

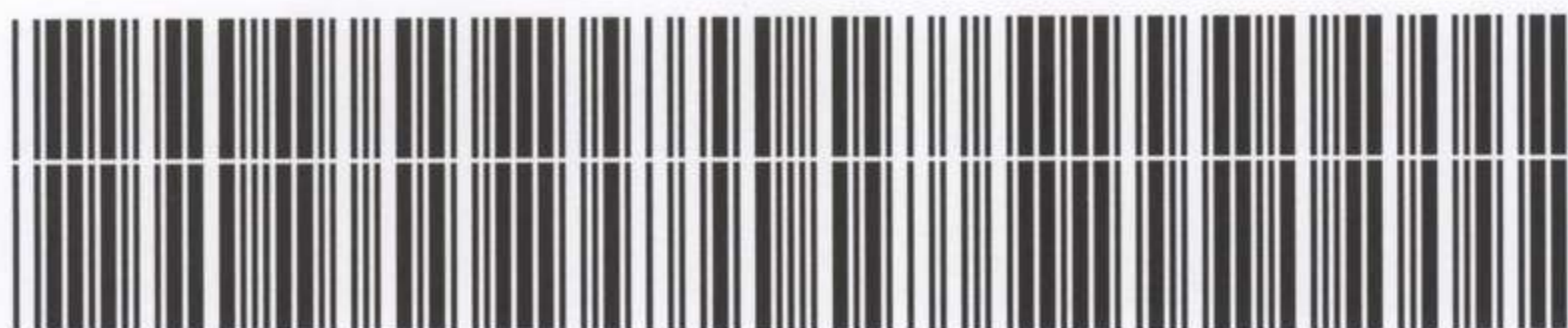
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CONFIDENTIAL.I N T E L L I G E N C E B U L L E T I N1st OCTOBER 1915.1. PERSONNEL

PERTEV PASHA, G.O.C. IV Army Corps is reported to have left SMYRNA on the 26th September with the Staff of the 20th Division.

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It is reported that when ENVER PASHA was leaving SMYRNA two disguised Turkish Officers from CONSTANTINOPLE were arrested for trying to enter his carriage. Money, arms, and compromising documents were found on them.

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2. TROOPS.

According to recent information there are now 6,000 first class and about 30,000 inefficient troops in the Smyrna district, distributed as follows:-

Smyrna to Scala Nova.	9,000.
Smyrna to Vourla.	10,000.
Smyrna and suburbs.	5,000.
Smyrna to Chandarly	
Gulf and Menemen.	10,000.

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3. POLITICAL.

The resignation of the SHEIKH UL ISLAM, HAIRI BEY, is confirmed, but would seem to have been caused not by dislike of the "Church Policy" of his extremist colleagues, but by his disapproval of the Anti-Armenian policy now in vogue in Turkey.

ENVER PASHA and TALAAAT seem to be the real rulers of Turkey, and the resignation of HAIRI BEY may merely



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prove to be the removal of the last check on their political excesses.

#### 4. SYRIA

(a) POLITICAL. It seems that some weeks ago JEMAL PASHA refused the Mesopotamian Command, and after some difficulty obtained permission from the Ottoman Government to remain in Syria.

Baron Von Oppenheim is very active in ALEPPO and DAMASCUS, agitating the Mohammedans against the Christians, and increasing the oppressive treatment of Allied subjects in Syria. He is in cipher communication with the German Embassy in CONSTANTINOPLE, and his status in Syria is not very clear. He is not a very adroit intriguer, and his pronounced Jewish manner and appearance are much against him. In the ALEPPO Province, in 1911 to 1914, he made himself universally detested and despised. It would take far more than his influence to raise an anti-Christian movement in Syria.

BEKIR SAMI, (ex-V. li of Beirut) is now Wali in ALEPPO.

(b). MILITARY. In N. SYRIA and CILICIA there are reported to be about 9,000 men: South of HAMA, in Central Syria, Palestine and Sinai there are about 8,000 men of the 23rd Division. In addition an attempt is being made to raise a division at HOMS, and probably another at DAMASCUS. It will be difficult for the Syrian command to find Officers and rifles for these new troops.



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1st October 1915.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

1st Australian Division report.

MOVEMENTS:- GABA TEPE - at midnight 29/30 a parachute light observed and a white rocket went up near sq 38 I, at 2020, repeated 2040 and 2050. Men seen entrenching on old works sq 55 K 5. More than usual movement from NORTH to RUINS. OLIVE GROVE - dust observed rising all day from Turkish gun positions. Apparently a camp is being formed there.

WORKS:- GUN RIDGE - work proceeding all day - thought to be a gun emplacement. LONE PINE - trenches E of LONE PINE being heavily timbered. At 0730 our artillery did considerable damage to trench 70<sup>x</sup> E of LONE PINE. At 1020 enemy attempted to replace sandbags but stopped by machine gun from 4th L.H. New trench being made on top of BALKAN PITS.

GENERAL:- During the day 4 of our aeroplanes were in view - Turks fired 67 shells in all, making 162 shells fired at our aeroplanes without result since 27th ulto. They also did volley firing at a seaplane flying low.

2nd Australian Division report.

WORKS:- Considerable amount of work done on Plateau 400 trenches. Enemy fire trenches on JOHNSTONES JOLLY further improved, new looking grey bricks being used as traverses.

GENERAL:- Enemy now throwing "broomstick" bombs from position out of range of our mortars. Position of enemy mortar not yet located. About 2000, five illuminations like glows from fires, seen in enemy's lines, about 1000<sup>x</sup> distant from No 1 Section and in SE direction. WIRE GULLY & COURTNEY'S - during fog most of enemy fire seemed to come from his 2nd line of trenches. The white flags with blue crescents previously reported near ANAFARTA SAGIR have now disappeared.

N Z & A Division report.

MOVEMENTS:- Patrols report enemy working NW of and near FARM, no enemy patrols were met. 2 officers patrols, one from either flank of 3rd L.H. Bde, went down into SAZLI BEIT DEPE last night and found everything quiet.

WORKS:- Trench in sq 105 W 8 has been extended in a SW direction the last 2 days. New trenches observed on knoll 109, sq 92 U 2/7 and 3/8, brushed over, also a new brushed and tunnelled comm'n trench.

GENERAL:- A few enemy's shrapnel burst over W slopes of RHODODENDRON Spur from direction of CHUNUK BAIR, about 1015. This is now a daily occurrence. At 1600, mountain gun from No 2 Post fired on a signalling party, on CHUNUK BAIR, 90° mag - signalling ceased. SNIPERS RIDGE was also engaged, causing the Turkish snipers to bolt and giving our snipers a chance of which they availed themselves.

Aeroplane report. 28-9-15.

Dropped two 100-lb bombs on CHANAK aerodrome. Dropped twelve 20-lb bombs on to GALATA aerodrome and dugouts, all of which fell into aerodrome or close to tents and dugouts.

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1st October 1915.

Aeroplane report 29-9-15.

It was intended to drop 100-lb bomb on camp in 95 Q, but owing to very strong wind the bomb was dropped on dugouts in 69 L.

54th Division report.

WORKS:- Enemy still working on Hill 100 and opposite SUSAK KUYU; most active time at latter is between 2200 and 0200. Further attempts to repair wire entanglements on Hill 60 were frustrated.

GENERAL:- Observations from 162 Subsection shew that our guns caused considerable damage to enemy comm'n trenches on CHUNUK BAIR. A good deal of broken wire and debris can be seen lying about on the forward slopes. Large fire emitting volumes of smoke was observed near the PINNACLE, at 2000. The machine gun at 92 U 5 is interfering with our working parties on the left of the 162 Subsection. Our snipers in post on right of 161 Subsection considerably annoyed enemy yesterday morning with the result that 12 shells from the 75 were fired at the post. Indian Bde report enemy shelling machine gun range and dugouts near 92 M 1 with HE, causing several casualties. An enemy observation post is reported on edge of cliff at 93 V 9.

9th Corps report.

27-9-15. Much shouting was heard in the Turkish trenches when the Naval guns turned on them early yesterday morning.

29-9-15. During the firing on the evening of the 27th "broomstick" bombs (also reported to have been used on the same day against the French at HELLES). were fired into our trenches near HETMAN CHAIR and ANAFARTA OVA. The sticks are about  $3\frac{1}{2}$ ' long, black powder being the propellant. The bombs are large brass ones, made at KARLSRUHE.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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2nd October 1915.

Hour, Date, Place	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	<p><u>2nd Australian Division report.</u></p> <p><u>WORKS:-</u> LONE PINE - the enemy appears to have completed his first line of trenches and apparently is making a third and in some places a fourth line of defence. Most of his new work is going on along SNIPERS and WEIR RIDGES. Further wire entanglements were erected between the CRATER and JOHNSTONES JOLLY. The comm'n trench running round BATTLESHIP HILL and BABY 700 has been further worked on, a considerable quantity of fresh earth being visible. The new works on the NEK remain in the same condition. During the last few days a great amount of work has been done on the CHESSBOARD trenches. The new trench cut through "Shaft" appears to be intended to connect with a new trench apparently a continuation of A3, which is being extended towards it.</p> <p><u>GENERAL:-</u> At 1800, a light attached to a parachute was observed about 1000<sup>x</sup> distant SE.</p> <p><u>NZ &amp; A Division report.</u></p> <p><u>WORKS:-</u> The 2 Turkish saps which have been pushed out from their trench just in front (W) of FARM to their barbed wire, are reported almost connected up along their side of entanglement.</p> <p><u>GENERAL:-</u> Patrols report enemy actively at work in vicinity of FARM and apparently have covering party in front of position when work is in progress. An enemy's bomb fell 30<sup>x</sup> short of new fire trench on extreme right of 27th Bn position, but in vicinity of a patrol and caused 4 casualties. Patrol from APEX encountered enemy's covering party in front of their trenches. Patrol of 27th Bn on night of 30/1, which heard enemy working at NW corner of FARM, returned with 1 SLE rifle and 2 MG belt boxes with belts and Mk 7 ammn, found in AGHYL DERE.</p> <p><u>9th Corps report. 1-10-15.</u></p> <p>An enemy barricade can be seen across the ASMAK DERE about 100<sup>x</sup> from our new front line trench.</p> <p><u>1st Australian Division report.</u></p> <p><u>MOVEMENTS:-</u> Enemy observed firing from gun position 193<sup>x</sup> at OLIVE</p>	



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	<p>GROVE. 16 men filed out of BOOMERANG TRENCHES. 20 men (mounted) proceeded to RUINS from direction of MAIDOS.</p> <p><u>WORKS:-</u> Apparently a machine gun position observed in water cut of W slope of KNIFE EDGE.</p> <p>Further barbed wire entanglements placed across WANLISS GULLY, extending up PINE RIDGE. PINE RIDGE - trenches on N end being deepened and large amount of digging being done on small knoll about 100<sup>x</sup> NE 68 I 1, linking up with LONE PINE.</p> <p><u>GENERAL:-</u> Weather very hazy and observations uncertain and difficult. Enemy placing considerable amount of wire on TURKISH DEPAIR works, but parties fired at during the night and work stopped. Shrieks could be heard and fire probably effective.</p> <p><u>54th Division report.</u></p> <p><u>MOVEMENTS:-</u> A patrol in front of 161 Subsection encountered enemy patrol about 9 in strength who disappeared immediately. Indian Bde report increase of enemy's fire during night especially to their left.</p> <p><u>WORKS:-</u> Patrols report digging at 92 Z 3 and 92 Z 5 during night. On Hill 60, 163 Subsection report construction of new enemy bomb proof shelter NW of IVY LANE. It is thought that the enemy has commenced working on a new trench running in NW direction in continuation of their front line trench. There are no noticeable repairs to wire. Indian Bde report enemy have put up very elaborate screen at 105 T 9, which may be cover for gun emplacement. The enemy work opposite SUSAK KUYU continues.</p> <p><u>GENERAL:-</u> Our bombardment of enemy's position at 92 U 3 and 92 U 5 about 1700 caused some damage, but much of the enemy's works here remain intact. Our bombardment of positions on CHUNUK BAIR at 1800 appeared very accurate and to cause considerable damage. During these bombardments the enemy's usual reply on the 162 Subsection was less violent and caused no damage. Our anti-aircraft machine guns at 92 S 3 were shelled at 1330 with effect.</p> <p>Ig / 138.</p>	

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1.  
DISTRIBUTION  
OF TROOPS IN  
SOUTHERN ZONE.

The four Turkish divisions in the Southern Zone appear to be distributed as follows:-

- (a) On the right the 1st Division holds from the SIGHIN DERE (inclusivo) to the sea. One Regiment furnishes one battalion for the fire and support trenches and two for the local reserve which is in the Sighin Dero.

The remaining two regiments are in divisional reserve in the SOGHANLI DERE and supply guards for the KUM TEPE position.

- (b) The distribution of the 12th Division is shown in the Intelligence Bulletin of the 30th September. It has a force of 2 battalions in the fire and support trenches, 2 in local reserve and 4 in divisional reserve in SOGHANLI DERE.

- (c) On the left of the 10th is the 13th Division. Each of the 3 regiments has 2 companies in the fire trenches, 2 in support, one battalion in local reserve and one battalion in divisional reserve in the SOGHANLI DERE.

- (d) The 14th Division holds from the <sup>left</sup>~~right~~ of the 13th to the Dardanelles.

Each regiment has 2 battalions in first line and local reserve, and one in divisional reserve.



## (c) Summary:-

Distribution of Battalions.

<u>Division.</u>	<u>1st Line and supports.</u>	<u>Local rosorvo.</u>	<u>Divisional Rosorvo SOGHANLY DERE.</u>	<u>Total Battalions.</u>
1st.	1.	2.	6.	9.
10th.	2.	2.	4.	8.
13th.	3.	3.	3.	9.
14th.	3.	3.	3.	9.
	9.	10.	16.	35.

2.  
20th DIVISION. The 61st Regiment (20th Division) is reported to be armed with Snider rifles.

It is reported that twenty 10 cm. guns from SMYRNA were brought to CONSTANTINOPLE on the 21st instant. These probably belong to the 20th Division.

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3.  
SUPPLIES. Bread is reported to be plentiful now in CONSTANTINOPLE owing to the recent arrival of trucks of flour from Bulgaria.

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4.  
GENERAL. (a) On 11th Septomber a Gorman was arrested attempting to blow up a Russian ship anchored at RUSTCHUK, by the Custom House Guard.

(b) The Turkish H.Q. report dated 22nd Septomber transmitted by Gorman wireloss, contains the following:-  
An onomy hospital ship has observation posts on its masts, and uses them to direct the troops.

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# S Y R I A .

Sheikh Ahmed el Turmisi, who is a British Indian subject, has behaved very courageously in ALEPPO. He denounced the Turks on every occasion as traitors to their religion. He described the Sultan as a drunken puppet in the hands of Jews and Germans, and pointed a contrast between Great Britain's 80,000,000 Mohammedans contented in India, and Turkey's 20,000,000 half of them in revolt against her.

He has been many times imprisoned and ill-treated, once by order of Court-Martial, but they are afraid, on account of his great influence and sanctity, to kill him, and there is no other way of suppressing him. He is now in Urfa.

## MASSACRES OF ARMENIANS & TREATMENT OF INTERNED ALLIED SUBJECTS.

Refugees from Syria state that massacres were the work of the rabble armed by the military and of the gendarmes. These last were making much money out of the Armenians especially the women entrusted to them, whom they robbed and often murdered. They sometimes sold the younger women to the villagers. The persons interned at URFA witnessed the first anti-Armenian outbreak in which about 50 Armenians were killed. There were later outbreaks in which many Armenians perished. The women and children were driven into the desert where many starved.

No one seems to know what became of the men. Some were known to have hid. Others were put into labour battalions. Many were murdered. Several French subjects were wounded during the outbreak at URFA on August 17 or August 18. None, however, were seriously hurt.

The unmarried women sent to ALEXANDRETTA WERE SUBJECTED TO much insult and threats of ill-treatment by the gendarmes who accompanied them to TOPRAK KALE from ALEPPO but to no actual violence.

A separate group of Frenchwomen, the leading spirit of whom was a French music hall artiste who had been acquainted with Bekir Sami Bey Vali of ALEPPO when he was Vali of BEIRUT, were well treated by him at ALEPPO. On their way to ALEPPO by train from the Station near URFA they were held up by a German cinematograph which took pictures of them.

The music hall artiste, a woman of spirit, took a mandoline and proceeded to sing a French song which contained much unpleasant reference to the "Prussians". The Kurds and Turks with them as escorts tried to hum the refrain which terminated with the words "a BERLIN". This produced a deplorable explosion of ill temper on the part of the German Operator.

All saw many dead bodies of Armenian women and children by the road. Some of these had been burnt with kerosene by the Turks after death. They met others who were starving and others seemed to be dead tired. Some of the children seemed to have dropped on the road their parents being unable to carry them.

Some of the women witnessed part of the URFA massacre. In this the soldiers took no active part. The Governor of URFA had only 300 soldiers and had telegraphed for more, fearing danger for the interned foreigners from the brutal and fanatical population, which frequently insulted and threatened the foreigners when they were walking in the town, as most were allowed to do at short intervals.

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2nd Australian Division report

**WORKS:-** A number of pits have been dug between enemy wire and front trench on JOHNSTONES JOLLY. It is not clear whether these are rifle pits or intended to serve as an obstacle. Comparison of French Diagram No 3 with recent aeroplane photo of the HEK, followed by personal observation by General Staff and an officer of the Post at RUSSELLS TOP, shows that trench A 11 does not in fact exist. Also C 4 is non-existent as a continuous trench and consists only of short offsets from C 6 and C 1 respectively. It may be the enemy's intention to join up these offsets, but at present there is a good length of unbroken ground between.

**GENERAL:-** Four fixed white lights were visible on JOHNSTONES JOLLY from about 2345-2400, during enemy demonstration. **QUINNS -** enemy displayed stationary red flag all forenoon near 68 C 2. This flag is almost in same position as that seen on 29th Sept.

NZ & A Division report

**WORKS:-** Enemy have been busy during last 2 nights on their trench just below crest of BATTLESHIP Hill, and appear to be erecting overhead cover. Patrols report enemy heard making wire entanglement near new works N of FARM.

**GENERAL:-** Last night, W parapets of RHODODENDRON Spur were subjected to fire from a machine gun from direction of BATTLESHIP Hill. Patrols from lower CHESHIRE Ridge report meeting party of enemy, and heard digging being carried on several hundred yards in front of enemy's position; our patrols presence was apparently observed, as digging ceased, the enemy moved through the bushes, extending and coming in direction of our patrol, which gradually retired so as not to be outflanked; what the enemy were doing will be cleared up this evening.

54th Division report.

**MOVEMENTS:-** 162 Subsection report that FRANKLINS POST (92 Z 4) was attacked by about 20 of the enemy at 2145 and again at 2245. Bombs were thrown which mostly fell short. Both attacks were easily repulsed without a casualty. Our fire must have been effective, as groans were heard outside the Post for some time. Patrols report that there was no work being done last night on Hill S of 92 Z 2.

**WORKS:-** Digging is still proceeding on Hill 100 and also opposite the left of 161 Subsection, but no forward work has been discovered. No repairs to wire on Hill 60 have been observed. Indian Bde report that during the process of laying out new line from SUSAK KUYU to Hill 60, the enemy were working within 100<sup>x</sup> of the line at SUSAK KUYU end, also near Hill 60 - the nature of this work was not discovered. A new gun emplacement is reported between 92 C 2-6.

**GENERAL:-** 162 Subsection report that NEWBERRYS POST was yesterday included in hostile shelling for the first time. An officer (or cadet officer) deserted from 17th regt and came into our lines in the 161 Subsection.

Aeroplane report. 1-10-15.

92 P 2 - called up W 12, which laid out strips. Proceeded over target for 60-pr at 92 P 2 and made signals at intervals for fire to be opened. 136 M 6 - as no shots fell near target, attempted to spot howitzers on to B 6, M 6. Two shots fired at considerable interval falling left of target. 81 A 7 - spotted for M 20 on covered-in gun position. About 60 shots fired, line excellent. Last shot R 50, O 100. After 1730 light became very bad and aeroplane forced to return. It is now too late to commence spotting at 1730. Dropped two 20-lb bombs and one 100-lb on parked transport in vicinity 120 A 6. 100-lb bomb fell among this transport.

Army Corps Head-quarters. Ig / 143.



LOCAL TIMES OF "MOON-RISE" and "MOON-SET" DURING OCTOBER 1915.

	<u>Moonrise.</u>		<u>Moon-set.</u>
1st	11.00 P.M.	Last Quarter	
2nd	-----		
3rd	0.05 a.m.		
4th	1.08		
5th	2.12		
6th	3.17		
7th	4.29		
8th	5.41	New Moon	
9th	6.50		
10th	8.07		
11th	9.24		
12th	10.40		7.53 p.m.
13th	11.40		8.54
14th	12.46 p.m.		10.03
15th	1.38	First Quarter	11.16
16th	2.18		----
17th	2.51		0.28 a.m.
18th	3.17		1.35
19th	3.40		2.41
20th	4.03		3.47
21st	4.26		4.51
22nd	4.50		5.53
23rd	5.16	Full Moon	6.57
24th	5.47		
25th	6.24		
26th	7.05		
27th	7.55		
28th	8.50		
29th	9.49		
30th	10.52		
31st	11.55	Last Quarter.	
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I N T E L L I G E N C E B U L L E T I N .

O C T O B E R 4th, 1915.

1.  
TURKISH  
RECRUITING.

It is reported that men hitherto exempted from military service and reserve officers not hitherto employed are now being called up, and that large numbers of recruits, previously employed on roads, are being sent to the front.

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2.  
SUPPLIES. (a) New provision depots, each protected by two maxims, are being constructed at UZUN KUPRU.

(b) The daily production of the CONSTANTINOPLE mills is stated on good authority to be from 750,000 to 800,000 loaves, of which the Army requires more than half.

(c) The Turkish Government have placed orders for 100,000 sacks of flour in Roumania. It is intended to form an emergency stock, the present production being too limited.

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3.  
MOVEMENTS  
OF TROOPS.

It is reported that a Regiment belonging to the IIInd. Army Corps has been sent from the neighbourhood of DEMOTIKA to DERKOS (CHATALJA lines.)

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1st Australian Division report. 3-10-18.

**MOVEMENTS:-** Usual movements from KILIA RIDGE. Frequent movement of mules up LUGOR VALLEY. Small party seen working in peculiar shaped works on Ridge 57 R 9, S of GUN RIDGE between OLD and NEW HAIDOS Roads. Number of horses were rounded up on cleared patch 37 F 7 and taken under cover of KUM TEPH. Small party, dismounted, (about 10 or 12) seen moving in sq 43 H 6.

**WORKS:-** Enemy trenches about 100x E of LOWE PINE badly knocked about by our artillery. Head cover in neighbourhood of LOWE PINE apparently being improved and several forward positions of 5 or 6 sandbags appeared at S end, probably bombing positions. PINE RIDGE - digging noticed at regular intervals in front trench from centre S.

**GENERAL:-** Amount and accuracy of sniping by enemy considerably increased. Documents fired into Turkish trenches by parachute rocket from SILT Spur, and some thrown in from RUHIE'S Post.

1st Australian Division report.

**MOVEMENTS:-** At 1300 a column was reported moving SE through sq 47. Our 4.7 got three good shots into the column, which consisted of 12 limbered wagon and 20 mounted men. Usual traffic during the day between RUHIE, GUN RIDGE and ALMOND PATCH.

**WORKS:-** Enemy again working in trench 100x SE of LOWE PINE, and also entrenching in sq 55 K 5. Enemy working between sq 47 C to H and 47 H 3. On SNIPERS RIDGE, from plank loopholes southward, the enemy dumps are being added gradually. New gun position reported at point where comm'n trench enters TURKISH DESPAIR TRENCH opposite 4th LH Regt.

**GENERAL:-** Parties of enemy seen using PINE RIDGE comm'n trench, dressed in light and dark coloured khaki.

2nd Australian Division report.

**WORKS:-** Unfinished portion of entanglement N of CRATER completed during night. No additions made S of CRATER, where wire is still complete. Enemy has made progress with comm'n trench between GERMAN OFFICERS TRENCH and SNIPERS TRENCH.

**GENERAL:-** In front of No 6 Post, No 1 Section, trench mortar located by flash. This mortar throws big bomb weighing 30-lbs. One which fell into our lines failed to explode. Opposite No 1 Section, enemy is now throwing "jap tin" bombs by tying a string to them and swinging them by the string. The bombs arrive with very long fuses, and have in some cases burned for 15 to 20 seconds before exploding. Enemy is now using a bomb not hitherto thrown into this part of the line. From a fragment recovered, the bomb apparently resembles our emergency 'cricket ball' bomb, having an iron ring at the top run through the iron bodywork. Enemy support trenches on the NEW damaged by their fire, but bombing wire and sandbagged works escaped injury. At 1730 during artillery fire, two enemy observed on SNIPERS RIDGE about B 3 (Trench Diagram No 3). This point is suspected of being an artillery observation station. One of the men, unmistakably a Turk, complexion and features of the other distinctly European and it is said that he wore a black fez.

NZ & A Division report.

**WORKS:-** Patrols report very little work being done in the enemy's forward trenches; work heard in trenches in rear of FARM.

**GENERAL:-** An enemy's bomb ignited scrub below right post of APEX, causing it to burn for some time. Enemy aeroplane passed going N at 1745.

54th Division report.

**MOVEMENTS:-** 162 Subsection report that a bomb was thrown at a patrol between 92 Z 2 and 92 Z 5 during the night. Bombs were again thrown at FRANKLINS POST, but all fell short; enemy patrols approach this post along razor back ridge and it is difficult to ambush them. Enemy were active in throwing bombs at Hill 60 during forenoon of yesterday.

**WORKS:-** No alteration in enemy's wire entanglements on Hill 60 has been observed. The enemy were seen digging between 92 Z 2 and 92 Z 5, and work ceased during the day on fire being opened.

**GENERAL:-** Hostile aeroplane passed over at 1735 and was fired at by machine guns. Enemy shelled the right of 161 Subsection between 1700 and 1800, damaging the parapet. GREEN PATCH, SUSAN KUYU and SWB Gully were also shelled with effect. Documents captured - pages from an artillery register; one page of which there is an order from the Sultan as to guarding of colours.

Aeroplane report. 3-10-18.

Large column of infantry and transport between KEPHEZ and GHANAF, about 12 companies, 4 guns and 15 wagons, stretching with slight interval from GHANAF to KEPHEZ. 3-10-18. Road at 58 C 4 - 40 transport wagons in 2 columns proceeding N. Two 20-lb bombs dropped at them. Second column turned back and galloped in disorder to KILIA LIMAN, some drivers deserting their wagons.



4-10-15.

Spotted fire for M 15 on to mills at GALLIPOLI. 1st shot fell 5' off pier close to large steamer 250' long, which immediately made for CHANAK. 4th shot hit large tug, which blew up with huge explosion, probably full of ammunition. 5th shot sank a dhow. 9th shot hit in courtyard of flour mills. 14th shot sank two small sailing ships. 500 wagons observed passing along road from GALLIPOLI through BERGAZ. All ships except dhows in GALLIPOLI Harbour steamed across to CHANAK after 4th shot. Three 20-lb bombs dropped at camp near KOJA BERE.

Army Corps Head-quarters. Ig / 151.



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1.  
PRISONERS. A desorter belonging to the 17th Regiment (6th Division) surrendered to ANZAC on the 4th instant.

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2.  
BOMBARDMENT  
OF GALLIPOLI  
MILLS. 5.10.15. Result of bombardment carried out by monitor.  
4th shot hit a large tug which blow up with huge explosion; probably full of ammunition.

5th shot sunk a dhow.

9th shot hit in courtyard of flour mills.

14th shot sank two small sailing ships.

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3.  
RAILWAYS. Greek railway employees, who are refugees from SYRIA, say that the BAGSOME Tunnel on the Bagdad Railway is completed in the sense that a narrow bore has been made, and a Decauville which is used for the transport of ammunition, run through. The gauge is 80 cms.

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4.  
ARMENIAN  
MASSACRES. It is reported that the following Armenian notables were killed in their carriages on the URFA - DIARBKIR Road:-

1. ZOHRAH EFFENDI, ex-M.P. for CONSTANTINOPLE.
2. VARIKES EFFENDI, ex-M.P. for ERZEROUH.
3. V. PAPAIZIAN, M.P.
4. B. HALADJIAN (ex-Minister of Public Works, who resigned on the declaration of war.)
5. PASTERMADJIAN EFFENDI, M.P. ex-Minister of



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Agriculture . He took part as "Garo" in the attack on the Ottoman Bank in 1896.

6. AKHOUNI, a leading TASHNAGIST.

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5.  
TURKISH  
OFFICIAL  
NEWS.

The Turkish H.Q. report of 22nd September transmitted by German wireless, contains the following:-

"In MESOPOTAMIA we made a surprise attack on the enemy at KURNA, and compelled him to re-embark guns which he had landed. Part of the forces landed suffered very heavy losses. On the 18th, our cavalry, reinforced by volunteers, fought an action up to the rear of the enemy, successfully, and put them to the rout".

It must <sup>now</sup> be difficult to reconcile the above account with the fact of our recent advance to KUT-EL-AMARA and defeat of the Turks there.

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1st Australian Division report.

**MOVEMENTS:-** Unusual traffic of men and mules, laden with boxes and cylinders, in comm'n trenches leading from PINE RIDGE to TURKISH DESPAIR works. 30 pack animals and 25 mounted men travelling along KRITZIA main road from MAIDOS; they halted at RUINS and then proceeded towards KRITZIA. 30 pack animals in sq 43 A 1 were shelled by our 4.7; effect could not be seen in fading light, but 1 shell appeared to be effective.

**WORKS:-** Work continued on PINE RIDGE by enemy, and fresh works are being dug between BALKAN PITS and TWIN TRIANGLES. Nearly all loopholes in TURKISH DESPAIR works have been smashed by our snipers. Enemy trench mortar located about 100<sup>+</sup> from S end of SNIPERS RIDGE.

**GENERAL:-** Our whole line was heavily shelled by all description of enemy guns for about an hour. Comparatively little damage done.

2nd Australian Division report.

**WORKS:-** LONG PINE - during last 3 days enemy completed sandbag covering of what appears to be a gun position 200<sup>+</sup> NE of No 1 Snipers Post at dead end (No 1 Section) and have added 2 sets of loopholes immediately to right. A portion of the road on CHUMUK BAIN appears to be blocked by earth, and impassable. Works on CHUMUK BAIN have been considerably knocked about by gun fire.

**GENERAL:-** During bombardment a few Turks attempted to get into sap C. They were repulsed and 2 were killed. One body and 2 rifles recovered. Nothing on uniform or arms to enable unit to be determined. Sundry papers found, not yet translated. Equipment and clothing very worn. Spherical bomb also recovered on body is under examination. **QUINNS** - stationary red flag near 68 C 3 displayed by enemy during whole 24 hours. Another red flag shown for short periods during day on Spur running NE from **SHIMAT OFFICERS TRENCH**.

3rd Australian Division report.

**WORKS:-** Patrols report enemy digging confined to their rear trenches.

**GENERAL:-** An officers patrol, at 2000, reported 70-100 Turks moving down **SAZLI BELT BERN**, opposite 3rd LH Bde, towards **SNIPERS POST**. A special patrol was sent up **SAZLI BELT BERN** towards **SNIPERS POST** by 1st LH Bde, but nothing was seen of any enemy patrols. During the demonstration some of the shrapnel fired by the Turks at the **APEN**, came from "B" Hills. Hostile aeroplane passed going N - it was fired on by our machine guns from No 3 Post. On night 3/4 a special patrol was sent out by 1st LH Bde, to recover pamphlet placed the previous night and to take it to a more conspicuous spot. The paper was recovered and patrol proceeded till they came in contact with the Turks in rear (E) of **SNIPERS POST** - the Turks opened fire and the patrol throw the board to which the pamphlet was attached at the Turks and returned returning they found 3 Turkish rifles. The same night the ordinary patrol found 1 Turkish rifle and 60 rds ammunition - at the time the Turks opened fire on the special patrol they took cover under the cliff of **SHIMAT POST**.

54th Division report.

**MOVEMENTS:-** About 0930 heavy outburst of fire broke out all along our front lasting for about 20 minutes - the fire was mostly high. No movement of the enemy was apparent, except from 162 Subsection, from which enemy were observed moving down comm'n sap from **CHUMUK BAIN**, affording a good target, which was taken advantage of. A strong patrol, which was sent out at dusk, reported that a considerable number of enemy were posted along the ridge at 32 Z 1.

**WORKS:-** Enemy were reported digging and cutting brushwood on Hill 100. Enemy are thought to be mining on Hill 80, sounds of digging could be heard in our left shaft. Enemy were also heard digging in their front trench in front of the centre and left of our line on Hill 60. No repairs to wire are visible.

**GENERAL:-** Enemy aeroplane passed over at 1000 and was fired on by machine guns. A wounded deserter from the 22nd regt came into our lines down the valley between 22 U 1-2. He was in a very neglected and exhausted condition and could give no useful information. He could not, or would not, say the reason of yesterday's demonstration along our front.

Army Corps Head-quarters. 10 / 161.



5th October, 1918.

Precis of information from BURHANEDDIN, under-officer (cadet),  
2nd Battalion, 17th Regiment.

He deserted owing to a quarrel with his Captain over the brushwood cover of the machine guns, which he stated was too obvious. For expressing his views as to his Captain's capabilities with more frankness than tact, he was reported to the General of the Division and fearing punishment he left the patrol he was with that night and fled.

He appears to have left college in May and to have joined the 2nd Bn of the 17th Regt at GALLIPOLI. After a short period of service with his Regt he was sent back with certain despatches to Constantinople, where he remained about 7 days. He rejoined his Regt at NESTAN TEPE and has been in the ANAFARTA sector ever since.

Of his Regt, 1 Bn (5 coys) is in the firing line. 1 Bn in the support trenches about 500<sup>yds</sup> in the rear, and 1 Bn in reserve about 400 to 500 yards from the firing line. Each Bn does 15 days in the trenches, being relieved by Bn in reserve in turn. H-Qs of Regt, and of Bn in the firing line and in support, are all 3 in support trenches. H-Qs of the Division is in one of the valleys SW of BİYÜK ANAFARTA. The Supply and Ordnance depot for the Division is also here.

Along the front line are 15 machine guns which are only mounted at night (Position of some of these he was able to point out.) He says that the positions of machine guns in the trenches can be invariably located by the oblong shape of the loophole, which is always very low in the parapet. The loopholes are screened as far as possible, but can be usually picked up with strong glasses.

Patrols go out every evening as soon as it is dark, and proceed along the front of their line at intervals during the night.

No mines are being dug along the front occupied by his Bn, but a sap on the extreme right (near the 3 trees) between 02 0 2-6 is being made as a bombing post. The main defensive works are prepared by special pioneers, who have now been withdrawn and now are being used between UZUN KEUPÜ and the Peninsular. Any further digging and repairs are done by the rank and file.

There are no bomb guns in his Regt. Bombs are all thrown by hand by men specially trained.

Supplies are issued once daily at about 2100. They are brought up as far as the support trenches and issued from there. He was able to point out the main sap by which supplies to his Regt are brought up. (An artillery officer was present when this was done.)

There used to be 4 Bns in his Regt, but now there are only 3, two composed of 5 and one of 4 coys. His own coy is 188 and his Bn 1107 strong, filled up with drafts of untrained troops.

According to him, ammunition of all sorts has been coming through freely late, also machine guns, his coy now having 4 and his Bn 19. He stated that his impression was that the Turkish defences were being made as impregnable as possible against the attack they were expecting, but there was no idea of an offensive. The Divisions in the zone he came from are very much mixed up and at present the 10th, 11th, 17th and 21st Regts compose the 8th Division; the 14th and 18th Regts, he hears, have gone to San Stephano to rest. The 48th Regt, he thinks, is at UZUNDERE (possibly the 16th Division is resting near there). The whole of the 17th A C, a new formation composed of the 1310 - 1311 classes is at GALLIPOLI (states he saw them there himself, but like most deserters who have been soldiering in the trenches, his information about other units is rather vague, outside his own Division).

Knew nothing of movements of 15th, 24th, 25th or 26th Divisions, nor of 64th Regt. Had heard nothing as to troops on the Asiatic side of the Dardanelles, but knew 6th Regt had arrived in the E ANAFARTA zone. At present the 21st Regt is holding the CHOCOLATE Hills, the 17th Regt the trenches in the ANAFARTA and the 11th Regt continue the line up ARBİL RAHMAN BAKI ridge to KOJA ÇİMEN TEPE. The 10th Regt is in reserve.

He speaks of a 4th Division composed of the 7th, 8th and 9th Regts that have gone S. His Regt, he states, relieved the 16th and he thinks that it also has gone S. It is anticipated that all units in the firing line here will be relieved by the new 17th A C.

The men will fight if ordered, but are very weary of the war and longing for their homes. The food is getting worse, and they dread the idea of a winter campaign, for which they are preparing as regards housing etc. The bread is now made of maize flour and they only get one decent meal a day, in the evening. Three of his comrades wanted to desert with him, but were afraid of us, and he knows of many men who are longing to do so and is prepared to write them letters as soon as he is off the Peninsular.



The casualties have been very heavy.

Liman Von Sanders camp and G H Q are near KUSLUK KEUI in or near a farm which he identified with MUNIB BEY CHIFTLIK in MUNIB BEY DERE.

It was camp talk that ammunition was coming through Bulgaria to them and that she had taken over Adrianople 3 days ago as her price for letting munitions through. Serbia was going to be crushed and a way made through her territory by the Bulgars, assisted by 6 German Divisions from Austria. Roumania is going to join them eventually.

The German hold up in Russia he saw in the papers, and that she announced that her intention was now to advance no more, but make good their line of defence. The news of our advance in France was also related in the papers (with comments).

Jemal Pasha (from Syria) has been made Minister of Marine, according to reports he heard, and is now in Constantinople ?? Stated he actually saw him when there.

There is an "anti-German" party both in Constantinople and the provinces but apparently no proper scheme or control.

The GALLATA road from GALLIPOLI is not now used, but there is a very good well covered "chaussée" which is now generally used, and which runs via CHAKAJI DERE, KAVAKLI KEUI, HALVAJI TEPE, KAYALIK SIRT, past (N of) YENI TEPE, KARA AGATCH DERE, YIMURJAK TEPE, SINMA SIRT, HANMAN TEPE, CHATALJA SIRT, HANLA DERE and thus down the "dore" to UNGER DERE, which is the distributing centre and there is a big supply and ammunition park there. There are also big stores at GALLIPOLI and YALOVA.

The moral effect of our aeroplanes dropping bombs on their troops and camps is great, but lately none have been dropped near the 6th Division.

He saw 10 British officers in the Ministry of War at Constantinople and heard they were being sent to BRUSA.

Mausers are running short and he only had 100 in his coy, the rest being Martinis and Manlickers, which complicated the ammunition supply.

A certain number of the "anti-Germans" are friends of his. He himself and his father are in sympathy with the movement.

Most of the heads of the religious party are "pro Ententists".

Everyone in Constantinople was very pleased after the operations at the beginning of August, which were reported to be a great Turkish success.

(Certain portions of his diary are also interesting and will be copied.)

Is / 153. Army Corps Head-quarters.



List of local names with reference to squares on 1/20,000 map.

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FROM SOUTH TO NORTH.

THE HUTS	45 N 5
HARRIS RIDGE	68 L 5/6 2/3 G 8/9
HOBLY RIDGE	68 L 3 G 3/H 1 A9/B7
VALLEY OF DESPAIR	68 L 6-H 4
PRIDE RIDGE	68 M 4 H3/11
CHILDRIVE POST	68 G 8/9
LEWIS VALLEY	68 M 7 C 3
SMITH GREEN	68 G 2, 3 to 5
TARRANT POST	68 G 6 H 4
TRIMBLE TRENCH	68 G 6 H 4
LOVE POLE	68 B 5 6 7/8
PLATEAU 400	68 B 3 C 9 C 7 6 2 1
JOHNSTON'S JOLLY	80 W 9 X 7
WILEY GULLY	80 W 6 X 4
GERMAN OFFICERS TRENCH	80 X 1-4/5
MONTAR RIDGE	80 X 5/6 - N 9
COURTNEY'S POST	80 S South-west corner
BRIDGES ROAD	80 V 3/6 W.S.
WHITES VALLEY	80 V 8 9
BROWNS DIP	68 B 1/2
ARTILLERY ROAD	68 G 5/6 - B 2
SHRAPNEL VALLEY	80 V 7-5 - W 2
MONASH GULLY	80 W 2 R 9
REST GULLY	80 R 8 - R/W
PLUGGES PLATEAU	80 Q 9
RESERVE GULLY	80 Q 3/6 - R 4
POPES HILL	80 S 4 - 2
MULE GULLY	80 M 1/2 - 2/3
WALKERS RIDGE	80 R 2 - N 7
TURKS POINT	80 M 6/9
RUSSELL'S TOP	80 R 3 - N 7
SNIPERS NEST	80 I 8
NEE	80 N 8
CAMELS HUMP	80 I 4/7 - 8
BABY 700	80 N 6-9
HAPPY VALLEY	80 M 1 - 9
BATTLESHIP HILL	80 O 2 3 6 5
NO 1 POST	80 H 8
RHODODENDRON SPUR	80 I 6 J 4 K 1
TURKS HUMP	80 K 4-7
GUNNERS HILL	80 K 5 - 80 G 5
BANUPIT	81 G 0-L 2
NO 2 POST	80 L 7 H 1
NO 3 POST	80 A 6 B 4 B4/7
OLD NO 3 POST	80 B 8 9 C 7
TABLER TOP	80 C 9
TAYLORS HOLLOW	92 W 4
BAUGHER HILL	92 W 5/3 X 8
WARRER POINT	92 Q 6
AUSTRALIA VALLEY	92 S 4-2-N 9
GIMESPIE HILL	92 N 1 - 8
W HILLS	105 T - U
CHOCOLATE HILL	105 L 8
GREEN HILL	105 M 8
SCIMITAR HILL	105 I 9
JEPHSONS POST	135 U 7
BENCH MARK	135 U 6
KIDNEY HILL	136 Q 5



P R E S S   N E W S .   5th October 1915.

4th October.

Petrograd. Russia has sent ultimatum to Bulgaria giving her twenty four hours to dismiss Turco-German officers.

Paris. Between Souchez and Givenchy wood German attempts to retake positions were everywhere repulsed. Attack in champagne northward of Maanil also defeated. Germans again used poison shells, at Snippe Valley our guns silenced several batteries. We progressed in the Artois region. The enemy attempt in Voeges to play on our trenches liquid fire was unsuccessful. A squadron of aeroplanes bombarded the railway stations and bridge and the military buildings at Luxemburg.

Later. British Headquarters. Sir John French says the definite stage of the great battle is now reached. Our allies in the south have pierced enemy's last line. The tenth French army corps secured an important position on the Vitz ridge. British operations most successful. We have taken over 3,000 prisoners and 25 guns. Men feel the utmost confidence in the final, a complete victory.

German communique in the Russian theatre declares nothing important occurred.

Petrograd communique records further Russian successes repulsing German attacks and causing enemy to flee in disorder, causing panic and capturing trenches and villages with brilliant bayonet attacks. Most of the fighting is in the region east of Dvinsk and Vilna line. Mentions several instances when Germans unable to withstand artillery fire. Cavalry played important part, ended in Russians storming the village and farm south of Lake Horogk. Germans lost 3 howitzers and 6 guns.

AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND  
ARMY CORPS.



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Divisional Headquarters,

7th October, 1915.

To ANZAC:

Reference to attached examination of deserter -

The Turk was taken up to TOIMANS POST ( W. end of RHODODENDRON SPUR) - he pointed out where he believed the machine guns, mentioned, to be. These seemed likely places, and have been pointed out to F.O. Officer.

He stated strength of the patrols depended on the No. of sections in the Coy, one man being taken per section - that when the patrol went out it laid up and slept till due to return.

In the evening the deserter was present when patrol went out - on the report being received that the rifles were not found he suggested his going out to show the spot.

At 3.45 this morning a shot from a Turkish rifle was fired at his request from the trench of the 3rd L.H. Brigade nearest the Turks, but at dawn none of his friends appeared, as he said would be the case.

(Sgd) W.H. HASTINGS,

Captain, G.S.



NEW ZEALAND AND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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First Examination of Deserter who gave himself up in  
SAZLI BEIT DERE to 1st Light Horse Brigade.

Appendix No. OC 14

6th October, 1915.

SULEIMAN ACHMET, 3rd Coy, 1st Bn, 10th Regiment, 4th Div.  
He has collected 3 rifles of ours, 4 of theirs, 2 old and 2  
new. He can show the place. There are 2 Turkish Machine Guns  
one of which is out of action, and one German Machine Gun in  
a Dere by SHAHIN TEPE. With these Machine Guns, there are about  
20 Germans who relieve each other. Several mountain guns on  
SHAHIN TEPE.

On SHAHIN TEPE the losses from the Naval guns have been  
severe. The German machine gun never moves. The Turkish  
machine guns are moved nightly.

England is said to have asked for peace, and the Germans  
are now discussing an indemnity. In his own Battalion because  
of its position no attack is feared, and there has been little  
fighting.

The soldiers all desire and hope that it will come with  
Bairam (in about 14 days). They have been promised that peace  
will be concluded at Bairam. The 10th Regiment is almost  
entirely Roumeliotes: these men want to surrender at the first  
opportunity. They wait for Bairam. Kemal Eddin Bey, Commander  
of the Regiment; Hassim, Captain of the 2nd Coy, has told them  
he hopes for peace at Bairam, and they will be able to sacrifice  
sheep in quiet.

There is much discontent with the Germans. He said "If you  
break one of our fingers you will find friendship for England  
in it". In Roumelia, where there were 8 women seeking husbands,  
there are now 20. Near him there are 2 regiments of cavalry.  
They are engaged in making dugouts for the winter. The food is  
bad.

He was with 3 companions. They settled that he was to  
surrender first, and if successful he was to fire his rifle  
at dawn, and the others would then give themselves up in the  
SAZLI BEIT DERE. He would like to have invitations to throw  
over the trenches.

They know of the Bulgar-Turkish Railway Treaty, but they



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think that Bulgaria will only temporarily occupy Adrianople. Each soldier now has 210 cartridges: there is plenty of ammunition. They collect and refill all the old shells.

He knows the following local names - Kanli Dere, Zeitun Burnu, and Chain Tepe.

The food is now bad, one loaf to four men, no meat. 2 barrels of water per day per Battalion. They say much comes but little is given out. 4 barrels in all - 1 for the Officers, 1 for Cooking, 2 for the Battalion. There are five wells but the men are not allowed to go from the trenches to fetch this water. They are suffering from dysentery, and also from sore eyes, from dust and lack of sleep.

They are now paid a cheyrek a month. He used to sell his rations to buy tobacco.

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

O C T O B E R 6th, 1915.

1.  
PRISONERS. A deserter belonging to the 22nd Regiment (8th Division) surrendered on the left of ANZAC on the 5th instant.

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2.  
RUSSIAN BLACK SEA FLEET. On October 1st The Russian Black Sea Fleet including battleships and cruisers bombarded the coal mines, landing places, coal loading and washing plant at ZUNGULDAK, EREGLI and KOZLOU for five hours. The Turkish Batteries at ZUNGULDAK opened fire on the ships but were soon silenced.

From the 13th - 22nd September, 23,000 tons of coal were brought to CONSPANTINOPLE from ZUNGULDAK and the present stock is 56,000 tons.

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3.  
EXAMINATION OF PRISONERS.

The Cadet Officer belonging to the 17th regiment who surrendered to ANZAC on the 4th

instant states:-

There used to be 4 battalions in his Regiment but now there are only three, two composed of 5 and one of 4 companies. His own company is 168 strong and his battalion 1107 strong, filled up with drafts of untrained troops.

Of his regiment, one battalion is in the firing line (5 companies), one battalion is in the support trenches



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about 50 in rear, and one battalion in reserve about 4-500 from the firing line. Each battalion does 15 days in the trenches. H.Q.s. of the Regiment, of the Battalion in the firing line, and of the Battalion in support, are all three in the support trenches. H.Q. of the Division are in one of the valleys S.W. of BUYUK ANAFARTA. The Supply and Ordnance Depots for the Division are also there.

The position of machine guns in the trenches can be invariably located by the oblong shape of the loopholes, which are always very low in the parapet. The loopholes are screened as far as possible, but can be usually picked up with strong glasses.

Supplies are issued once daily at about 2100. Bread is now made of maize flour and there is only one decent meal a day, in the evening.

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4.  
CONDITIONS  
IN CONSTANTINOPLE.

Of the Police many have been sent to the front; the worst characters remain.

The Gendarmes now at CONSTANTINOPLE are many of them elderly men, whose appearance is sometimes so decrepit that they have been ordered to dye their beards; others are pardoned brigands. Small parties of Germans, both officers and men, frequently arrive.

The Jews of CONSTANTINOPLE are taking an active part in the persecution of the Armenians. They are violently pro-German and anti-British.

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5.  
SALONIKA.

At SALONIKA, the Doumles, i.e. Crypto-Jews, with the Jews and Turks are frantically pro-German and pro-Turkish.



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They are working on the cupidity or fears of the Anti-Venezolists, and with the anti-British and pro-German Palace clique led by the Queen.

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6. NAVAL. In Turkey British submarines are now called "Allah Shaitanlari" (God's devils.)

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7. TROOPS. A CONSTANTINOPLE report states that two divisions have been sent to DERKOS (CHATALJA Lines). These may be the 20th and 42nd Divisions.

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Appendix No. 0716

DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF ORDNANCE  
SERVICES.  
No. Q/103/13.

G.S. I

Reference attached, I have had these examined and find :-

- (a) Hand grenades are of the ordinary Turkish pattern filled with an explosive with which I am not acquainted. A sample was sent home some time ago for analysis.
- (b) Is a brass cartridge case (about 3-3/8" calibre) of German manufacture filled with Dynamite Cartridges (manufactured by Nobel's), weighing in all about 7 lbs. The head of the case was fitted with a wooden plug through which the fuze passed. No percussion arrangement was received with the case, but the wooden plug was tapped, apparently to take one. The spaces between the cartridges were filled with ordinary black powder and a few ordinary commercial detonators.
- (c) & (d) were the same. Two brass cartridge cases (about 2-3/8" calibre, about 3 Pr) of German manufacture, filled as follows :- In the base of each case was placed about 2 2 or 3 lbs of iron and steel chippings varying in size from 1/2" to 3/8" diameter. On top of these were placed 3 Curtis & Harvey's EXCELLITE cartridges, a detonator being placed in the centre of each. All spare space was then filled up with ordinary black powder and further pieces of iron. It is interesting to note that each piece of iron was wrapped up in a piece of greased paper.

Means of ignition same as at (b).

The cause of men getting sore eyes in the vicinity of one of these bombs when it explodes, is, I think, undoubtedly caused by the fumes given off from the Dynamite & EXCELLITE and not by any other form of poisonous gas.

G.H.Q. 2.10.15

X Col.  
D.D.O.S.



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AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND ARMY CORPS.

Appendix No. 0C16

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Army Corps Headquarters,

1st October, 1915.

From: G.S.O. 3  
A & N.Z. Army Corps.

To: Col. Tyrrell.  
G.H.Q.

MEMORANDUM.

I send herewith :-

- (a) 2 hand grenades which were thrown into the trenches of the 54th Division.
- (b) A big bomb with wooden cap (unexploded)
- (c) A smaller bomb with wooden cap (unexploded)
- (d) A bomb apparently similar to "c", but exploded.

B, c and d came into the trenches of the N.Z. & A. Division, and it is thought that they may contain some form of poisonour gas, as those that have burst have caused men who have even been in the vicinity to have sore eyes.

I should be much obliged if you would please let me know the result of investigations.

S.S. BUTLER, Major, G.S.  
A. & N.Z. Army Corps.

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*Butler*



6 OCTOBER, 1915.

*Confidential*

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

1st Australian Division Report.

MOVEMENTS:- Considerable movement N. of small mounted parties on road sq 48 H 6. Party of horsemen observed on road at foot of KILID BAHN plateau going N, also a camel transport on same road going S. Small working parties observed 68 C 7 and 68 J 1 and 68 H 5. Between 1600 and 1700 parties of enemy were seen going to and from RUINS and OLIVE GROVE. Small relief (12) fully armed seen going up comm'n trench 70<sup>2</sup> E LONG PINE. About 20 men in white uniform observed in sap near 60 Y 6. During the day several wagons passed over HAIDOS road to RUINS and SUNKEN road - also 50 packs at 1224.

WORKS:- Fresh work appeared at S end of TWIN TRENCHES. Enemy working hard, SNIPERS, WHIR and GUN RIDGES. PINE RIDGE - comm'n trench, to connect with TURKISH DESPAIR works, started. Men still entrenching sq 65 K 5.

GENERAL:- Increased periscope observation by enemy on HARRIS RIDGE observed. Destroyer made good shooting on HARRIS RIDGE and materially damaged trenches seaward side. Anti-aircraft gun located A 69 Bty, also small gun, apparently anti-aircraft, in LEASE VALLEY, SE of LONG PINE.

2nd Australian Division Report.

WORKS:- Enemy heard digging on N side of CRATER. No further addition to enemy entanglements on S side of JOHNSTONES JOLLY.

GENERAL:- Enemy using buckshot for firing at periscopes. The documents recovered from the body of dead Turk, killed at Sep 6 on 3rd Oct, afforded no definite information as to unit to which he belonged, but mention is made of the 15th regt (sic). Enemy gun firing at PLOUGH PLATEAU seemed to be just beneath crest of ridge at approx 60 Y 8.

HZ & A Division Report.

WORKS:- Patrols report sounds of digging on BATTLESHIP Hill, vigorous work proceeding at Blockhouse on PINNACLE - enemy apparently deepening trenches, or tunnelling in front of FARM. Enemy have thrown out a new trench about 80<sup>2</sup> in front of that in sq 105 W 5-8 with comm'ns leading to it from the latter - considerable amount of new trench work has been done in this neighbourhood recently. What appears to be a wall of sandbags has been built about 105 W 2-3. Mountain Bty from 92 U 2-3 will be able to enfilade these trenches, but did not fire yesterday as the trenches only being half finished were probably empty. Fresh barbed wire observed at "W" Hills 105 U 5 above T in TRPE.

GENERAL:- Party of Turks reported yesterday must have moved up branch of DERE in a SE direction E of SNIPERS Ridge. At 1800 enemy placed dummies along parapets of fire trench E of FARM. New enemy gun position reported 100<sup>2</sup> N of spot 90 F 8. A small enemy patrol coming from PINNACLE quickly retired when fired on. Patrols up SAZLI BERT DERE report nothing unusual encountered, a few voices only heard on SNIPERS MOUNT. Deserter, 1st bn, 10th regt, gave himself up at daylight to 1st LI Bde - he came in via old Turk sap E of DESTROYER Hill.

Appendix No. 6217



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6-10-15.

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54th Division report.

MOVEMENTS:- Two patrols sent out from the left of 142 Subsection discovered 2 enemy listening posts, one on the spur about 50<sup>2</sup> E of 92 Z 1, the other at junction of nullahs 50<sup>2</sup> NW of 92 Z 2.

WORKS:- Enemy are reported working on wire entanglements on Hill 100. Digging has also been observed on the lower slopes. Sounds of enemy mining are again reported from Hill 90. No repairs have been done to the wire damaged on Hill 90.

GENERAL:- Two hostile guns have been observed firing from emplacement at foot of letter F in KITCHENS, 93 V 6-8. There is reported to be an important enemy bivouac close under Cliff 50<sup>2</sup> E of 93 V 8. A tarpaulin covered with bushes can be seen and a fire was burning there yesterday. Two of the letters from Turkish deserter, which were placed near their trenches, have been taken in. Two copies of a "JAWAB" were recently thrown into our trenches on Hill 90. They are similar to that which have been used before. On one copy is a Turkish letter which appears to be an answer to the letter from the Turkish deserter.

9th Corps report. 4-10-15.

Between 1500 and 1700 about 100 mounted men were observed S and E of BIRUK ANAFARTA and at sunset, smoke as of camp fires, S of that place.

Aeroplane report. 6-10-15.

One 100-15 bomb dropped which fell on pier by mills. Several convoys of 150-200 wagons observed moving from GALLIPOLI to DILAIR.

General.

Information from deserters:- The cadet officer, BURHANED DIN, 17th regt, who deserted to us on the 3rd inst, states that the recent fire demonstrations on the part of the Turks have been merely ruses to find out how strongly our lines are held, and no attack was intended. It was said afterwards that we were taken by surprise and our line was not strongly held. He thinks that such ruses are tried when a report that we have received fresh reinforcements reaches the Turkish Staff.

A private MUSHKIL of the 23rd regt, deserted to us on the 4th inst. He states his regt has been resting for the last few days between ANAFARTA SAKIR and KIRITCH TEPE. He states the 23rd and 24th regts are still here. He deserted because of the bad conditions that prevail in the Turkish army. He has not received any pay for 14 months. Many of his comrades want to desert. Food now is very little. There are no German officers in his regt, but he has seen 3 or 4 lately. He was wounded coming in and not much information could be obtained from him.

Private SULMAN AMER, 19th regt, came in to our lines in the SAKIR BUIT DERE to-day. His regt is near ANAFARTA SPUR. (This confirms statement of prisoner of 24th regt, 10-9-15.) He states the 11th regt are on their right. (This confirms statement of officer deserter from 17th regt, in bulletin of 5th.) Nations are getting low now, there is only 1 loaf to 4 men and no meat.

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Extracts from diary of BURHANUDDIN, under-officer, (cadet),  
2nd Battalion, 17th Regiment.

24th August, Monday. At OUZOUN KEUPRU. We will remain here until evening. We are about 200, the majority ghazi, even some of the men have not yet their wounds healed and they are gallants who run to avenge.

25th August, Tuesday. Early in the morning we left OUZOUN KEUPRU for KARA PINAR. On the road there are special arrangements for water, so we could march easily. We reached KARA PINAR in 6 hours instead of 7.30. This is a Christian village, and the laziness of the inhabitants is understood from the fertile but uncultivated ground. We camped at FAKHSHIP.

26th August, Wednesday. When I started for KESHAN it was full day. KESHAN is in ruins after the Balkan war, but the government is land working.

27th August, Thursday. We hear the noise of guns. We left for YERLI SOU. TIRAVROZ is quite a high mountain. KOUZON DAGH is in front of us. We march for long hours and I was much tired; they do the journey between here and BULAIR, on account of the possible danger, by night. We followed the course of BULAIR Forts; they have evacuated BULAIR, because it is a target to the enemy. There is only an Islam coffee house, where we had tea. Early in the morning we left for GALLIPOLI. The roads are very regular. After 5 hours we were at GALLIPOLI. As there has been some bombardment here, they have evacuated the city, but everywhere is full of troops.

29th August, Saturday. I left GALLIPOLI to camp in the night at BAIK KEUY.

30th August, Sunday. Before sunrise we marched towards ULCHAR BERE. Here the men had dinner and supper, they were also given 2 days rations and were separated for different units.

31st August, Monday. Left wing of KEMIKLI BUNUN group of ANAFARTAS. I pass the night near the stores of our regt about  $\frac{1}{2}$  an hour back of firing line. I saw the regt commander. I was sent to the 7th coy.

1st September, Tuesday. There was a continuous artillery battle to day. I took command of the 2nd platoon. The regularity I found here, I had not seen in school. There is tea every morning and regular food. There are always olives and raisins.

2nd September, Wednesday. I went to the firing line with the commander of the 1st platoon. I was desiring to see the enemy from a shorter distance. I was rather anxious. There are special instruments to see the enemy without being seen. I had hardly lifted the instrument, an enemy bullet brot it. This welcome was not so pleasant, however I went away the same evening. After supper, I took my platoon to make some comm'n trenches. I am rather careless to the dum-dums bursting all around me.

3rd September, Thursday. Nothing worth recording.

4th September, Friday. There are always enemy aeroplanes above us. Our artillery is shelling them, but without result. Bombs dropped from the aeroplanes cause great damage. The men have left everything to God and are expecting to be killed every moment. After the flying of the enemy aeroplanes, 4 of the warships, left of KEMIKLI BUNUN, began an unprecedented bombardment of our back trenches. In the meantime, enemy machine guns firing from trenches only 30 metres away deprive us of many of our dear comrades. My ears are deafened; the ships ceased firing; with fixed bayonets we are waiting for the enemy's attack.

5th September, Saturday. Our Br will take the trenches to day. I saw that our part was safer than the others, because, while on the right the opposite trenches are almost touching each other, our distance is about 150 metres.

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

O C T O B E R 4th, 1915.

1.  
THE BALKAN  
SITUATION.

(a) Greece.

M. Venizelos handed his resignation to the King on the 5th October.

In the debate in the Greek Chamber on the 4th the united opposition advocated that a policy of armed neutrality should be maintained, whilst M. Venizelos insisted on the obligations of Greece towards her Ally Serbia, and exposed the venality of that section of the Greek Press which supports the Central Powers. The debate closed with a vote of confidence in M. Venizelos carried by 142 to 102, 13 members including the Ministers abstaining from voting.

It is understood that, in spite of this clearly expressed opinion of the majority of the Chamber in favour of his policy, M. Venizelos found himself obliged to resign owing to the King having subsequently declared himself unable to support that policy.

(b) Bulgaria.

The British Minister at SOFIA has asked for his passports, relations with Bulgaria having been broken off.

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2.  
PRISONERS.

A prisoner belonging to the 10th Regiment (4th Division) was captured by the N.Z. and A. Division on the 6th instant.

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4.  
AUSTRIAN MARINE.

Extract from "Neues Wiener Journal" August

31st:-

Austria Hungary had 216 fair-sized vessels on the sea when war broke out a year ago. Of those 126 regained home ports, 66 took refuge in neutral harbours and 24 fell into the hands of the enemy. To those last must now be added 17 which were in Italian ports at the outbreak of the Austro-Italian War.

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1st Australian Division report.

**MOVEMENTS:-** About 80 men seen moving from CASTLE HOUSE going towards AGI BABA. Party of 18 men observed moving round gun position 193. Body of infantry 200 strong, with 2 horsemen passed along road 50 X to RUINS. Working party of about 70 men observed in OLIVE GROVE. Small party of horsemen 48, also 3 transport vehicles. Party of horsemen, cattle and camels moving on road foot of KILIB BAHIR going S. Not noticed coming and going from Hill 47 to HALAR GULLY - ships shelled heavily about 1300.

**WORKS:-** Brick loopholes have been replaced by sandbags at S end of SNIPERS RIDGE. WIRE RIDGE (N) - two lines of upright poles, 7' to 10' long, placed in front of trench, lines about 10' apart and same distance between poles. TRENCHES have been repaired, and at DALMAN FISH enemy attempted to repair damage done by destroyer.

**GENERAL:-** Large number of cattle, estimated at 500 head, have been noticed grazing towards KILIB BAHIR and some behind RUINS.

2nd Australian Division report.

**WORKS:-** Barbed wire entanglements on JOHNSTON'S JOLLY opposite No 14 Post, No 4 Section, extended and strengthened. Enemy has been digging in OWENS GULLY repairing damage to trenches caused by our artillery. On SNIPERS RIDGE, 200' from dead end of No 1 Section, new overhead cover has been erected. Enemy has used new sandbags in repairing parapets opposite Nos 1, 2 and 3 Sections, damaged by our bombs and artillery. Hearing 27° from machine gun post at head of sap 8, at an estimated distance of 200', enemy has constructed 8 large loopholes. Digging heard at No 14 Post, No 4 Section.

**GENERAL:-** During the afternoon a party of scouts made a reconnaissance enemy trenches on the WEST. A "small book" was obtained from the body of a dead Turk. Examination of the book shows him to have belonged to the 27th RE.

3rd Australian Division report.

**WORKS:-** A little shovelling heard on SNIPERS WEST. What appears to be new enemy machine gun emplacement located 95 V 7.

**GENERAL:-** 1st LM Bde patrol, which went out at 1230, unable to discover the 7 rifles which deserter said he had left at end of old Turkish sap - the patrol went 30' beyond sap up SAKLI BEIT BERE and on their way back they discovered a rifle, bayonet and 350 rds ammunition, by dead Turk. A patrol proceeded down bushy slope of TULMAN'S Post (W end of HINDOONHURST Spur). They discovered a rough track and followed it till they found a good position to observe any movement up SAKLI BEIT BERE. Picking and shovelling could be heard up the BERE. From direction of foot of SNIPERS WEST, a slight crackling noise was heard at regular intervals of about an hour - probably changing sentries. Very little activity in vicinity of FARM.

Aeroplane report. 4-10-15.

Five bombs dropped on Hills at CHANAK. Considerable movement on roads of ENKI KEMI. Five bombs dropped on camp round WANI KEMI.

8-10-15. Our machine was attacked by Taube armed with machine gun. Spotted for 19 firing on MAIBOS. 3 shots fell in outskirts of town, 1 in centre and 5 in sea, 3 of latter close to pier. No sign of activity in KALI or KILIA LIMAN, and no stores observed on pier or water front.

4th Division report.

**MOVEMENTS:-** The enemy are reported to have thrown bombs at 2 of our patrols who were out in front of the right of 1st Subsection, but without effect.

**WORKS:-** Repairs to wire entanglements on Hill 100 continue, but no attempt to repair the wire damaged by our shells on Hill 99 has been observed. The report that the enemy were heard mining on Hill 99 was incorrectly stated - sounds of work have been heard, but it is not certain whether this is mining or surface work.

**GENERAL:-** Our shelling of the hostile trenches near 92 Z 3 appeared to be effective and to have caused considerable damage. A patrol recovered a white flag from near 92 Z 1, attached to it were copies of a "JUHAB".

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INTELLIGENCE BULLETIN.

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EIFFEL TOWER report 8th Oct:

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Violent mutual bombardment round Nieuport in the  
Hetsassteen Strotei sector. Some artillery activity on  
both sides in Artois. The French made slight progress  
south of Thebes near the Arras-Lille road. A surprise  
attempted by the Germans on one of the French advanced  
posts near Popincourt south of Rove failed completely. On  
the Aisne the French Batteries caused by their fire two  
extremely violent explosions in the German lines in the  
Javancourt district, and also set on fire the railway  
station at Guignicourt.

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Divisional Headquarters,

8th October, 1915.



CONFIDENTIAL.I N T E L L I G E N C E B U L L E T I N .O C T O B E R 8th, 1915.

1.  
NAVAL. The gunboat Aidin Reis is reported to have entered the Golden Horn with her bows torpedoed.

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2.  
CASUALTIES. During the week ending 23th September 6,200 sick and wounded were brought to CONSTANTINOPLE by the steamers "Ak Doniz", "Gul Nihal", Shirkot Nos, 62 and 70.

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3.  
TURKO-GERMAN RELATIONS. A league has been formed in CONSTANTINOPLE to promote Turko-German friendship and it is reported that the Sultan will be the honorary president.

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4.  
MINING. The 8th Corps report that a mine was fired in front of Fusilier Bluff on the 6th instant. Part of the enemy's trench was completely destroyed and 1 machine gun and some Turks were reported to be seen in the air.

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5.  
NOMENCLATURE OF POSITIONS. The names Green Knoll for the knoll at 135 P.2-5, and North Redoubt for the Turkish work at 136 L.4-5 have been sanctioned.

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6.  
PRISONERS. Two Armenian soldiers belonging to the 21st Regiment (7th Division) surrendered to the 2nd Mounted Division on the 5th instant. These men had only been on the Peninsula a fortnight; they state that our bombs are



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very effective and comment on the excellent marksmanship of the troops opposite their trenches.

Last winter they were serving in the Turkish Army on the ERZEROU front and say that the losses there from battle and disease were enormous. Later they returned on leave to their homes in the SIVAS Vilayet and confirm the reports of wholesale massacre, violation, pillage and forced conversion of the Armenian population carried out by order of the Turkish Government in the Eastern provinces. Their account of these events will be published in a later bulletin.

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7. SYRIA. The "Mokattam" of 25th September learns that the ex-deputy of JAFFA, Hajez Bey El Said, was condemned and thrown into prison as well as the Mufti of Saida. Notables having intervened with Jemal Pasha, the latter obtained the order for their release. However, the day that the order came from CONSTANTINOPLE, they were both found dead in prison.

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DARDANELLES FORTS AND DEFENCES. 8.

The following is from a source usually well informed:-

At MAIDOS are 3 batteries of 15 cm. guns and several mountain guns.

KILID BAHR has suffered severely but there are 3 guns of heavy calibre there now.

AYAZ BABA TABIASSI. Three heavy batteries of 15 cm. guns and 3 batteries of 7-5 cm. guns.

At MULUK FACTORY between SOGHAN DERE and HAVUZLAR



there are defence works, particulars of which are not known.

SOGHAN DERE. Near the sea are 2 batteries of 15 cm. guns.

At AKBASHI near the pier and a short distance above BOGHALI there are 2 batteries of anti-aircraft guns.

At ESKIKEUI there are 2 guns.

Following information is from a refugee of good position but is at present unconfirmed:-

HAMIDIEH FORT: 4 guns.

DARDANUS FORT: only small guns, repaired.

MEJIDIEH FORT: dismantled.

CHILANLI KALE (CHIMENLIK ?); near CHANAK: the small guns have been removed.

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9.  
TURKISH  
RECRUITING.

It is reported that police N.C.Os. and officers are being given commissions owing to the shortage of officers in the Turkish Army.

According to Turkish law all immigrants are exempt for 7 years from liability to serve in the Army. Notwithstanding this all Moslem immigrants are now being summoned to serve immediately.

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AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND ARMY CORPS.

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Army Corps Headquarters.  
7th October, 1915.From: G.S.O. 3  
A. & N.Z. Army Corps.

To: N.Z. &amp; A Division.

MEMORANDUM.

The following is passed for information.  
The positions of H.Qs as shown on Trench  
Diagram No. 4 are now revised as follows.  
Please amend diagrams accordingly.

Positions of Divisional and  
Brigade H.Qs. shown on Trench  
Diagram. No. 4.

Positions now altered to.

2nd. Aust. Division (Not shown)	80 R 5/7
1st " " 80 W 7.	
(Marked by flag)	
N.Z. & A. Division 80 B 7.	80 B 4.
1st L.H. Brigade 80 H 7.	80 B 5-9
7th Aust. I. Bde. (Not shown)	Marked N.Z. Inf. Bde.
N.Z. M.R. Bde. )	
N.Z. Inf. Bde. ) Away.	
29th Bde. )	
4th Aust. I. Bde. )	

(Sgd) R.B. SMYTHE,  
Captain. G.S.  
A. & N.Z. Army Corps.



1st Australian Division report.

MOVEMENTS:- 12 pack mules passed along comm'n trench leading from LITTLE VALLEY to HOLLEY RIDGE. Turks seen working on trench at OLIVE GROVE, from about 47 B S to 47 B 3, at 0900 and again at 1900. Party of 12 men moving round INRAHIM GUN REDOUBT. Camel train of 35 camels passed from KILGERR, sq 48 F 3 to RUINS, sq 48 H 5. About 1 coy of Turks came out of OLIVE GROVE proceeding to RUINS, returning to OLIVE GROVE about 1830. On Indian Sde ceasing fire on SNIPERS RIDGE, Turks wearing dark brown uniforms and light brown skull caps (2 or 3 with khaki helmets) reinforced WHITE RIDGE. 130 Turks passed through comm'n trench from BLODDIN FIELD to LITTLE VALLEY, some carried kit bags. Continuous string of mules passed down MULE TRACK on SCRUBBY HOLL.

WORKS:- Further barbed wire entanglements erected WHITE RIDGE. Maps in vicinity of BALKAN FITS are roofed in. Turks seen working in trench 100' right of LONG FINE.

GENERAL:- Demonstration by means of parachute rockets showed to be well held and drew heavy fire. Hostile aeroplane passed over ATRAC travelling S to N. Reports of asphyxiating gas from LONG FINE and 7th FA Bty were received, but not confirmed. The fumes from some new burst caused the men's eyes to smart and this originated the report.

2nd Australian Division report.

MOVEMENTS:- At 1715 about 300 enemy (inf and transport) were seen moving in E direction from 38 C 1. Artillery fired on them. An enemy patrol of 10 men were seen in valley near HINTONS.

WORKS:- In OWNED GULLY enemy still engaged in placing sandbags over trench opposite No 14 Post, No 4 Section, and is building barbed entanglements at a distance of 150-200 yards from 3 and 4 Posts, No 4 Section. New enemy trench between GERMAN OFFICERS and SNIPERS trenches seems now practically finished. Turkish advance trench on lower WET has been screened in places by green bushes. A sap resembling a fire trench is being cut in the higher bank of road on CHURCH BARR and running parallel with it at a distance of from 5 to 10 yards. The lower bank is being protected by wire entanglements.

GENERAL:- At 2050 three bombs burst in the vicinity of 38 C 1 and emitted a gas, which appeared to have no effect on the lungs, but caused great irritation of the eyes. Is described as pungent, sickly and sweet, and to possess an "oniony" smell. Bomb is cylindrical and about 3" in diameter. Base of one and fragments of case have been obtained and are under examination. At 2108 during demonstration enemy fired a large star shell. 1st officer of 21st Bn thinks this is used by the enemy as a signal to cease fire. Hostile aeroplane flew over our lines during forenoon.

3rd & 4th Division report.

WORKS:- Work proceeding on BATTLESHIP Hill.

GENERAL:- Our patrols report very little work being done by the enemy about FARM, and no enemy patrols met. Deserter, who stated he had collected and left 7 rifles at a certain spot in the GALLI SPIT SPUR, was taken to the place, but rifles could not be found.

54th Division report.

MOVEMENTS:- At 2115 machine gun fire was opened on hostile post on spur E of 92 E 1 and a strong patrol was moved up the spur, advancing to within 10 or 15 yards of the position. Enemy opened fire and our patrol retired, but considering the enemy were too strong, withdrew after exchange of shots. Indian Sde report that work on the left of their new line was hindered by enemy machine gun fire and some form of mechanically propelled bomb or rifle grenade.

WORKS:- Our patrols in front of the right of 1st Subsection report enemy digging on Hill 100 and along ridge towards Hill 90. 1st Subsection report that 2 new trestles have been placed by the enemy between AER LAKE and BEECH LAKE on Hill 90. New sandbags have been observed between BEECH LAKE and MIDDLE LAKE.

GENERAL:- Enemy aeroplane passed over at 1150 and was fired on by our machine guns without effect.

9th Corps report. 6-10-18.

A broomstick bomb which reached our trenches but failed to explode, has been examined and proves to be of very rudimentary design. An empty 3 pdr brass cartridge case was first fixed to a broomstick, in it were placed two 2-oz pkts of Curtis and Harveys Excellite, a blasting gelatine, and the case was filled about 4/5 full with Roburite, on top of this was packed with straw, rags and paper, the whole being stopped with a rough conical piece of wood containing a detonator with a connection with the charge. Two deserters entered the lines of the 2nd Mounted Div last night. They belong to the 3rd/21st regt, which is about 500 strong and was relieved last night by a Coy of the 14th regt, their line of trench being opposite KAVANLER -



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ANGORA. They are Armenians of the province of SIVAS and managed to escape from the massacre of 4 months ago. At ANGORA are 150 of our prisoners being well treated. The 14th regt is now composed of reservists "with long beards".

7-19-15. Reports confirm the fact that a considerable quantity of enemy's ammunition is of very inferior quality; 4.7 shells apparently over 20 years old have been found in several places. Bombs apparently made from stove pipe, were fired into the trenches yesterday, but none exploded.

General.

"Pill book" taken from body of dead Turk, as mentioned in report of 2nd Australian Division yesterday, was the service book of KHOLCHA OGLOU ALI, son of MOUSTAFA of SUTANIE, and contained nothing of any importance.

Army Corps Headquarters. 1g / 198.



Further examination of Deserter SULEMAN ACHMET.

8.10.15.

He states that the trenches are relieved every two days at 9 a.m. His Coy would go out on 7th instant and return on 9th instant. His particular friends are VELEY, KHALIL and AHMED, who told him they would follow him when they could.

He knows of 3 howitzers in position - one near his own Coy's trenches, one near trenches of 72nd Regiment, and one 50 metres to his right.

The gun behind his trenches fires at our guns near pier - (refers to pier that was at No. 2 Post) - it still fires in the same direction although he knows the pier is broken up. The 72nd gun fires at the sea - does not know at what - most likely the one which fires in direction of WALKERS RIDGE pier.

The third sometimes fires far out to sea, to the right, where a pier was - fires at a boat perhaps.

The guns are quite close up to the trenches.

When the Companies leave the trenches they go back as supports about 60-70 metres - his Battalion has been in the same place and been doing those two day reliefs - at one time it was 4 days in and out.

It is 4 months since he left ADRIANOPLE - he spent 22 days in front of the French, and then came on here. He mentions the last demonstration on the part of the Turks - they never had any intention of leaving their trenches.

For food they get a kind of oatmeal daily, and every 10 days beans - bread at rate of loaf to four men and a few biscuits. There is no meat. Once he saw a tin of meat (German iron ration) and dry vegetables. There is no tea now, and tobacco even is only issued at odd times - 3 lbs per Coy: he himself had exchanged part of his ~~tea~~ for tobacco.

Flares which the Turks use are fired to light up the ground, not as signals.

He told his friends he would give all the information he could on account of his bad treatment, especially by Lieutenant MUSTA EFFENDI.

The man was taken up again to the trenches and appeared to be very certain about the three abovementioned gun positions - two about 50 metres behind crest of BATTLESHIP HILL and one, he said, just in front.

The positions were carefully noted and pointed out to Artillery F.O. Officer.

(sgd) W. A. HASTINGS

Captain  
G. S.

N. Z. A. Division



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

O O T O B E R 9th, 1915.

1.  
MESOPOTAMIA. It is reported from BASRA that the Turks now at CTESIPHON number 8000 men, 6 squadrons and 28 guns. The Turks have withdrawn from the Euphrates. (CTESIPHON is about 50 kilometres south of BAGHDAD.)

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2.  
TURKISH AMMUNITION. The 9th Corps report that a considerable quantity of the enemy's ammunition is of very inferior quality. 4.7" shells apparently over 20 years old containing very weak bursting charges have been found in several places. Bombs, apparently made from stove pipe, were fired into the trenches of the 29th Division yesterday, but none exploded.

During the bombardment of the "Pimple" on the 6th instant, machine guns opened fire on some retreating Turks, and are estimated to have disposed of 30 of them.

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3.  
PERSONNEL. Miralai Nazif Bey has replaced Sulaiman Shakri as G.O.C. 6th Division.

Kaimakam Nuri Bey is O.C. 17th Regiment and Kaimakam Mohmet Bey O.C. 13th Regiment.

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4.  
SUPPLIES. According to the statement of an officer prisoner, AK BASHI is no longer used as a supply depot owing to its being exposed to bombardment. The main supply depot is now at ULGAR DERE (UNGARDERE). The bulk of supplies is



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brought from CONSTANTINOPLE via UZUN KEUPRU and GALLIPOLI, those which are forwarded from Anatolia are shipped from Bergaz to GALLIPOLI thence by road to UNCARDERE. From this central supply depot divisional columns draw their supplies and take them to divisional supply centres. Very few supplies are kept at the latter.

There are also large supply stores at GALLIPOLI and YALOVA.

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5. ROADS. The same officer reports that the GALATA road is not now used, but that a very good well hidden Chaussee has been made which runs via HELVAJI TEPE, KAVAKLI KEUI, KAYALIK SERT, part N. of MERA TEPE, KARA AGATCH DERE, YIMURJAK TEPE, SIRMA SERT, HAMMAN TEPE, CHOFALJI SERT, BAKLA DERE and then down the valley to UNGER DERE.

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Appendix No. 24

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

Reconnaissance etc, carried out on 8th October 1915.

AREA	SOURCE OF INFORMATION.	DETAILS.
HELLES.	2nd Wing.	Reconnaissance of batteries:- P. occupied, P.1. not occupied A. doubtful. C.B.occupied. C.A. not occupied.
ANZAC & SUVLA.	2nd Wing.	Reconnaissance of OLIVE GROVE between 5-30 am and 7 am.  From very low altitude reported:-  Large stores and dug-outs in 55 P.9 Long row of dug-outs in 56 G.4. 5 & 6. Large gun emplacement in 53 I 3. Two emplacements partly concealed in 55 U 1-4. Two batteries in 53 Y. 9. Left hand one 4 covered emplacements; right hand one 3 emplacements, 2 occupied.  31 photographs were taken of the GABA TEPE area.
BULAIR.	3rd Wing.	Spotted for Monitor on Gallipoli, but visibility was not good. There was considerable movement of transport between BULAIR and GALLIPOLI and same between GALLIPOLI and BERGAZ. A camp at 358 B (1:40,000) two big Marquies and a 200 ft by 3ft dug-out. 2000 troops 100 wagons and 3 motor cars were observed coming from HEXAMIL to BULAIR, using the eastern road.
SHIPPING.		Movement of shipping in the Straits is normal. (See report for 7th inst.)  The afternoon was cloudy and misty, precluding spotting and reconnaissance.



EXTRACTS FROM DIARY OF AN UNDER-OFFICER (CADET) of the  
17th REGIMENT:-

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2nd September, Wednesday. I went to the firing line with the Commander of the 1st platoon. I was desiring to see the enemy from a shorter distance. I was rather anxious. There are special instruments to see the enemy without being seen. I had hardly lifted the instrument, an enemy bullet broke it. This welcome was not so pleasant; however I went away the same evening. After supper I took my platoon to make some comm'n trenches. I am rather careless to the dum-dums bursting all around me.

3rd September, Thursday. Nothing worth recording.

4th September, Friday. There are always enemy aeroplanes above us. Our artillery is shelling them, but without result. Bombs dropped from the aeroplanes cause great damage. The men have left everything to God and are expecting to be killed every moment. After the flying of the enemy aeroplanes, 4 of the warships, left of KEMIKLI BURUN, began an unprecedented bombardment on our back trenches. In the meantime, enemy machine guns firing from trenches only 30 metres away deprive us of many of our dear comrades. My ears are deafened; the ships ceased firing; with fixed bayonets we are waiting for the enemy's attack.

5th September, Saturday. Our men will take the trenches today. I saw that our part was safer than the others, because, while on the right the opposite trenches are almost touching each other, our distance is about 150 metres.

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1st Australian Division report.

**MOVEMENTS:-** About 50 men at IERAHIA Redoubt. About 15 mules left RUINS and went N along SUNKEN ROAD. Mule track on SCRUBBY KNOLL being freely used. Much movement in comm'n trench between LEGGE VALLEY and HOLLEY RIDGE. During the day 8 different parties of men and mules were seen. There was considerable traffic on SUNKEN ROAD going NE, sq 55 T. 110 men counted leaving comm'n trench from GUN RIDGE to LEGGE VALLEY and at 1700, 90 men were counted moving in opposite direction.

**WORKS:-** Turks working on trench 70° right of LONE PINE, and in a trench 150° right; they appeared to be working very hard. Work proceeding BOOMERANG TRENCH and CEMENT GUN EMPLACEMENT. Barbed wire entanglements extended 100° S, KNIFE EDGE. SNIPERS RIDGE - planking loopholes destroyed by I.M.Sty, strongly rebuilt.

**GENERAL:-** The shelling by T.B.B on HARRIS RIDGE was severest it has yet had, damaging fire trenches on sea slope.

2nd Australian Division report.

**WORKS:-** Digging, which seemed to be repairing of trenches, seen on JOHNSTONES JOLLY, 80 X 7. New trench at head of MONASH GULLY has been extended about 10° and is now about 25° from the new trench out through "the shaft" in A 6. The trench being dug in the upper bank of road on CHUMUK AIR has been screened with bushes. This trench, the wire entanglements and road itself, all of which can be apparently swept by machine gun fire, form a formidable obstacle. Work resembling a machine gun emplacement in centre of C 6 (A) has now been built up with sandbags and 3 similar works have been constructed 13 and 20 yards respectively further to the right in the same trench. Enemy trenches on the NEK and on parts of SNIPERS RIDGE have been partially screened by brushwood.

**GENERAL:-** A possible gun emplacement is visible about 900° NE from NE corner of LONE PINE and about 5 degrees from the right foot of SCRUBBY KNOLL. During the night a Turk was shot in front of CRATER POST. The body was recovered and was without boots or socks and the clothing very dilapidated. There was nothing to indicate the unit to which he belonged.

NZ & A Division report.

**WORKS:-** In the early part of the evening a little work reported being done by the enemy at PINNACLE Blockhouse. In AGHYL BREE patrols report very little sound of enemy working.

**GENERAL:-** Patrols report a few shots from SNIPERS NEST. Patrols got to the Turkish right rear of PINNACLE Blockhouse and within about 10° of it.

54th Division report.

**MOVEMENTS:-** A patrol in front of 162 Subsection encountered a hostile patrol, estimated strength 20 - in nullah immediately N of 92 Z 1, at 2000.

**WORKS:-** The new enemy wire entanglements on Hill 60 has been completed from point E as far as MIDDLE LANE.

**GENERAL:-** On Hill 60 our work in MIDDLE LANE was interfered with by enemy's fire. Near SUSAK KUYU the enemy sniped and fired bombs at our working parties, but caused no casualties, whilst on the right of new line a burst of rapid firing was equally ineffective. 161 Subsection report enemy lighted flares during night and interfered with our work. A Greek Ravali deserted into our lines from the 17th regt.

Aeroplane report. 6-10-15.

One 100-lb bomb dropped at KILID BASHI fort. Unable to see result. Four 20-lb bombs dropped on sea front CHANAK and CHERMELIK fort. Dropped 12 bombs on S end of CHANAK, 7 of which fell into the town raising clouds of smoke and dust; 2 fell on fort at S end of CHANAK BAY going through roof of long building. Three bombs dropped at factory on sea front. All the embrasures of HAMIDIEH fort appeared occupied by guns.

8-10-15. 2000 troops with transport between HEMAMILI and BULAIR going S using E road, sometime between 1100 and 1300.

Army Corps Headquarters. Ig / 292.



AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND ARMY CORPS. 9th October, 1915.

Precis of information from SULEIMAN ACHMET, 1st bn, 10th regt.

Prisoner states that 10th regt is composed entirely of ROUMELIOTES, and the men are anxious to surrender at first opportunity. They have been promised peace for Bairam, which is due to fall on and about the 18th, 20th of this month. They entertain hopes that this will be the case. They have been told by the commander of the regt Kemalledin Bey and by their company commander Hassim Bey that they hoped they would be able to sacrifice sheep in quiet, as they hoped peace would be concluded by then. They are therefore anxiously waiting for Bairam. He also states that all the men desire peace, and they have been informed that we have asked for peace and it is now only a question of indemnity.

At the time of his desertion he was with 3 companions and it was arranged that he was to surrender first and if successful he was to fire his rifle at dawn and the others would then give themselves up in the SAZLI BEIT DERE. (At 0345, 7th inst. a shot from a Turkish rifle was fired from trench of 3rd L.H. Bde, but no men appeared.) He also proposed that we should throw into the Turkish trenches letters inviting the men of the 10th regt to desert. The men have knowledge of the Turko-Bulgarian treaty concerning the railway- they are under the impression that Bulgaria will only temporarily occupy Adrianople.

Prisoner knows of 2 Turkish machine guns, 1 of which is out of action, and also of a German machine gun in a valley by SHAHIN TEPE which is never moved but the Turkish guns are moved at night. There are about 20 Germans with these machine guns. There are several Mountain guns on SHAHIN TEPE. (He was taken up to TOLMANS POST (W end of RHODODENDRON Spur.) He pointed out where he believed the machine guns were - they seemed likely places and have been pointed out to the F.O. officer.

The losses, caused by our Naval guns, on SHAHIN TEPE have been very severe. Near his regt there are 2 regts of cavalry engaged in making dug-outs for the winter.

He stated that he had collected 3 rifles of ours, 4 of theirs (2 old and 2 new), and proposed showing the place where he had left them. (This was done, as detailed in yesterday's Summary.)

He stated that there was much discontent with the Germans and added "If you break one of our fingers you will find friendship for England in it".

In Roumelia, where in former times there were 6 women seeking husbands, there are now 20.

The food is bad, 1 loaf to 4 men, no meat and 4 barrels of water per day per Bn. States that much comes in, but little is given out. These barrels are divided, 2 for men of Bn, 1 for officers and 1 for cooking. There are 5 wells, but men are not allowed to go from the trenches to fetch water. Men are suffering from Dysentery and sore eyes, due to dust and lack of sleep. They get 5 pts a month. He sold his rations to buy tobacco. The ammunition is plentiful - each man has 210 cartridges. The old shells are collected and refilled.

Knows following local names:- KAULI DERE, ZEITUM BURNU and CHAHIN TEPE.

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