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Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> DEC. 1915	<p>ANZAC Intelligence Summary of 30<sup>th</sup> Nov. and 1<sup>st</sup> Dec. received, with a preview of information from Turkish prisoners who surrendered to 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. H. Regt on 29<sup>th</sup> 15.</p> <p>of 2<sup>nd</sup> Bn, 77<sup>th</sup> Regt.</p> <p>EIFFEL TOWER Report for 1<sup>st</sup> Dec. received.</p> <p>Bulletin for 1<sup>st</sup> Dec. 1915 with H.A.G. Report for 27<sup>th</sup> Nov. received.</p> <p>Considerable movement noticed between BIRUK ANAFARTA and W. Hill, on which our position opened.</p> <p>Parties of enemy seen coming - bursted in 100. X. 8.</p> <p>Three of enemy's night post for H.A.G. (32.2.7) shot by machine gun from BECK'S BLUFF (32 Y2/80 D10) between 5 and 6 pm.</p> <p>A small patrol of Turks seen to come down ANKARA DERE from 52 Yds and then return.</p> <p>Patrol into KIRK DERE report having seen no Turks, but much talking and weighing baggage. They then returned.</p>	<p>app D1</p> <p>app D2</p>
THURS 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec 1915	<p>EIFFEL TOWER REPORT of 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec. received.</p> <p>A.H.G. BULLETIN of 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec. received.</p> <p>Steady traffic up &amp; down the road N. of AEDEL RAHMAN BAIR which is a point 30 Yds N. of 33 L. 2.</p> <p>Patrol from BECK'S BLUFF (32 Y2/80 D10) report hearing Turks on opposite side of clearing S. of PHARLINS FISH (32.2.4) and opened fire on them.</p> <p>A new enemy machine gun emplacement reported on Hill 100 at 32 P7/01.</p> <p>A party of Turkish sent out to disperse near 32 P3 by machine gun fire.</p> <p>Enemy reported working at 32.2.2/5.</p>	<p>app C. 105.</p>



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	<p>A number of flares observed in direction of WALKER Ridge.</p> <p>A 75 mm gun behind hill that located at 93. M. 4 always was retreating when section mountain guns, at 92. X. 1 fired. Today it fired a fuse, which has not been seen before - an aluminium fuse fuse graduated in English numerals from 4-60.</p>	<p><del>Gen</del> Capt G.S.</p>
FRI. 3 <sup>rd</sup> DEC 1915	<p>EIFFEL TOWER report for 3<sup>rd</sup> and POLDHU written for 2<sup>nd</sup> insts received</p> <p>ANZAC Intelligence Summary for 2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 3<sup>rd</sup> insts received</p> <p>A.H.C. Bulletin 2/3<sup>rd</sup> inst. received.</p> <p>at about noon a Turk gun, hurled up to the N. Z. M. R. Bdr, coming up a small gully near CARISBROOK Post 92.0.9. ABDULLA OGLU HADD from CAISERNE (ANATOLIA) a 3rd of 2<sup>nd</sup> Bn (5<sup>th</sup> Bn) 20<sup>th</sup> Regt 7<sup>th</sup> Div 3<sup>rd</sup> A. Corps.</p> <p>about 2 pm a party of about 150 Turks seen entering trench on BULGAR BLUFF (92.2.2) and a smaller party - about 50 - at 4.30 pm - one machine gun on FRANKLIN'S Post (92.2.4) accounted for many of them - of the second party 12 were taken alive, while bands in the area - they were interspersed with the others.</p> <p>about 7.10 pm there was some heavy rifle fire from Turk lines along the KAIAJIK DERE - they sent up a number of rockets and seemed much perturbed.</p> <p>a patrol from left of N. Z. M. R. Bdr reports bottom of DERE from CULVERS Post rough &amp; broken for 400 yds - another patrol recovered 2 Turk rifles from Turks shot during the day.</p> <p>Throughout the day the sound of firing at ABDEL RAHMAN BARR was heard.</p>	<p>app. D 3 and D 4</p> <p><del>11 Dec 1915</del></p>



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	<p>kept under observation, and 371 men and 232 mules counted, also some goats.</p> <p>a patrol from BECKS BLUFF (92 Y2/80 D/E) waited at 80 F1 for a Turk patrol and bombed them. The Turks numbered 12 - a later patrol reported 2 dead Turks in the same locality. A still later patrol accounted for a Turkish sentry, bagged by the Cpl. in charge (Cpl. TOWNSEND of 16<sup>th</sup> Bn)</p> <p>Our patrol reports the enemy's patrols have dogs for purpose of giving warning.</p> <p>Enemy reported working on HACKNEY WICK (92 Z. 7) so to confirm a flare was sent up at 8.40 pm. 4 in gun from BECKS BLUFF opened fire causing enemy to retire - enemy reported to have a machine gun at this position.</p>	<p>app. Capt G. 3.</p>
<p>SAT. 4<sup>th</sup> DEC 1915</p>	<p>Report of deserter from 20<sup>th</sup> Bn attached.</p> <p>EIFEL TOWER Report of 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec received.</p> <p>A.H.C. Bulletin of 4<sup>th</sup> not received.</p> <p>A good deal of individual traffic noticed in vicinity of enemy's sap at 81 A. 1 and our snipers got good targets - this is an observation post.</p> <p>Enemy were again seen on 3 occasions moving to BULGAR BLUFF (92 Z. 2) and our machine gun accounted for 12 - enemy's red crescent details were seen coming down trench, and as they were alone, were not fired on.</p> <p>During the night the enemy were reported to be hard at work on SHIPERS POST and ridge, evidently repairing damage done by 17<sup>th</sup> Siege Battery.</p> <p>Point 93 Z. 2 was carefully observed, and a tally is being kept of the traffic.</p>	<p>app. D 85</p>



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	<p>The exact position of Turk machine gun on HACKNEY WICK has not yet been located.</p> <p>A patrol in BLACK SWAN GULLY (80.F.1-2) reports a Turk patrol coming down the dune, but on slight movement by our patrol, the enemy retreats hastily.</p> <p>The deserter was again taken out and pointed out the positions of the Turk units on the KAIATIK DORS: later he pointed out to the CRAO's the position of 2 guns about 93.R.7 which was immediately shelled (2) position of a gun supposed to be on the forward slope of ABDEL AADMAN Ban and (3) an observation Post, on the same ridge.</p>	<p>9</p>
SUN. 5 <sup>th</sup> DEC. 1915	<p>FOURTH ARMY NEWS and Latest PIRNS NEWS received</p> <p>ANZAC INTELLIGENCE Summary at 4<sup>th</sup> not received and for 5<sup>th</sup> not</p> <p>ANZAC Bulletin at 5<sup>th</sup> not received</p> <p>Further statement of ABDULLACELU NAHD of 20<sup>th</sup> Regt attached</p> <p>2 Turks accounted for going to BULGAR BLUFF - one an officer dressed in greyish blue with peaked cap seen to fall -</p> <p>A Turk working party was fired on near the FARM in the afternoon.</p> <p>A new work noticed on spur opposite CANTAR BURN M. Report at 92.22</p> <p>Mountain Artillery from 92.X.1 did damage to enemy's tracks on SAND BAG RIDGE (92.45) which the enemy attempted to repair, but was</p>	<p>app Capt G.S.</p> <p>app D7 + D8</p> <p>app D6</p>



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	<p>stopped by our machine gun fire - a patrol going out later to ascertain Turk wire entanglement, heard the enemy digging.</p> <p>One of our patrols observed indications of an enemy Listening Post in BLACK SWAN Gully (80 F1-2)</p> <p>Patrols into N. Branch AGHYL and KATAJIK Dons had nothing to report</p>	<p>Capt G.S.</p>
MON 6 <sup>th</sup> DEC. 1915	<p>EIFFEL TOWER Report for 6<sup>th</sup> Dec. received</p> <p>AHQ Bulletin of 6<sup>th</sup> inst. received</p> <p>ANZAC Ig Summary for 6<sup>th</sup> inst. received</p> <p>Turks have done a large amount of building up to their damaged trenches on SNIPERS NEST</p> <p>The Turks evidently set great store by their position on the PINNACLE (80 K1/2) judging by the quickness with which they rebuilt it - it was rebuilt today, so in the afternoon the 17<sup>th</sup> Siege Bata again demolished it.</p> <p>The Turks have now deepened their communication Trench to BULGHAR BLUFF (92. Z.2) - One Turk accounted for by our snipers was reported to be a German Art observer - he was first seen during the H.E. bombardment on Sun 5<sup>th</sup> inst and is stated to have been wearing a spiked helmet</p> <p>An airplane with BLACK SQUARES on its wings passed over our lines this is the second time it has been seen</p>	<p>app D 9</p> <p>Capt G.S.</p>
TUES 7 <sup>th</sup> DEC. 1915	<p>LATEST NEWS for 6<sup>th</sup> inst received</p> <p>AHQ BULLETIN of 7<sup>th</sup> inst received</p> <p>ANZAC Ig Summary of 7<sup>th</sup> inst received</p> <p>Enemy's communication report 81 A.I. has been somewhat increased</p>	<p>app D 10</p> <p>27</p>



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	<p>with bushes - it has been much used today.</p> <p>at 5.30pm. Turks were still working on his trenches opposite WARWICK CASTLE (92.T.6) till compelled to cease work by our heavy machine guns.</p> <p>Enemy has covered a portion of communication Trench at BULGAR BLUFF (92Z.2) Turks removed barbed wire from in front of his trenches in vicinity of FARM - leaving supports standing.</p> <p>Our mines exploded a mine (200 lbs. ammonite) to damage Turk sap cut in N.E. direction.</p> <p>Sniper Post located opposite CARISBROOK Post (92.O.9) was successfully taken up by converging rifle fire from our trenches.</p> <p>At dark slight movement reported on HACKNEY WICK (92Z.7) probably at manning of post by Turks for night.</p> <p>Patrol at LITTLE DOR (92.Z.4) proceeded as far as GREEN KILL (in advance of FRANKLIN'S Post &amp; Capt. J. P. Stokes to learn some opening concerning the German difference from Turkish being easily distinguishable is of opinion they were engineers or machine gunners. Turks also heard firing stakes, apparently were firing at Turk Trenches 92Z.9 to 80F3.</p> <p>Movement of enemy reported in SAZZI BEIT, both branches of AGHUL and KATATIN DOR, also due 92.U.1-4.</p>	
WED. 2 <sup>nd</sup> DEC 1915	<p>A.H.C. Bulletin of 8<sup>th</sup> Dec 1915</p> <p>A.H.Z.A.C. Intelligence Summary of 7<sup>th</sup> Dec 1915 also 8<sup>th</sup></p>	<p>444 Cap 165</p> <p>444 D.H.</p>



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	<p>The Turks were active all day about SANDBAG Ridge (92 U.S.) - on the night they cut our trench and entanglement &amp; swung back 12 feet of it - this was repaired, and the party was not interfered with.</p> <p>A patrol in KAIATA DERE reported at 10.40 pm a party of about 50 Turks moving towards Hill 60 - it was WELCH HILL was informed - nothing further seen.</p> <p>No movement reported on SHIPERS HILL during the night - it was shelled in the afternoon.</p> <p>The enemy opened machine gun fire on to a party working on our new trench in front of WARWICK CASTLE - the fire appeared to come from enemy's trench in front of BECK'S BLUFF (92 1/2/80 DIF)</p> <p>A machine gun reported as located on BUGGAR BLUFF (92 2.2) firing on M. Rifle section of line - this is being watched.</p> <p>During the shelling of SHIPERS HILL a Turk telephone was cut.</p>	
THURS. 9 <sup>th</sup> DEC. 1915	<p>EIFFEL TOWER report of 92 received</p> <p>A.H.Q. Bulletin of 9<sup>th</sup> Dec received</p> <p>INZAC Ig Summary of 9<sup>th</sup> received</p> <p>Turks seen working on fire trench 92 2 8/80 F2 early yesterday morning, having during night worked in front of it.</p> <p>2 Turks seen inspecting wire entanglement near 80 F 3, one shot by a machine gun.</p> <p>New Trench discovered near 80 F 3/6 near road in front of FARM - telephone wires to this trench were cut.</p> <p>Patrol from NEWBERRYS Post heard enemy repairing wire, due E of our line and N of A 6 8/82 DERE - by prearranged signal machine gun of 74 Bn got on to spot, evidently with good</p>	<p>See Capt's</p> <p>D 12</p> <p>3</p>



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	<p>results, from the hearing heard.</p> <p>An officers patrol reconnected AGAYL Dera, to 500 yds from 80.F.4, Hence BLACK SWAN Gully (at 80.F.5/92 Z.7) 80.D.3 and back to Barracks - under reports that previous surmise that enemy removed was in this locality incorrect, &amp; contrary was has then advanced 50 yds, and covered with newly cut bushes - several Turk patrol met, and could have been surprised, but action would have rendered operation of our patrol obligatory - the Turks met, was dressed in grey with high caps like French, as far as could be seen, &amp; wore sandbags on feet to deaden footsteps.</p> <p>Enemy's aeroplane passed over our lines 1700, and was forced to change its course by machine gun fire.</p>	
<p>FRI. 10<sup>th</sup> DEC. 1915</p>	<p>A.H.F. Bulletin d/10<sup>th</sup> inst received ANZAC Ig Summary d/10<sup>th</sup> received</p> <p>EIFREL TOWER report d/10<sup>th</sup> received</p> <p>a special patrol sent out by WELLINGTON Mtd Rifles, cancelled by telephone signalled back to a machine gun, which opened fire on a party of about 20 Turks passing along KAIAIK Dera - so as not to disclose position of telephone, trigger key was not used, but a signal made by pressing "button".</p> <p>Turk machine guns have now been located at BULGAR BLUFF (92 Z.2) 92.U.9 on <del>road</del> WOODHOUSE CLIFF 92.U.6, HACKNEY WICK and GREEN KNOLL</p> <p>Patrol from CANTERBURY Bn out in front of CHESHIRE Ridge collected some equipment from Dera.</p> <p>Mountain Art. section at 92.X.1 was shelled from direction of CHUNUK BARRICADE</p>	<p>D13</p>



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	Emplacement	
Mon. 13 <sup>th</sup> DEC. 1915	<p>A. H. Q. Bulletin of 13<sup>th</sup> inst. received.</p> <p>Work on ridge East of SNIPER'S NEST, in vicinity of Turks Western Trench, noticed.</p> <p>Turks noticed to have put out additional entanglements on S. Side GREEN Knoll - a new sap reported on N. Side of same feature.</p> <p>A light reported on FARM which came &amp; went at intervals.</p> <p>A number of bombs burst over Gnomes No 1 Post</p> <p>A Turk Pte FASSAN HUSSEIN oglu HUSSEIN of 3<sup>rd</sup> Coy 4<sup>th</sup> Bn 16<sup>th</sup> Regt.</p> <p>6<sup>th</sup> Div. surrendered last in the morning to W. Mid Rifles. Statement —</p>	<p>app. D16</p> <p>Capt G.S.</p>
TUES. 14 <sup>th</sup> DEC 1915	<p>A. H. Q. Bulletin of 14<sup>th</sup> inst. received gives - gives latest dispositions of Turkish forces.</p> <p>a small party of Turks seen on cliff edge under B484700 - when fired on by a machine gun they withdrew</p> <p>The enemy's new trench at 80.F.6 was occupied during the afternoon</p> <p>a light was seen on HACKNEY WICK during early part of morning</p> <p>Patrols report that the only activity detected, was at HACKNEY WICK, at enemy's trenches opposite NEW BERRYS and BECKS Pts where sound of digging heard, and a small patrol seen up Der 92.U.2-3 - the patrol which reported this was fired on by a machine gun</p>	<p>Capt G.S.</p>



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WED. 15 <sup>th</sup> DEC 1915	<p>A small party of enemy seen in scrub just below their own trenches were bombed by OTAG 17th Rifles catapult.</p> <p>During the early part of evening enemy reported particularly busy on SNIPERS NEST, so Artillery opened fire.</p> <p>A Turk of 3<sup>rd</sup> Coy 3<sup>rd</sup> Bn 21<sup>st</sup> Regt. 7<sup>th</sup> Div surrendered to 4<sup>th</sup> A. I. Bde, to left of WARWICK CASTLE - SAVED ALL OTHER HAND of KOTIA. Slightly wounded in arm. Statement attached.</p> <p>Copy of information received, of that obtained from Turk who surrendered to E. K. H. Bde. A. H. Q. Bulletin of 15<sup>th</sup> inst. received.</p>	<p>App. D17 app D18 Capt. G.S.</p>
THURS. 16 <sup>th</sup> DEC 1915	<p>A small party of Turks seen going towards ANAPARTA with packs up.</p> <p>About dark a party of enemy seen moving S. from BEDFORD Ridge - appeared to be a working party.</p> <p>Enemy heard working on FARM and BATTLESHIP Hill - and digging on HACKNEY WICK - machine guns fired to retard same - also the cutting of scrub and driving in of stakes land on E. slope of SNIPERS NEST.</p> <p>Across the KIATIK <del>and</del> DERE enemy reported to be doing much talking during the night.</p> <p>Our aeroplane flew low over FARM, and drew fire from rifles, estimated at 40.</p> <p>A. H. Q. Bulletin of 16<sup>th</sup> inst. received.</p>	<p>Capt. G.S.</p>
FRI. 17 <sup>th</sup> DEC 1915	<p>A. H. Q. Bulletin of 17<sup>th</sup> inst. received.</p> <p>Enemy's aeroplane passed overhead at 1530, and was fired on by our aircraft.</p>	



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	machine guns, and turned inland on approach of our aircraft. Heavy mist from 8 pm. but enemy did not appear to take advantage of it: patrols report pick shore work on BATTLESHIP Hill, and at head of MALONE Gully.	Capt G.S.
SAT. 18 <sup>th</sup> DEC. 1915	A. H. & Bulletin of 18 <sup>th</sup> inst. received During the night 17/18 a new gun appeared to be firing - shells reported by 3 <sup>rd</sup> Lt. H. Bide to be coming over the CHICKEN COOP - and across KAIATIK Dene. Enemy's machine gun seemed more active than usual. Periscopes were noticed as being displayed with greater frequency on SANDBAR Ridge Turks laid a 3 <sup>rd</sup> line of Chum-de-pier across road in WALLEY gap at 92.0.2/5 and this morning sandbags on WOODHOUSE CLIFF noticed to be covered with scrub - These signs would suggest fresh troops.	Capt G.S.
SUN. 19 <sup>th</sup> DEC. 1915	A. H. & Bulletin of 19 <sup>th</sup> inst. received. Trunks in vicinity of SANDBAR Ridge further examined during night 18 <sup>th</sup> /19 <sup>th</sup> and more footprints noted to cover the neck to its foot. APEX and CANTERBURY slope subjected to bombardment for 1/2 hr from high explosive shells from direction of ANAPARTA, about midday a few shells also fell about trunks of 3 <sup>rd</sup> Lt. H. Bide, and a couple in trunks of HAI Post 8 pm. 4 <sup>th</sup> A.I. Bde patrols report enemy distinctly concentrating entanglement on PACARBYNICK and GREEN Knoll. 8 pm. WELLINGTON Mtd Rifles report much pick & shovel work going on in Turk trenches in front of Keri-din also much hammering & driving in of stakes. 10.53 pm. N. 2. Bde report a working party on ridge W. of FARM, and enemy at work on BATTLESHIP Hill	



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MON. 20 <sup>th</sup> DEC 1915	<p>02:00 am 2 am. Turks reported digging, by 3<sup>rd</sup> Lt. H. Bole scouts</p> <p>2:35 am. Turks reported working hard on SNIPERS RIDGE, as last of "C" party started to withdraw. Last boat left ANZAC at 3:40 am. from N Beach</p> <p>A.H.Q. Bulletin of 20<sup>th</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> insts received.</p>	<p>Gen. Capt G.S.</p> <p>Gen. Capt G.S.</p>
Tues. 31 <sup>st</sup> DEC 1915	<p>A.H.Q. Bulletin of 23<sup>rd</sup> &amp; 24<sup>th</sup> inst. received</p>	<p>Gen. Capt G.S.</p>

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## Register of Appendices attached to Intelligence Summary

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Sequence No. in Register	Time of Receipt Despatch	Sender's Number	From To	SUBJECT	Action
D1		ANZAC		Ig Summary of 1 <sup>st</sup> inst.	
D2				Information from Turk. prisoner who surrendered to 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lt. H. Bole	
D3		ANZAC		Ig Summary of 2 <sup>nd</sup> inst.	
D4		-	-	- 3 <sup>rd</sup> -	
D5				Information from deserter ABDULLA OGLU HAN D.	
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D7		ANZAC		Ig Summary of 4 <sup>th</sup> inst.	
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D9		-	-	6 <sup>th</sup> -	
D10		-	-	7 <sup>th</sup> -	
D11		-	-	8 <sup>th</sup> -	
D12		-	-	9 <sup>th</sup> -	
D13		-	-	10 <sup>th</sup> -	
D14		-	-	11 <sup>th</sup> -	
D15		-	-	12 <sup>th</sup> -	
D16				Information from deserter HASSAN HUSSEIN oglu HUSSEIN	
D17	I	-	-	SAYED ALI oglu MAYD	
D18		-	-	ALI OGLU MUSTAFA	

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From 10 a.m. 30th Nov. to 10 a.m. 1st December 1915.

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MOVEMENTS - 3rd Bn observation post observed a large column of infantry moving in close formation and marching rapidly near RUINS 48 N 6, and proceed along road to 48 S 5 where they disappeared from view. The number was estimated at 6000, they were accompanied by a pack train of 105 camels and donkeys and 2 large white tipped wagons.

20 men with arms and equipment were seen going out of communication trench south end PINE RIDGE. 60 soldiers and 4 wounded men and 5 pairs of bullocks passed from 48 N 6 to pack of GUN Ridge. Much smoke visible, especially over GUN RIDGE, N 8 N 6, LEGGE VALLEY and lower slope of KAYALI TEPE. During the day a number of mules were seen moving to OLIVE GROVE and one party of 34 men all carrying big tins went to same place.

A considerable body of infantry in full marching order proceeded north, disappearing behind GUN RIDGE. 30 laden mules brought up in rear. Enemy mounted men active all day patrolling plains in rear of OLIVE GROVE.

WORKS:- No change noticed in any enemy trenches.

GENERAL:- Enemy aeroplane passed over about 1600, anti-aircraft gun did good shooting.

About 1415 a man left FIRD TRENCHES walked along HARRIS RIDGE in direction of about 600 yds from CHATHAMS POST. He then walked into the sea and swam about 40 yds being fired on by his own people and finally disappeared.

2nd Australian Division.

WORKS:- A Turkish post on SNIPERS RIDGE has been located. It is on the side of the ridge which slopes down into MALONE GULLY and well down in the valley. It is at the end of the sap leading round MALONE GULLY which joins up SNIPERS RIDGE and the NEK. The post is well hidden by green bushes but a water-proof sheet gives the place away. Behind the post is a small hollow capable of concealing about 30 men.

This post is too low down for observation or sniping purposes.

80 G 4

GENERAL:- Enemy Hotchkiss gun which fires on to LONE PINE is located at a 32

At 1500 our artillery engaged in a sap across GUN RIDGE down which some mules and about one Bn were moving. The shots appeared to be successful. Enemy machine guns located at 80 X 4 and 80 X 1

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N.Z. & A. Division.

MOVEMENTS - Opposite the APEX last night the Turks showed dummy figures. Turks seen in scrub on E. slopes of Hill 100 (92 U 2/3) party disappeared on Mountain Battery opening fire.

WORKS:- The Turks have loopholed a small knoll advanced from BULGAR BLUFF (92 Z 2) bearing 70 deg. from WARWICK CASTLE. Trenches and communications also appear to have been improved in same locality. What was reported yesterday as a roofed shelter, now, in a better light appears to be a low roofed embrasure in the fire trench 105 X 8.

No. 4 Section E.M.B.

MOVEMENTS - Enemy heard cutting brush-wood opposite SUSAK KUYU last night. Some broomstick bombs were thrown on to Hill 60.



Resume of information from Turkish prisoners who surrendered  
to 2nd Light Horse Brigade. 29.11.15.

FAIZULLAK IBRAHIM.

MAHMED EMIR

1st Company.

2nd Battalion.

77th Regiment.

Commander of Regiment.

- Saghet Bey.

Commander of Battalion.

- Ali Rizat Effendi. Major.

Both men were drafted into Regiment at the same time about 7 months ago. Having had no previous training they were given rifles for two days only as proving inept the rifles were taken from them and with about 30 or 40 other similar men kept constantly on fatigue work, working from 6.a.m. to 6.p.m. and being kept to their dugouts in the meantime - treatment as if they were prisoners.

At one time only 4 months ago they were placed with reserves behind trenches for about 10 days.

The strength of the Battalion is 900, both other Battalions being the same, having received various drafts to keep them up to strength. They state the Regiment has only 3 Battalions and has never had any more. Prisoner from 26th Regiment stated there were 4 Battalions in this Regiment.

Disposition of the Regiment appears to be :-

Headquarters in ASMAK DERE at back of south end of GUN RIDGE, with whole of 2nd Bn. and 3rd Bn. (less 3 Companies of 3rd Bn placed in GABA TEPE as garrison). The 1st Bn being on duty in the trenches occupying all trenches south of and including TURKISH DESPAIR.

At the beginning of the campaign the Regiment lost many men but losses were always made good. Men in firing line are relieved every 24 hours. At 7.30 in the evening the supports go into the trenches and are dismissed about 8 o'clock next morning spending the day sleeping in dugouts.

The general reliefs apparently pass over GUN RIDGE by means of BOOMERANG TRENCH sap. There are telephones from the Headquarters of the Regiment to each Battalion but number and position of machine guns unknown.

Regarding the CHATHAMS POST fighting the men said very little. The object of the movement in front of BIRD TRENCH was now known to them.

Over 300 men had been killed and wounded in this operation during the last 15 to 20 days. Each Battalion suffering about equally. The casualties in front of RYRIES POST were not known, it was understood an attack was made and failed.

GABA TEPE is garrisoned by two companies of the 77th Regiment who live in dugouts but Infantry have no access to any galleries or tunnels there may be there nor do they see any guns or have anything to do with gunners because they might desert. Speaking being very strictly prohibited amongst different arms. It is said two 20 or 25 c.m. guns are at GABA TEPE. Telephone communication evidently exists from there to all points in line running to Headquarters, 77th Regiment.

The position of Observation Station is unknown and only officers are allowed into it.

There are machine guns on GABA TEPE but numbers unknown.

It appears evident there are underground passages as prisoners heard officers giving commands but could not see them. Barbed wire entanglements on GABA TEPE are comparatively intact.

All the trenches between ASMAK DERE and ourselves outside our immediate front are held by small posts.

The 26th Regiment is still behind ASMAK DERE between the DERE and PALANUTLIN (Olive Groves) and near the latter.

Prisoners are sure of this as they saw some of the Regiment only last evening in the trenches. Understood the Regiment was there to prevent any landing on the beach, but do not know anything of remainder of 10th Division.



Know nothing of 47th and 48th Regiment but have heard of them.

Had heard of no brigade of Gendarmeri but they knew they were used as patrols to prevent desertion and had some time ago caught 4 deserters from their Regiment. There was no large depot at Regimental Headquarters, stores being brought down to within 5 minutes walk by horses and mules thence carried by fatigues.

The position of Regimental Headquarters was closely pointed out and that of 36th Regiment approximately.

Our artillery has done no harm to these Regiments, all shells passing overhead about 2'000 yards. Evidently fire directed at parties travelling to RUINS and possibly to OLIVE GROVES.

Regarding guns they know of the guns at PALANUTLIK (Olive Groves) and very approximately pointed out position.

The 26th Regiment apparently occupies a gully a little south of a direct line to OLIVE GROVE left section and closer in.

General. - The equipment of these troops appears good though the men complained of insufficiency of clothing and cold. New issue of boots, greatcoats, socks, and pants being made but no underclothing.

Men were wearing good woollen gloves. Food is much improved. Beans, potatoes, bread, olives, olive oil; meat every second day, and grains (crushed barley) a small quantity of currants, raisins, brazil nuts, tea, and sugar every second day.

The dugouts are good with close heavy pine log roofs covered with 2 feet of earth. all have straw rushes or dried grass spread and men have two small thick shawls or rugs but instead of blankets have sacking issued. It is thought that all Regiments have the same. The officers are well supplied having charcoal stoves, but men complain at having no charcoal.

There is no disease in the Regiment except the usual short fever.

Morale appears to be poor; a number would desert but have no opportunity, prisoners were 7 weeks getting a chance when owing to cold sentries were lax. They avoided all posts except two, and in each case the sentry was asleep. There are numerous posts all placed in commanding positions.

It was thought that officers would be very lax in inspection of sentries during the cold weather.

To each Battalion of the Regiment is one Major, one Captain, two Lieutenants, and Colour Sergeant.

The Major of the 2nd Battalion was wounded and the Captain sick, their duties being taken over by officers from other Battalions.

No Germans have been seen except one who was speaking on the telephone 10 days ago in German.

Troops have heard nothing whatever of the German movements in the Balkans.

Motor cars are freely used behind GUN RIDGE.



INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.From 10.a.m. 1st to 10.a.m. 2nd December 1915.1st Australian Division report -

MOVEMENTS - Parties of from 10 to 50 men were observed moving from RUINS 48 N 6 to behind GUN RIDGE from 0930 throughout the day, also numbers of pack animals and a few wagons.

A party of 160 men were seen leaving BOOMERANG TRENCHES (68 R 5) by one sap and a similar party entered by another sap at 1200.

A traction engine was visible moving backwards and forwards on sq. 48 S, either hauling or road making, 50 men were working on the spot.

Working party of 30 men in new trench in GUN RIDGE about 300 yds W. of WINEGLASS. They were plain to view so artillery engaged target, causing stoppage of work.

German aeroplane passed over, crosses on lower plane obliterated.

WORKS - On GUN RIDGE enemy has been very active building new earthworks. On GABA TEPE a considerable amount of work is going on. At TWIN TRENCHES about 30 men were seen working in a communication trench. At BIRD TRENCH further barbed wire placed before this trench. SNIPERS RIDGE - the parapet is much improved and new sand bags placed. At N. end of PINE RIDGE is an observation station which is much used when enemy artillery is firing.

GENERAL - The amount of reconnaissance by Turks has greatly increased. Observation from stations in PINE RIDGE and reconnaissance by 12 mounted men behind GUN RIDGE were very obvious.

2nd Australian Division report -

GENERAL - At 1430 enemy aeroplane circled over LONE PINE but went off in a easterly direction on being fired at. Hostile aeroplane flew over QUINNS at 1225 and opened fire with a machine gun she was carrying but did no damage. She disappeared in a southerly direction. Stick bombs were again thrown from 80 N 8  
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N.Z. & A. Division report -

MOVEMENTS - Three of enemy relief to HACKNEY WICK (92 Z 7) between 1700 and 1800, shot by machine gun from BECKS BLUFF (92 Y 2/30 D/F) Considerable movement noticed between BIYUK ANAFARTA and "W" Hills, our artillery opened fire. A small patrol of Turks seen to come down AGHYL DERE from FARM for about 50 yards and then return. Parties seen cutting brushwood in 105 X 8. Patrol into KAIAJIK DERE report having seen no Turks, but much talking and coughing heard in their trenches.

No IV Section E.M.B. report -

MOVEMENTS - On Hill 60 the enemy showed increased activity with their trench mortars, and broomstick bombs caused us several casualties. The mortar has been located.

GENERAL - About 25 75 mm shells were directed against the Indian lines at SUSAK KUYU, but no casualties or damage are reported. At midday the enemy obtained a direct hit on the H.Q. on Hill 60 with an H.E. shell.

The enemy's countermining on Hill 60 was successfully arrested by the explosion of a camouflet and other



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No. IV Section E.M.B. report - (Cont.)

protective mining work is proceeding.

DOCUMENTS - Pages of a small book, private letters, equipment register etc. belonging to a Corporal of the 1st Bn, 18th Regt. were found on RUSSELLS TOP. These are dated August 1914. and there appears no reason to suppose that this regiment has moved its position from opposite the left of our line.



R.N.A.S. No. 2 Wing report - Reconnaissance of Sqs 80, 81, 68 and 69 for gun positions on the 30th November 1915.

Time.	Position of Object.	Report.
1100	68 T 5 S 3 N 9 F 3 80 0 6	4 emplacements occupied. 4 " apparently occupied. 4 " " 4 " doubtful. 8 " These lie at the head of the gully where it runs north east. The interval between each emplacement was the <b>same</b> , so that the eight appeared to form one battery. Could not see guns in the emplacements but their outline was clear and they did not look like deserted emplacements.
	80 K 5	Two emplacements apparently occupied. They lie one on each side of the trench connecting the two redoubts on CHUNUK BAIR.
	81 A 6 - 9 3 - 6 B 1 - 2	4 emplacements occupied. 2 " apparently occupied. 4 emplacements occupied.
	58 1 2 - 3	SHIPPING. Hospital ship reported 26/11/15 by observer doing reconnaissance of net. Between this ship and the shore was another of the same <del>s</del> type slightly larger. Could not see whether it was a hospital ship or not. It lay north and south parallel to the hospital <sup>ship</sup> but was distant from the shore only slightly more than its own length and might have been aground. A small boat lay alongside on the west side. Visability good.



INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY. A. & N. Z. Army Corps. From 10.a.m. 2nd to 10.a.m. 3rd December 1915.1st Australian Division report -

MOVEMENTS - Usual traffic between GUN RIDGE and OLIVE GROVE and RUINS 48 N 6 - twenty seven different small parties being counted - 82 pack animals were noted. A large amount of timber and iron is being carted to 48 N 6. Four laden wagons and several mules being observed with this material. 20 mules and 24 men with sawn timber, about 8 ft long, went to OLIVE GROVE. Party of mounted men moved from sq 48 S eastward. Had the appearance of a staff. Enemy sea plane passed to the south going towards MUDROB at 1500. The black crosses were quite distinct.

WORKS - About 30 men were working in sap leading to GABA TEPE about junction sq 55 and 68. At BALKAN GUN PITS parties of men working in saps near pits all day. About 100 men were working in communication trench leading to TWIN TRENCHES. At GUN RIDGE various parties work all day, and on south end of PINE RIDGE 68 A 1/2 a party has persistently worked despite being heavily shelled by both howitzer and field gun fire, causing several casualties.

GENERAL - The feature of todays observation has been the large amount of work done by the Turks and size of their working parties. The work appears confined to deepening and improving existing trenches, and no new works are observable. Considerable quantities of timber, apparently 8' x 4" x 4" is being carried into 48 N 6 and OLIVE GROVE.

2nd Australian Division report -

WORKS - Enemy have done a lot of digging in their rear trenches opposite QUINNS. Two large mounds of earth have been thrown up at 80 S 2/b 44.

GENERAL - Stick bombs from 80 X 7/c 19 and Hotchkiss from 80 C 4/a 32 fired on to LONE PINE. Enemy's artillery action along this Divisional front normal.

N. Z. & A. Division report -

MOVEMENTS - Steady traffic up and down the ABDEL RAHMAN BAIR noticed at a point where main communication trench is in view. Patrol from BECKS BLUFF (92 Y2/80 D/F) report hearing Turks on opposite side of clearing S. of FRANKLINS POST (92 Z 4) and opened fire on them.

WORKS - New enemy machine gun emplacement reported on Hill 100 at 92 P 7/U 1. Enemy's scrub cutters near 92 P 9 dispersed by machine gun ~~emplacement~~ fire. Enemy reported working at 92 Z 2/5.

GENERAL - A number of flares observed in direction of WALKERS RIDGE. A 75 mm gun, believed to be that located at 93 M 4, always now retaliates when section mountain guns at 92 X 1 fires. Today it fired a fuze which has not been seen before - an aluminium time fuze graduated in English numerals from 4 to 60.

No. IV Section. E.M.B.

MOVEMENTS - Enemy heard mining at two different points in neighbourhood of Hill 60. When inspecting camouflet explosion yesterday a Turk carrying a torch was seen. Indian Brigade are still of the opinion that some enemy trenches in 92 D 7 locality have been vacated. Broomstick bombs were fired by enemy yesterday.

GENERAL - Camouflets exploded to interrupt enemy mining in NORFOLK STREET. Four star shells with smoke spirals seen towards TABLE TOP HILL.



STATEMENT of ABDULLA OGLU MAHD. (Turk).from CAISERRI, ANATOLA.

Rank : Sergeant.

Company :	5th	Commander	MAHD SAYED Effendi.
Battalion :	2nd	"	EMIN Bey.
Regiment :	20th	"	ALI Bey.
Division :	7th	"	AZIZ Bey.
Army Corps :	3rd	"	RIZZA Pasha.

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 HALID Bey late Regimental Commander <sup>has been</sup> was killed.  
 ESSAD Pasha late Army Corps Commander has gone to  
 CONSTANTINOPLE for rest.

In his Company about 180 men - 3 Companies in Battalion-  
 3 Battalions in Regiment- 19, 20, 21st Regiments in Division  
 Headquarters of Division behind ABDEL RAHMAN TEPE (can point  
 out direction from place where he surrendered).

By trade a cab driver in CONSTANTINOPLE - present <sup>age</sup> 24.

He was called up 5 years ago in CONSTANTINOPLE and did  
 his first three years in KIRK KILISSE in 19th Regt. He  
 then was in BALKAN War - he was wounded and sent to  
 CONSTANTINOPLE - after this he had six months rest at KIRK  
 KILISSE. Then with his Army Corps was 7 months at TEKURDAR  
 North of GALLIPOLI - next to GALLIPOLI for 5 months - thence  
 Army Corps proceeded to SOGHANDERE where the whole 2nd Bn.  
 was captured - he himself was at GALLIPOLI at the time  
 looking after kits etc. He was made a Sergeant at GALLIPOLI  
 about seven months ago after an examination in drill.  
 He has been in 20th Regt. for the past 12 months - was  
 transferred when they were weakened by sickness.

His Regt. came to ANAFARTA, about ten days after the big  
 attack in August, when 21st Regt. was smashed up, and has  
 been in the district ever since. The 20th Regt. relieved  
 the 21st Regt. about 12 days ago.

16th Regt. yesterday relieved 17th on the right of 20th  
 24th are on his left, on CHEMENTEPE, - does not know where  
 23rd or 22nd Regts. are. 18th Regt. went into reserve  
 6 days ago just before which 2 companies were drowned, in  
 the bad weather. - when water came rushing down from the hills.  
~~the troops left their trenches then got drowned in the mud~~  
~~of the low country behind - can point out the place.~~

~~18th Regt~~ Torrents of water came down on the trenches  
 from direction of ANAFARTA and ABDEL RAHMAN BAIR - the  
 communications were blocked, so the men took to the country  
 leaving the trenches, and then got drowned in the mud.

They have suffered much from the cold, as foot gear is  
 so bad, mostly only having "charokh" (skin soled shoes)  
 Many cases of frost bite and death from exposure (they get  
 sleepy and lie down). As a result, he heard, that there  
 were 250 casualties in 10th Regt. (deaths and cases gone to  
 hospital) From his Regt. 4 died from exposure and an  
 average of 10 a day to hospital. at the time his Battalion was  
 was in rest camp.



There are no blankets, but each man has an overcoat.

There are charcoal braziers in the trenches - 6 lbs per 8 men per 24 hours.

In the first line trenches, if it rains they put up their sections of tents (of which each man carries one) They have no tunnels.

The second line is 15 min. behind and has proper bivouacs dug in.

In his Battalion <sup>or</sup> 3 machine guns worked by Turks. He has seen no trench mortars.

Where his Battalion is, about 200 yards separate the Turks from us.

He knows of 5 guns behind ABDUL RAHMAN TEPE. 2 of them howitzers: he has seen two German officers with the guns. The three smaller guns are silent guns (?).

Has heard that 1 officer and 2 of our men have deserted - he was told by a Turkish soldier who had seen the soldiers not the officer. They are supposed to have deserted on KIRSTCH TEPE.

In order to find out if there are any troops in our lines his Major (Battalion Commander) ordered him to attack with 50 men a certain portion on the night 2/3rd - he sent 1 Corporal and 2 men ahead to reconnoitre and these got shot, - so he took his party back: in the morning, his Captain told him he must carry out his attack during the day as he had not done it during the night - in the 50 men there are two Sergeants - the second Sergeant was told by the Captain that if the job was not carried out the senior Sergeant was to be shot - the second Sergeant informed him so he said he would go out to reconnoitre, and came in to our lines instead, as he knew it was impossible to attack with only 50.

Our artillery kill 20-25 of them a day - in the vicinity of where he came from: about 10 days ago 2 Sgt. Majors and 5 privates of Div. Headquarters were hit.

OTAGO GULLY  
4-12-15

W. H. Hastings  
Captain  
G.S.

N. Z. A. P. INSON



FURTHER STATEMENT of ABDULLA OGLU HANCI, 2nd Bn. 20th Regt.

In the morning about 8 am they get their porridge made from grain - at midday cheese and on alternate days olives and in evening white beans, sometimes onions with a little meat - and a daily ration of 2 lbs of bread. The beans are cooked with fat. The porridge and beans are not satisfying, but keeps them alive. Since the cold weather they get a ration of raisins and when these are served out they are in lieu of cheese. He has only had coffee since they do not get tea as there is no sugar (he says tea is no use without sugar !)

Behind each trench is a small latrine: lime is used - The orders are very strict about keeping trenches clean, so as to keep off sickness - not even cigarette ends are seen in the trenches, which are swept out twice a day.

One doctor per Bn. - slight cases are not sent to the hospital but looked after by the doctor. Iodine is very short: otherwise the doctors appear to have plenty of medicines - only the very severe cases are sent to CONSTANTINOPLE.

They have no mortars, nor catapults - bombs - cricket ball pattern - are thrown by hand only - in every Coy. 5 men are trained as throwers.

There are no special snipers, only the sentries in each trench shoot when they see a target.

Reliefs carried out by Battalions. - 2 Battalions in trenches 1 out - the one out does ten days in rest camp - the other two being relieved in turn.

At night the whole Battalion is in trenches, in the daytime half are in - each half do six hours.

The whole Battalion comes on duty at 6 pm - half Battalion comes out at 7 am and relieves the other half at 1 pm.

From this neighbourhood he has heard that 12th Divn. has been taken away - it has never been actually in firing line.

Behind the firing line there is only the Battalion in rest camp 15 minutes away. Behind this there is no reserve. The Div.H.Q. are behind ABDEL RAHMAN BAIR.

The prisoner was taken up to our trenches on KAIJAK DERE, and stated that 16th Bn. were on KAJAJIK AGHALA - 3rd Bn. 20th Regt. in front of Wellington Mounted Rifles, then 2nd Bn. 20th Regt. then 19th Regt. Beyond them 24th on CEMEN TEPE - he knows this as they get water from beyond 19th Regt.

He was taken up to an observation post and pointed out  
 (1) a small ridge on ABDEL RAHMAN BAIR to the C.R.A. behind which he states are two howitzers.  
 (2) position of a gun on forward slope  
 (2) observation station.

In 20th Regt. all are armed with Mausers - Two patterns one with magazines and one without.

*Will 100 (92 P/V) comes within Lines of 2nd Bn, 20th Regt  
 when he states his Coy was 5th, he meant 5th in Regt.  
 His Coy is at present No 7 of 2nd Bn, as all 4th Bn have  
 been taken away to form another Regt.*



States he has a brother in ~~XXXX~~ Egypt, who is a boiler maker in CAIRO, and hopes to see him.

His Company Commander, has had a letter from a wounded officer, who has recovered - was well looked after in Hospital - and is now allowed to walk about.- and he gets a monthly allowance.

Has heard all our prisoners are well looked after and are sent to Egypt or the islands: he also heard this through a prisoner who escaped at Cape HULLERS.

He is sure many would surrender if they got the chance but they never talk about such a thing to each other - he knows, though, of two in Company who want to get away: one a Sergeant and the other a private.

It is very difficult to get away, as there are orders that anyone seen going towards the English lines is to be shot at once.

He is sure that if they had their way they would not be fighting the English, but at present the Germans are managing everything.

OTAGO Gully  
5-12-15

W. H. Hastings.  
Captain  
G. S.

N. 2. A. Division



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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY. A. & N.Z. ARMY COPRS. From 10.a.m. 3rd to 10.a.m. 4th December 1915. C.R. 8/4 Ig (a)

1st Australian Division report -

MOVEMENTS. - Large body of enemy infantry, estimated about 400, observed moving through BOOMERANG SAP 68 R7 W1. Artillery engaged target with considerable effect.

Men observed carrying off wounded, and confusion plainly visible.

A large pack train of over 50 horses observed halted near RUINS about 48 N 4, our 4.7" gun got in three shots and dispersed the party.

After one round from 6" howitzer at guns 56 Q 4 large column of smoke observed apparently <sup>from</sup> exploded enemy ammunition.

WORKS.. - A large party of Turks are continuing works near GABA TEPE at junction of squares 68 and 55.

BALKAN GUN PITS - Much work has been done to trenches, and wire entanglements put out. This is practically repairing and extending works destroyed by naval guns. RUINS - 48 N 6 - There appears to be steady work going on in this position. BOOMERANG TRENCHES - Party of about 30 men working in sap going west. BIRD TRENCH and Turkish DESPAIR - have both been much improved, especially the latter where parapet is renewed, more entanglements out and good bomb proof shelter provided. KNIFE EDGE has been improved and much work done.

GENERAL - One Turkish Officer was very plainly observed at north end of WEIR RIDGE pointing out positions to an Officer of undoubted German appearance. Rifle fire shortened inspection.

2nd Australian Division report -

GENERAL - A quiet day - Enemy continually threw up flares during the night. Our snipers accounted for a man in a trench at 80 X 1/b 18. The man was wearing a blue cap with a glazed peak.

N.Z. & A. DIVISION report -

MOVEMENTS - About 1400 a large party of Turks seen entering trench on BULGAR BLUFF 92 Z 2 and a smaller party at 1430, our machine gun on FRANKLINS POST 92 Z 4 accounted for many of them, of the second party 12 were noticed wearing white bands on their arm, they were interspersed with the others. A patrol from BECKS BLUFF 92 Y 2/80 D/F waited at 80 F 1 for a Turk patrol and bombed them, the Turks numbered 12, a later patrol reported two dead Turks in the same locality. A still later patrol accounted for a Turkish sentry bayoneted by the Corporal in charge (Corporal Townsend, 16th Bn.) Our patrol reports the enemy patrol have dogs for purpose of giving warning.

Enemy reported working on HACKNEY WICK 92 Z 7, to confirm a flare was sent up at 2040 and machine gun from BECKS BLUFF opened fire causing enemy to retire, enemy reported to have a machine gun on HACKNEY WICK.

Road leading up ABDEL RAHMAN BAIR kept under observation at 93 L 2 during day, and 371 men and 232 mules counted, also some goats. About 1910 there was some heavy <sup>rifle</sup> fire from Turk lines along KAIAJIK DERE, they sent up a number of rockets and seemed much perturbed.

GENERAL - A patrol from left of N.Z.M.R. Brigade reports bottom of DERE from CULVERS POST rough and broken for 400 yards, another patrol recovered two Turkish rifles from Turks shot during the day. At about noon a Turk gave himself up to N.Z.M.R. Bde., coming up a small gully near CARISBROOK POST 92 O 9. ABDULLA OGLU MAHD (Turk) from CAISHNER (ANATOLA), Sergt. 5th Coy. 2nd Bn. 20th Regt. 7th Div. 3rd A.C.

No. IV Section E.M.B. report -

MOVEMENTS - Enemy heard mining to the right of shaft G 8 on Hill 60. The camouflet exploded yesterday in NORFOLK



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No. IV Section E.M.B. report - (Cont.)

STREET was examined today - When tamping was removed the Turks could be seen laying a charge, and heard talking. Consequently we fired another camouflet in P.1. an adjoining shaft. Explosion occurred at 1630 and since two distinct reports were heard, enemy's mine was evidently detonated. This explosion led to a 20 minute fusilade on the part of the enemy. Enemy trench mortar bombs thrown into Hill 60; position of mortar has not yet been located.



INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY. A. & N.Z. ARMY CORPS. From 10.a.m. 4th to 10.a.m. 5th December 1915. C.R. 8/5 Ig (a)

1st Australian Division report -

MOVEMENTS - At 1100 one hundred men in marching order disappeared behind GUN RIDGE. A small party was observed in GABA TEPE. At 1135 a relief was observed taking place in WINEGLASS SAP. 30 men moved into trenches, 21 left trenches. At 1205, 19 men and three mules, and later 9 men and 2 mules left trenches through WINEGLASS. Numerous parties travelled from behind Gun RIDGE to RUINS 48 N 6 and OLIVE GROVE, some of the convoys being large. 100 laden mules, 30 for OLIVE GROVE and 70 for ruins and another of 50 laden mules and numerous bullock wagons being noticed. A large transport was observed moving south in KILID BAIR road, a few wagons but large number of pack animals, the column was about 300 yards long.

WORKS - At 0900 a party of 200 men was reported digging a communication trench from the BOOMERANG TRENCH along GUN RIDGE, though dispersed by artillery and machine gun fire made various efforts to renew work. Communication trenches to PINE RIDGE, DESPAIR WORKS and BIRD TRENCHES were deepened during the day. BALKAN GUN PIT works still going on. Barbed wire entanglements have been placed a considerable distance along the sea side of HARRIS RIDGE.

GENERAL - The activity and work progressing in the south is still noticeable. A new roadway is apparently being constructed from KAYALI TEPE to present main road leading south and the traffic between the two depots, one at 48 I 2 and the other at 48 N 6 is constant.

2nd Australian Division report -

WORKS - The enemy has taken down some of his wire opposite the PINE.

GENERAL - (1) Hostile Artillery - Hotchkiss located at 80 X 7/c 38. 6" at or about 80 S 6/8. 6" in 80.0. bearing from BULLY BEEF POST 62 degs. This may be a 4.5. Shells could be seen in the air.

(2) Hostile machine guns - located on 80 S 5/c 45, 80 X 1/c 38, 80 N 4 bearing 49 degs from TURKS HEAD in short sap and fires towards NEK. Enemy machine gun at GERMAN OFFICERS FIRED SINGLE SHOTS AND SHORT bursts making a signal S.U. This was repeated from RUSSELLS TOP and elsewhere. May have been accidental or intentional.

N.Z. & A. Division report -

MOVEMENTS - A good deal of individual traffic noticed in vicinity of enemy's sap at 81 A 1 and our snipers got good targets, this is an observation post. Enemy were again seen on three occasions moving to BULGAR BLUFF 92 Z 2, and our machine gun accounted for 12. Enemy's red crescent details were seen coming down trench, and as they were alone were not fired on. Point 93 L 2 was carefully observed and a tally is being kept of the traffic. Exact position of Turk machine gun on HACKNEY WICK has not yet been located. A patrol on BLACK SWAN GULLY 80 F 1/2 at 0300 reports a Turk patrol coming down gully, but on slight movement by our patrol the enemy retired hastily.

WORKS - During the night the enemy were reported to be hard at work on SNIPERS NEST and ridge, evidently repairing damage done by 17th Siege Battery.

GENERAL - Deserter was taken out yesterday and pointed out the trenches of the Turkish units on the KAIJAJIK DERE, later he pointed out (1) the position of Turkish guns to the C.R.A. who had the spot shelled, about 93 R 7. (2) the position of a gun supposed to be on the forward slope of ABDEL RAHMAN BAIR and (3) an observation post on the same ridge.

No IV Section E.M.B.

MOVEMENTS - Shrapnel and H.E. shells fired by Turks on Hill 60. Enemy continue to mine in two places under Hill 60.



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No IV Section E.M.B. (Cont.)

Enemy heard talking in their mine under NORFOLK STREET, so the interpreter was sent up to listen, but talking had ceased before he arrived.

WORKS - Enemy erected bomb-proof network opposite our IVY LANE bombing station.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY. A. & N.Z. ARMY CORPS. From 10.a.m. 5th to 10.a.m. 6th December 1915. C.R. 8/6 Ig (a)

1st Australian Division report -

MOVEMENTS - In the neighbourhood of 48 N 6 much movement was observed. At 0940 at least a battalion appeared to be inspected. At 1050 a small number of men, about 60, doubled across the ground and closed into mass formation. Forty laden pack animals and 200 horses with empty packs were seen near 48 N 6. At 1435 about 50 men were observed at 48 N 8, apparently addressed by a mounted man, they moved off at the double. At 1545 a large body of troops were seen coming down slopes of KAYALI TEPE and forming up on flats. From there they marched to 48 N 6. The numbers were difficult to estimate, but there were over 2000. The first 500 were wearing white trousers and blue coats. Three ambulances and a pack train estimated at 400 animals accompanied troops. At 1600 a party of about 300 men were seen to go south over GUN RIDGE through BOOMERANG TRENCH, after leaving the saps appeared to go in direction of LONE PINE.

WORKS - BALKAN PITS - Parties of men working all day. GABA TEPE - Large parties of men working in communication trench. sq 56 A 1. About 100 men were working in sap leading to CEMENT GUN emplacements. BOOMERANG TRENCH - Sap was continued all day in spite of artillery fire. PINE RIDGE - Some extensive earth mounds are being thrown up and what appears to be a large communication trench up LEGGE VALLEY is under construction.

GENERAL - Enemy appears very active in neighbourhood of the depots at 48 N 6 and works towards GABA TEPE.

2nd Australian Division reports -

MOVEMENTS - (1) Hostile Artillery - Enemy's Hotchkiss at 80 X 7/c 38 again fired on to LONE PINE.

(2) Hostile M.G's - Guns were located at 80 X 1/c 29 & 80 X 6/a 44. A machine gun firing on to RUSSELLS TOP was silenced by a Garland mortar.

GENERAL - An unusually quiet day.

N.Z. & A. Division reports -

MOVEMENTS - Two Turks accounted for going to BULGAR BLUFF, one an officer dressed in greyish blue with peaked cap seen to fall. A Turkish working party was fired on near the FARM in the afternoon, and 3 of the party wounded.

WORKS - A new work noticed on spur opposite CANTERBURY MTD RIFLES at 92 Z 2. One of our patrols observed indications of an enemy's listening post in BLACK SWAN GULLY 80 F 1/2.

GENERAL - Mountain artillery from 92 X 1 did damage to enemy's trenches on SANDBAG RIDGE 92 U 5, which the enemy attempted to repair, but were stopped by our machine gun fire. A patrol going out later to examine Turk wire entanglements heard the enemy digging. Patrols in north branch of AGHYL and KAIAJIK DERES had nothing to report.

No IV Section E.M.B.

WORKS - Enemy mining on Hill 60 to a greater extent. Picking is heard to the right of and above shaft G 6, also intermittently to the right and above shaft P 10. Picking also heard in shaft P 1 close to an old crater, but mining officer considers this is dummy work. In NORFOLK STREET enemy not heard in spite of extensive protective mining on our post. Enemy's grenade-proof roofings on Hill 60 are intact, yesterdays bombardment not having disturbed them.



Information obtained from ABDULLA OGLU MAHD, surrendered to  
N.Z.M.R.Bde. 3rd December 1915.

Rank - Sergeant.

Company -	1st	Commander -	MAHD SAYED Effendi.
Battalion -	2nd	"	EMIN BEY
Regiment -	20th	"	ALI BEY
Division -	7th	"	AZIZ BEY
Army Corps -	3rd	"	RIZZA PASHA.

Note - HALID BEY late C.O. of Regt has been killed,  
ESSAD PASHA who commanded 3rd Army Corps has gone to  
CONSTANTINOPLE for rest.

1. PERSONAL HISTORY - A native of CAISSERE in ANATOLA he was called up 5 years ago in CONSTANTINOPLE, where he was a cab driver; his first 3 years service were done in 19th Regt at KIRK KILISSE. He was wounded in the BALKAN WAR and sent to CONSTANTINOPLE. After six months rest at KIRK KILISSE he rejoined the Regt at RODOSTO, where it remained with the rest of the Corps for 7 months moving to GALLIPOLI and thence after 5 months to SOGHANDERE. He was transferred to the 20th Regt about 12 months ago and was promoted to Sergeant about 5 months after joining. He gives his age as 24 looks much older.

2. MOVEMENTS OF DIVISION - The Division was at HELLES from April to June and after considerable losses (the 2nd Bn, 19th Regt, was wiped out being all killed wounded or captured) was withdrawn to BULAIR to refit, but was brought back in a hurry to the ANAFARTA Sector at the beginning of August, and took part in the SUVLA fighting. It has been in this district ever since.

3. STRENGTH & COMPOSITION - The Division consists of 3 Regiments, 19th, 20th, & 21st, there are 3 battalions in each, and the 3 company system prevails. The 6th Coy of Engineers is attached, one platoon being allotted to each regiment. All battalions used to have 4 companies but in July 1914 one company from each was withdrawn to form the 57th regiment. The strength of all Coys in the 20th Regt is about the same and average approximately 200, but the proportion of regular soldiers is small and the remainder are reservists and REDIFS. The last draft joined in August and numbered 250 men who had had very little training. In the 2nd Bn each Coy. is officered by 1 Captain who commands the Coy 1 Lieut and 3 Cadet Officers (1 per platoon) these last are young officers straight from the military schools and the three in his Coy joined in September last.

4. DISTRIBUTION - The 20th Regt relieved the 21st about 12 days ago. In this Division a whole Regt (3 Bns) is taken out of the firing line and sent to a rest camp about every month, (the 20th Regt was out for about 25 days); this system also prevails in the 6th Division, but is not universal as some Divisions have a system of withdrawing one Bn from each Regt.

In Regts reliefs are carried out by Battns in the firing line one in reserve about 15 minutes away, each Bn goes into Reserve for 10 days in turn. At night the whole of a Bn is in the firing line, in the daytime only half at a time, each half doing 6 hours. One whole Bn comes on duty at 1800, half comes out at 0700 and relieves the other half at 1300. The number of men actually in the trenches depends on their situation. Where the Turkish trenches are close to our own, as on Hill 60, the garrison is doubled. Where a valley separates the lines the trenches are sparsely held.

5. LOCATION - Prisoner was taken up to our trenches on the KAIA-JIK DERE and stated that 16th Regt was on KAIAJIK AGHALA (Hill 60) 3rd Bn, 29th Regt in front of WELLINGTON MTD RIFLES, 2nd Bn next on left occupying Hill 100, then the 19th Regt and beyond that on CHEMIN TEPE the 24th.

He does not know where the 22nd and 23rd Regts are. The 21st went into the Divl Rest camp about 12 days ago and the 18th who were in the plain and are said to have lost two Coys from drowning and exposure were withdrawn to rest about 6 days ago.



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The rest camp and H.Q. of his Division is in a valley behind ABDEL RAHMAN BAIR. Possibly the DEUMEN DERE (93 N) as it is reached by a road which runs into the main ANAFARTA Road just west of the village.

(e.g. road at 93 C 5).

6. ARMS - The whole Regt is armed with Mausers, two patterns one with magazines and one without. There are no men specially told off as snipers. There are no trench mortars or catapults and all bombs of the cricket ball pattern are thrown by hand. Five men per Coy are trained as throwers. There are three machine guns in his Battalion worked by Turks. There is also a good supply of S.A.A.

7. GUNS - Prisoner stated he knew of five guns behind ABDEL RAHMAN BAIR and pointed out (1) A small ridge behind which he stated were two howitzers (93 R 7) This was shelled (2) Position of a gun on forward slope (3) observation station.

8. GENERAL CONDITIONS - (1) Effect of bad weather - Torrents of water come down on the trenches from the direction of ANAFARTA and ABDEL RAHMAN BAIR - the communications were blocked, so the men took to the country leaving the trenches, and then got drowned in the mud.

(ii) Food - In the morning about 8.a.m. they get their porridge made from grains - at midday cheese and on alternative days olives and in the evening white beans, sometimes onions with a little meat - and a daily ration of 2 lbs of bread. The beans are cooked with fat. The porridge and beans are not satisfying, but keep them alive. Since the cold weather they get a ration of raisins and when these are served out they are in lieu of cheese. He has only had coffee once they do not get tea as there is no sugar (he says tea is no use without sugar).

(iii) Sanitary - Behind each trench is a small latrine, lime is used. The orders are very strict about keeping trenches clean, so as to keep off sickness - not even cigarette ends are seen in the trenches, which are swept out twice a day.

(iv) Medical - One doctor per Bn - slight cases are not sent to the hospital but looked after by the doctor. Iodine is very short; otherwise the doctors appear to have plenty of medicines - only the very severe cases are sent to CONSTANTINOPLE.

9. EFFECT OF ARTILLERY FIRE - Our artillery causes daily casualties. In the vicinity of where he came from about 10 days ago 2 Sgt Majors and 5 Privates of Divl H.Q. were hit.

10. REASONS FOR DESERTION - In order to find out if there are any troops in our lines his Major (Bn Comdr) ordered him to attack with 50 men a certain portion on the night of 2/3rd - he sent a Corporal and 2 men ahead to reconnoitre and these got shot - so he took his party back; in the morning, his Captain told him he must carry out his attack during the day as he had not done it during the night - in the 50 men there are two Sergeants - the second Sgt was told by the Captain that if the job was not carried out, the second Sgt would go out and reconnoitre, and came into the lines instead as he knew it was impossible to attack with only 50 men.

11. GENERAL - States he has a brother in Egypt, who is a boiler maker in Cairo.

Has heard all our prisoners are well looked after and are sent to Egypt or the islands; he also heard this through a prisoner who also escaped at CAPE HELLES.

He is sure many would surrender if they got the chance but they never talk about such a thing to each other - he knows, though of two in Coy who want to get away; one a Sgt and the other a Private.

It is very difficult to get away, as there are orders that anyone seen going towards the English lines is to be shot at once.

He is sure that if they had their way they would not be fighting the English, but at present the Germans are managing everything.



INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.    A. & N.Z. ARMY CORPS.    From 10.a.m. 6th to 10.a.m. 7th December 1915.    C.R. 8/6 Ig (a)

1st Australian Division report -

MOVEMENTS - Between 0900 and 1000 the troops on PINE RIDGE which presumably supplies WEIR and SNIPERS RIDGES and KNIFE EDGE moved out, taking all their furniture and equipment, being relieved by new troops, apparently well equipped. About 400 men were counted passing BOOMERANG SAP 68 R 4, but those entering by WINEGLASS Sap were unobserved. At 1033 a body of infantry, estimated at 1500 passed 48 S turning into sunken road ~~by~~ leading round KAYALI TEPE to SOGHANLI DERE. Between 200 and 350 pack and saddle horses were grazing in meadow 48 R. About 80 or 90 men were seen marching across SANDY PATCH 48 N 8. A number of pack horses and mules, some evidently carrying ammunition, came down BOOMERANG Sap 68 R 4. Many parties of men and pack animals observed moving towards 48 N 6 and OLIVE GROVE. 80 men and 78 laden mules going to OLIVE GROVE alone.

WORKS - Enemy is still working consistently in communication trenches between GUN and PINE RIDGES, and on DESPAIR, and CEMENT GUN EMPLACEMENTS. Large parties continue to work on sap leading to GABA TEPE and on HARRIS RIDGE, where barbed wire is being put out right along the front.

GENERAL - Report of submarine could not be confirmed. South of GABA TEPE there is a fixed object like a buoy which has been there for some time, yesterday a group of three similar objects further west were kept under observation all day. Enemy aeroplane, with black squares under planes, passed over, dropping several bombs and darts with apparently no effect.

2nd Australian Division report -

GENERAL - A 75 m/m gun shelled Courtneys from 80 S 3/8. POPES Report enemy to be using a new variety of grenade - a specimen of which has been obtained. It is reported that a man wearing a German spiked helmet was seen in GERMAN OFFICERS TRENCH yesterday. At 1530 an enemy aircraft twice crossed our lines at WIRE GULLY and dropped two bombs which failed to explode and also some darts. At 1550 an enemy aeroplane passed over RUSSELLS TOP and dropped two bombs at the top of MONASH GULLY - one bomb only exploded. It also dropped a bomb on to the enemy's trenches at the NEK. This bomb detonated well.

N.Z. & A. Division report -

WORKS - The enemy have done a large amount of building up to their damaged trenches on SNIPERS NEST. The Turks evidently set great store by their position on the PINNACLE 80 K 1/2 judging by the quickness by which they rebuilt it - it was rebuilt by the 6th so the 17th Siege Battery again demolished it yesterday. The Turks have now deepened their communication trench to BULGAR BLUFF 92 Z 2.

GENERAL - One Turk accounted for by our snipers, he is reported to be a German artillery observer - he was first seen during the H.E. bombardment on Sunday 5th inst.

No IV Section. E.M.Bde. report -

MOVEMENTS - Enemy sniper crept forward and fired at our party working in KAIAJIK DERE.

WORKS - Enemy broke into our gallery P 1 in Hill 60 and wounded one man. Enemy heard working on four mines in Hill 60.



INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY. A. & N.Z. ARMY CORPS. From 10 a.m. 7th to 10 a.m. 8th December 1915. No. 8/7 Ig(a).

1st Australian Division report -

MOVEMENTS - One motor ambulance and five men went South to PUINS 48 N 6. About 40 men came from gully at 48 N 8 moving S.W. Approximately a battalion of infantry on parade at 48 N. Seventy saddle horses were observed being led by dismounted men from 48 N to 48 S. Ten men and one pack mule passed down BOOMERANG communication trench 68 R 4. A party of thirty men observed drilling at 48 S 1. Eleven laden pack horses and about twenty men travelled S. in road through sq 48. Fifteen men from 48 S came about 300 yards into the open and apparently reconnoitred the ground. Some of the men wore white trousers and dark tunics. About 100 men were seen coming into BOOMERANG Trench over GUN RIDGE.

WORKS - Turks are doing much work on HARRIS RIDGE putting out barbed wire and improving trenches generally. A fence of Chevaux-de frise has been erected from the ridge to the sea. Considerable work going on in sq 56H 7.8.9.

Both in ANDERSONS KNOLL and BOOMERANG SAP large parties are busy. Damage done to BIRD TRENCHES by Jap bombs repaired.

GENERAL - Report by 1st Inf Bde. that enemy were moving heavy guns from position about 46 X 5, could not be confirmed by artillery. Much traffic to and from the Turkish hospital 48 M 9 has been noticed.

2nd Australian Division report - Nil.

N.Z. & A. Division report -

MOVEMENTS - At dark slight movement reported on HACKNEY WICK 92 Z 7, probably manning of post by Turks for night.

SAZLI BEIT DERE, both branches AGHYL and KAIJAJIK DERE and Dere 92 U 1/4 patrolled, but no movements of enemy reported.

WORKS - Enemy's communication sap at 81 A 1 has been somewhat concealed with bushes, it was being much used yesterday. At 1750 Turks were noticed working on trenches opposite WARWICK CASTLE 92 Y 6, but compelled to cease work by one of our machine guns. Enemy has covered in a portion of communication trench at BULGAR BLUFF 92 Z 2, and removed barbed wire from in front of his trenches in vicinity of FARM leaving supports standing.

GENERAL - Our miners exploded a mine to damage Turk sap cut in APEX direction. Snipers post located opposite GARISBROOK POST 92 O 9 was successfully broken up by converging rifle fire from our trenches.

Patrol up LITTLE DERE 92 Y 9 proceeded as far as GREEN KNOLL, in advance of FRANKLINS POST 92 Z 4. The Corporal in charge states he heard some of the enemy conversing in German, difference from Turkish being easily distinguishable, and is of opinion they were engineers or machine gunners. Turks also heard fixing stakes, apparently wire fixings at TURK TRENCHES 92 Z 9 to 80 F 3.

No IV Section E.M.B.

MOVEMENTS - On Hill 60 enemy attempted to throw grenades at newly placed machine gun by crawling out of their trenches. They were unsuccessful.

WORKS - Enemy mining in five places on Hill 60 in BEACH LANE locality, he is working very deep.



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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY. A. & N.Z. ARMY CORPS. From 10.a.m. 8th to 10.a.m. 9th December 1915. No.Ig (a) 8/8.

1st Australian Division report -

MOVEMENTS - At 0855 a party of nearly 200 men came over GUN RIDGE into BOOMERANG TRENCHES, all carrying picks and shovels. At 1600 about 150 men were seen leaving BOOMERANG TRENCHES returning over GUN RIDGE. Between 1500 and 1615 a number of Turkish Troops, estimated at 1000, crossed the ASMAK DERE parade ground 48 N 5 and moved into 48 N 6. 15 pack animals and 15 men moved into trench 68 R 4. Usual traffic between back of GUN RIDGE, OLIVE GROVE, and RUINS 48 N 6. At 0 155 two men were seen to disappear into a communication trench on GABA TEPE after which a loophole at that point was uncovered and remained so all day.

WORKS - On SNIPERS RIDGE a party actively digging was dispersed by our Jap mortar. A large party has been digging a communication trench on GUN RIDGE. Work going on at ANDERSONS KNOLL and PINE RIDGE.

GENERAL - The retirement of night garrison on SNIPERS RIDGE and KNIFE EDGE was observed at 0720 and reliefs appear to be carried out between 0600 to 0800 and 1800 to 2000. Enemy has a new gun position enfilading SILT SPUR.

At 0430, two shots, evidently searching for Jap mortar, being put in between front firing line and second line.

A bomb was fired from WEIF RIDGE near a broomstick bomb position which passes over 3rd En observation station. In its flight it emptied a liquid on the ground, no odour was discovered and no explosion occurred when bomb dropped. No flash was discerned when bomb dropped but a faint sound of discharge thought to be heard when second bomb fired.

2nd Australian Division report -

MOVEMENTS - Movements of enemy troops were heard at the foot of WIRE GULLY and in the communication trench towards SNIPERS TRENCH.

WORKS - The height of the enemy's trenches on spur running north from QUINNS has been raised.

GENERAL - LONE PINE was shelled by a small gun from SCRUBBY KNOLL (probably one of the guns located 80 Z 3 or 5-8 which has been reported from other sources as being active lately) and also by a 10 pdr from ANDERSONS KNOLL (possibly a moveable gun which has lately fired from 68 O). Heavy shells passed over LONE PINE trenches from a bearing of 80 degrees (this bearing is confirmed by 1st Aust.Div. and the gun may be the 9.2" reported to be in position near TASHLA TEPE (82 P). One of our machine guns silenced an enemy machine gun at 80 X 7 - b 60, three of the enemy were accounted for.

N.Z. & A. Division report -

MOVEMENTS - The Turks were active all day about SAND BAG RIDGE (92 U 5), in the night they cut out French wire entanglement and swung back 12 feet of it - this was repaired, the party not being interfered with. A patrol on KAIJAJIK DERE reported at 2240 a party of about 50 Turks moving towards Hill 60, it was reported to WELCH Horse, nothing further seen. No movement reported on SNIPERS NEST during the night, but was shelled heavily in the afternoon.

GENERAL - The machine gun fire onto working party on our new trench in front of WARWICK CASTLE appeared



N.Z. & A. Division report - (Cont.)

to come from enemy's trench in front of BECKS BLUFF (92 Y 2/80 D/F). A machine gun reported as located on BULGAR BLUFF (92 Z 2) firing at Mtd Rifles section of line, this is being watched. During the shelling of SNIPERS NEST a Turk telephone wire was cut.

No IV Section report -

MOVEMENTS - Enemy seen putting up wire and repairing their bomb proof roofings on Hill 60.

WORKS - Enemy mining energetically under Hill 60. but not heard opposite NORFOLK STREET yesterday. Enemy had evidently laid ~~xxxx~~ their charges yesterday near BEACH LANE, as we picked up pieces of their time fuze. This morning further evidence of the enemy's activity is to hand, as in consequence of the explosion of one of our camoufllets three of the enemy's charges were exploded.

MISCELLANEOUS -

I. - 9th Corps report - On the 5th inst. LALA BABA was subjected to a systematic bombardment which caused few casualties to personnel, but some 33 transport animals were killed, otherwise little material damage ~~was~~ was done. The 12th Division (enemy) is said to be commanded by a German Officer who relieved the Turkish commander about a month ago.

At least four big guns are reported by a prisoner to be on the way from CONSTANTINOPLE ~~WIAKHIEH~~ for which concrete emplacements are being made near the windmills at ANAFARTA SAGHIR.

An enemy observation post is reported on Hill 60 and officers have been seen there on two occasions.

II. - C.E.D. Report - It is not thought that railway communication between AUSTRIA and CONSTANTINOPLE via NISH can be established for several weeks.

The Bulgarians do not relish the prospect of fighting the Russians with the Turks as their allies.

Bulgarian desertions on the Anglo-French front are on the increase.

It is officially announced that Roumania has authorized the passage of Russian troops concentrated on her frontier.

Count Reventlov in the "Deutsche Tag Zeitung" manifests lively anxiety over the probable passage of Russian troops through Roumanian territory and endeavours to prove to the Roumanians that it is their duty to prevent it.



INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY. A. & N.Z. ARMY CORPS. From 10.a.m. 9th to 10.a.m. 10th December 1915. No. Ig (a) 8/9.

1st Australian Division report -

MOVEMENTS - The traffic to the RUINS 48 N 6 and OLIVE GROVE was about Normal, no special features except a number of men each wheeling wheelbarrows passed from OLIVE GROVE to GUN RIDGE. At 0850 about 100 Turks were seen coming over GUN RIDGE into BOOMERANG TRENCH, and at 1515 about 200 men went back, all carried picks and shovels. At 0902 a group of men and horses seen at 48 S 4. One man disappeared in communication trench on GABA TEPE near port hole under observation as a Turkish observation station. Five men moved up communication trench 68 R 4, four of them carrying some heavy object. 106 men and 5 pack animals passed out from trench 68 R 4. A motor car with four persons observed about 48 M 5. 250 troops moved from 48 S in direction of 48 N 6 at 1623.

WORKS - Work is actively going on at GUN RIDGE, CEMENT GUN EMPLACEMENT and BALKAN GUN PITS, ANDERSONS KNOLL and BOOMERANG TRENCH. On south end of SNIPERS RIDGE and south end of KNIFE EDGE new sand bags have been placed and new loop holes constructed and new communication trench in TURKISH DESPAIR north of HOLLY RIDGE from PINE RIDGE has been started.

GENERAL - Fires were lighted in SNIPERS WEIR and PINE RIDGES and WANLISS GULLY and LEGGE VALLEY at 0645. Enemy aeroplane passed over at 1645, dropped several bombs which did not explode, also some darts. All observers report it firing a machine gun, but no aerial target seen.

2nd Australian Division report -

MOVEMENTS - An enemy working party opposite POPES was dispersed by our fire.

WORKS - The enemy opened three holes in line between H 3 crater and their own trenches at 80 N 7; this is probably a gallery and can be easily bombed by us. 80 X 4

GENERAL - An enemy machine gun has been located at a 33. LONE PINE was shelled with 75 m/ms from direction of JOHNSTONES JOLLY. RUSSELLS TOP was shelled by 75 m/ms and by a 6" Howr opened apparently from BATTLESHIP HILL and also from "W" Hills, only slight damage was done. A relief of the enemy's trenches opposite RUSSELLS TOP has apparently taken place, the trenches seem to be more thickly manned and the new troops expose themselves more. Hostile aeroplane appeared during the day but retreated when fired on.

N.Z. & A. Division report -

WORKS - Turks seen working on fire trench 92 Z 8/80 F 2 early yesterday morning, having during the night erected wire in front of it. Two Turks seen inspecting wire entanglements near 80 F 3, one was shot by a machine gun. A new trench was discovered near 80 F 3/6 near road to front of Farm, telephone wires to this trench were cut.

Patrol from NEWBERYS POST heard enemy repairing wire, due east of our line and north of AGHYL DERE, by pre-arranged signal machine gun of 14th Bn. got onto spot, evidently with good results, from the howling heard.

GENERAL - An officerspatrol reconnoitred AGHYL DERE to 500 yds from 80 F 4, thence BLACK SWAN GULLY (at 80 F 5/92 Z 7) 80 D 3 and back to barricade, commander reports that previous surmise that enemy removed wire in this locality incorrect, on contrary wire has been advanced 50 yds, and screened with newly cut bushes.

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N.Z. & A. Division report - (Cont.)

Several Turks' patrols met, and could have been surprised, by action would have rendered operations of our patrol nugatory. The Turks met with were dressed in grey with high caps like the French, as far as could be seen four wore sandbags on their feet to deaden their footsteps. Enemy's aeroplane passed over our lines at 1700 and forced to change its course by machine gun fire.



No IV Section report -

WORKS - Enemy working to the right of shaft C 8 and near shaft B 3 on Hill 60.

GENERAL - Our work of building up a dry trench across the KALAJIK DEBE draws enemy fire.

MISCELLANEOUS - The following reports on bombs recently used against us by the Turks :-

1. The shrapnel bomb which the Turks have lately brought into use is made of a piece of 3" iron drain pipe about 18" long. It is charged on the same principle as our Band 8 grenade, the charge being gelignite, and the fuze is evidently set in the rear and ignited by the explosion in the mortar on firing. It has a flat nose of wood so that much resistance to the air must be caused. It appears to have a fairly high velocity and a flat trajectory. No damage has been caused in this section (i-e- No 2) although the Turks use this bomb freely during darkness.
2. A bomb fired on examination to contain sulphur and nitric acid well packed in resin. This gives off a strong odour of a sweet nature and is probably the bomb which has been reported previously as having a bad effect on the eyes.
3. From 8th Corps - (a) Brass tube about a foot long, 4" in diameter filled with black powder and detonated with a wooden pin. (b) Iron tube of same dimensions filled with an inflammable substance and evidently meant to be incendiary.
4. A new type of bullet with core partly lead and partly aluminium has been lately used at HELLES. These usually break up on striking a hard substance making much noise.

Appendix No. D 13



1st Australian Division report -

MOVEMENTS - At 0815 a party of about 100 men crossed GUN RIDGE into BOOMERANG TRENCH. Sixty horses were turned out from 48 N to graze. About 50 men from extreme south end of KAYALI TEPÉ relieved a working party in a trench running N. and S. in that locality. Fifty mounted men went east from 48 N 8. Party of twenty unarmed men moved from GUN RIDGE to RUINS 48 N 8. Party of about fifty men crossed 48 N 8 from W. to E. in direction of gully S. of RUINS. Nine camels from KAIDOS ROAD passed over top of TAPPA MOUNT on road to SUBAFIE. A motor ambulance observed moving into RUINS 48 N 8. The usual daily desert parties of men with laden mules to OLIVE GROVE about 1200 until 1400, probably owing to warships bombardment.

WORKS - Work is still proceeding in S. slope of GUN RIDGE, ALKAN WOH PITS and GEMINE GUN EMPLACEMENTS, and what appears to be two gun emplacements have been built just south of BALAN PITS. Considerable work (probably draining) is being done in communication trenches north along KAIDOS ROAD south behind OLIVE GROVE north end from OLIVE GROVE to behind GUN RIDGE.

GENERAL - The bombardment by warships disclosed no special movement except one heavy gun fired towards the ships from about 48 N, and another gun from 55 Z 9. A number of flares were shown from KNIFE EDGE, LONG PINE and SABA TEPÉ but no action followed to give any significance to signals.

2nd Australian Division report -

WORKS - At 80 X 1 Enemy have erected a sandbag breast work about 2' 6" high.

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The Turkish crater at 80 X 1 is only 18" deep.

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Enemy digging in trench 80 S 2

a 10-17

Enemy's entanglements at JOLLY have been strengthened by an additional row of wire slightly west of original entanglements.

GENERAL - At 1530 about fifty Turks were seen to be moving into the trenches in vicinity of the BEEHIVE. They were evidently reliefs, as about fifty were seen to move out again about half an hour later.

At 1445 enemy shelled SUBSILS TOP with 75 m/m and 8" guns from direction of BATTLESHIP HILL; also 75 m/m shells fell on LONG PINE from direction of SCHUBEX KNOLL.

N.Z. & A. Division report -

GENERAL - A special patrol sent out by WELLINGTON MED RIFLES, connected by telephone, signalled back to a machine gun, which opened fire on a party of about 20 Turks passing along HALAGIK DERE. So as not to disclose position of telephone buzzer key was not used, but a signal made by pressing the button. Turk machine guns have now been located at BULGAR BLUFF (92 Z 2), 92 U 9 on WOODHOUSE CLIFF 92 U 6, HACHMET WICK and GREEN KNOLL. Patrol from CANTERBURY in. out in front of GEMINE RIDGE collected some equipment from Dere.

Mountain artillery section at 92 X 1 was shelled from direction of CHUMUK BAY, a new type of fuse was picked up. Normal shape but much smaller than others seen - figures engraved in Turkish.

No IV Section.

WORKS - In the mines on Hill 80 our sentries exchanged shots with the Turks. The Turks are mining in two places and very probably in other places, positions of which we do not know.

GENERAL - The period was unusually quiet.



MISCELLANEOUS - It is reported from 8th Corps that the enemy's artillery shows a marked improvement in accuracy and control of fire.

A deserter belonging to the 78th Regiment who surrendered to 9th Corps states that he has seen two large Austrian guns in cement emplacements on the highest point of the KAVAK TEPE RIDGE (119 C 7-8. I 1-4). They were brought there in parts and a light railway was constructed for their transport. A battalion of Austrian gunners are with them.

Appendix No. D14.



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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY. A. & N.Z. ARMY CORPS. From 10 a.m. 11th to 10 a.m. 12th December, 1915. No 2g(a)

1st Australian Division report.

MOVEMENTS. At 0815 and 0900 small parties of equipped men entered and left trenches by WIREGLASS sep. At 0800 a working party of about 20 men were seen in communication trench from BOOMERANG TRENCHES to LEGGE VALLEY, and at 0850 a party of equipped men, about 100, came over GUN RIDGE into BOOMERANG TRENCHES. The usual daily traffic to RUINS and OLIVE GROVE of wagons, mules and small parties of men and horses. Eight laden mules went into OLIVE GROVE apparently carrying kerosene tins, 10 pack mules went to RUINS 48 W 6 carrying apparently long bales. WORKS - Work is being steadily carried on at GUN RIDGE, BIND TRENCH and BALMAIN PITS, and enemy is putting out a large amount of barbed wire. A large amount of earthworks are appearing at lower end of LEGGE VALLEY below BOOMERANG TRENCH sq 68 R 4-5.

2nd Australian Division report-

WORKS - Breastwork reported yesterday has been made one course of sandbags higher. Enemy has dug a new short trench for about 20 yards from 30 S 5/c 8 towards gully between POPES and QUINNS. GENERAL. An unusually quiet night. 75 m/m gun from SCRUBBY KNOLL fired on to LONG PINE. 75m/m gun from "W" Hills fired on ROSSALLS TOP.

N.Z. & A. Division report-

WORKS . Enemy's communication trench to SNIPERS NEST ~~Turks were very busy digging~~ and certain trenches on high ground towards NEK have been improved. After the artillery's fire at 2230 at SNIPERS NEST Turks were very busy digging. An observer located two tents in vicinity of 93 V 7, but light not sufficiently good to see if they were "Red Crescent" or not.

NO IV Section report-

MOVEMENTS - Indian Section report vigorous sniping on BEACH LANE.

WORKS - NORFOLK STREET - Turks digging in trench, probably repairing.

GENERAL - NORFOLK STREET - Prisoner belonging to 3rd Bn. 36th Regt. surrendered at the BARRIER in the KATAJIK DERE.

Appendix No. 115.



STATEMENT of HASSAN HUSSEIN Oglu HUSSEIN of AIDEN.

Rank	Private.		
Company.	3rd.	<i>Chief</i>	
Battalion.	4th.	<i>Under</i>	EMIN Bey.
Regiment.	20th.	-	HAZIK -
Divison.	6th.	-	KAZIM -
Army Corps.	3rd.	-	AHMED -

Had been a soldier for 4 months.- was called up at his home at AIDEN near SMYRNA.

States he is a landowner. Age 25.

He had not seen any German Officers, but he heard there were some with the machine guns.

His Battalion came into trenches 8 days ago - on his left is 1st Battalion - on his right 2nd Battalion - 3rd Battalion is in rest camp. 20th Regiment are in Rest Camp 18th on right and 21st on left. 4th and 5th Division gone to USUNKLEUPRU.

States the rations are not sufficient, but of ammunition there is plenty - 2 boxes a fortnight issued per company.

Reason for desertion - that he had been beaten and made to drill under fire - but stealing bread from other men seen to have been the cause of beating.

Three of them were deserting, when a guard halted them they said they were going to collect wood for the Sgt-Major, but the guard only let one, himself, pass.

A week ago a big gun arrived from CONSTANTINOPLE, and has been placed N. of ANAFARTA - he has seen the gun - it was dragged by 16 pair of oxen - it fired for the first time this afternoon.- brought down in order to smash the battle-ships - another is expected after a week - it is to be put on CHUNUK BAIR - the gun already here, has been taken from a sunken ship, and ammunition comes from Germany.

Has not seen or heard of any Bulgarians coming to the Peninsula.

They are expecting us to attack, but do not intend to themselves.

*H. Hastings* Captain,  
General Staff,  
N.Z. & A. Division.

13/12/15.



Appendix No. **D17**STATEMENT

BY

SAYED ALI Oglu MAHD of KONIA.

Private.		
Company	3rd.	RIZZA Bey.
Battalion	3rd.	NIAZA Bey.
Regiment.	21st.	Does not know.
Division.	7th.	" " "
Army Corps.	3rd.	" " "

A barber by trade. Age 30.

16th Regiment is towards ANAFARTA, does not know of any other Regiment in Reserve.

Has heard of 4th Division going away, (30th Division does not know the others) to USUNKBU, PRU - A rumour that his division is to go, as they have lost so many men: has heard that 61st Regiment is coming to relieve 21st Regiment.

Has heard no rumour about our troops.

Knows of barbed wire in some of ~~the~~ gullies in front of their trenches - there are gaps through which patrols go - made about 20 days ago - but there is not barbed wire everywhere.

Trenches occupied by his Battalion are on 971 - in the trench where there used to be about 50 men now there are only 5 or 6 - firstly because their trenches are far from ~~the~~ ours and secondly as they sleep in the trenches - but the men are there, behind. in daytime 1 sentry to about 30 yards by day.

Surrendered because he is "fed up" and food not sufficient. and he was beaten to impress on him his duty as he is not a soldier &

Also that they are fighting for the Germans not Turkey.

They have no blankets, but have a little straw for sleeping on.

Since the cold weather, a certain amount of warm clothing has arrived - accounting for his good pants - but there was not enough for all.

Took him two days to get to our lines, as he was shot at both by the Turks and us.

Surrendered to E. of WARWICK CASTLE to 4th A.I.B. about 6 p.m. 15th Decr.

Knows of 2 German guns (small ones) behind 971.

*W. H. Hastings*. Captain,  
General Staff,  
N.Z. & A. Division.  
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16th December, 1915.  
OTAGO Gully.



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INFORMATION obtained from ALI OGLOU MUSTAFA, who surrendered to the Eastern Mtd Bde. on the night of 11th/12th DECEMBER 1915.

**RANK. PRIVATE.**

Company 3rd	Commander	FANRI Effendi.
Battalion 3rd	"	HUSSEIN VETCHI Bey.
Regiment 16th	"	MEHMET ENIN Bey.
Division 8th	"	MIRALAI NASIF Bey.

Personal history- A native of BOZKIR in KONIEN of the peasant farmer class he was called up from his village in May 1915 to CONSTANTINOPLE having never served before, being exempt as a supporter of his family, (MULH Siz class). He trained in barracks in CONSTANTINOPLE for two months and was then sent to the Peninsula but was taken ill at GALLIPOLI and sent to a hospital where he remained for about 15 days joining the 16th Regt. about 3 months ago which was then resting near ANAFARTA SAGHIR. The officers in his Bn. ill-treated the men and he was beaten and decided to desert and entrust himself to the care of the British, as he remembered the preaching of SHEIKL ABEDDIN exdeputy of KONIEN, who praised the qualities of the British. ABEDDIN is now in exile at BRUSA and has written to men of his "set" who are now serving urging them to give themselves to the British- (Prisoners uncle had lately heard from ABEDDIN). There are many from KONIEN in his Regt, followers of this SHEIKL but they are afraid to surrender and doubt the truth of the letters from our prisoners which are thrown into the trenches. He decided to risk the venture and being out on patrol duty he left his rifle behind a bush walked down the DERE, climbed over the KAIAJIK barrier and gave himself up to the sentry with whom he shook hands.

Strength and Composition- According to prisoner there are 4 Coys in each of the 3 Bns of the 16th Regt, they are well up to strength and average 200 per company -frequent drafts arrive and men are taken from transport details to replace casualties. There are also "countless" troops in THRACE. The drafts they receive consist of reliefs up to 48 and untrained men up to 35. There are no Germans in his Regt but there were plenty at CONSTANTINOPLE before he left and he also saw some in KESHAN -UZUN KEOPRU and GALLIPOLI.

Distribution. The position of this division has not altered, but all 3 Regts are at present in the trenches having one Bn from each in the actual firing line and two in the support trenches. The 16th Regt is still opposite the Indian Bde, although it suffered heavily during the storm and had to be taken out of the trenches for a week, during which time its place was taken by the 21st Regt, which is now in a rest camp. Next the 16th on the left is the 17th who hold the trenches on Hill 60 about up to the big tree where the 16th join them and the 20th continues the line along the banks of the KAIAJIK DERE (the above confirms information obtained from other prisoners).

ARMS- The Regt is armed with three kinds of MAUSERS all with magazine and taking same ammunition. Prisoner thinks there is one machine gun per Coy.

GUNS- Prisoner states that he had heard that some heavy guns had arrived near ANAFARTA with Austrian gunners - he did not know their position but had heard that they were to commence firing on the 10th.

Miscellaneous- Prisoner knew nothing about mining and did not know what Coy of sappers are attached to his Regt though he used to see parties of them daily in the trenches. The officers in his Bn have told the men that there is no necessity for them to do much firing, and in consequence our men can expose themselves in this part of the line (this is confirmed by reports from NORFOLK STREET). He could give no reason for this but the men were very glad as they get more rest. Prisoners clothes (drill) were in rags but his boots were serviceable. The morale of his Regt appears good as prisoners stated that the men would like to attack and drive us into the sea. Prisoner had on him a money order dated 9th Dec on P.O. MAIDOS for two MEDJ.