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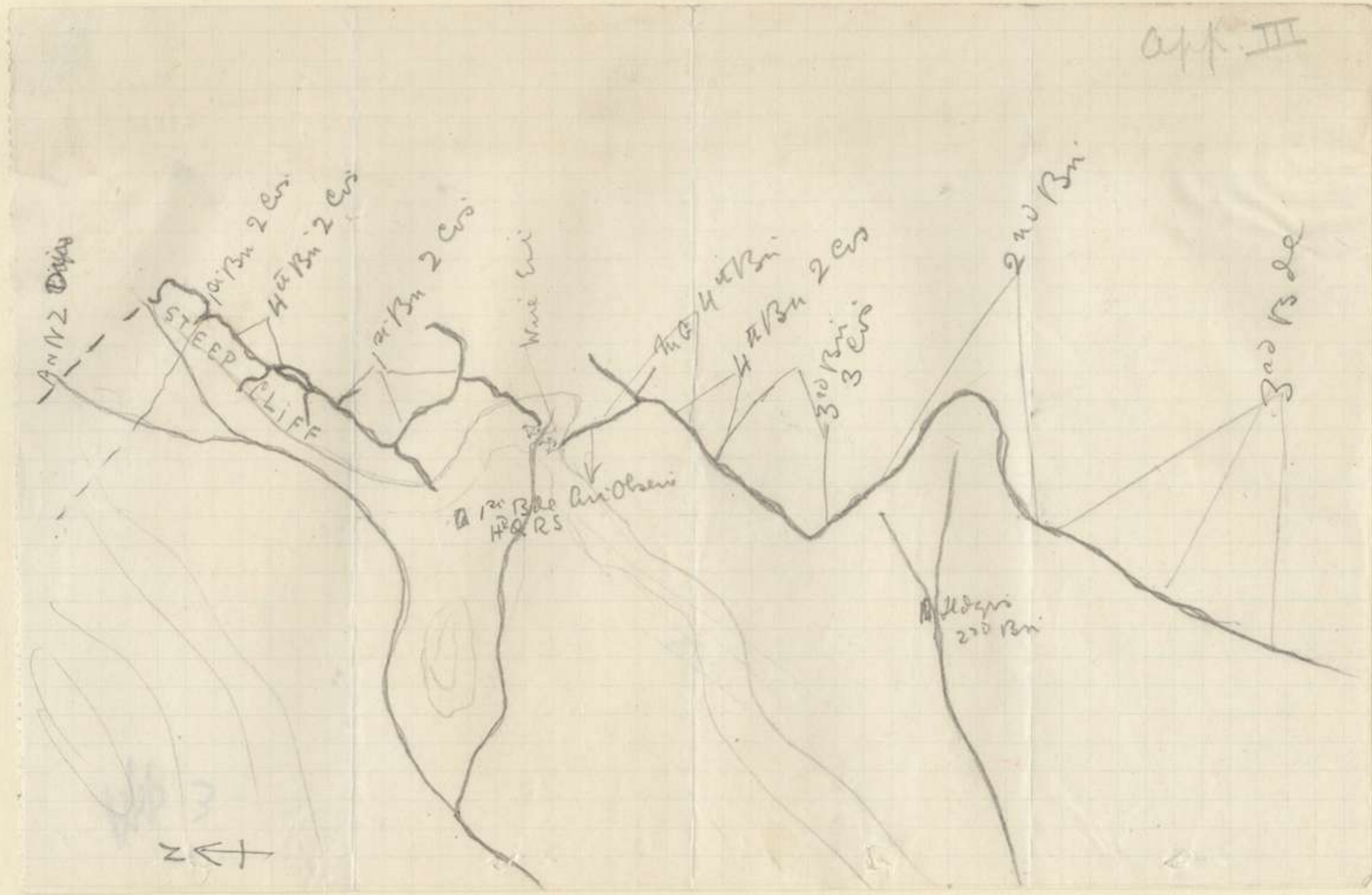
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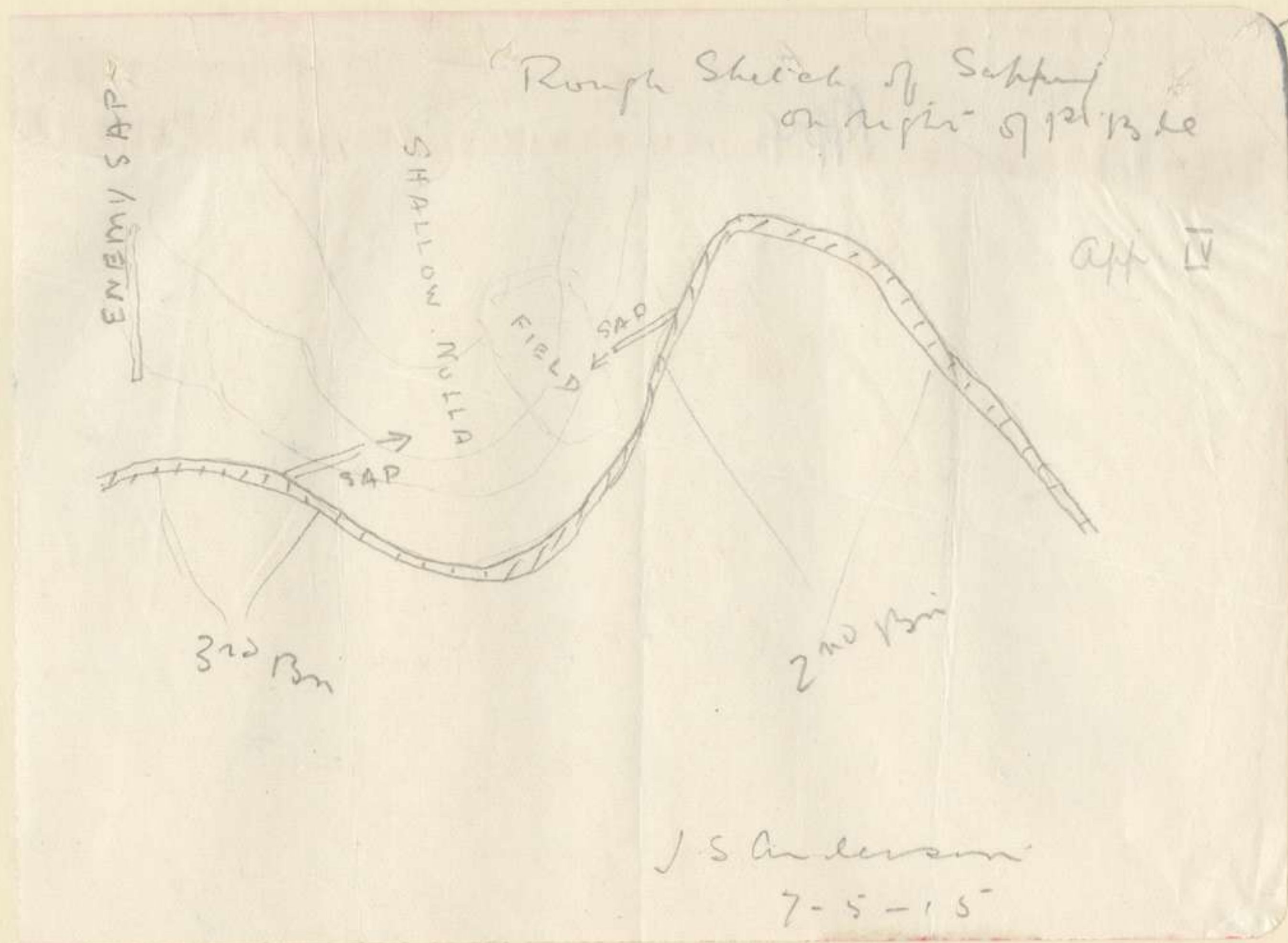
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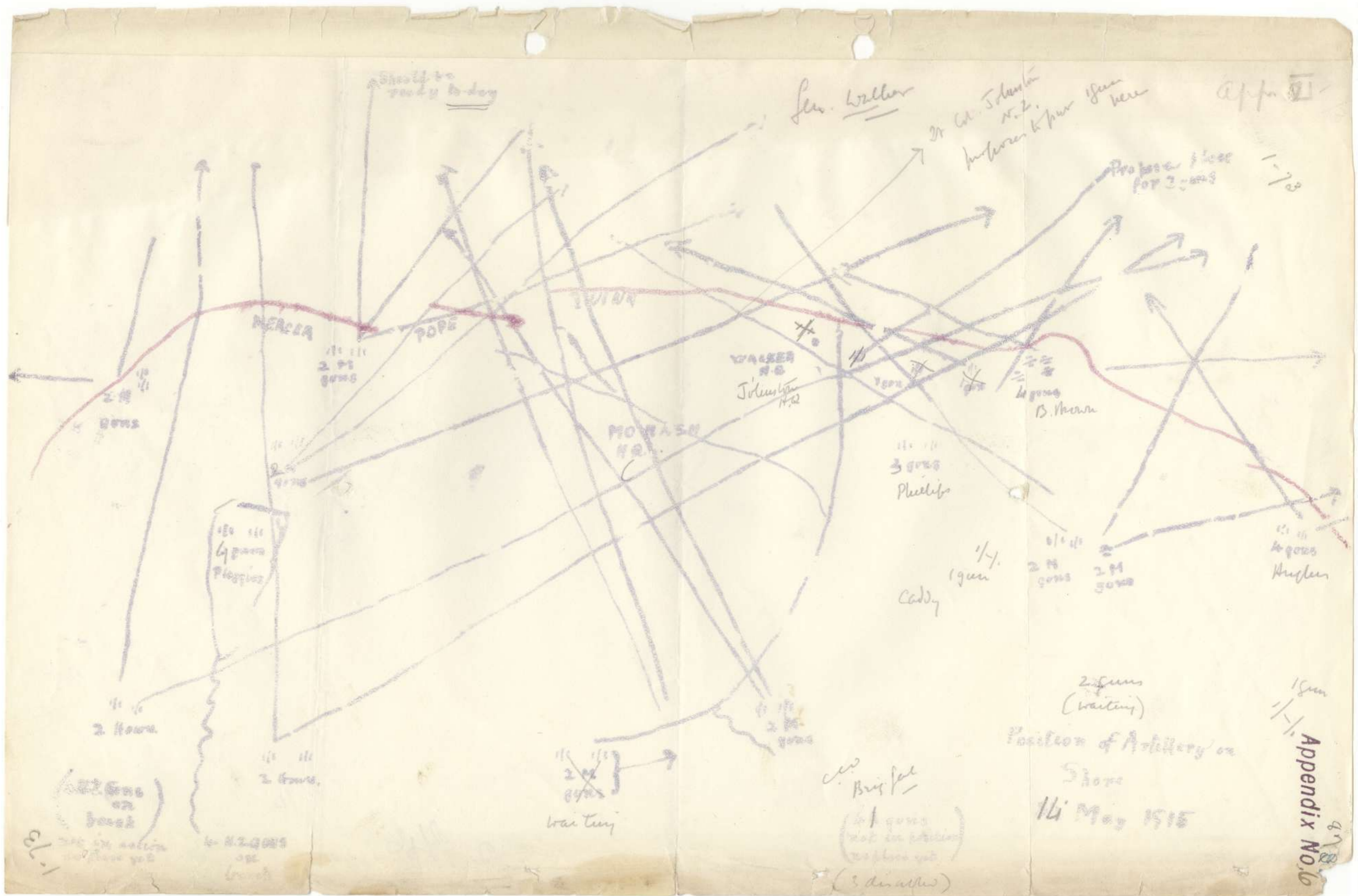
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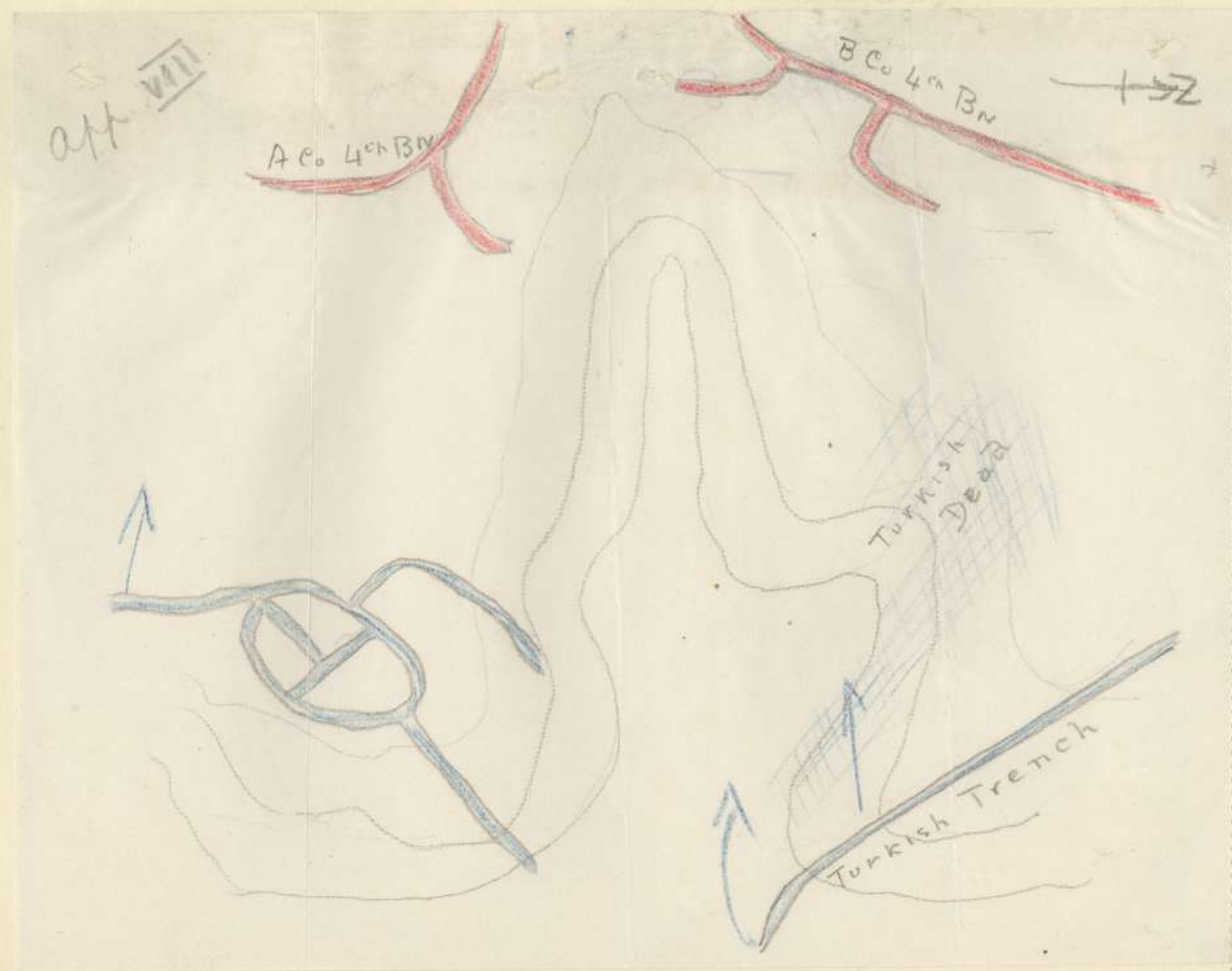
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Statement of Losses, 1st INF BDE. during
period 25-4-15 to 6-5-15, inclusive

		<u>Killed</u>	<u>Wounded</u>	<u>Missing</u>
Bde. Hd. Qrs.	{ Officers	2	1	-
	{ Others	-	-	-
Bde. Sig. Sec.	{ Officers	-	-	-
	{ Others	-	2	-
1st Bn.	{ Officers	4	13	1
	{ Others	4 41	234	134
2nd Bn.	{ Officers	6	10	1
	{ Others	42	239	171
3rd Bn.	{ Officers	4	16	-
	{ Others	51	211	70
4th Bn.	{ Officers	3	11	-
	{ Others	<u>84</u>	<u>187</u>	<u>91</u>
Total	{ Officers	19	51	2
	{ Others	<u>218</u>	<u>873</u>	<u>466</u>





app VII

A Co 4th BN

B Co 4th BN

Turkish Dead

Turkish Trench

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A.H. IX

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casualties of 1st Infantry Brigade
for 48 hrs. to 6 A.M. 20th May, 1915

Officers	Other Ranks.
<u>Killed.</u> Capt. G.T. WALLACK Lieut. H.P. BARTON, Lieut. L.W. STREET, 2/Lieut. R.K. CUNNINGHAM	Killed. 100.
<u>Wounded.</u> 2/Lieut. E.W. STUTCHBURY, " L.F. BURLEY, * " O.C.H. WHITE, * " T.D. McLEOD.	Wounded. 165. Missing 3. Sick 3.
TOTAL. 8	TOTAL 271.

* Slightly wounded, on duty.

Operation Memorandum No. 1. Copy No. 5.
by
Colonel N. M. SMYTH V.C. Commanding 1st Inf Bde. Appendix No. 10.
H.-D. Qrs. 1st Inf Bde
N. Point SHRAPNEL VALLEY

May 23rd 1915.

With reference to operation Memorandum No. 1 of this date issued by Aust. Div., a copy of which has been sent to Bn Comdrs, the following orders are issued.

1. There is to be a suspension of arms tomorrow.
2. All firing will cease all along the line at 7.30 a.m. (the hour referred to is "alla Franca", 8 minutes ahead of our time).
3. Each Bn Comdr will detail a party of 50 officers N.C.O's and men to parade at 7.30 a.m. at the Right of the trenches occupied by their Bns, to be ready to move out of the trench at 8 a.m. on the signal being given by Major Heane, 4th Bn. All the members of these parties will wear a white arm band of cloth or paper, and will carry water bottles only. A full allowance of stretchers will be carried and four picks and four shovels.
4. During the suspension of arms men are not to line the parapets but are to be ready to meet an unexpected attack. Men are not to show their heads above the parapet for fear of disclosing the position of any of our trenches not already known by the enemy.
5. No work on trenches etc. will be done during the cessation of hostilities.
6. All possible repairs to trenches, loopholes and parapets etc. must be completed before 7.30 a.m. tomorrow, and all loopholes are to be screened or filled up before that hour.

7. The older men of the biggest physique should be selected for these parties.
8. Work of parties will cease at 4 p.m.
Hostilities commence again at 4.30 p.m.
9. A copy of the Instructions mentioned in Divisional Operation Memo. has been handed to the officer that Bn Comdus named to be in charge of each party.
10. A special issue of rum and cigarettes has been authorised for these parties.

Issued at 10-45 pm

In Hancock

Major,

Copy No 1 k-1/8th

Bde Major, 1st Inf. Bde.

" " 2 " 2/8th

" " 3 " 2/8th

" " 4 " 4/8th

" " 5 retained.

- Copy -

G. O. C.
1st Inf. Bde.
Aust. Div.

I beg to forward to you attached memorandum from Lieut. Col. F. Guard R.M.L.I. Commandg Portsmouth Battalion and to add my own expression of gratitude and admiration of the conduct of Major Heane and the NCOs and men of his Company who acted so nobly.

"Most distinguished gallantry" is the only epithet by which I can describe this truly soldier-like conduct.

Sqd. Charles Trotman
Brig-Gen.
Commandg R.M. Bde.

Brigade Major.
Royal Marine Bde.

1. On the 1st instant a platoon of Portsmouth Battalion (temporarily lent to another unit) was forced to be in an isolated trench, without means of reinforcements, replenishment, or of retreat.

The trench was exposed to constant hostile fire, and infantry attacks of the enemy were with difficulty repulsed by rifle fire. The Commander Lieut. EMPSON displayed great gallantry till he was killed.

2. From this dangerous position the platoon was rescued by a most gallant effort made at heavy sacrifice by the adjacent unit "D" Coy 4th Bn. Australian Infantry (MAJOR HEANE)

3. The officers and men of the Portsmouth Bn. R.M.L.I. have been greatly moved by this splendid act of Imperial Comradeship, and desire that an expression of their deep gratitude may be conveyed to the 4th Bn. Australian Infantry through the Brig. Gen. Commandg. R.M. Bde.

(Sqd. F. Guard Lt. Col.

Commandg. Portsmouth Bn.
Hospital Ship "GLOUCESTER CASTLE"

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Nominal roll of officers serving on the strength of 1st Bn. on 6th May 1915.

Rank.	Name	Company	Remarks.
Lt. Col.	Dobbin. L.	Commdg.	
Major.	Kindon. J. J.	Com. Bn.	
Captain	Hill. P. G. P.		
"	Jackson. C.		
"	Davidson. W.	Adjutant.	
"	Carten. H. G.		
"	Jacobs. H.		
Lieut.	Hootter. G. J.	M. G. Officer	
"	MacKenzie. A. K.	Lt. Officer.	Minneapolis
"	Lloyd. E. E. L.		
"	Finkler. J. W. J.	Sig. Officer.	
2 nd Lieut	Buchanan. J. B.		
"	Howell. Proc. P. L.		
"	Thomson. M.		
"	Rickwood. J. W.		
"	Wells. H.		
"	Shirt. A. J.		
"	King. S.		
"	McIntyre. P. W.		
"	Bunningham. R. K.	C	
"	Burn. J.	A	
Hon. Lieut.	Delaney. M.	Q. Master	
Captain	Thompson. C. W.	M. O.	

Nominal roll of officers serving on the strength of 2nd Bn. on 6th May 1915

Rank	Name.	Company	Remarks.
Lt. Col.	Brown. E. D.	Commdg.	
Captain	Wallack. E. J.	Actg. 2 nd Commd.	
"	Moorshead. L. J.	Actg. "C"	
"	Stevens. A. B.	Adjutant.	
"	Dignam. A. R.	Actg. "A"	
"	Linklater. C. H.		
Lieut.	Campbell. J. J.	D.	
"	Pain. J. H. J.	B.	
"	Barton. A. P.	D.	
"	Harrison. R.	B.	
"	Brown. G. W.	C.	
"	Rowlands. T. S.	Lt. Officer	City of Bonars.
"	Whyte. C. A.	Q. Master.	
2 nd Lieut.	Herrod. E. E.	Sig. Officer	
"	Westbrook. J. K.	B.	
"	MacKay. M.	B.	
"	Wells. J. M.	M. G. Officer	
"	Jones. H.	D.	
"	Morgan. J. W.	C.	
"	McGowan. G. S.	A.	
"	Fleming. R.	C.	
"	Brown. H. P.	D.	
Captain	Kane. J. W.	M. O.	

Nominal Roll of Officers serving on the strength of 3rd Bn on 6th May 1915.

Rank.	Name.	Company.	Remarks
Lt. Col.	Owen, R. H.	Commandg.	
Captain	Chuter, J. L.	Q ^r Master.	
"	McConaghie, W.	D.	
"	Austin, C.	D.	
Lieut.	Moon, D. J.	C.	
"	Goldring, H. W.	Sig. Officer	
"	White, C. J. A.	D.	
"	Stevenson, L. K.	Spt. Officer.	City of Benares.
"	Barlow, J. G.	D.	
"	Howell Price, O. G.	Adjutant.	
2 nd Lieut.	Street, L. W.	B.	
"	Burley, L. J.	B.	
"	Stitchbury, E. W.	B.	
"	Barber, G. J.	A.	
"	McSkell, A.	A.	
"	Blaydes, A. M. D.	A.	
"	McCaghen, H. R. W.	D.	
"	McLeod, J. D.	D.	
"	Garnham, S. M.	C.	
"	White, C. H. D.	C.	
"	Sheppard, L. D.	B.	
"	Dayas, A. J.	M.G. Officer	
Captain	Dunlop, L.	Ach. M. O.	

Nominal Roll of Officers serving on the strength of 4th Bn on 6th May 1915.

Rank.	Name.	Company.	Remarks.
Lieut. Col.	Bennett, A. J. D.S.O.	Commandg.	
Major	Storey, D. A.	Sur. Major.	
"	Healme, J.	D.	
Captain	Scott, A. H.	B.	
"	Simson, A. J. G.	A.	
"	Clayton, W. J. R.	C.	
Lieut.	Becker, S. M.	B.	
"	Lloyd, C. A.	A.	
"	Brown, D. R.	M.G. Officer	
"	McLligan, J. L.	B.	
"	McLile, C. G.	Spt. Officer	Lake Michigan
"	Moassic, K. J. A.	Adjutant.	
2 nd Lieut.	Osborne, G. B.	A.	
"	Lyles, H. M.	C.	
"	Edwards, A. R.	C.	
"	Stacy, B. V.	C.	
"	Fanning, J.	D.	
"	Trench, D. P.	B.	
"	McDonald, H. J.	Q ^r Master.	
"	Judge	C.	
"	McKinnon	A.	
"	Lyons	D.	
"	Clark, A. W.	A.	
"	Foster, G. J.	A.	
"	Sparr, H. A.	A.	
"	Pearce, N. G.	A.	
1 st Lieut.	Lebbutt, A. H.	M. O.	Lake Michigan
Captain			

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KA 393

Morning Report from
7th Inf. Brigade

1. Disposition of Troops Right to Left.

2nd Battⁿ front about 240 yds subdivided into 2 subsections, 1 Co to each, 2 platoons in firing line to support 2 platoons in reserve, at entrance to communication trenches.

3rd Battⁿ each Co had 2 platoons in fire trenches 1 platoon in support, 1 platoon working parties acting as reserve in digging communication trenches.

4th Battⁿ 1/2 man in firing line remainder in support & reserve.

5th Battⁿ A & B Cos. 1/4 in fire trenches

1/4 in support to in Reserve (no man).

C & D Cos. all in fire trenches

none in reserve.

A & B Cos. on reverse left.

1st Field Co No 3 section trench sappers forward to 2nd Battⁿ

No 1 section sappers from 4th Battⁿ to 1st Battⁿ remainder acted as Reserve

opposite were entanglement in gully

2. Patrols none were sent out to the front except ground in front of 2nd 3rd were recon^d.

3. Enemy movement 2nd 3rd enemy only showed a small number, no attack. continually fired, only replied to by our picked shot when target appeared.

2nd Battⁿ enemy kept up desultory firing but made no attack. Reported to be entrenching 400' in centre of my section also sapping. Rather heavy rifle fire at one time from enemy trenches only answered by picked shot.

Opposite centre of this section novel kind of fire was opened by enemy.

It appeared like a shower of sparks about 20 feet in length at an elevation of about 10° & about 16 yds from my trench. No display was made.

A great deal of smoke appeared in the vicinity of 224 W & Z or 225 W & Q.

4th Battⁿ enemy appear to have lengthened their trench in front of D Co. enemy kept up desultory fire. Sniping & using a few bombs.

One trench was repaired during night.

1st Battⁿ no movement of the enemy was observed during night.

Above is made up from reports filed by the units.

6.5.15

W. J. ...
of B.M. 1st Inf. Bde
for gtd (on inspection)

Morning Report.

1st Inf. Bde.

To
Asst Dir.

1. Disposition of Troops.

Same as yesterday, except that a machine gun of the 3rd Brigade was placed at the disposal of the 2nd Battⁿ. This gun fired on enemy's trenches to his left front at 900^x range & on trench in his ~~front~~ immediate front but it did not stop digging.

2nd Battⁿ a fatigue party of 96 men was detailed for work with Engineers & artillery.

4th Battⁿ Troops in reserve about 90

Composed of Re-inforcements

1st Battⁿ Trenches have not been altered

but only improved.

2. Patrols. 2nd Battⁿ patrolled their front to about 50^x & buried 6 Dead. No papers found on them, as pockets were inside and no other patrols were sent out.

3. Enemy's movement Heavy shell fire on trenches during the day. These occupied by Captains Jacobs & Clayton being blown in.

Enemy continued digging in front of

2nd Battⁿ. In front of 3rd Battⁿ sniping continued. All very quiet during night.

Made up from reports from Battⁿs

7.5.15

11-0 a.m.

W. H. Hancock Major

for

Col. of Inf. Bde.

~~1st BN~~

all in one Record 119

AR 36 thud/5/15AAA

I'm constructing communication trench to get in touch with your left flank AAA Capt Baster may be expected to pass into your left lines from the left front AAA
Acknowledge

~~1st BN~~

~~12 sleep~~

Recd

8:40 PM
from KA

8:15 PM

sent to Capt Simpson
8:43 PM



1st Bn

all well

1st Bn on left

4/5/15

THIRD BN

Things are quiet
round here now

MAJ BROWN.

First Inf Bde ~~Records~~ *Base Records*

CR 228

Third/5/15

AAA

A supply of PERESCOPIES for use in the trenches is urgently needed by this Bn AAA. However we return tubs belonging to the MARINES

THIRD BN

10.7 a.m.

Sent 10.8 a.m.
to HQ
3.5.15

Sent 7.4.15

[Signature]

Third BN

KA 151

Third

AAA

Am sending one coy of 2nd BN to search the valley for snipers between me and General Grotton's BDE AAA
The Coy will carry a few semaphore flags for observation

1st Inf Bde

9.50 a.m.

Received
10.10 a.m.
64 P

3.5.15

THIRD BN

*Recd Recd
K9*

casualty list to 12 midnight 2nd and 3rd May
A Coy = 1 killed 1 wounded
B " = 1 " (6 wounded including Major Lamb)

C " = 0 killed 1 wounded

all dead cleared from trenches and buried

Lieut. Moore

Third BN

Received
11.5 a.m.

3.5.15

64 P

10.55 a.m.

Sent 7.4.21

Refused

~~THIRD BN~~

THIRD BN

O.C firing line reports that a
~~field~~ gun is in position 600 yards
in front of centre of our fire trench
AAA. Will give particulars later

Lieut Moore
1.15 pm

Received
1.20 pm
b 4 P
3.5.15

Third BN *Callie Pan Record 119*

Artillery fire should be 250 yds
further EAST to reach gun

O.C
Firing line

Received 2.36 pm 2.35 pm

b 4 P
3.5.15

3 Bn

~~1.11.15~~

Sent 7.4.15

[Signature]

Thad BN

Shells dropping 150 yards short
direction good

Lieut Moore

2.45 pm

Received 2.48 pm

6.4 P
3.5.15

Thad BN

3-5-15

H^o Quarters

add Base - 119

Occasional shrapnel bursts up till 9 am
since then practically a lull all around
AAA. We are improving trenches during
night and and 3rd day AAA enemy
entrenched within 110 yards of our lines
They proceeded with this under cover of
sustained rifle fire AAA they are well dug in
and our rifle fire does not disturb
them much.

Capt McBonachy

9.30 am

Received
9.55 am
10.15 P

Sent 7.42

McBonachy

(verbal)
A coy had a Periscope but it was
broken this morning
= 9:55 am

Received 9:55 am
(b4P)

FIRST INF BDE

also BDE Records
119

DL28 Third/5/15 AHH

State given in this
morning to Sgt Crawford

Casualties to Cam ~~15/15~~ today

Nil

4 MB

Recd 7:40 pm

Sent 7:42 pm

Refused

1st Inf. Bde. (overall)

Col Bennett will be at C.R. ^{Col's Base Room}
till his phone is reconnected

Sent
6/4 P
3.5.15

Col Bennett
2.58 pm

1 A.I.B

Head Quarters 2nd Div
AIF

Gallipoli

2nd ~~1st~~ May 15
AIO

C.O. 1st INF BDE.

I have to report that Capt. Woodhead called me at 2 AM and informed me Lt Col G. F. Brauns had been shot by one of his senties posted on road to the landing from this unit to Beugate Head Quarters, on inquiring into same, I find ~~that~~ when orders arrived at 12 30 AM to place a Company at top of gully the Colonel sent me to get the Company and guide it up to its position, while I was doing this the Colonel left for Beugate Head Quarters this would be about 12 35 AM, he did not see the track but jumped over the trenches & when in ~~the~~ a bush about 25 yards from sentry post, the sentry 903 plr G. SHIPPARD ~~was evidently startled by the noise~~ states; he saw the figure of a man crossing his front & called out "Halt" but he did not "Halt" he again called out "Halt, Hands up" and the figure ran into a bush so he fired this shot evidently killed Lt Col.

97 Prisoner.

The sentry reported firing the shot to
the sergeant of figure watching at 8 AM. The
sentry was released and Ruck... ..

The body has been sent to Beaches
and will be buried at 10 AM. The Rev
Glen Chaplain of the Forces having
arrangements in hand.

A. Bostwick
2nd BN A.I.F.

O.C.

Fourth BN

KA 169

fourth

AAA

The divisional Commander instructed the trenches of the First ~~Fourth~~ Battalion in left section of our trenches this afternoon. ~~AAA~~ ^{He} complains that there were not sufficient men on the look out. ~~AAA~~ He also insists on fire trenches being deepened and more passing places made. ~~AAA~~ Sandbag loopholes are required. ~~AAA~~ ~~He~~ tunnels to be cut away. ~~AAA~~ More communications between fire and communication trenches. ~~AAA~~

THIRD BN

~~THIRD BN~~

alt. Ben Reed
K9

KH 172

4th / 5 / 15 A A A

Please forward reply
KH 341 in reference to
observers & snipers

1st Inf Bde

6.50 pm

Rec'd 6.58 pm 4/5/15

KH 172

THIRD BN

06

O.C. S.B.
THIRD ~~TO~~ FOURTH BNS

(11/15/45)

345

Fourth

A.I.B.

10/10/45
11/9/45

Aeroplanes ~~have~~ now provided
with message bags. AAA
They have been asked to
drop them in square
224 L 8 and will fly
low before throwing bags
out AAA Warn all
troops to be on look out
AAA Anything contained in
bags should be telephoned
to Australian Division at once
from nearest telephone and
the bag with message must
be sent at once to

Rongade 49.

A/BM
1st INF BDE

4 P.M

Recd. by ~~FMS~~
MOR 4/16/45

[Faint, mostly illegible handwritten text, possibly bleed-through from the reverse side of the page.]

~~10/18/45~~
~~10/18/45~~

~~10/18/45~~
~~10/18/45~~

O.C.

THIRD & FOURTH BNS

Copy
KAF 341 ent

1 A. I. B.

Fourth

5/15

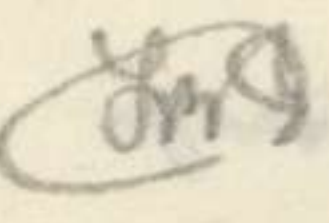
AAA
Ban
R9

The ^{4/4} ~~division~~ ^{commander} considers that the ~~system~~ ^{system} of snipers with observers is not yet properly organised AAA. ~~Officer~~ One section of the Brigade trenches a Turk walked at least 30 yds without being detected or fired at. AAA There should be at least one observer and sniper in every 20 yds of firing trench and these should be organised in systematic reliefs AAA. There is no objection to the observer being the sniper too but it is better to work in pairs. AAA Please acknowledge and send a report as to the system you have

adopted.

A / BM INF
12115DE

2.17 P.M.

Received by  3 P.M.

FOURTH B.M.

W.C. Base Receipt
129

KA 160 fourth 5/15 AAA

majority of transport are
leaving Please inform BDE
HQRS. Before 1 P.M. today of
any details you wish
disembarked

FIRST INF. BDE.

10.45. AM.

Received by NAA 11.5 AM

THIRD BN

KA 162 fourth AAA

Kindly return the two
other periscopes immediately
in whatever condition they
are in AAA. and orderly is
waiting for them having
gone from Portsmouth BN
AAA Please do not delay

FIRST INF. BDE

11.33. AM

Received from H 40 AM

THIRD BN

fourth

AAAV

250 # sand bags wanted
none in depot in valley can
you arrange

O.C. Firing Line

10-50.A.M

Record by WAA 10-33 AM

THIRD BN

Handwritten notes in red ink, possibly initials or dates.

THIRD BN

all Base Recd
199

KA/160 fourth 5/57 AAA

majority of transports are leaving AAA Please inform BDE. HQRS. before 1. P.M. today of any detailees you wish disembarked.

FIRST INF. BDE.

10.45 AM

Received 11 AM by WAM

Fourth BN

~~Fourth BN~~

Received

179

BN

KA 159

4/5/15

AAA

State of losses

THIRD ind and daily

state for today not yet

to hand AAA

Please forward in

duplicate

FIRST INF BDE

10.5 am

4/5/15

Notes
400 Dr.
Haul.

FIRST INF BDE

Fourth | KA | 159

Getting same from trenches
where delay occurred. Be
ready within 15 mins.

3rd B.N

10.15 A.M.

Sent by WRA

10.23 AM

O.C. Fourth Bn

Added
4/13
Box 79
Hans

K 4 3 35 4² / 5 / 15 A A

One Cpl + 9 men

As your Box have arrived
here from KARRROO.

Please send a guide here
to receive them

8/16 am A/B/M
1st Lt BOC

Recd. 8.2.5 am 4/5/15
D. J. Collins

1st Coy Bde

Have asked for ships
fire on 224-K-5

3rd BN

Amfollus 8-16 am
8-35 am

Notes
H. B. ...
1/10/40

O.C.

Third & Fourth ~~Regts~~

Records
1/19

KA331 Fourth / 15/15
1 A. 1. 13

In order to assist our

artillery please display
red and yellow flags in
the firing line AAA Men
should be moved from
the vicinity of these flags
which should be placed so
as to be as unobtrusive as
possible from the front AAA

please acknowledge

Roller 6.35 am
6.42 am

A/BM
Inst Inf Bde

A Coy

Please ascertain
number of casualties
in A B & C Coys for
24 hours preceding
midnight 3/4/15

Third Bn

7.30

4th May 1915

7.35

Ady

Fourth Bn

add Base Record
119

KA 330 Fourth / 5/15 AAA

How are you this morning
please report present
situation, what happened to
you last night, and what
were your casualties

First Inf Bde

6-10 am

6-35 Recd.

4th May 1915

~~1st Inf. Bde.~~
1st Inf. Bde.

Already reported
quiet night - still the same -
one man casually reported
640 4B

Copy

20/5/15

Received 3:30pm

To 4th Bde.

AR 325 I am putting up a large Red cross flag in front of the centre of my position for the purpose of trying to bring in some wounded Turkish prisoners AAA Will you please inform all troops in your immediate vicinity

From 1st Bn
3:20pm

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

NOTIFICATION OF APPARENT CASES OF NEGLIGENCE OR NEGLECT TO REGISTER

W. O. H.

(General Staff, 1915)

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Please submit by 6 pm on 28th inst.
a list of Officers whom you recommend for
promotion to the ranks of Major, Captain,
and Lieutenant, to fill vacancies in your
Battalion caused by deaths; promotions to
take effect from the date of decease of the
Officers in whose place they are recommended
e.g.

For promotion to Major -

Captain A. vice Major B Killed in action 25/4/11
Captain C. vice Major D. died of wounds 21/5/11

For promotion to Captain:-

Lieut. E. vice Captain ~~FE~~ Killed in action 30/4/11
Lieut. G. vice Captain A. recommended for promotion 25/4/11
Jc. Jc. etc.

In cases where the supersession of an
Officer is involved reasons must be fully stated.

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W. J. King Captain
Brigade Major,
1st Infantry Brigade

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operation Memorandum No. 1

Copy No. 3


by
Colonel N.M. SMYTH, VC, ^{Bar^{on}} Commanding 1st Infantry Brigade

Ad. Q. no. 1st Inf. Bde

N. Point, SHRAPNEL VALLEY

23rd May, 1915

With reference to Operation Memorandum No. 1 of this date issued by Asst. Dir., a copy of which has been sent to Pon. Command, the following orders are issued:-

1. There is to be a suspension of arms tomorrow.
2. All firing will cease all along the line at 7.30 A.M. (the hour referred to is "Alta Franca", eight minutes ahead of our time).
3. Each Pon. Command. will detail a party of 50 Officers, N.C.Os. and men to parade at 7.30 A.M. at the Right of the trenches occupied by their Pons, to be ready to move out of the trench at 8.0 A.M. on the signal being given by Major Crane, Lt. Pon. All the members of these parties will wear a white arm-band of cloth or paper, and will carry water bottles only.
The full allowance of stretchers will be carried and 4 picks and 4 shovels.
4. During the suspension of arms men are not to line the parapets but are to be ready to meet an unexpected attack.
Men are not to show their heads above the parapet for fear of disclosing the position of any of our trenches not already known by the enemy.
5. No work on trenches etc. will be done during the cessation of hostilities.
6. All possible repairs to trenches, loopholes, and parapets etc. must be completed before 7.30 A.M. tomorrow, and all loopholes are to be screened or filled up before that hour. ✓
7. The older men of the biggest physique should be selected for these parties.
8. Work of parties will cease at 4 p.m. 
Hostilities commence again at 11.30 p.m.

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9.

A copy of the Instructions mentioned in Divisional Operation Memo has been handed to the officers that Platoon Commanders named to be in charge of each party.

10.

A Special issue of Rum and cigarettes has been authorised for these parties.

Issued at 10-45 pm.

M. Hancock

Major,

A/Bde. Major,
1st Infantry Brigade.

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2nd Battalion
A.I.O. Morning Report

Hd Qrs 2nd Bn
Right Section 1st Inf Bde
31/5/15

L.O. per Inf Bde

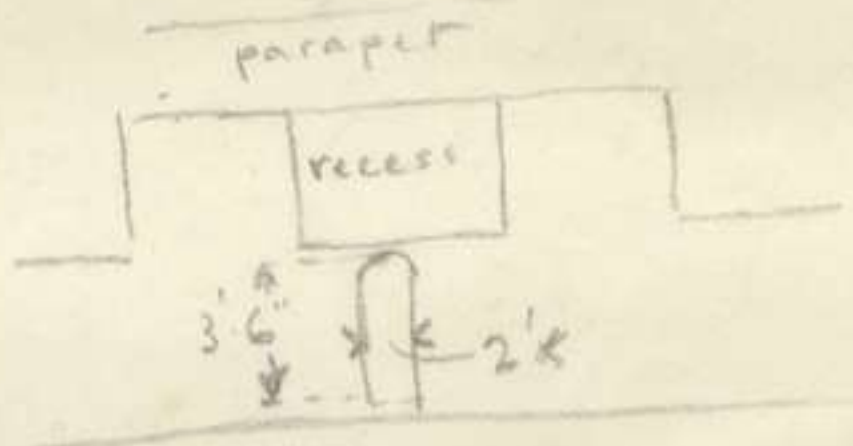
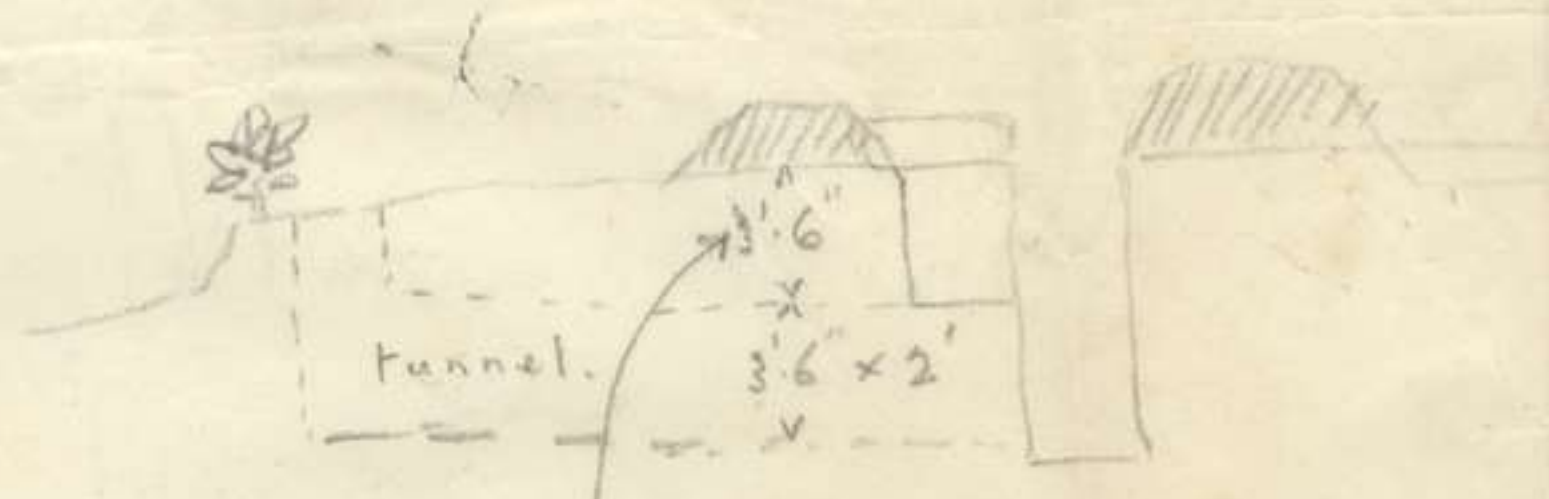
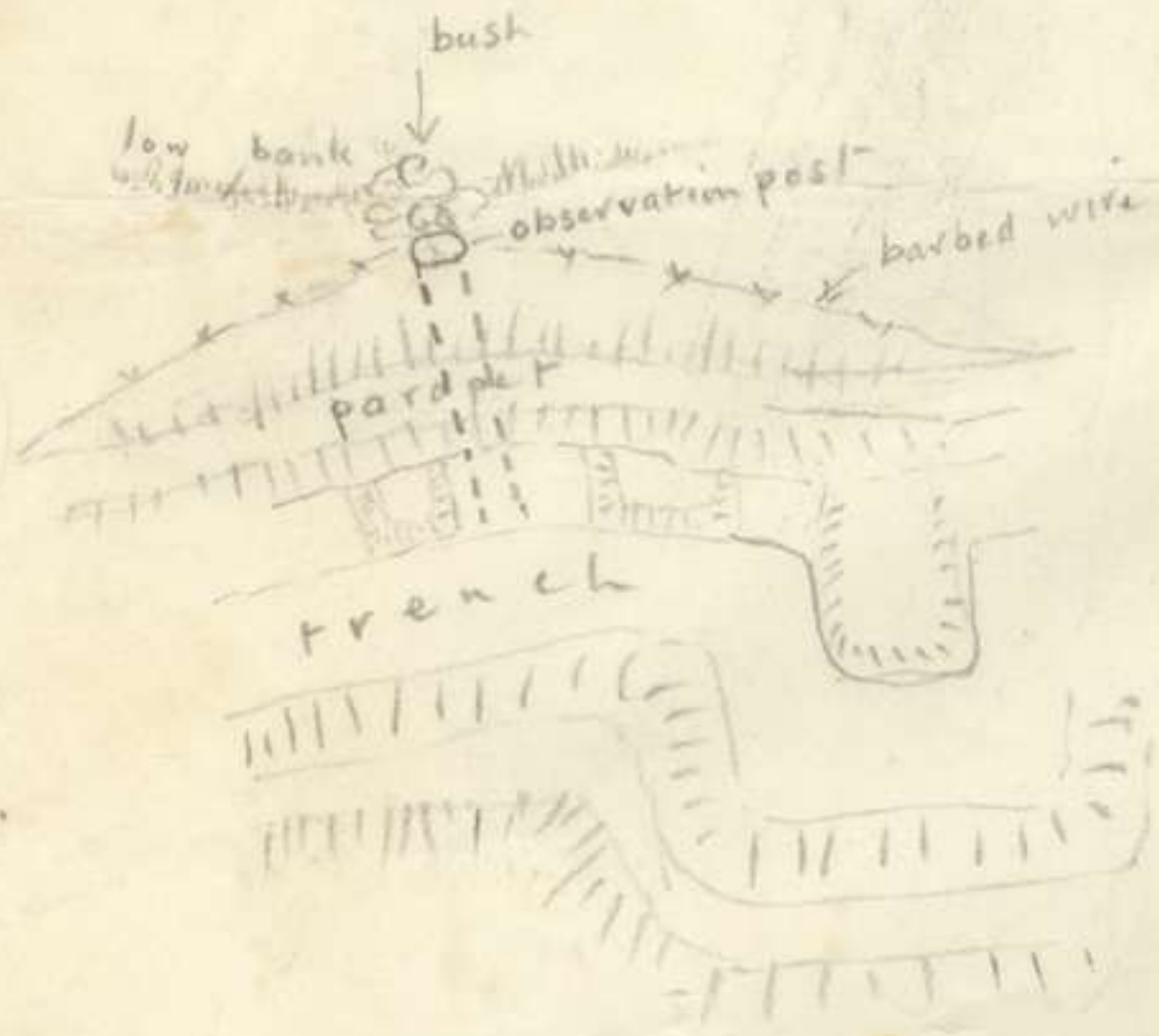
- (1) Situation unaltered.
- (2) The day passed quietly in our immediate front, but there was a considerable amount of firing further over to our left. Our machine guns occasionally were able to find a target and cooperated whenever possible.
During the morning a church service for Non-Confessionists was held within the lines.
- (3) No patrols were sent out.
- (4) Enemy continues to work on his trenches improving etc. but no fresh works have been commenced. So far as can be judged from the few shells fired into this section, there has been no change in the positions of his guns.
- (5) Casualties Officers nil other ranks, 2 wounded.
- (6) Ammunition expended 100 rounds.

G. Stues
J. Brown Lieut Col.
2nd Bn 1st Inf Bde

Amn Base Rec 119

① Tunnel for purpose of establishing observation post and to facilitate placing of barbed wire from about centre of sap between 3rd & 5th Batt^s

Tunnel to be driven under parapet for distance of about 4 yards then to break through roof behind bush affording good concealment. From this point it is proposed to stretch barbed wire out each side back to parapet of sap. An observation post to be established at end of tunnel where it is broken through.



1st Infantry Bde

McClintock Major
1st Field Coy
28.5.15

Recommended

Put over wall
Com 2nd Bn 1st Div

19th May 1915

Approved

Wm Smith
Colonel Comd 1st Bde

ANZAC.
2 PM. 28-5-15

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