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Australian Imperial Force unit
war diaries, 1914-18 War

Light Horse

Item number: 10/6/4

Title: 1st Australian Light Horse
Regiment

August 1915

1ST A.L.H. Regt.

Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
1915 July 31 st	VALLEY.	Casualties 1 Killed 1 Wounded.	
Aug 1-2	"	Quiet	
3-4		" Relieved 2 nd L.H. on POPES POST at 2.30 p.m. (B & C Sub. Sections)	
4		Quiet	
5.		Took over the whole of POPES POST. at 5 p.m. Disposition: "A" Sub. Sec. C. Sqdn 2 Troops. "B" Sub. Sec. C. Sqdn less 2 Troops	Casualties.
		8 "B" Sqdn. C. Sub. Sec. - A. Sqdn	Wounded. 2.
6.		Lieuts Weir & Campbell. & 23 men reported from Egypt.	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
1915 Aug 6/7	POPE'S POST	<p>General attack by our forces along the whole line. Our attack was made at 0430 from POPE'S HILL on the CHESSBOARD TRENCHES N of BLOODY ANGLE. The attack was gallantly led by Major J.M. REID. The storming party reached the third line of trenches, occupied about 30 yards of them and held them for 2 hours but the enemy counter attacked in great force. They severely bombed the forward party and forced them to retire. Lt HARRIS, G.H.L displayed great gallantry in leading 1st line of the storming party and although wounded</p>	<p>Casualties. <u>KILLED</u> Officers Others Nil 25 <u>WOUNDED</u> CAPT COX W " HOLMAN R.D. LT REID A.D " WHITE A.A " MACMILLAN N.S " STEWART J</p>

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
Aug 7 th Am	POPE'S POST	<p>remained in the foremost position gained until the retirement. 566 Cpl KEYS T. J., 437 Pte TANGRED R. C. 397 Pte BARRON F displayed great bravery in carrying bombs to the storming party over ground swept by Machine Gun + Rifle fire.</p> <p>Our casualties were heavy 15 killed, 98 wounded 34 missing. Major T. W. CLASGOW D50 appointed to command the Post (Temporary), Lt A. CHISHOLM to be adjutant (Temporary).</p>	<p>Casualties WOUNDED. Cont Lt WIER F. V " HARRIS G. H. L. " TITSON E. I. OTHER RANKS 89 MISSING MAJOR REID J. M. Lt NETTLETON B. D. OTHER RANKS 32</p>
Aug 8	POPE'S POST	<p>At 0430 we cooperated in the general attack by opening a heavy fire on the enemy trenches in the hope of holding the enemy in large numbers on the position, and our efforts appeared to achieve the desired result.</p>	<p>Casualties Nil</p>

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
Aug 9	POPE'S POST	The enemy was very restless all night and at 0400 they opened a heavy fire on our trenches. During the morning we were relieved by the 2 nd L.H REGT and moved into bivouac in POPE'S RESERVE VALLEY	Casualties Nil
Aug 10	BIVOUAC	Quiet. Casualties. Nil	
	POPE'S RESERVE VALLEY	Major GRANVILLE returned to Regt 9/9/15.	
11/13	"	Quiet. Lt Edmonds ^S to hospital 17/9/15	
14	"	" Capt Lawry ^{W.S} slightly wounded.	CAPT LAWRY W.S.
15/22	"	" Supplied 50 men each night as supports to 2 nd L.H on Pope's Post	One killed on HANFORD'S POST
23		Quiet. Casualties Nil	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
Aug 24	POPE'S RESERVE	Sent 50 H.C.O.'s + men under Cap ^t Smith + Lt Kirby to relieve a similar number of the 2 nd L.H. on POPE'S POST.	
" 25/7	"	Quiet. Casualties 1 wounded 24/8/15	
" 28	"	Lt Col MEREDITH arrived with 56 other ranks and took over his command. The addition to the Regt brought the strength up to 222.	
" 29	"	"A" Sqdn of the 12 th A.L.H. 167 All ranks and M.G. Section of the same Regt 27 All ranks have been attached to the Regt	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
Aug 29 th	POPE'S RESERVE	and are being called "B" Sqdn 1 st A.L.H. The addition to the Regt brought the strength up to 416 all ranks.	
" 30/31	" "	Quiet	Casualty 1 Wounded
Sep. 1	" "	Quiet	Casualty 1 Wounded

J. B. Merrick Lt Col
C.O. 1st L.H. REGT

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1st L. Horse Regt.

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POPES POST.

5. 8. 1915.

The following instructions are issued in connection with forward movements:-

- AMMUNITION. 1. 250 rounds p. man will be carried
- EQUIPMENT. 2. F. Ser. less by coats & packs. Jacket
Respirators & Wire cutters will be
worn. Entrenching tool.
1 pick & shovel p. 4 men.
2. Sandbags p. man.
Surplus equipment will be placed
in Sqdn heaps in "C." Sqdn lower
shelter by 1000. Guard - R.Q.M.S.
& 2 men.
- WATERBOTTLES. 3. Filled. No man allowed to
drink without permission from
an Officer.
- IRON. RATIONS. 4. Carried by individuals. Not
to be touched until absolutely
required.
- DISTINGUISHING
BADGES. 5. White armbands on each arm
6" wide. White patch on back
8" sq. to be fixed to clothing
by noon to-morrow. When Sqdn
leaders will furnish certificate
stating that order has been
complied with.

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NIGHT
OPERATIONS

6. (1) Rifles not to be loaded or magazines charged, except by order of an officer. All rifles will be examined prior to movement to ensure this.

(2) Bayonets - fixed

(3) Movement - silent, orders to be passed in low tone

(4) No smoking or lights

(5) No messenger to be sent from front to rear, except in urgent cases, at a faster pace than that of the column

WOUNDED.

7. No man not a stretcher bearer is to fall out to assist wounded.

R. D. Holman Capt Adj
I. L. H.

Issued at 2100.

10. A. B. C. Sqdus.

1st L. Horse Reg^t

POPES. POST

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Instructions regarding wounded.

1. No evacuation of wounded to rear is to take place during darkness till the columns have passed by. No man not a Stretcher Bearer is to fall out to assist wounded to the rear unless his services are demanded by the M.C.
2. Casualties occurring in the Bde. area between dark of the night on which movement commences & the march of Troops. will be dealt with under arrangements which are being made for all Troops by N.Z. & A. Div. None but urgent cases will be evacuated until daylight. This para. refers to Disposal of sick.

Re Mules.

Mules will not be allotted to R.M.C. Regimental medical equipment will be carried by orderlies

R. D. Delmanca^t Adj^t

1. L. H. J.

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OPERATION. ORDER. No 1. 7 53
by.

Major. J. M. Reid Cudg. I.L.H.

POPES. POST.

6. Aug. 15

Ref. Map - ANZAC. 1/10,000.

ANZAC. TRENCH. DIAGRAM.

INFORMATION. 1. As given verbally.

INTENTION. 2. The 1st L.H. Regt. less 1 Sqdn
will attack & hold the "C" group
of trenches on and East of
DEADMANS. RIDGE.

DISTRIBUTION 3. "B" Sqdn will move via QUINNS
GULLY. POST. to WATER FALL. & be
in position at 0430. Frontage,
BLOODY. AYGEE. to inclusive to
CAMEL. HUMP. inclusive.

"A" Sqdn frontage CAMEL. HUMP
exclusive to TRENCH C. 26. C. 27.
inclusive

"C" Sqdn will man the POST
from No 3 M. G. PIT to LEFT of
POST. immediately attack is
launched.

REPORTS.

4. To top of WATERFALL.

Issued at 2100.

R. D. Holmwood Capt I.L.H.
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I.L.H.