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LONE PINE	1-11-15		Further digging reports from 22 nd Bn proved to be false	
	2-11-15		LP9 broke into old blow of LP8 (22-10-15). LP17 opened up old blow.	
	3-11-15		Work commenced on new recessed firing line connecting LONE PINE to 3Bde across COOEE GULLY	
	4-11-15		The two fans for this called MS3 & MS4. Enemy mining operations seem suspended. Stoppage of 9 hrs in offensive mine LPO owing to failure of air following change of wind	
	5-11-15		Homemade rotary blower installed.	
	6-11-15	1730	Started a mine cap MS5 to form recessed firing line connecting to 22 nd Bn across OWENS GULLY	
	7-11-15		Broke through LP14 into enemy gully wh. was seized. This led to well constructed cover & way 25' from our firing line. Its presence had not been previously detected. Barricades were built.	
	8-11-15		At daylight obtained possession of abt 30' of this covered way before opposition encountered. Barricades were put in by both sides 12' apart. This gully was starting point of enemy's mining. Three tunnel passages are now in our possession. A barricade was also erected in one of these tunnels.	
	9-11-15		LPs 14A, 14B, 17 were started to protect the gully. Communications improved. Overhead covered improved in captured gully wh. has been called BARBER'S GALLERY.	
	10-11-15		LP1 started to cover proposed extension of recessed firing line at S. corner of LONE PINE.	
	11-11-15		Enemy has pulverised our loophole plate in BARBER'S GALLERY by means of a fixed rifle. We are now blind. To offset this we have opened two bomb holes.	
	12-11-15		Major NEWCOMBE left temporarily for MUDROS. Enemy testing his own overhead cover.	
	13-11-15		During night enemy pushed this barricade within two feet of ours in BARBER'S GALLERY.	
	14-11-15	1112	LP17 is now under that part of the gully held by the Turks and 25' N of our barricade. Fired LP17; 250 lbs ammonal. Small crater mixed up with timber. Enemy working at time of firing. Major NEWCOMBE returned from MUDROS.	
	15-11-15		LP21A being driven to cover blow in LP17. We are now fairly comfortable in the gully.	
	16-11-15		Routine day.	
	17-11-15		Picking heard from N in 21A. Evidently want to have another go at BARBER'S GALLERY	
			Lieut CARR to hospital. Lieut RIDDELL rejoined this half Coy from 4 1/2 Coy at WIRE GULLY	

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	18-11-15.		Enemy not active underground at present. He is working only at LP21A + LP2. Heavy rain for 1/2 hr this evening. Trenches drained fairly well. Ground forms a very sticky mud.	
	19-11-15.		Enemy working fitfully in LP21A + LP2. We are sinking steadily alongside him.	
	20-11-15		Routine Day	
	21-11-15.		Work commenced on new firing line connecting Seps A, B + C.	
	22-11-15.		Routine day. Enemy still heard in LP2 + LP21A.	
	23-11-15			
	24-11-15.		Offensive mine LPO in stoney ground 35 ft below LP7. Can be heard in latter distinctly and was in firing line by night.	
	25-11-15.	0800.	Knocked off LPO. Later it was decided not to work it. Four hrs after we knoched off work in LP21A enemy endeavored endeavored to blow it up at abt 0000. Crater was formed but no damage to any of our workings resulted.	
	26-11-15	26-11-15	Routine day.	
	27-11-15.			
	28-11-15.		Fall of snow during night. Routine day.	
	29-11-15		Heavy bombardment of LONE PINE by four 25cm howitzers abt noon. All three communications to here were cut although a fourth nearing completion cut through during the afternoon. Deep trenches simply collapse with these shells bursting near. No. 4574 Sapper CLARK J. killed. Large working parties started.	
	30-11-15		Work of clearing up still in hand. Enemy do not appear to be doing any mining at present.	

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