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Light Horse

Item number: 10/14/8

Title: 9th Australian Light Horse
Regiment

August 1915

(18) 9th L. Horse

A.L.'S OFFICE AT THE BASE

3rd ECHELON M. E. F.
Remarks or References
16 SEP 1915
Appendices, &c.,
attached.
CENTRAL REGISTRY.
No. M. F. C.

Date. 1915.	Place and Time.	
4 th Aug.	Reserve Compt. 2000	The Regt moved up to firing line to participate in attack on Hill "Baby 700", being part of a general attack on TURKS in Northern GALLI POLI.
5 th "	WALKERS RIDGE 500	153 reinforcements and men returned from Hospital arrived.
7 th "	" 430	Attack on "Baby 700" commenced after heavy bom- bardment by howitzers. 9 th Regt formed Brigade Reserve & gave fire support to 8 th , 10 th who were unsuccessful and suffered very heavy losses. While descending fire from parapet. Lt. Col. MIELL. R was killed.
8 th "	" 1130	The Regt moved from No 1 post and occupied No 3 & half No 2. During rest of day we dis-

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(19) 9th L. Horse

Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
7 th Aug.	WALKERS RIDGE	relic shot bursts of fire on NEX to pin TURKS down & support NZ & A division operating on our right left.	
8 th Aug.	"	We continued fire to support NZ & A division on left. MAJOR G. REYNELL promoted to LT. COL and to command 9 th LHR.	
9 th Aug. } 10 th - } 11 th - }	" } " } " }	Bursts of fire continued in support of troops on our left.	
		The general action, after four days, slackened and both sides strengthened defenses. Our casualties for 4 days was LT. COL. MIELL and 7 other ranks killed, 2 officers & 26 other ranks wounded. Total 36.	W

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(20) 9th L. Horse

Date. 1915	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
26 Aug.	WALKERS RIDGE 1150	Orders from B.H.Q. to move out to DAMIJELIK HILLS and report to GENERAL COX. This was completed and men bivouacked at 2200. in gulley. 92-R.142	KURIJA DERE. 1/20.000
27 th	DAMIJELIK HILLS 2100	Supplied 6 officers and 175 other ranks to assist GENERAL RUSSELL in attack on trench 60. of this draft: 1 off & 50 SR. supplied NZMR. in holding position on right. MAJOR PARSINS and 50 men captured 7540 trench on left by bombs. LT. COL. REYNELL, CAPT. VALLARY, CAPT. JAFFRAY and LT. McDONALD with 75 other ranks attempted to take a TURK trench, but met M.C. and rifle fire and bombing and were almost annihilated. 2 nd Lt. J.M. McDONALD was the only officer to return	92. J. 4. KURIJA DERE.

4 officers included a total.

(21) 9th Light Horse

Date. 1915	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
27 th Aug.	DAMIENHILL	When returning he and 292 Pte G. HOWELL assisted two men wounded, to safety, under fire.	
28 th "	"	We held on to position and improvised defenses	
29 th -	0100	<p>2nd Lt McDonald GM & 166 Pte MORRISON, W.M. at head of 30 men bombed their way along a trench on our left for about 70 yds and connected up with 18th CH.</p> <p>2000 Our casualties for whole action were 15 killed, 45 wounded, 18 missing. Total, 78. which includes LT COL REYNELL & CAPT CALLARY killed & CAPT JAFFRAY missing.</p> <p>2000 All except 26 of our men were relieved from trenches, since which time we have supplied drafts of 100 men 32 other ranks towards garrison of position</p>	<p>WA</p>

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30/8/15	SAZLI BEIT DERE	4.30 pm.	Inspected positions to be held by 3 rd L.H. Brigade on RHODADENDRON	attached.
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30/8/15			<p>RIDGE and TABLETOP in Company with the BRIGADE MAJOR & Lieut-Col P. ABBOTT. Bivouaced at SAZLI BEIT DERE with 'D' Sqn 9th L.H. Regt (late 'C' Sqn 11th L.H.). The 9th Regt less D Sqn is at present in No 6 Section under General COX and are not expected back until the 4th Inst. Bivouac under fire from 8 to 9 pm. Mule transport under Lt LEVINGSTON when proceeding along the Beach at 10 pm was shelled.</p>	
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Confidential War Diary of Lieut. Col. W. GRANT.
 C/o ~~11th Light Horse Regt~~ ~~Regt~~

Date.	Place and Time.	16	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
21/8/15.	SAZLI BEIT DERE	<p>but no casualties. Adopted Admiralty time which starts at midnight and continues for 24 hours. The rations are good & sufficient. Water has to be carried from well near the beach to the bivouac about 1 mile away. Allowance 1 gal per man per day. Medical Capt MACDONALD: three A.M.C details sent to 1st L. H. Bde. Supt Cook transferred to Bde Head Quarters.</p>	WS.

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List of Officers 9th LHR.

C.O.	Lieut. Col. C. Reynell.	duty
2 nd in C.	Major W. H. Scott.	duty
Adj.	Capt. G. F. Wick.	hospital sick.
Pl. O.	Capt. H. B. Follet.	duty.
M.G.S.	Lieut. A. J. S. Hutchinson.	duty.
2 nd in C.	Lieut. E. J. Pascoe.	hospital sick
	A. Squadron.	
OC.	Capt. C. Bluckmore.	hospital sick
	Lieut. K. A. McKenzie.	(detached B.H.2 for duty)
	" M. M. Malcolm	hosp sick.
	" G. A. Depledge.	" "
	2 nd Lt. A. W. Cloughry.	(wounded in hosp)
	" " W. B. Lumbidge.	" "
	" " A. E. Dew.	Helopolis with horses.
	B. Squadron.	
OC.	Major H. M. Parson.	duty
2 nd in C.	Capt. P. I. Callary.	duty
	Lieut. T. P. Miles.	wounded in hosp
	Lieut. A. H. Nelson.	duty.
	Lieut. G. W. W. White.	sick in hosp
2 nd Lt.	H. Williams.	(detached Brigade duty)

C. Squadron

OC.	(Major ¹ Daly has been recommended to this appointment vice Major W. H. Scott promotion to 2 nd in Command of Regt)	
2 nd in C.	Capt. A. J. Jaffray.	sick in hosp.
	Lieut. G. J. Sandford	" " "
	Lieut. J. C. DeLanté.	" " "
	2 nd Lt. W. B. Bender.	duty (acting Adj)
	Lieut x Hon Capt. F. G. Code.	wounded in hosp.
	2 nd Lt. W. A. Phillips.	attached duty ANZAC, recommended to Helopolis vice Major J. J. Daly

List of Officers in Squadrons - 9th L.H.R.

At present with Regiment.

A. Squadron - O.C. (acting) Major Parsons. H.M.

B. Squadron - O.C. (acting) Capt. Coallary P.I.

Lieut. Nelson. A.B.

C. Squadron - (attached) 2nd Lieut. Phillips. W.A.

Headquarters - Lieut. Col. Reynell C. C.O.

Major Scott W.H. 2nd in command

Capt. Follet H.B. M. Officer.

Lieut. Hutchinson A.J.S. Machine Gun Sec.

(attached) 2nd Lieut. Runder W.S. Act. Adj.

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TO { THIRD LIGHT HORSE BRIGADE

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Ninth Regt arrived at ARNAL DERE at 2130 on 26th August and reported to GENERAL COX and went into bivouac at 2200 AAA. Rested during 27th till word came at 1900 to be prepared to send men to support GENERAL RUSSELL who was in charge of part of attack on Knoll 60. AAA at 2130 2nd Lt. PHILLIS and 50 men were supplied and went into fire trench LF (see plan) towards right of sector, to assist NEW ZEALAND. M.R.B. to hold trench there AAA

At 2330 MAJOR PARSONS, CAPT JAFFRAY, & TEMP 2nd LIEUT M'DONALD with 100 men were supplied and went into fire trench twenty minutes later. CAPT. CALLARY and 25 men were also sent AAA.

Of these last two parties, MAJOR PARSONS with 52 men of A Squadron bombed their way along fire trench BB to M. about 100 yds but had to retire about 20 yds and put up barricade at N. AAA At 2430

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LT. COL. REYNELL, CAPT. CALLARY, and CAPT JAFFRAY and 2nd Lt. M'DONALD with about 75 men attempted to cross from D to E to join the NEW ZEALANDERS then their fight their way along along trench FG from N to G

They appeared to lose direction in the scrub which abounds there and arrived at point C in trench BG which MAJOR PARSONS was holding. AAA They at once set out again for point E, but came under a withering fire from rifles, a machine gun, and bombs, and the party literally faded away. AAA Lt M'DONALD, SSM. SHAW, and three men got back to safety and about twenty wounded crawled on. AAA The Sgt and fifteen men on right of party became detached and finally reached over trench about E. AAA LT. M'DONALD after reaching safety then gallantly returned four times to the scene of disaster and brought in four wounded men AAA.

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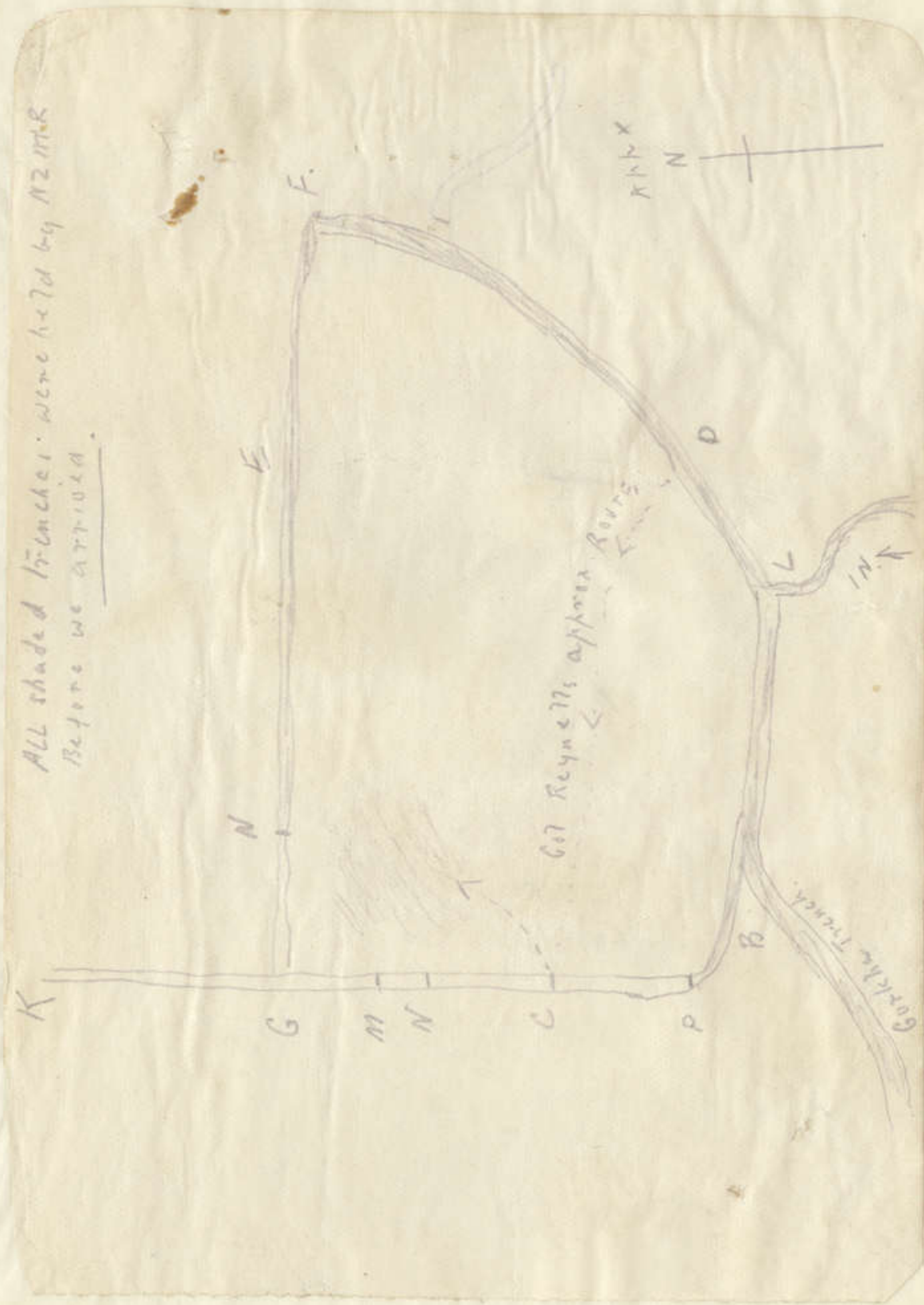
MAJOR PARSONS party were then bombed back to P but when day broke fought back to C, his casualties altogether were about twenty. AAA During day of 27th both sides were quiet but a few men were hit by snipers AAA Lt. 100 on 29th LT. M'DONALD with a covering party fought their way with bombs to M and connected up with 10th L.H.R. who had at the same time rushed trench BSK from right and taken it AAA. Our men remained in trenches until 2100 when all except 25 were relieved AAA The bodies of Col. REYNELL ^{and Capt Jarr} were recovered on morning of 29th and are being buried at 900 today. AAA

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