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WAR DIARY

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Gallipoli Reserve	1/8/15	5pm	<p>Strength 14 officers + 519 other ranks Sent to hospital sick 5 other ranks Returned from hospital (sick) 1 net loss <u>4</u> Still in Reserve. Fatigues etc. stood to arms 4 am 15 am</p>	
" "	2/8/15	5pm	<p>Strength 14 officers + 519 other ranks Sent to hospital (sick) 9 other ranks Returned from hospital (wounded) 6 " " " (sick) <u>3</u></p>	
" "	3/8/15	5pm	<p>Strength 14 officers + 514 other ⁹ Ranks 5 (including 1 A.M.C.) Still in Reserve. Fatigues etc stood to arms 4 am 15 am</p> <p style="text-align: right;">J.S. [Signature]</p>	

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<i>Gallipoli Peninsula</i>	<i>4/8/15</i>	<i>5pm</i>	<p><i>Strength 14 officers & 511 other ranks</i> <i>2 Returned from Hospital (sick)</i> <i>5 Sent to Hospital sick</i> <i>Still in Reserve Fatigues etc. North Area 4 am 5 pm</i> <i>Attended conference with General Bradwood at Brown's Dig at noon</i> <i>Today can be explained order for attack. Recd. Operation Order No 9 by Gen Walker</i></p>	<i>Appendix A6</i>
<i>Gallipoli Peninsula</i>	<i>5/8/15</i>	<i>5pm</i>	<p><i>Strength 14 officers & 680 other ranks</i> <i>170 taken strength (Returned wounded & balance 500 6th Reinforcements)</i> <i>2 Sent to Hospital sick</i> <i>Still in Reserve Fatigues etc. North Area 4 am 6 5 am</i> <i>Moved up into the support trenches at the top of Budju Road</i> <i>in accordance with para 3 of Operation Order No 1 by Col 2 K</i> <i>Strength etc Appendix A7 hereunder dated 4th August 1915</i></p>	<i>Appendix A7</i>
<i>now</i>	<i>6/8/15</i>	<i>4pm</i>	<p><i>Strength 14 officers & 680 other ranks.</i> <i>1 killed</i> <i>4 wounded</i> <i>3 went to Hospital sick</i> <i>5 Returned from Hospital (wounded) (sick)</i> <i>2</i> <i>1 taken a stretcher (wounded)</i></p>	<i>W. J. Elliott</i>

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Bairden Road	6/8/15	11.18	Requested by 5 th Batta to supply 5 th Batta with 24 men for fatigue. Complied with request	
	7/8/15	3.15 am	Received report from 1 st Field Coy that wire had been removed as ordered from the trench fronting ^{on} JOHNS TOWNS TOLL + recess blanket pathway. folded + stacked ready for use	
	7/8/15	4.00 am	Received report from Lieut Bull - "McWell" - No. 6 Arms.	
	"	4.37 am	Instructed all Coys to call roll at account of any men had straggled	
	"	10.30 am	Received message to send estimate of casualties to Brigade	
	"	5 pm	Strength 140 men. Replied 13 (the Rank) 2 sent to hospital seen 1,6 returned for treatment wounded 12 in hospital 5 taken in hospital (Barracks)	
	"	6 pm	Received urgent message to send all 1500k showers at best speed to First Inf. Bgde Headquarters. Despatched 32 men.	
	8/8/15	4.11 am	Received message from 2 nd Brigade that N. 2 Div and attached troops were to attack at 4.15 on the line CHUNUK BARR - 305.	

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Bridge Rosa	8/8/15	9:40	<p>Received message from Brigade "7th Bn" is detailed to 1st Inf Bgde to relieve units in LONE PINE. Make preparations to move as soon. Send an officer & guide from each Coy to 1st Inf Bgde to reconnoitre route & arrange movement. Movement must be carried out Company by Company. D.I.V. N.G.S. have been asked if the Coy which is in the firing line at present is to be withdrawn & you will be informed as soon as reply received.</p> <p>Complied with.</p>	
	8/8/15	10:09	<p>Recd message from Brigade "Coy in firing line will be withdrawn this Coy will be last to go"</p>	
LONE PINE	8/8/15	1:30	<p>Moved into LONE PINE position. A Coy moving at 1:30 2:30 pm. B. Coy remained + arriving at LONE PINE about 1:30 2:30 pm. Reference is made to shortly after 1:30 getting into position. A. Coy was shelled by gas from South East. 75 m.m high explosion causing great alarm amongst the new recruits who mistook them for hand grenades. They were reassured by my letting them they were shells. Attacked by Bombing parties of enemy.</p> <p>Sent urgent message to 1st Inf Brigade for more bombs as supply was running short</p> <p style="text-align: right;">J. J. Elliot L.P.</p>	

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LONE PINE	8/8/15	4:54 p.m.	Sent message to 1 st Inf. Bgde as follows: "2 nd Bn. M. C. Section who are still here appear quite exhausted. Could you arrange with 2 nd Inf Bgde to allow one of my guns to come here"	
..	8/8/15	4:45 p.m.	Sent message to 1 st Inf Bgde as follows: "would be glad of Engineer assistance trench & bomb screens are being badly knocked about by gas already reported on our right flank"	
	8/8/15	7:25 p.m.	About 7 p.m. enemy attacked isolated dead end forming our right flank carrying cornucopia of C. munition & replaced from B Coy. Received message from 1 st Bn. that Commanded Company of 30 camouflaged Reconnaissance Rangers were coming to relieve dead. Relief for Bn. arrived being Recon. Section of 7 th Machine Gun	
	8/8/15	10:37 p.m.	Received report from sentry on right that enemy moving for attack transmitted same to Brigade.	
LONE PINE	9/8/15	4:00 a.m.	etc quiet. Word to arms. Almost immediately afterwards a very heavy attack by enemy commenced & sent message to that effect to Brigade & requested that Brigade send me down one platoon Recon. Coy.	
		4:45 a.m.	Sent message to Brigade "send more bombs running very short" during the period attack very heavy & losses great.	
		5:45 a.m.	Sent message to Brigade "our being very heavily bombed. Have lost No. 1 post which I am endeavoring to recapture". This had occurred a few minutes earlier. Recon. Section	
			Received reinforcements of one platoon of "B" Coy.	

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LONE PINE	9/8/15	12 noon	all the morning enemy made intermittent attacks with Bombs & Rifle fire. we suffered heavy casualties but held our ground easily.	
"		12:37	Received a message from Brigade that 5 th Batts would relieve us here	
		5 p.m.	Back in Bevonac at Phillips Coy. Men & Officers who survive are utterly exhausted.	
PHILLIPS TO P.	10/8/15	5 p.m.	<p>Strength 10 Officers + 346 other Ranks In Reserve } 1 Officer killed 27 other Ranks killed at Phillips Coy } 8/9 } 11 Officers wounded 210 other Ranks wounded } 108 other Ranks missing</p> <p>4 Officers returned for Hospital (wounded) 3 other ranks " " (wounded)</p> <p>4 Officers promoted from Ranks } 39 whom were wounded</p> <p style="text-align: right;">W. S. [Signature]</p>	Lt Schwandt Killed

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
PHILLIPS TOP	11/8/15	10 am	Instructions to relieve 1 st Bn. at LONE PINE section No 2. commencing 11.30 am.	
LONE PINE		57 m	Relief carried out satisfactorily. arrangements made to clear trenches of dead who still remained heaped on parapets from the fight. Improved & deepened trenches, established sniping posts etc. Strength 8 officers & 347 other ranks Lieut Butt was & Hospital wounded on 9 th inst. 1 missing was turned up for Hospital where he had been sent ill.	
LONE PINE	12/8/15	5 pm	During the day we sniped the enemy to much advantage. Repaired & deepened trenches & improved them. Removed dead. collected 21 rifles from dead between lines during last night. Expended 2000 Rounds S. A. - A. Bombs Hand. Strength 8 officers & 348 other ranks Casualties 4 other ranks Amaltes 2 m wounded & returned wounded 1 sent to Hospital Pick W. J. H. D. H. 150	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
LONE PINE	13/9/15	5pm	<p>Strength 8 officers & 337. During last night, 40 men of the 13 Battalion were attacked under Lieut Symons by the 4th Batta. Section III of LONE PINE. They suffered considerable casualties which are included in our return of today. Total: 22 wounded, 3 hits, 1 missing.</p> <p>Strength</p> <p>Returned as wounded in morning as per 5-13</p> <p>Net loss 13</p> <p>During the morning we sniped at the enemy & inflicted considerable loss. The enemy was very quiet & gave little or no trouble. We were relieved by the 1st Batta commencing at 11.30 am & relief was carried out very expeditiously.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">W. J. [Signature]</p>	<p>7/11/12 Aug</p> <p>Remarks and references to Appendices</p>

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LOVE PINE PHILIPS TOP	14/8/15	5 pm	In Reserve at Phillips Top Strength 10 officers & 328 other ranks 11 sent to Hospital 2 Returned from Hospital Instructed to relieve the 1st Battalion at 11.30 am tomorrow	
LOVE PINE	15/8/15	5 pm	Relieved 1st Battalion this morning. Relief carried out very expeditiously had one man mortally wounded with a point and several others slightly wounded but generally quiet Strength 10 officers & 333 other ranks 1 officer attached from Inf Service 1 sent to Hospital sick 5 Returned from Hospital wounded 1 Inf Regiment taken on strength 1 man returned in morning	

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ZONE PINE	16/8/15	7am	<p>During yesterday we inflicted a good deal of loss on the enemy. The enemy was evidently annoyed at our activity & replied with frequent bursts of machine gun fire which damaged our sand bags a good deal & about 4 pm the enemy's 75 mm fired 6 rounds which however did no damage. During the night a few bombs were thrown by us also we threw some rifle grenades which we fired with good effect into the enemy trenches. Improved and deepened our trenches.</p> <p>Expended 3,180 S.A. at summit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6 Rifle Grenades 4 Hand Bombs 3 Rocket Bombs <p>Strength 13 officers & 334 other ranks</p> <p>At 10 am we were relieved by 7th Battalion</p> <p>1st Battalion & 2nd Battalion relieved us going to enemy's artillery positions</p> <p>Open fire beginning 1 pm</p>	<p>1 Killed 2 Slightly wounded</p>

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
LONE PINE	17/8/15	7am	<p>Yesterday we spent the day strengthening & consolidating the position & sniping at the enemy upon whom we inflicted considerable loss & much annoyance by destroying his sandbags which he is very short of. He gave way to his annoyance by viciously shelling our trenches but inflicted little loss & no casualties during the night we improved our sniping posts ready for action today.</p> <p>Casualties for 24 hours nil Ammunition expended A.P.A. 2120 rounds Hand Bombs 4 nil Rocket Bombs</p>	
LONE PINE		11am	<p>at 11 am we were relieved by the 1st Bn. during the relief the enemy's guns opened fire inflicting two casualties which was not serious.</p>	
PHILLIPS TOP		6pm	<p>They lost 10 officers & 349 other ranks</p>	
			<p>J. S. Howard L. C.</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
PHILLIPS TOP	18/8/15	5 pm	<p>Rested all today strength 10 officers + 350 other ranks occupying as before No 2 Section of the defence of that position which is subdivided into a left & right subsection</p>	
LONE PINE	19/8/15	5 pm	<p>Relieved, Battalion in trenches on LONE PINE. At 9 a.m. our artillery opened fire on enemy trenches in front of my left subsection damaging the parapets and overhead cover. The enemy immediately replied firing 6, 75 mm high explosive shells with extreme accuracy from direction of Batterbury Hill inflicting two casualties but doing little real damage. strength 8 officers</p>	
"	20/8/15	7 am	<p>From 5.20 to 6.15 pm yesterday the enemy kept up a heavy bombardment with two 75 mm high explosive from the direction of Batterbury Hill & did a considerable amount of damage to our machine posts & wounded 2 more men. During the early part of the night the enemy opened my left subsection with a number of Hard Grenades but these were effectively repelled by our bomb throwers who obtained a complete ascendancy in the quarter & were not troubled thereafter.</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
CONE PIPE	20/8/15	7am	<p>Packing was heard last night in the continuation of SA SSE'S SA 10 overhead cover which we had destroyed during the day was replaced by the enemy under cover of his accurate shell fire which destroyed our snipers posts & kept them down.</p> <p>Commencing work at 7.20 pm we restored the snipers posts. The Engineer at the new Saps at posts 9, 11 & 13 carried on work till midnight & then cleared owing to the new relief of Engineers not turning up. In the Right Subsector work was carried on continuously on the new Saps connecting up the firing line & the post 8 of good progress made. Casualties in 4 hours ending 7am were 3 seriously wounded 3 slightly wounded including one wounded at Broom's & one while on fatigue.</p> <p>The enemy have been exceptionally quiet in my front today but their artillery fired about 20 rounds in the morning and again this afternoon then 75 in a gun fired 6 rounds & a 15 pounder on Gun Ridge fired about 20 rounds doing little damage. One man slightly wounded.</p> <p>Strength 98 officers & 337 other ranks.</p> <p>Experience since 5 sent to Hospital here yesterday 4 Returned from Hospital } 1 in the ^{the} company ^{company} with ^{with} me ^{me}</p> <p>J. J. Miller Lt Col C.O. 7th Bde</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
LONE PINE	21/8/15	7 am	Snowy quiet during the night. We several times looked the enemy in bag in front of No. 15 post & effectually prevented him putting up new head cover. Some few additional sand bags were placed by enemy on his new firing line. New connection with firing line was completed & a new bag deepened & received.	
PHILLIPS TOP.	21/8/15	10 am	Relieved at 10 am by 1st Batta & returned to Province for rest.	
PHILLIPS TOP	22/8/15	5 pm	2nd Reserve all day Strength ¹⁰ officers & 337 including attached 1 M.O. + 1 Chaplain + 2 A.M.B. other ranks no change	
PHILLIPS TOP	22/8/15	5 pm	2nd Reserve all day Strength ¹⁰ officers & 329 other ranks including 1 M.O. + 1 Chaplain + 2 other ranks	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
LONE PINE	28/8/15	10am	<p>Relieved the 1st Battalion in No 2 section of LONE PINE</p> <p>Noticed that the enemy had done a lot of work in the trench close to the Mea Mea on JOHNSTONS TOWER forming a good firing line ^{with} mud brick loopholes facing our left front including</p> <p>12 noon ^{2 enemy} enemies new firing line contains two machine gun positions which are very active sweeping our parapets & endeavouring to keep down our snipers. We discovered their positions & pointed them out to the artillery.</p> <p>5pm ^{Enemy} 75 mm gun active 5 shells fired little damage</p> <p>We have kept up steady sniping during the day deepened the trenches & repaired the parapet. We caused considerable annoyance to the enemy by sniping his parties in LEGGE VALLEY</p> <p>Casualties 1 other rank killed</p> <p>Strength 10 officers 327 other ranks ^{includes 2 officers MO attached 1 amc. Chaplain}</p> <p>6pm ^{Enemy} 75 mm gun opened fire - Decrease 2 other ranks</p> <p>7pm ^{Enemy} opened fire ^{rounds fired}</p> <p>Parapets damaged</p> <p>J. J. Miller W. H. G.</p>	

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LONE PINE	24/1/15	5 am	<p>Party went out to explore empty trench in front of centre of our section. collected arms tools etc. Entrance gained by tunnel put in by engineers from firing line before we took over yesterday during the night we continued to deepen + improve our trenches + placed Barbed wire in front of new sap put in to shorten the firing line we continued sniping all day + improving trenches</p> <p>Enemy 75 m gun + hot machine guns still very troublesome but this snipers + bombers are very quiet</p> <p>Strength 10 officers 333 including attaches 1 MO 1 OR AMC 1 Chaplain</p>	
		6 pm	<p>Increase 6 ORanks.</p> <p>Casualties wounded 2 other ranks expended SAA 3090 rounds 19 Bombs</p>	
117	25/3/15	6 am	<p>Enemy very quiet in our sector during the night - not one Bomb nor shot fired. we continued to improve our trenches built an observation post to facilitate sniping up LEBBES VALLEY. Also built observation station for "A" Battery 69th Bdy RAA.</p>	
		10 am	<p>Casualties nil. Communication expended S.A.A. 4050 rounds Bombs nil.</p>	
PHILLIPS TOP		5 pm	<p>Relieved by 1st Battalion + returned to Berinae In Reserve - Strength 10 officers 340 other ranks 1 MO 1 OR AMC 1 Chaplain</p>	
			<p>Increase 7</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
PHILLIPS TOP	26/8/15	3pm	2 Reverse at Phillips Top Strength 11 officers	Including attached 1 MG 336 other Ranks 1 Chaplain 1 AMC OR Increase officers 1 decrease other ranks 4.
LOME PINE	27/8/15	10am	Relieved 1st Battalion	
		12 noon	Enemy putting in new firing line on JOLLY on our left front. We kept up sniping during the day and worked on new places for supports	
		1700.	Enemy 75 mm gun from direction BATTLESHIP HILL fired about 50 round H.E. damaging parapets and filling trenches enemy was very quiet during night except for some bomb throwing on left of our section.	
		1800.	Work of repairing damage done to works by shell fire put in hand and continued sniping maintained during night	
			Casualties 1 Killed 1 wounded. Ammunition expended. SAA. 4400	
			Strength 11 officers 337 other Ranks	Bombs 14 attached 1 MG 1 Chaplain 1 ORant AMC
			Decrease OR. 5.	
LOME PINE	28/8/15	0900	We kept up continuous sniping during night enemy very quiet few bombs thrown on left. Position of what appears to be position of enemy reserves for JUNKS & COURTNEY'S POSTS same reported to artillery observers. Shelled by 75 mm gun from direction of BATTLESHIP HILL Parapets much damaged 1 ORank killed	

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Hour, Date, Place.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices.
<p>LONE PINE 28/8/15 0800</p>	<p>Commenced work of repairing parapets quite night except for some bombing</p> <p>Strength 9 officers 332 Ranks ^{including attached 1 NO 1 Chaplain} Decrease 2 officers 1 OR AMC Increase 1 Ranks</p> <p><i>McBee</i></p>	
<p>LONE PINE 29.8.15 1000 1100</p>	<p>Quiet morning Enemy opened up with 75 mm gun down parapets. Relieved by 1st Bn returned to bivouac</p>	
<p>PHILLIPS TOP</p>	<p>PHILLIPS TOP In reserve.</p> <p>Strength 9 officers 336 other ranks ^{including attached 1 NO 1 Chaplain} increase 4 other ranks</p> <p><i>McBee</i></p>	

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PHILLIPS TOP 30/8/15

In reserve
 Strength 9 officers 332 other Ranks
 including attached
 1 MO 1 AMC
 1 Chaplain other Rank
 Decrease OR 4.

" 31/8/15
 LONE PINE " 1000

In reserve. *McBae*
 Relieved 1st Bn. Found frontage altered and distributed Bn accordingly.
 Enemy very quiet except for some bomb throwing on our right sub section
 1700 1 Casualty wounded by bomb.
 1 75 mm shell fell on position doing no damage.
 Strength 12 officers 312 other Ranks
 includes 1 MO 1 AMC
 1 Chaplain OR attached
 Increase officers 3. 3 Promoted to Commissioned Ranks
 Decrease other Ranks 20. 1 Wounded
 16 Sent Hospital
McBae

OPERATION ORDER No. 9

by
Brigadier-General H.B. WALKER, D.S.O.,
Commanding 1st Australian Division.

Divisional Headquarters,
4th August, 1915.

Reference : Map of GALLIPOLI PENINSULA 1/20,000
Trench Diagram No. II.

Information.

1. - As a prelude to major operations elsewhere, the outline of which has been communicated confidentially to brigade commanders, the 1st Australian Division is to take action on its present front with the object of preventing the enemy moving reserves to other areas.

Intention.

2. - The 1st Australian Division and attached troops will :-

- (i) hold the present entrenched line from CHATEAU'S to COURTNEY'S POST (inclusive);
- (ii) attack and capture the works known as :-
 - (a) LONE PINE, and
 - (b) GERMAN OFFICERS TRENCH.

Distribution.

3.

A ARRANGEMENTS FOR HOLDING EXISTING LINE.

A (i) To hold the line referred to, troops will be disposed as follows :-

- 2nd L.H. Bde. - On its present front, including advanced posts.
- 3rd Inf. Bde. - The posts and line now held by this brigade up to and inclusive of B.3 TUNNEL POST.
- 2nd Inf. Bde. - From B.3 TUNNEL POST exclusive up to and including COURTNEY'S POST.
B.24 TUNNEL and the crater near B.22 will be held by the 2nd Inf. Bde. after the troops of the 1st Inf. Bde. have moved to the attack, to protect the northern flank.

Troops will be distributed on this line holding such points d'appui as offer special advantages :-

- (a) to support the 1st Infantry Brigade;
- (b) to thin the firing line elsewhere.

These points d'appui will be prepared at once under the directions of the G.C. Divisional Engineers.

Brigade commanders will submit tables showing the distribution of troops in detail to these points.

The new positions will be taken up by the evening of the 5th August.

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(ii) The 3rd Infantry Brigade will arrange to have one battalion as divisional reserve towards the northern flank of its section. The exact position for the battalion will be selected by the Brigadier-General Commanding 3rd Infantry Brigade, and reported to Divisional Headquarters.

(iii) The 2nd Infantry Brigade will arrange to have one battalion in reserve, distributed between BRAUND'S HILL, in rear of THE GRASSHOPPER POST, and in the recesses in rear of 3rd Battalion's present lines.

B ATTACK ON LONE PINE.

B (i) For the attack on LONE PINE troops will be allotted as follows :-

1st Infantry Brigade
2nd Field Coy., Engrs.

(ii) The immediate objective of the attack will be the enemy trenches marked S2, R3, Q7, Q4, P13, P6, P4, P3, P1. The enemy communication trenches R3 R7 will also be seized and formed into flank protection from the south; similarly the trenches R1, R6, R4 will be converted to protect the northern flank (Trench Diagram III.).

(iii) The frontage allotted to the 1st Infantry Brigade for deployment lies between the vicinity of TUNNEL B.3 to TUNNEL B.24. All fire, support, and communication trenches in rear of this alignment will be at the disposal of the 1st Infantry Brigade. The O.C. Divisional Engineers will improve the support and communication trenches and, where possible, provide them with overhead cover.

The O.C. 2nd Infantry Brigade will, during the process of deployment, remain in the southern end of GUN LANE and in the communication trench immediately north of it the troops destined to occupy the PIMPLE POST.

(iv) The divisional artillery, under the orders of the divisional commander, will co-operate in the attack as follows :-

(a) During the 4th, 5th, and 6th instants, there will be preliminary bombardments of LONE PINE, JOHNSTONE'S JOLLY, and GERMAN OFFICERS TRENCH by batteries as follows :-

D Battery, 69th Brigade R.F.A.
B " " " " (1 sec.)

4th Battery Lowland Brigade R.F.A.
New Zealand 4.5-inch Howitzers (1 section)
1st Battery New Zealand Field Artillery
4th Battery Australian Field Artillery
5th Battery Australian Field Artillery
A Battery, 69th Brigade, R.F.A.

Times will be arranged and communicated to brigade commanders concerned by Brigadier-General Commanding Divisional Artillery.

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- (b) Beginning at 1700 and lasting until 1730 on the 6th instant, there will be an intensive bombardment by batteries as follows :-
- D Bty. 69th Bde. R.F.A. - JOHNSTONE'S JOLLY
 - B Bty. 69th Bde. R.F.A. - LONESOME PINE
(1 section)
 - 4th Bty. Lowland Bde., R.F.A. - GERMAN OFFICERS TRENCH and S.E. slopes
 - N.Z. 4.5 inch Howtss. (1 section) - Trenches in front of JOHNSTONE'S JOLLY and LONE PINE.
 - 1st Bty. N.Z.F.A. - Entanglements in front of above trenches.
 - 6th Bty. A.F.A. - C.1 - C.6 (b)
 - A Bty. 69th Bde. R.F.A. - "A".11 trenches.
 - 4th Bty. A.F.A. - A.3, A.7, and A.11.
- (c) During and subsequent to the delivery of the assault the initial functions of batteries will be as follows:-
- (1) The 7th and 8th Batteries and mobile section will be prepared further to support the infantry assault by bringing fire to bear on LONE PINE TRENCHES. As soon as our infantry approach the enemy's trenches the howitzer batteries allotted to JOHNSTONE'S JOLLY and LONE PINE with the exception of the section, "B" Bty., 69th Bde., will switch a steady fire on to :-
- (A) Southern slopes of JOHNSTONE'S JOLLY;
 - (B) Communication trench to LONE PINE and eastern glaciis;
 - (C) Eastern end of OWEN'S GULLY;
 - (D) LEGGE VALLEY.
- No.1 Bty. N.Z.F.A. will assist as far as possible.
- The undermentioned batteries will maintain a steady fire on to the following objectives :-
- 6th and 5th Bts. A.F.A. - CHESSBOARD
 - No.2 Bty. N.Z.F.A. - Trenches opposite QUINN'S.
 - 7th and 8th Bts. A.F.A. - LONE PINE RIDGE.
- (2) The undermentioned batteries will be prepared to engage hostile guns as follows :-
- C. Bty. 69th Bde. R.F.A.) - SCRUBBY KNOLL Bty.
6-inch Howtz. N.Z.Div.)
 - A. Bty. 69th Bde. R.F.A.)
5th and 8th Bts. A.F.A.) - Guns at C.
 - C. Bty. 69th Bde. R.F.A.)
5th Lowland Bty.) - MORTAR RIDGE
N.Z. 4.5-inch Howtz.)
 - A. Bty. 69th Bde. R.F.A.)
4th Lowland Bty.) - SAND PIT.
 - No.2 6-inch How.)
4th Lowland Bty.) - GUN RIDGE.
 - 7th Bty. A.F.A.)
9th Bty. A.F.A.)
4.7-inch gun) - OLIVE GROVE and
No.1 6-inch How.) WINEGLASS.
5th Lowland Bty.)
 - 1 Sec. 26th Mtn. Bty. - Such targets as can
(TRENCHARD) be best engaged,
using their own dis-
cretion. After dark

star shell will be fired over :-

OWEN'S GULLY - eastern end;
JOHNSTONE'S JOLLY;
WIRE GULLY.

All changes necessary will be effected on the orders of the Brigadier-General Commanding Div. Art.

(d) During the night star shell will be fired at intervals by the section of the 21st Mountain Battery.

(e) Every effort will be made by attacking troops to display red and yellow flags to indicate their position to artillery observers.

Red bunting has been issued to the Officer Commanding 1st Infantry Brigade. From this small red flags will be made and shown in captured trenches; it has been observed that the Turks thus mark the position of their firing lines.

(v) The 2nd and 3rd Infantry Brigades and the 2nd Light Horse Brigade will assist the attack by fire. The 2nd Light Horse Brigade and 3rd Infantry Brigade will endeavour to neutralize the enemy's fire from PINE and SNIPERS RIDGES; and the 2nd Infantry Brigade will cover the advance of the 1st Infantry Brigade by keeping down fire from JOHNSTONE'S JOLLY and LONE PINE and preventing the movement of enemy reinforcements via OWEN'S GULLY and the eastern glacis of LONE PINE.

(vi) The O.C. Divisional Engineers will prepare mines for explosion in suitable tunnels between C.31 and C.33 with the object of screening and disturbing fire from JOHNSTONE'S JOLLY. He will have arrangements in train for firing mines in tunnels adjacent to B.26 and B.22.

(vii) Trench mortars will be distributed as follows :-

(a) at the disposal of the O.C. 3rd Infantry Bde. :-

1 3.7-inch near TASMANIA POST;

(b) at the disposal of O.C. 2nd Infantry Brigade :-

1 Garland in line now held by 2nd Bn. - objectives :
LONE PINE AND JOHNSTONE'S JOLLY;

2 Garlands) near MOORE'S POST on paradcs - objectives

1 Japanese) LONE PINE, JOHNSTONE'S JOLLY, and GERMAN OFFICERS TRENCH;

1 Garland north of MOORE'S in the line now held by 4th Bn. - objectives : LONE PINE, JOHNSTONE'S JOLLY, and GERMAN OFFICERS TRENCH;

1 Japanese, SCOTT'S POINT - objectives :
JOHNSTONE'S JOLLY, and GERMAN OFFICERS TRENCH;

1 3.7-inch, JACK JOHNSON'S GAVITY - objectives :
GERMAN OFFICERS TRENCH and trenches opposite COURTNEY'S.

(viii) The attack will take place at 1750 on the 6th August, the signal being three short whistle blasts, the first sounding promptly at 1750. All watches will be synchronized at 1600 on 6th August.

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C. ATTACK ON GERMAN OFFICERS TRENCH AND SNIPERS TRENCH.

(i) For the attack on GERMAN OFFICERS TRENCH and the destruction of SNIPERS TRENCH the O.C. 2nd Infantry Brigade will detail a force of approximately 400 men.

(ii) The objective of the attack will be the enemy trenches marked M8, M9, M1, and M4; the first two will be cleared and the last two held (Trench Diagram No. II).

(iii) The frontage upon which the force will deploy will be allotted by the O.C. 2nd Infantry Brigade.

(iv) The attack will take place at midnight on night 6th/7th August, the signal being made by flare or rocket as determined by the O.C. 2nd Infantry Brigade.

(v) The O.C. Divisional Engineers will arrange for the two mines under GERMAN OFFICERS TRENCH to be fired before the attack begins.

4. -ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

(i) Attention is drawn to Army Corps Organization Orders for the troops in Anzac issued herewith.

(ii) With reference to paragraph 1 of the Organization orders :- Jackets will be worn;

(a) 150 rounds of ammunition per man will be held in brigade reserve by the 1st Infantry Brigade; portion of this will in advance be placed in recesses off TUNNEL B.5.

(b) At least two sandbags per man will be carried by attacking troops.

(c) The distinguishing armlets and shoulder patch will be worn by all ranks whether of units detailed for special operations or holding present trenches. Armlets and patches will not be affixed until the day of the 6th instant.

(d) The storage of surplus equipment (see paragraph 3 of Organization Orders) will be made under brigade and divisional unit arrangements.

(e) Troops detailed to hold present trenches will be rationed for 24 hours and all waterbottles will be filled on the afternoon of the 6th instant.

(f) From the 4th instant inclusive, rations will be drawn from the four days reserve now in unit charge.

(iii) (a) In each battalion or detachment of attacking troops bombing parties of four non-commissioned officers and 24 men will be organized and held available for distribution to companies. A bombing party should consist of :-

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1 man with rifle and bayonet ready for use
 1 bomb thrower
 1 carrier with basket of bombs
 Non-commissioned officer
 second thrower
 second carrier
 spare man.

(b) A similar organization will be adopted in the battalions holding the present line.

(c) Prior to the 6th instant brigades will be equipped with bombs as follows :-

1st Infantry Brigade	..	1200
2nd Infantry Brigade	..	1200
3rd Infantry Brigade	..	300
2nd L. H. Brigade	..	300

Men should be told to remove the bombs from dead and wounded wherever possible.

(iv) In the organization of troops for attacks on LONE PINE and GERMAN OFFICERS TRENCH, engineer parties, working parties, and obstacle parties will be included under brigade arrangements. The necessary tools and stores will be collected beforehand and placed in a brigade depot. They should provide reserve as well as expense stores.

These parties will be separately told off :-

- (a) to convert enemy trenches;
- (b) to construct obstacles in enemy communication trenches;
- (c) to complete communications to LONE PINE via TUNNELS B5, B8, B6.

(v) The main communications with the captured works will be through TUNNELS B5, B8, and B6, which will be prepared by the engineer details allotted to the 1st Infantry Brigade and such additional working parties as may be told off by the Officer Commanding 1st Infantry Brigade. The O.C. Divisional Engineers will forthwith improve the exits from these tunnels to the GUN LANE and have them clearly marked.

(vi) Complete medical arrangements have been made by the A.D.M.S.; the following details are published for information :-

- (a) No.2 Field Ambulance will operate over No.II Section North and that portion of No.II Section South which is north of 1st Infantry Brigade Headquarters. Two advanced dressing stations will be formed in BRIDGES ROAD.
- (b) No.3 Field Ambulance will operate over that portion of No.II Section South which is south of the 1st Infantry Brigade Headquarters. One advanced dressing station will be established in BROWNS DIP and one in VICTORIA GULLY.
- (c) No.1 Field Ambulance will operate over No.I Section. Two advanced dressing stations will be established in this section.

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(d) Three divisional collecting stations have been selected :-

- (1) On the northern slope of MCDAY'S HILL where No.3 Field Ambulance is bivouacked;
- (2) On the lower western slope of MCDAY'S HILL facing the sea, where No.2 Field Ambulance is bivouacked;
- (3) In VICTORIA GULLY at DAWKINS' POINT where No.1 Field Ambulance is bivouacked.

All wounded able to walk should immediately proceed to the nearest divisional collecting station, as they are places of comparative safety.

5 - Divisional Headquarters will on the morning of the 5th instant move to the present position of Headquarters, 1st Infantry Brigade. On that date the communications of the 1st Infantry Brigade will be arranged to meet the preliminary arrangements for attack.

C. B. B. WHITE Colonel.
General Staff.

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1 - 5	Divisional Headquarters	Hand)
6 - 10	Divisional Artillery	D. S. Coy.	
11	Divisional Engineers	"	
12	Divisional Signal Coy.	Hand	
13	1st Infantry Brigade	D. S. Coy.	
14	2nd Infantry Brigade	"	
15	3rd Infantry Brigade	"	
16	2nd L.H. Brigade	"	
17	Divisional Train	"	
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20	N.Z. Div. (for informn.)	"	

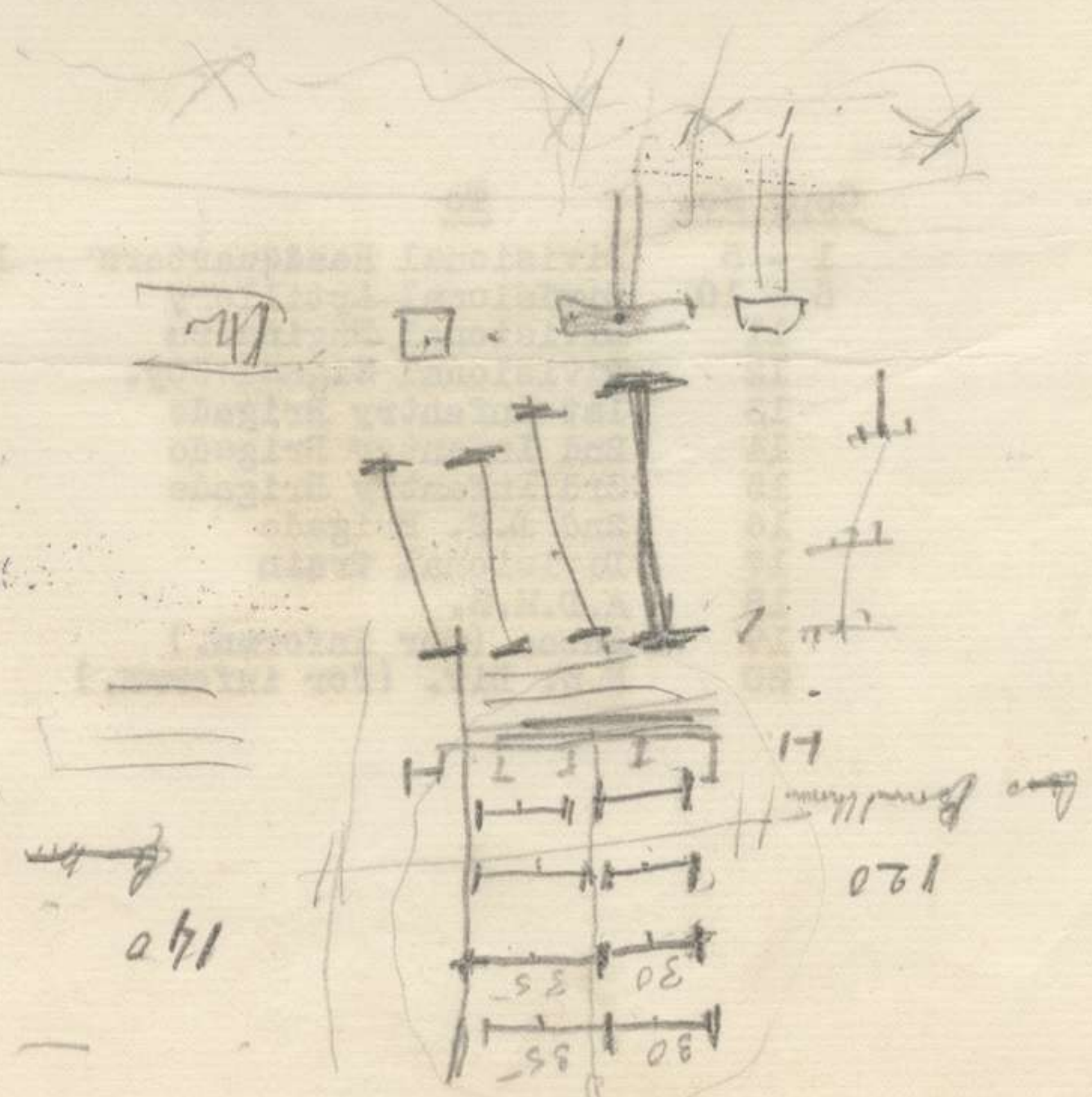
Attention is directed to the Special Order dated 5th August 1915, issued by the G.O.C. in Chief. This copy is dated 4th August, the only Special Order in our possession.

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Operation Memo. No. 1.

by

Col. J. H. Forsyth Comm. d.g 2nd Inf. Bde.
BRIDGE'S ROAD
ANZAC

August 4th 1915

Extension of Defence Section of Brigade.

(1) Our present line NORTHERN NO. 2. SEC. will be extended so as to embrace SOUTHERN NO. 2. SEC. on our right and COURTNEY'S POST on our left. The existing names "SOUTHERN NO. 2. SECTION" and "NORTHERN NO. 2. SECTION" will be adhered to; but the latter will include COURTNEY'S POST.

(2) NORTHERN NO. 2. SEC. Firing line
8th BATTN will furnish Firing line, 115 rifles being allotted to COURTNEY'S POST and 400 rifles from and exclusive of COURTNEY'S POST to and inclusive of SCOTT'S POINT.
O/C LIEUT. COL. BRAND D.S.O.

SOUTHERN NO. 2. SECTION Firing line
8th BATTN will furnish 235 rifles for left flank of SECTION, and 5th BATTN 490 rifles for the remainder of the SECTION.

O/C MAJOR F.W. LE MAISTRE

This Section Headquarters will be at the present 3rd BATTN Qrs.

(3) Reserves.

The 6th and 7th Battus will be in reserve. 6th BATTN will occupy support trenches at present occupied by 5th BATTN moving in at 1400 5th Inst. 7th BATTN will occupy BRAUND'S HILL with two Coys, and ledges at head of BRIDGE'S ROAD with remaining two Coys; moving.

at 1500. An officer of each Batta. to report to the Bde Major before 0800 on 5th inst. to have locations pointed out.

(4) Units will move into new positions on 5th inst. in the following order.

To COURTNEY'S POST - at time to be arranged by O/C 8th Batta. with O/C COURTNEY'S POST.

One Coy of 8th Batta to relieve 4th Batta commencing at 0900.

5th Bn to relieve 1st, 3rd, and 2nd Bns in that order at intervals of 1 hour commencing at 1000.

O/C 8th Bn. to arrange for extension of his line to SCOTT'S POINT as Companies of 5th Bn withdraw.

(5) O/C Bns. will arrange on the day of occupation to store in trenches thereof 24 hours water and rations supply, the 24 hours to count from after the evening meal of the day of occupation. The 6th Bn will supply the 8th Bn and the 7th Bn will supply the 5th Bn with whatever fatigue parties are demanded for this purpose. Troops will move into trenches carrying sufficient rations to include morning meal of 6th inst. and with water bottles full.

Gas apparatus will be brought by Bns, except the 5th Bn's sprayers & which will be temporarily left in trenches for use of 8th Bn.

Arrangements have been made for units of the 1st Bde to leave gas apparatus in present location.

O/C 5th Bn will arrange to take over.

Combs and Grenades will be taken with Bns, any shortage being made up by incident to Lt Brown at once.

6th Bn will draw special supply when ordered.

303 Ammunition - Bns will arrange the necessary transference of Coy and Bn reserve.

A depot of Bde Ammunition Reserve will be established at present 3rd Bn H.Q.

(6) Communications - New telephone Comm-unications will be established between Brigade H. Pns and Headquarters SOUTHERN NO. 2. SECTION, from which latter Comm-unication throughout SECTION can be obtained through New 1st Bde Headquarters which was previously Headquarters of 2nd Battalion.

(7) Machine Guns.
Brigade Machine Gun officer will arrange to distribute machine guns in accordance with instructions issued.

A. J. J.
Brigade Major
2nd Inf. Bde.

Copy No 1	Filed
2	5th Coy
3	6th Coy
4	7th Coy
5	8th Coy
6	No 1 Fl Coy
7	1st Bde.
8 & 9	Div. H. Q
10	3rd Bde.

Operation Order No. 4

Colonel C. H. Forsyth, Edg. 2nd Infy. Bde.
BRIDGE'S ROAD, ANZAC.
August 4th 1915.

Reference - Sketch attached (at a time and date to be communicated later).

- (1) An attack will be made on GERMAN OFFICERS' TRENCH simultaneously with an attack on SNIPERS TRENCH.

GERMAN OFFICERS' TRENCH

Attached to TROOPS.

- (2) The troops (6th Bn) detailed for the assault are as follows:-

- (a) Two Companies (260 rifles) subdivided into small parties of not more than 12 ~~under separate command~~ ~~with sappers each~~.
- (b) Two parties of 15 rifles each under an officer with 3 sappers each, attached.
- (c) Two parties of 8 each under a N.C.O. with one sapper each, attached.

Distribution

- (3) The assaulting troops will be forward up in the covered forward trench (new firing line) and in forward tunnels leading to same, 6 men being placed in each recess of the trench.

Formation for Attack

- (4) The main attack will be made in two lines each of one Company; these lines will emerge from the recesses, the tops of which will be knocked in when ordered just prior to launching the attack. The two parties of 15 will move out with the first line. The two parties of 8 will move out with the second line.

Objectives and Tasks

- (5) First Line - will pass over the enemy fire trench and deal with enemy supports a number of which may be found in depressions in rear of support trenches. Each man will carry a bomb & throw same into fire trench on crossing it. After dispersing any supports found in depression the line will divide, going right and left into communication trenches, assist special parties mentioned below in para (6), as far as possible in blocking communication trenches and then work back towards fire trench to assist Second Line. Second Line - will follow First Line closely, objective enemy's fire trench into which it will jump and deal with firing line, driving survivors back through communication trenches towards First Line. (6) - Two special parties (15 each) with Engineers. One will be detailed to go for Main Southern Communication Trench (M. 11) and one for Main

3) Northern Communication Trench (M2.) to go as far down trenches as possible and block same by blowing in trench with gun cotton by use of sandbags and wire entanglements etc.

The party in Southern trench should endeavour to blow out portion of the Southern end of the trench so as to make an aperture into which machine guns from TAMBOOR could fire to assist in repelling counter attack; the trench of course being blocked on the side of aperture nearer our works.

(7) Two special parties (8 each) with Engineers.

One to find trench joining SNIPER'S TRENCH with GERMAN OFFICER'S TRENCH if such exists.

One to find trench (L.15) joining QUINN'S with GERMAN OFFICER'S TRENCH.

Tasks to block these two trenches, by same means as detailed in (6). They will also carry Lotbiniere bombs to destroy walls of trench.

Reserve.

(8) The remainder of 6th BATTAL (less portion required for attack on SNIPER'S TRENCH) will be located in present 5th BATTAL support trenches & when assault is launched will move into new forward firing line ready to support assaulting troops if required.

Division of Communication Trenches with 4th BATTAL OFFICERS TRENCH.

(9) Tunnel D.21 and D.96 will be improved and made into main communication trenches with GERMAN OFFICER'S TRENCH.

SNIPER'S TRENCH.

(10) A party of 100 men and officers will assemble in 'P' length and UNION TRENCH & will be primarily divided into three main parties of:-
A - 30 with 1 Paper & 5 men for working party
B - 30 " 1 " 75 " " " " "
C - 25 " 1 " 75 " " " " "

(11) Party "A" will move out from North end of UNION TRENCH & make for Northern end of SNIPER'S TRENCH bomb out occupants, jump in and clear down towards MULE VALLEY (Trench M8).

Special points - Block any sap mouths or communication tunnels to GERMAN OFFICER'S TRENCH.

Party "B" will leave trenches from about right of "Q" length & push down intervening ground between GERMAN OFFICER'S and SNIPER'S TRENCH dealing with any forward support, assaulting occupants of TRENCH M8, from the rear & working towards Communication Trench M9, which they will block.

Party "C" will emerge from vicinity of Southern end of UNION TRENCH and make for junction of BLANKET TRENCH and Communication Trench M9 & endeavour to drive occupants out. They will then destroy trench by pulling down, blowing up or burying in overhead cover.

(3)

No endeavour will be made to prepare this trench for occupation but by blocking communication trench as far down as possible, slipping of obstacles & filling in the fire trench it should be rendered useless to the enemy. The working party however must be covered by a party until such time as they have made the work useless to the enemy, when the whole will withdraw to GERMAN OFFICER'S TRENCH & assist in its preparation for defence.

General Instructions for both Attacks.

Organization
Dress
Arms

(12) Assaulting parties will assemble at various stations as arranged & will be again subdivided into small parties of not more than 12 under a leader & two subordinate leaders & each will have a definite objective. Each party of 12 or less will consist of:-

- 4 bomb throwers.
- 6 men with rifles & bayonets.
- 2 men with extra bombs.

Each man will carry a sand bag.

Dress - Fighting Order (as per Divisional Organization Order)

200 rounds ammunition

Water bottles filled.

Arrangements to be made to stack fuel. Clear of forming up places.

Distinguishing Badges All ranks will wear a white band on each ~~arm~~ arm and a white patch in rear of right shoulder, in order that they may be easily distinguishable in the night.

Signal for Assault.

(13) Two mines under right of GERMAN OFFICERS TRENCH will be fired prior to signal for assault.

A red and a white flare will be thrown forward from the firing line of Left Sub-section, at the same time the garrison will cheer & start fire. The cheer will be carried on by troops in tunnels who will at once emerge by way of the recesses & assault the position.

Supporting Fire

(14) (a) During attack - Machine Guns & Rifle fire on to JOLLY, MORTAR RIDGE and QUINN'S.

(b) To repel enemy counter attack - Rifle & machine guns from Right Sub-section of Northern N. Section and TAMBOUR
Rifle & machine guns from COURNER'S POST.

Machine Guns

(15) As soon as GERMAN OFFICERS TRENCH is reported in our hands two machine guns of 6th Batta will move forward by way of D21 & be set up in best position to sweep approaches.

Any captured machine guns or trench mortars will be withdrawn to our present firing line, or if this is not possible they will be destroyed.

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- Communications. (16) O.C. SNIPERS TRENCH Party will arrange for 4 specially selected runners & for a cord to be run out from one of the recesses of UNION TRENCH, to enable runners to find their way back & forward in darkness.
- Supports and Fatigues. (17) The organization of the remainder of the Battalion into reserves & fatigues will be left in the hands of the Batta. Commander.
- Reinforcements and Ammunition (18) These will only be supplied on written or personal application of an officer.
- Water & Supplies. (19) A depot of food & water should be established near junction of Right and Left Sub. Sections & arrangements made regimentally for getting same forward when required.
- Tools required. (20) Each member of working parties will carry pick or shovel & arrangements for barbed wire, chevrons etc. fire being taken forward must be arranged.

[Signature] Major.
Bde Mjr 2nd Lt.

Copy No 1	Lead
2	5 th Coy.
3	6 th Coy
4	7 th Coy
5	8 th Coy
6	1 st Sign Coy
7	1 st Bde.
8 & 9	H.Q. Ambulance
10	3 rd Bde
11	Bde. Sig. Officer.

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Appendix.Engineer Duties.

Mines in D. 9.B & D. 25 R. will be fired with ~~a short interval~~ between, shortly before the assault.

Immediately the assault is made, working parties will clear away the interweaving earth between sap heads of D. 21 and enemy crater and also from D. 9.B., making a trench from there to GERMAN OFFICER'S TRENCH.

These will be the two main lines of communication for supports, material, ammunition, working parties & evacuation of sick & wounded.

An Engineer Officer will go forward & advise the Senior Officer of the 6th Battalion as to the best method of placing captured work in a state of defence.

Look for mines & destroy connections.