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<u>1st June 1915</u>	<u>Australian Division</u> - Quiet day except for shelling. A demonstration made by No I Section to draw fire made the Turks fire for a short time. In No II section a demonstration was made to assist Quinn's Post. Engineer's work on Johnston's Jolly and Lonely Pine continued energetically. Johnston's Jolly was given some rounds from the Japanese mortar in Courtney's Post. <u>No 3 Section</u>. A quiet day generally, during which preparations were made to destroy a timber and sandbag erection constructed by the Turks in the crater opposite the right of Quinn's Post. See Sketch - The original scheme was that two or three sappers should crawl out and place a 12lb. charge of gun cotton on the roof of the structure. The trenches with 30 yards were then to be cleared and the charge fired. Then the trenches were to be re-manned, and a working party was to rush into the crater and improve it into a fire trench, another working party making a communication. The operation was timed for 9.0 pm. but at that hour a heavy fire from machine guns and rifles broke out, from Turks on the slopes of Baby 700 - though it was thought at first the fire came from our own trenches in No 4 Section - The operation was postponed	Appendix I.

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	until a full shell should occur. At 10. pm however two Sappers of the N^o 2. Engineers crept out and laid the charge, which was fired at 10-11. demolishing the structure satisfactorily. The Turks opened a very heavy fire of machine guns and bombs, preventing the working party moving up into the crater. or working at the communication trench. A tunnel was therefore commenced from a mine gallery which passes east of the crater. Firing here continued up to 3 am. note. <u>Trenchwork and mining</u> in the ground between Quinn's Port and the Turkish Trench has now become so pulverised with explosions that work in it is slow and much reworking is necessary. <u>N^o 4 Section.</u> Nothing of importance occurred in this Section; the enemy are making a large number of trenches on the tops of knolls & spurs in the broken country north and north east of our Post. Considerable movement is also observed to and from Biguk and Kuchuk Anarfanta. The former was shelled by the destroyers, as were the enemy trenches near our former N^o 3 post. Our mountain artillery also assisted.	Sappers Fear and Hodges. vide Appendix II. <u>Casualties 1st June</u> <table> <tr> <th></th><th>Off</th><th>OR</th></tr> <tr> <td>Killed</td><td>1</td><td>3</td></tr> <tr> <td>Wounded</td><td>1</td><td>39</td></tr> <tr> <td>Missing</td><td>-</td><td>1</td></tr> <tr> <td>Sick</td><td>3</td><td>61</td></tr> </table> evacuated 43		Off	OR	Killed	1	3	Wounded	1	39	Missing	-	1	Sick	3	61
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2 nd June. 1915	About 400 ^{reinforcements} convoys landed, all Australian, and ^{including} containing engineers and artillery. <u>No. I. Section</u>: Quiet and uneventful. Enemy fired a few shells during the day - probably registering. <u>No. II. Section</u> Enemy shelled left centre (4th battⁿ) in the afternoon - but were at once quieted by our guns. A patrol working ^{by night} down the ravine north of Johnston's Tolly reports no advance of Turkish trenches in this direction, and met no Turkish patrols. Some bombs were thrown into the Turkish trenches. <u>No. 3. Section</u>. Occupation of the demolished enemy blockhouse was prevented by bombs. The tunnel communication into the disputed crater was pushed on. The enemy were evidently apprehensive in this direction as they kept up a continuous fire during the night - with several heavy bursts. <u>No. 4. Section</u>. Enemy very busy entrenching and putting in wire opposite our outposts. Sniping in this direction has increased considerably.	

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2 nd June (cont)	The C.O.C. pointed out to G.H.Q. that the enemy's activity to the North was making the eventual enveloping movement increasingly difficult. Following issued - memorandum re bringing in rifles & ammunition with reliefs; Ga. 34 re alarm signal; Ga. 35 re flares.	See daily summary - Casualties 2nd June <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Killed</td> <td>Off</td> <td>OR</td> <td>6</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Wounded</td> <td>2</td> <td>34</td> <td>(32 evacuated)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sick</td> <td>1</td> <td>61</td> <td>(55 evacuated)</td> </tr> </table>	Killed	Off	OR	6	Wounded	2	34	(32 evacuated)	Sick	1	61	(55 evacuated)
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3 rd June 1915	The 2nd N.Z. Field Coy. and some few convalescents arrived. 2. am - HMS Talbot bombarded Büyük Anafarta at 4. pm. with salvos of 6" lyddite. Village was not set properly alight. Secret instructions[⊗] dated 2nd June for operations in South were brought by a G.H.Q. officer - Telegram No B.44[†] fixing the date for 4th June was received at 6.40 pm. Had this latter come earlier it would have been possible to arrange a local offensive, being planned from Quinn's Post, for the night of 3/4. But this enterprise involved some intricate cooperation in No II. Section, which would require several hours of daylight to arrange properly. The arrangements in No 3 Section were made - and other cooperation planned. A good deal of movement of troops and trains was seen, from north to South through Eski Keui. Our guns could not get on to these - Destroyers asked to.	⊗ See operations order file. † Appendix III.												

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3 rd June 1915 (Cont.).	<u>No. I. Section.</u> During the night 11th batⁿ was successful in drawing the enemy's fire by a demonstration. A small party of enemy approached the right flank but were easily driven back. <u>No. II. Section.</u> Enemy were observed to be sapping out from Johnstones Jolly in three places. A good deal of mule traffic was also observed. At 10 pm. a demonstration made with dummy figures drew a considerable fire for 20 minutes. <u>No. 3. Section.</u> Queen's Post was bombarded intermittently, and there were several heavy bursts of fire during the night. <u>No. 4. Section.</u> Sniping is on the increase. and several new positions have been taken up. The Anafarta guns have been brought closer in. Hms. Colne engaged the new positions with effect. Enemy's ammunition expenditure, as a result of demonstrations, is estimated at 100,000 rounds SAA. There was much discussion in No. 3 section as to the method and scope of the night operations planned. No. 3 section wished for a big offensive from No. 2 section. GSO. 1. of A.C. joined the conference, and later it was agreed that the Aust. Divⁿ should carry out an enterprise against German officers' Trench.	<u>Casualties 3rd June</u> <table> <tr> <td></td><td>Off</td><td>OR</td></tr> <tr> <td>Killed</td><td>1</td><td>4</td></tr> <tr> <td>Wounded</td><td>2</td><td>39 (38 evacuated?)</td></tr> <tr> <td>Sick</td><td>2</td><td>56 (76 evacuated?)</td></tr> </table> Crew.		Off	OR	Killed	1	4	Wounded	2	39 (38 evacuated?)	Sick	2	56 (76 evacuated?)
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4 th June 1915	8. officers and 450 men, Australian 4th reinforcements arrived 2.30 am. Operation order No 12 for the night's operations was issued at 10.30 am. The GSO's 1. of divisions met in Monash Gully and concerted their arrangements. The operations at Cape Helles were heard to commence at 11. am. and our shells were seen bursting - no indication of the progress of the engagement could however be obtained. At 2.30 pm. Some movement of troops Southward was observed, and reported to GHQ. HMS Talbot engaged them. The day was uneventful at Anzac. being passed in preparations for the operations timed to begin at 11. pm. preceded by a minor demonstration towards Gabatepe at 9. pm. - Accounts of these affairs are given separately. There was some fighting however on the left flank - where the enemy are very active - Snipers made the communication and open places in rear of Walker's Ridge unsafe; work was pushed on the covered ways leading to this flank. Arrangements were initiated for a better distribution of water from the wells in the valleys behind the positions.	Appendix IV. Appendix V. <u>Casualties 4th June</u> <table> <tr> <td></td><td>Off. OR.</td></tr> <tr> <td>Wounded</td><td>2 69</td></tr> <tr> <td>Sick</td><td>3 69</td></tr> </table> Cover.		Off. OR.	Wounded	2 69	Sick	3 69
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5 th June 1915	The Sortie from Quinn's Post is described separately^(a), as is also on the attack on the trenches opposite the left of No II Section, undertaken to relieve pressure from the flank. At daylight, after the night operations, the Turkish artillery opened fire from all the known positions - and it was evident that none had been withdrawn as might have been suspected from their silence during the night - The net result of the operations was a return to previous conditions, except that the communication trenches from Quinn's Post through the two mine craters and into the Turkish trench opposite are practicable. These communication trenches and the left hand crater remained in our possession; the right hand crater was left unoccupied by either side - The Turks, for the first time, used large bombs propelled automatically or with a charge - <u>No I. Section</u> - Little happened beyond some shelling of the trenches - a bombing party which went out to the enemy's trenches drew hardly any fire, and no attack was provoked - <u>No II. Section</u>. Nothing unusual occurred during the day - Enemy is	^(a) appendix V. ^(b) appendix VI.

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5 th June (Cont.)	Still sapping forward. These saps were recommitted during the night, & were found to be very deep. Some bombs were thrown into enemy's trenches on the night. On the left parties sent out to wire a disused trench, met a Turkish party and had to return. Enemy patrols were very active in this direction. <u>No 3 Section</u>. After the affair at Quinn's post nothing unusual occurred. Sniping down Kurnash Gully was heavy and prevented the removal of some wounded to the back during daylight. <u>No 4. Section</u>. Quiet day. A bombing party was sent out during the night, but, as in No I section, failed to draw the enemy's fire. Sniping continued on the left. <u>General</u>. Troops were seen proceeding southwards. About 11.30 am. a body variously estimated at from a battalion to a regiment, and at 7 pm. a smaller body with horses - reported these to G.H.Q. Prisoners taken at Quinn's Post say attack was not expected. They also say Turkish reinforcements coming up - about 2 divisions - and these will probably replace troops on our front which have been hammered.	(*) See Gra 68. and 75. <u>Casualties 5th June</u> <table> <tr> <td></td><td>Off</td><td>OR</td></tr> <tr> <td>Wounded</td><td>5</td><td>110</td></tr> <tr> <td>Sick</td><td>5</td><td>66</td></tr> </table> Curr.		Off	OR	Wounded	5	110	Sick	5	66
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19 th June 1915.	<u>No. I. Section.</u> This section was subdivided into two portions - The 2nd L.H. Brigade (Colonel Ryrie) taking over the Southern portion with two regiments in the trenches, and 1 in reserve (in Shrapnel valley). The 9th Battⁿ moved into local reserve behind the northern portion, still held by 3rd Infy Brigade. Olive Grove shelled these reserves. During the night working parties went out from both portions. In the northern portion an advance was made onto the ridge 150 yards in front of the trenches, where a support trench was dug about 100 yards long, with two communication trenches running across the intervening valley. In the Southern portion a communication trench was broken out 150 yards long forward from the extreme right flank towards a point on the ridge overlooking the beach (A. ridge) - some 250 yds distant. Work on both of these was unmolested. The covering party killed 3 Turks out of an enemy patrol which was coming up to investigate. <u>No. II. Section.</u> The Southern portion was shelled and bombed during the day.	

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