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Summary - 6 a.m. 13th July to 6 a.m. 14th July.

No. I. Section .. Sniping during the ^{day} night from BALKAN GUN PITS was silenced by our rifle fire and, generally speaking, the day was quiet. During the night the enemy was particularly active, a steady fire being kept up during practically the whole night - occasionally there were heavy bursts. A patrol sent out along HARRIS RIDGE encountered five Turks and these refusing to surrender were fired on at close range - at least three dropped but it is fairly certain all were hit. Subsequently 30 to 40 Turks tried to rush our patrol consisting of six men, but it managed to effect its withdrawal safely. A patrol of the 9th Battalion found Turks digging in the gully east of the CORNFIELD. The patrol was forced to retire by heavy rifle fire.

II. Section .. The southern portion of this section was bombarded at 1800 but very little damage was done. Very little occurred during the night in this portion of the section.
In the northern portion of the section the day was normal. At 1545 we fired a mine successfully in sap D.9 followed by another in sap D.25 at 1615. Both of these tunnels approach GERMAN OFFICERS TRENCH. The explosions drew heavy fire from a howitzer in the direction of BATTLESHIP HILL, from guns on MORTAR RIDGE and from a new gun position which has been pointed out to the artillery and which lies east of the north end of MORTAR RIDGE trenches. In this portion of the section we suffered considerable damage but repairs were effected during the night.

During the night there was much movement in GERMAN OFFICERS TRENCH but no action beyond occasional bursts of fire. The trenches, however, strongly held.

Artillery .. The enemy guns at THE SANDPIT and "C" fired a few rounds at 1015, 1517, 1740, and 1754, and were replied to each time by BROWNE'S and CADDY'S batteries. At 1625 guns at "U" opened and were engaged by our 5-inch howitzer battery, 6 rounds from which were burst in the registered position.

At 1825 the guns at THE SANDPIT, TURKS HUMP, and SCRUBBY KNOLL opened fire - the last named is still unlocated. Notwithstanding our 5-inch howitzer fire and the fire from CADDY'S and BROWNE'S batteries the guns at TURKS HUMP could not be silenced.

The 4.7-inch gun has been moved to a position close to its emplacement ready to be run in when the work is completed. The gun has been examined and is reported to be in good condition.

		Officers	Other ranks	Animals
Casualties	xxxxxx Killed	...	10	...
	Wounded	3	49	...
	Sick	2	50	...
Ammunition	6-inch howitzer	5-inch howitzer	Japanese mortar	
	4 rounds	40 rounds	Nil	

Lieut. - 8

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

No. of Message.....

Service Instructions.	Charges to Pay. £ s. d. 8833	Office Stamp. 15

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TO 1st Aust Divn

Sender's Number LH 853	Day of Month 14th	In reply to Number —	AAA
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During day sniping from BALKAN GUN PITTS was silenced by our rifle fire. Day was fairly quiet but during night enemy were particularly active. A steady fire with occasional heavy bursts was kept up by them the whole night. A patrol sent out along HARRIS RIDGE towards BALKAN GUN PITTS. As they first encountered 5 Turks and those refusing to surrender were fired on at close range. At last three dropped but it is fairly certain all were hit. A patrol of 30 to 40 Turks then rushed

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the patrol and tried to cut them off but the patrol of 100 withdrew safely to CHATHAM'S POST. As about this time fire was particularly heavy from BALKAN GUN PITTS and pine ridge trenches. As Turks appear to be very active in ESCHALON trenches. As casualties 24 hours since. wounded

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		£ s. d.	
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Handed in at _____ Office _____ m. Received 14/7/15 0640

TO Aust Div

Sender's Number <u>KA 680</u>	Day of Month <u>14th</u>	In reply to Number	<u>AAA</u>
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Southern Co 2 section aaa
Second Bn report that enemy
bombardment at 1800 did no
damage aaa Jester reports
faint sounds ticking at head
135 aaa 3rd Bz and
1st Bn situation unchanged
aaa Fourth Bn report enemy
fired about 17 shells into
their trenches during afternoon
aaa Recessing between TAMBOUR
and ~~COO~~ C4 practically complete
aaa casualties two other ranks
killed 4 wounded aaa Amm²
expended 12460 rounds aaa
One Garland bomb fired No
Japanese bomb expended

FROM
PLACE & TIME

W 147 1st Inf Dole
0640

"C" Form (Original).

Army Form C. 2123.

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		£ s. d.	From <u>K.B.</u>	At _____ m.	
Charges to collect			By <u>R</u>	To _____	
Service Instructions.			By _____	14/7/15	

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TO Aust Div

*Sender's Number <u>KB 883</u>	Day of Month <u>14th</u>	In reply to Number	<u>AAA</u>
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Morning report begins aaa a
normal day engaged in repairing
trenches sniping etc till 1545
when a mine was fired
successfully by us in sap
D9 followed by another in
sap D25 at 1615 this drew
heavy fire on left subsection
from howitzer from direction of
Battleship Hill from guns on
Mortar Ridge and from new
gun position (Pointed out to
Art observation officer) & Beyond
N end of MORTAR RIDGE
trenches aaa This appears to
be a 75 mm firing universal
shell aaa Damage to works

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MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

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Prefix.....	Code.....	Words.....	Received	Sent, or sent out	Office Stamp.
	£	s.	d.	From.....	At.....m.
Charges to collect			By.....	To.....	
Service Instructions.			By.....		14/7/15

Handed in at..... Office.....m. Received 0625m.

TO

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*Sender's Number

Day of Month

In reply to Number

AAA

Considerable but repairs being effected during night aaa. Much movement & noise in German Officers Trench but no action beyond occasional bursts of fire aaa Above trench strongly held aaa casualties right subsection 3 from shock left subsection 8 Killed 25 wounded aaa Ammunition expended 303 3560 rds Garland bombs 5 hand bombs 14

WOT 14/7

FROM

PLACE & TIME

2nd Inf Bde
0610

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

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	£ s. d.	
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Handed in at..... Office.....m. Received 0651m.

TO

Art Div

Sender's Number

Day of Month

In reply to Number

AAA

Patrol 9th Co found no digging in gully East of CORNFIELD path of drainage fire by heavy rifle fire aaa Bomb parties from 12th Co drew repeated bursts of fire aaa 10th Co reports position held strong over them at 2400 and enemy soon jumped last two nights aaa Casualties killed 811 running 100 rds

WOT 14/7

FROM

PLACE & TIME

3rd Inf Bde
0610

7260

Harshport Annuals
Casualties to 0800
14. 7. 15.

Nil

C. H. Foon

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W. H. M. H.

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14 July 1915

GENERAL STAFF 259
8833
Date

FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

Artillery Daily Report.

14.7.15

No 1 Section.

1. At 1823 Howitzer in square 203 B 4, OLIVE GROVE Right Section and gun in sq 212 H 8 opened fire on right flank and rear of HUGHES Battery. These guns were engaged by BURGESS and JOPPS Batteries. 29 rounds being fired when enemy ceased fire

No 2 Section

- 2 This morning was very quiet except that guns at SAND PIT and C fired a few rounds at 1015, 1517, 1740 and 1754 and were replied to each time by BROWNES and CADDYS Batteries with a few effective rounds.
- 3 At 1625 guns at C opened and were engaged by 5" Howitzer Battery, 6 rounds were fired which burst in the registered position.
- 4 At 1825 guns at SAND PIT, TURKS HUMP, and SCRUBBY KNOLL opened fire - the last named being still unlocated - 5" Howitzers and CADDYS and BROWNES Batteries fired but the gun at TURKS HUMP could not be silenced and is thought to have moved and to have its old position indicated by puffs - This gun did much damage to trenches today

General

- 5 4.7 gun has now been moved to a position close to its emplacement ready to be run in when work is completed. This gun was examined by Major O. F. Phillips. R.A.F.A. and is reported in good order and to show no signs of ~~max~~ wear. The Stores, sighting and firing gear will be examined today.
- 6 Ammunition expended 18 pr 163 rds, 5" 43 rds 6" 4 rds.
- 7 Killed nil.
- J. J. Hobbs

Colonel Commdg. Art. 1st Aust. Div.

CWT m/f

YIMA Ridge
(Daily report)

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21 Kms.

Sec at 224 m 2 (Capt Tranchard) 10.20 4 rounds at O.S. on
Turk's Humph Range 3350. bearing 53 1/2 mag Enemy at once ceased
firing 1830 Enemy firing heavy shell at courtness post
Engaged O.S. at Turk's Humph 3350 bearing 53 1/2 } 22 Shrapnel
Collins Street 1950 " 50 }
Ballteshill Hill 3500 " 57 } 3 Common

effect good + fuzes burst very regularly but did not stop
enemy's fire. Casualties nil Total Ammunition expended 3 Common
25 Shrapnel.

Sec at 224 m 8/9 (Capt Salmon) nothing to report. Rounds nil

Sec at 224 m 9 (Capt Thom) 2010 Opened fire with star
Shell in direction of Chessboard using fuzes + ranges as in Range
Table issued. First two shell unobserved. Third high but stars did
not ignite after this shifted elevation to second step + shifted
fuzes. At 1500 Fuzes 21 ^{gave} sufficiently high burst. About
fourth round Field Batteries opened fire I observed no target
to engage.
2315. Commenced on Johnstons Jolly + Lone Pine, elevation as before
fuzes 5 + 8 very effective ground showed up well + infantry did
a lot of firing. ceased firing 0345. Ammunition expended 28
star shell casualties nil. Relieved by Capt Hoskyn at 1200.
1500 by request of O.C no 3 section engaged " U " trench between
Chessboard + Walker - Ridge 3 shell in trench Range 1475 10 Rds
P.B. drew fire from 45 m/m to which 18 fire replied Total
Ammunition expended 10 Shrapnel 28 star casualties nil

Ammunition Expended

Shrapnel	Common	Star	Total	Casualties
35	3	28	64	nil

Altham

Capt R. A.

Adjutant 7th Ind. Bty. Brigade

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"A" Form. Army Form C. 2121.

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Prefix _____	Code _____	m.	Words _____	Charge _____	This message is on a/c of: _____	Reed. at _____ m.
Office of Origin and Service Instructions. _____ _____ _____			Sent At _____ m.		_____ _____ _____ Service.	Date _____
			By _____		(Signature of "Franking Officer.") By <u>6839</u>	

TO Australian Division
N. 2. and A Division

Sender's Number. Ga 269 Day of Month 13 In reply to Number _____ AAA

Following	information	received	from	8 ^m
Cops	begins	Turkish	Officer	of
20 ^m	Regiment	Captured	reports	his
Company	has	already	been	Supplied
with	2	Cases	Gas	bombs
to	be	mechanically	propelled	also
with	pumps	for	pumping	liquid
fuel	to	be	ignited	by
sun	glasses	adds	Troops	in
front	line and supports	are	to	be
warned	and	all	the	measures
already	ordered	enforced	in	case
of	necessity			

From Anzac Place _____ Time 2140

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) Cueways Staff - Major -

Censor. Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.

* This line should be erased if not required.

(632) —McC. & Co. Ltd., London.— W 11400/2045. 100,000 2/15. Forms C 2121/10.

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DIVISIONAL HEADQUARTERS,

1ST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION,

14th July, 1918.

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To Officer Commanding,

Bdes., Div. Art., Div. Engrs.

1. Information has been received from the 8th Corps that a Turkish officer of the 20th Regt. who was captured, stated that his company had already been supplied with 2 cases of gas bombs to be mechanically propelled. He also asserted that he had been supplied with pumps for pumping liquid ^{fuel} ~~oil~~ to be ignited by sun glasses.

2. Troops in front line and supports will be warned accordingly. An operation memorandum has already been issued laying down the principles of dealing with gas attack. The measures contained therein will be adopted when necessity arises.

W. Blamey
Lieut.-Colonel,
General Staff,

1st Australian Division.

W 14/7



7266 905 Australia
14th July
APPTV

I am informed that a report was made yesterday by one of your Brigadiers that the Artillery did not give (as he considered) adequate support when his trenches were being shelled. The heavy howitzer that fired about 40 rounds at Courtney's Post, could not be located accurately by any Artillery observer, nor could any Infantry officer do so, nor is it likely anyone could at once.

At that particular place, Turks' Hump, there are a large number of emplacements with overhead cover, and, when an aeroplane with trained observer flew over this place, they even could not tell which were occupied by guns. Our trenches have never been really shelled yet, 40 shells is a very small amount to what might be expected. In many places in France 900 heavy shells fell in one day on one lot of trenches.

The Infantry must get whatever ^{cover} they can by vacating the front trenches, as an attack while the shelling lasts is never made, but they must be ready to occupy them directly it stops.

I am quite sure the Artillery have done all and more than could reasonably be expected, and messages expressing the valuable help given at a critical time have often been received; but if Infantry officers think that all shelling by hostile guns can be immediately stopped, it must be explained to them that this is impossible until a hostile gun is located, ^{thus} ~~which it~~ cannot always be ^{done} at once (and it is not likely that the Turks put guns where they can be located) ^{until it is} our Artillery cannot silence the gun.

The Artillery of both Divisions have worked incessantly since the landing and have given every assistance night and day, and Infantry Brigadiers who expect impossibilities should learn something about Artillery fire before they express such opinions as above referred to.

C. Brindley Owen
Brig. General, R.A.

Div Art

To see. A memo will be

Wined to by the Comd

Please return

Wined to by the Comd
9.5 H. on
15/7/15

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AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND ARMY CORPS.

Ga 261.

Anzac Cove,

13th July 1915.

From:- General Staff,
Australian & New Zealand Army Corps.

To:- Australian Division.
~~New Zealand & Australian Division.~~

MEMORANDUM.

The Army Corps Commander learnt in the trenches yesterday that some avoidable loss is incurred in fire trenches while these are being heavily shelled.

He wishes to point out again that, during a heavy bombardment, the men in the fire trenches should be cleared off into good cover in rear or to the flanks, even if this leads them into the lines of other units. Look-outs must of course be left in the vacated fire trenches.

C. W. G. Staff.

Major,
General Staff.
Australian & New Zealand Army Corps.

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GENERAL STAFF
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DIVISIONAL HEADQUARTERS,

1ST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION,

14th July, 1915.

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To Officer Commanding,

1st, 2nd, 3rd Inf. Bde., 2nd L. H. Bde.

As at present avoidable loss from shell fire appears to be incurred, section commanders will make provision for getting men into good cover during bombardment by enemy guns. This could be done by preparing bomb proofs and pits adjacent to or on the flanks of the trenches. Look-outs will of course be left in the vacated trenches; and should be given protected positions in previously selected sites.

for T. A. Blamey Major
Lieut-Colonel,
General Staff,

1st Australian Division.

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AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND ARMY CORPS.

No.Ga.271.

Army Corps Headquarters,
Anzac Cove, 14th July, 1915.

From:- Brig-General,
General Staff,
Australian & New Zealand
Army Corps.

To :- Australian Division.
New Zealand & Aust. Division.
I.M.A. Brigade.

MEMORANDUM.

Please refer to my Ga.261 of 13th July, to which the Army Corps Commander directs me to add the following:-

2. Though we have never yet been subjected to the same heavy shelling as the troops experience in France, where at times 1,000 shell fall on a portion of a trench in a few minutes, yet we have had casualties in a limited area from heavy guns which we have not been able to silence at once.

We must make up our minds that often we shall be subjected to such fire, to guard against which we have made our trenches on which we may have to rely, as it may not always be feasible even temporarily to vacate them for purposes of safety.

3. There are however cases in which casualties may well be avoided by temporarily vacating certain lengths of trench which happens to be under considerable shell fire. In doing this officers on the spot must use their own discretion; they must fully consider all possibilities, and inform their immediate superiors.

4. Yesterday evening a certain amount of the enemy shell fire was brought to bear on Courtney's Post and on the left of the Australian Division. Some 40 shell only fell on Courtney's Post, and it would have quite possible, while this was going on, for the comparatively short danger zone

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to have been vacated by men from Courtney's Post passing along into Quinn's Post. Similarly those in the shelled portion of the Australian Division could have passed along to their right to beyond where shells were falling.

5. It would have been possible to keep a lookout on the front vacated from both flanks; as the enemy could not have advanced while the heavy shelling was going on, and our men would naturally have reoccupied the trenches when the shelling had ceased.

6. Commanding Officers must use their discretion in order to save lives when shelling is only on portions of the trenches.

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Brig-General,
General Staff,
Australian and New Zealand Army Corps.

Memo to Bde Comdrs

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"C" Form (Duplicate). Army Form C. 2123.
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS. No. of Message _____

Service Instructions. <i>sm</i>		Charges to Pay. £ s. d. <i>8 84 9</i> <i>24 7 15</i>	Office Stamp. <i>14-7-15.</i>
Handed in at <i>Ka</i> Office <i>16 52</i> m. Received <i>16 52</i> m.			
TO <i>Chief Div</i>			
Sender's Number <i>Ka 690</i>	Day of Month <i>14</i>	In reply to Number <i>4 838</i>	AAA
<p>I have been endeavouring to carry out the instructions there in contained but am informed that no corrugated iron sheeting for Head Cover is available and I also understand that the available amount of four by four timber is also very limited.</p> <p><i>B.D.E. to see and return.</i> <i>14/7/15</i></p> <p><i>Squad 2nd Field Coy have been notified that there is a fair amount of 4x4 timber now available. The 2nd Coy have also a little galv. iron which can be used as a fresh supply will shortly be available.</i> <i>William May</i></p>			
FROM PLACE & TIME		<i>1st Inf Bde</i> <i>16 42</i> <i>14/7/15</i>	

AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND ARMY CORPS.

No.Ga.272.

Army Corps Headquarters,

Anzac Cove, 14th July, 1915.

From:- Brig-General,
General Staff,
Australian & New Zealand
Army Corps.

To :- Australian Division.
New Zealand & Aust. Division.
I.M.A. Brigade.

MEMORANDUM.

It is reported that the enemy's trenches last night were fuller than usual.

When Divisional Commanders have reason to suppose that this is the case, they should use their discretion in ordering artillery to fire a few rounds on such targets as they think can best be dealt with in the hopes of catching the enemy crowded in the trenches.

Asker
Brig-General,
General Staff,
Australian and New Zealand Army Corps.

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Div Art

*for information. All such applications
shd. I think go to you? CWI wif*

1st Aust. Div.

*Yes. G. J. H. or
Coe. or any.
15/7/15*

*pa CWI
16/7*

Please return

AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND ARMY CORPS.

No. Ga. 273.

Anzac Cove, 14th July, 1915.

From:- Brig-General,
General Staff,
Australian & New Zealand
Army Corps.

To :- Australian Division.
New Zealand & Aust. Division.

MEMORANDUM.

The Army Corps Commander is informed that the heavy firing last night came mostly from the enemy. If that is so he is well satisfied, as that fire is what we want to draw, and when demonstrations are made which draw the enemy's fire with success, our own ammunition is well expended.

We must however be careful that we do not get into the habit of unnecessarily and unmeaningly doing a lot of unaimed fire at night, which not only leads to a waste of ammunition and does no good, but it gets our own men into bad habits and is liable to give the enemy the idea that he has untrained troops before him, who are incapable of proper fire discipline.


Brig-General,
General Staff,
Australian and New Zealand Army Corps.

*Memo to Bde Comdr
14/7/15*



Headquarters, 1st Australian Division
14th July, 1915.

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Officer Commanding

3 Inf. Brigades and 2nd L.H.Bde. & Dwt. Art

Night firing.

1. - Most of the heavy firing last night came from the enemy. It is our present object to induce the enemy to expend ammunition; when this is achieved a limited outlay is well justified.

Care must be taken, however, against the development of habits of unaimed and uncontrolled fire at night.

Hostile artillery bombardment.

2. - Heavy shelling of trenches by artillery is a feature of present day warfare. In France at times 1,000 shells have fallen on limited frontages of trench in a few minutes.

The enemy takes every care to conceal his guns as far as possible and it is always difficult to locate a hostile gun. *Our guns however always seek every opportunity to assist their comrades in the trenches*

The trenches will often be subjected to heavy artillery fire and it will not always be feasible to vacate them even temporarily.

Local commanders must make all possible arrangements to reduce casualties. In doing so they should be guided by the following considerations :-

(a) The enemy does not attack until the bombardment is finished, and there is generally no need to keep a large number of men in the actual fire trench provided the front is well observed.

(b) The bombardment has been very local as a rule. Co-operation in and between sections may sometimes permit the fire trenches to be almost entirely evacuated, the cross fire from other parts of the line giving protection.

(c) It may be possible to pass men along the fire trenches to a flank into the trenches of the next unit if the bombardment is sufficiently local.

Unit commanders must take action to familiarise themselves with the position of the units on both flanks and with the capabilities of the positions of flanking units for mutual fire support. They must then decide the extent to which it is possible to move their men from the trenches, and where they can be best placed during a bombardment.

Adequate and prompt arrangements must be made for the re-occupation of trenches as soon as the bombardment ceases.

CW7
Lieut.-Colonel.
General Staff.

1st Australian Division.

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SPECIAL ARMY CORPS ORDER.

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Anzac Cove,
14th July 1915.

On the evening of July 11th, we were told that as the 8th Army Corps were to make an attack in the South we were to act so as to prevent reinforcements going there from in front of us.

A demonstration was ordered with much the same idea as on the 28th June, Johnston's Jolly and Lono Pine were bombarded early in the morning and again at 8.15 a.m., when the infantry also took part.

On the right the 2nd Light Horse Brigade (6th and 7th Regiments) passed men over the parapets and down into the gullies and up onto Holly Spur. This was at once seen, as it was intended to be, by the enemy who opened heavy rifle, gun, and machine gun fire on our men, and on the 5th Light Horse from Chatham's Post and the ^{12th} Battalion further up to the North.

It is noticeable that none of our casualties occurred while the men were going over the parapets or down the forward slope. It was later, when the men were lying in the open and were hit by shrapnel, which shows that when we do push forward the faster we rush the enemy's trenches the better in every way.

Further to the North, in No 2 Section, by firing and other means we induced the Turks to mass in the main works, some of them exposing themselves while manning the second lines of trenches. The 2nd Brigade also made a bomb attack on German Officers trench and further to the North our fire had the effect of drawing a lot of fire from the opposite trenches.

This went on till about 10 a.m., after which the enemy's fire slackened and died away about 11 a.m.

The result was most satisfactory for the enemy brought his reserves into the trenches and moved a number of men up from the South of Gaba Topo, thus doing what we set out to make him do.

He also expended a great deal of rifle, and gun ammunition both of which are said to be scarce with him at present.

Askeu Brig-General,
General Staff,
Australian & New Zealand Army Corps.

OPERATION MEMORANDUM No. 22

by

Major-General J.G. Legge, C.M.G.,
Commanding 1st Australian Division.

Divisional Headquarters,
14th July, 1915.

Gas attack.

1. - In continuation of para 1 of Operation Memorandum No. 13, the following instructions upon the methods of dealing with gas attack are issued for guidance :-

(I) (i) Gas attack, as experienced up to date in Europe may take two forms -

- (a) Gas released from retorts - which is the method referred to in G.H.Q. instructions, dated 9th June.
- (b) Gas released from shells fired from mortars or guns. This is the form of attack which reports lead us to believe is the more likely.

(ii) Our action if the enemy employs gas against us is to be considered under the heads :-

- (a) How to deal with the enemy
- (b) How to deal with the gas.

(2) As regards (ii) (a) the employment of gas as an offensive measure is only effective when it results in panic. Forethought and previous preparation will remove any risk of panic.

The general principles upon which the defence should be conducted are :-

- (i) Troops will be kept under cover and nothing will be done to prevent the enemy launching attack - the steps detailed hereafter will be taken to meet it.
- (ii) The word 'GAS' will be passed along the trenches quietly and without panic.
- (iii) Respirators will be issued instantly; notice of gas attack will be given to section and divisional headquarters and the report verified.
- (iv) If gas is local - as for instance when it is released from bombs - troops will be moved away from vicinity of released gas; arrangements will be made in such cases for covering of front by adjacent units.
- (v) Local reserve troops who are in low ground will be moved to adjacent high points. Special orders for this will be necessary. Individual freedom of manoeuvre will not be permitted.
- (vi) Where supports trenches are higher than fire trenches these will be made ready for occupation if fire trenches become temporarily untenable.
- (vii) If the gas arrives in the form of a gas cloud heavy fire and bombing will assist in dispersing it. If however it arrives in shells or bombs the gun or mortar throwing the shells and the shells themselves will be vulnerable to artillery fire. In such a case the nearest artillery officer will be informed promptly and told the direction from which shells are coming. The artillery unit first informed will at once search and sweep the suspected area for the enemy mortar firing bombs. As soon as orders have reached the howitzers, other natures of guns will cease fire and await further opportunities.

These opportunities will be given by the massing of the enemy in his trenches and in the areas generally occupied by his reserves preparatory to the assault with the intention of which he opened his gas attack.

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2.

Enemy reserve positions and approaches to fire trenches will therefore be freely shelled but the fire trenches will be left untouched unless a good human target is presented, so as not to deter the front lines of infantry from exposing themselves. These front lines will however be attacked by hand bombs, Japanese and Garland bombs until the enemy emerges to face our fire.

(3) As regards (ii) (b) (dealing with gas), gas cannot be localized if released from retorts. Gas released from shells which burst outside the trenches will probably not have sufficient volume to surmount our parapets. Gas from shells actually bursting in the trenches will be localized by means of wet blankets stretched across ~~the~~ either end of affected trenches. The blankets may with advantage be wetted with the solution used for portable pump sprays. The gas can then be dispersed by using the sprays already on issue.

Standing
to arms

2. - The hour for standing to arms will be changed from 3.30 am to 4.30 am, commencing from July 16th

C. B. B. WHITE Lt Colonel
General Staff
1st Australian Division



Summary - 6 a.m. 14th July to 6 a.m. 15th July

The 3rd Infantry Brigade tried by a simple ruse to draw fire but failed, the enemy showing much more self-control than previously. During the night the enemy threw some bombs towards our new works on HOLLY RIDGE.

In the northern portion of this section the enemy again concentrated a good deal of artillery fire and caused some damage to our parapets. As far as possible the damage done has been repaired but the dearth of sandbags makes this difficult.

During the night the enemy carried on a desultory rifle practice only.

We have not yet been able to unlid our new trenches in this section, there being ~~absolutely~~ no sandbags available.

Three rounds were fired at a new observation station in 212 G.9 H.7. The last round was a direct hit and all enemy firing in the southern zone ceased.

At 1515 a party of enemy was observed in square 224 Y.4 improving works - three effective rounds from HUGHES'S battery caused all work and movement to cease.

At 1830 the enemy gun near THE SANDPIT opened fire and was engaged by CADDY'S and BROWNE'S batteries; subsequently the 5-inch howitzers were switched on. The blast from the gun was very plain but it is difficult accurately to locate the gun.

Guns on SCRUBBY KNOLL again fired but were not located.

The 6-inch howitzer from the direction of 971 again damaged our trenches but its exact location cannot be determined.

Twenty-six rounds of 18-pr. ammunition are reported to have been damaged by gun fire on the beach yesterday morning.

Casualties				Officers	Other ranks	Animals
Killed	..	..	..	3	...
Wounded	..	..	1	41	...
Sick	..	..	10	61	...

Ammunition expended	.. 6-inch howitzer	5-inch howitzer	Japanese mortar
	Nil	8 rounds	Nil.

CW7
Lieut.-Colonel.

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TO 1st Inf Div

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1st 857	15th		

Enemy quiet during day and there were occasional heavy bursts of firing during night and patrol from Chatham's post moved out about 250 yards direction Balkan Gun pits and found that a Turkish patrol of 30 were extended from top of ridge to seashore and patrol withdrew and evening after firing for some time retired and casualties for 24 hours fire

W 15/7

FROM 2nd Lt. H. Roe
 PLACE & TIME 0618

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K. A. 706	15th		

Southern No 2 section and First Battr situation unchanged second Battr report enemy guns fired less steadily than for some time past and Third Battr situation unchanged and Fourth Battr C Coy has relieved A Coy and Enemy in 10 played on new and old firing line at intervals throughout night but without effect and nothing of any importance to report.

W 15/7

FROM 1st Inf Bde
 PLACE & TIME 0634

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TO *Just Div*

Sender's Number <i>KB 927</i>	Day of Month <i>fifteenth</i>	In reply to Number	AAA
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*morning report begins a a a
 Intelligence report of last night
 covers till 2130 a a a Repairs to
 trenches made good as much as
 possible during the night 500
 sandbags being obtained from
 3rd Bde a a a During night enemy
 stray firing fairly constant a a a
 otherwise quiet night a a a Casualties
 3 Killed 21 wounded 3 suffering
 from shock a a a Ammunition expended
 303 1710 rounds. Garland 6
 Hand grenades 6 a a a Casualties
 in yesterday morning's report should
 be 13 killed 33 wounded.*

FROM *2nd Inf Bde*
 PLACE & TIME *1630*

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TO *ans Div*

Sender's Number <i>KC 970</i>	Day of Month <i>15th</i>	In reply to Number	AAA
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*Last night mine failed as
 reported being between 0100 and 0230
 several bombs were thrown at
 Holly Ridge works by enemy
 followed by bursts of rifle fire
 casualties killed six ammunition
 600 rounds.*

FROM *3rd Inf Bde*
 PLACE & TIME *1645*

Transport Animals

Casualties to

0800 15/7/15

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Appendix No. 1.
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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

Artillery Daily Report.

15.7.15

No 1 Section

- 1 At 0755 OLIVE GROVE right and left sections opened fire on the beach and shipping. BURGESS Battery engaged them and fired 3 rounds, enemy ceased fire.
- 2 At the same time a working party appeared west of KABA TEPE ruins - were engaged by JOPPS Battery and disappeared
- 3 At 0940 Right section OLIVE GROVE opened fire and was engaged by JOPPS Battery. 10 rounds were fired, enemy ceased fire.
- 4 Three rounds were fired at a new observing station in sq. 212 G 9 H 7 - The last round was a direct hit and all enemy firing in southern zone ceased.
- 5 At 1515 a party of enemy was observed in sq. 224 Y 4 improving works - 3 effective rounds from HUGHES Battery caused all work and movement to cease.
- 6 At 1730 a party of enemy was observed working in the immediate North of BOWLING GREEN s2 212 I 7; HUGHES Battery fired 3 rounds, movement ceased.

No 2 Section.

- 7 At 0900 guns at C opened fire and were immediately engaged by PHILLIPS CADDYS and BROWNES Batteries with a few rounds of gun fire; one more round was fired from C but they did not fire again all day
- 8 At 1830 gun near SAND PIT opened fire and was engaged by CADDY and BROWNES Batteries, a few rounds searching were fired, and then the 5" Howitzers were switched on; 18 prs ceased, enemy gun also ceased fire. The blast from this gun was very plain but it is very difficult to accurately place the gun.
- 9 Guns on SCRUBBY KNOLL also fired a few rounds but were not located.
- 10 Two guns were firing, apparently from East of MORTAR RIDGE. One of these guns is stated to have been located by Major McNaughton, 4th Battalion from a position near JOHNSTONES JOLLY and a careful watch will be kept from there.
- 11 6" Howitzer again damaged our trenches and caused casualties but it is still not located though the direction is known to be from 971. ~~26 rounds 18 pr. were damaged by gun fire on the beach this morning.~~
- 12 26 rounds 18 pr. were damaged by gun fire on the beach this morning.
- 13 Ammunition expended 18 pr 69 rds 5" 8 rds 6" nil.
- 14 Killed nil.

J. J. Hobbs
Colonel.
Commanding Artillery 1st Aust. Div.

(W 15/7)

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Daily Report YIMA 1000

15th July 281

14-4-15

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See at 224 M 8/9 (Capt Salvin) 1300-5 PS at working party in trench - 192° mag - AS 2° 35' def - 1400x. work stopped -

See at 224 M 4/5 (Capt Trenchard) 1450/5 half - changes into valleys bearing 54° - 58° Sweeping - very good low bursts true Range 2100/Range on gun 3300/Type 14/1510/2 rounds at 9.50 in ALPHONSO - 1900x/59° mag/P.8 not effective - no casualties

See at 224 M 9, at 2200 on 13 4-15 Capt Hoskyn fired 3 star shell in direction of GERMAN OFFICERS TRENCH. was relieved by Capt Thom 1400.

Am Expended

Shrapnel	Common	Star	Total	Casualties
13	-	3	15	nil

JTB
15.VII.15

15/7/15

Summary of events from 6 a.m. 14th July to 6 a.m. 15th July, 1915.

NO. 3 SECTION.

About 11 a.m. COURTNEY'S was again shelled by 6" gun from the direction of BATTLESHIP HILL or the Southern slopes of 971. One shot landed inside the Post and did considerable damage to the work, but without causing any casualties.

At 3 p.m. Mountain Gun on the MORTAR RIDGE also shelled this Post, and the 6" gun again opened, causing considerable damage to the trenches on the right of COURTNEY'S. No casualties, however, occurred, as the troops were completely withdrawn from the right of the Post.

Lateral tunnels off the main mine tunnels, to act as cover against big shells, have been commenced in COURTNEY'S.

Turks were reported last night as carrying timber into the GERMAN OFFICERS' TRENCH.

It is reported this morning from COURTNEY'S that the two front fire trenches can now be manned. Nearly all the debris has been cleared from the support trench.

There was rather more rifle fire than usual from the enemy during the night.

NO. 4 SECTION.

A quiet day: very little shelling; but during the afternoon there was a great deal of sniping along the Beach from the rough country North of WALKER'S RIDGE.

Bayonets were seen moving in the trenches opposite the NEK between 9 and 10 p.m. last night. This has not been seen for some weeks, and tends to prove the theory that new companies are now in occupation of the NEK trenches.

There were again indications of nervousness on the part of the enemy during the night, as, directly a bomb was thrown, the whole of the enemy trenches at the NEK, and on the slopes of BABY 700 instantly opened fire.

A party was sent out last night to endeavour to capture the snipers who were sniping the Beach yesterday afternoon.

ARTILLERY.

The 1st Battery fired at the trenches and barbed wire entanglements on LONESOME RINE, and devoted particular attention to the enemy's second trench from the front at the request of the O.C. 2nd Section. Thirty-four rounds were fired.

At 1000 the Howitzer Battery, at the request of the O.C. 3rd Section, fired a series at the "U" trench opposite RUSSELL'S TOR. The series was not a good one. The laying was carefully checked, and yet there was sometimes as much as 100 yards difference between the fall of shell at the same elevation. This cannot entirely be put down to gusty wind, and is probably mainly due to an observed difference in the weight of the shell, which sometimes vary in weight by as much as 17 ozs. ~~It XXXX XXXXXX~~

It has been arranged for the shell to be weighed and grouped.

At 1130 one effective round was fired at MORTAR RIDGE.

At 1255 an effort was made to silence the enemy's heavy gun which was doing considerable damage to COURTNEY'S POST.

The position of the enemy is not known at all definitely, but the valley at TARGET C was searched in hopes of stopping his fire. However, after two rounds were fired, the enemy ceased, probably of his own accord.

At 1305 a new gun emplacement on MORTAR RIDGE was registered in 5 rounds, two of which were effective.

At 1900 the 75 mm gun was engaged. Five rounds were fired and were reported effective.

Japanese Motar.	No. of rounds fired	-	Nil.
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CASUALTIES.Killed.

Officers	Nil.
Other Ranks	1.

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15/7/15.

Wounded.

Officers
Other Ranks

1.
5.

Missing.

Nil.

Sick evacuated
to ship.

Officers
Other Ranks

3.
42.

Casualties among animals - Nil.

(sd) Asthoden

Major-General.

Anzac Cove,

Commanding N.Z. & A. Division.

15th July, 1915.

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fifteenth

AAA

2nd Lt H Bde have one attached regiment
waiting and while this is so please confer
with him regarding medical assistance
and perhaps you could hold half
your reserve be available to
reinforce 2nd Lt H Bde if necessary
arose
Phineas Col Ryprie
15/7/15

From

Place

Time

The above may be forwarded as now corrected.

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Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.

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yes this can be arranged
15/7/15

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TRENCH WORKS.

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Section	Unit	Work	Length and date (6 p.m.)						
			9.7.15	10.7.15	11.7.15	12.7.15	13.7.15	14.7.15	15.7.15
Southern No 1	5 th L. H.	Improving existing works.							
	6 th L. H.	HOLLY SPUR TRENCH RIGHT CONTINUATION COMM TRENCH backward Sap D	300'	Deepening Comm. Tr. from gully 150' now open	New 50'	deepening 40'	deepening 90'	5 new saps starting 100'	— do 11.0' complete
		Tunnel to HOLLY R between Saps C & C1	135'	150'	180'	200'	228'	completed	
		Sap Z	54'	66'	121' (open)	140'	176'	221'	235' complete
		Sap A L. T head	136'	136'					
			54'	54'					
	7 th L. H.	Forward from Sap No 1 HOLLY SPUR	78' 9"	86'	120'	125'	128'	} Joining by T heads	No 1 48' 47' 6" 2 30' 6" 23' 3 20' 6" 25' 4 17' 15" 5 — —
		2	94'	100'	130'	130'	153'		
		3	79'	88'	121'	135'	21'		
		4	85'	93'	120'	128'	23'		
		5	89' 6"	90'	125'	130'	142'		
		New Reserve's Trench					148'	60'	deepening 200'
							35'		

TRENCH WORKS.

Section	Unit	Work	Length and date 6 p.m.						
			9.7.15	10.7.15	11.7.15	12.7.15	13.7.15	14.7.15	15.7.15
Northern No 1	12 th B ⁿ	TASMANIA POST Sap No 1	Finished #	New Bomb 1A 22'6"	complete	—	—	—	—
		2	HOLES 1B 9'	complete	27'	30'	out		
		3	2A 21'6"	complete					
		4	4B 26'	complete					
		5	Counter mine in Holes 24'	complete					
		6							
		MG Sap 1	21'	215'6"	complete	34'	38'	out	
		2	17'	17'		29'	30'6"	43'	
		(Wing 1/15)				35'	36'	42'6"	
		Clay S. (New) Sap 3A	—	1'1"	11'9"	21'6"	23'9"	27'	35'6"
C. Coy N (do) do 3B	30'	1'6"	14'	20'6"	29'	30'	37'		
9 th B ⁿ	9 th B ⁿ	Bomb Tunnels 2	27' (7'3" elbow)	finished					
		3	27' (7'3" elbow)						
		4	30' (8'3")						
		Sap Y	19'	—					
		L 10' (bomb hole)	—	—					
		BOULDER DUMP Saps B1, B2, B3, B4, B5, B6	All out and ready to break out	Bomb holes commencing					
		Bomb holes - under construction							
		TURKEY KNOLL B2	L 49'	49'	joined by	54'9"	56'	joined up	40 complete recesses
		R 35'9"	41'3"	48'					
		11 th B ⁿ	11 th B ⁿ	B1	L 15'3"	19'3"	21'	21'	L 13'

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TRENCH WORKS.

Section	Unit	Work	9.7.15	10.7.15	11.7.15	12.7.15	13.7.15	14.7.15	15.7.15		
Southern No 2	2 nd Btn	B 19 (East branch)	51'	53'	suspended						
		B 21	48'6"	81'6"	86'6"	90'6"	94'6"	98'6"	suspended		
		B 27	31'6"	32'	36'6"	39'6"	44'6"	49'6"	52'6"		
		off B 5 - B 36	31'6"	32'	36'6"	39'6"	44'6"	49'6"	52'6"		
		B 28	31'6"	33'6"	38'	41'	44'6"	48'6"	52'		
		B 26	18'6"	22'	28'	33'3"	37'3"	39'3"	suspended		
		B 29	11'6"	14'	19'6"	24'	28'6"	32'6"	36'6"		
		(Recommenced) B 8	-	-	68'4"	73'10"	82'4"	91'4"	suspended		
		(Recommenced) C 1	-	-	98'6"	100'	102'6"	106'	suspended		
		3 rd Btn									
	4 th Btn		B 31						5'10"	7'	
			C 3 New Tunnel	12'6"	exploded						
			C 4	137'6"	140'	143'	144'	146'6"	149'	152'	
			C 22	17'6"	19'6"	23'6"	32'	32'	33'	36'	
			C 23	18'6"	21'6"	26'	28'6"	32'	suspended	suspended	
			C 24	48'6"	53'2"	59'9"	66'3"	suspended	67'9"	suspended	
			C 25	9'6"	12'6"	19'	20'6"	25'	29'6"	33'6"	
			off C 18.								
			C 26		17'	20'	24'	27'6"	30'6"	33'	
		C 27					7'	11'6"	13'6"		
C 28					6'	9'	10'				
C 29						10'	12'				

TRENCH WORKS.

Section	Unit	Work	Length	and	date	(Lpm)			
			9.7.15	10.7.15	11.7.15	12.7.15	13.7.15	14.7.15	15.7.15
Northern No2	6 th & 7 th Bns	D 1 A	44'6"	49'6"	54'9"	59'9"	63'2"		
		D 3	28'	33'6"	39'8"	45'2"	48'10"		
		D 21							
		(Off Drive at 60')	L 62'6"	63'6"	} complete				
			R 20'	27'					
		D 9 B Drive	33'	35'	38'		39'6"	41-	48'
		L	24'6"	24'6"	24'6"				
		R	25'6"	25'6"	25'6"				
		D 3 A							
		Bearing 165°	24'2"	36'6"	43'6"	55'4"	61'		
		Observation	D 21 A		14'	-		13'6"	24'6"
		Posts	(D 21 B)		7'	-		13'6"	23'6"
		D 24			6'6"	10'-	14'4"	16'9"	21'7"
		Left D 25			6'9"	11'-	15'	20'3"	24'3"
	5 th Bns								

5th Bn

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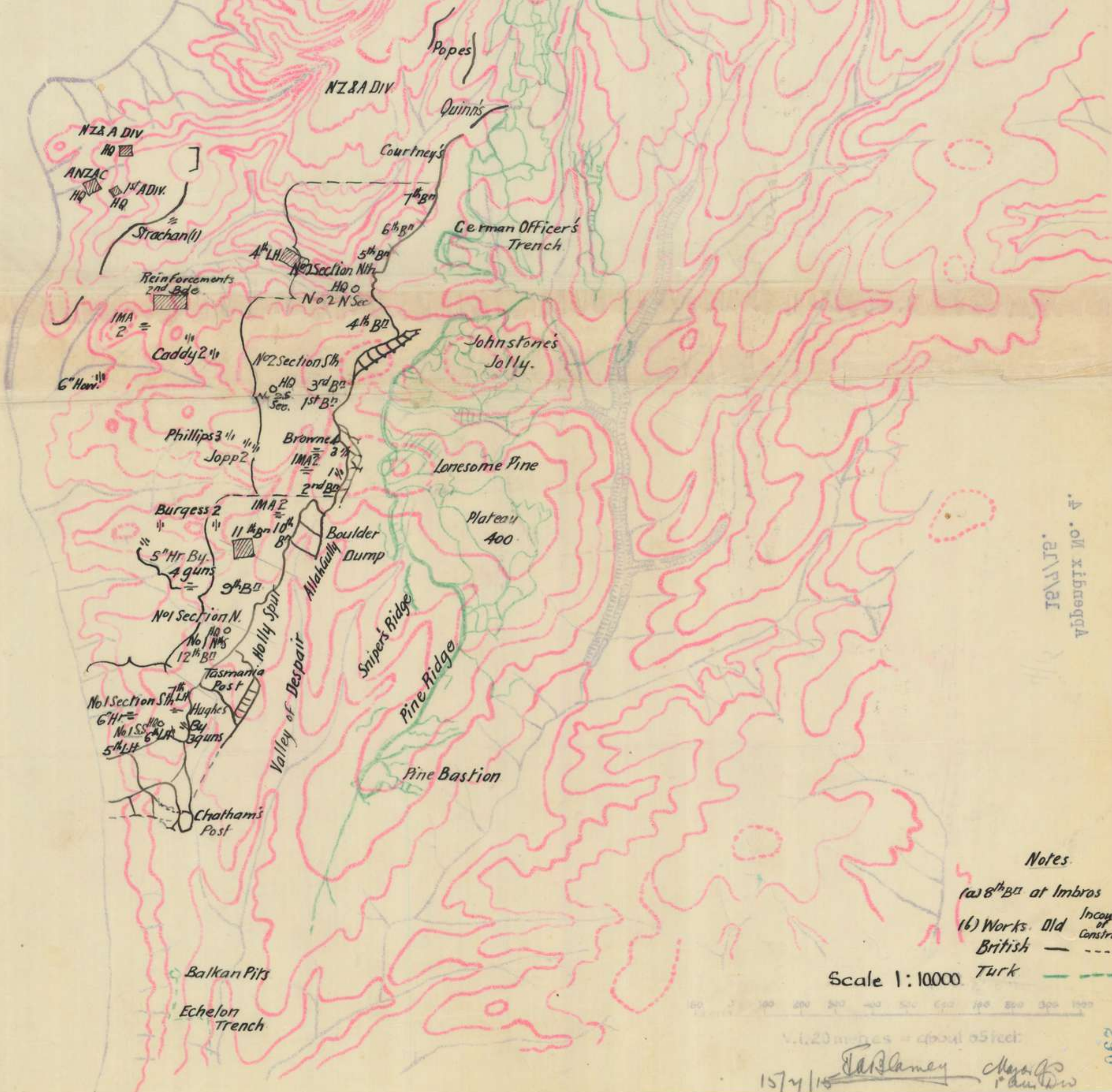
Maps of Situation

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MAP OF THE SITUATION

1ST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

15.7.15



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Notes

- (a) 8th Bn at Imbras
- (b) Works. Old In course of Construction
- British —
- Turk - - -

Scale 1:10000

1:20 inches = about 5 feet

15/7/15 J. Blamey Chas. G. ...

MAP OF THE SITUATION
1ST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.



True Meridian

SOUTHERN No 1
Formation ———
Works in Progress - - -
Proposed - - -
Enemy ———

Enemy are
working here at
odd intervals

Balkan Pits

New Comm.

Echelon
Trenches

Charham's
Post

5th L.H.R.

Hughes
& Batty

6th L.H.

Holly Spur

Valley of Despair

Sniper's Ridge

Pine Ridge

Pine
Bastion

New
Work

Boomerang
Trench

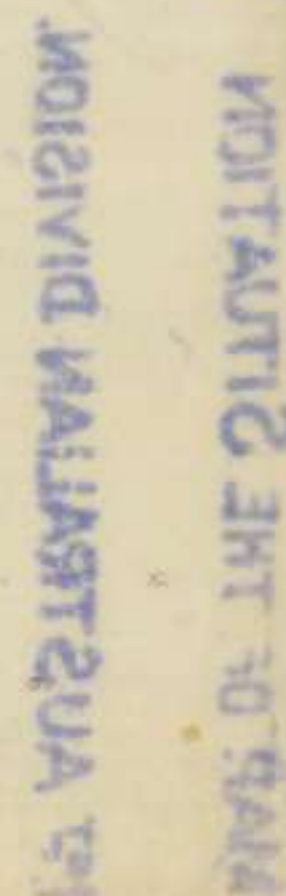
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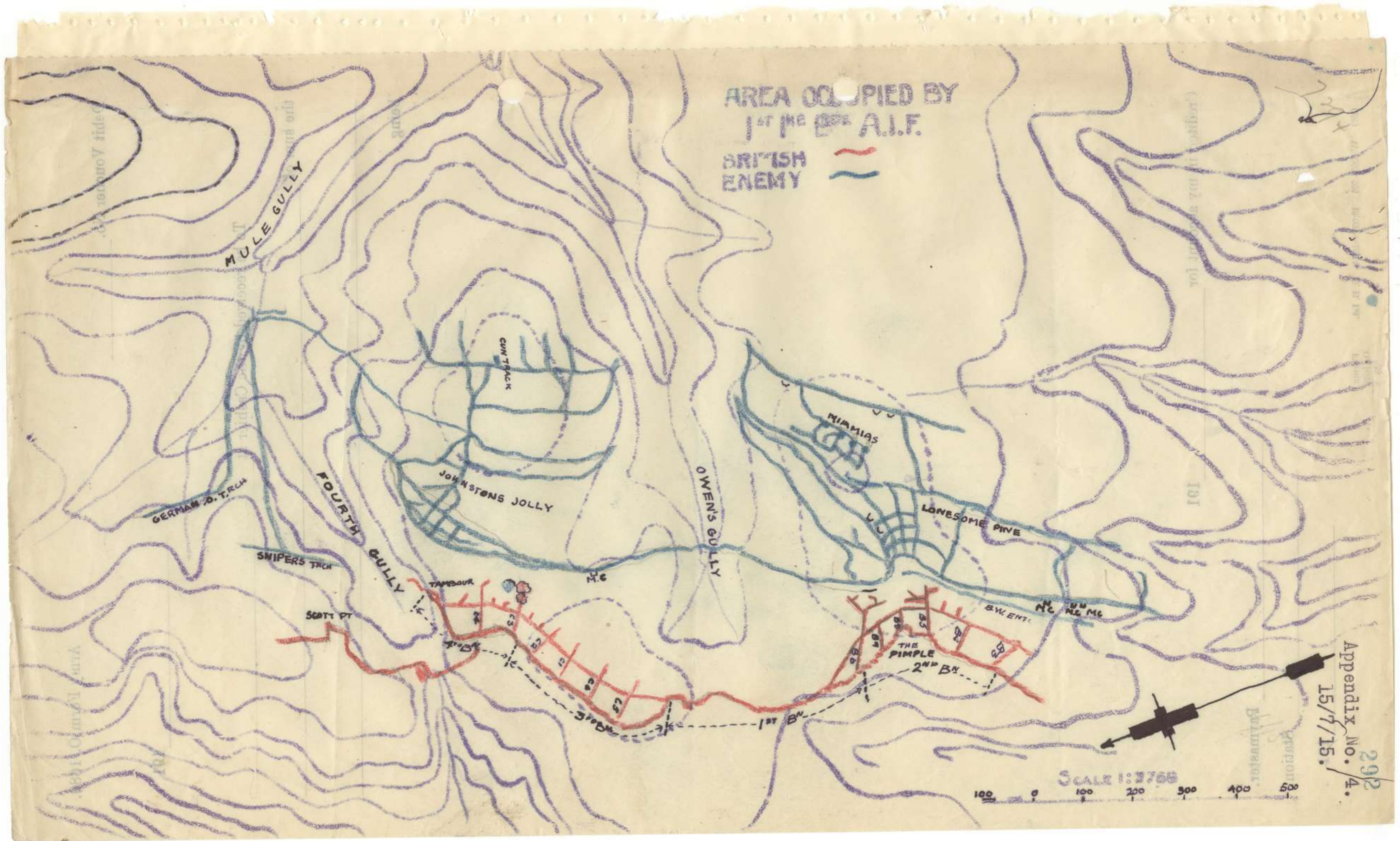


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BRITISH ENEMY

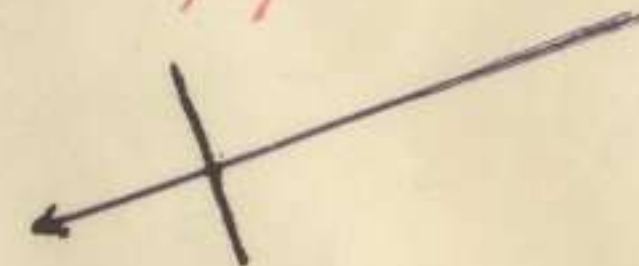
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1ST INF BDE A.I.F.

BRITISH —
ENEMY —

15/7/15.



MULE VALLEY

SUN TRACK

JOHNSTONES JOLLY

WIRE CULLY

MIAMIS

LONESOME PINE

WIRE CULLY

SCOTT'S

D.W.

3. BN

B 23

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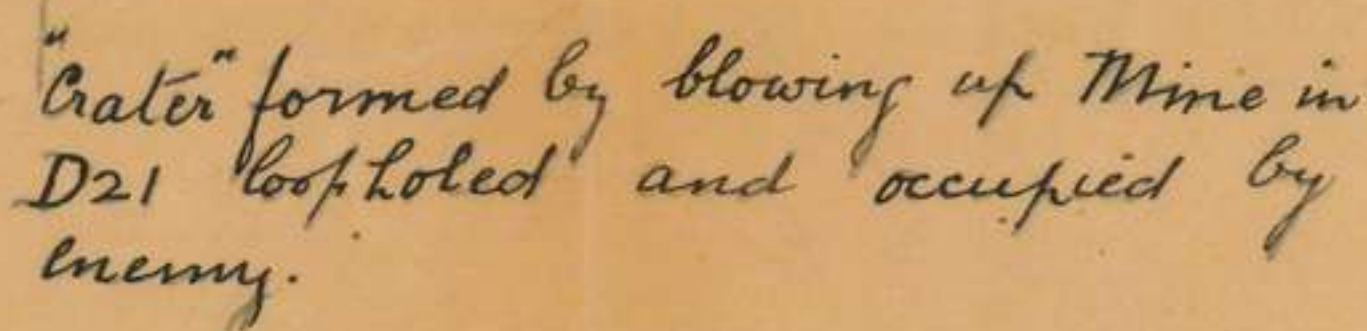
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1st AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Summary - 6 a.m. 15th July to 6 a.m. 16th July.

No. I. Section .. Quiet during the day. On the extreme right the enemy still appear to be apprehensive of attack at night. A light horse patrol encountered enemy patrol and exchanged shots but withdrew safely.

The enemy threw bombs into the new trenches on HOLLY RIDGE during the night.

No. II. Section .. SOUTHERN. During the day the enemy opened fire on our parapets and traversed them steadily for some time with a machine gun. The night was quiet and there is nothing of any importance to report. The 4th Battalion state that they heard the enemy singing last night, the sound ~~xxx~~ of the voices coming from the direction of MORTAR RIDGE.

NORTHERN. Our trenches were a good deal damaged again by fire from the direction of SCRUBBY KNOLL and again by the howitzer near TURKS HUMP. During the night we repaired most of our damage.

A patrol sent out during the night did not meet any enemy and returned without having met with anything special to report.

There was a normal volume of enemy fire during the night.

Artillery .. At 1630 the WINEGLASS battery opened fire on our right flank from a new position but flashes were visible and the gun ceased fire after BURGESS'S battery had fired 12 rounds. An hour later this gun opened again and it took 9 rounds from BURGESS'S battery to silence it.

At 1700 HUGHES'S battery fired 2 effective rounds at a working party on ridge about 60 yards north of TWIN TRENCHES.

At 1700 in conjunction with the New Zealand artillery HUGHES'S battery fired at the trenches and wire entanglements on the southern slopes of LONESOME PINE. One of our guns came under the enemy's machine gun fire during this series, and TASMANIA POST was fired at from the direction of LONESOME PINE but the gun could not be located nor discharge heard.

Our 5-inch howitzers engaged the enemy's 6-inch howitzers during the evening and also searched the valley with a few rounds, which it is believed were well placed.

During the day the enemy's gun fire was less violent than it has been for some time but concealed guns fired from THE SANDPIT, and two or three others fired which have not yet been located.

5-inch howitzer battery, R.F.A., landed and moved to CLARKE VALLEY, less one sub-section which was landed too late to move.

			Officers	Other ranks	Animals
Casualties	..	Killed	..	..	..
		Wounded	..	32	..
		Sick	..	47	..
Ammunition expended	..	6-inch howitzer	5-inch howitzer	Japanese mortar	
		Nil	8 rounds	Nil	

Lieut.-Colonel.

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TO 1st Aust Bde

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Quiet during day aad at night enemy appeared to be simply and in air tained steady fire all night aad patrol moved out 150 yards from CHATHAMS POST exchanged shots with enemy scouts direction BAKKAN GUN PITS aad batteries for 24 hours

W 16/7

FROM 2nd Lt Bde
 PLACE & TIME 0620

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TO Aust Div

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Southern No 2 section aad second Bn report enemy in G opened on our parapet at 2320 and traversed up and down for more than five minutes without stopping aad fourth Bn reports singing heard from Mortar Ridge last night aad there is nothing special to report otherwise aad the work of recessing and deepening tunnels proceeds rapidly, aad fourth Bn have partially opened up new firing line also third Bn have opened up right flank of

FROM
 PLACE & TIME

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"C" Form (Duplicate). Army Form C. 2123.
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS. No. of Message.....

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TO (2)

Sender's Number Day of Month In reply to Number **AAA**

Action all B tunnels shines
 be ready for opening up
 by 19th if no unforeseen
 delays occur.

FROM Just Inf Bde 0645
 PLACE & TIME

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TO And Div

Sender's Number Day of Month In reply to Number **AAA**

morning report begins out action
 during day sniping repairs to
 damaged trenches aaaa enemy action
 at 1630 gun direction Semblly
 Knoll fired seven H.E shells
 gun position not observed aaaa
 Damage done to trenches and
 several men buried and wounded
 aaaa smoke from fire observed
 in valley rear German officers
 trench near junction with Barburic
 gully aaaa at 1935 enemy
 howitzer Turks Hamp position 50
 yards to Right of former
 position fired six rounds doing
 damage to out communication

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Tranches aaaa Day action during
 night repairs and sniping no
 enemy movement observed aaaa
 patrols sent out by Right
 Subsection about 2330 returned
 0330 aaaa Reported all quiet
 aaaa Enemy action usual night
 firing usual volume aaaa
 Casualties 12 wounded 7 shock
 total 19 aaaa ammunition
 expended 303 1345 bombs Jarland
 5 Japanese nil hand grenades
 11 report ends

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Last night 12th Bn exchanged
 bombs with enemy in front of
 HOLLY RIDGE 10th Bn patrol brought
 in dead Turk shot 20 yards
 in front details later enemy
 fired several bursts after
 2400 aaaa works progressed
 aaaa Casualties killed nil
 Ammunition 350 rounds

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12/20/15

Transport Animals

Casualties to

0800 16/7

Nil Killed

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION 16/7/15.

Artillery Daily Report.

16.7.15

No 1 Section

- 1 Very quiet until 1630 WINEGLASS Battery opened fire on right ~~section~~ flank between HUGHES and BROWNES Batteries from a new position, but flashes were visible and guns ceased fire after BURGESS had fired 12 rounds.
- 2 At 1722 one gun WINEGLASS again opened fire but stopped after 9 rounds from BURGESS Battery
- 3 At 1700 HUGHES Battery fired two effective rounds on working party on ridge about 60 yds N of TWIN TRENCHES.
- 4 At 1700 in conjunction with N. Z. Artillery HUGHES Battery fired 15 rounds at trenches and wire entanglements on southern slope LONESOME PINE & the series was fired in two parts an interval being made after the 6th round as the gun firing came under machine gun fire, one man was ~~wounded~~ wounded.
- 5 During this series TASMANIA POST came under fire from direction LONESOME PINE RIDGE but gun could not be located or discharge heard.

No 2 Section

- 6 At 1000 CADDYS Battery fired 13 rounds at gun west of SAND PIT which had opened fire, enemy gun ceased fire. This gun opened again shortly afterwards and was engaged by BROWNES Battery which fired 16 rounds before enemy gun ceased fire. BROWNES Battery also fired 11 rounds at SAND PIT.
- 7 At 1600 GUN WEST of SAND PIT opened fire and was engaged by CADDYS Battery which stopped, however, as 5" howitzers were switched on and searched the position.
- 8 At 1945 6" Howitzer again fired on TURKS HUMP and damaged our trenches - 5" Howitzers promptly engaged this gun and searched the valley with a few rounds which appeared well placed.
- 9 During the day there was less enemy artillery fire than for some days but concealed guns fired from SAND PIT group, a concealed 75mm unlocated and a concealed 15 pr (?) and 12 pr (?). The latter evidently firing at extreme range.
- 10 5" Howitzer Battery R.F.A. landed and moved to CLARKE VALLEY less one subsection landed too late to move in ~~darkness~~ darkness.
- 12 Ammunition expended 18 pr 70 tds 5" 8 rds 6" nil.
- 13 Killed nil

J. J. Hobbs
Colonel.
Comdg. Art. 1st Aust. Div.

W 16/7

Daily Operations
41 MAR 1915

15th July 1915

21 KMPS Sec in Sq 224 M/9 (Capt J. H. Thom)

1100 Fired on machine gun emplacement indicated by Lt Rossiter
Range 1525^x 150 mag 5 P.S 10 CS no direct hit

1820 7 P.S at "U" trench in front of Walkers Ridge - Indifferent
Success Range 1445^x 140 mag

Other 2 Sections — nil —

Amm Ex expended

23 rounds

Casualties

— nil —

WJ To The Staff Capt
16/7 Aus Div

R. A.
Capt R. A.
Adjutant 7th Ind. M^{td} Arty. Brigade

NEW ZEALAND AND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION. Appendix No. 1.

Summary of Events from 6 a.m. 13th July, to 6 a.m. 14th July, 1915. 16/7/15.

NO. 3 SECTION.

Nothing unusual happened till about 5 p.m. when COURTNEY'S POST was severely shelled from the direction of 971 by a 5.7" gun.

The forward fire trenches were very little damaged, but the support trenches and communication saps suffered more heavily. 7 men were killed and 15 wounded; some of these casualties occurred in the support trenches, to which men from the fire trenches had been removed. Steps have been taken to render the support trenches at COURTNEY'S as bomb-proof as possible.

On inspection this morning it was found that the communication trenches had all been cleaned up as far as circumstances would permit. There is still a good deal of work to be done, and many more sandbags are required before the damage is fully repaired. The Turks are busy repairing GERMANN OFFICERS' TRENCH, and have made great headway during the night.

During the burst of fire last night there appeared to be more rifles than usual in the enemy's firing line in front of FORB'S left, and their machine guns on the flanks were constantly employed. No movement of the enemy was observed.

NO. 4 SECTION.

There was very little firing on the trenches all day, either from artillery, rifles, or machine guns, but the Australian gun dropped a few shells at the foot of RIDGEMAN'S RAMPART intermittently during the afternoon. From 8.30 p.m. onwards throughout the night, the enemy kept up sharp bursts of rifle fire, showing great uneasiness. The NEK trenches were fully manned and possibly by fresh troops.

ARTILLERY.

The howitzer Battery fired at the 75 mm gun at 1050, 1555, and 1845. Two rounds were fired on the first occasion, and three on each of the others. The enemy ceased his fire each time. DEAD MAN'S RIDGE. No direct hit was obtained.

At 1820 TARGET C was engaged and the enemy ceased fire after 6 rounds.

The enemy heavy howitzer which did so much damage to STANLEY'S TRENCHES the day before yesterday, was directed on to COURTNEY'S yesterday and fired about 40 rounds. It is supposed to fire from TOM'S HILL and was engaged by the Australian Field Batteries and 5" howitzers.

Japanese Mortar. - No. of rounds fired - 5.

CASUALTIES.Killed.

Officers	Nil.
Other Ranks	7.

Wounded.

Officers	Nil.
Other Ranks	22.

Missing.

Nil.

Sick evacuated

to Ship.	Officers	4.
	Other Ranks	54.

Casualties among animals - Nil.

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(Sd) A. S. Eosler

Major-General
Commanding N.Z. & A. Division.

Summary of events from 6 a.m. 15th July to 6 a.m. 16th July, 1915.

NO. 3 SECTION.

Repairs to the trenches and work on the tunnel shelters in COURTNEY'S Post progressed throughout the day.

At 7.30 p.m. the O.C. COURTNEY'S reported having heard sounds of the enemy working underground at some distance from our mines. Nothing, however, has been heard since.

The enemy 5.7" gun again opened fire at about 7.30 p.m., but the shots all fell apparently into STEELE'S Post. The men were withdrawn from the right of COURTNEY'S.

At about 9 p.m. a Turkish bomb apparently thrown from a mortar, landed on the left of FORB'S, but did not explode.

During the night there have been several bursts of rifle fire. Heavy bombing took place at GULNN'S between 5.30 and 6.30 a.m. this morning.

NO. 4 SECTION.

A quiet day. During the last two nights several old trenches on SNIPER'S RIDGE and on MCDODENDRON SPUR have evidently been deepened and shrubs replanted about them.

During the morning the enemy were reported to be picking within a few feet of the "A 1" tunnel in No. 2 Sap. A charge of ammonal was prepared and was fired at 6 p.m. The result cannot yet be ascertained, as Lieut. Black, Field Troop, N.Z. Engineers, went into the tunnel to reconnoitre at 10 p.m., but was so overcome by the fumes, that he had to be carried out to the dressing station. He is, however, all right.

At 7 p.m. a gun from about the Chocolate Hills shelled our support trenches at the North West of RUSSELL'S TOR, somewhat damaging the parapets, but only causing two casualties.

During last night the acetylene lamp was installed near the BULLY BEEF track; this lamp will light up the front of our position across part of the NEK.

With the exception of several bursts of rifle fire drawn by throwing bombs at the NEK trenches, the night passed quietly on RUSSELL'S TOR. At 1 a.m. Nos 1 and 2 Outposts on the left were subjected to rifle fire from the Turks from the direction of OVERTON'S GULLY.

Japanese mortar. No. of bombs fired - Nil.

CASUALTIES.Killed.

Officers	1 (Capt. Campbell, Medical Officer, 3rd Light Horse Bde, died of wounds).
Other Ranks	Nil.

Wounded.

Officers	Nil.
Other Ranks	15.

Missing.

Nil.

Sick evacuated to ship.

Officers	1.
Other Ranks	50.

Casualties among animals

Nil.

nzac Cove,
16th July, 1915.

Major-General
Commanding N.Z. & A. Div.

16th July
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Headquarters, 1st Australian Division,
17th July, 1915.

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Officer Commanding

3 Inf. Bdes. and 2nd L.H.Bde.

Units sent to IMBROS for rest and refitting will be instructed to take advantage of the opportunity while there of practising night movement and night attacks on the hillsides. Work should be discontinued during the day to enable this to be done. This will help troops to prepare for duty which may be required of them in future.

CRB White

Lieut.-Colonel.
General Staff.
1st Australian Division.

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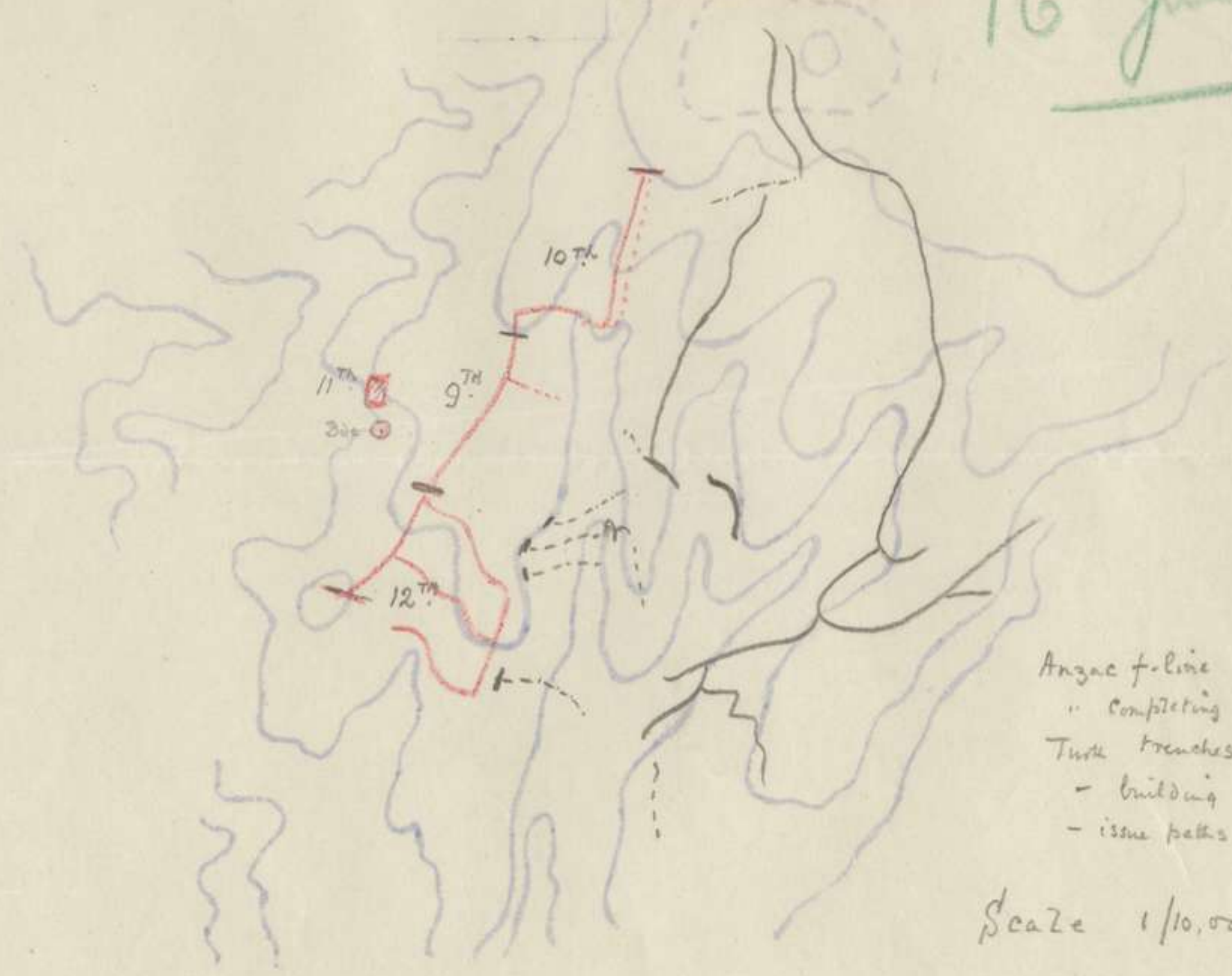
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"3-DAY" SKETCH.

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16 July 15

1st Australian Division



Anzac f-line ———
" completing - - -
Trenches ———
- building - - -
- issue paths . . .

Scale 1/10,000.

G.M. Ross Maj.
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16/17/15.

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Appendix No. 3.
16/7/15.