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War Diary of 14th Bn for September 12th to 30th 1915

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Date.	Place and Time.	14 th Battalion A.I.F. ^{O.C. 14th Bn}	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
1 st Sept/15. "DURRANTS POST." (80.D. 3-4/5-6.)	1030 1330 1500	C.O. Adj ^t & M.G. officers visited the Staffords Trenches to be taken over by 14 th Bn. and arranged re taking over. Bn. fell in and marched to new trenches to be taken over. Trenches and trench stores taken over by 14 th Bn. Work commenced to improve existing trenches and also to throw forward a new fire trench, to be sapped forward in front of existing one. Bn. organized into 2 Coys one to be in the trenches and one in Support changing every 48 hours.	Strength:- 10 Officers 163 others 1 Officer wounded Capt. G.H. CLARK

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Date.	Place and Time.	14 th Battalion A.I.F.	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
2/9/15.	"Burnant's Post"	Tracks cut to permit mules bringing stores into bivouac from CHALAC DERE. Very quiet on our front. New fire trench progressing satisfactorily. Well sunk for water.	Strength:- 9 officers 150 others Wounded Capt G.H. CLARK. Sick to Hos 13 others
3/9/15		Works of constructing new firing line being pushed forward. Old firing line deepened and improved. Road to Chalac Dere finished. Patrol sent out in evening towards enemy trenches which are about 600 yards away. Patrol brought in 2 boxes Mark VI ammunition, also a water tank (pack saddle type)	Strength:- 9 officers 149 others Cas:- nil Sick to Hos 1 other.

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Date.	Place and Time.	14 th Battalion A.I.F.	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
4/9/15.	"Dauranto Post."	D.M. Store moved to Pn. Bivouac by mules via new road made. Very quiet both day and night. New Machine Gun emplacement commenced on Right of Section.	Strength:- 9 officers 171 others Sick to Hos 9 " Rejoined 8 " Ret'd to duty 14 "
5/9/15.	"	All quiet on our front by day and night. All works progressing favourably. Enemy's snipers kept under.	Sts 9 off 186 others Wounded 1 " Missing 1 " Sick to Hos. 8 " Ret'd to duty 15 "
6/9/15	"	Work on new firing line and roadways progressing favourably. Well sunk to 20 ft. but no signs of water. Patrol sent out in evening reported enemy placing fixed wire entanglements in front of his trenches. Quiet day and night.	Strength:- 9 officers 284 others Wounded 1 " Sick 6 others Rejoined 15 " Ret'd to duty 8 "

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7/9/15.	"Surreants Post."	Quiet both day and night on our front. Nothing special to report.	Str:- 9 off 211 others Sick & Hos 5 " Rejoined 25 " Patrol to duty 8
8/9/15	"	All works making good progress. Enemy quiet on our front.	Str:- 9 off 209 others Sick to Hos. 3 " Rejoined 7 "
9/9/15	"	All quiet on our front. Patrol sent out from 22.30 to 23.30	Str:- 9 off 207 " Sick to Hos. 4 " Rejoined 3 "
10/9/15	"	Quiet on our front but heavy firing on our flanks during the night.	Str:- 9 off 205 " Sick to Hos 4 " Rejoined 2 "
11/9/15	"	Quiet both day and night. All works progressing well.	Str:- 9 off 210 " Rejoined 5 "
12/9/15	"	Roads and tracks completed. Work of tunnelling new fire trench completed all but breaking through on top.	Str:- 9 off 208 " Sick to Hos 5 " Rejoined 2 "

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Date.	Place and Time.	14 th Battalion A.I.F.	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
13/9/15.	"Duranto Post." 1530	Handed over trenches and all trench stores to "D" Coy 25 th Bn.	Strength:- 9 officers 213 others
	1915	Bn. fell in and marched to Anzac.	Rejoined 4 "
	0130	Embarked on lighters and towed out to H.M.T. Atassia.	Left at Post on Detachment 1 officer 50 others
14/9/15	At Sea	8 officers 178 others disembarked at Lemnos at 1530 and marched to Sarpi Rest Camp. Men allotted to tents.	Strength:- 8 off. 178 others Rejoined 18 "
15/9/15.		No parades. Fatigues erecting marquees. Capt A.R. Blainey Sick to Hos.	Str:- 7 off 217 others 1 officer to Hos
16/9/15.		Wet day. Inspection of men and camp lines by Admiral Guepratte (French Navy) Capt Longham & Lt Hastain to Hos. Sick.	Rejoined 39 others Str:- 5 off 231 " Sick 2 off 14 "

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Date.	Place and Time.	14 th Battalion A.I.F.	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
17/9/15.	"Sarpis Reed's Camp."	No parades. Gen. rest & fatigues	STR. 5 off 230 others Rejoined 2 "
18/9/15.	"	" " " " " "	STR. 5 off 236 " Rejoined 7 "
19/9/15	"	Major H.N. YOUNG to EGYPT on duty.	Sick & Hos 1 "
20/9/15.	"	R. C. Church Parade. General rest and fatigues only.	STR. 5 off 239 " Sick 1 " Rejoined 3 "
21/9/15.	"	7-7.30 Physical Drill 10-12 Platoon Drill and Rifle exercises.	STR. 5 off 238 " Sick & Hos 1 "
22/9/15	"	7-7.30 Physical Drill 1000 Brigade Parade, Inspection by Sir H. Godley.	STR. 5 off 233 " Sick & Hos. 5 "
22/9/15	"	7-7.30 Physical Drill 10-12 Platoon Drill and rifle exercises under Coy. Commanders. Afternoon General Leave.	Strength: - 5 officers 231 " Sick & Hos 3 " Rejoined 1 "

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Date.	Place and Time.	1-4 th Battalion A.I.F.	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
23/9/15	"Sorpi Rest Camp"	7-7.30 Physical Drill 10-12. Platoon Drill and rifle exercises	Str:- 5 off 227 others Sick to Hos 4 "
24/9/15	"	7-7.30 Physical Drill. 10-12 Platoon Drill & rifle exercises	Str:- 5 off 227 " Sick to Hos 1 " Rejoined 1 "
25/9/15	"	7-7.30 Physical Drill. 10-12 Platoon Drill & Rifle exercises.	Str:- 5 off 226 " Sick 6 " Rejoined 5 "
26/9/15	"	R. C. Church Parade. Afternoon general leave.	Str:- 5 off 227 " Sick to Hos 3 " Rejoined 4 "
27/9/15	"	9-10 Rifle exercises 10-11 Bayonet fighting 11-12 Platoon Drill.	Str:- 5 off 225 " Sick to Hos 2 "
28/9/15	"	Close order and Platoon Drill with arms. Bayonet fighting Afternoon gen. leave	Strength:- 5 officers 243 " Sick to Hos 2 " Rejoined 20 "

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Date.	Place and Time.	14 th Battalion A.I.F.	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
29/9/15	"Sarpi Rest Camp".	6 mile route march in fighting order. midday meal carried.	Srv:- 6 officers 2530th Sick " 2 "
30/9/15.		Lieut G. McQueen returned from detachment at Anyae. Co. Drill and Rifle exercises	Srv:- 6 off 2530th Sick to Hos 2 " Rejoined 7 "
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Durrants Post - Left Section

Occupied by 14th Bn. 4th Aus. Inf Bde.
from Sept 1st to 13th 1915

Reference Map
Gallipoli (Koja Dere) $\frac{1}{20,000}$
Square 80D5-6

Notes

1. O = observation
2. M.G. = Machine Gun
3. === Tunnelled
4. Advanced Firing Line denoted ===
tunnelled out front old firing line. Fire pits broken in from tunnels.
5. Firing Line denoted thus 

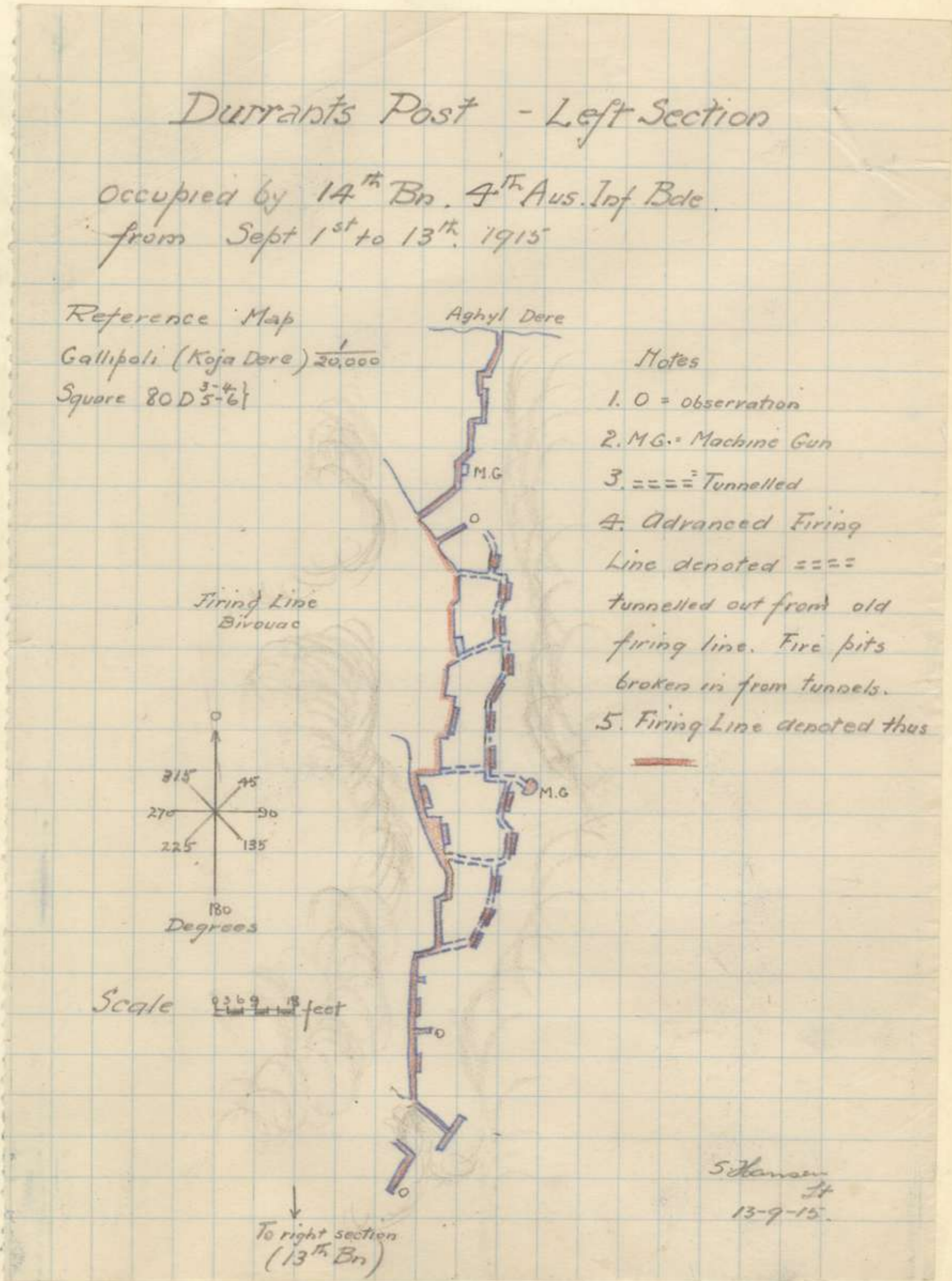
Firing Line
Bivouac



Scale $\frac{1}{2500}$ feet

To right section
(13th Bn)

S. Hansen
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