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A U S T R A L I A N I M P E R I A L F O R C E .

W A R D I A R Y

of

1st. A U S T R A L I A N L I G H T H O R S E B R I G A D E A . I . F .

for

NOVEMBER 1st. 1915 to NOVEMBER 30th. 1915.

Officer compiling. Major WILLIAMS.
Brigade Major, 1st. A. I. H. Bgde.

Officer Commanding Geo. H. BOURNE, Lt. Colt
Commanding 1st. A. I. H. Bgde. A. I. F.

1st. A. L. H, BDE. A. I. F. 58

Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
November 1 st (for 24 hours ending 7 am)	OLD No 3 POST ANZAC	Improvement of existing works and terracing for bivouacs carried on. Very quiet throughout the 24 hours. One patrol reports a few shots fired from SNIPERS NEST during night. Casualties: - 1 6 other ranks to Hospital Sick. Wounded 2 O.R.	
November 2 nd	" "	Steady work was put in on bivouacs. Some enemy work reported in progress on main ridge otherwise nothing unusual occurred. Casualties three men to Hospital Sick. Wounded 2 O.R.	
November 3 rd	" "	A Turkish outpost was located on a hill in MALONE GULLY near head of gully. As the 20 th Bat ^l could get a machine gun on to the target two or three bursts were opened by this gun but result could not be observed. An enemy working party heard behind SNIPERS NEST. Otherwise nothing to report. Casualties: - 2 men wounded and sent to Hospital Sick, and 1 off. Officer to Hospital LT R H ROBEY.	
November 4 th	" "	At midnight the Turks opened a searching fire on both branches of MALONE GULLY. A patrol reports usual coughing and talking.	

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William
Bde Major,
1st. A. L. H. Bde A. I. F.

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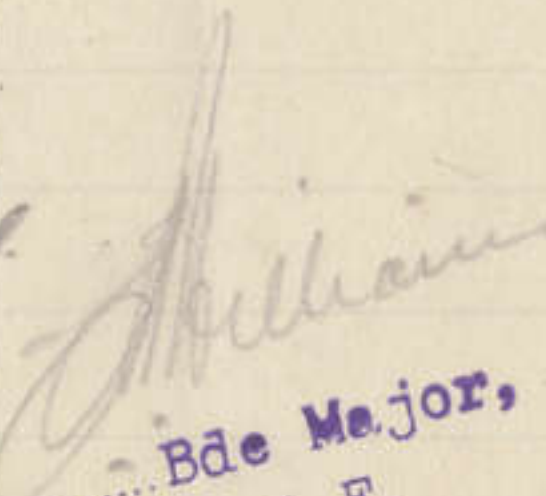
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November 4 th continued	OLD NO 3 POST ANZAC (for 24 hours on ending 7am)	on SNIPERS NEST and a few shots from there during the night. Three large shells fell on OLD NO 3 POST yesterday two in the trenches and one in the bivouac. Casualties: - 1 man wounded and 8 O.R. to Hospital sick and 1 officer - Off to Hospital L.T.T.B.F. 166.	
November 5 th	9	Except for an enemy demonstration between 2100 and 2200 the 24 hours has been quiet. The demonstration referred to did not extend further north than POPES. Patrols report a little work being carried on in rear of SNIPERS NEST. The forward position on DESTROYER HILL has been improved and work on underground shelters has been commenced. Casualties: * 2 men wounded and 1 officer and 3 men to Hospital sick.	* 1 man slightly wounded and evacuated
November 6 th	†	Big General H. G. Channel, C.O. left to assume command of 14 POST DIVISION. Quiet during the preceding 24 hours. Patrol reports Turks working in front of their main position. Casualties: 2 wounded and 3 to Hospital sick. NIL	of 14 POST DIVISION. Bde Major, A.I.F.
November 7 th	1	Enemy effected some repairs to the damage done by our howitzers to	

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Bde Major,
1st. A. I. H. Bde A. I. F.

1st. A. L. H. BDE. A. I. F. 60.

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November 7 th (continued)	OLD NO 3 POST ANZAC (for 24 hours ending 7 am)	SNIPERS NEST. A few short bursts of fire were opened from vicinity of TOLMAN'S POST and during each burst the pt work stopped but recommenced immediately the fire ceased. Work on underground shelters going on steadily. Casualties: - 1 O.A. Wounded + 1 off + 3 O.A. Sick to Hospital Officer to Hospital MAJOR BARRETT J.E	
November 8 th	"	Nothing unusual occurred during the previous 24 hours. Patrols report a little work being carried on behind SNIPERS NEST. Casualties: - 1 man wounded and 1 officer and 9 men to Hospital sick	
November 9 th	"	Work on underground shelters pushed on steadily. MALONE GULLY patrol reports 11 enemy at Turk outpost at head of that gully. Otherwise nothing unusual. Casualties 6 men to Hospital sick and 1 officer - 1 man wounded Officer to Hospital LT. R. H. WORDSWORTH.	 Bde Major, 1st. A. L. H. Bde A. I. F.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
OLD No. 3 Post ANZAC.	10/11/15	(for 24 hours ending 7am)	During the afternoon... A quiet day and night. Patrols report a little work going on behind SNIPERS NEST. Casualties: - 2 men killed, 1 wounded, Major P.A. CHAMBERS, Capt. S.F. ROWELL and 9 O.R. to hospital sick. During the afternoon OLD No. 3 POST was heavily shelled. 3rd Regiment landed over the line East of DESTROYER HILL incline. Patrols report enemy at work on bench at head of MALONE GULLY and a working party was heard to the left and near of SNIPERS NEST. Casualties: - 3 killed, 1 wounded, 2 to hospital sick.	
"	11/11/15	"	All quiet along our front. Work has been confined chiefly to construction of underground shelters. Casualties: - 1 man wounded.	
"	13/11/15	"	Nothing unusual to report. Work on underground shelters is being pushed on steadily. Casualties: - Captain (Chaplain) BROWN, 4 to hospital sick.	
"	14/11/15	"	Patrols report a little digging on SNIPERS NEST during the night, otherwise the period has been quiet with nothing unusual to report. Work on shelters from high & positions pushed on. Casualties: - 1 man wounded, 1 to hospital sick.	
"	15/11/15	"	Nothing unusual to report. Work on shelters being pushed on steadily. Casualties: - 2 to hospital sick.	
"	16/11/15	"	Quiet throughout the period. Steady progress made on undergrounds shelters. Casualties: - 1 man killed, 1 wounded 7 to hospital sick.	
"	17/11/15	"	Quiet throughout the period of 24 hours. except that the patrol from 1st L.H. was fired upon from direction of straight along MEREDITH CREEK. The Southern slopes of OLD No. 3 POST were again shelled yesterday. Casualties. 1 man wounded, Captain P. FIASCHI (M.O) and 9 other ranks to hospital sick.	
"	18/11/15	"	Quiet along our front during the whole period, but at 7.45 pm heavy rifle fire and bombing was heard on WALKERS RIDGE. A Funky gave himself up at CORNEL'S AVMP at 6.30 am. He carried 90 Houndo ammunition the tops of some of his bullets being snipped. Casualties: - 5 other ranks to hospital sick.	

1st. A.L.H. Bde A.I.F. Bde Major

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OLD No. 3 POST 7/129C	19/11/15		24 hours quiet. A hostile aeroplane dropped two bombs near MEREDITH CREEK during ^{yesterday} afternoon. One fell in front of our trenches and the other in rear of the bivouacs, no damage being done. ^{of} Damage of raps receiving attention.	
"	20/11/15	"	Casualties: - 10 other ranks to hospital sick, 1 wounded. The 606 Battery shelled SNIPERS NEST at 22.30 yesterday. Effect could not be observed. Otherwise quiet and good progress made with works in hand.	
"	21/11/15	"	Casualties: - 7 other ranks to hospital sick. Previous 24 hours quiet. Nothing unusual to report except that about 7-45 pm SNIPERS NEST was shelled by "D" Battery, a party of 20 Gumbo having been seen entering the NEST. Works on shelters progressed steadily.	
"	22/11/15	"	Casualties: - 1 man wounded, 2 to hospital sick. Nothing unusual occurred during the previous 24 hours. Good progress ^{made} on all works in hand.	
"	23/11/15	"	Casualties: - 4 ranks to hospital sick. Previous 24 hours quiet. Nothing unusual to report except that at 04.30 this morning about six heavy shells fell close to B.H.Q. bivouac.	
"	24/11/15	"	Casualties: - 2 sub R.H.L. Macdonald and 2 other ranks to hospital sick. Quiet day. Casualties: - Captain M. Gogan and 11 other ranks to hospital sick.	
"	25/11/15	"	Casualties: - 1 man wounded, 23 to hospital sick. (5 from MOOROS). During the morning two shrapnel burst over bivouac No. 1 POST; no damage. During the afternoon the high level roads and DERE between ROWELL GULLY and MULE CAMP was heavily shrapnelled. Otherwise nothing unusual to report.	
"	26/11/15	"	Casualties: - 1 man wounded, 3 to hospital sick. Nothing unusual to report. Underground shelters being pushed on as rapidly as possible.	
"	27/11/15	"	Casualties: - 20 other ranks to hospital sick (5 from MOOROS). HUGHES VALLEY was again shelled. New road up this valley commenced but owing to bad weather party withdrawn - will continue tonight. A Turkish deserter came in about 2-30 am. Deep work pushed on. Three green rockets seen in direction of QUIND'S 9-30 pm - no movement on our front.	

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WAR DIARY 1st A.L.H. Bde

WAR DIARY

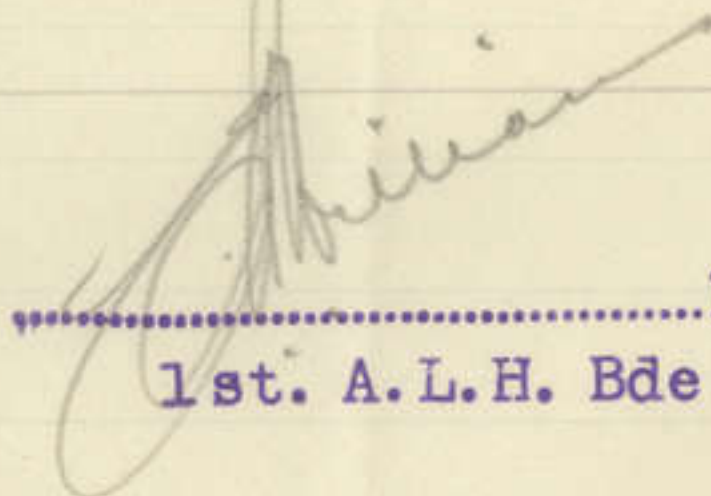
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OLD NO. 3 POST, 911290	28:11:15	(for 24 hours ending 7 am)	Nothing unusual to report. Casualties: 1 man present wounded, 4 to hospital, sick,	
"	29:11:15	"	Quiet day and night. Casualties: Lieut. J. F. Whitfield, and 4 other ranks to hospital, sick,	
"	30:11:15	"	Quiet, Quiet: Col. Cox, C. B., V.O. assumed command of Bde; Lt. Col. J. C. Meredith relinquished command. Casualties: 9 other ranks to hospital, sick;	
Summary of Daily States for month of NOVEMBER attached.				
 Bde Major, 1st. A. L. H. Bde A. I. F.				

G. 619.

Divisional Headquarters,

3rd November 1915.

To: All Brigades.

MEMORANDUM:

1. The General Officer Commanding desires to draw the attention of Brigadiers and Commanding Officers to the necessity for providing adequate protection from shell fire.
2. Experience in France indicates that head cover to the height of 12 to 16 feet at least is necessary and this must be provided some short distance in rear of the fire trenches. The German system is to concentrate artillery fire on length of trenches dotting them down for their whole length and continuing until they are demolished. This rather implies that in places where such a contingency must be considered our plan of constructing tunnels and cave dwellings from the fire trench is not always suitable. In some places therefore other effective measures must be sought. The varying nature of our line makes it impossible to suggest any stereotyped form but in all that is done the two following principles must be kept in view :-

(i) Bomb proof shelters must be constructed in rear of firing line but with communication trenches leading thereto.

(ii) That altho' the men must be withdrawn from the firing line during an intensive bombardment :-

(a) communication trenches must be available which will enable them rapidly to oust an enemy who has got into the forward trenches:

(b) there should be available whenever possible a second line which can be occupied as a fire trench to resist attack.

3. Examples of a useful type of cover fulfilling these conditions can be seen in the lines of the 2nd L.H. Bde., 1st Australian Division.

The diagram beneath ^{explains the} system followed:-



In adopting this type it is an essential that sufficient communication trenches leading to the fire trench should be provided and that the several bomb-proofs should be connected underground. If this is done the blocking of certain exits by enemy gun fire will not constitute as great a danger.

(sgd) W.G. Braithwaite, Lt-Colonel,
General Staff,
N.Z. & A. DIVISION.

2nd LH
For information and
action please
4. 11. 15
William King
15th

g. 733.

Divisional Headquarters,

11th November, 1915.

To: All Brigades,
C.R.A., C.R.N., A.D.M.S.

MEMORANDUM:

PRECAUTIONS AGAINST GAS ATTACK.

In continuation of previous correspondence, I am desired by the General Officer Commanding to draw your attention to the need of special arrangements to protect the bombproofs and caves in which the men may be forced to shelter. It is probable that damped blankets or sacking would serve to prevent the entrance of gas to such places.

Our many deep level and surface tunnels may also prove a source of danger.

2. Officers who have had experience of gas in France say that the lighting of fires and the throwing of bombs into a gas cloud have the effect of dispersing it and the troops should be instructed accordingly.

3. A further issue of sprays is being made by the A.B.C.S. and certain men should be instructed in their use and told off to take charge of them.

(Sgd) W.G. BRAITHWAITE,

Lieut-Colonel,

General Staff,

N.Z. & A. DIVISION.

Headquarters,

16th November 1915

PRECAUTIONS AGAINST GAS ATTACK

The following copy of instructions re gas attacks is forwarded for information and guidance. Indents should be submitted for canvas hessian in lieu of blankets.


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RECEIVED FOR COMMAND HEADQUARTERS 1st A.L.H. BDE. 17 NOV 1915



Major,

~~For Staff Captain~~ 1st A.L.H. Bde.

G. 825.

Divisional Headquarters,
18th November, 1915.To: ALL Brigades,
B.G.R.A., C.R.E., A.D.M.S.ROAD MAINTENANCE - SAZLI BEIT DERE & CHAILAK DERE.

1. In order to maintain the roads up the SAZLI BEIT & CHAILAK DERES in an efficient state, specially selected men will be detailed forthwith to act as "Readmen". These "Readmen" will act under orders of the C.R.E., N.Z. & A. Division.

2. Readmen will be detailed as follows :-

<u>Formation.</u>	<u>No. of men.</u>	<u>Section of Road.</u>
1st A.L.H. Bde	2	SAZLI BEIT DERE from the main ANZAC sap to the eastern boundary of the Brigade Area.
3rd A.L.H. Bde	2	SAZLI BEIT DERE from western boundary to ABBOTT ALLEY.
N.Z. Inf. Bde	4	CHAILAK DERE - All included in the Brigade Area.
4th Aust. Inf. Bde	4	CHAILAK DERE - remainder

3. The duties of Readmen will be as follows -

- (a) To keep road surface and drains in good order.
- (b) To give notice of slips and washouts.
- (c) To improve gradients where possible.
- (d) To warn traffic regarding dangerous points.
- (e) To report to an Engineer Officer all matters which affect the safety and condition of the road.

4. Readmen detailed for the SAZLI BEIT DERE will report for detailed orders to the O.C., No. 1 Field Co. N.Z. Engineers, near H.Qrs, 3rd A.L.H. Brigade.

These detailed for the CHAILAK DERE will report to the O.C., No. 2 Field Coy, N.Z.E., near H.Qrs, N.Z. Infantry Brigade.

(Sgd) W.R. PINWILL,
Major,
General Staff,
N.Z. & AUST. DIVISION.

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AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND ARMY CORPS.

Army Corps. Headquarters.
18th. Novr. 1915.From General Staff
Aust. and New Zealand Army Corps.
ANZAC.

To: New Zealand and Aust. Division.

MEMORANDUM.

(1) It is by no means improbable that the enemy may think the present stormy weather conditions make a favourable opportunity for attack, more particularly as he may imagine us to be in straits owing to the impracticability to land stores or ammunition. The Army Corps Commander desires therefore that special precautions be taken to ensure that despite any inclemency of the weather the garrison of the firing trenches is in position, sentries alert and supports and reserves readily available.

(2) The natural tendency of troops to reply to a hostile demonstration during such periods should however be guarded against.

(Sgd) C. B. White Brig-General
Aust. & New Zealand Army Corps.

Headquarters
N. Z & A. Division.
19th. Novr. 1915.

To- All Brigades.
C. R. A. C. R. E. A. D. M. S.

In forwarding the above the General officer Commanding wishes to remind Brigadiers and Commanding Officers that the more inclement the weather the greater is the necessity for increased vigilance on the part of the troops in the trenches and for more constant visits of inspection especially at night on the part of senior officers.

The G. O. C. noticed that a patrol sent out on the night of the 17/18 th Novr. returned on account of the inclemency of the weather. So far from this having happened the patrol should have taken advantage of the inclemency of the weather to approach nearer the enemys trenches and to remain out longer than usual as there would be more chance of obtaining useful information or of doing damage to the enemy.

(Sgd) W' R' Pinwell
Major General Staff
N. Z. & AUSTR. DIVISION.

SPECIAL PARMELL ORDERS.

By
Major General Sir A.J. Godley, K.C.M.G., C.B.

On vacating Command of the New Zealand and Australian Division, Sir Alexander Godley wishes to thank all officers, non-commissioned and men of it, for the loyal support they have invariably afforded him, since the Division was formed under his Command, nearly a year ago.

He esteems himself specially fortunate, in that it was formed of troops from both Australia and New Zealand, and is very proud to have commanded a Division, which has to its credit the original landing at ANZAC, the subsequent repulse of several determined counter-attacks by the enemy, and finally the successful operations, which resulted in the occupation of all the Turkish territory, between and including the APEN and Hill, 60.

His great consolation in leaving the Division is that, in his new appointment, he will still be in close touch with it, and he has no doubt that under his successor, it will earn fresh laurels and continue to take a conspicuous share in bringing the War to a successful conclusion.

ANZAC.
 27-11-15.

(Sgd). C.C? BENTINCK.
 Lieut. Colonel.
 Am.A.G.

FIRST AUSTRALIAN LIGHT HORSE BRIGADE

Headquarters ,

Old.No.3.Post.

Anzac.30th.November 1915

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SUMMARY of Daily States for the months of November.

Date	Officers	Other Ranks	Remarks
Nov.1	62	1160	
" 2	62	1164	
" 3	61	1169	
" 4	60	1164	
" 5	60	1174	
" 6	59	1188	
" 7	58	1185	
" 8	58	1174	
" 9	57	1169	
" 10	56	1158	
" 11	46	855	120 off. 299/0. Ranks to Mudros
" 12	44	852	Rest Camp not included
" 13	46	1010	
" 14	46	1005	
" 15	46	1002	
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" 26	47	932	
" 27	47	922	
" 28	47	918	
" 29	46	919	
" 30	47	911	

Major.

For. Staff Captain 1st. L. H. Brigade.