seen. 2 Hospital 2 Front Hospital 2. Casualties. ✓	JH.
29. 11. XV	SHELL GREEN.	Special attention was paid to sniping on enemy's positions. The enemy throughout the day were very quiet although	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
		<p>The trenches on LONE PINE were subjected to a very severe bombardment. A listening post has been constructed on the left flank advanced tunnel. Other improvements were carried on satisfactorily. A "Stand to Arms" was held to test quickness in getting into position. To Hospital 1 From Hospital 1 Casualties ✓</p>	<p>JH.</p>
30/11/15	SHELL GREEN.	<p>The enemy were very quiet throughout the day. The right flank tunnel has now approached the cliff face & an observation post will be established here. To Hospital ✓ From Hospital ✓ Casualties: 4 { 2 Killed 2 Wounded } ✓</p>	<p>JH.</p>

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30.11.XV	SHELL	Killed	officers 23	
	GREEN	Wounded	15	
		Missing	1	
		Hospital	13	
		Command	1	
		Detention		1

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<p>1423</p> <p style="text-align: center;">16/11/15</p> <p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">2nd Battalion Observation Post</p>	<p>A Four gun Battery 7. A. Turkish wheeled into sight at about 56 B 9 bearing 170° (Ref Map 5000). Each gun was drawn by 4 horses. Visible about 15 mins. Disappeared in a deep ravine about 56 H 3. Bearing 172° (Ref Map 5000). Soon after they disappeared about 100 men on foot bearing each a rifle slung came in view at same place and disappeared down same ravine. The infantry were immediately followed by 5 heavily laden camels although observer could not say what their burden was.</p> <p>General:-</p> <p>Enemy's guns fired several times during the day from OLIVE GROVE and apparently mouth of POPPIE VALLEY or slope of GUN RIDGE. Could not be observed.</p> <p>A 75MM opened at about 1330 from a newly built block house at head of PINE RIDGE at 68-C-7. Bearing 60° (Ref Map 5000). 4 shots fired towards BROWNS DIP.</p> <p>A very careful reconnaissance by Turkish Officers was made to-day of the whole valley lying between GUN RIDGE and 716 Ridge which embraces the squares 68-5 to 2 inclusive and 56 b to K inclusive.</p> <p>An officer mounted on a grey horse was particularly prominent and seemed to be the chief of the reconnaissance party.</p> <p>Enemy has during this day past been very quiet, but during the night 15/16 improved the whole of his firing line on SCRIPERS RIDGE and PINE RIDGE by opening up new loop holes & putting up some new parapet works. On western edge of WEIR RIDGE he has opened up a lot of new loop holes where he had none before.</p> <p>Evidence of a large body of troops being encamped at foot of 716 South of 76 B 9 is shown by large camp fires and some activity.</p>	
<p>1700</p>	<p>"</p>	

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	<p>in mouth of gully at that point. An unusually large quantity of smoke appearing in LEGGE VALLEY.</p> <p>O. G. Howell Price Wing Comm 193rd Ton A.I.F.</p> <p>16/11/15</p>	

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<p>17. 11. 15</p> <p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">3rd Battalion Observation Post Shell Green Trench area</p>	<p>General:- The enemy was very quiet throughout the day. During the night 16/17th inst. he has improved some of his positions on the Upper end of Snipers Ridge by building loop holes in trees. These are constructed with blocks of concrete and will accommodate 6 or 8 men.</p> <p>A large working party - 50 men - were engaged in extending trench on "ANDERSON'S KNOLL" portion of GUN RIDGE. Our machine gun opened fire and the work ceased.</p>	<p>* This position is close to junction of SNIPERS and MEIR RIDGE</p>
	<p><i>John Will Price</i> Major Commanding 3rd Bn A.I.F.</p>	

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<p>14 30. <u>18/11/15</u></p>	<p>Camp fires smoke show. about 30 Donkeys carrying loaded panniers passed into a Ravine - direction towards GABA TEPE.</p>	
<p>15 20.</p>	<p>Our artillery shelled target on 56-G. Damage could not be observed. General:- Enemy are digging what appears to be a gun emplacement about midway between this post and 716 Ridge. Bearing 161°. By very careful observation would say the enemy relieves his firing line about 07.30 morning and 1930 in the evening. STRIPERS RIDGE is only partly manned day or night. Estimate that enemy has not more than 20 or 30 men opposite our 3rd Bn. front. Field gun observed moving from 56 G. and disappeared from sight behind ANDERSON'S KNOLL</p>	
<p>17 20</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Abdell Price Major & Lt Command <u>9th Bn AIF</u></p>	

3rd Bn Observation Post
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0845 <u>19/11/15</u>	75 M.M. gun fired 30 shots from position near 68-C-5 (Ref map 5000) Bearing 50°. Firing lasted 30 mins. The majority of shells fell in LONEPINE position.	
0900	75 M.M. fired 9 rounds from about 68-N-7 (Ref map 5000) Bearing 170°. Shells fell in direction of BROWNS DIP.	
0930	Enemy gun fired 2 shots from just behind top of PINE RIDGE Bearing 110°. Position between 68-H-6 and 68-J-4. This gun fired over our position.	
0948	Artillery from OLIVE GROVE began firing again. Direction of fire: - The Beach.	
1120	Observed what appeared to be the exhaust of a steam engine, either of stationary type or steam traction. Position over small knoll at foot of 716. Bearing 165°. Position 56-G (Ref map 5000)	
1210.	Enemy placed one of his m/c guns in new position on GUN RIDGE	
1412	A loaded motor lorry passed along road in direction of MAIDOS. Appeared to be loaded with barrels. A heavy lorry drawn by horses came from MAIDOS direction and went towards GABA TEPE	
1420	About 200 mounted troops came from MAIDOS direction and passed from view behind projection of 716 where	

Observation Post 3rd Bn Shell Green

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<p>1900. 18th Nov. 1915</p>	<p>A gun fired four shots across to SHELL GREEN from PINE RIDGE bearing 89° from station between 68-J-1 and H 2</p>	
<p>0820 0900</p>	<p>Over doubtly same gun fired from GUN RIDGE about 68-J-5 New positions opened fire from back of GUN RIDGE, S.W. from WINEGLASS, about 600 yds 68-W-5</p>	
<p>1430</p>	<p>A gun fired 17 shots from GUN RIDGE. Most of these shots struck our firing line and parapets. Position 68 Rb. Bearing 89°</p>	
<p>1500</p>	<p>observed about 200 Infantry moving out of a gully in the BLUE RIDGE and being deployed hurriedly across the meadow. A pack train of about 8 or 9 mules was also visible.</p> <p><u>General</u> - Our artillery has been engaged by Turkish guns all the day. Enemy fired 7 shots ^{which hit near} our observation station but did no material damage. Enemy has made very little improvements to his entrenchments during the past 24 hours. Enemy bomb-gun fired from near LONE PINE but the 2nd BN. M.G. silenced it.</p>	

3rd Bn Observation Station.

O. G. Howell Price
 Major
 Commanding 3rd Bn A.I.F.

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<p>0820. 20/11/15</p> <p>1000.</p> <p>1230.</p>	<p>Four men leading 7 horses, which were some kind of harness passed along the MAIDOS ROAD east.</p> <p>5 men mounted made a reconnaissance of the whole valley lying in Square 56. They appeared to be officers one of whom appeared to be of higher rank than the others as he was showing the other the outlying country. He frequently stopped and pointed in different directions.</p> <p>About 2000 Infantry went into camp about 48 I (Ref map 2000)</p> <p>Following these troops was a pack train of 20 mules or horse heavily laden. There were about 30 men mounted who appeared to be officers. Later they ^(the whole party) came out from the covering wood and made off towards BABATEPE in twos and threes - not more than 100 being visible at one time.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">3rd Bn. Observation Post</p>
<p>1320.</p>	<p>The pack train before mentioned came out of cover & crossing the flat country came over behind WHITE GLASS RIDGE - probably went around GUN RIDGE to some camp site in direction of KURJA DERE.</p>	
<p>1540</p>	<p>Small gun from behind WHITE GLASS fired 3 shots - Could not tell direction of target.</p>	
<p>1600</p>	<p>75 MM. fired from behind north end of ANDERSONS KNOLL, direction BROWNS DIP.</p>	
<p>1620</p>	<p>Two lorries drawn by 2 horses each came from MAIDOS direction. Both were heavily laden. They went into Camp site 48-I.</p>	

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<p>1500 <u>21/11/15</u></p> <p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">2nd Bn. Observation Post.</p>	<p>Also saw several mounted men jump into Camp site 48 I 75 mm fired several shots from near ANDERSON'S KIDLL</p> <p><u>General:</u> -</p> <p>At 2220 night of Nov 20th. saw a steady white light about 5 miles east on side of mountain. This light was shown for 22 minutes. At the same time there was a smaller light (probably a lantern) near KAKAMA DARR which was raised to lower 4 or 5 times slowly. This was answered from north of ANDERSON'S KIDLL and also from about 48 W 3. There was some significance to these lights but could not observe what to determine. However a howitzer fired several shots from vicinity of 48 W - the lights & howitzer cannot be connected.</p> <p>Enemy has been digging new trenches all along LEGGE valley side of PINE RIDGE and western side of GUN RIDGE south of WINEGLASS Ridge. One place to south West WINE GLASS about 300 yds on GUN RIDGE seems to be a new gun emplacement. At this spot there have been 4 or 5 men, apparently officers, who were making a careful reconnaissance of our front.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">By Howell Price Commanding Officer A.I.F.</p>

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0930 21/11/15	Sighted 31 trucks leaving PINE RIDGE by route of a communication trench leading to LEGGE VALLEY. They were all carrying what appeared to be rolls of blanket rolls. Each man had a rifle. It is supposed they were new troops as there was a great deal more rifle fire from their trenches during last night as is usual with new troops. Have also noticed on other occasions when troops were being relieved they did not have rolls of blankets.	
0930	9 pack horses, not loaded, passed along MAIDOS ROAD bound east.	
0940	2 empty lorries left Camp site 48 I. and went over MAIDOS ROAD bound east. Lorries were drawn by 2 horses. Apparently same lorries came back at 1530 this afternoon. They were loaded & went into 48 I.	
1000	Gun fired 4 shots behind right end of WINEGLASS RIDGE. Barely missed obs. Post.	
1115	300 troops (by count) came through communication trench from LEGGE Valley way & went into PINE RIDGE. They wore new uniforms & equipment. They had every appearance of fresh troops having great coats rolled & strapped on pack.	
1230	350 troops moved up from foot of PINE RIDGE along communication trench turning to left & right. Could not observe where they went.	
1240	25 men 73 donkeys which were laden moved downwards through communication trench towards PINE RIDGE.	
1330	About 1000 Infantry came down MAIDOS ROAD and went into Camp site 48 I.	
1530	Observed 5 parties of about 20 or 30 men each coming from camp site 48 I. They went from view behind WINEGLASS Ridge. Each man wore a blue great coat.	

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<p>1000 22/11/15</p>	<p>Bombardment of OLIVE GROVE this morning showed very little movement on part of enemy and while projectiles seemed to fall on the correct spots did not silence enemy guns. Noticed 6 mounted men enter ravine about 600 yards south of roadway bearing 191° but could not determine what was their object.</p>	
<p>1230</p>	<p>During the bombardment it was noticed the loop-holes on PINE RIDGE firing line were manned. Turks brought 63 pieces of corrugated iron over GUN RIDGE through communication trenches near WINE GLASS TREE to LEGGE Valley.</p>	
<p>1530</p>	<p>8 pack mules moved westward along road south of OLIVE GROVE</p>	
<p>1620</p>	<p>About 500 troops moved out from 48 I camp site - about 1/3 went eastward and 1/3 came behind WINE GLASS RIDGE</p>	
<p>1630</p>	<p>5 pack mules and four waggons loaded passed into camp site 48 I.</p> <p>General: - about 10 horsemen have been patrolling the valley south of this post and seemed to be directing all pack trains etc.</p> <p>Enemy continues work on ANDERSON'S KNOLL digging outtrushments. He has continued to cut away all small scrub in front of his fire line on PINE RIDGE.</p> <p>He has put in new loop-holes along GUN RIDGE and has dug new echelon benches along from north end of SNIPERS RIDGE to north end of WEIR'S RIDGE - probably to protect his left flank as well as to be communication trenches.</p> <p>Machine Gun fire from the emplacement on GUN RIDGE 300 yds. S.W. of WINE GLASS TREE mentioned in last night's report.</p>	

2nd Battalion Observation Post.

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<p style="text-align: center;"><u>23/11/15</u></p> <p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg); text-align: center;"><u>3rd Br. Observation Post.</u></p>	<p><u>General:</u> Enemy is still building parapets on the whole of his trenches which lie across the southern side of Plateau 400 so his rifle fire may be directed southward. He is also putting in loop-holes along the trench leading along the northern end of WEIR RIDGE & found the trenches on Plateau 400.</p> <p>He is deepening & repairing all works on northern end of Superior Ridge across the plateau formed from the junction of PINE & WEIR Ridges he has dug deep & wide trenches in which he is placing loop holes & which may serve also as communication trenches.</p> <p>Along the North eastern end of PINE RIDGE leading into LEGGE Valley he has opened up a communication trench of extraordinary width & depth. This trench leads down to South end of PINE RIDGE.</p> <p>He has cut a deep communication trench across lower end of WEIR RIDGE and another across north end of WEIR and PINE Ridges which leads to LEGGE Valley.</p> <p>He has built 2 trenches across the Plateau 400 which may be used as a communication or fire line trench.</p> <p>He is building a second fire line down PINE RIDGE.</p> <p>He has built about 100 yds of loop-holes along northern end of WEIR RIDGE to 500 yds S.W of WINE GLASS TREE.</p> <p>He has put some new wire entanglements at West end of north end of WEIR RIDGE.</p> <p>He has deepened & improved the whole of his trenches & loop-holes on WEIR and PINE Ridges for a time. He is still actively digging on ANDERSON'S KNOLL. He 75M M gun fired about 200 caliber shots from north of ANDERSON'S KNOLL.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">A. G. Howell Price Commander 3rd Br. AIF</p>

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<p>1020. 23/11/15</p>	<p>The red flare seen up from Trench at Junction north end of WEIR RIDGE and at the same time a white flare from WINEGLASS Ridge but there was no demonstration. night 23/24 inst.</p>	
<p>1320. 24/11/15</p>	<p>Gun from OLIVE GROVE fired several shots at BROWNS DIP.</p>	
<p>1550.</p>	<p>Gun (10 pounder) fired 4 shots from near WINEGLASS TREE across our trenches on the north. Also observed broomstick bomb fired from near Boomerang trench. It went towards L. H front. Also saw small ambulance going in a westerly direction along sunken road in direction of Wineglass. Observed 3 donkeys which were loaded going up by communication trench leading to PINE RIDGE</p>	
<p>1600.</p>	<p><u>General</u> - Owing to our ^{inf.} gun fire enemy has been deterred from his workings on the various places reported yesterday. However, he has managed to construct a few more loop-holes and firing positions on LONE PINE RIDGE</p>	

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Comm 23/10/15

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<p>0630 <u>25/11/14.</u></p>	<p>Whistle of train heard from behind <u>LOVE PINE</u>. One long whistle followed by a short one.</p> <p><u>WORKS</u> ON <u>SNIPERS RIDGE</u> enemy has constructed many new firing positions and new loop-holes. He has also deepened, in many places, his older positions.</p> <p>ON <u>WEIR RIDGE</u> he has constructed new loop-holes on all his Southern line of parapets & has improved the entrances to his communication trenches leading to Eastward.</p> <p>ON <u>PINE RIDGE</u> he has renewed a lot of his old loop-holes & has put in a lot of new ones. He has also opened up a number of new firing positions with loop-holes on Southern end of <u>PINE RIDGE</u> and on the small spine leading into <u>SURPRISE VALLEY</u>.</p> <p>On Plateau 400 he has placed loop-holes on all the trench line leading across to the head (North end) of <u>WEIR RIDGE</u>. He has also brought out to the surface very large mounds of fresh earth - possibly from tunnelling under <u>LOVE PINE</u>.</p> <p>On Plateau formed by junction of <u>WEIR</u> and <u>PINE</u> Ridges he is building a very strong position which appears to be a gun position. He is still working on a communication trench along front of west side of <u>ANDERSON'S KNOLL</u>.</p>	
<p>1320</p>	<p>5 men (mounted) who were to all appearances a body of staff went towards the east along sunken road.</p>	
<p>1330</p>	<p>Back train of 5 mules loaded and also 2 loaded bottles going westward.</p> <p>General -</p> <p>The last 2 or 3 days have heard what appeared to be a steam engine in direction of <u>KOJA DERE</u>. It has blown a whistle several times.</p>	

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<p>1512</p> <p style="text-align: right;">25/11/15</p>	<p>4 men wearing helmets (one of them had round his neck a red scarf or handkerchief) appeared on WEIR RIDGE. The helmets were of a dark colour & shaped like a Sam' Wooster. One of the men was of fair complexion & had a sandy moustache.</p>	
<p>1600</p>	<p>Several pack trains coming from eastward and going into 44 N. camping place. The man who is usually to be seen on a grey horse stopped them all and gave them directions.</p> <p>There seems to be no indication of an attack so far but further developments may take place.</p> <p>Have only seen about 200 troops moving in communication trenches to-day and some of them may have been the same men the 2nd or 3rd time.</p> <p>Enemy is very steadily improving his position in all points.</p>	
	<p><i>Arthur Paul</i> Major Comm. of 3rd Bn. A.I.F.</p>	

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2100 25/11/15	A steady blue light shone for $\frac{1}{2}$ an hour from what appears to be a dugout WEIR RIDGE opening towards SURPRISE GULLY. About same time saw what appeared to be flow of small fire in trench near LOWER PINE (Southeastern corner).	
0937 26/11/15	6 mounted men came from towards OLIVE GROVE and went in behind WINEGLASS RIDGE.	
0947	20 Infantry passed along from behind WINE GLASS Ridge to Ruins U.S.I.	
0950	A motor car was driven from just behind the OLIVE GROVE left section at a high rate of speed & disappeared on sunken road bound eastward. Also about 40 mounted troops went into a deep ravine at rear of OLIVE GROVE (right section).	
1045	75MM fired 7 shots from North ANDERSON'S KNOLL across 3 rd Bn lines - this gun fired from near SURPRISE Gunpit.	
1100	75MM fired 4 rounds from same place in 1 st Bn direction.	
1120	Gun fired 2 rounds from trench near WINEGLASS TREE to this observation post doing no damage.	
1125	75MM and another other guns (about 10 or 12 pounder) fired several shots from North ANDERSON'S KNOLL trench at WINE GLASS TREE and south foot of GUN RIDGE respectively to across the 1 st Bn. lines.	
1150	Gun (about 10 par) fired several shots across our lines from the WINE GLASS TREE position.	17

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1325 <u>26/11/15</u>	Pack train of 3 animals went past rear (south) of WINE GLASS TREE bound westward & disappeared behind OLIVE GROVE.	
1330.	4 Waggon drawn by 2 horses each came out from sunken road & passed in behind WINEGLASS RIDGE. A few minutes afterwards they went away heavily loaded and disappeared at 48 N Camp site.	
1340	<p>3 Turkish Officers were standing on top of GUN RIDGE at observation post - 500 yds South West of WINE GLASS TREE making a very careful observation of our lines - at same time on PINE RIDGE directly opposite our post one man stood on parapet of benches with telescope evidently observing topography of our front.</p> <p><u>Works</u> Enemy has cut in a number of new sniping positions along Western front of SNIPERS RIDGE. He has also placed several new sections of barbed wire entanglements further out towards 2nd BDE front the side of BLACK HAND. He has built several stretches of LOOP HOLES on the parapets north end of WEIR RIDGE and on 2nd bench south central slope of Plateau 400.</p>	

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	<p>He has placed a number of new sand bags on his parapet on KNIFE EDGE. Could see no general change in 2nd firing line on PINE RIDGE. but he has continued improving the supposed gun position on north end of PINE RIDGE. A person wearing a khaki coloured helmet which had a sharp spike in the top appeared to superintend the working party. There was also a Turkish officer with the party. The man who wore the helmet appeared to be a European.</p> <p>The enemy has during the day rendered himself conspicuous by walking around over his works both on PINE and GUN RIDGES. Several times during the day periscopes have been seen on south eastern corner of the LOVE PINE position known as enemy's observing post. Once or twice during the day have seen a few of the enemy's troops in communication trenches.</p>	

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<p>0830 <u>27/11/15</u></p> <p>1021 "</p> <p>1105</p> <p>1140</p> <p>1141</p> <p>1143</p> <p>1145</p> <p>1155</p> <p>1445</p> <p>1530</p> <p>1600</p>	<p>14 men & 1 officer enemy troops went from behind WINEGLASS RIDGE to Campsite 48 I</p> <p>30 horsemen & 1 carriage went along sunken road from 48 I to the eastward.</p> <p>A heliograph seen in valley near roadway about 55 I</p> <p>2 periscopes have been visible from edge of pit on west side of WEIR RIDGE about half way between 68 B B and H 2</p> <p>7 pack animals loaded & 3 men passed out of sunken roadway bound westward.</p> <p>about 500 troops were seen in communication trenches in south end of PINE RIDGE. Some were going northward and some southward.</p> <p>4 pack mules loaded passed through same communication trench going northward.</p> <p>about 500 troops were seen in same communication trench, some going north and some south.</p> <p><u>General:</u></p> <p>The enemy appear to have placed more sections of barbed wire opposite BLACK HAND. They have also placed more wire on wire supports around south end of SNIPERS RIDGE. He has also opened up several small cross trenches at lower end of PINE RIDGE leading to sniping positions on the front of the ridge.</p> <p>Some overhead covering on 2nd line of trench on north end of PINE RIDGE was put up during the night.</p> <p>At junction of PINE and WEIR Ridge with Plateau 400 a supposed gun emplacement has been covered with green</p>	

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	<p>Scrub and has sand bags placed round it.</p> <p>He has also extended the communication trench on the LEGGE valley side of the top of PINE RIDGE. The enemy has been noticed cutting lots of brush on the West slope of GUN RIDGE and taking it into trench on PINE RIDGE.</p> <p>The enemy's mounted patrols have been very much in sight in the valley south of us (AZIMAK DERE.) during the day and seemed to have stopped all pack trains horses, & people on foot.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">... .</p> <p>i.e. some into the trenches & some out, upon a relief.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">... .</p> <p>trenches appear strongly held.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">S. J. Howell Price <small>20 at 1445</small> Major Comm 3rd P. A. I. F.</p>

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<p>1130. <u>28/11/15.</u></p>	<p>Observed 3 pack mules being up Communication Trench at foot of PINE RIDGE. Animals were not loaded.</p> <p>Observed about 50 men going to behind WINE GLASS Ridge to OLIVE GROVE.</p> <p>Gun (about 10 par) fired from about SUNRISE gully north of ANDERSON'S KNOLL towards BLACK HAND and about the same time a heavy calibre gun was firing from direction of SCRUBBY Knoll towards rear of 2nd Bn.</p> <p>General: - Enemy has been very quiet on our immediate front. The day has been very unsuitable for observation. It all appears the enemy did very little work on his trenches last night.</p>	
<p>1220</p>		
<p>1445</p>		

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	<p>places they are only 10" apart whereas spaces can be found where neither loop-holes nor sandbags are to be seen. This is a poor firing line although he has numerous sniper holes and positions there.</p> <p>Observing from south end of 1st Bde lines saw a large trench which leads up to the junction of SNIPER'S RIDGE and Plateau 400. This trench is large enough for a large lorry to drive through and appears to lead ^{from} north end of SNIPER'S RIDGE into WEIR RIDGE. He has considerably improved his trenches in the firing lines on PINE and KNIFE EDGE Ridges. He is still working on the BOOMERANG Trenches and on ANDERSON'S KNOLL on the big trench on the south end of LEGGE VALLEY.</p> <p>Small guns have fired across 1st Bde lines from 68F 4, WINEGLASS and ANDERSON'S KNOLL at various times during the day.</p> <p>There has been a fair amount of movement from and to 48 I, 48 IV and 48 S Camp sites towards WINEGLASS, OLIVE GROVE & eastward during the day. ^{at a time} 200 men moved at present intervals</p> <p>Enemy appears to be working on roadway near and a little S.E. of GABH TEPE</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; color: red; font-family: cursive;">3rd Bde AIF</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em; color: gray; font-family: cursive; margin-top: 20px;">I can attach no importance to this however.</p>

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<p>0910</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>29/11/11</u></p>	<p>8' gun firing from direction of BATTLESHIP HILL & LONE PINE and BLACK HAND. Also gun (10 pdr) from POPLAR Ridge opened on BLACK HAND</p>	
<p>0950</p>	<p>A brilliant red flag was exhibited on foot of WEIR RIDGE for a few minutes and then removed to lower trench at foot of SNIPERS RIDGE & another was simultaneously placed opposite BLACK HAND on SNIPERS RIDGE where they remained until 1405.</p>	
<p>1229</p>	<p>3 men evidently Turkish Officers one of whom used a pair of field glasses, seemed to observe the effect of his shell fire from the end of Communication Trench on Plateau above PINE RIDGE.</p>	
<p>1513 to 1542</p>	<p>Observed about 3000 Turkish Infantry moving from 48 S to about 48 N. Camp Site.</p>	
<p>1545 to 1625</p>	<p>Observed about 500 troops & 65 pack animals moving from 48 S to 48 N. Also at 1600 five men mounted on grey horses came out from 48 N to meadow in front of 48 N (ALMAK. DERE) & seemed to reconnoitre the ground for a few minutes.</p>	
	<p><u>General</u>: - The enemy commenced bombardment of LONE PINE and BLACK HAND positions at 0930 & lasted 2 1/2 hours. Numerous small bunches of the enemy have been observed during the day busily engaged cutting brushwood & taking it away to LEGGE Valley. Have observed small parties of 4 & 5 men passing up & down Communication Trench at foot of</p>	

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	<p> <i>PINERIDGE</i> carrying boxes. Have seen 3 pack trains of 4 animals each at noon pass up communication trench on <i>PINE RIDGE</i>. The 1st 2 mules carrying boxes and the last mule of each pack train carrying a bundle of wood. </p> <p> During the early morning hours a working party of 6 men seemed to be moving sand bags at extreme north end of <i>SNIPER'S RIDGE</i>. </p> <p> No new improvements on enemy trenches during past 24 hours have been noticed. </p>	

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