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1st AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Summary - 6 a.m. 5th August to 6 a.m. 6th August.

No. I. Section .. SOUTH. Very quiet day. We drew heavy fire by a ruse and it was repeated at intervals during the night. Excellent shooting was done by the Navy on HARRIS RIDGE and TWIN TRENCHES - the damage done must be considerable. Early this morning heavy artillery and rifle fire were opened on RYRIE'S POST which at the time of the report was co-operating busily with the 3rd Infantry Brigade in holding LEANE'S TRENCH.

NORTH. Very quiet during the day; a good deal of enemy fire during the night. At 0440 enemy attacked LEANE'S TRENCH. At the time of writing morning report a counterattack was being launched (Army Corps since informed that counter-attack retook the trench temporarily captured by a Turkish bombing party).

No. II. Section .. SOUTH. Quiet day and quiet night. Nothing of particular importance to report. The whole of the wire in front of LONE PINE has not been removed by artillery fire, a considerable portion to the south still remaining. The trenches of this section were taken over by the 2nd Infantry Brigade before 1500 yesterday.

NORTH. Relief of Southern No. II Section completed by 1500. COURTMNEY'S POST occupied. Nothing of importance occurred during the day. The enemy in this section, as in No. II Southern, exhibited placards saying that WARSAW had fallen. The front trenches in JOHNSTONE'S JOLEY were full of troops during the day.

Artillery .. At 1400 HUGHES battery fired 7 rounds into communication trench along which troops seemed to be moving between GUN RIDGE and PINE RIDGE BASTION; all were effective.

At 1045 GERMAN OFFICERS TRENCH was shelled with 3 effective rounds from the 4th Bty. Lowland Brigade.

A conference was held at 1200 for the discussion and elucidation of any points arising from the orders regarding the preliminary bombardment mentioned in Operation Order No. 9 issued by G.O.C. 1st Aust. Div.

Casualties .. A.D.M.S. has been asked to supply these direct.

Ammunition expended ..	18-pdr. H.E. ..	11 rds.	6-inch How. //	8 rds.
	18-pdr. shrapnel ..	224 "	5-inch How. ..	104 "
	4.7-inch ..	2 "		

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Colonel
General Staff.
1st Australian Division.

6th August 1915.

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1st Australian Division,
August 6th, 1915.

Record of Sick and Wounded evacuated by 1st Aust.
Casualty Clearing Station and No 4 Field Amb. from
1800 on 5-8-15 to 0600 on 6-8-15.

Officers.

Lient. Green S.	12th Battn.	Asthma
Lient. Cattell J.W.	69th Bde Fd. Art.	Bianchocca

Other Ranks.

1 st Australian Division	Sick	10 (all slight)
" "	wounded	8 (4 slight, 4 minor)

New Zealand and Aust. Divn.	Sick	10 (10 slight.)
" " "	wounded	2 (" 1 serious)

British Forces	Sick	2 (2 slight.)
" "	wounded	2 (" 1 serious)

W51618 Total 34

M.R. House Colonel,
ADM.S., 1st Aust. Division

Artillery Daily Report6-8-159^o I Section

- 1330 Burgess Battery and 5 City of Glasgow Bty engaged the Olive Grove Right Section which was then shelling the beach. After 26 rounds 18 P^r and 7 rounds 5" How^r, ^{it} ceased fire.
- 1400 Hughes Battery fired 7 rounds into communication Trench along which troops seemed to be moving between Gun Ridge and Pine Ridge Bastion, all effective.
- 1621 Olive Grove again opened fire with two guns and were engaged by Burgess Battery. About the same time Topp's Battery fired 10 Shrapnel and 1 H.E. at Enemy Gun in Sq. 68 R 7 causing both enemy batteries to cease fire.
- 1645 The 9 P^r from Sq. 68 B.I. opened fire and ceased after 8 rounds from Hughes Battery.
- 1720 Olive Grove, Wine Glass and another light gun Sq. 68 B.I. was silenced by 8 rounds from Burgess Battery and 7 from Topp's.
- 1755 Two ^{guns} of the Wine Glass Battery opened ^{again} fire.
- 1745 Between 1700 and 1745 9^o I and 2 - 6" How^r fired 8 rounds at the Olive Grove, using Ballistite charges which practically shot up to cordite Range Table. 4.7" also fired 2 rounds at this target to register it.

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- 1815 Two rounds were fired from 2-6" How at the Wine Glass.
- 1045 German Officers Trench was shelled with 30 effective rounds from the 4th Bty Lowland Bde.
- 1200 Sand Pit was registered with 8 rounds and at 1345 the same result obtained on Gun Ridge with 18 rounds 8 of which were blind. The 4th Bty Lowland Bde firing both these series.
- 1330 5th Bty Lowland Bde registered Mortar Ridge in 12 rounds.
- 1415 The same battery registered Baby 400 in 8 rounds.
- 1500 12 rounds were fired at the Olive Grove which were effective, the gun ceasing fire.
- 1715 The Wine Glass and Olive Grove Batteries were engaged with 2 and 14 rounds respectively which silenced hostile fire. All these series were fired by 4th LOWLAND BTY.
- H^o 2 Section
- 1145 Phillips Battery fired 20 rounds at Chessboard Trench in accordance with orders received from Brig. Gen. R.A. Anzac.
- 1045 Caddy's Bty fired 15 rounds Shrapnel 5 rounds H.E. at the Chessboard Trench G.I to C6B also by order of Brig. Gen R.A. Anzac.
- Browne's Battery did not fire.
- 1900 Information was received ^{that the} 21st Mountain Bty. Section under Capt Thom were vacating their gun pits

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These will be used by the Mobile Section

General

1200

A Conference was held for the discussion and elucidation of any points arising from the Orders regarding the preliminary bombardment mentioned in Operation Order N° 9 issued by G.O.C. 1st Aust Div.

Div Art. Headquarters moved from a position in Anzac Gully a site lately occupied by 1st Inf. Brigade.

Ammunition Expended.

18^{PZ} H.E. — 11 Rounds

" Shrapnel — 224 "

5" How — 104 "

4.7" — 2 "

6" How — 8 "

Casualties:- O. O.R.

1 Wounded.

J. G. Hobbs

Brig. General,

Commanding Div. Art. 1st Aust. Div.

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Daily operations & 1 M.A. Bde

5th Augt 1915

21 Kms

Sec in Sq 58 B (Capt C D Rawson)

- 1400 14 P.S + 3 T.S at enemy ~~gun~~^{Gun} in washaway behind Turkish trenches Range 2000' 148° 30' mag. Several rounds appeared effective as did those of 18 ft also falling on it. Gun ceased firing
 1800 2 T.S at aeroplane 2500' 3500' line very good, but bursts low

Sec in Sq 58 B 1 (Capt L B Tyler) nothing to report
 Sec in Sq 80 1/8 (Capt G B B Trenchar) Day spent in completing a mine emplacement

Ammunition Expenditure

14 P.S 5 TS Total 19 rounds

Casualties

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To The Staff Capt
Aust Div

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Capt R. A.

Adjutant 7th Ind. Mth Arty. Brigade

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TO	Aust Divn ya
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* Sender's Number Day of Month In reply to Number AAA

* KQ 665 6th — AAA

24 hours report relief of
Southern go 2 section completed
by 1500 yesterday nothing
of importance during day aaa
Placard exhibited in port of
enemy trenches stating "WARSAW has
fallen" aaa Quiet night except
at about 0445 burst of
enemy rifle fire in No 1
sect Southern go 2 sect aaa
Northern go 2 sect report listeners
in sap 21 a state
enemy very close estimated about
6 feet aaa one of

From _____
Place _____
Time _____

2nd form

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

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TO	_____
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Company bomb throwers held
too long in his hand
and exploded in one
recess in COURTYEYS POST
wounded 4 men aaa
expended 1854 rounds trench
13 Bombs 22 aaa
ammunition mortars
7 men wounded
Casualties

WT 618

From 2nd lf Adr
Place _____
Time 05.50

(1390) Wt. W 9044-1184. 12/14. 40,000 Pds. S. B. Ltd.

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KC			From KC	To _____	68
			By	By	

TO { Ausk Div

Sender's Number	Day of Month	In reply to Number	AAA
* KC 631	6 th		

Last night very quiet this section casualties killed nil ammunition expended 850 rounds aay at 0440 enemy attacked Leaves trench counter attacks are now being launched

From	3 Inf Bde	0645
Place		
Time		

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LHB			From	To	8
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TO { Ausl 010

Sender's Number	Day of Month	In reply to Number	AAA
LHB 592	6th		

During day matters were very quiet and Ruse last night drew heavy fire from enemy for over half hour and at intervals during night and Torpedos shelled Harris Ridge and Twin Trenches last night and for night on to targets and she appeared to have done considerable damage and at 0140 this morning enemy opened fire with machine guns on Ryries post

From			
Place			
Time			

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TO { 010

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

aaa their artillery also opened at same hour and ar. 0541 enemy got into position leaves trench aaa at present time fire is still heavy but no movement is apparent on our front aaa we are assisting infantry with rifle and machine gun fire

6/8/15 6/8

From	2nd H. Bde	
Place		
Time	0626	

NEW ZEALAND AND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Summary of events from 6 a.m. 5th August to 6 a.m. 6th Aug.

No. 3 Section.

Nothing unusual during the day. A ruse carried out at 9.30 p.m. from QUINN'S and FORBES drew a certain amount of fire, but it was not as heavy as the previous day.

A defensive mine was exploded near the left of QUINN'S.

During the night there were a few bursts of enemy fire.

At 4 a.m. today a second ruse was made, but this did not draw a very heavy fire.

Cheering was heard in the Turkish trenches in front of QUINN'S POST.

NO. 4 SECTION.

Nothing unusual to report during the day. A considerable amount of the enemy's fire was drawn by a ruse at 9.30 p.m.

ARTILLERY.

The preliminary bombardment and registrations were continued yesterday.

The 1st Battery fired 101 rounds at the entanglements in front of LONESOME PLATEAU. This was done in two series, the first being at 7.30 a.m. and the second later in the morning. The O.C. 1st Brigade reports that all entanglements that could be seen from the North are demolished. Those over the crest to the South will be engaged at 8.30 a.m. today.

One of the 1st Battery guns was put out of action yesterday by shrapnel bullets on the spring case in the rear of the shield. The damage was repaired yesterday, and the gun has been in action.

The 2nd Battery fired 5 rounds in further registering at the head of MONASH GUNNERY.

At 12.30 p.m. the 4th (Howitzer) Battery was timed for a series at LONESOME PLATEAU and JOHNSTON'S JOINTY trenches, but was unable to bring one gun into action owing to the broken buffer spring reported yesterday. This arrived later on, however, from CAPT HALLS, and the series began about 2.30 p.m.; 80 rounds were fired on the front trenches of JOHNSTON'S JOINTY and LONESOME PLATEAU, and a large amount of damage was done.

A further 5 rounds were expended in registering trenches beyond the NEK with the gun at PIUGGI'S PLATEAU.

An aeroplane flew over the position shortly before 6 a.m. this morning.

Japanese Mortar. Number of bombs fired - Nil.

CASUALTIES.

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Other Ranks.</u>	<u>Animals.</u>
<u>KILLED.</u>	-	-	-
<u>WOUNDED.</u>	-	12	-
<u>SICK (evacuated)</u>	2	140	-

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(Sd) A. G. S. Major General
Commanding N.Z. & A. Division.

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CENTRAL REGISTRY.

Central Registry No. and Date.

Attached Files.

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SUBJECT, AND OFFICE OF ORIGIN.

Attack on Leanc's Trench, 6th August 1915

Referred to	Date	Referred to	Date	Referred to	Date
				P.A.	Date

Schedule of Correspondence.

(1390) Wt. W 9044-1194. 12/14. 40,000 Pads. S. B. Ltd.

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TO { Ausk Div Ya

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Kc625 6th

Enemy attacking Leunes
Trench no details yet

Ausk Inf Div 6/8

3rd Inf Bde
0520

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TO { Ausk Div

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Kc626 6th

We still hold Leunes
Trench.

Ausk Inf Div 6/8

3rd Inf Bde
0525

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* 570 sixth AAA

Turks attacking LEANES trench no
 details except we still hold
 it AAA on artillery watching OLIVE
 GROVE

From aust dir

Place

Time 0535

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CRB Mth

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TO { Aust div yr

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* K6628 6th AAA

Turks made sudden bomb attack and got into extreme right Leanes trench they are now about to be dislodged

WT b18

3rd hlf Bde 0537

From

Place

Time

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Date 6/8/15

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TO { Aust. Div

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ka 26	6th		

If you need troops to reinforce

portion of line being attacked

You may call on a

battalion from Victoria Gully

38th Brigade addressed aust

Div repeated 13th Div and

38th Bde per Wt bff

From Anzac

Place

Time

(1390) Wt. W 9044-1194. 12/14. 40,000 Pads. S. B. Ltd.

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		By		By	

TO { Aust Div

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Kc 632	6th		

Trench retaken

Aust informed

Wt 6/10

9th Inf Bde 0650

From

Place

Time

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			By		By
(Signature of "Franking Officer.")					

TO { Ausac

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* 9076 6th

Turks got into Extreme South trench
of LEADS POST by sudden bout attack
when they have been dislodged and
the trench has been retaken by

us

From	Aust Div
Place	
Time	0658

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TO { Australian

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* 9076 6th

It is now an hour and
a half since we received
any report on situation

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From	Ausac
Place	
Time	0700

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TO { Aus Div Ya

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Rc 633 6th

Three prisoners on way down
please repeat to Y.B.

From 3rd Inf Bde
Place 0710
Time

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Rc 634 6th

whole of Leanes Trench
again in our possession
also Turks still bombing
trench heavily

Aus Div Ya
6/8/15

From 3rd Inf Bde
Place 0712
Time

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To		577	6815	From
By				By
(Signature of "Franking Officer.")				

TO {
 APM. Aus Dv.

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Three prisoners on way down from 3rd I.P.A. aer. unit to down in ~~half~~ low to interrogati -

From Place Time
Aus Dv. 0718

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TO { Aus Dv.

Sender's Number. Day of Month In reply to Number AAA
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While of LEAVES trench in one position again but Tanks still bombing trench heavily ha. Three prisoners how on their way to APM

From Place Time
Aus Dv. 0720

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6.8.15
AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

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			By ABP	By

TO	ans. Dion
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Sender's Number	Day of Month	In reply to Number	AAA
Day	6th		

Well done Leanes Trench

Birdwood addressed Third

Brigade repeated ans Dion

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From	ANZAC
Place	0800
Time	



Headquarters, 1st Australian Division,
7th August, 1915.

Headquarters,
A. & N.Z. Army Corps.

I beg to forward for the information of the Lieutenant-General Commanding, the report by Brigadier-General E.G. SINCLAIR-MACLAGAN, D.S.O., upon the measures taken on the 6th August to defeat the attempt of the enemy to retake the works now known as LEANE'S TRENCH and originally as TURKISH DESPAIR NORTH.

2. - The enemy's efforts were frustrated and although we suffered a considerable number of casualties the loss inflicted on the enemy was greater.

The steps taken by the Brigadier-General Commanding 3rd Infantry Brigade were prompt and entirely commendable.

3. - May the report be returned, please?

JVB Walker

Brigadier-General
Commanding 1st Australian Division.

Aust Div

Returned thanks

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ma, in -
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W. J. Ward W. J. Hobk

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*P. H. Treloar
Major*

K.C. 670

1st Aust. Div.



Report on action of 6th Augt 1915 -
LEANES POST -

I have to report that at about 0430 this morning the enemy commenced an attack on LEANES POST by bombarding it with high explosive and shrapnel shells which partially demolished the parapets and caused severe casualties.

At about 0440 a very heavy rifle & machine gun fire was opened from TURKISH DESPAIR WORK (S) - PINE RIDGE - RIDGE SOUTH OF SNIPERS RIDGE - SNIPERS RIDGE - LONE PINE -

In addition some 100 of enemy, who had crept up in the dead ground below the post, began to heavily bomb the post with great accuracy, killing and wounding many of the garrison. A party of some 25 of enemy obtained a footing

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in the right, or southern, end of LEANES POST and tried to drive out the garrison. They also seized the right communication tunnel to TASMANIAN POST, though a few men at once blocked this with bags and defended it until retaken.

On receiving the information from O.C. 11 Bn that the enemy could not be driven out of their hold on LEANE'S POST - I proceeded to TASMANIAN POST and, having sent instructions to that effect prior to leaving my H.Q., found a counter-attack in process of being organised -

I personally supervised and gave orders as to how the counter stroke was to be carried out -

About 25 men under 2nd Lt PROCTER, (Killed) dashed over the parapets towards the portion of the LEANES POST in possession of the enemy, and, gallantly led, about half reached the parados under a very heavy shell, machine gun & rifle fire. Some ruined the trench and were

were -

mown down by enemy machine
gun fire & killed.

Seeing that this party failed to dislodge the enemy I ordered a second party, held ready to follow up, to retake the trench.

This party, also gallantly dashes over the parapets of TASMANIA POST and, under a terrific fire, jumps into the trench and kills all enemy found therein - bottling up some six Turks in the ^{right} communication trench. These eventually surrendered.

2nd Lt FRANKLYN was dangerously wounded leading this attack.

Meanwhile at:

0455 10th Bn were instructed to assist by fire down VALLEY OF DESPAIR and at SNIPERS RIDGE.

0530 our Artillery were requested to assist by fire down VALLEY of DESPAIR, this was of great assistance and it is thought, did some damage to enemy reinforcements.

0550 One company 12 Bn (in reserve) was sent to trenches in rear of TASMANIA POST.

0630 10th Bn reported very heavy

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heavy

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rifle fire on their front.

0650 trench retaken. Reported to Div at 0710. At about which time I returned to my headquarters having given instructions as regards reorganizing trench, etc.

At 0830 I received a report that enemy were heard digging on the left of LEANES POST in the dead ground below & close to the parapet.

I arranged for an Engineer officer to investigate, and again visited the Post but could see or find no signs of enemy digging, on the other hand many of enemy were close to & under the work & shot any periscope or any thing showing above the parapet.

Having personally put things straight, I returned to HQs & soon after received a report that O.C. 11 Bn had sent Lt HALL & about 25 men to counter-attack on ground N of LEANES POST.

At 1630 only 3 of this party had returned & I am afraid Lt HALL & the majority were killed.

At 0915 enemy again attempted

attempted

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a further attack but was repulsed.

At 1000 Howitzer fire opened from our howitzers on lower (S.E) slopes of HOLLY RIDGE & has a great moral effect on the enemy.

Bombing by enemy was kept up until about 1030, and shell fire from several enemy guns kept playing on TASMINA POST and LEANE'S POST, and communication routes to them, all morning.

I regret to report that the casualties were very heavy: I have not yet received ~~more~~ definite numbers as men are still ^{lying} out wounded (1630) but they are approximately -

	Officers	Others
9 Bn.	1	4
11 Bn.	3	2
Sngrs.	1	50-100

Major
CLOGSTOUN

It is estimated that enemy lost over 50 killed (over 40 actually in view) and six prisoners, 3 of whom were killed by enemy Shrapnel whilst being brought to H.Q. B.S.

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I cannot speak too highly of the tenacious way the junior Officers & N.C.O.s & men held on to their position under very trying circumstances & tremendous fire - and words are unable to picture the unselfish gallantry with which the counter-attacks to retake the trench were made & carried to a successful conclusion.

The Post has been rebuilt, cleared as far as possible, & put in a state of defence; though owing to the fierce rifle + machine gun fire from close range opened on any movement it has been impossible to bring in dead & wounded in all cases.

Attack report of OC 11 Bn.

I will forward names of Officers and others, in a further report, as soon as I am able to obtain them, for gallantry & devotion to duty.

6.8.15

R.G.Simla/Mailagan Brig Gen
Commdg 3rd Inf Bde.

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			To.....			
			By.....	(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	By.....	

TO { 37 Regt. Bde.

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* AAR 46	sixth		

Reporting briefly that the enemy made an attack in force on Leane's Trench this morning about 0430. They crept up on our right and made an attack by Bombs. The attack was so intense that a large number of the men in that section were either killed or wounded. The enemy then pushed the trench and succeeded in getting possession of it from the extreme right Sap 1A to Sap 2 - The Bomb attack was maintained right along our front - Capt. Axon was in command of this section of the defences - When the enemy obtained a foothold our men at once blocked up 1A Sap with sandbags and thus defended the communication trench - The men in the trench kept up an incessant attack on the

From	Units by rifle fire & Bombs but could	
Place	not displace them -	
Time	Meanwhile supports had been hurried	

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up from the rear and a pluming party was organised to push the trench from TASMANIA POST. About 30 men under 2nd L^t PROUTER were detailed for this duty and under a withering fire from M.G. and Rifles they pushed that portion of the trench held by the enemy. They had suffered so severely in getting across the open that the number who got to the trench was not considered strong enough to turn the enemy out and a told the position to another party of 25 under 2nd L^t FRANKLYN was detailed to follow on - This they did in a gallant manner and Captain completed the capture of the trench, shooting bayoneting all the Turks left there. A party of 6 Turks had retired into 1A Sap where for some time they held out, but they were ultimately taken

From	prisoners and sent back to Hqrs. under escort.	
Place	Unfortunately while passing through the	
Time	communication trench 3 of the 6 were	

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Killed by their own shrapnel fire. The other 3 were sent out to 5th Machine gun company were hurried up to the Turks from the trenches they hold in front of the 2-L.H.Bde. also from the left front of LEANE'S TRENCH and here they were discovered to be so close to our trenches that it was impossible to dislodge them although a large number of bombs were fired at them. Here also they started to dig ~~out~~ probably with the view of undermining our trenches and blowing them up. I then decided to launch a counter attack from the right of the CORNFIELD and 2-L.HALL with 25 men were detailed to carry it out. The result of this was that the

From Many retired from the flank.
Place The general attack continued for
Time about six hours during which a fierce

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bombardment by heavy guns took place as well as incessant rifle + M.G. fire. The trenches + parapets were badly knocked about by shell fire, but with the assistance of the Engineers Coy. these have been repaired to a great extent and the work is still proceeding.

I regret to say the Casualties are very heavy. It is difficult to estimate the number killed as all several Cos. are very mixed up in the firing line - probably about 50 killed and about 100 wounded.

About 50 dead Turks are to be seen round that portion of the trench they seized.

1505 6/8
15/8

Appleton Hudson
Lt. Col.

From Officers -	Place Killed 2	Place Missing 1	Time Wounded 2	Only 7 Coy. Officers left off.

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3rd Inf. Bde



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S E C R E T.



GS.26

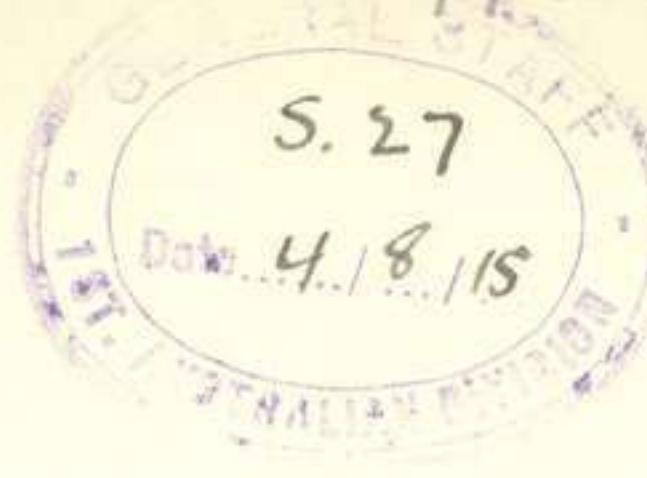
Headquarters, 1st Australian Division,
1st August, 1915.

Brigadier-General Commanding,
2nd Light Horse Brigade.

In order now to consolidate our position on HOLLY SPUR, it will be necessary for the Turkish works confronting your trenches to be taken at an early date. The General Officer Commanding desires, therefore, that you should make preparations to this end; the contemplated date for the operation is 4th August. The essential preparation is the construction of saps and tunnels towards the enemy trenches so that communication may rapidly be established with works captured.

Colonel.
General Staff.
1st Australian Division.

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S E C R E T.



b5.27
Headquarters, 1st Australian Division,
2nd August, 1915.

Brigadier-General Commanding
2nd Light Horse Brigade.

In continuation of my memorandum No. GS.26,
dated 1st August, 1915, your arrangements for the attack
of the TURKISH DESPAIR WORKS should contemplate action
on the night of the 5th/6th instant.

For your information I am to enclose herein
copies of the scheme and orders issued by the 3rd Infantry
Brigade for their successful operation on the night
31st July/1st August.

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Colonel.
General Staff.
1st Australian Division.

~~SECRET~~

Headquarters, 2nd L.H.Bde A.I.F
3rd August 1915.



Headquarters,
1st Australian Division.

With reference to your G,S 27 of 2/8/15, I am ver y loth to raise obstacles with regard to the carrying out of this proposed operation, but I feel it would be wrong not to give full consideration and attach due weight to the difficulties to be encountered as set out by Major Clogstoun O/C 3rd Field Coy.

It appears to me that the engineering difficulties are considerable, and of course my men, as Lighthorse men, are not very adaptable to such work, being drawn chiefly from the farming and rural industries and have not received the same training as the Infantry men in this direction.

I think I ^{should} also point out the following:-

1. We hold practically 600 yards new or outer line, and 300 yards inner line with about 1600 men who are not very fit having had a very strenuous time in getting down our new firing lines and consolidating our position.
2. To carry out the proposed operation and to endeavour to hold and consolidate the new position in addition to the present lines and in view of the certainty of counter attacks, presents to my mind considerable difficulty and risk.

I would therefore suggest that authority be given to adopt, for the present, an intermediate scheme which gets us closer to the enemy and improves our offensive possibilities as set out by Major Clogstoun.

Gen Sir
Gen Sir
General Sir
Commanding 2nd Light Horse Brigade

Revd to AusAC
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4/8

2nd L.H. Brigade

v. TURKISH DESPAIR (SOUTH).

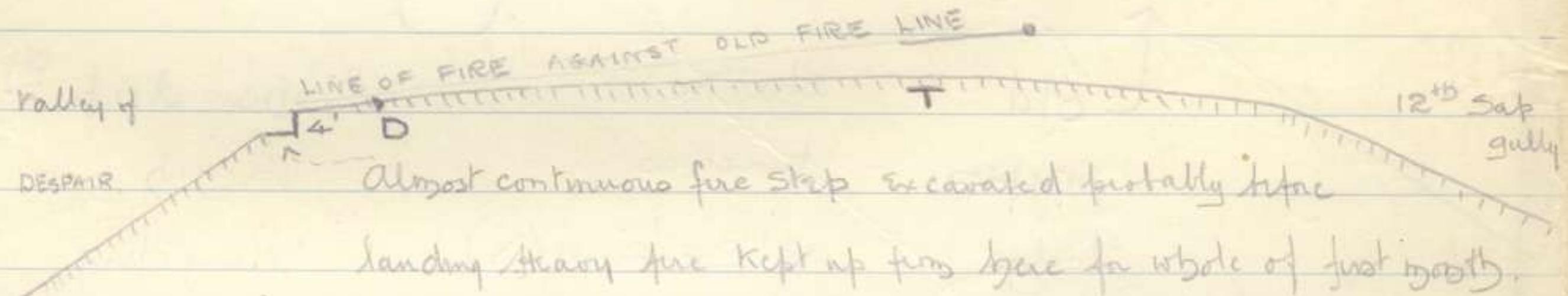
B.M.

I submit a few notes on the proposed operation pointing out

- a) nature of works
- b) difficulties of action when themselves are captured
- c) as alternative line of action to give us the control of Turkish line.

a).

HOLLY SPUR 1) Rough sketch of HOLLY SPUR looking SOUTH



Chronological

When the 3rd INF BDE pushed forward & down onto the back of HOLLY SPUR at TASMANIA - DESPAIR (1) the enemy had to go forward & up to D.

CHATHAM

The 2nd BDE L.H. they took CHATHAM'S POST

ECHELON

The enemy countered with ECHELON TRENCHES which had a large influence on the siting of your next bound to -

RYRIE

- DESPAIR (S) the right flank of which had to be turned back so as

to be supported by CHATHAM.

The enemy countered with DESPAIR (S) + of course will have started countermine galleries

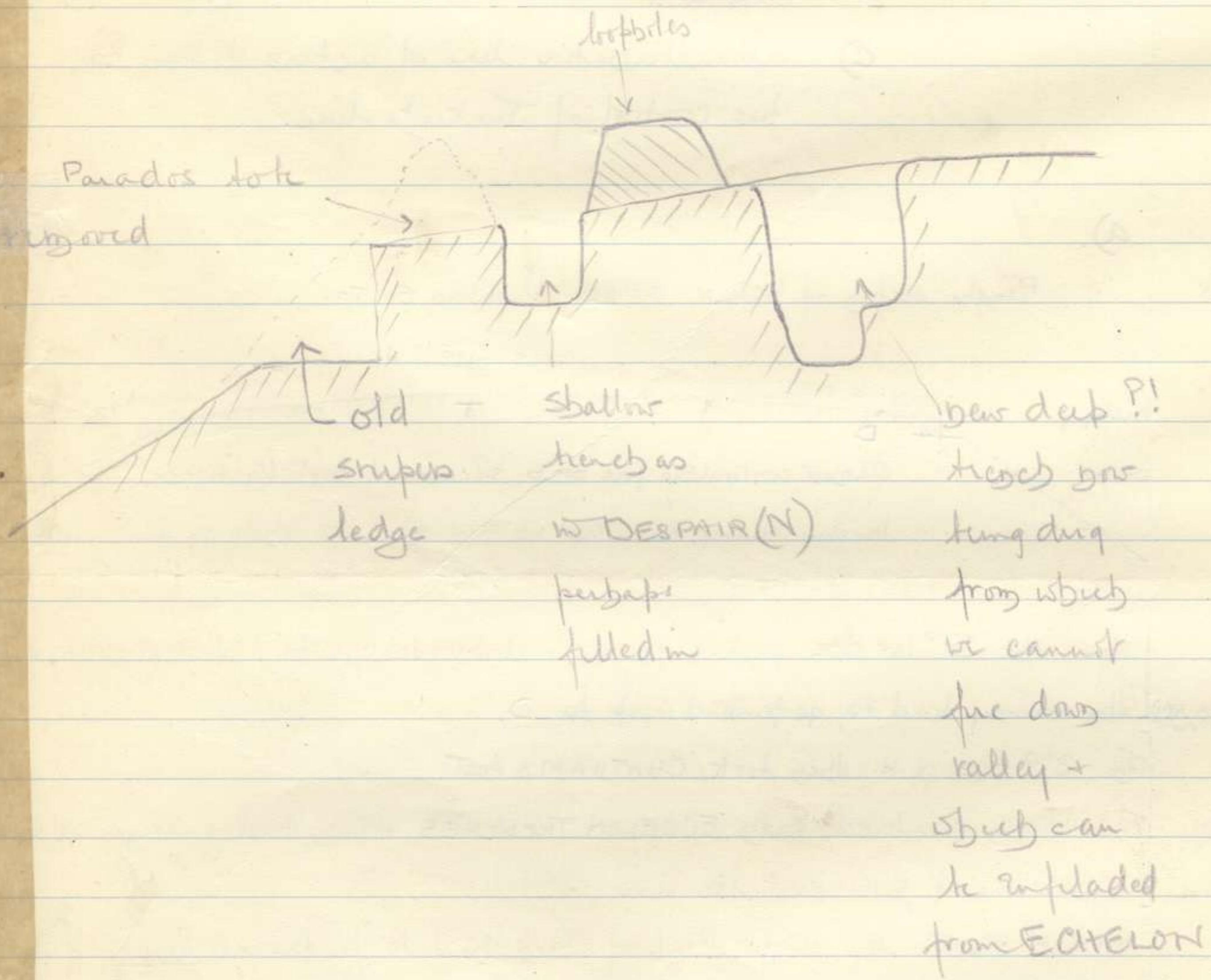
You will remember that RYRIE POST was completed + occupied on the night of the anticipated Turkish assault, a whole month after the completion of TASMANIA Post, + therefore its post was fairly strongly entangled by binding wire to the stems of the low scrub before the foliage was burnt off.

(b) This makes an advance over the parapet a fairly difficult movement

Tasmania Post was wired from the BOMB HOLES as an advance was always contemplated

RYRIE Post had no bomb holes at the time or was an advance contemplated owing to the position of ECHELON TRENCHES

DESPAIR SOUTH



The whole of the line of trench cannot be taken we will therefore have a fixed body of troops fully equipped with bombs close on flank, one right or south

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As alternative is to file men out of BOMB holes might be discovered before it was completed; the Turks would open very heavy mortade fire from ECHELON TRENCHES before these could be silenced by HE shell.

DESPAIR (S) It is a fair assumption that DESPAIR (S) has a straight trace

- (b) so as to take advantage of the mortade fire from ECHELON this would render it almost impossible to hold the work sufficiently long to adequately traverse it

DESPAIR (N) was heavily harassed to save it from mortade from BOURDER DUNO. It also had big parados to save the garrison from its own supporting fire.

The enemy in DESPAIR (S) can afford to lightly hold it, let us in mortade us out + counterattack - they are now getting depth by running trenches in part of their hoppols + they can free in to occupy this forward trench by removing the parados from the rear one so that their supporting fire can search it.

- (b) This will further prevent us from firing down the slopes of the Valley of DESPAIR so heating up a counterattack

The rear slopes of DESPAIR (S) cannot be swept by our MG or strapped as was the case in DESPAIR (N) nor can the

3RD BDE. mortade these slopes from DESPAIR (N)

In this reason also the comparatively small assaulting party could be swamped by an unbroken counterattack, unbroken because they could not be fired upon until they arrived at the top because as stated above we could not occupy the first dug rear trench because of the removal of the parados.

Communicating Our protective galleries were made small. It will take time to enlarge them & unless the enemy are shelling

they have already started protective galleries & underground

- (b) warfare will start within 48 hours. This will prevent us blowing up his trenches + will force us to a long open gap after the assault is launched + communications cannot be guaranteed until at least 10 hours after the capture of the work

To sum up

- 1) The attack is difficult to launch will be heavily infiltrated
- 2) It will probably be impossible to aid it with destructive mines
- 3) Communications cannot be guaranteed for about 10 hours
 - 1) If men are crowded in captured trench they cannot work if there are few they cannot beat off counterattack
 - 2) Counterattacks cannot be met or broken up by MG or antiplane fire
 - 3) Our right flank will be exposed with them.

I think it most improbable that the engineering difficulties of putting the trench in a state of defence can be overcome by the steps in the time under the very heavy infiltration fire we must expect.

- c) I should like to suggest that we connect the existing heads of our galleries. Place fire positions close to the enemy so as to gain fire short subaudible. At present we are too far apart to do it. At present we are from 40° to 60° away I propose to get within 30 yards if possible. In any case with so thick countermines our galleries cannot be ready by night of 5th H.D. Augstom

H.D. Augstom

May 18

O.C. 3rd Field Cty

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DESPAIR (N)

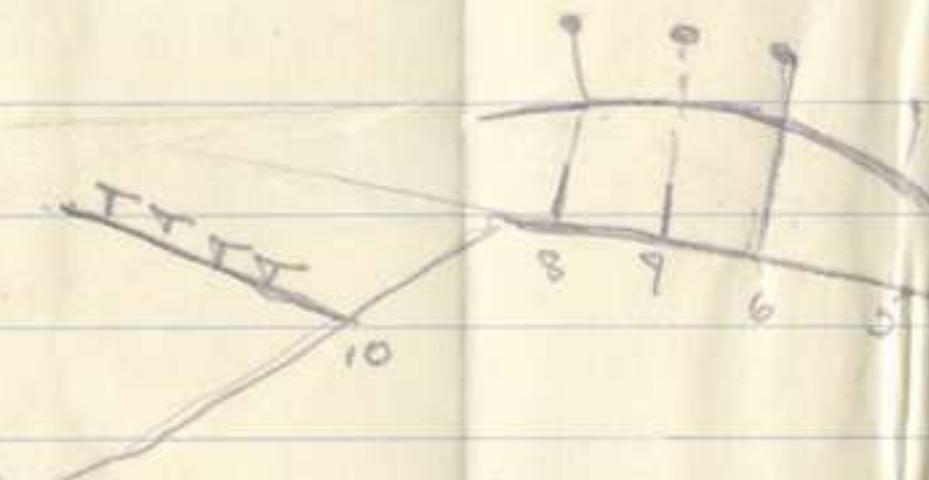
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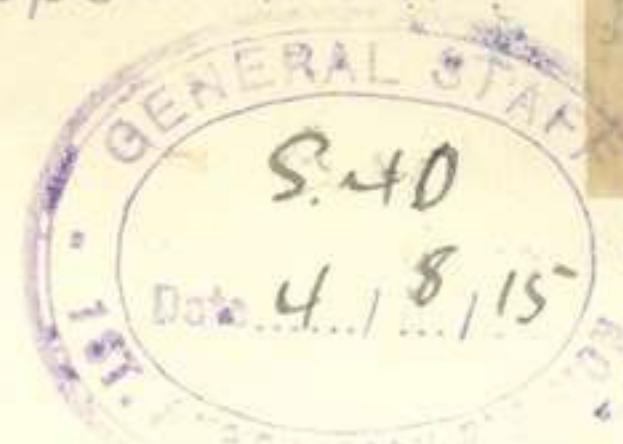
POPPY

VALLEY

J
O
CHATHAM

Throw toward line about 30 years





S E C R E T.

Headquarters, 1st Australian Division,
4th August, 1915.

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Brigadier-General Commanding
2nd Light Horse Brigade.

With reference to your memorandum in reply to GS.27, in the circumstances and in view of the principal fact that communications could not be opened for some 18 hours after the capture of the trench, the proposed operation will not now be undertaken on the 5th/6th as originally arranged. It does not appear likely that Major Clogstoun's proposal for an alternative could be completed by the night of the 5th/6th and the best policy, therefore, appears to be to continue to drive the tunnels forward with the view of eventually carrying out the original operation but on a larger scale, plans for which will be discussed with you.

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Colonel.
General Staff.
1st Australian Division.

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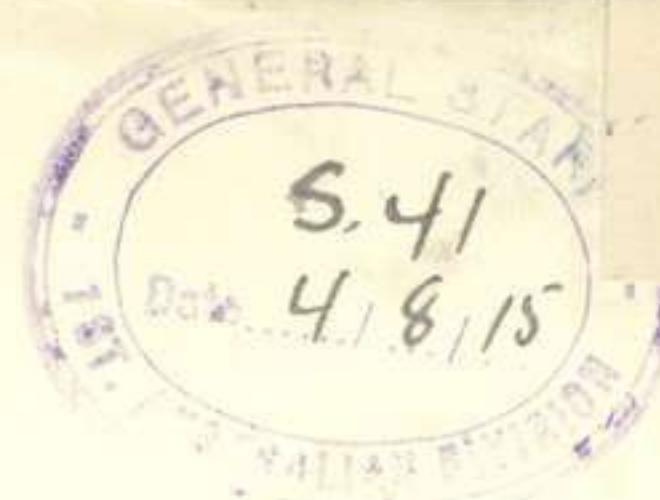
4th August 1915Australian Division

The Army Corps Commander wishes you to arrange, instead of the attack on the Holly Ridge trenches, an attack on the Balkan gun pits at the same time and date as was proposed for the Holly Spur operation.

Naval support can be arranged for and fire of the land guns as considered necessary.

Admiral Brig Gen
g/a

A. & N.Z. A.C.



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Headquarters, 1st Australian Division,
4th August, 1915.

Brigadier-General Commanding
2nd Light Horse Brigade.

In continuation of my memorandum of even date, and under Army Corps instructions, the Divisional Commander desires you to carry out an operation against the BALKAN GUNPITS on the night 5th/6th August. Please submit early your scheme, together with a statement of any artillery and naval gun support desired.

Ans
Colonel.
General Staff.
1st Australian Division.

Headquarters, 2nd L.H.R.
4th August 1915

Headquarters,
1st Aust Div.

With reference to your G.S. 41 of 4th August it is proposed to carry out the following operation against BALKAN GUN PITS on the night 5/6th August : -

2 Squadrons 5th L.H. will be detailed for the operation. One Squadron moving along just below the crest of the HARRIS RIDGE and to take and occupy the new trenches running E. from GREEN KNOOL whilst the other squadron moves along the edge of wheatfield and attacks BALKAN GUN PITS from the West. It is proposed to destroy the BALKAN GUN PITS, and then withdraw this Squadron by the same route to the line CHATHAMS POST to SEA, the Squadron occupying GREEN KNOOL to cover its withdrawal. The Squadron occupying GREEN KNOOL having first destroyed the new trenches will then withdraw to CHATHAMS POST.

The remaining Squadron, 5th L.H., will occupy CHATHAMS POST and act as reserve if required.

It is proposed to attack the trenches (GREEN KNOOL) and BALKAN GUN PITS at 0200 on the morning of the 6th.

The 4th & 6th L.H. Regts occupying RYRIES POST will assist the attack by rapid bursts of fire at trenches on their front.

The Garrison of CHATHAMS POST will also direct/against fire trenches on S.W. end of HOLLY RIDGE.

A trench mortar to fire from TASMANIA POST at 0200 on S.W. end of HOLLY RIDGE at intervals up to 0300 would also materially assist the attack.

Machine Guns

The Machine Guns (1) on Right of RYRIES POST and (2) in INNER LINE will fire on ECHELON TRENCHES. The Machine Gun on CHATHAMS POST will direct its fire on to S.W. end of HOLLY RIDGE.

The following artillery and Naval gun support is desired:-

Artillery.

(2)
Artillery

During the afternoon of the 5th, the new trenches at GREEN KNOLL, BALKAN GUN PITS, and ECHELON TRENCHES to be shelled by Howitzers & 7th Battery.

This will be continued

At night up to ²⁰³⁰ midnight occasional shrapnel fire from No 7 Battery to be directed on to above trenches.

During the attack at 0200 on the morning of the 6th, shrapnel fire to be opened on Southern end of PINE RIDGE at intervals up to ²⁰³⁰ 0300.

Naval

Night 4/5, Destroyer to shell BALKAN GUN PITS, TWIN TRENCHES and also the Eastern end of GABA TEPE.

Night 5/6th an officer 5th L.H. to be sent on board destroyer. Destroyer to shell and distribute fire from GREEN KNOLL to B ALKAN GUN PITS from 0100 to ¹⁹³⁰ 0200 o'clock.

At 0200 o'clock a signal to be made from CHATHAMS POST that the attack is being launched and the fire ~~is~~ ²⁰³⁰ of the destroyer then to be switched on to TWIN TRENCHES and E end of GABA TEPE until ²¹³⁰ 0300 o'clock.

Instruction will be issued ^{to} 5th L.H. that prisoners are to be brought back if possible.

One Squadron 7th L.H. Regt wil l hold the INNER LINE of the 5th L.H. area during night 5/6th.

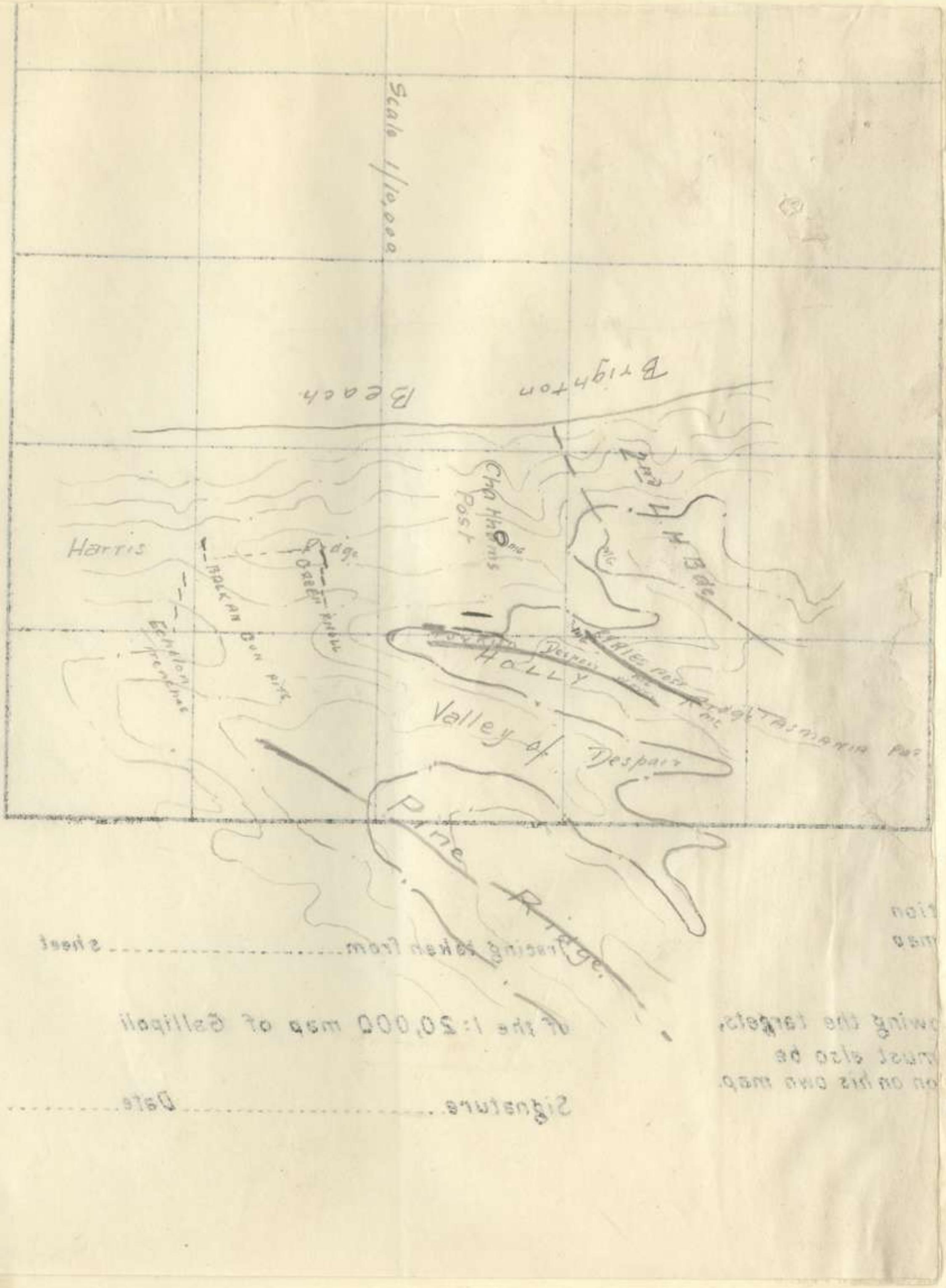
Should this scheme be approved, it is proposed to issue an operation order at 1300 on the 5th inst.

Rough plan of area is attached.

Gamble Pyrie Br gen

Commanding 2nd Light Horse Brigade

"To release Shells to other areas to be
operated on 6/6, must begin
by 8.30pm at which hour Shells
will shell both Balkan gun pits and
Twin Trenches



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TO { Second L.H. Bde

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* 45.47 Fourth

Ref your memo in reply to
8/8 4/1 Please send an officer to
board warship ~~aaa~~ He should
report Army Corps HQ 0800
tomorrow Acknowledg

From	Ans	DW
Place		
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5. 8. 15

Aust. Division

With a view to arranging naval assistance in the operations which the 2nd Light Horse Brigade is to carry out on the nights of 5/6 + 6/7 August towards the Balkan gun pits -

I have arranged with Commandant England to close the beach at 8am on 5th to take on board an officer who will point out to him

(a) The trenches which will be the objective

(b) Balkan gun pits

(c) Turi trenches

Please order this officer to report at Army Corps Headquarters at 8am to-morrow.

Ashken Brig Gen

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* Ga 17	fifth		

the	operation	referred	to	in
41	of	fourth	August	night
will	take	place	on	night
6/7	August	instead	of	
tonight	A.M.	acknowledge		

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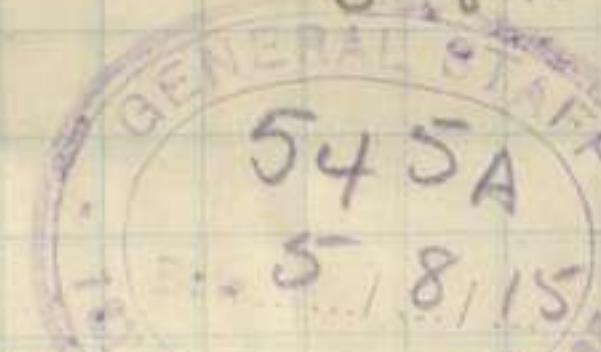
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Ga 108

ANZAC CINE

5.8.15

Australian Division

Please refer to my Ga 82 of 4th side.
The Army Corps Commander has decided
that operations towards the Balkan gun
pits must not be carried out to-night. HMS
CHELMER will however shell them -
Turn Trenches as practice for to-morrow
operations.

To release Chelmer for operations further
North the operation on 6th must begin by
8.30 p.m. at which hour Chelmer will
shell both Balkan gun pits & Turn
Trenches.

Allen Brig Gen ds.
ANZAC

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May officer on board torpedo boat be advised alteration aaa fire tonight on places indicated would be utmost value

From	<i>2nd LHBde</i>
Place	
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* 4546 fifth ga 108 AAA

notes AKA may the light
horse officer on board torpedoes
boat be advised of postponement
please AKA the ships fire
tonight will be of utmost

From Amvr Drv

Place

Time 1430

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* 4547 fifth

Have asked angac to inform
you officer aboard torpedo boat AKA
CHELMER will shell BALKAN GUN
PITS and TWIN TRENCHES tonight
as practice for tomorrows operation
AKA Your proposals for that
operation are approved AKA As
general staff officer will be
at your headquarters about four
pm today to confer

From Amvr Drv

Place

Time 1435

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land		Ryrie		arka		that
horse		officer		may		remain
destroyer		tonight		please		on
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2030.

Sum at 1930 - register in
morning - report to Bde HQ about
0900 for instructions.

Headqrs
2nd Lt Bde
5. 8. 15.

Hagino
to Austin Drs.

Attached
herewith please find Operation
Orders Nos 2 & 3.

I would be
glad if permission may be
granted for an officer to go
on board destroyer patrolling
vicinity GABA TEPE tomorrow,
the C' must in order to again
point out targets on HARRIS
RIDGE etc.

Granville Dyer Brig General
Comdg 2nd Lt Bde.

Copy No . . 9..

Secret

Operation Order No 2.

by

Brigadier-General G. de L. RYRIE
Commanding 2nd Light Horse Brigade.Reference - Map of GALLIPOLI } 1/20,000
PENINSULA }
Trench diagram 1 1.SHELL GREEN
5/8/15

Information 1. Divisional Operation Order No 9 has been issued to O/ C Regts. This order directs the action in detail of 1st Aust Div.

Intention 2. The 2nd L.H.Bde is to hold its present front including advanced positions and will during above operations :
(a) endeavour to keep down the enemys fire from PINE and SNIPERS RIDGE during the attack by 1st Inf Bde on 6/8/15.
(b) attack and destroy the enemy's works at GREEN KNOOL and BALKAN GUN PITS on HARRIS RIDGE
(c) ward off and guard against counter attacks on our right flank.

Regarding (b) a special Operation Order will be issued at 2000 on 5/8/15.

Distribution 3. Action to be taken during attack by 1st Inf Bde
Attack commences at 1730 on 6th August.
Garrison on RYRIE'S POST (4th & 6th L.H.) covering fire on PINE RIDGE and TURKISH D ESPAIR WORKS.
Garrison of CHATHAMS POST (5th L.H.) covering fire on PINE RIDGE SOUTH, and enemy works on HARRIS RIDGE
7th Light Horse - Covering fire on PINE RIDGE until 1900 if required - specially selected shots to be told off to watch any points where movement can be observed, particularly communication trenches on PINE RIDGE.

Fire 4. All covering fire is to be deliberate and systematically delivered at definite objectives.

Dressing Station 5. An advanced Dressing Station will be established by No 1 Field Ambulance in rear of left flank of INNER LINE.

Reports 6. Reports to Brigade Headquarters.

W. P. R. M.
Major
Brigade Major, 2nd L.H.Bde

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Operation Order No 3
by
Brigadier-General G. de L. RYRIE
Commanding Southern No 1 Section.

2nd L.H.Bde. HeadQts.
5th August 1915.

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1. Attack

An attack, supported by naval and artillery fire, is to be made on the enemy works known as GREEN KNOLL and BALKAN GUN PITS on HARRIS RIDGE, on the night 6/7 August.

2. Method

The attack is to be carried out by 5th L.H.Bde., commencing at 2030 o'clock, night 6/7th August. Special ~~instructions~~ instructions have been issued to O/C 5th L.H. (Appendix 1)

3. Light Horse Support

- (a) Garrison RYRIE'S POST (4th & 6th L.H.Bdes) - bursts of rifle fire on TURKISH DESPAIR WORKS.
- (b) Garrison of CHATHAMS POST to direct fire against trenches on S.W. end of HOLLY RIDGE
- (c) Trench Mortar (TASMANIA POST) to fire on S.W. end of TURKISH DESPAIR WORKS commencing at 2030 and firing at intervals up to 2230
- (d) Machine Guns - (1) M.G. on right of RYRIE'S POST and (2) M.G. in INNER LINE to direct fire on ECHELON TRENCHES. Machine Gun on CHATHAMS POST to direct fire on enemy trenches ~~on~~ S.W. end of HOLLY RIDGE.

4. Artillery Support

- (a) During the afternoon 6th August
New trenches at GREEN KNOLL, BALKAN GUN PITS, and ECHELON TRENCHES to be shelled by Howitzer and No 7 Battery.

(b) During night

at intervals up to 2030 6/7 August, shrapnel fire from No 7 Battery on above trenches.

At 2030 night 6/7 August, shrapnel fire to be opened on Southern end of PINE RIDGE at intervals up to 2230

5. Naval Support

Night 6/7, destroyer will shell and distribute fire from GREEN KNOLL to BALKAN GUN PITS from 1930 to 2030. From 2030 to 2230 the destroyer's fire will be turned on to TWIN TRENCHES and E end of GABA TEPE.

6. O/C 7th L.H.Bde. will place one squadron at disposal of O/C 5th L.H.Bde. to garrison INNER LINE.

7. Reports to Brigade Headquarters.

W. Post Major
Brigade Major, 2nd L.H.Brigade.

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Appendix 1.

Special Instructions

To O/C,

5th L.H.Rgt/

1. The attack on the enemy trenches on GREEN KROLL and BALKAN GUN PITS will be carried out by 2 Squadrons, the 3rd Squadron holding CHATHAMS POST to act as reserve.

At 0030 o'clock August night 6/7th August, the two attacking squadrons will be outside barbed wire entanglements and commence the advance along seaward side of HARRIS RIDGE, one squadron moving just below crest of ridge and the other along edge of wheatfield. The first squadron will take and occupy trenches at GREEN KROLL I whilst the other will take BALKAN GUN PITS from the west.

2. The squadron having driven the enemy out of BALKAN GUN PITS will destroy the works and then withdraw by same route to the line CHATHAMS POST to the SEA. The Squadron occupying GREEN KROLL will cover the withdrawal of the Squadron from BALKAN GUN PITS and then, having first destroyed the works, will withdraw to CHATHAMS POST.

3. In each of the attacking Squadrons, a special bombing party (1 N.C.O. & 6 men) will be told off.

4. All necessary arrangements for speedy evacuation of wounded from CHATHAMS POST to be made by Regimental M/C.

5. Prisoners are to be taken if possible

6. The officer detailed to go on board destroyer should be prepared to act on any signals made from CHATHAMS POST.

7. Frequent reports will be made to D.H.Q.

Major

Brigade Major, 2nd L.H.Ds A.I.Y

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* 9 591 sixth 9 591 AAA

minor	operation	by	second	L
H	bde	fixed	to	begin
at	2030	today	AZRA	destroyer
required	to	distribute	fire	from
GREEN	KNOLL	to	BALKAN	GUN
PITS	from	1930	till	2030
MARSH	and	to	fire	on
TWIN	TRENCHES	and	E	end
of	GABA	TEPE	from	2030
till	2230	AZRA	desire	light
horse	officer	to	be	on
board	destroyer	to	indicate	targets

From Anzov Dir
Place
Time 0950

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in	continuation	of	9 591
second	light	horse	bde
confirmation	arrangements	made	desire
destroyers	fire	tonight	for

From Anzov Dir
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Time 1032

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* 641591 6/12 991 AAA
 Please send officer to report
 at Anzac Headquarters
 at 1700 to go on board
 ship ~~Chelmer~~ possibly Chelmer
 may miss Lee ~~late~~ to shoot
 2000 and she will
 have to go ~~as~~ by 2100

~~Q12 HKB and~~
 QW 6/8

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TO { *Aust Div. Ya.*

* Sender's Number	Day of Month	In reply to Number	AAA
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* 648594 6/12 — AAA
 Officer from destroyer has
 returned ~~aaa~~ may be
 be sent on board again
 this afternoon

~~Spur map later~~
 Spur map 9610 ~~and~~ 6/8

(and see 6/8)

From	<i>2nd L.H. Bde</i>
Place	
Time	1035

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Office of Origin and Service Instructions						
	Sent	m.	610	Service.	Date	
At	To	m.	Date 6/8/15		From	
By			(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	By		

TO { Second L H Bde

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number	AAA
* 4610	sixth		

Please send officer to Augac HQ to report at 1700 and go on CHELMER aaa Possibly CHELMER may not be able to start till 2000 and she will have to go north again by 2115

From Aust Div
Place
Time 1105
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(Z) C R P White
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Ref.	Code	m.	Words	Charge	This message is on a/c of:	Recd. at m.
Office of Origin and Service Instructions						
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By			(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	By		

TO { 2nd Augac

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number	AAA
* 4687	sixth		

While first bde now in done PINE aaa Have had to order up to PIMPLE Reserve bn of 3rd Inf Bde aaa In these circumstances does Gen Comdg. still desire Second L H Bde to carry out projected operation on our right aaa In view possible contingencies opposite LEAVES Post and consequent need reinforcements recommend cancellation of enterprise

From Aust Div
Place
Time 1910
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Prefix 96 Code C44 F m.

Received	Sent	Office Stamp.
At 1945 m.	At 703 m.	GENERAL STAFF AUSTRALIAN DIVISION
From AC Date 6/8/15	To	
By 2d Div	By	

TO { Aut Dm

* Sender's Number C434 Day of Month 6 In reply to Number C687 AAA

Agra	to	drop	enterprise
but	he	to	to make
as	many	ruses	as he
can	to	make	enemy believe
he	is	to	attack

2nd Div M.P.
1950 A.G.O.

From Agra
Place
Time 1941

Prefix	Code	m.	Words	Charge	This message is on a/c of:	Recd. at	Date
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			Sent		Services.		
			At	m.	Date 6/8/15		
			To			From	
			By		(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	By	
TO { 2nd Div M.P.							
* Sender's Number.			Day of Month.		In reply to Number		
* 9 708			Sixth		AAA		
<p>Your operation for tonight is Cancelled. Acknowledge</p>							
<p>Aut Dm</p>							
<p>From</p>							
<p>Place</p>							
<p>Time 1950</p>							
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<i>CHB</i>			<i>2005</i>		<i>68</i>
		From	To		
		By	By		

TO { *1st adst Dev.*

* Sender's Number <i>LHR 608</i>	Day of Month <i>6th</i>	In reply to Number <i>9 708</i>	AAA
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Received

From	<i>2nd BH Bde</i>
Place	
Time	<i>1955</i>