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In amplification of the details in today's Intelligence Bulletin of the crossing of the Danube by the Austro-German forces:-

Eight British Naval 4.7 guns participated in the defence of Belgrade. Of these 2 were destroyed by the enemy's gun fire, and the remaining 6 were in action in the AVALA position on the 14th inst. The guns are manned by mixed detachments of sailors and Servian gunners under Servian battery commanders.

On the evacuation of Belgrade, Rear-Admiral Troubridge and the British Naval Mission had withdrawn, at General Jivkovitch's request, to Chupira (on the railway, about 75 miles from Belgrade), where are the reserve depots.

On the 15th the Serbian Government was anticipating withdrawal to PRISREND.

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I N T E L L I G E N C E   B U L L E T I N .

N O V E M B E R 2nd, 1915.

1. PRISONERS. A soldier belonging to the 126th Regiment, (11th Division) surrendered to the 32nd Brigade at "The Boet" (135.P.1-2) on the 31st October, and another man of the same regiment on the morning of the 1st November.

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2. EXAMINATION OF PRISONERS. Information from Corporal of the 15th Regiment, 5th Division, who surrendered at ANZAC on the 29th October: Prisoner was wounded in the August fighting. After being treated in hospital at CONSTANTINOPLE he rejoined his regiment at AK BASHI LIMAN in the latter half of October. The 15th had been there resting since August, and the 48th Regiment was also there. The 15th Regiment a few days ago relieved the 47th Regiment which had been reduced to about 400 men per battalion. The 2nd Battalion, 15th Regiment, is now occupying the Turkish Despair and Bird trenches with the 3rd Battalion in support in the Pine Ridge. The 1st Battalion is probably in Weir and <sup>Sniper's</sup> Ridges. On the left of the 15th Regiment is the 77th Regiment. The battalions of the 15th are now over 800 strong.

Prisoner states that at KOJA DERE there are camps of 2 regiments.

A few days ago 2 of our howitzer shells landed in the front trench of Pine Ridge as the result of which 4 Turks were killed and 27 wounded.

No winter clothing has been served out, but each regiment



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on being sent to AK BASHI to rest is there refitted.

Ibrahim Shukri Boy commands the 15th Regiment.

Prisoner states that the 26th Regiment is at GALLIPOLI. KOJA DERE is used as a resting place for regiments withdrawn from the firing line.

Rockets are used as signals, a red rocket being the signal for a Turkish attack, and a white one the signal for "attention".

3. TURKISH TROOPS. Since October 14th, 2320 convalescent soldiers are reported to have returned from CONSTANTINOPLE to the front.

4. SERBIA. The following is an extract from the French Intelligence Bulletin of the 30th October:-

20,000 Austrians are concentrated at SARAJEVO who will operate against the Serbian and Montenegrin frontiers.

It is almost certain that the port of St. JEAN DE MEDUA and SCUTARI in Albania, will be used as bases of supply for the Serbian Army. (At this season, the Boyana is navigable up to the Lake of Scutari.)

5. GREEK ARMY. The dispositions of the Greek troops on the 29th October were as follows:-

IV Corps. DRAMA - CAVALLA (1 Div. SERRES.)

V Corps. NIGRITA - LANGATA.

III Corps. One division DOIRAN.

" " SALONICA.

" " FLORINA.

Army Corps I and II were still arriving in Macedonia. They



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will be located as follows:-

I Corps. KARASULI - SALONICA road.

II Corps. VODENA - VERRIA - SALONICA.

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6. MILITARY OPERATIONS. (a) The following information is dated  
In BALKANS. 29th October:-

No particular progress appears to have been made by the Austro-Germans on the Northern front. Austrian reports state that an advance is being prosecuted from VISEGRAD (in BOSNIA) Eastwards.

TIMOK Zone. Enemy reports state that NEGOTIN has been occupied by the Bulgars, who are now pushing forward to join hands with the Austro-German forces. At ORSOVA the Serbians have been pushed back.

PIROT Zone. No confirmation of any further Bulgarian progress.

VARDAR Zone. USKUB has apparently been occupied by the Bulgarians, but they are reported to have been partly drawn back from VELES.

STRUMNITZA Zone. The French had slight encounters on the 28th October with the enemy at TARTALI (S.E. of VALANDOVO) and also at KRIVOLAK.

(b) Information from another source dated 28th October states:-

The 1st Bulgarian Army attacking on the line, PIROT - KNIAJEVATZ - ZAYECHAR - NEGOTIN has been checked all along the front with heavy loss; the total killed and wounded is estimated at 20,000.

Information from a Greek source of the same date stated that ZAYECHAR had been occupied by the Bulgars. In the fighting at NEGOTIN the Bulgarians had heavy



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lesses, especially the 13th, 16th and 25th Regiments, one of which is said to have been nearly wiped out.

(c) It is reported that the 2nd, 5th and 49th Infantry Regiments and the 1st Artillery Regiment, all belonging to the 5th Division, have been withdrawn from the Northern frontier and are being sent by rail to DEDEAGATCH. This movement began on October 25th.

The 10th Division is reported to be between GUMULDJINA and DEDEAGATCH.

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R.N.A.S. SUMMARY OF INFORMATION REPORT. 30/10/15. No. 24.

AREA.	SOURCE OF INFORMATION.	DETAILS.
HELLES.	2nd Wing.	<p>A reconnaissance was made of the enemy batteries at HELLES.  The observer reporting:-  S.1, empty. S. occupied. S.2. now a redoubt.  Fc. doubtful, believe occupied.  Fb. empty.  Fa. occupied (3 guns).  N.1. occupied.  T. doubtful.  D.3. empty - behind this is a new four gun emplacement, at present unoccupied.  D.2. Occupied (2 guns). D. empty.</p>
	2nd Wing.	A shore battery was spotted on to N.1.
ANZAC & SUVLA.	2nd Wing.	<p>Observer reports the following emplacements occupied:-  136.F.3 137.G.2 &amp; 3. 137.H.5. and confirms previous reports that there is nothing to show whether the camps in 153.Z.3. and 154.V.1 are Hospitals or not.</p>
	2nd Wing.	<p>Gun emplacements were located in the following positions:-  81.R.4. 3 gun emplacements, and a short distance S.W. of this a large single emplacement - doubtful if occupied, and in 80.Z.7-8 a single gun emplacement occupied by a large gun. Just S.E. of this were 4 small emplacements - doubtful if occupied - a number of dug-outs and 2 large trenches were seen in close proximity.  Camps were observed in 69.A.1-6 and in 81.V.5-9 and a large hospital camp in 81.X. (29th).</p>
BULAIR.	3rd Wing.	<p>An aeroplane was sent to reconnoitre the area to the east of Suvia - and bombs were dropped on a large transport park in square 121.F.5-8. Thirty three transport wagons were seen on the KARGABILI - SELVILI road, moving South (29th).</p>

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CONFIDENTIAL.I N T E L L I G E N C E B U L L E T I N .N O V E M B E R 1st., 1915.1.  
GERMANS IN  
TURKEY.

All Germans in Turkey hitherto exempted from service have been called up to serve in some capacity.

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2.  
ARAB TROOPS.

A deputation of Syrians left CONSTANTINOPLE on the 17th October for the Dardanelles. These were sent in order to encourage the Arab troops, and were described by the Government as being persons of high importance; in reality they were second rate individuals in Government pay.

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3.  
TURKO-BULGAR  
AMENITIES.

A Bulgarian Mission of 2 officers and 50 N.C.Os. arrived at CONSTANTINOPLE about the middle of October, and a similar mission of Turks was expected to go to SOFIA.

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4.  
CROSSING OF THE  
DANUBE BY THE  
AUSTRO-GERMAN  
FORCES.

The following details have been received of the crossing of the Danube by the Austro-German forces:-  
BELGRADE was heavily bombarded on the 7th and 8th October, and the town, which was practically destroyed, was taken by a rush on the morning of the 9th, the troops crossing in boats.

A similar bombardment was carried out at SEMENDRIA (25 miles East of BELGRADE) on the 8th and 9th, all trenches and gun positions in the neighbourhood being destroyed, and the Germans successfully established themselves on the right bank on the 10th.

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The main operation appears, however, to have been a little further to the East, and though a detachment of 1000 men which crossed the river on the 8th was destroyed, the Germans had established themselves in force between SEMENDRIA and PASHAREVITZ on the afternoon of the 11th, and were being hotly engaged by the Serbians a few miles from the Danube.

On the 13th the Bulgarians cut the NISH - USKUB railway about VRANIA. The Serbian Commander on that side, General Popovitch, believed to be a man of courage and resolution, did not think he had adequate forces for the defence of USKUB.

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R.N.A.S. SUMMARY OF INFORMATION REPORT. 31/10/15.

Area.	Source of Information.	Details.
HELLES.	"Ark Royal".	Spotted ships' guns on targets "Y.1". and 37.P.6. (30th). Owing to the configuration of the ground, the latter is a difficult target to hit. Fire was also directed on "S" battery.
ANZAC & SUVLA.	2nd Wing.	A photographic reconnaissance of part of the ANZAC area (30th) was successful.  Spotted for shore guns on 81. A.3. 93.X.5. and 93.W.8-9, the last an extremely difficult target. A camp of about 30 tents was seen about 107.V.5.
BULAIR.	3rd. Wing.	Camps were located in the following positions:- 95.Q.7. - about 12 tents. 95.H.8. (approx.) Six long sheds 100 to 150' long.



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Area. Source of Information.

Details.

BULAIR. 3rd. Wing. (Continued.)

139.M.5. Enclosed space seen here: possibly a camp.

SEUDLI DERE Valley. Two or three camps each 50 tents.

Some movement was seen on the roads near SELVILI and bombs were dropped on the village, and with distinct effect on some transport in the vicinity.

DEDEAGATCH. "Ben-My-Chree". Seaplanes reconnoitred the coast-line from ENOS - DEDEAGATCH (30th) Cape MAKRI to PORTO LAGOS - (or KARAGATCH.) also the railway from DEDEAGATCH East to FERREJIK, afterwards flying to BODOMA Junction, which now appears to be evacuated.

There are two stations to the east of FERREJIK, and in the Southern part of the town what appear to be barracks, but no activity of any sort was seen.

Cape MAKRI appeared to be well entrenched both to the East and West, but from there West, the trenches are intermittent with wide gaps between them.

PORTO LAGOS (KARAGATCH) is a small village with some buildings that may be stores.

With the exception of the road from GUMULJINA to PORTO LAGOS, the roads or tracks are few and apparently poor.

A number of photographs were taken. Bombs were dropped on the buildings near the harbour and DEDEAGATCH.

Shipping. 3rd. Wing.

Reconnaissances of the Straits were effected, observers reporting a certain amount of activity.

The 2 steamers continually reported in BERGAZ LIMAN are in all probability the 2 which were torpedoed about a fortnight ago, as they appear to have a very decided list.

Work was going on at the Net.

Bombs were dropped on a T.B.D. off KILIA LIMAN and on some stores in the Bay.



AUSTRALIAN & NEW ZEALAND ARMY CORPS.  
-----RECONNAISSANCE REPORT by LIEUT BAILEY.  
\*\*\*\*\*RUSSELLS TOP Position,  
1st November, 1915.

I went out from hole in surface tunnel H 4 at 0500 to observe enemy's trench and possible movement of their troops. Enemy troops stood to at 0510 and in rough count 50 men marched in. 8 men took up position on trench A 1, 6 men in trench A 1 (Trench Diagram 3); remainder moved further up trench and disappeared from view.

They made no noise and appeared to be well disciplined troops. Owing to indistinct light it was hard to discern uniforms but they appeared to be of neutral tint and men were wearing what appeared to be grey woollen caps.

The supports filed in from the rear by way of trench A 9.

(Sgd) J.C. Bailey, Lieut.

20th Battalion.

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Intelligence Summary.

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1. 'B' Section. (13th Division).

An officer's patrol reported at 0130 that enemy had collected in some strength in the low ground E. of the knoll opposite B.50; at 0400 all was reported clear. Enemy working parties opposite GLOSTER POST and the apex in B.66 were stopped by M.G. fire.

'C' Section. (29th Division).

Enemy working parties heard opposite C.52 and C.60; more wire erected opposite C.59 and C.60. Sniping was normal except opposite C.55 where the enemy were very active and threw a large number of bombs, which fell behind our support trenches.

'D' Section. (11th Division).

Enemy very quiet, little sniping. More work has been done on the enemy's advanced posts in front of T.1 and S.1; and more blasting was heard near the BENCH MARK.

2. Artillery Reports.  
Right Flank.

Guns active:- 105 T.2 (one gun silenced by 18-prs.), 92 F.9 (two guns silenced by 18-prs.), 93 G.9, 105 F.9 (silenced by 18-prs., there appear to be two 75 mms. here too), 93 X.3, 119 B.3, 136 M.6 or N.4, 137 R.3 (possible howitzer position), and a howitzer behind 'W' Hill.

Other targets engaged:- M.G. emplacement at 105 C.9, redoubt at 105 U.2 (where there is a trench mortar), enemy's trenches near J.1, party of enemy in gully at 119 X.3-9, 118 B.9 (an important rendezvous of the enemy, a number of casualties observed), observation post at 105 P.5, party of enemy at 92 P.2. 10th Heavy Battery report two new gun emplacements at 106 M.9 and N.7.

Left Flank.

A quiet day. Guns active:- 136 M.6, N.4. Enemy were very quiet and practically no movement was observed.

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Intelligence Summary.

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1. 'A' Section. (2nd Mounted Division).

A quiet day. An enemy M.G. opened fire during the night from the main trench opposite A.52.

'C' Section. (29th Division).

No enemy work observed except a little digging opposite C.60. An unusual number of bombs were thrown near C.54 and C.55. The enemy's artillery was apparently registering on the trenches from about 136 R. during the morning.

'D' Section. (11th Division).

Little enemy work was observed yesterday, but there was an increase in sniping and enemy guns were frequently registering. A Turkish patrol was dispersed near the GREEN KNOLL during the night.

Reserve Areas 'A' and 'B'.

A few shells fell here during the day and one or two on West Beach during the night, but did no damage.

2. Artillery Reports.  
Right Flank.

Guns active:- 93 K.3, 105 U.1, 106 B.4 (howitzer), 93 A.6, 93 G.9, 137 L.3, 105 P.6-9 (howitzers), 136 N.6-9 (silenced, one round causing an explosion possibly of ammunition).

Other targets engaged:- Enemy at 136 W.2, and emplacements between 106 M.9 and N.7 (one direct hit obtained).

A new trench has been observed running out from the fire trench up 'W' Hill about 105 S.6-7.

Left Flank.

A good deal more activity, but many guns which fired could not be located; among those active were:- 137 R.7-8 (silenced by 15th Heavy Battery), 136 N.6-9 or O.5-7, 137 L.2-6, 136 L.5-9 (a new position, perhaps identical with one reported at 136 Q.3), 136 U.8-9 (a new position unless it is the one formerly reported at 136 Q.7). Those guns and others did a good deal of registration during the day, otherwise there was little enemy activity; only one working party observed, in trench 136 V.7.

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9th Corps.

Intelligence Summary.

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1. Two deserters from the 1st Bn., 123th Regt. surrendered to the 11th Division (Left Sub-section) one last night at dusk, and one this morning. The former has only been here for five days and had little information to communicate. Called up in Aug. 1914 he was fighting on the Hellos front 5 months ago, and shot himself through the arm. He returned to his regt. from hospital at BOGHADA only five days ago, and seized the first opportunity to desert. He stated that our artillery caused a fair number of casualties in the trenches, and that our bombs were also dangerous. In his regt. two men were told off in each section of 8 as bomb throwers. There are 2 sorts of rifle in his regt., both taking the same cartridge. He had heard a good many "lies" about peace, but did not believe them. He did not know what other troops were in the neighbourhood.

The statement of the other deserter is attached.

2. 'A' Section. (2nd Mounted Division).  
 Quiet day and night. Enemy's trench mortar was located opposite A.53. The usual convoy of wagons and mules was seen on the BIYUK ANAFARTA road.

'C' Section. (29th Division).  
 A quiet day. Blasting was heard opposite C.63, and some work in or behind the enemy's trenches was heard opposite C.51-52 and C.61. A few bombs were fired at C.54 and C.56.

'D' Section. (11th Division).  
 A strong redoubt of stone and sandbags, presumably the look-out post mentioned in the prisoner's statement annexed, has been built about 133 U.6, at the junction of the trench U.2 with the communication trench. A hostile M.G. opened fire opposite D.43 during the day. The enemy was quiet and sniping was much reduced.

3. Artillery Reports.  
Right Flank.

A fairly quiet day. Guns observed active:- 92 F.9, 105 U.4, 137 M.4 (corrected description of gun formerly reported at 137 L.2-3), 137 M.8. A gun is suspected at 119 W.6, and an emplacement has been observed at 92 O.3-6.

Other targets engaged:- Trench mortar about 105 W.9, Turkish bivouac in a gully at 136 V.1 (much movement observed), and parties of enemy at 119 X.6-9 and 106 Q.2-3.

The enemy have strengthened the parapet of their trench at 105 C.3 with sheets of iron on a front of about 3 yards.

Left Flank.

A fairly quiet day. Guns observed active:- 157 M.4, 118 F.3-6 (new position), 136 O.3-6. Little enemy movement was observed. Blasting was seen at intervals during the day in the nullah 118 B.2-5.

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STATEMENT of Pte. MAHOMET HUSSEIN, 1st Bn., 126th Regt.,  
11th Division, who surrendered to 32nd Brigade, 1/11/15.

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He was called up 7 months ago and did about 4 months' training at SMYRNA, and then was sent to the Peninsula. He was a month at CHANAK, and after the landing at SUVLA worked on the road between BIYUK and SAGIR ANAFARTA, eventually coming into the trenches by the PIMPLE.

His divisional and regimental H.Q. were about 1 hour from trenches, North of ANAFARTAS and near the sea. Battn. H.Q. just behind the trenches. Three battalions were in the trenches and three in reserve.

Prisoner had only served in the 11th Division. He had heard of the Deserter's Letter. He had no accurate information re casualties from our fire, excepting that during the recent bombardment of the PIMPLE the Turks lost 4 killed, 25 wounded.

There was no sickness to speak of, and no peace talk. Troops were happy in the hope that the Gormans were very shortly coming to their rescue. The Turks had no gas.

Their food depot was about half an hour from trenches, and supplies were brought there by mule or donkey from ANAFARTA SAGIR. No animals came up to the trenches. Communications to the fire trenches were good, and they had no casualties in them.

Prisoner stated clothes of troops were fair - as his own.

50 men in his company, 700 in battn., with 14 officers.

Troops did 10 days in trenches, 10 days in reserve. Prisoner took his own rifle with him when going up from Reserve to fire trench. No cover from rain in the trenches. Money rewards were offered for any prisoners captured. There was apparently no lack of S.A.A., their orders were only not to waste it. Prisoner had had no pay for 4 months, but his family - if they proved need - got 30 P.T. a month.

Prisoner was tired of the war and surrendered.

Eight new guns reported to have arrived, vague as to their locality and calibre.

A look-out post has been constructed on or near the BENCH MARK, and other look-out posts are being, or to be constructed.



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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY - 1st November, 1915.

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RIGHT SECTION. The stone wall across the Nullah at junction of S.13y and S.14 is now completed.  
A large quantity of wire has been erected 300 yards East of S.13y where a considerable amount of work has been going on lately.  
Sounds of digging were heard between the N. and N.W. VINEYARD Bomb Stations.  
The enemy were very quiet along the whole front.

CENTRE SECTION. The Turkish Southern Barricade has been entirely rebuilt in a new position about 85 yards further back and is now at extreme catapult range from our barricade.  
S.12a and the Turkish Northern Barricade have also been rebuilt.  
Enemy snipers were active day and night in the vicinity of Worcester Barricade.  
Bombs also were thrown from two catapults, one of which was located in the fire trench to the left front of Worcester Barricade and the other immediately behind in a high piece of earthwork.  
A brown screen with red strip on top and two wire bomb screens have been put up in S.12b one of the bomb screens has already been destroyed.

LEFT SECTION. The Turks have put up a birdcage opposite FUSILIER HUFF and, at 1400, threw incendiary bombs at FUSILIER HUFF which did no damage.  
Enemy artillery fired about 150 rounds, "H" support trenches and our communication trenches and roads being shelled. A six inch gun from Asia again fired on "W" Beach and the new Corps Headquarters.

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*(Lg) Francis Lawrie*  
Lieutenant-General,  
Commanding 5th Army Corps.



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R.N.A.S. SUMMARY OF INFORMATION REPORT.

1st November, 1915.

AREA.	Source of Information.	Details.
HELLES.	3rd. Wing.	An aeroplane was sent to spot for shore guns on S. S.2. Ca. M1. M2. M3. and Fa.
	2nd. Wing.	A reconnaissance took place of the HELLES front.
ANZAC & SUVLA.	3rd. Wing.	Spotted shore guns on 68.O.3-4 and on 105.U.4. and 137.L.2.
	2nd. Wing.	Reconnaissances were effected of the ANZAC and SUVLA area.
SHIPPING.		Shipping in the Straits was normal.

2nd. November, 1915.

HELLES.	2nd. Wing.	<p>An early reconnaissance was effected of KRITHIA and the batteries on the HELLES front, the observer reporting no great activity in the village itself either of troops or transport.</p> <p>There was much work going on in what appears to be a battery of 5 emplacements - facing North - in 24.U-D and in the redoubt previously reported in the position of S.2.</p> <p>The following batteries appear to be occupied:- S. D1. P1. P. A. M. M3. M2. M1. Fa. Fb. Fc. N1. T. M. and M3. may be occupied by 4 guns only, which move from one to the other, and the same applies to Fa. and Fb.</p> <p>Shots were fired at the aeroplane when over KRITHIA, but no A.A gun could be located there</p>
	2nd. Wing.	Spotted for ships' guns on D3. P1. A. Fb. N. and M3.
ANZAC & SUVLA.	3rd. Wing.	<p>A further report of the spotting reconnaissance for SUVLA yesterday places no guns in 137.L.2., but a howitzer battery was located in 137.H.5. and fire was directed on this.</p> <p>Considerable movement of troops was seen in a deep cutting or communication trench</p>



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Area.	Source of Information.	Details.
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ANZAC & SUVLA, 3rd. Wing. (Continued.)

running South from 93.A.6, and in 105.U.4. was a large white tent. No hospital flag visible.

The firing by shore howitzers on emplacements in 68 (?) N.6. to O.7. was very effective.

2nd. Wing. A reconnaissance of the SUVLA area reports the following emplacements occupied:-

136.O.4.	2 guns.
105.P.7.	4 guns.
105.T.4.	2 guns.

A small camp was located in 154.Q.4., and a group of huts, probably a hospital, in 137.F.8 to K.2.

2nd. Wing.

Thirty two photographs were taken of the ANZAC area.

STRAITS. 2nd. Wing.

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Photographs were taken of the coast from SOGHANLI 'DERE to KILID BAHR'.



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I N T E L L I G E N C E B U L L E T I N .

N O V E M B E R 3rd, 1915.

1.  
PRISONERS. Another soldier of the 126th Regiment surrendered to the 11th Division on the 2nd November.

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2.  
TURKISH TROOPS. An unconfirmed report states that two Turkish divisions have arrived at VARNA and BURGAS under Von der Goltz.

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3.  
BULGARIA. It is proposed to call up 100,000 previously exempted men of years 1883 - 1900.

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4.  
KURDISTAN. It is reported that Ali Haidar Bey, Deputy for MOSUL, formed at MOSUL a detachment 12,000 strong and sent it to ROWANDUZ, but the majority deserted on the way. (ROWANDUZ is in the mountainous district on the Persian frontier, between MOSUL and URMIA.)

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY - 3rd DIVISION, 1915.

RIGHT SECTION.

Digging was seen in 9.12 and the enemy worked hard on the parapet of 9.15b. New wire has been put out in front of 9.11 and 9.11b, and stakes were heard being driven in at the barricade in East Kithiaullah.

The Turks sent up several flares during the night - an unusual occurrence - and a steady ground flare was seen behind 9.11 from 8.30 to 9.30.

During the night a hostile patrol of two men moved down the VINEYARD.

The enemy were rather more active in bombing. They threw several bombs from the Southern end of 9.13 and, on three occasions during the night, three bombs at our N.E. VINEYARD bomb station.

Between 2000 and 2030 they threw several bombs, apparently from a catapult, into our North VINEYARD station.

CENTER SECTION.

In front of their new Southern barricade and on the site of the old one the Turks have created another small barricade of white sandbags with two loopholes.

Sniping has been unusually brisk in front of Worcester Barricade.

LEFT SECTION.

At 1600 the enemy shelled the Western Side Track between Border and Essex Ravines. They also shelled the junction of Diggle Road and Essex Street East, but did no damage. Total rounds fired during the day about 100.

At 0635 a Turk surrendered at the Beach Barricade.

*Francis Davis*

Lieutenant-General,

Commanding 8th Army Corps.

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9th Corps.

Intelligence Summary. 2/11/15.

1. 'A' and 'B' Sections. (2nd Mounted and 13th Divisions).

A quiet day and night. Enemy was heard digging opposite A.62.

'C' Section. (29th Division).

Enemy very quiet. At about 1430 8 bombs and 1 rifle grenade, all of which, except the rifle grenade, fell short, were fired at our trenches. One bomb lay for 4 minutes before exploding. Only one bomb contained H.E., the others apparently contained tow which burnt freely after the explosion. The enemy's wire opposite C.55 was cut and an effort was made to pull it with ropes towards our trenches; it was only partially successful owing to the ropes breaking several times. Some digging was heard opposite C.62.

'D' Section. (11th Division).

Enemy quiet, but sniping a little increased. There was a certain amount of shell fire during the day, but little damage was done.

2. Artillery Reports.Right Flank.

An unusually quiet day. Guns reported active:- 93 P.1, 106 I.6, 137 H.8 (anti-aircraft), 137 M.4 and M.8. A trench mortar located by the 2nd Mtd. Divn. was shelled, and also considerable bodies of enemy, mounted and on foot, about 106 V.8 on the BIYUK ANAFARTA - DERVISH ALI KUYU road. A large number of new support trenches have recently been dug in 105 S.

Left Flank.

Very quiet day. None of the guns which fired during the day at Hill 28 and our trenches in D Section could be definitely located. The 15th Heavy Battery was spotted on to the 5.9" howitzers at 105 U.3, and the 4.5" howitzers on to the guns at 137 M.5-9, by aeroplane, with good effect in both cases. The howitzers also shelled the work reported yesterday at 136 U.6. Two H.E. fell in it, but did not do much obvious damage. Enemy very quiet, a working party at 136 V.1 was shelled, and a party of enemy seen on the sky line just North of TEKKE TEPE.

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A deserter, Corporal VALI MOHAMMED, 1st Bn., 126th Regt. surrendered to the left sub-section of 'D' Section last night. He had been in hospital with dysentery for three months, and rejoined only a fortnight ago; he deserted owing to a quarrel with a German N.C.O. in charge of a M.G. He stated that there were many troops opposite our left, but his only definite information was that the Vith A.C. was here and that the 16th, 20th and 22nd Divs. were coming, and had arrived at TURSHT-EN-KEUI, and that some guns were coming too. He stated that there were three kinds of rifle in his regt. all taking the same ammunition; the clothing was fair, but there were no blankets. Most of their casualties were caused by M.Gs. There was a good deal of dysentery and similar complaints but the sick were well looked after. The trenches were all about 9 feet deep, undercut for cover and protection from weather. Sections (of 8 to 10 men) had a front of 3 metres to watch and double sentries at night. Observation was carried out through loop-holes. The communication trenches were very deep and mounted officers could, and did, ride in them under cover. There was no mining and no pioneer battalions in his part of the line. The Germans were expected to arrive via BULGARIA in about a fortnight; this was not considered a cause for self-congratulation by the Turks, who expected the Germans to take their country. He had heard officers discussing the advisability of peace, if possible on a basis of territorial integrity, as the British were better friends to them than the Germans. One battalion of Arabs was in reserve behind them.

*on the night of the 1st*

Right flank

An unusually quiet day. One reported active - 22 P.I. 105 P.I. 127 R.G. (anti-aircraft), 127 M.G. and M.G. A trench mortar located by the 2nd M.G. Bn. was shelled and also considerable losses of enemy, mounted and on foot, about 100 V.S. on the BIKK ALABALA - DEWISER ALL road. A large number of new captured trench maps recently been in 100 P.I.

Left flank

Very quiet day. None of the guns which fired during the day at Hill 28 and our trenches in E Section could be definitely located. The 12th heavy battery was spotted on to the 2nd howitzers at 105 P.I. and the 2nd howitzers on to the guns at 127 M.G. by searchlights. A good effect in both cases. The howitzers also shelled the work reported yesterday at 125 P.I. Two H.E. fell in it, but did not do much damage. Easy very quiet. A working party at 125 P.I. was shelled, and a party of enemy seen on the sky line just north of 125 P.I.

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163<sup>rd</sup> Bde. Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> 1915  
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Officers, Patrol returned & reported that they proceeded to W end of TAIT'S WALK, there Lieut. WODEHOUSE went away to the N.E. and remainder of patrol climbed the Southern Spur of WODEHOUSE CLIFF - arrived at top 0215 & remained until 0330. Sounds as of sawing & hammering were heard in the valley W of SMYTH'S SPUR. Lieut. WODEHOUSE not having rejoined, this part of the patrol returned by the same route as it went out about 0500.

Lieut. WODEHOUSE on leaving remainder of patrol, went to N end of WODEHOUSE CLIFF, heard work being done to the cliff path back of SANDBAG RIDGE. He then got past the sentry on the path leading behind WODEHOUSE CLIFF, and worked along towards the picquet (about 9 men). He lay here and presently, 2 men came along, one carrying a box (rather like an attaché case with a handle) one of the men had a small electric light (shaded) and he showed contents of box to the men in the picquet. It looked like Electrical Apparatus & on pushing down a knob there was a spark. The other man had coils of wire (looked like black & yellow in the light) on his arm. These two proceeded down the path & Lieut. WODEHOUSE tried to follow, but was out-distanced. He arrived somewhere near the back

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of the barricade (80' N of 92-2-3) where he found a cordon of men drawn across from WODEHOUSE CLIFF to the barricade. Enemy were at work between the barricade and SMYTH'S SPUR, much picking, sawing and knocking in of stakes. He tried all ways to get through without success & returned up the valley - on arriving near the Northern Picquet a small patrol of 5 men came in, passed the sentry and sat down almost on top of Lieut. WODEHOUSE (within 2 yards), he was kept here for 2 hours until about 0530 when they went away down the valley towards the barricade. On trying to pass the sentry, the latter wheeled round with his bayonet & challenged - Lieut. WODEHOUSE shot him, dashed into the bush, the picquet challenged and hearing no reply, came to the sentry - finding him down they fixed bayonets & advanced in retarded order. Lieut. WODEHOUSE withdrew and when clear of them came in arriving about 0606.

Lieut. WODEHOUSE also observed a green flare at 0115 near 93.W-2 - this was answered by a white flare a little to the N of it.

From observation made by me the enemy has done nothing further to his new barbed wire at foot SANDBAG RIDGE.

Enemy's new line can now be picked up. A sap runs forward from his trench near the H of CHAINOHK following the spur until it reaches

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the highest point of BULGAR BLUFF - here there is a small circular work; about 30° E of this a new fire trench is being broken out along a minor spur running N in the direction of SMYTH'S SPUR - although very much masked by the undergrowth it evidently joins up with the new trenches on SMYTH'S SPUR.

This work has been carefully sapped & some of it only broken into view during the night

2<sup>nd</sup> Nov. 1915

(Sgd) Edgar W. Brighton  
Lieut Col.  
1/5<sup>th</sup> Bedford Regt.  
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The following is the translation of a Turkish document recovered by 2nd Australian Division from an old Turkish dug-out on the right of LONE PINE:-

Battle front of ARI BURNU.

14/27 July 1915.

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To the commander of the 47th regt.

After a communication from the commander of the army, the commander of the Northern group has made known to us that the enemy is preparing for an attack, and considerable amount of reinforcements have arrived.

Our division in general has prepared the means of defence, but the positions of which we took charge to day, KURMIZI SIRT, KANLI SIRT, AL BAIKAK, YESHIL SIRT and the vicinity SUNGU BAIR and the zone of KABA TEPE, shall not be abandoned even in the most terrible and awful attacks they will be defended every step of them to our last man, they are precious positions.

By the way, I repeat the necessity of finishing the positions and the communication trenches prepared by the 47th regt as soon as possible. At YESHIL SIRT I remind you of the preparation of buried bomb positions which will make a probable landing a failure at KABA TEPE. With the other regts, I suppose nothing is wanting in the first and second lines.

If officers and N.C.Os still have any doubt about the country in their front, they must make sure of it. In the application of my orders to the artillery up to date, I hope that no mistake will happen.

Success is in God.

O.C. 16th Division.

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Army Corps Head-quarters. 2nd November, 1915. Ig / 389.

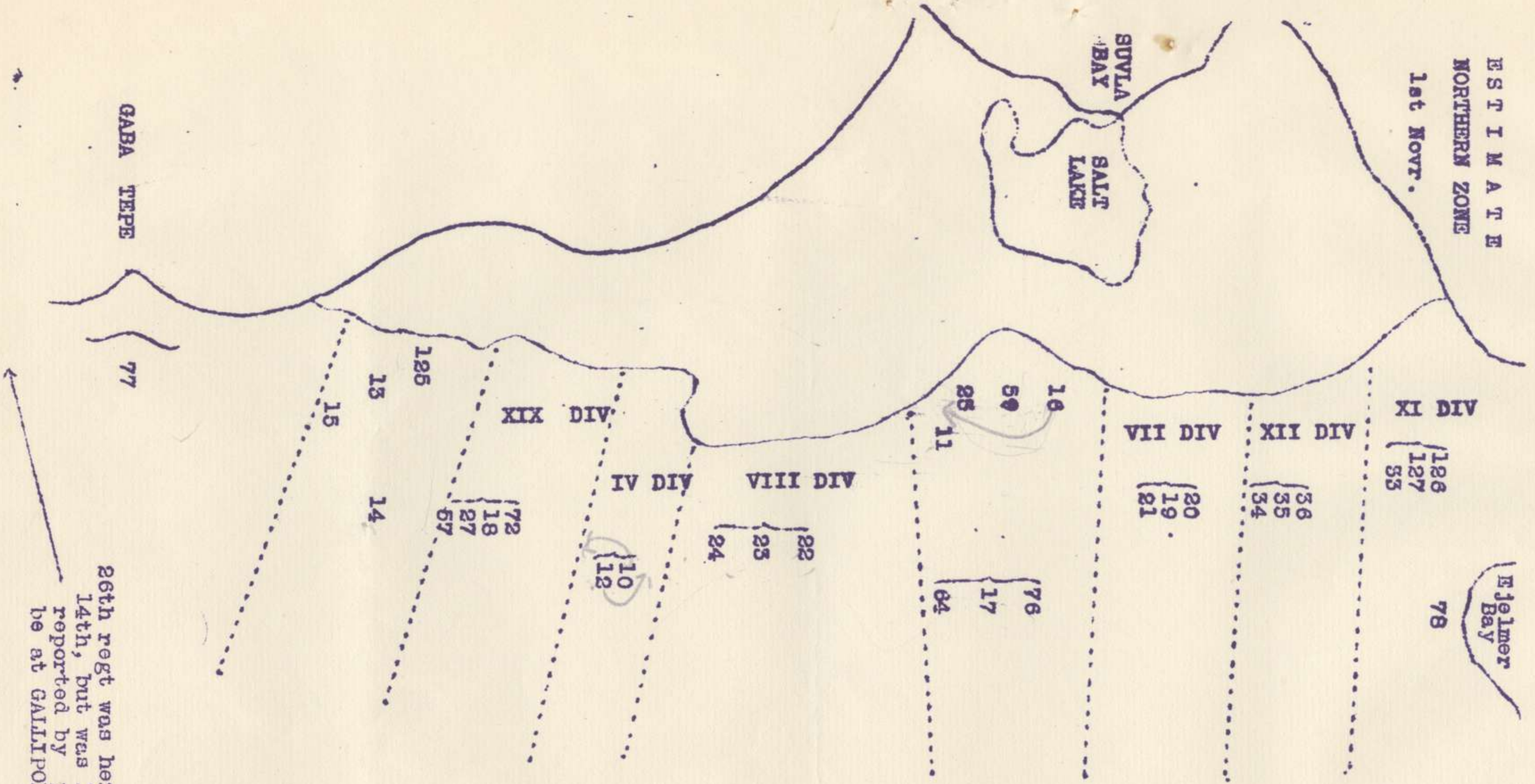


R.N.A.S. SUMMARY OF INFORMATION REPORT.November 3rd, 1915.

Area.	Source of Information.	Details.
HELLES.	3rd. Wing.	Spotted for shore battery on D3. A. & Ca. (2nd).
	2nd. Wing.	Spotted for ships' guns on D5. Pl. A. Fb. N. and M3. with effect.
		A further reconnaissance of the HELLES front confirms yesterday's report, adding D2. to the list emplacements occupied. New emplacements were seen North of D3. Three hundred yards N.E. of the windmills at KRITHIA are some hospital tents.
ANZAC & SUVLA.	2nd. Wing.	<p>A reconnaissance took place of the SUVLA area, the observer reporting camps in the following positions:-</p> <p>119.S.9. to 119.X.3. large hospital camp.</p> <p>119.J.3. about 40 tents in gully, due North of "Tekke".</p> <p>120.A.1. and 7-9. 3 camps, about 50 tents each.</p> <p>137.F.6 and 153.Z.(?)3. Sheds and tents between these points - nothing to indicate that they are hospitals.</p> <p>Five gun emplacements were seen in 118.U.9 - 2 appeared occupied.</p> <p>There appears to be some activity in 55.K.7., a possible gun emplacement being formed there.</p> <p>A gun was seen to fire from 56.G.4-7, where there are emplacements for 4 guns (2nd.)</p>
	2nd. Wing.	<p>A photographic reconnaissance of the ANZAC area was carried out, and 36 photographs were taken.</p> <p>A camp - 300 tents - is reported 1200 yards South of TURSHT-EN-KEUI. This is in all probability the one previously reported in 120.Q.3.</p>
BULAIR.	3rd. Wing.	<p>A camp with stores was located in a valley 2 miles to the South of UNGERDERE. Large quantities of stores were also seen on the shore at the mouth of the DERE.</p> <p>Observer reports a camp at 138.D.5. and some movement of troops was seen in the gully. (2nd.)</p>
STRAITS.	2nd. Wing.	The sheds South of NAGARA point appear to be completed. Nothing fresh has been reported regarding shipping in the Straits.



ESTIMATE  
NORTHERN ZONE  
1st NOV.



26th regt was here on Oct 14th, but was lately reported by prisoner to be at GALLI POLI.

NOTE 1. IN RESERVE ON THE PENINSULA:-  
 II Div: 1st & 5th regts.  
 III bis Div: 31st 32nd & 39th regts.  
 XIII Div: 4th 46th & 60th regts.

NOTE 2. 48th regt at AKBASHI.  
 47th regt probably also at AKBASHI.

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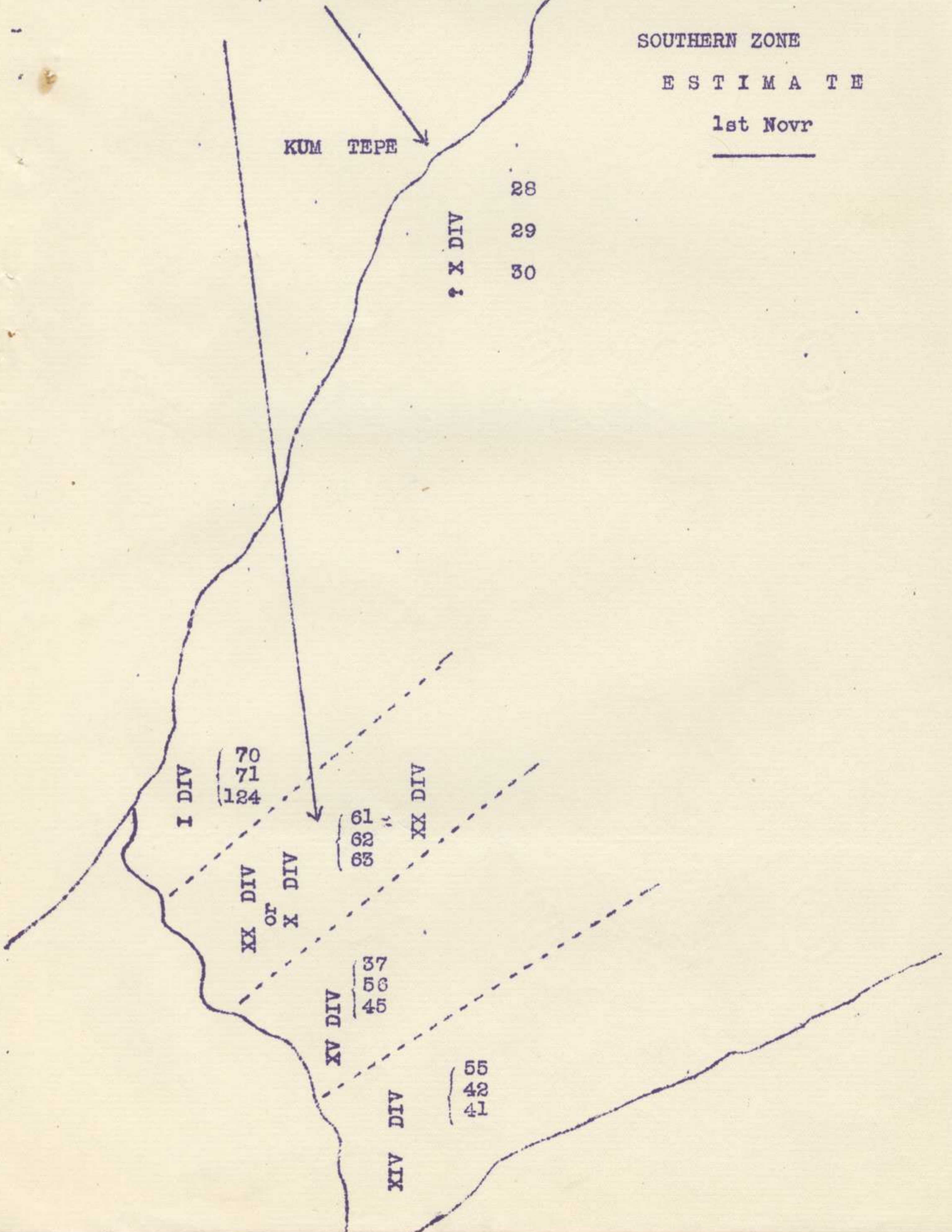


NOTE. X Div: reported by a prisoner to be in KUM TEPE area on 14th Octr, and there are indications that a relief has been carried out in the area it occupied on the HELLES front. It may have been relieved by the XX Division.

SOUTHERN ZONE

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I N T E L L I G E N C E B U L L E T I N .

N O V E M B E R 4th, 1915.

1.  
AEROPLANES. It is reported that on the 7th October an aeroplane circled round SMYRNA Castle and was fired on by Turkish gunners. The 3rd round brought it down. It was found to be a German machine. The pilot and passenger were unhurt.

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2.  
TURKISH TROOPS. Large numbers of gendarmes having been drafted into the Army, extra battalions of older men were formed to replace them. These are known as "Takviat" battalions.

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3.  
PRISONERS. A soldier of the 70th Regiment (1st Division) surrendered to the 42nd Division on the 2nd November.

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4.  
TURKISH SYSTEM OF RESTING TROOPS. Information from a Turkish prisoner re-examined at CAIRO:-

At the Dardanelles two systems were in vogue. They were called "Kutchuk isterahat" (short rest), and "Buyuk isterahat" (long rest) by the men. Short rest was the normal relief from spells of trench service, and lasted on an average eight days. Sometimes a whole battalion took eight days off; at other times half a battalion (two companies) was in reserve resting, while half was in the trenches.

In the case of units which had been badly cut up and lost a large percentage of their effectives, the military authorities took the troops which had suffered right away from the front, and gave them as long a rest as possible, during which time large drafts of recruits, etc., added to the regiment, could



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have some training with the regiment or regiments.

At times, he said, a division was sent off bodily to rest and refit. They went to Asia (CHANAK) or up to the Peninsula into THRACE. There were generally troops resting at UZUN KEUPRU.

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5.  
TURKISH  
THIRD  
ARMY.

On 4th October the General Staff, Caucasus, located the whole X A.C. on the Caucasus front.

The following is their estimate of the Turkish Third

Army:-

IX A.C. (Divs. 17- 28- 29)

X A.C. (Divs. 30, 31, 32)

XI A.C. (Divs. 18, 33, 34)

36th Division.

BAGDAD Regiment (which is new description of 37th Div.)

103rd Regiment.

Reserve Regiments, Nos. 7, 9, 44 and 2nd Mush Regiment.

Cavalry. 2nd and 23rd Regiments.

"Bis" Regiments. 5, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 25, 32, 34,  
43, 117.

Note

- (a) Two battalions of the 103rd Regiment are in MESOPOTAMIA.
- (b) Apparently the 37th Division, which belongs to the XIII (BAGDAD) A.C., has been reduced to the strength of a regiment.
- (c) The 3rd Division (Regts. 7, 9, 44) was reported to have left the Caucasus front in September. No information has, however, been received of it elsewhere, and the fact that mention is made above of reserve regiments,



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Nos 7, 9, 44, indicates that the division has probably not been withdrawn.

(d) No mention is made of the 37th and 40th Regiments of the 5th Composite Division which were ~~previously~~ <sup>formerly</sup> on the Caucasus front, nor of the 8th Regiment.

(e) Of the "bis" regiments mentioned above, the 43rd is a Nizam Regiment, which, with the 37th and 40th, constituted a 5th Composite Division sent a year ago from the 5th Army Corps to the Caucasus.

The other "bis" regiments appear to be duplications of Nizam regiments, which, with the exception of 117, are all in the Dardanelles area. The original 117 belongs to the VII (YEMEN) A.C.

It is not stated in what way these regiments are organised in larger formations.

(f) The breakdown of the territorial system of recruiting is exemplified by the fact that drafts have been sent to the Caucasus from the depots of the following regiments:- 1, 10, 11, 13, 24, 9, 57, 72, 77, 78, 103, 115, 116, 47, 4 and 48. These depots recruit men from CONSTANTINOPLE, SMYRNA, ANGORA, ALEPPO, ADANA, RODOSTO, MOSUL, and YEMEN.

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6.  
EXTRACTS FROM LETTERS  
TO TURKISH PRISONERS  
OF WAR.

Crops in SMYRNA are excellent and in perfect condition. All the reservists

have been called up and there is nobody left in the district.

In AINTAB everything is cheap and abundant. Every man in the region from 20 - 49 years has been recruited.



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From a letter received it appears that special battalions have been formed of soldiers unfit for service, to cultivate the fields of farmers called up, who have no helpers for carrying out farming work at home.

Great activity has been displayed lately in making roads on the shore of the Black Sea.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY - 4th NOVEMBER, 1918.

RIGHT SECTION.

An earthwork, having the appearance of a gun emplacement has been made at the junction of F.11 and F.12b. Some digging was done opposite <sup>our</sup> ~~one~~ point of junction with the French and hammering heard in G.11a and West Krithia Nullah. Persistent efforts were made by the enemy to put out wire in front of our North West Vineyard bomb station. Two ~~of~~ three violent explosions, the cause and position of which have not been discovered, were reported during the night, the first about 2345.

CENTRE SECTION.

Additional high wire entanglement has been put out in front of G.14a. The left sub-section was shelled at 2000 and again this morning; otherwise the enemy were inactive on this front. An 'Aviatik' flew over the lines between 1030 and 1200.

LEFT SECTION  
&  
GENERAL.

At 1300 the enemy shelled INNISKILLING INCH and Border Trench, slightly damaging the parapet. At 1900 and 2000 Essex Street East was shelled, and the parapets slightly damaged. Total rounds fired during the day about 180.

The following names have been adopted for use in this Corps to designate the localities mentioned:-  
Communication trench from HAMPSHIRE CUT through GHELMSFORD STREET and FUSILIER STREET to ZIG-ZAG to be known as "COMMERCIAL ROAD".  
Communication trenches A.B. and C to be called "LEFT AVENUE", "CENTRE AVENUE", and "RIGHT AVENUE" respectively.  
New trench in front of INNISKILLING INCH to be known as "FORWARD INCH".  
Sap or "I" head running out from Border Trench between HALF MOON STREET and FORWARD INCH and almost in continuation of the communication trench COLNE ROAD to be called "COLNE POST".

*for* *H. Street Bly*  
Lieutenant-General,  
Commanding 8th Army Corps.

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RIGHT SECTION.

The communication trenches in the F Group which were sniped by us yesterday have now been built up and traversed. Digging was heard near G.11a. Our new "B" bomb station just North of H.11a was sniped considerably during the night. A catapult located in the Southern end of F.13 threw a bomb into Nelson Avenue. During the early part of the night and again at 0200 a small party of Turks came out and threw bombs at our N.E.Vineyard bomb station. They all fell short.

CENTRE SECTION.

Between 2000 and 2300 enemy shelled a party working on our left redoubt and work had to be stopped. Otherwise the Turks were very quiet on this front. At 1015 from 150 to 200 Turks, visible down to their waists, were seen moving along F.14. Work went on all day in G.15 and a third barricade has been erected opposite our Southern Barricade between the two previously reported.

LEFT SECTION & GENERAL.

The J trenches were heavily shelled, also our communications and several of our batteries. Number of shells fired, about 270.

(Sgd) Francis Davies

Lieutenant General,  
Commanding 8th Army Corps.

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R.N.A.S. SUMMARY OF INFORMATION REPORT.

November 4th, 1915.

Area.	Source of Information.	Details.
HELLES.	2nd. Wing.	A camp - 100 to 150 tents - is reported in 28.X.9 to Y.7. and in 38.P.7-8 a four-gun emplacement.
ANZAC & SUVLA.	3rd. Wing.	Spotted for howitzer battery on guns in 80.O.6. There appear to be no guns in 80.P.
	2nd. Wing.	An aeroplane was sent to reconnoitre the SUVLA front, the observer reporting:- 105.U.2-5. A 3-gun emplacement occupied. 137.X.3-5 2-gun " empty. 137.X.7. 2-gun " " 107.T.1. A camp - nearly 50 tents. 140.O.2-4 100 carts <u>parked</u> on west side of road, and a large camp of about 400 tents. 120.H.4-7. A large camp - about 200 tents.  Troops numbering about 300 were seen in 153.Z.8-9.
	2nd. Wing.	An observer reports a large number of men working in 107.H.2-5 and 4 companies of infantry on the march from 107.1.5. to 107.1.4. They scattered on the appearance of the aeroplane. Camps were located in 138.W.7. and in 154.V.7. In neither case could anything be seen to indicate that they are hospital camps, although the former has been reported previously as a hospital.
BULAIR.	3rd. Wing.	There now appear to be 5 aeroplane tents (4 white and 1 red) and 2 recently erected sheds, in the GALATA aerodrome. Photographs were taken of these.
SHIPPING.		Reconnaissances of the Straits were made by several observers, resulting in a full report of the shipping seen in the various harbours, showing somewhat more activity than has been reported recently.
		<u>NORTHERN NAGARA BAY.</u> 2 small steamers and some smaller craft.



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Area.	Source of Information.	Details.
<u>Shipping (Continued.)</u>		
		<u>OFF MAIDOS.</u> A two-masted sailing ship and 3 lighters.
		<u>KILIA LIMAN.</u> 2 T.B.D's, 1 sailing ship and some dhows. The T.B.D's. are frequently reported here.
		<u>THE NETS.</u> 2 picket boats and a small tug.
		<u>AK BASHI LIMAN.</u> Two sailing ships and several small craft. There were two hospital ships seen in the usual position to the N.E. and a small steamer lying close to them.
		<u>BERGAZ LIMAN.</u> The two large steamers, listed over, probably aground, with 5 dhows alongside. 2 small steamers. 1 sailing ship. 10 dhows and some lighters. underway:- A large T.B.D. and what appeared to be a small gunboat. 2 tugs towing lighters.
		<u>FALSE BAY.</u> 1 sailing ship at anchor. 12 dhows.

Photographs were taken of BERGAZ LIMAN & FALSE BAY.

GENERAL. The service flights ordered to day were partially interfered with by low clouds.



CONFIDENTIAL.I N T E L L I G E N C E   B U L L E T I N .N O V E M B E R   5 t h , 1 9 1 5 .

1. GREECE. After an all-night sitting the Greek Government, on the morning of the 4th instant, was defeated on a vote of confidence by 33 votes.

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2. GERMANS. Von Wangenheim, the German Ambassador at CONSTANTINOPLE, has died.

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3. ARMENIAN DEPUTIES. According to a report received, of the 13 Armenian deputies in the Ottoman Parliament, 8 have been hanged, two died from torture, and three, including Haladjian Effendi, who is reported to have escaped to Switzerland, have up to the present survived. It was previously reported that Haladjian had also been murdered.

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4. NAVAL. A Turkish gunboat is reported to have arrived at CONSTANTINOPLE badly damaged after a fight with submarines. Four Bulgarian torpedo boats are said to have arrived at CONSTANTINOPLE.

It is reported that submarines have bombarded ZEITUN BURNU, the Turkish powder factory near CONSTANTINOPLE on the Northern shore of the Marmora.

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PRISONERS. A soldier of the 33rd Regiment (11th Division) surrendered to the 29th Division on the 3rd November.

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6.  
New FRENCH  
MINISTRY.

~~President of the Council and Foreign Affairs:~~

M. Briand.

Without portfolio: M.M. de Freycinet, Bourgeois, Combes,  
Guesde, Denis Cochon.

Justice and Vice President of Council: M. Viviani.

War: General Gallion.

Marine: Admiral Lacaze.

Interior: Malvy.

Finance: Ribot.

Agriculture: Meline.

Public Works: Sambat.

Commerce: Clementel.

Colonies: Doumergue.

Munitions: Painleve.

M. Jules Cambon, ex Ambassador at BERLIN has been appointed  
Secretary-General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

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7.  
SERBIA. (a) The following is from the French Intelligence  
Bulletin of 3rd November:-

The Bulgars claim to have taken PIROT.

General Toncheff is in command of the Bulgar troops on the  
Greek frontier.

The correspondent of the "Berliner Tageblatt" with  
Mackensen's Army expresses his admiration of the resistance of  
the Serbians. "Everywhere", he says, "the Serbs retire in  
good order. At first the Germans had before them men 40 - 50  
years old, who have now been replaced by young and vigorous  
troops. The Serbs are first rate marksmen and make excellent use  
of the ground. They inflict great loss on our troops". The  
correspondent goes on to describe the difficulties of the advance,



saying that rain has turned the roads into quagmires.

The "Lokal Anzeiger" correspondent says that few Serbian prisoners have been taken in proportion to the number of killed and wounded. The Serbs do not surrender but fight to the end and when they retreat leave little behind them. The population follows the army in its retreat but does not, like the Russians, set fire to the villages.

(b) The following information has been received from SALONICA, dated 29th October:-

BALKAN OPERATIONS, NORTHERN FRONT.

Enemy communique announces that the Austro-German forces have entered VALYEVO and have driven the Serbians south of LAZAREVATZ. Further East the Serbians have retired from South of PETROVATZ.

On the Danube the enemy claim to have occupied KLADOVO and to have effected a junction with the Bulgarian forces N.E. of BRZA PALANKA.

Bulgarian front on the TIMOK line: the Bulgarian advance has reached BOLIEVATZ S.W. of ZAYECHAR.

On the Vardar line the Bulgarians after occupying USKUB are now attacking the KAGHANIK pass and the line of the KARA DAGH; detachments have also been pushed forward towards KALKANDELEN. The Serbians retiring from VELES are now some 10 kil. south east of that place.  
DEDEAGATCH ZONE.

It is stated that the Turkish troops, moved to the assistance of the Bulgarians near DEDEAGATCH, are the three divisions (42- 43- 45) of the new XV Corps under Portev Pasha from SMYRNA.

These Turkish divisions are now said to be occupying position on the heights behind P. LAGOS and DEDEAGATCH. Eight 7.5 Cen: guns have been mounted at BADOMA and four heavy guns at GOUMENTZA. Turkish cavalry reported to have left ADRIANOPLE for Bulgaria. The report of 2 divisions having been withdrawn from the Dardanelles is not yet confirmed.



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R.N.A.S. SUMMARY OF INFORMATION REPORT.

5th November, 1915.

Area.	Source of Information.	Details.
HELLES.	2nd. Wing.	The following batteries are reported Occupied:- N1. P1. P. A. the F. group. the M. group and C.A. L appears to be unoccupied.
	3rd. Wing.	Spotted for ships' guns on stores and dug-outs in 29.H.9. and a camp in 30.M. The firing was accurate and effective. The S and M groups are now connected by a communication trench. Four emplacements were seen further North than the S group. The report that S2 is now a redoubt is confirmed.  <u>Correction:-</u> For "38.P.7-8" in yesterday's report, read "48.P.7-8 a four gun empl't."
	2nd. Wing.	Directed the fire of ships' guns on targets Fa. Fc. T. and Gb. with effect.
	3rd. Wing.	Twenty photographs were taken of the HELLES front.
	2nd. Wing.	Observer reports that a new emplacement is being added to the four previously reported just N.W. of M2. (28.T.2-4).
	ANZAC & SUVLA.	2nd. Wing.
2nd. Wing.		A reconnaissance took place of the ANZAC area and the following batteries were reported:- 93.X.4. 4 emplacements occupied. 80.P.5. 1 empl't occupied. 55.Z.7. 4 emplacements doubtful. 93.V.9. 1 emplacement occupied. 47.F.1. 2 empl'ts doubtful. A camp was seen in sq. 81.S.9. (50 tents scattered.)
2nd. Wing.		A reconnaissance of the coast from SOGHAN DERE to KILID BAHR was effected and forty photographs were taken.  Camps were located to the North of KILID BAHR. The positions will be given tomorrow.
STRAITS.	2nd. Wing.	A reconnaissance of the coast from SOGHAN DERE to KILID BAHR was effected and forty photographs were taken.  Camps were located to the North of KILID BAHR. The positions will be given tomorrow.



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1.  
GERMAN PRESS The following is an extract from an article in the "Berliner Tageblatt":-

The march of the Austro-Germans in the direction of CONSTANTINOPLE shows the manner in which the war is developing. Many Germans think only of CALAIS and look upon anyone who does not consider its capture indispensable, as an enemy to the Empire.

But the German General Staff acted as circumstances required. From the manner in which the war has developed, it appears that the most practical avenue of attack against our inveterate enemies does not lead through CALAIS. The power of Germany and her Allies is on land; they must strike the decisive blow in another direction, and thus they are seen on the road to CONSTANTINOPLE and the Dardanelles.

The drama develops logically and there is light ahead. The German and Austrian Empires with Bulgaria and Turkey, feel the naval pressure of England and America, for England is dominant on sea. Such is the problem, the solution of which should be found between the Danube and the Dardanelles. After the Dardanelles there is Egypt, and if England wants a fight to a finish, she shall have it. |

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2.  
EXAMINATION OF PRISONERS. (a) Prisoner of 70th Regiment surrendered 2/11/15 states:-

The 1st Division has been holding the same sector of the front for the last 4 months without being relieved. The battalions are now up to strength and number 1000 each.



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Prisoner states that Javid Pasha is now in command of the Southern Zone. (This may be the same Javid who distinguished himself as a commander in the war of 1912 against the Greeks). Vohib Pasha is still in the Peninsula, he saw him lately. Enver visited the Peninsula about a fortnight ago.

Fothi Bey<sup>is</sup> Commander of the 70th Regiment, and a German officer recently took over command of the 1st battalion to which prisoner belongs.

There are 7 Germans for mining duties attached to each battalion of his regiment. 10 soldiers are told off to work under each of them. On his own battalion front seven mines are being made, one of which is ready.

He states that there is a division called the "Itfai" Division at GALLIPOLI and SOGHANLI DERE, which consists of men who are supposed to have belonged to the CONSTANTINOPLE Fire Brigade. It is believed amongst them that this division is to be brought up and will attack us as soon as the seven mines have been fired.

There is a certain amount of talk amongst the men that the 2nd and 3rd (bis) divisions are being sent to help the Bulgars.

- (b) Prisoner of 33rd Regiment surrendered 3/11/15 states that the 34th Regiment is on the left of his and that men speak of the 20th Division having arrived in the Peninsula.

O.C. 33rd Regiment is Nouri Bey.



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He was called up in AINTAB last year, and in the spring of 1915 was put into the 2nd Depot Battalion of the 42nd Regiment. (Prisoner may mean a depot battalion of the 42nd Division.)

He was then sent with drafts to CONSTANTINOPLE, the route being, on foot over the Amanus to OSMANIEH, thence by train to TARSUS, then by road over the Taurus: to EREGLI (10 days) where they entrained.

The 33rd Regiment has just received new drafts, and he says companies now number 300 each.

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Intelligence Summary.

4/11/15.

1. 'A' Section. (2nd Mounted Division).

More enemy rifle fire than usual during the night, but no movement observed.

'C' Section. (29th Division).

There was a good deal of shelling of the Right Sub-section during the day from all directions, but the sniping was much less than usual and easily quieted. Some enemy transport was seen on the road from Anafarta at 0545. All these facts afford some support for the statement of the deserter who surrendered <sup>here</sup> last night, and gave information of which a summary is attached, that the enemy troops opposite this part of our line are being relieved. In the Left Sub-section all was quiet.

'D' Section. (11th Division).

Enemy artillery rather active, but snipers quieter. The enemy were working on NORTH REDOUBT, T.1 and the wire in front of the Southern part of V.1. Left flank destroyer reports that there is some movement and digging about ASHAGI KAPANJA and smoke rising from bivouacs at 137 M.1-4. There is a small sand-bag redoubt or sniper's post at 135 U.8-9. A M.G. opened fire on the Left Flank Destroyer during the night 3rd/3rd probably from NORTH REDOUBT.

2. Artillery Reports. Right Flank.

Guns reported active:- 105 U.4, 136 N.6-9, 93 G.3 (howitzer) 93 R.4, 105 P.6-9, 137 M.4. Other targets engaged:- 150 to 200 Turks in single file on track in 137 H., sunken road 136 R.2.

Enemy's ammunition mules were seen moving in a wood at 93 V.2-5.

Left Flank.

Considerable activity, but chiefly confined to two or three batteries. Guns reported active:- 136 O.3 and O.6, 137 M.4 (very persistent), 105 U.4, 119 M.1-4 (new position, perhaps alternative to 119 M.5), 136 Q.3, 119 A.7-8 (last reported active on Aug.22nd). The redoubt or sniper's post at 135 U.8-9 was shelled with effect. Very little movement was observed.

Reserve Areas 'A' and 'B'.

The beaches and ships were shelled yesterday morning. No damage was done on shore. The "Prince George" was struck by two shells, but no material damage was done. Another shell entered the open hatchway of S.S. "East Point" and set fire to some hay which formed part of her cargo. The fire is now out and the ship believed to be not seriously damaged.

3. It is reported from the observation post in A.51 that work is continuous at 105 S.7-3, and that much heavy timber is being used; also that at an estimated range of 4,800 yards on a bearing of 123 degrees from 92 B.6-9 there is an important artillery observation station with telephonic communications in several directions, and that at the back of this point there is a knoll behind which there is always some traffic. The wire on 'W' Hill has been much strengthened recently, and there appear to be at least 3 lines of defence, 105 S.7-8, 105 S.6-9, 105 T.5-3.

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STATEMENT of Pto. HASSAN OGLU ALI, 3rd Bn. 33rd Regiment,  
who surrendered to the left subsection 29th Division 3.11.1915.

This deserter has 16 months service but only joined his regiment in its present position a month ago. As regards other troops his knowledge appears to be rather inaccurate. He states that the 37th Regt. was on his right (probably untrue) and the 34th on his left (probably true, but he states, certainly falsely, that this Regt. belongs to the 20th Divn. and only entered the trenches 5 days ago, relieving the 32nd Regt.)

While drawing water from a well half an hour behind the firing line he met a man of the 20th Divn. who told him parts of the 20th Divn. had come into the trenches on the plain in the last few days. Each man in the fire trenches in his section of the line had 5 cricket-ball bombs.

He came out with a patrol of 20 men last night, 30 yards in front of their trench. At dawn he crept up nearer to our line, but could not draw attention of our men. This evening he crawled to quite near our trench and surrendered.

He has seen no supply depots. Rations are brought by pack animals at night to within  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles of trenches from where men from each company carry them to the trenches.

Their chief losses are caused by our gunfire when they go to the well for water and when fetching rations by night. Very few casualties in trenches. His coy. of 300 loses about 5 men per day, chiefly round the well.

There is a great deal of talk about peace, which the men declare will be made soon.

He knows of no Arab troops on the peninsula and says they are chiefly at Chanak. They are not at all disciplined and very often refuse to obey orders. The reason why he states Arabs are at Chanak, is that amongst the drafts he came out with were 1000 Arabs who were sent to Chanak.

There are 3 machine guns to his battalion; he knows of no trench mortars.

They have been cautioned that in case we use gas they must dip some flannel in water and hold over mouth and nose. Has otherwise not heard of it.

All the new drafts have much better clothing than the original soldiers.

All his regiment has mausers; he was given his when he joined the battalion in the trenches.

They are not allowed to sleep at night. 5 men out of every ten in firing line have to dig and improve the trenches. All those in support trenches dig also.

Every company sends out a patrol of 20 to 30 men.

In his coy. there are 300 men, 1 Capt. and 2 Lieuts.

In his battalion there are 1200 men. They have just received fresh drafts and are up to full strength.

He hears that drafts are continuously arriving on the peninsula, two to three thousand at a time; but no complete units. No troops are being withdrawn.

There are no German crews with machine guns. The crews consist of men drawn from the battalions and trained by Germans. German officers inspect machine guns once or twice a week.

Sergeants and warrant officers who can read and write are sometimes promoted to rank of lieutenants, but most officers come from Constantinople through the military college. The troops have not much confidence in those, and much preferred the original regular officers.

Many men try to run away, but are too afraid to surrender to our men. They are usually caught and sent back.

Prisoner is evidently a Syrian and was called up before the war. He came to Constantinople for final training about six months ago.



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Intelligence Summary. 5/11/15.  
-----1. 'A' and 'B' Sections. (2nd Mounted & 13th Divisions).

A quiet day. Enemy working party heard opposite A.64.

'C' Section. (29th Division).

Enemy unusually quiet, no work observed, no movement perceived and no bombs fired; this may have been due to the enemy's expecting reliefs or fresh troops.

The enemy are believed to be working on the hill opposite C.64, but no work can be seen from our trenches.

'D' Section. (11th Division).

Enemy were quiet, but for rather heavy sniping at night, and very little movement was seen.

2. Artillery Reports.Right Flank.

A fairly quiet day. Guns active:- 93 B.8, 93 G.3 (howitzers, engaged by our howitzers, 5 rounds reported effective), 136 N.8-9, 105 F.9, 137 M.4, 105 O.7 (105 U.5 and U - Z, howitzers, doubtful). A good deal more wire has been put up near the top of 'W' Hill. The trench mortar recently in position by the ASMAK DERE has been moved back to its old position near 105 W.2. Parties of enemy on the road near CHAKAJAK KUYU and on SCIMITAR HILL were shelled with effect. About 150 to 200 enemy were seen crossing the sky-line Eastwards at 136 P.4 in single file.

Left Flank.

A quiet day. Guns active:- 137 M.4 (silenced by howitzers), 105 U.3 (silenced by Heavy Battery), 136L.2 (new position), 137 R.1-4 (new position, uncertain), 137 M.3 - N.1 (anti-aircraft). Very little movement was observed. A working party at 135 U.9 was shelled.

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Intelligence Summary.

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1. 'A' Section. (2nd Mounted Division).

More enemy rifle fire than usual during the night. Ten broomstick bombs, of which 5 exploded, were fired at the right sub-section but no damage was done.

'C' Section. (29th Division).

Parties of bombers crept out from C.53 and C.55 and bombed the Turkish advanced posts and trenches. The enemy replied by a good deal of ill-directed and high rifle fire. The sniper's post opposite C.59 also was bombed, and sniping from there stopped. The right sub-section was shelled during the day and a good many trench mortar bombs fired at Borderer's Knoll (C.34) during the night.

'D' Section. (11th Division).

The enemy was very quiet and there was not much sniping. The enemy are reported to be working on the Southern part of T.1.

2. Artillery Reports.  
Right Flank.

Rather a quiet day. Guns reported active:- 105 U.4 (howitzers, silenced by Heavy Battery and 18-prs.; this is probably the battery which fired at the ships on Sept. 5rd.), 106 B.4, 133 N.3-9, 93 G.3 and G.6-9.

Other targets engaged:- Parties of enemy on road at 106 V.3 and at 103 Q.2 (with effect), and working parties at 105 M.2-8, and in a sunken road 136 P.2.

Left Flank.

A quiet day. Guns reported active:- 105 F.8 (silenced at 0930 by two rounds from Heavy Battery, one reported as a hit; guns did not re-open during the day), and 119 M.1. The supposed observing station in KANLI KEUPRU DERE was also shelled.

3. Reports from other fronts.

HELLES - A quiet day. The Turks were working at mines and adding to their defences opposite the French.

ANZAC - The day was quiet. At 1800 the Turks exploded a mine on the left of QUINN'S POST, doing some damage to Parapets. Between 2030 and 2130 the enemy four times attacked the left and front of our new work on HARRIS RIDGE, advancing with filled sandbags with which they built small barricades. On each occasion they were driven off by bombs and rifle fire. During this attack there was considerable rifle fire by the enemy opposite QUINN'S, POPE'S and COURTNEY'S POSTS.

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RIGHT SECTION.

Work is going on in F.14, F.14a, F.14b and new trenches being dug from F.14b to F.14. Otherwise no visible work was done by the enemy except the repair of trenches and the erection of bomb-proof shelters in G.11b. The enemy were particularly quiet opposite the right and centre subsections but there was more sniping than usual at night against our "B" bomb station just North of H.11a. "A" bomb station and one of our machine gun emplacements East of Krithia Nullah were also subjected to machine gun fire.

CENTRE SECTION.

The wire has been strengthened in front of H.12b and H.13a. An enemy working party was seen at 0200 opposite Worcester Barricade and dispersed by rifle fire.

About 1000 Turks were seen leaving Krithia at 1245 by the road going North from the Windmills. *swell fire on*

The left subsection was shelled between 1800 and 2000 causing one casualty. The shells were reported to have left a track of sparks in the air and to have made a peculiar sound.

LEFT SECTION.

At 1415 the enemy shelled the junction of Western Mule Track and Hampden Avenue; they also fired at the same place with machine guns but did no damage. Between 1930 and 2030 Essex Street was shelled damaging parapet and parados. The total number of shells fired during the day was, however, only 60 or 70.

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(signed) *H. B. Street*  
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Lieutenant-General,  
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RIGHT SECTION.

The enemy succeeded, in spite of our bombs, in partially rebuilding the traverses in S.11a which had been knocked down by our machine gun fire. Some work was done on trench H.13B and on a new sap opposite our point of junction with the French.

On three occasions during the night the enemy sent what appeared to be defective rockets or flares over our lines. A small trail of sparks was observed in each case but nothing in the nature of a light or explosion.

Enemy snipers were active against "A" bomb station both from the South end of S.11a and from the communication trench leading into the centre of S.11a.

CENTRE SECTION.

The enemy bombed Southern end of Forester Barricade, but were otherwise inactive.

Work is going on about 2598 and digging was also seen just over the crest behind KRITHIA S.E. of enemy battery "F".

A considerable movement of Turks was noticed from the left houses of KRITHIA into the communication trenches leading to the firing line; also on the roads N. and N.E. of KRITHIA.

LEFT SECTION.

The enemy bombed more actively all along our line yesterday. They also shelled TROLLY and BORDER SAVINGS (9" sap forwarded to S.11. today).

The Turks put up a bomb screen opposite ROYSS POINT at 2300. It has already been destroyed by our catapults.

An enemy aeroplane flew over the lines at 1155.

Hostile artillery fired about 70 rounds.

(signed) *James Dallis*

Lieutenant-General,  
Commanding 6th Army Corps.

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1.  
OPERATIONS  
IN SERBIA.

Five days ago Serbian troops operating from MONASTIR successfully repulsed the Bulgarians at IZVOR between PRILEP and VELES. This Bulgarian force, possibly amounting to one division, was advancing on MONASTIR from ISTEP and VELES. The cavalry of the Allies contributed largely to the success of the operation by advancing against the flank of the Bulgarians from the direction of GRADISKA.

About three days ago, a smaller Bulgar force which was moving on MONASTIR from USKUB, was repulsed by the Serbians at KRITCHEVO.

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2.  
RAILWAYS.

Turkish newspapers announce that the Rajun - Islahie section of the BAGDAD Railway has been completed; the length is 46 kilometres.

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3.  
TURKISH  
FINANCE.

A law has been passed authorizing the issue of 3,000,000 pound notes on the security of German notes.

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4.  
AUSTRO-German  
FORCES.

According to an unconfirmed report the 8th Austrian, 10th and 11th Bavarian and 22nd and 26th German (Reserve) Corps, are operating against Serbia.

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5.  
TURKISH TREATMENT  
OF ARMENIANS.

At an American school for Armenian girls near KONIA, orders were suddenly received one morning for the 50 pupils to leave at once and to proceed with a

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number of gendarmes to an unknown destination. The two American ladies in charge refused to leave their girls and followed them on foot for two days without rest or food. The gendarmes, to shake them off, then divided prisoners into batches of 5 or 6 each, and took them off in different directions. The mistresses were unable to do anything further and since that time all trace of the girls has disappeared.

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6.  
TURKISH  
RECRUITING.

The following are extracts from the Intelligence Bulletin of the C.E.D. of 4th November:-

The Turkish newspaper "Sabah" of the 19th October publishes the following notice emanating from the Selimieh Recruiting Bureau:-

1. AN amnesty will be granted to those who have not presented themselves for military service, provided that they report themselves before the 2nd November.
2. The families of those who do not report by the above date will be arrested and exiled.
3. This law, having been approved by Ministerial order, the Recruiting Bureau and the Police are made responsible for its execution. The attention of those to whom it applies is therefore called to the importance of reporting themselves in good time.

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7.  
THE KAISER.

The Kaiser is reported to have arrived at VIENNA towards the end of October, on his way to the Balkan front.

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8.  
BUEGARIAN ARMY. The Bulgarian army operating against the Serbs  
 is reported to number 7 divisions, of which 4 are in the  
 KNIAJEVATZ and 3 in the PIROT area.

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R.N.A.S. SUMMAR OF INFORMATION REPORT.

NOVEMBER 6th, 1915.

Area.	Source of Information.	Details.
HELLES.	2nd . Wing.	Spotted for ships' guns on camps in square 38.P. (5th).
	3rd. Wing.	<p>The camps in the Soghan Dero Valley appear to have been moved into the ravines on the Southern sides. From the lie of the ground it would appear that from a position in Square 46, ships could bring effective fire to bear upon them.</p> <p>The fire of ships' guns was directed on camps in 30.B.6. and 29.J.5. with effect. The former consisted of 17 newly built houses (on which direct hits were obtained) and a number of tents.(5th)</p> <p>A hospital camp was seen in 29.L.</p> <p>A six-gun omplacement was located in 39.A.4. and emplacements for four guns each in 38.K.5. 29.C.5. (facing West and apparently unoccupied) and 29.A.9. (facing South.)</p> <p>Two large circular gun pits were seen in 29.G.2.</p> <p>The "S" battery on which the fire of shore guns was directed has been considerably damaged but 3 emplacements appear to be occupied. (5th.)</p>
	2nd. Wing.	Targets Fa. Fc. T. Cb. M1. M2. and M3. were successfully attacked by ships' guns, an aeroplane spotting.



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HELLES. (Continued.)

3rd. Wing.		The emplacement at 23.B.3. recently occupied, now appears unoccupied. New emplacements were located in 28.M.4. to 7. and a large one, occupied, in 28.K.9. P. and S. were seen to fire.
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ANZAC & SUVLA.	2nd. Wing.	Ships' guns were spotted on to a camp in Square 70.0.5. (5th.)
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do.		An observer reports the following batteries:-
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| 48.K.9. | 4 emplacements unoccupied.                                       |
| 40.W.5. | 4 " "  |
| 47.D.8. | Fresh earth thrown up round empl'ts which appear to be occupied. |
| 56.V.4. | 4 emplacements occupied.   |
| 55.Z.6. | 5 scattered emplacements occupied.                               |
| 55.Z.2. | 4 emplacements unoccupied.                                       |

2nd. and 3rd. Wings.		Reconnaissances from EJELMAR BAY to the South show an increase in the number of camps in that area. and also in the valleys to the S.E. of EJELMAR BAY, on one of which a bomb was dropped.
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STRAITS.	2nd. Wing.	A camp, which has been recently added to, was located by MALEK HANEM Farm (30.Z.4) consisting of 15 large brown tents and 2 large and 5 smaller sheds with red roofs. Smaller camps were seen in 41.F.1-2. 50.Y.6-8 and 50.Z.4-5. (5th.)
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SHIPPING.	3rd. Wing.	Observers report shipping in the Straits Normal. Bombs were dropped at a steamer in NAGARA BAY. (5th.)
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