

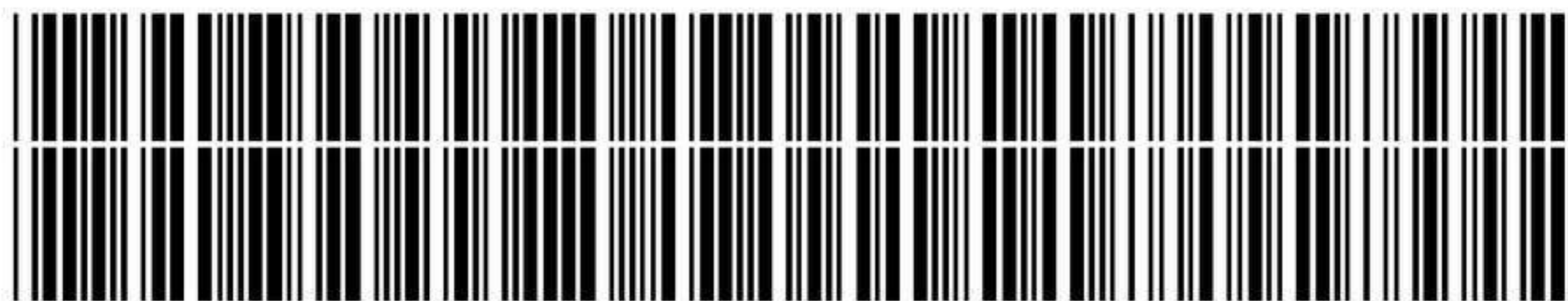
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CONCERNING THE WAR OF 1914-1918**

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Articles
(difficulty of)

Maj. Gen. (Temp. Lieut. Gen)
Sir Charles Carmichael Munro K.C.B.
b. 1860 (55 yrs old) Commanded 2nd Lond.
Divn at outbreak of war.

Lt. Gen Sir W. R. Birdwood, K.C.S.I.,
K.C.M.G., C.B., C.I.E., D.S.O.

Atrocities
(Turner)

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New No 20
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DIARY 20
Nov 7 to 27

Monday.

Nov 8th. 1915. For the first time I am
beginning to feel it a little difficult to
keep up a supply of really good articles on
the matter available - it isn't that the matters
not there but I am getting a little tired, I expect.
Finished today the 56th letter since the landing - & the
45th wire ^{of the day} I am very glad to say it there seems to
be some doubt as to whether Turner really
did kill the German officer - He certainly
wants to make me think he did - thought
I'd admire him for it, I suppose; but it
appears ^{at 1st report} to both Nevison & Lawrence
had a different ending. He told Lawrence that they
~~were going~~ told 7 wounded German (when he
refused to give up his revolver, wh of
course he could not be allowed to keep) - "Take
your revolver - I'll take your life" or
something to that effect. But their company
officer came up & told them they must
kill men in cold blood. I suppose
Turner thought this ending would
suit me.

The War Office News announces that
K. has come out to visit the Eastern
Theatre of operations. Of course that is
why Munro is in Egypt.

Balkan Situation
(Carson resigns)

Silencers
Australians Soldiers.

Nov 9th - One year since the Emden. (Nov 9th '12)
Lord Kitchener in Mudros today. Sir E.
Carson has resigned because he thinks the
present situation in Gallipoli "cannot be
dissociated from that in Serbia"; that Govt
does not lay down a clear definite policy
for it - which means I suppose we are not
to be reinforced so as to go ahead, nor yet
to be withdrawn so as to save our skins
& be useful elsewhere; but are to wait
& see.

If this Army corps is left here simply to
passively resist the Turks it is a waste
of very best material the Empire possesses.
England has very few troops apparently
who are fit for an offensive - Maxwell
hears from a friend that forward move
in Flanders, as far as British were
concerned, ended disastrously - & that
Gen. Capper lost his life in trying to
rally a division which was running away -
"How have Kitchener's army done?"
Lawrence & I asked. "Those were
Kitchener's army," he said. These
British people don't realize
what troops the Australians & N.Z.landers
are.

I had a curious instance of the
feeling of a refined man in battle
the other day. We are now using a
lot of silencers - 10 per battalion. Arthur

An Aussie Soldier
(Tasmanian)

Sniping

Nov. 9. 3
Maxwell, one of the best shots in his
regiment told me he wldnt use them
- doesn't seem a fair game, he sd.
The Turks have played square & I dont
think we shd do it - it seems mean in
a way. I told him I thought the
Turks used them too & anyway I
certainly didnt see any harm in it.
We were talking about the record
of Sing - with his 201 Turks killed.
"If he counts everyone behind a
loophole" sd Arthur, "I wouldnt
believe it - we never reckon
them in at all ~~unless~~ - we count
nothing except what we can see over
parapet unless he throws up his
rifle - I can only be sure of having
hit ~~two~~ men," he added, "and ~~then~~
~~not proud of that~~ - its not a thing
to be proud of; a sorry matter at
best. It nearly broke poor old Duncan
up when he hit one man. It wldnt
have mattered so much if he was
facing us & firing at us - you feel its
fair game. But he was looking / other
way - we saw him just standing up
on / parapet w his elbows on / sandbags

Cooks
~~Staff~~

Nov 9.
looking down 1 valley - just looking &
& doing nothing. Duncan fired &
he fell - & Duncan didn't get down
it for days. He didn't say much
but I can see he was ~~was~~ taking
it very much to heart Oh
yes - I think it must have killed
him for he fell w his face on
1 parapet & his arms spread
out - He raised his head once or
twice meaninglessly & slid backwards
into 1 trench with the movement -
I think he was killed."

I see a very different
human emotion almost every day
at Anzac - wh shows how petty
even 1 best & cleverest man can
be. Greenhill, the cook at our
mens' mess at Div. H.Q., is a
very mediocre cook, & a lazy one
at that - he does not put himself out
in 1 least to make things pleasant
for his mess - to bake them 1 little
tit bits & extras wh every decent
cook does for his men. At mess he
used to use up pretty well 1 whole of

Nov 9. 5

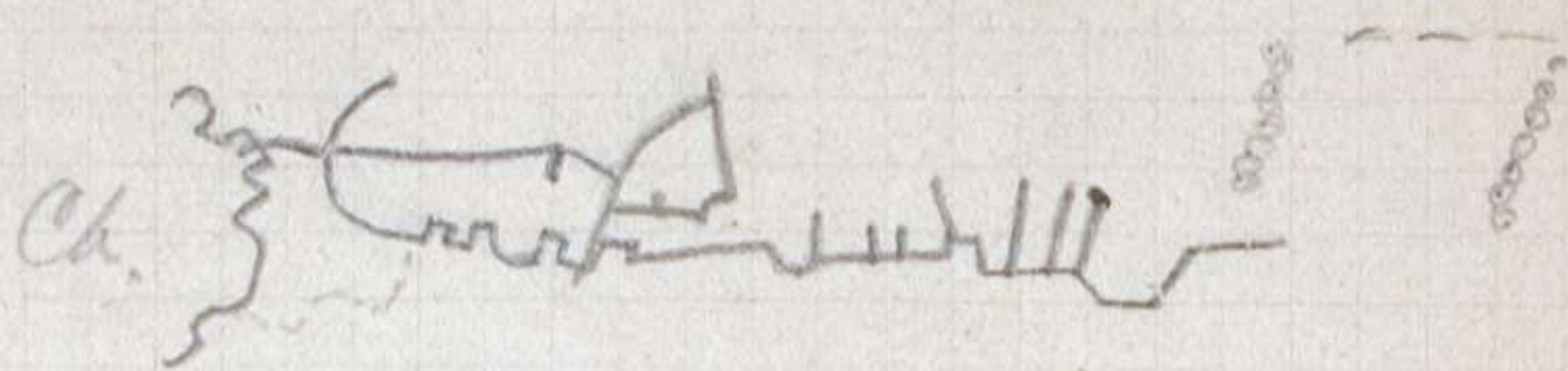
their meat ration at one meal because
he was too lazy to cook it for two meals.
He is very uncivil & unobliging w/
men & when they get riled at him
& call him a "~~bloody~~ surdy bastard!" or
something equally descriptive - &
he (being a corporal) runs them up
before Colonel Foot & gets them
punished. I have seen it a mena
where I ~~shared~~ Foster's room
when he was Camp Commandant,
& so I know him of old - & so did
Foster. Foster is making the 2nd
L.H. Cole now, & Smith is in
charge of our camp, & Col. Foot
is Camp Commandant. The same
things go on, exactly. But Greenhill
is as cunning as a rat. He
brings Col. Foot & 1 other senior
Officers tea every morning - & he
(it's not his business & it is the mens
water ~~at he uses~~) gets them afternoon
tea. He comes in smiling like a cherub
- always a cheery word for every officer
- & they think him a grand little man.
He has the whole lot of them fairly

The Australian

Nov 9. 6
by the leg - even old Milner who
I should think is a good judge of men.
And they won't hear of his dismissal
on any account. They honestly think
him quite a valuable man!
And yet old Hannam,
the son of a Sydney manufacturer
& a station-manager himself,
who was batman to O'Gorman,
had the greatest contempt for
Greenhill. "He boasts of having ^{scattered}
having been a blackleg;" Hannam sd
"that's ^{what they call} in Australia ~~means~~ ^{a man} that is
~~was~~ a non-unionist &
worked against his mates when
they ~~went~~ ^{got} on strike - & he boasts
of it! I reckon a man that
'll do it 'll do anything!"

Those a pretty quaint sentiments
for a station manager & son of
a manufacturer; but many
young Australians of the class
agree to them. I know no other
country where there is any
sentiment resembling this amongst
the employing class but in our younger
generation it is not uncommon.

Deepair



Royal Scotsman

A Fighting: Nov 10.
 Anzac st.
 Light Horse

Sea.

Wed.

Nov 10: 7

Nov 10. Back at Anzac.

Had little scheme for taking ^{old} trench on 1st came off well.

The war office sent out a warning that gas was likely to be used in Gallipoli.

The Turks threw over a packet of cigarettes at Quinn "for a very well respected enemy".

The folks. is an a/c of the affair on the right.

3-6 Nov. Noticed enemy digging common trench from Bird Trenches to dead end in front of chatham's to seize knoll 120 yds S.

This wd enfilade Holly Spur & Silt Spur. Orders therefore issued to 5 L/H. to seize knoll at night & throw back common trench on seaward slope.

Turkish action had to be anticipated. Tunnel 205 ft long had to be run out arrangements quickly pushed on.

8 pm. covering party of 5 L/H moved out followed by working party. Got into old Turk trench near stream of tunnel. Barricaded S. end; deepened; connected.

Nov 10. '18

wire laid; Artly stood by, Ryzies
Post sniped more than usual, mgs played
on Comm trenches, N interference.

Nov 4 abt 11 am enemy realised move,
shelled posn. Enemy started sniping
& had big parties working on Comm
trenches. There we sniped & maximed.
5" hows in aftn. shelled Bird trenches.

Night Enemy made 4 attacks, each
one repulsed. Erected barricades
at 20 yds & 70 yds.
9th Bally & 5" Hows shelled
S end of Harwood & 3
catapults put bombs into D span
wks & silenced firing line there.

Nov. 5th Day quiet. 200 inf. ^{sent} as a reserve
5 tunnel fire pits opened this night
Destroyer assisted excellently at night

Nov 6. Quiet day, enemy shelled day & night.
Enemy bombed from Bomb mortars
at night, we working all time.

Nov 7. 17th Siege Bally shelled Bird

forward
bed in the
from Post
Dull

Nov 4
Dunne
Erected 2
at 20
wks

Nov 10 1917

Trenches & damaged them. We decided on further advance to another of Turk trench.

At 8.45 5 L.H. had seized this trench & bombed enemy out of first barricade. Trench was connected & traversed under heavy bomb rifle & mg. fire from T. Despair, Bird Trenches & 2nd barricade. Arty during supported our advance & 7 up.

Nov 8. v. heavy enemy arty fire demolishing part of our parapets. During after 6 L.H. relieved 5 L.H. & sent in garrison of 100 for 24 hrs.

Nov 9. 100 of 7 L.H. relieved the 6a. Enemy's 75's shelling but not much damage. Destroyer shelling on it. Kept down fire from Turin Trenches & Harris Ridge. Working parties all time.

Losses.	o.k	ov.	w	at
5 LH	1	8	4	45
7		4		6
4 Bn				25
11 Bn		1		5

more of front service

Received during night

work done on all time by 46, 7 LH

Late To be made
by 3.7 IM (this ph)
for Chatham
New bombing, 2 Bn
(13/11)

Salonica.
8 Divs?

Digging

Unpreparedness -
Bombs
Periscopes

Nov 10. '10
Estimate of enemy's loss - 50k150w

Capt ^{TJ} Brundot K. on night of 7/15.

Serjt P. F. Ryan GCH did pt work
w/ Shanghai Batty

Urgent call for fire was sent to arty
for help on night of 7/8 -
9th Batty was into them within 2
minutes; 5th Lowland Batty & 17th
(heavy) Batty v soon after!

I believe Birdwood, K. & Munro
& possibly Maxwell are at mudsoo
today. Rumoured that we are to be
a side show - B'wood to take over
Jallipoli & whole force eight Divs concentrated
in Jallipoli-Salonica.

No great signs of digging here
yet.

Howe is reminding me how
the 'we were training 8 months in
Egypt ~~the B~~ there came no officer
from England or France to teach us
bomb fighting. We never heard of
bombs - certly never saw them - till.

Strength: Turks - Strong
~~Strong~~ Nov 10.
Ours Strong
Nov 10

Nov 10 11

we got here; as for periscopes,
we had to send to all transports
for their looking glasses.

Hastie tells me the Divisional
Staff has now everything so beautifully
cut & dried that Milner & Foot
complain there is nothing to do.
Why don't they use 1 time for drawing
up definite cut & dried schemes
for 1 time when things the
present cut & dried scheme will
be broken into? When for example
1 beach is shelled by day the
everything has to be done by night;
or when 1 water pipe freezes or
are blown out by bombardment etc.?

The Turks are very well up to
Strength & we are getting it away too.
As the T. Camps are full our ships
shell them a lot, esp. those at
Kojadere, to destroy the fibre of 1 man,
I suppose.

Altho the 2. L.H. Bde has been in
no big battle, it has about thro'
dness all 1 officers of 5-12 & 6-12.

Nov 10 Nov 11

repts exc. two in each; 9 all in 1/2
6th exc. 3 or possibly 4. But our
1st Divn is improving - 8000 odd reinf
to come this month & 8000 next
(out of 22000 odd); The 1st Bn is
up to abt 600 & is the 2nd.

Turks throw 100 shells into No 2
post today.

Nov 11. Thurs. Went up to see Holmes.
Some interesting things have been
happening at Walker's Top.
Sergt Vince in ch. of Red Scouts? 20th Bn.
(in ch. of bomb parties, Walker's)
w/ Sergt Brennan got out of hole of crater
the other night. Saw 4 Turks in a
hole bombing; threw them light a
match of bomb. B. shot bomb thrower
w/ revolver - He dropped bomb
& it exploded.

Handwritten notes or sketches, possibly a list of names or numbers, including "B. 41", "6x", "2", "6", "10", "12", "15", "18", "21", "24", "27", "30", "33", "36", "39", "42", "45", "48", "51", "54", "57", "60", "63", "66", "69", "72", "75", "78", "81", "84", "87", "90", "93", "96", "99", "100".

- or the Germans - have tried (same thing)
on us.

Deeds. (Sergt Brennan)
(Bomb party)

Turks (amenities)
Nov 10

There has been a good deal of communication w/
Turks of late. We go through some letters from
prisoners saying they were well treated & some pictures
of nice fat happy looking prisoners in Cairo [our men
don't much like doing this but I dare say I am this are
right.] Anyway we got 1 folly answer: "A man who
lives by charity is a swine. We have plenty in our stomachs
& something besides plenty; we have our hands on our
bodies and our bayonets in our hands. The English
may have plenty of munitions of war but we have
our bayonets & our thoughts. If you are 1st nation
th you are supposed to be, why don't you act up to
high principles & not descend to trying to suborn others
from their loyalty to their sovereign!"

A most dignified answer. We can easily overdo
these attempts to make Turks desert. Still - they

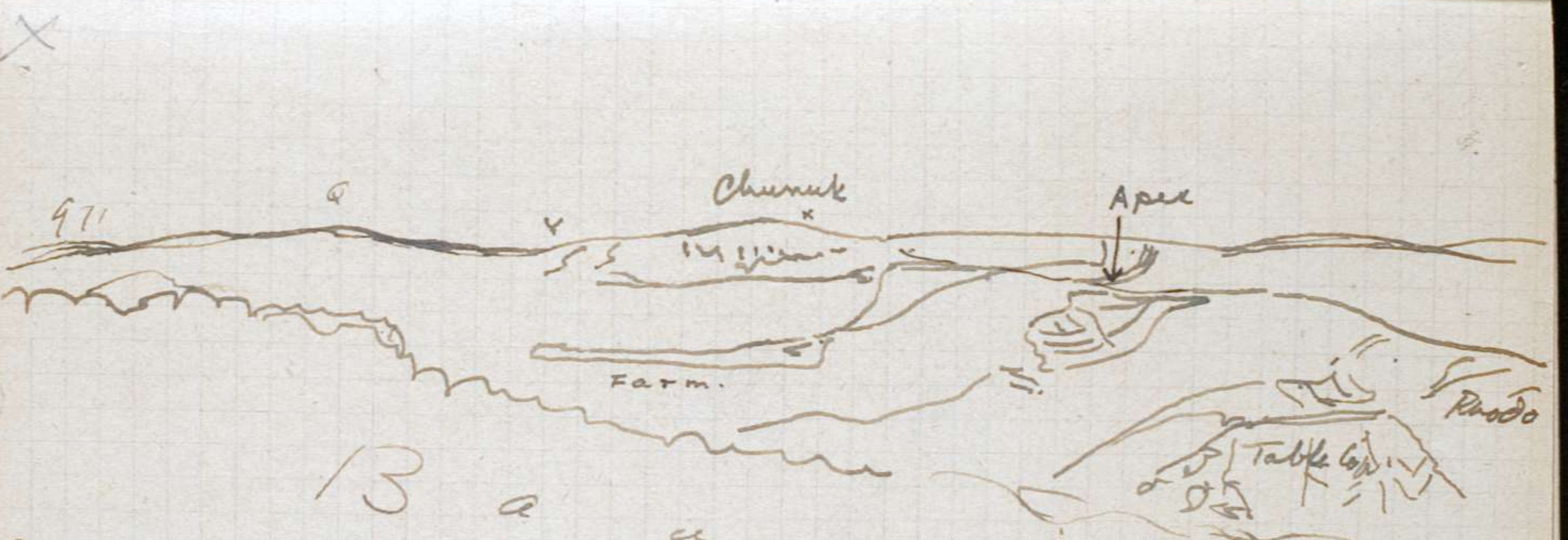
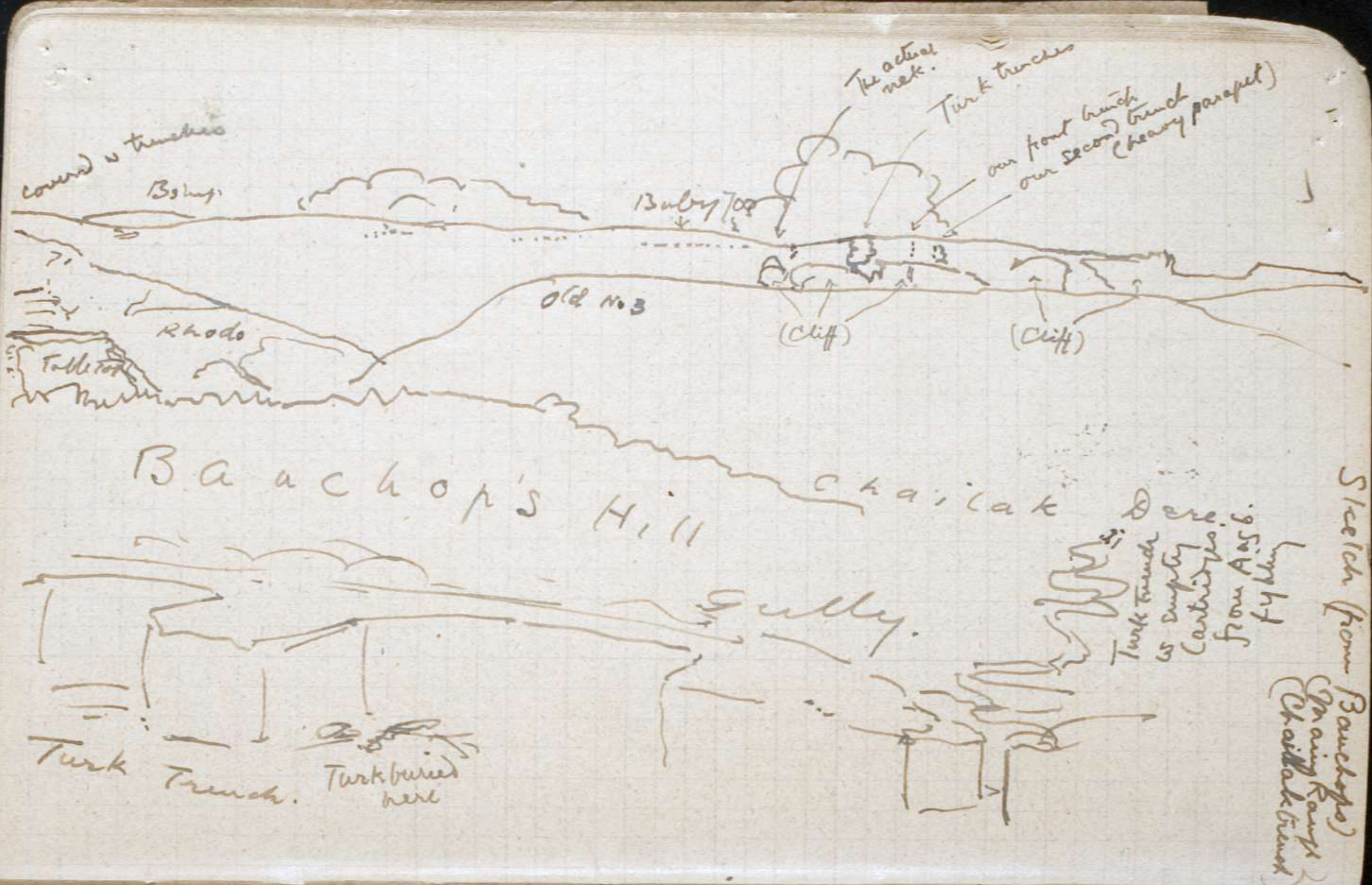
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Pruney
Ferez avec plaisir! x
Notre herox Ennemis!
(another notre cher ennemi)
Envoyez milk

} Scrawled in
indelible
pencil.

3 wks ago Ts had festival for 3 days. They
threw over 2 packets of cigs. w inscription as
above. We sent over bully beef. They threw
back a message on stick & stone "Bully Beef now".
We threw some biscuits (pod b.) & jam. This
was all abt 8.30 to 9.15. They called out "fini"
& waved down w their hands - (all had
heads up). Next morning same proceedings.
Interpreter spoke to them from our lines.
They were allowed to go over & get a packet
knife we had thrown over. This morning
we had orders not to carry on.

1st morning one of our men ripped over
parapet & got the cigarettes.
2nd morning one of our officers was on
parapet for 2 or 3 mins. He collected a
bomb in mistake for a pack of
(found it was wrapped round as they
sometimes do, w white linen. Bit of
scare but found it had faulty fuse & had
not gone off).



(Chumuk attack)

Allanson tells me Surkhas got on top abt Y.

Rawson (Ind. Mtn Bally) tells me he saw red flag where x is on Aug. 9th after 5 o'clock. He saw the British leave their trenches on the apex at 7 o'clock. (Top as in abt 5 am. He saw Turk bayonets there on the flat above the Farm. Fired abt 1000 rounds into them. He took flag to be Surkhas & is under impression shells were our shells.)

Probably Rawson's flag was either NZ or British.

Fight Nov 11. N3.
~~#3~~

(Staff failure)

Nov 11 15

There has been a bad misfire on the left.
The 152 Bde (London) had a couple of
knolls ^{A. B.} in front of its line wh rather
commanded it.



White suggested
some time ago th
they ought to
take these.

On going there some time later he found
th they had taken them but that they
were dominated by a third green
knob C — wh was between A & B. It
was so clear th C. ought to be taken at once
th he spoke to 1 divisional commander
(who agreed) & wrote to let Birdwood
know what he had done. The Divl
Commander sd he'd do it, but he didn't
have 1 troop. White waits till 1 N.3.
det A. down got back & then spoke to
Godley. Godley sd: "Oh that's all right,
we'll do it tonight — It will be
done at once;" Or something to th effect.
The attempt was made — or rather
no real attempt was made. The N.3.
people went out & finding some Turks
already on 1 knob they gave up. Instead
of preparing for oppositu they did nothing
to prepare for it — It is rather like
the N.3. staff — instead of taking a
mountain of labour in order to ensure
a molehill of achievement they gave a
easy offhand assurance & didn't even

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achieve the molehill. The Turks I suppose will fortify the knoll now. As it leads straight (by a neck) to Chumuk Bair + is really an offshoot of main range it is a ~~good~~ important place to have a foothold on - but not good enough to fight (sort of attack which should probly now have to undertake to get it.

The Ts seem to have more ammunition - probly using their stocks in anticipation of more from Bulgaria. Servians are practically out of it. K. inspected Austrians + N.Z. today at Mudros.

As I was returning from 1 night today (from seeing Rawson on 1 mt. bath) the m.g. wh I noticed playing on 1 path between Arikurum Knoll + Phipps plateau nearly got me. It was clearly laid on 1 place + as I went over it 3 or 4 vicious bullets went into 1 sap side within a few yds of me. I crouched under 1 shallow sap wall + 4 or 5 more shots whizzed overhead - it is quite likely one of those might have had me, if not more. I warned White of the place. An Indian mule driver was hit there last night.

I have been in two minds as to

T. Amman.

Snipers
(? from Nest)

Censor (South d.)

whether to re-write the Southland
 business & try & get it through / naval censor
 In 1 end I didn't because it maybe
 the 1 reason they don't want it
 divulged is in order not to let
 Turks be sure that they didn't sink
 ship. If they knew that some of our transports
 got off they might give orders to see that
 this never happened again. That may
 be the Admiralty view. I think it is of
 doubtful use & the Turks know well
 enough that Southland reached Mudros.
 But for that reason, I am not appealing
 to them again.

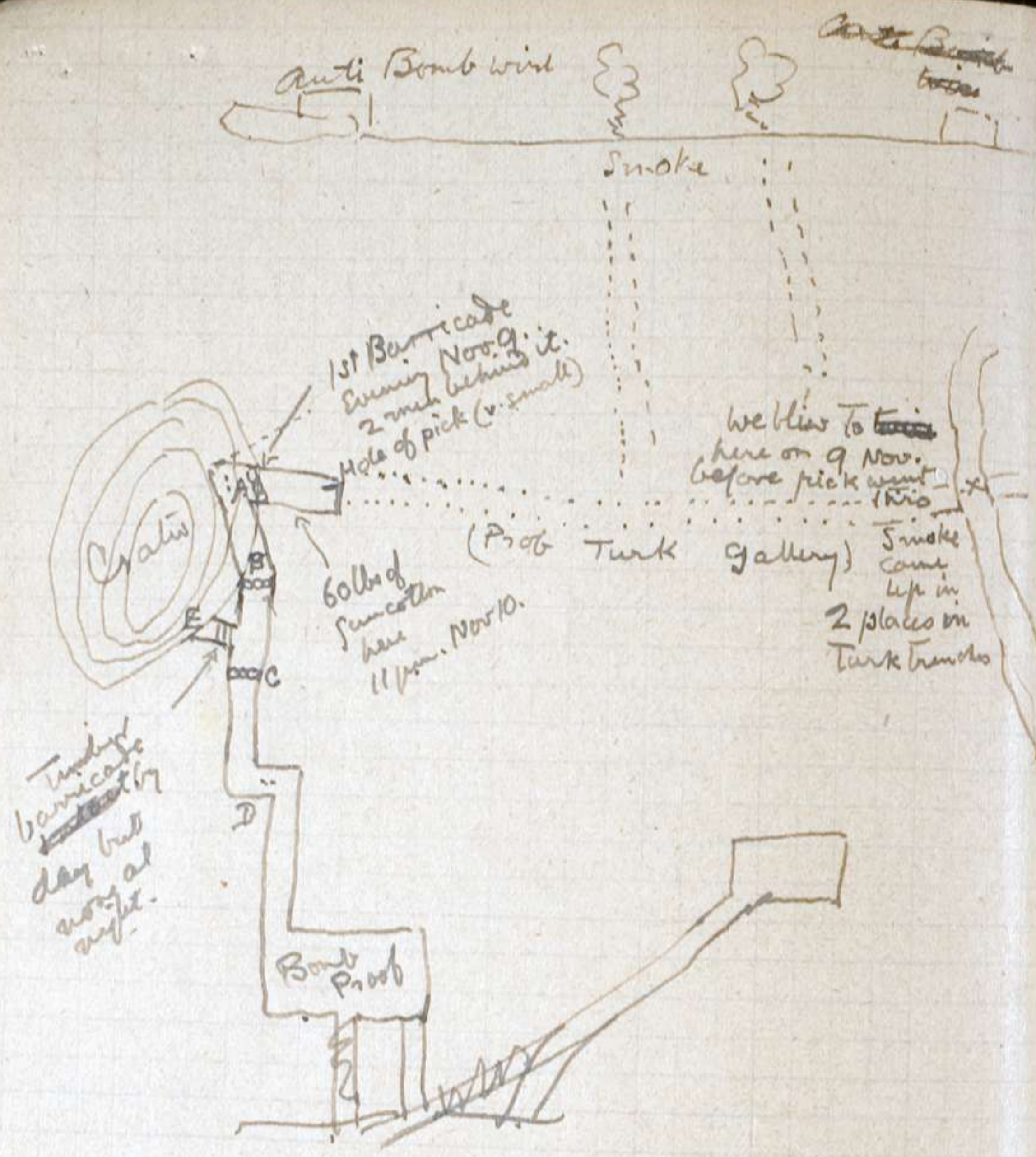
I quite agree that no information
 should go out which can be of military
 value to the enemy. But if ~~this is so~~
 British censorship doesn't even make
 a beginning of ensuring this. In the
 Brit. Australasian for example of
 Oct. 7 there is an article saying that
 Beachy Bill is 1 terror of Anzac
 & has accounted for at least 1000
 casualties; & makes bathing next
 to impossible on 1 beach. That is
 information of direct use to 1 Turks
 — when a ^{dead} officers diary gave similar
 information ^{at Helle} we published 1 fact in
 orders. Yet 1 British organization
 is too hopelessly weak kneed even to

Censorship
 (Beachy)

protest - I don't suppose a Censor
ever reads 1 article. The B.A. people
aren't to blame - I don't suppose they
realise th they are giving useful
informatn - It is 1 ~~the~~ wretched
weak kneed English govt wh cannot
face any situation squarely. Every
military article shd be submitted to
a censor before it goes in so th at
least 1 paper has expert advice.
If they wd give more attention to censoring
facts wh assist 1 enemy & less to
censoring facts wh may show 1 public
what blunders they have made (or at
any rate what danger 1 country is in)
they wd be taking atleast one step
towards winning 1 war.

An extraordinary ~~occurrence~~
event took place on Nov. 10 in 1
tunnels at Walker's Top. We have
a very advanced tunnel there -
past the old crater (wh opens out to 1
tunnel via barricades now w wood
bec. 1 Turks bombed there a st deal)
The other day (Nov. 9.) our men working
there put a pick thro into a Turk
gallery below. [This was our 5th] ~~at~~
[1] } This ~~is~~ was incl. reported.
a pair of sentries were put on 1 tunnel

Mines
(Turks in our
tunnel, Nov 11)



condemned?

The lettering in [This does not correspond with that in the text - wh was evidently written by me to another map. Holmes took me up to this place & also beyond the advanced post in Monash Gully (Hinton's)].

Some days ~~we~~ afterward we settled this mess by blowing a 500 lb. charge in our low level beneath it.

A working party withdrawn at abt 3 pm. The Bde was along at 5 pm & saw I place himself (Holmes is a ^{rebelly} ~~good~~ man in this way). There was a new fur in there, the 26th - the 28th had been helping them learn 1 trench for a couple of days; but to night the 28th was to take over full responsibility - only Serjt Brennan was left w/ a party of bombthrowers from the 20th. The Col. of 26th told Holmes he ^{had} accept full responsibility now - also most definitely. The place was therefore left to them.

They put in 2 sentries - but somehow or another 1 sentry, betw 5 pm & 9 pm came back down 1 tunnel a long distance. There were to be frequent reliefs (in case of an explosion by 1 Turk). They had a barricade in front of them so they were safe, presumably, from bombs. ~~B~~ or were recalled.

But they retired. And sometime after a Turk was found in 1 tunnel. There was constant firing & flashes. Turk was at B & sentries at D, both firing. T. must have been a brave man. An officer who put his head round 1 corner had his scalp touched by a bullet. The Col. was called but no message sent to Bde - & at 1 am. it seems to have been

later: A few more details of this attack show it a little different.

When 1 Engineer (5 Co) dug through they reported it to Lt. Small & he went in. ~~Two~~ Two sentries were posted (A) with sandbags, mullock cover almost to eyes - & they reported that a light had come along to investigate hole. Small came along - no light there then. After he went away a second light was reported. He thought he saw 1 flicker of it. He sat in corner at B. Enemy began shooting w revolver thro hole at C into wall AC. Small graded mullock down so that a bomb if thrown by us ought to roll down into hole. (The passage was clearly ^{part of} their "Envelope".) Later on the guard had retired to E. Why, he does not know, unless they were scared. He came upon 1 report that Turks were in 1 tunnel - had got our tunnel! ~~He put~~ There was a loud firing going on. He put his head round 1 corner F and was at once hit by a something on 1 head (I saw 1 scar) & on 1 chest - possibly a piece of debris from a bomb thrown in at 1 Barricade at D, which was open - as being night. Lots of firing was going on. They had not yet built 1 barricade at F. This was built later & shoved forward by stages - The Ts were still in 1 tunnel when 1 barricade was moved past D. By next morning when 1 firing had ceased the hole at C was still only 5 inches across - bugged up by the Turks this time (instead of by us w a loose bag as before). There were marks of firing on 1 wall AC & at 1 end at A, & many numbers of shots in the stretch FX all from our side; none on 1 wall Z or on 1 Turkish side of tunnel timber - an almost absolute proof that 1 Turks were all time firing through the hole at C - first with a revolver - afterwards with a rifle for the click of 1 bolt was heard.

decided that nothing more could be done till morning. A barricade had to be put up at C. ~~There~~ At 3 am. a message came down to 1 Bde - & Wisdom (Bde Maj.) went up at once. He found no officer there at all. He had to turn 1 Colonel out of bed (w a Turk in his most important saps & this his first responsible night there!) The barricade was behind 1 light (which came in at E) - & 1 light would make advance impossible; they were waiting for it! Wisdom told them that 1 ^{barricade} sap must be moved up at once to B. They did this by throwing 1 bag forward - & the barricade was rebuilt at B. Then Wisdom left them.

Gen Holmes rang up in 1 morning to know if things were all right again & 1 matter thoroughly cleared up. The answer was definite - that everything was now all right again. So Holmes went to 2nd D.H.Q. Later he went up to 1 spot & found, instead of things being alright, that 1 ~~that~~ barricade was still at B & 1 rest of sap still abandoned. He gave ind. orders that 1 sap must be won back by moving 1 bag forward. They found that there were heaps of mullock scraped up against 1 back of 1 bag - possibly 1 Turks' barricade. By 1 afternoon 1 sap was all ours & 1 Turks were out of it. They

Mines (Quinn)
(300 lbs)

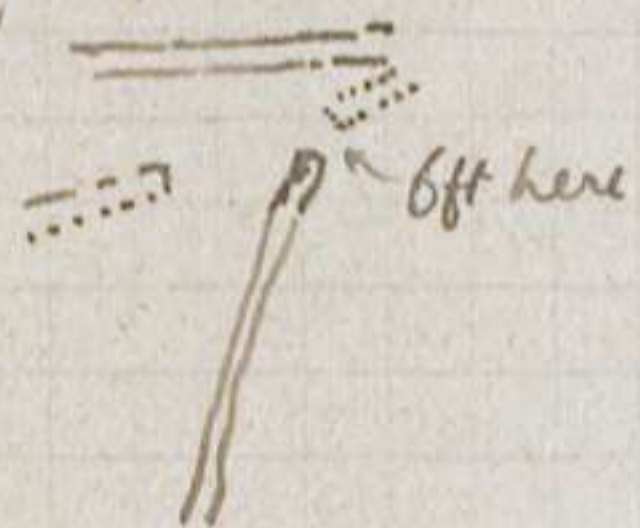
Salonica

disaster at Anzac

Nov 21

had not blown us for some reason - possibly bec. they were scared after our previous days blow. We put in 60 lbs of gun cotton at 11 pm yest & must have blown out the Turks.

One of our deep mines under / bombproof at Quinn is, unfortunately, being approached by two Turk mines



& they can be heard tapping. One is within 6 ft & will probly break in. This is a

pity as 1 mine wd have been useful. 300 lbs ^{gun cotton} are to be put in, however, & it is to go up at once.

Where is that Russian force - that is a really interesting matter for us now. Four Russian naval officers were down here two months ago looking round. Are they too trying a landing, at Varna? Or will they push thro' Roumania?

The French have 4 divisions in Salonica & we 3(?) ^{or 2(?)} we are sd to be sending 8. Some are withdrawn from France.

Turks sd to have 5 divisions in Bulgaria.

Howse tells me we may be sending 20 divisions (?) He wishes we were there. So do I but shd not like to leave Tommies to any

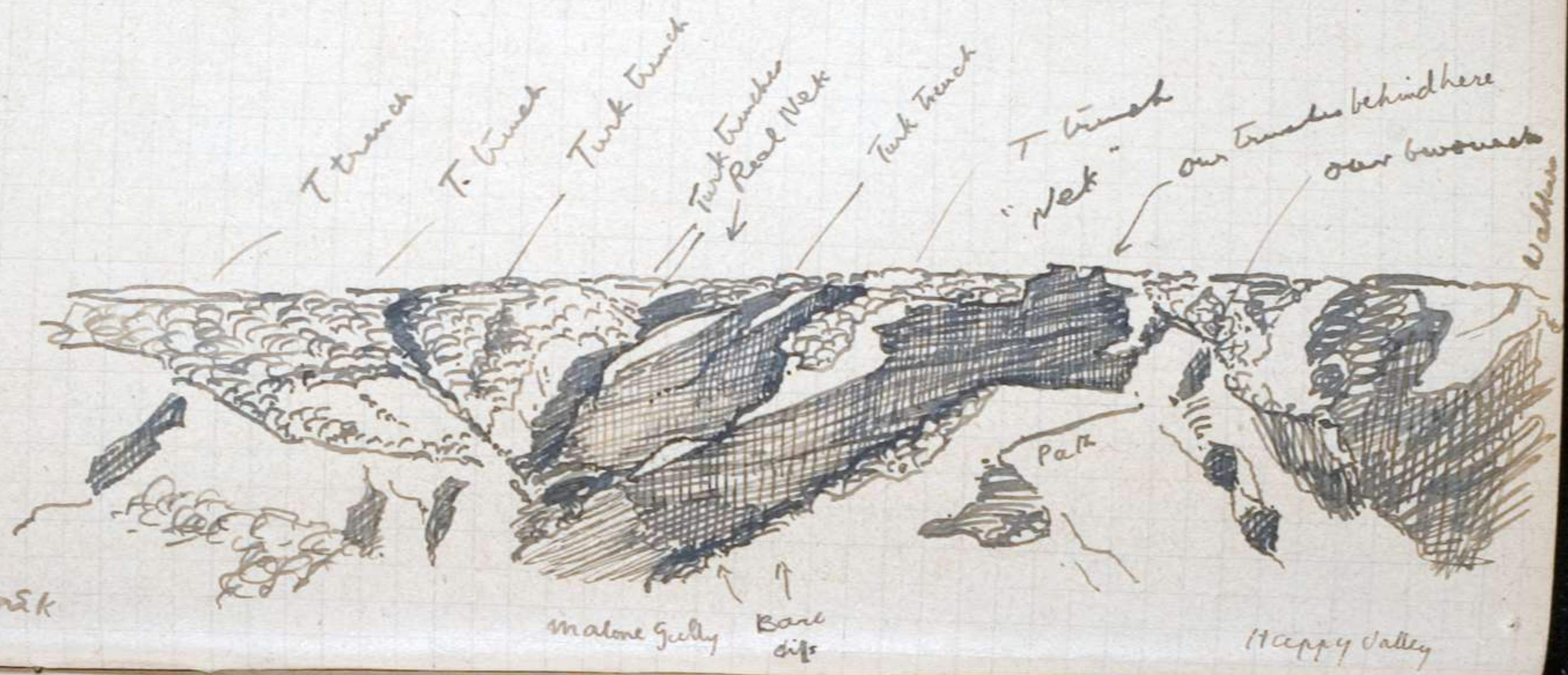
shops in Suva.

Ritz

Tank

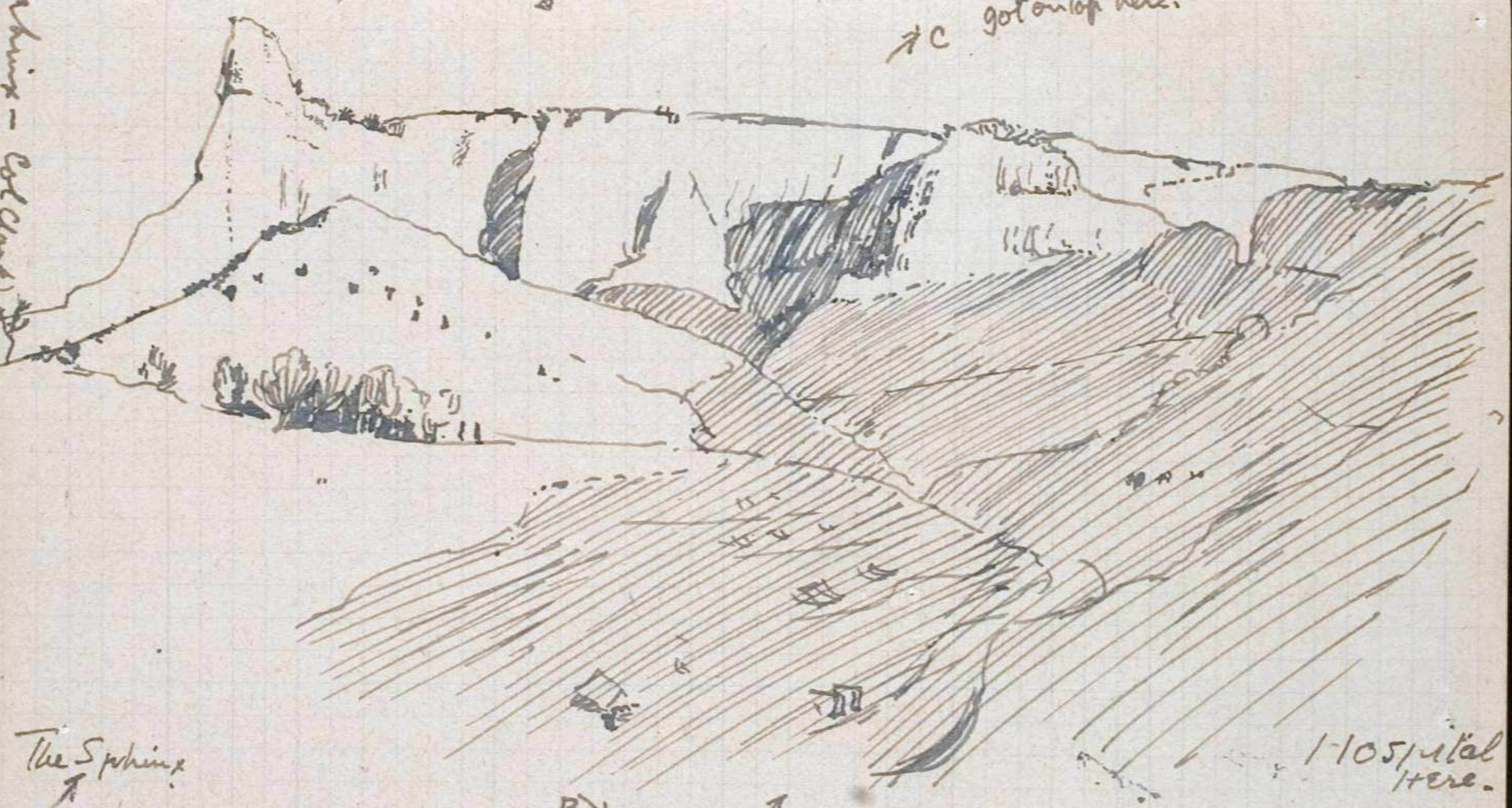
Suva

Sketches.
(Suva) ~~Net~~
(Net)



(Sphinx - Col Clarke)

C got on top here.



The Sphinx

Hospital here.

A Col Clarke + 12 Bn went first up A then down B into valley then up C (as far as I know)

Turk. - 4th / 11
Graves on foothills.
K.
French Guns.
The Real Position.
Anzac.

Youth (Brigadier)
(Lucas)

Deeds (K.O.S.B.)

Nov. 12. 23

~~General's finances - was as a luxury - Piling up debt to
self increasing W - need not pay - wd make~~

~~Commander Sp. Gen. - 471~~

~~Subm. 606. V L 9 / 1 496 32 boats 6rd Gen.
feeling not all well - one came up or more on 2 1/2 1 1/2 1 1/2
Labour Pn. 2 of C. 2 1/2 1 1/2 1 1/2~~

~~K.~~

~~Gen. Dinn & Naval Lt. got his own boat @ 1/40 2x
Foot & Arragon - Transit. etc.~~

~~K. looking well - Push up hill. Not breathless
great wd cap. "My (K.O.S.B.)"~~

~~Am. - Spontaneous by 1 1/2 1 1/2 1 1/2
Nuts - Turkey
Houses & Sea~~

Nov 12th.

While waiting for 1 trawler at Imbros 1 other
day I noticed a young staff officer w
magnificent broad shoulders & fine open
face - with a general's crossed swords on
his shoulders. He was going to Helles - & I
wd told he wd Brig Gen Lucas commanding
the 8th Bde (29th Divn). He cant have
be more than 40 if that - possibly 35 -
and he is exactly 1 stamp of man for a brigadier.

He told another officer of ^{an adventure} ~~a case~~ (in his
Bde) ^{it occurred} ~~two~~ days before of a man in a
Scottish Regt (K.O.S.Bs or Border Regt?) who
had his wife & 2 children sunk in 1
Lucitania. He jumped out of trenches
in 1 early morning & walked across to 1
Turkish trench & got in on top of the
T.s. all having their breakfast or otherwise
engaged. They were too slow to shoot him;

Red

Mine (Nov 13)
(Russell)

Nov 12
He shot three; one came at him from behind & he bayoneted him. He then seems to have decided that he ~~was~~ ^{was} not meant to die & so began to get out. In doing so he had a rough & tumble w two more Ts. & killed them, & somehow despatched a third. He ^{was} then ^{getting} out of a trench. He walked to his own trench - the Turks firing wildly at him & exposing themselves so that four more are ~~to~~ ^{to} have been shot by the Scotemen who were covering his retreat for all they were worth. He ~~was~~ then run in. They can't well punish him, but I don't think he'll get a V.C., because soldiers are ~~not~~ ^{not} in order in getting out of trenches and ~~attacking~~ ^{attacking} Turks unless they are told to do so.

Nov. 13th. On Russell's Top (or Walker's Top - same thing) we blew in H.I (i.e. H.1) last night where we blew 1 other day, & shall probably blow H.4 tonight. We are into the Turkish envelope & the engineers say that if 1 officer of the new battalion up there (26th) had been a least bit enterprising we should have had the Turkish envelope - this part of it - captured. The officers of the 20^a who were there did what they could themselves, without men, to get our sandbag barricades up. But no officer of the 26th seems to have been present altho' this is in their territory. I haven't heard

Censor.

Hosp. - s
(Scandals)

Nov 13
The 26th's version. Its a news bn has
bn doing fatigue on beach all time. (25)

The Sydney Sun - so Lowrie tells me -
published a map by some chap in
Heliopolis, giving the Australian position
at Anzac, with place names. The objection
to the publication of details of the
periscope rifle doesn't seem very strong
(tho' we understood it was to be kept
a secret); for Birdwood wrote a letter
to Munro Ferguson describing it, &
Ferguson let it be published in 1 Australian
papers.

Lowrie is over here w. No 1 Australian
Stationary Hosp. wh came over last week.
He tells me th the misfortunes of No 3 Gen.
Hospital were by no means peculiar to it,
& he doesn't think they were caused so
very badly after all. All hospitals were
trying to get 1 same sort of equipment at
1 same time; but No 3 had a rather
unenterprising quartermaster who (so
Lowrie says) didn't get their stuff for them
quickly eno' in 1 old country, & did
not push eno' for ^{gear} in Lemnos when
they arrived without their own. Fiaschi
had an idea th 1 officers & nurses o 1 hospital
expected too much in war time - so he
had Sir A. MacCormick sleeping on 1 bare
ground (marched him up in line, too, so
they say) & 1 nurses without furniture in
their tents the first night or two. The
Arragon people were not altogether
responsible, Lowrie says. Some Australian
addressed 1 hospital as Sir A. M.C. -
No 3 Australian Genl. Fiascho, mud, chaos, Lemnos,
Chaos.

Navy.
Submarines

One of the L destroyers ran aground
(other day at Suva. (they have 3-
4in guns)

Nov 13
Col. Fracchi & a couple of other officers brought ⁽²⁶⁾
their wives over w them - ~~but~~ as nurses, but
1 wives were sent back. This is partly gossip,
but the grain in it is that there are
two sides to the hospital question & possibly
even to the Arragon.

The stationary Capt. entertained
Holbrook & Boyle, Ross Wemyss & others.
Louise tells me that either Holb. or Boyle
told him that 1 worst time he had was when
on rising to surface he found there was
a mine on 1 bows of his submarine.
He sank to get rid of it but cdnt. Sank
again & came up - still there. Sank again
- still there. Finally he had to come right
up & push the thing off.

They say we have lost all 5 boats in
there. They still go, tho we have heard
nothing of them for a long time. The last
one returned 1 other day after 49
days in wh she sank 32 small ships
- the 1s carry all their amm^o in
small ships now - sailing boats mostly. The
Submarine they have ^{one} small ~~one~~ 6in guns
& they now sail crammed up to skin w
food and ammunition - crammed
ready to bust, as Australians say. They
used to chase schooners when they had
only one rifle aboard & 1 schooner cd
almost have defied them w a shot gun.
But they bombard troops & arsenals
now w their squirts little solitary & squirt

Navy (cont)

pron. Kaieek

Nov 13

The Turks patrol more than ever they did, but our chaps have ceased to trouble all their patrols. We simply lead them a dance now.

one chap had to sink 60ft below 1 dept for wh his boat was built, 1 other day, in order to get under 1 net. He sank & sank & found it still in front of his nose.

They called for volunteers for submarine service from among 1 midshipman on 1 station 1 other day - & every midshipman volunteered!

That is 1 sort of enterprise in wh 1 Navy is paid. Where it fails is in staff work. Exc. for a short period spent by a few men on 1 staff at 1 army they have no business training at all. This is a hopeless fault wh they will have to remedy. The transport arrangements (except those ^{big} efforts, such as our original landing, wh are carried out w 1 whole cooperation of 1 army) are hopelessly unsystematic. The ~~the~~ 1st Austral. Divn when resting at Mudros sometimes could not get its mail delivered across 1 harbour for 5 or 6 days because 1 Navy could not spare it a boat. The divn. took matters in its own hands & chartered its own "caique" for £40 a month to go wherever & do whatever it wanted. (Sometimes those mails in Mudros were delivered after 1 mails in Gallipoli). The fault is not altogether that of 1 Navy - 1 Navy has only a limited number of pleasure boats. Why was not this all thought out - ~~the~~ Britain we clearly likely to undertake

G. H. Q.
Col. Foote "sees red"
"Funs Amok"

Nov 13 (28)

a big naval landing expedition — why was not a necessary small fry thought of & provided for; & a right type of landing boats — they might have saved ~~thousands~~ hundreds of lives — & a necessary water barges, condensers, water pumps etc. & a medical transport system. If it was people who didn't ask for a money, or people who refused it when asked for — put a responsibility back on a right shoulder.

Col. Foote a day going back, worn out, with wounded & worn out soldiers found himself in command of ~~the~~ troops on a ship. He was feeling done up; & from first to last he met obstruction. So he just laid round him. To begin with, at Mundros the Arragon people wanted him to land his troops into a camp to wait about six days for a ship & to march them about six miles here: "Oh no I won't," he said,

"Then when they were being disembarked onto a lighter he called a ship's officer. "Put down a mat over the wet iron deck" he said — "I'm not going to have these men breaking their legs." The officer looked at him "But—" he began. "Put down a mat on the deck." "But..." "Damn it, put down a mat I tell you" — & a man died. They got to Alex & had to be loaded off onto a pier.

GHQ
Footle (Cont)

Nov 13
The pier was crowded w natives coaling (29)
"Are 1 mens kits up" - Col asked.
"No - we dont get them up" sd 1 officer.
"Oh yes you do," sd 1 Col. "I'm not
going to have these men hauling up their
kits." He got his way & 1 kits
were slacked on 1 wharf. "Now then,
clear those niggers off 1 pier!" "But
we're coaling" sd 1 officer. "Well
you've to stop coaling - I think I'm going
to have ~~some~~ men pushing in & out
amongst the crowd! Clear 1 wharf!"
So 1 wharf was cleared. "Close 1
hatch!" sd 1 Col. "But..." "Close
the hatch!" thundered Footle. The hatch
was closed. He went onto 1 wharf.
"Now then where is 1 transport for
1 kit?" he asked when he got there.
"The men carry their kit bags"
was 1 answer.
"Oh no they dont!" sd 1 Col.
"If no transport has been provided, it
has got to be provided now - send for it."
The transport was obtained.
"Now - is there any transport for 1
men?"
"No Sir they have to march.
How far is it?"
"Some miles. But would you go in
this motor car?"

G.H.Q
& Foots
(cont)

Nov 13

Motors be damned - if 1 man have ⁽³⁰⁾
to walk its good end, for me to
walk too.

So he did - with his old lame
leg & half dead w diarrhoea.

On 1 way a motor lorry
passed w a driver & an officer
seated on it. It came sweeping
past 1 column very quick
~~not~~ pushing 1 column out of its way.

"Stop!" shouted 1 Colonel
It stopped.

"Pull up at 1 side of 1 road while
this column passes."

"But..." began 1 officer.

"Say Sir when you speak to me
& take the cigarette out of your
mouth."

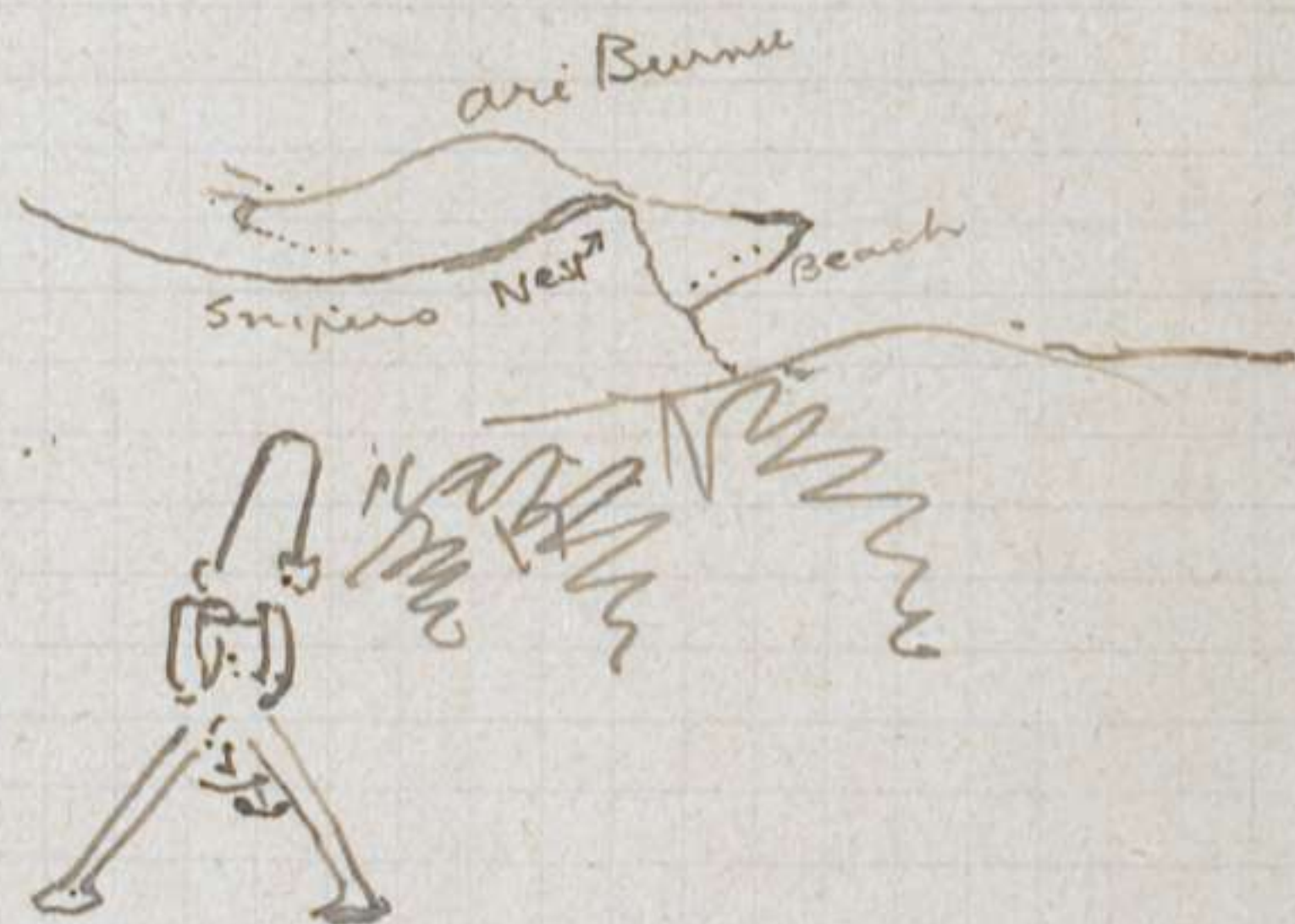
"Yes Sir But..."

"Pull up at 1 side of 1 road &
stop there!" roared 1 Col. "And when
this column has gone 200 yds past
you, if I forget to tell you to go on
again, you may move on -"

And so he went on. "I
couldn't have stopped him"; he sd
afterwards, "only he came along so
fast & he rolled clouds of dust all
over our men."

Labour Bn.

Snipers



Nov 13

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A labour battalion - 500 of old George's old navvies, dock labourers & I like, has been landed here. They enlisted for work on lines of comm. I saw a number of elderly A.S.C. men on 1 beach 1 other day & wondered who they were - must be some lot of reservists, I thought; they all look so old. It turns out that they were enlisted to do fatigue work from amongst working men of over military age; none under 40 & some well over 60. But they are fine strong chaps, no mistake. Not statues, like our Australians, w perfect shaped athletic limbs - but brawny old knotted oaks & pollarded willows.

The Base people camped them straight away on 1 N. side of Ari Burna knoll where that machine gun snipes at night (I hate passing 1 place now - White thinks it is one of old Antill's guns at Table Top or Rhoda - where I was 1 other day. I asked Antill at 1 time if he were careful of this & he said he was, & so did 1 man - but I shot 1 time it looked very risky to me; it may be our own gun therefore, tho

K of K.

Nov 12 (32)

I'm doubtful bec. it seems to play so accurately. ~~the~~ The very first day two of the ~~two~~ navy bn. were killed outright - wh. was a bit of a shock, considering their work was to be on L. of C.

~~Memoranda~~
~~at Walker's Top~~ Yesterday morning White gave me 1 tip (knows he's perfectly safe in doing so - I won't breathe it to anyone) the kitcheners was probly landing here that day. It was put off till today. Today I ~~went up~~ ^{went up} Shrapnel Gully when I saw a few brigadiers gathering ~~at Walker's Top~~ ^{at Walker's Top} found that ~~at~~ ^{at} ~~Walker's Top~~ ^{Walker's Top} was ~~stamped~~ ^{stamped} for to be ~~at~~ ^{at} from all quarters, coming up the valley with their best red serge patches, & 1 little gold curly leaf, & their belts on! Belts at angac. There was a mtg at 11 Holmes told me. ~~Did I think~~ - to be at Walker's Top. Did I think the Monro was coming? [I have an idea he guessed who it really was.] I went round to 1 beach again & found the ~~army~~ ^{corps} staff gathering at their new H.Q. (They have just entered it & I have asked to be attached as we are using our H.Q. on the old terrace). Went down to

KofK
(cont)

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1 beach where we found the
~~lot~~ of men working as usual - no idea
of anything out o' ordinary.

The Turks seemed to be registering
1 length of their fuses (an ounce, I
suppose) o' shelling we must
expect before long. Dirty yellow
clouds burst occasionally in 1 air.

Three burst over 1 hill top above
us, one of wh splattered shrapnel
pellets all round & hit another o'
poor old navvies when he was
sitting on 1 latrine. We got under
cover for a few minutes.

K. didn't arrive till 1
afternoon - we got word presently th
it wd be 1.15. At abt 1.30 a
destroyer arrived (from Helles I think)
& off he came, w a fairly large
staff of about ten, including a
Frenchman - a little Birdwood,
in a grey woollen jacket, by his side.
The tall man walked up 1 pier (w the
brilliant red band on his staff cap
towering over everyone else) and
shook hands w Godley, White, Howse,
& others. He had scarcely reached 1
end o' 1 pier when 1 man tumbled to
it - & down they came to 1 edge o' 1
beach & onto 1 beach itself. Men

K of K
(Cont)

(The Australian)

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began to run from 1 dugouts above, hopping ³⁴ over 1 intermediate scrub & 1 holes and heaps of relics of old dug outs - Some one or 1 man on 1 beach called for a cheer, and 1 sound of 1 cheering brought ~~1 whole of 1 population at~~ brought every Australian on 1 hillside out of his burrow & scuttling down like rabbits. The tall ~~red~~ red cap was rapidly closed in amongst them - but they kept a path & as the red cheeks turned & spoke to one man & another they cheered him - they, the soldiers - no officers leading off or anything of the sort. It was a purely soldiers' welcome. He sd to them "The King asked me to tell you how splendidly he thinks you have done - You have done splendidly - better ^{even} than I thought you would!"

The men wd not have cheered many men - they wd never have cheered Ian Hamilton like that, for all his kindness & gentle manners. K. is 1 sort of man every Australian admires - not a polished man but a determined one ~~and~~ an uncompromising worker. These men honestly admire him far more than 1 British do; the British really admire

Ko/K.
(Cont)

Nov 13 (35)
a man who has more display abt him,
but these men honestly & quite sincerely
like & absence of display - they have
thought it all out for themselves, & when
he comes along nothing will prevent
them from each paying their honest
tribute of adm. K. recd a
welcome of wh I doubt whether he
knows & value. There are not many
men to Australians wd honour in
the way.

He pushed straight on up Walkers
Ridge, to Sir John Maxwell, & Gen. ~~White~~,
Birdwood, Owen, White, Col House &
so on. I cd see 1 party climbing the
awfully steep path, 1 little grey
uniform always beside 1 tall red
hat band - & I wd astonished to see th
they didnt stop for a breath. Poor
old Maxwell, I believe, wd blowing
like a pumpus & several of
Anzac people were a bit puffed.
But within ten minutes the little
figures could be seen right away
up on top of bare cliff - The
Brigadiers of 1st Divn and Lijes
Divn were there to meet him - he
spoke to them at once without
stopping for breath - "Oh yes. I
met you in Australia, didnt I?"
So on. He really wd in wonderful

Ko/K
Wout

Nov 13 ~~Cont~~ (36)
good condition wh gives I lie to I
talk about his self indulgence.
After a long sea voyage a self
indulgent liver could not have climbed
the hill at all without danger of
actual heart failure. Old Nevins on
is pretty hard & he had to stop half
a dozen times when we climbed it
in July.

The men noticed that he seemed older
than his pictures - of course a
man always does. And his red
cheeks - brilliant red & full, though
his girth is spare - brought one or
two comments. "Looks as if 'e did
himself well, doesn't he?" I heard
one say. "Don't blame him if
he did" was I answer. "No nor
I either" - So on. "He lives
amongst the beer, 'don't 'e?" said
one man - but of course K.
like the King & most British leading men
has not touched beer wine or spirits since
the beginning of war. There was a good deal
of talk when he was in Australia (as there
was when King George was there) - gossip of
sort that always goes about - to the effect that
he was a heavy self-indulgent drinker.
Well - we know the fact that K, when he was a
young man was more schooled to privation

K of K
(Cont)

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- in 'desert, on lonely expeditions ~~to~~ (3)
~~to~~ in disguise thro' 1 Mahdis
country when it was death to be found
there, during years of survey work in
1 back of Palestine, schooled himself to
privation such as not one ~~Englishman~~
Australian in one hundred - or one
Englishman in ten thousand - has
been game to face. ~~and it is~~
~~his~~ If any man preserved
his complexion thro' 1 hot sand storms
of the desert & 1 wear of those years,
~~it~~ it wd be sufficient evidence to
say he had never gone thro' them -
it is all a myth. That is quite
a sufficient explanation of K's complexion.

He looked at 1 position from 1
observatory str. up there - saw Lone
Pine, & showed a quick grasp of
details of country. He went thro' 1
trenches (held by 1 new Bde, the 7th
- where unfortunately every man he spoke
to had only been here a few weeks),
~~then~~ went thro' 1 firing line to Bully
Beef Sap, wh is not by any means
a safe place. His tall red cap
going along awkward corners of 1 trench
was dangerously obvious & our staff

KMK

(The Australian)

had its heart in its mouth — ^{indeed} they didn't
breathe freely till they got k. off beach
& away from 1 crowd there wh might
possibly have brought a Turkish
shell if seen from Snipers Ridge.
Birdwood & White were almost too
nervous to speak, I am told — they
were worrying abt this all 1 time.
The ~~men~~ ^{men in} 1 trenches — not more
than 20 yds away from 1 Ts. in some
places cd scarcely be restrained from
cheering. He went down Rest gully to
2nd Divn. & there saw the Y.W.C.A. canteen.
— a splendid ^{Sydney} concern wh apts st
difficulties does manage to do something
for 1 men here & at Imbros.
"Hallo - Y.W.C.A!" he sd. Then
turning to a man: "What can you
get in there?" he asked.
"Nuts," sd man promptly.
"Oh yes - but I mean, generally
- what have they got in there?"
"Nothing," sd 1 man. I thank
godness these Australians
generally keep their heads. She need
of a canteen was one of things we

KOK (cont)

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wanted impressed on him. [The 39]
1st Divn is now arranging for its
own canteen from a certain "Maimar-
-aki" a Greek.]

Howse tackled him on three things
- canteen; potatoes; & need for
a few further honours to 1 men & 1
A.D.M.C. "I mean with Beeston
C.M.G., & Beck the same / thing
becomes a farce," ^{Howse} "God," "if you
dont give some of these ^{to me} young chaps
like Tebbutt & Aspinall something.
Brennan & Thompson ought to
have a military cross (I'm blest
if I know why my old brother Jack
oughtn't to if they do - for he did
quite as brave work & in a perfect
manner, so they tell me). It means
tht I, who have done nothing, am
1 only one in this divn who gets
any recognition."

Howse told K. he'd have to ask
^{Antipia} for 100 more Dros in the spring &
100 more in June & tht he can't
be expected to get them unless
some recognition were granted.
"Humph - dont you think they'll

KAK
(out)

(Howe)

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come?" sd K.

"I do," sd Howse - "far more of them have come than 01 English doctors" - ~~they've done far more~~

"Oh" sd K.

"Yes, they've done far more," sd Howse

"Don't you think they've had enough recognition?"

"Yes," sd H. "because, of course, if you gave them all their deserts they'd all have to be decorated - you couldn't distinguish. They have all done such outstanding good work these young Australian doctors.

But I ask you to give a few recognitions amongst 1 various states as an encouragement."

K. sd nothing then. But as he was leaving he shook hands w Howse White & I rest - & said to Howse "well Howse, I think I can promise you your potatoes & your canteen. And we'll see abt ~~to~~ your men."

I don't think Howse has got his appointment in Egypt (wh wd mean General & D.M.S). Featherstone has asked him to meet him there on Friday - wh ~~possibly~~ ^{possibly} means th he wants to consult him, only. But H. has

K of K.
(Howse)

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probably made an impression on (41)
Kitchener. He's a deep old bird -
very different from White. White won't
prick himself but is so patently brilliant
& so popular that fortunately others have
recognised his ability. Howse is a
very able & I think a strong man -
but intensely ambitious & he is determined
to keep in for those who can help him.
He made it a point always to sit
by Bridges when White made it a
point sometimes to come down & sit
by us. Howse made a friend of
Birdwood - & yesterday (now the Birdwood
is away, possibly finally, & Godley in
charge here) I noticed that on the beach
H. went straight up to Godley & was in
his company all the time - altho' I
don't think Godley is a man he really
likes or whose ability he admires.
I have seen H. plan his way - not
obviously but, none the less, deliberately
- from a passenger on the Orvieta, &
unconnected with the Expedition, up to
D.D.M.S. of the Army Corps. He is
certainly aiming at D.M.S.
of the A.I.F. - & Surgeon General - & I don't
know how much higher; ~~either~~ maybe a
permanent billet in the Defence Dept.

K of K
(cont)

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or in St. Britain - or possibly just
positively for this war.

Maxwell seeing one
of our men making some stew of 'bully
beef' asked: "Aren't the fowls laying?"
The man looked up quite unabashed -
"No," he sd, "but I'd tell you what - you
might send us a turkey for Xmas."
Maxwell laughed - our men are pretty
ready for their answers.

K. left the beach at 3.30 or 3.45 -
- two hours or, at most, 2½ hrs after
landing. In the time he had seen
almost every impt. officer & taken a
good grasp of position.

Yesterday Butler, of Intelligence,
came up to me & told me that he &
Woods had been thinking that we
ought to get out an Anzac
Annual. There was some
talent in 1 Army Corps to turn out
something really first class - on
lines, say, of *Printers' Pie*. It might be
a really valuable memento in future
years.

In 1 afternoon we had a cttee
mtg - White, Butler, Woods & myself.
all also have been spoken to approve.

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Navy - (The
Arumba)
(Piers.)

Reading the
"Arumba"

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We decided to have a certain number of competitions for cover design, best story & so on - abt £24 in all; & to invite all contributors by December & have it printed in Athens. It will have to be New Year & will probably be late at that - wh cant be helped. ~~But~~

The price will probly be betw. 2/6 or 5/- ~~if~~ if we order ~~£~~ 4000 at 5/- that is £1000, so its a big affair for a small ctee - and it will probly run to 40,000 at least.

The name Angac Annual was discarded as too suggestive. It is to be the Angac Magazine.

Received Mothers' & Fathers' parcels - with open them on my birthday.

The mails will probly be irregular tho' we have done well of late. I wish they had sunk the old Arumba there (the dummy Inflexible) as Gen. Williams ^{RE} wanted them to do. He has been turned into

Navy (Piers)

Nov 13
a breakwater at Imbros. (149)
Our breakwater here (the ancient steamer Milo wh I knew to be a bkwater / moment I saw her in Imbros) is all out by herself, not longers for a good breakwater but a wonderful help never the less.

~~Outside~~. An old timber ship wh sunk by 1 Turks not far away ^{from 1 Milo} someone suggested if she were filled w stones she'd make a good breakwater, but 1 water solved 1 problem by breaking her first. Then 1 Arumba wh to be sunk outside 1 Milo & we'd have had a beautiful long bkwater. But now they've sunk her in Imbros they purpose only filling in 1 space between 1 Milo & 1 land - a paltry little piece, w a smaller ship.

Meanwhile 1 Engineers are going on driving piles in at the Anzac pier (Watsons) wh they dont intend to protect & wh will go to pieces at 1 first storm. "Its breakwaters we want - not piers," sd Gen. Leslie

Russians Expm

German Finance

Nov 13 - 14.

to me - & I must say I can't (45)
understand why they have not
had 1 sense to see th from 1
beginning. You can land goods ~~at~~
behind a breakwater without a
pier; but you cannot ~~land~~ land things
at a pier ~~without~~ without 1 break
water at any rate in winter; indeed
you can't ~~have~~ ^{make} a pier without 1
breakwater.

No news yet of the Russians. Our
peculiar interest in it of course is th
if 1 Russians get thro' 1 Turks will
get no shells to blow our beaches up
(within easy distance of this dugout those
shells); whereas if 1 Russians don't
get thro' 1 shells will - & that fate of
our Expedition is on 1 cards.

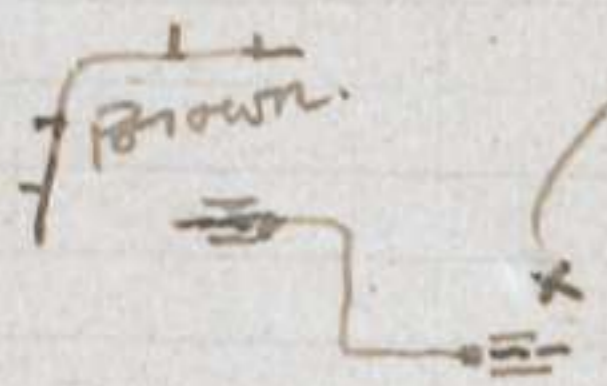
Unless - possibly - a rumour
published in War Office news is some news
of th Expedition. The News a wk ago sd:
The Turks report th a great sea battle is
taking place in 1 Black Sea. The
news gave no result, no comment.
What does it mean? Possibly nothing
in it.

Nov. 14. Sunday.

Last night Hasty in
a talk sometime about midnight
mentioned that he thought Germany

German Finances

Nov 14th. This day at 1 pm. No 1 gun of
6th Batty firing from Brown's Dip demolished
the 3rd sandbag saucer on the right & partly
demolished second saucer. They fired from
Vowles at 2 gun position. The 8th Batty &



5" Hows of 69th Bde
covered him. The place
he fired from is protected
only by a sandbag
parapet on its left & 1

gun is actually visible from almost all
round. The gun was laid direct thro' a
telescope. He could just see top of parapet
over top of Ruyris post trenches. The Bty
commander was in No 6 post C. Sq. 6 Lt. w shells
just clearing his head & directing 1 deflexion
(Stevenson). Brown then waited for the Hows. to
fire one round & then fired ~~over~~ the gun -
8 rounds of Shrap. first, for range - then HE.
The first HE-shell penetrated the workable centre;
they then fired another 10 & completely demolished the
work. The tunnel into similar work to NW
& 40 yds closer 12 or 15 rds fired at this. Then
gtly demopt. 10 rds into barricade of black
bags to left front of first work & gty damaged.

Class fire at 13 22 (16 mins) as being shelled
with HE. from wine glass & Olive G. Prob. at least
100 rounds fired at gun by these batteries - 2
severely wd 2 slightly. Fired 40 rds altogether

Lt AW Dodd ^{temp} Sersgt Capt CW. ran gun out 2 yds
when two HE shells landed in NW

Nov 14 (4)
must be worn out financially before
we are. I thought so once - but I'm
blest if I think so now. The war
has proved to Germany can practically
support herself - She can scrape along on
her own foodstuffs & what she gets from
Roumania; & I suppose she is under-
taking this expedition thro Serbia largely
in order to open up another part of
world to herself - Serbia, Asiatic Turkey,
possibly even Persia.

~~What makes~~ ^{When is} a nation bankrupt -
When does she become so? When she cannot
pay her debts. Of course if Germany
has foreign debts she must sooner or
later (probably sooner) pay them in gold
because foreign nations insist
on being paid & ~~paid~~ must be paid in
gold - they won't take your mere
promise (on paper) to pay them gold
someday (or on demand); that is what
paper money is - & foreign countries
won't take it bec. they if you can't
pay them gold now it is a sign that
you may not be able to
pay it later & they want something
wh. (world) will accept whenever
they want to trade with it - & that is
gold (or diamonds or goods etc wh.
Germany isn't exporting). Therefore
if you buy your war supplies

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Nov 14 (47)
abroad, in this war, you must pay for them in Gold; & as you are producing nothing for the world, & getting no gold from it, your gold supply will always be going out & never coming in & someday a limit will be found to it.

But neither England nor Germany is in that position. Germany is buying practically nothing from outside & therefore is not getting indebted to foreign nations (to any extent). She did want ^{raw materials} ~~things~~ from abroad at the beginning of the war bec. she could not make ammunition without them - cotton, glycerine, I suppose, copper & other things. But her chemists have set to work & found substitutes for some of those things amongst the materials which she could get from inside. and so she does not have to go abroad for them to a great extent, & ~~will~~ ^{may} go abroad for less as time goes on.

What she does is to get those things from her own people & her allies. She ~~is~~ is piling up her indebtedness to them sure. Eno! She gives them

German Finance

Nov 14 (18)
promises - to - pay; and when she wants
to get more out of them she borrows 1
promises - to - pay back from them, & pays
them back in them again; - so she
doubles 1 and wh she promises to pay
them & then borrows her promises-to-pay
& a third & fourth time & so on. She is
piling up a prodigious debt to her
own people - but she doesn't have
to pay it in gold; because if ~~they don't~~
~~trust~~ her own people don't trust
her they can do the other thing, ~~but~~ they
cant force her to pay in gold & she
can force them to accept her promises
(wh are 1 same thing as her paper).

The Germans who are all working
for the state must be piling up these
"promises"; & if 1 state can make
good its "promises", then at 1 end
o 1 war, every man ~~will~~ ^{will} have
whole sheaf of promises, & they will
all be very rich; & if 1 state can't
make good its promises, & gives
them ^{each} a big bad debt, they will
all be very poor. But in 1 mean
time 1 work, for wh 1 promises were
given, will have been done. It
will be history by then, & 1 state of the
german people after it is another
matter altogether. They will be very

Scams Finance

Nov 14 (49)
poor; but if they choose to be very poor, & think that game is worth it I have no doubt that they can go on as I was; not for a year, or 2 yrs, or three - but for ever & ever, if they like; ~~so~~ they can make it a sort of a permanent industry. If a prosperous business man chooses all of a sudden to make the building of a pyramid ~~the~~ (or ~~some~~ ^{any} other idiotic unprofitable enterprise) the serious ~~business~~ ^{occupation} of his life he can probably cut down his business hours to two ^{hours} per diem, & devote the remaining eight to ~~carrying~~ picking up stones & carrying them up onto his stone heap - he can probably go on doing so till he dies. He can't make as much money in the two hours he now devotes to business as in 1 ten hours he used to give to it. ~~But he can~~ ~~make enough~~ He can't live in his big house, or keep a motor car or even have three meat meals a day; but he can live in a cottage on rye bread & cheese - at worst he can make enough

German Finance

Nov. 14
in those two hours to pig along (50)
Somehow, & pursue his expensive
luxury in 1 remaining eight. If a
Yorkshire ^{town} village decided to ~~not~~
devote itself to ~~production of~~
~~best cricket team~~ beating all other
villages in 1 world at cricket;
& to that end ~~it~~ resolved that
four fifths of its ^{adult} male inhabitants
should play cricket all 1 time,
I have no doubt that the remaining
fifth of the men, with the young
boys & 1 women to help them, could
manage to raise enough food, &
~~can~~ money too, to keep the
cricketers alive although they
practised cricket for 12 hours in
every 24. ~~But~~ They wd all be
very poor - they wd have to
crowd their houses & cut down
their ~~best~~ meals ~~to~~ 1
very roughest & cut out their
beer altogether - but they cd do
it & go on doing it for ever & ever
& ever if they liked.

And so, I think, Germany
can go on making war. She is
only piling up debts to her own

German Finance

Nov 14 (51)

people - trusting perhaps to an indemnity to repay them; & when they find out that she is unlikely even to repay them they may be discontented about it & grow tired of war or they may not. That all depends on what they think they are fighting for & how poorly they are prepared to live in order to get it. It may mean ~~an~~ an increasing prospect of wretched poverty. ~~for on the~~
~~But if I make~~ ~~it may~~
~~to~~ ~~be~~ ~~the~~ & it may bring the stupidity of war home to them when there is no prospect of indemnity or further success. But it will not of itself force them to end the war.

The British Empire could certainly raise all the necessities of war within itself also - & if it comes to a point ~~at~~ our gold supply disappeared & we were sufficiently strong of will we ~~should~~ ~~we~~ always take.

German Financier

Nov 14 (52)
/ same course as Germany. Up to
/ present we are pursuing a
different policy altogether. We are
buying our supplies largely from
outside; but we are also
still exporting some of our peaceful
manufactures in return for
those supplies, ~~or for gold to pay for those supplies~~
(or for gold to pay for those supplies)
& not merely gold. Instead of
~~not~~ organising our own
people into two classes - those
who ~~manufacture~~ fight and those who
manufacture supplies for
fighters (as Germany does),
we leave our people in three
classes: those who fight;
those who manufacture goods
for fighters; those who manufacture
goods ^{to pay the} people in foreign
countries who manufacture
goods for our fighters. The
two systems ~~are really~~ may perhaps
balance one another - except
in this respect. If you keep your
wartrade within your own country you
can organise it as you please; you
can - if it comes to that - force your

German Finance

Nov 14 (53)

people to accept a poverty wh you
cannot force on a foreign people -
On the other hand our own system ^{might} have
this ~~advan~~ possible advantage
financially - th though less effective
during 1 war it ^{may} enable us to acquire
German trade wh we ~~shall keep~~
shd be able to keep after 1 war.

~~But neither system will~~

But a cither system if
organised as it can be organised,
1 war can be kept going as long
as there are men to fight it.
The only question is what degree of
poverty is 1 nation prepared to
put up with in order to win the
war. If it is prepared to accept
~~that~~ a certain ^{high} degree of
poverty I have no doubt th it
can go on making war for ever.
In other ~~case~~ ^{words} 1 end of 1 war ~~not~~ might
come by shortage of men &
~~certainly~~ not by shortage of money.

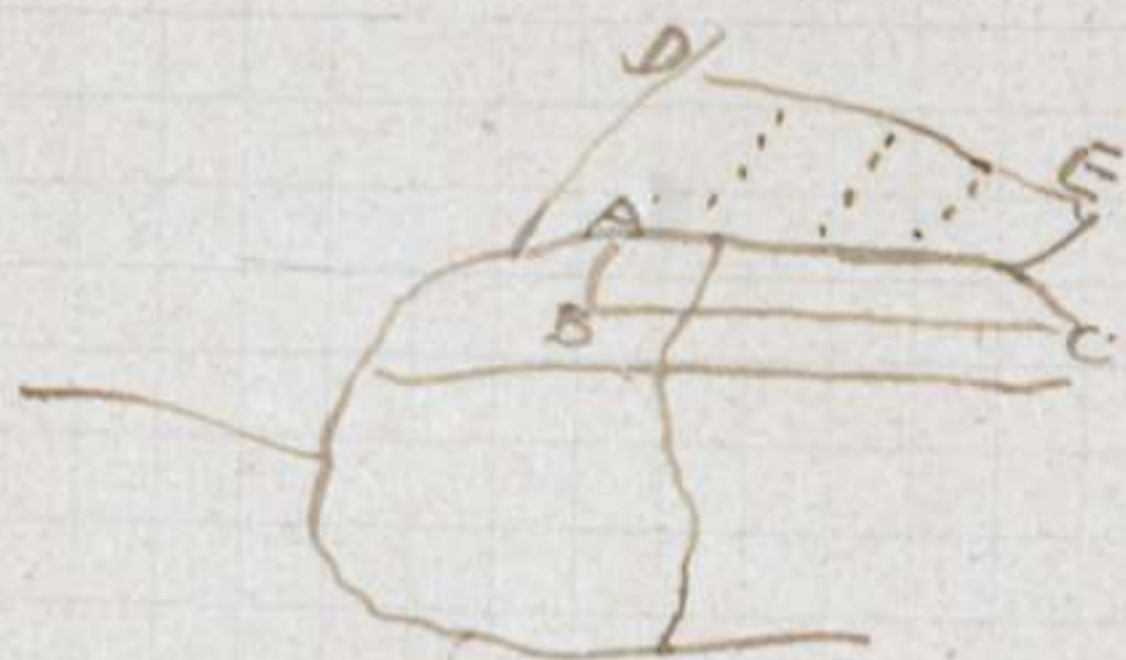
Nov 15. 16.

Nov 15. These have been (54) circulated a set of captured German orders giving their precautions for ^{meeting} gas attack - constant inspection of masks; putting them on frequently; practising firing w them; arranging for fires to be always dry & ready for lighting in front of trenches. I wonder how much of this we shall practice. One successful gas attack is enough in this place.

Nov. 16. Yesterday afternoon, at 5 p.m., we blew up Turkish front trench on Hill 60. The explosion was enormous & all the left of Anzac congratulated to see it (it had been spoken of for days) & we shells in subsequent. The Turks fell back into 1 water & we poured a very

At Anzac Sunset.

Dig by Welsh Yeomanry.
Inglewood was told it wd
have to be trench D E to be
taken, or a mine show simply.
He sd - well blow up 1 mine
& be as enterprising as possible
aftwds - wh meant nothing.



(ABC is a new trench).

They blew up D E but did
nothing else - didnt occupy
sapheads or anything. As a
matter of fact these troops are
no good.

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heavy bombardment in on them. We
werent all out to attack. These Welsh
~~miners~~ Fusiliers or Pioneers or whatever
it is who have been digging this trench
have done wonderful work, I'm told.
They say the place was a perfect
mine catacomb - but I had
got close to us as their galleries &
we cd hear them - & it had to
go up.

Monitors bombarded back of Achabebe
& Kithia Hill.

Nov. 16. Spent all today with
Wellington M.R., ~~Otago~~ ^{Auckland} M.R.,
Otago Inf & Wellington Inf getting
their story of Aug 6-10.

Nov 17. Whole day with Auckl. Inf. getting
their story - intensely interesting.

There was a fairly strong wind rising
in the hills. You cd see 1 breakers rolling
in, white, & deep, all along 1 beach.
But I never realised up there what
1 beach itself wd be like.

The seas were breaking over 1 whole
length of 1 mile - our breakwater ship
flung themselves against 1 stern
& then throwing their foam over 1

whole length of pier.

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Williams' pier was fairly right. But
a little walk on ridge pier N of it was gone
all except 1 pier. The water was over
1 beach right up to Naval Transport
Officer's door.

I went along 1 beach where
natives & big foliaged parties of Australians
& 1 old Navy Corps (27 Labour Coy ASC.)
were tied up & helping to haul
occasional relics out of water.
The sea had made Ari Burren Point
almost impassable & on other side
of 1 point where some small ammunition
dumps & shell dumps are on slabs
or shelves was spattered with spray & almost
impassable right up to 1 edge of
dumps. Mules were being hooked up
& tipped or coaxed off. Dead mules
were being washed up. Further N.
near Fisherman's Hat several bodies

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buried shallow in / sand had ^{been}
half uncovered. Around in Anzac
cove the beach was simply a litter
of / trestles of old piers — old
barges half broken up ^{sawing &} ~~dumping~~
abt like elephants dancing some
slow ~~side~~ ^{side} step on / water's edge.
The beach was littered w / big debris
o / piers over wh / waves were
bursting in mass after mass of
foam. One man was nearly
carried out by / waves — fatigue
parties here too were carting / stores
to higher levels but lots of ammo
boxes were still half in / water; &
/ shell cases (now worth 10¢ each)
abt 10,000 of them, were in imminent
danger of being buried altogether.

Further on the same dug out
had been protected agt / sea by
piles of boxes but every 7th wave
washed in & threatened to carry
them out to sea altogether. It was
almost risky to go along / beach
further but I cut inland & then
down again. The big condensing
plant was just abt one foot over /

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level then reached by 1 sea -
I doubt if it has a ghost of a chance
unless by cement it & give it
a breakwater. Nothing else at
all except wreckage, & a few
swamped piles of boxes - small
relics - remained on 1 beach.

After dinner the storm broke into
bursts of rain. I went out again
to see 1 worst of it. Our little
gully - 300 yds long, was a rushing
stream 3 inches deep. Things had
settled on 1 beach - there were still
lights in 1 A.M. dug outs there.
I looked in & found some A.M.
men sitting round a brazier whole
in it - glowing - w an Indian.
They were snug & sd they thought
1 place wd last out 1 night now.
Anyway if it didnt they wd clear
as soon as 1 waves began to break
in. Along 1 beach was a fatigue
party from 1 trenches, from some
rest looking for bombs "I've
got 1 mules - where's 1 man
we get 1 bombs from." "He's
not here." "Well get in and tell

in 1 mules are ready. "I told
 in but he wdn't come." There
 were 1 mules ankle deep in
 water huddled into 1 cliff.
 "Get the interpreter!" sd 1 Capt.
 in charge - he wanted to say
 something to 1 mule driver who
 had gone to shelter in a chyoat
 beside 1 mules. "Here Johnny!"
 he went on - & began to
 interpret for himself. I didn't
 wait to see 1 finish but tramped
 on round 1 point. The seas were
 still roaring in. The long line of
 Indian carts seemed always to
 be there - w 1 Indian driver
 standing under 1 shelter of his
 mules - the Turks snipe this
 corner. The mud ws over my
 ankles - I stumbled along 1
 tramway - half of it further
 on ws in 1 sea. A driver ws
 drapping 1 harness from
 two ~~the~~ mules th had just
 been shot - one dead 1 other
 wounded - A man had on

shot too. I plunged along 1 61
mud - "lyp heres better mate"
sd a friendly Australian - so I
got upon 1 sandy bank below
1 cemetery - & at last reached
Williams' Pier. A light was in
day out of the Naval Transport
Office.

The Gaby - the tug w/ mails
on - he sd - had sunk - crew
aboard, but ^{all} saved. She was towing
out 2 lighters but both her lighters
were sunk. All 1 steamboats
exc. two, & all 1 lighters had
been sent away - I saw them
trooping off at 9.30 in 1 morning
like a congregation leaving
church, babies in tow of
their parents, - but he was very
anxious abt how they had got
on. Two pinnaces were under 1
led o 1 Milo (the breakwater
steamer) & 1 Kerannos - but
the Milo had broken her back in 2

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places & was breaking fore & aft.
Her crew had been got off w
difficulty - didn't know how
long she wd stand; was going
to signal the Keravnos, if
she was in danger to beach
herself. [God is good - saw
Australian private who saw
the other stranded by 1 other
day. He thought she was made
of wood - of fire wood - but
she was unfortunately all steel
exc. 1 paddleboxes) was afraid
1 two small steamers wd
go too.

The loby sank w most of
our Xmas mail on board
- the outward mail. [I had written
20 letters].

The N.T.O. sd this storm gave
no warning. We had not one
word from outside - no meteorology
warning of any sort. At 7.30 he
noticed a swell along beach [at that
time I thought it was so fine that I

The night before the navy sd that 1000 troops could not be taken away as well as 1200 landed (5 & 6 bns). The Army Corps insisted - & it was done by 10.30 - when I passed at the time all the troops were gone & they were waiting for the last load of baggage off the trawler.

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had decided to go to Imbros & Cape Helles. He sent a boy to say that he thought there would be no shipping that day. By 9.30 altho' the sky looked fairly clear, 1 blue & white flag w/ 1 red pennant below



was replaced by the red pennant alone. The Barometer had dropped then & so they knew a storm was on them, I suppose.

But the N.T.O. tells me that if this is what winter is like we should be able to stay here & that the Navy has said so all along. By providing facilities it could be done; but the British attitude has always been: "You may not be here in 2 months time." The N.T.O.

Why did they sink the
Arumba at Imbros.

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provision of a decent breakwater
can be made. But here are two
moderate gales in a week - and
only one days work possible.

A ship full of cement
wd probly be better. The Mito
has only sand inside & when
she breaks it will probly
wash away.

All over I find I now find
people digging "funkholes" ayt
big german shelling. But I
difficulties will be

(1) Landing stores if weather
is like this.

(2) Protecting stores & ammunition
ayt shelling (unless they are
dry in)

(3) Protecting mules ayt
shelling. If mules can't be landed
& can't be sheltered there's a
risk of heavy losses in them.

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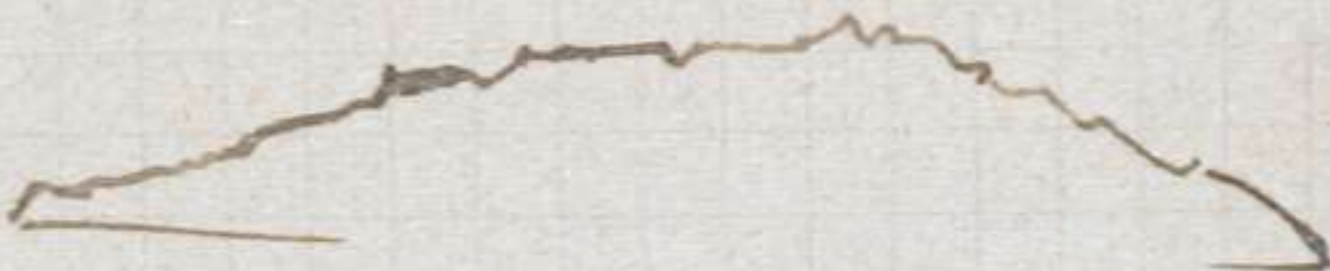
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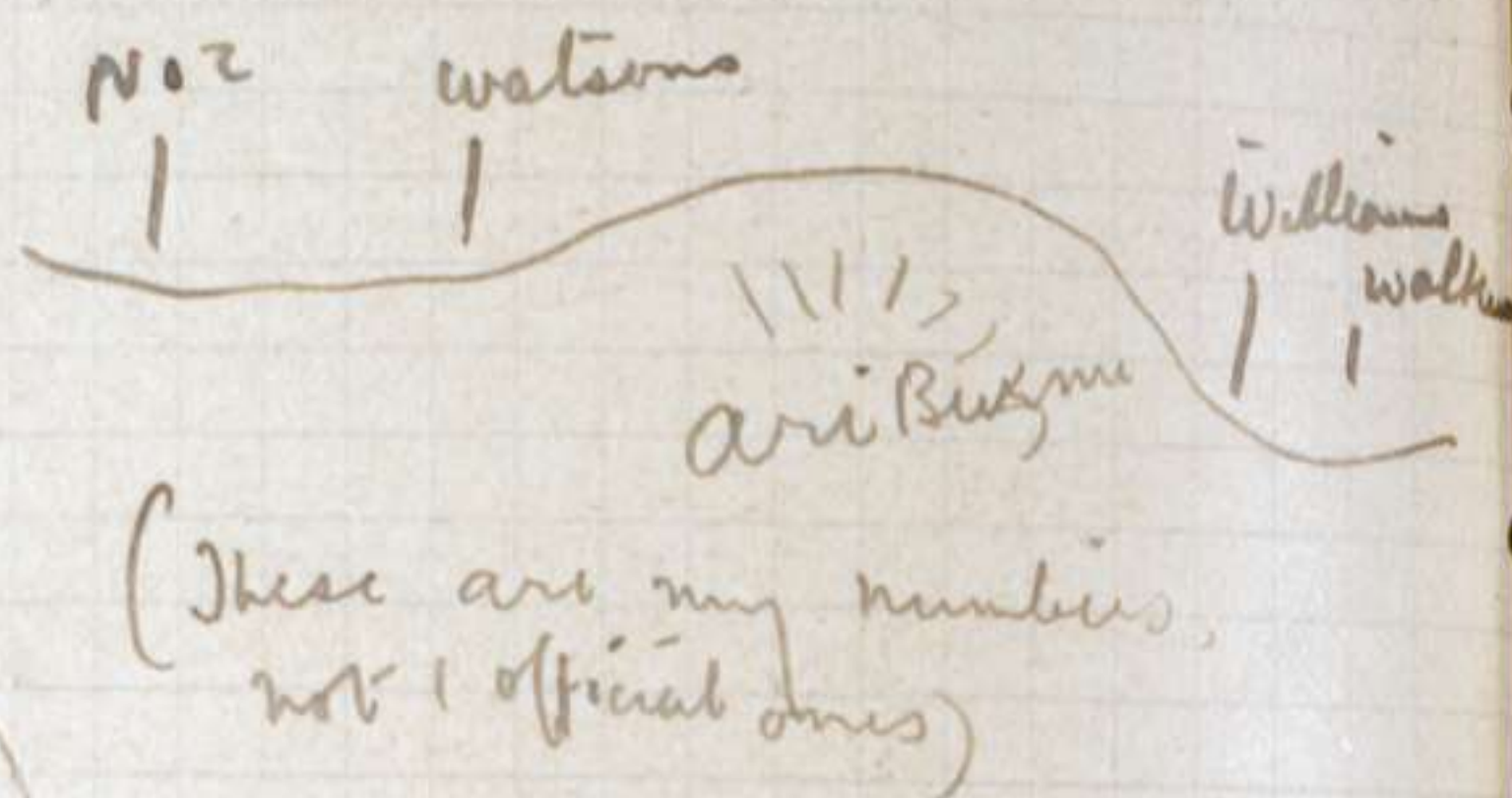
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All this has been obvious since Aug. 14 or 21 at any rate. A decision must have been arrived at by Sept. 6 or 7. There have been 10 weeks since then. Why has not something been done?

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Nov 18. My 36th Birthday - opened mothers & fathers two delightful parcels.

The storm has made a clearance of our beach - one pier ^{Williams} only standing & the end bay of it gone. The Milo broken in half; the Keravnos beached; the two steamboats gone - they don't even know where they are - No sign of Angac pier (no 2) & only the stumps of Walkers pier standing. All 1 lighters here sunk, & 2 water lighters. Commodore Gipps sd to me that we had only 40 hrs water at Angac. "How do you think we're going to get on in 1 winter?" I asked - "The winter!" he sd "I think we're within 2 days of a disaster." But of course we cd use 1 old Angac well after this rain. However we haven't eno' wood to boil it for long; we haven't eno' fodder for 1 mules. We have only miserable reserves of food compared w what we might have had - Our lighters will be sunk by every gale a blow from 1 SW. & we have no reserve of them or of small boats - we now have 12 eno', & no pier for them to

shelter behind. Why didn't G.H.Q. ⁽⁶⁷⁾
resign, if it can't get these things,
& force I govt to get them.

The fact is part of G.H.Q. doesn't
care & most of it hasn't
in a minute to see. Even if we
get a few fine hours occasionally
you can't do anything in them
if your lighters are all away.
The motor lighters at Mudros
are all urgently required, probably,
for Salonica.

The result of all this will
be - probably - a sort of Orinoco.
I think we can hang on, in a
sort of a way - but at a cost of
almost suffering back our past
trials have not been a flea-bit by
comparison. Sillibrandt & I
have been talking this over & we
are in absolute agreement
as to that. The fault happens,
in this case, to be purely & simply
/ hopeless weakness, want of
imagination & above all, want of
moral courage, of the British
staff. They haven't an idea beyond
/ present (many of them say so -
"we can't think of reserves - we've

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all we can to keep up present supplies" — and those that do haven't the courage to let the people know. The British troops here & Australian & N.Z. Army Corps are sacrificed to that pure British incompetence; it will cause the utmost bitterness & — worst of all — the bitterness is absolutely & entirely & up to the hilt justified.

Bridwood wanted to land from a cruiser this morning. It looked fairly calm; but I noticed swellings such that occasional waves were washing over ~~Walker~~ Williams Pier. Commr. Gipps ^{at telephone by pier} sd. "It's impossible to land." H.Q. sd. "He says he intends to land." Gipps: "He must swim ashore then — it's the only way he can get here." Gipps then telephoned to White — (who I knew as out) the every engineer in the place wd have to get to work on Williams Pier — "It's the only pier we have. There are 10 Australians on the

end of it at present, doing nothing." As a matter of fact they were trying to drive piles.

"And this is after a half-gale!" he sd to me - "It was a half gale we had last night."

The Turks shelled beach ^{intermittently} all day & are shelling it tonight - they know quite well th we are in difficulties & are trying to prevent us working there. It is cold - but not so cold as it will be.

A german aeroplane was here today & had a very good look at the whole position. I've no doubt it spotted all our new stores.

The summing up of all this is th the British nation has not brains to make war. It is much better at manufacturing socks. By the same token our winter clothing is not landed yet.

The Gaby sank w part of

I can see a ship unloading
 lying off wallers - so I suppose
 unloading is going on; but no
 troops are to land tonight (poor old
 3rd Bde held up again).

316 bags of mails - she ⁷⁰
 had load ^{out} ~~of~~ 148 so 168 were
 lost.

I must write something to give
 people some idea at least of what
 is the conditu. The Turks clearly
 know. Beachy is throwing abt one
 shell a minute or more, all night.
 They know this is our one working
 night.

with one pier of course we
 cant evacuate at present if we
 wanted to.

Nov 19. Friday. The Turks saw the
 three piers washed away yesty
 (they had a Taube up & it came
 along & circled very low), & they
 also clearly spotted either the ^{power} ~~be~~ ^{be}
 shell the beach very consistently
 [they ^{had} shelled all thro' night at
 intervals]

The old Daddies
(who are largely tradesmen
& not navvies at all)
are getting rather fed up
w this work. What they
Expect to be unloading
goodst horses at Alexandria.
Most of them were sitting in
saps all this evening. I don't
fancy some of their officers are
up to much.

The whole of our discomfort (wh
of course is only a small thing
really) is due to neglect of
the simple precaution of covering
the ^{hinges of powder} ^{brackets}
 1. 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12
 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24
 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36
 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48
 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57 58 59 60
 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 70 71 72
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 97 98 99 100

After 6 or 9 shells had fallen
I ednt stant it any longer but
finished the cable I was writing
& then went for a walk up to
the front line. (P.W.B. May 12. 1914.)

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 P. - - - - -
 P. These shells threw showers of
stones over my dug out - the nearest
landing abt 15 yards away - I
got - - - One shell fell in amongst
the poor old Labour Company & killed
one or two & wounded four. They
were having their lunch in a dugout
at the time & it must have fallen
into the middle of them for they
all got it in the face. You can
hear these shells coming for a long
time - they are old lead coated
stuff & they tumble home w a very
slow wobble - you can hear it
slowing down almost to stop. They
make a bang & not a crunch
like ours, & are very local in
their effect. After sitting here & hearing
about a dozen of them drop not far
away - (they were bracketing, one this
side, one that - & so you knew
the next one was for you) you could
hear the whizz of a shell in everything
- in the wind, in the shaking of
corky's tumble of a camp divie,
in the wheeze of a mule. It is a most
trying form of bombardment - they kept
it up all night on the beach & B depot
at intervals.
 Hear that the Caledonian has

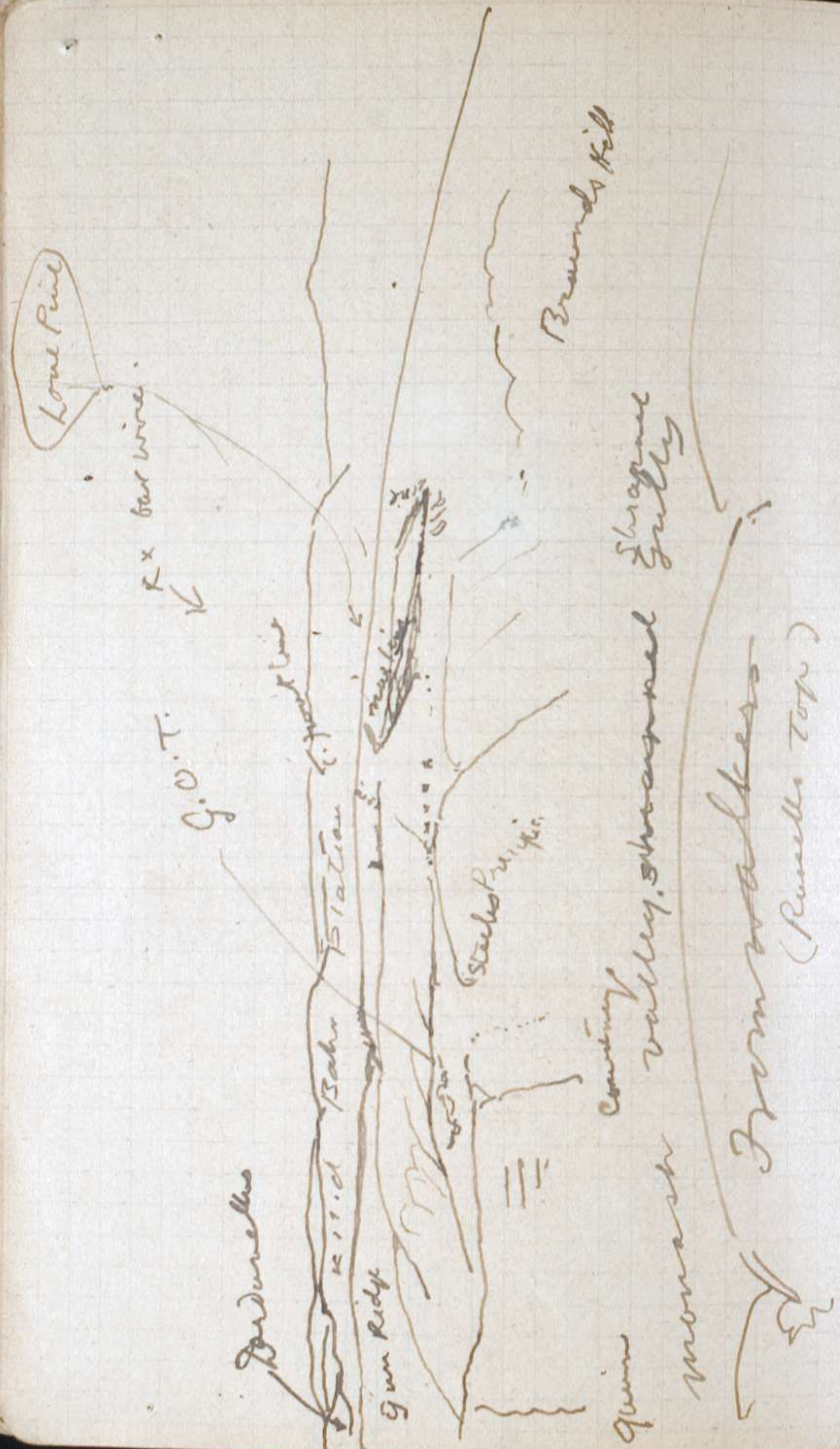
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On sunk w 600 bags of mails
aboard. The Hellen beach is without
a single light - clean sweep of
everything. Communique today say,
that Serbian position is critical but
not desperate - Bulgarians apparently
getting in behind them. French in
beating off an attack claim to have
inflicted loss of 4000 on Bulgarians,
but when one knows what claims
have been made at Hill 60 &
elsewhere one can't help being
sceptical. *of 1/1) 1/2 V Anna V.*

20 November. Had a walk - but feeling
a little seedy. Must be what Milan
had - a sort of epidemic jaundice.
The ways of the authorities are
wonderful. ^{Army Corps 148} ~~Army Corps 148~~
from above is perfectly obvious -
roof outlined by neat rectangles of
sandbags edged w blue iron



^{new} The camp commandant
is now for 1st
time thinking of

putting brushwood over top & screening
one corner (wh can actually be seen)
by brushwood. The tank have never had



(slightest cover except some 73
 loose brushwood which has blown
 away.

Nov 21. The brushwood on
 roof of Army Corps has now
 blown away also. German plane
 was seen today. It meant to
 circle but our gun saw it
 in time & w 2 or 3 very well
 aimed shots sent it ~~back~~ off
 southwards. Heavy strafing on Turkish
 camps.

Nov 22. In bed w jaundice.
 Heavy strafing on Olive Grove. Read "Jeffery
 Guard".

Nov 23. In bed. Reading Brig.
 Anzac Magazine articles beginning
 to come in. They are beginning
 to build a ^{sandbag} wall round tanks
 at last. That won't hide them
 from aeroplanes either.

I heard that on July 11 the
~~24th~~ ^{24th} ~~17th~~ ^{17th} ~~How~~ ^{How}. Bde left England
 with 4 6in heavy guns, 4 6in hows,
 & 2 9.2 hows. The 6in hows are
 splendid guns tho' of 1906. They
 throw a shell every occasionally
 - prob. one in 14 (its always
 noticed bec. it does so much

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damage - but everyone admits
they are splendid. However,
they're not a patch on the Q.20.
These guns were sent ~~but~~ in a
devil of a hurry & then hurried
landed at Alex. Sent up to Cairo!
Kept there a month or 6 wks
all their ~~stuffs~~ ^{efficiency} worried to distraction.
Finally the 4 6 in guns were
brought up here & given to 1
Australians; but no one wd have
the Q.20. The major of 1 battery
came up & offered to fire from
anywhere ^{in 1 dugac fullis} on any thing. Sevla
wdnt have him; Angac apparently
wdnt - at least Glu Braithwaite
was agst it (~~that~~ ^{that} ~~was~~ ^{so} I
am told). Helles wdnt have them.
The major came up himself &
at last it was decided to put them
in at Sevla (where they are
very exposed) "to search ravines"
(fancy "searching" ravines with
200 lb. shells. They'll probly be tied

(The 6 in are tied to 3 in)
down to one shell a day. They
are far more accurate than
6 in hows. & fire 7000 yds apt
6000. Their first shot will probably
get home within a few ~~shot~~ yds
laid by 1 map. And yet they're
not in yet! The 6 in have
~~searched~~ blown up the Nek trenches
once, & Hill 60; & L. Pine & J. Jolly
have suffered. But they won't let
them fire on G.O.T., tho' its a
good mark, remembering the
way the 5" got into our own
men. But then the old 5 in
had shaken themselves to bits.

So now 2 6 in heavy guns
are at Helles.

2 6 in heavy guns are being
worked with 2 4.7 naval guns
here on 1 left.

4 6 in hows have been
sent to Anzotains.

The other 2 6 in heavies have been sent
to Salonica; & the brigade has been broken
up entirely.

The Turks came over parapet
abt 8pm. - no moon - our men
(observers) first saw them on parapet
- line of about 60 or 100 (Wes is abt
75 yds broad & 59 yds across)
at 4 mps 29 - 1 in 2 - 2
20 - 11 - 1 x 3 7' - 2
two of them at once; ✓
✓ y. 20 7 9 } x The Turks
got within bombing distance & then
threw abt 26 bombs & rain back
(both ways w a rush.) Our mps
✓ 7 (✓ ✓ ✓ ✓) ✓ no dead
Ts on ground next day. Perh. they
carried them away. This was
certainly a try out to see how we
were holding 1 line. Some ✓ / 4 2 20
- 9 ✓ 7 - 2 + burst some bombs
amongst them x

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Nov. 24. Smith came in today & talks with
New Zealanders at Rhodo.

(Apes) are sd to have been
attacked by Turks last night
(? or night before). They beat
the attack off without loss. Abt
60 Turks sd to be lying about -
indeed they say they accounted
for everyone who left the
trenches. If only those wretched
little 5/4th were as good as the
N-3. men this place wd be safe.

Mount. Still in bed with catarrhal
jaundice - (Weill's disease). Have been
enjoying a glorious read -

Taffery (Brig. General), Beyond the
City (who seems to me a trifle thin) &
any and all - Times & Argives. I
fancy Peter Schuler is a more thoughtful
war concept. Then Charlie Smith -
i.e. he does see the things. I don't fancy
Charlie always does.

Turks have been shelling
beach a lot ^{day & night} dropping big
stick bombs over 1 hill.

The communique says that the position

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of Serbia is very serious, we seem to be forcing Greece either to join us or to demobilise.

Nov. 25th. Last night we fired not a shot from our trenches exc. at absolutely certain targets. The 1st F.A. Bde is moving, I think to Salonica, & I idea is to give (Turks) impression that we are evacuating. None of our guns have fired all day today or tonight. The ~~batteries~~^{weapons} are being sent away too. I suppose I T. attack on the apex was w/ idea that we may be evacuating - to find our strength. It shows what they consider easiest place to attack at. There was a bit of firing on 1 left abt 7 o'clock this evg. warships blazing for 10 minutes & some rifle fire & flares.

9.30 pm moon is up so there won't be any attack tonight. The Turks have been bombarding beach all day - desultory firing - ~~but they had~~
~~at least one~~ A sergt of the 3rd A.M.C. came down last night was sergt friend to say goodbye to some pals on way to pier - he had leave to go to Alexandria that night. He F

7th Amc.
Sovis

ABDUL.

Drunk the boys who landed the bullets
 we've seen ~~and the boys who~~ ^{stormed} beach
~~and the boys who~~ ^{stormed} beach
 we've had a boat for each
 For the guns & stretcher bearers how
 Rest before the ~~beach~~ ^{beach} is cool
 There's one ~~chap~~ ^{chap} I'd like to mention
 That's the chap we call Abdul.
 But we've heard you wheezing there at nights
 An' whistling like ~~the~~ ^{the} dark
 An' trying to make ~~us~~ ^{us} think you were
 Whistling your crew & whoop & carol like
 An' early morning lark
 We've heard the twigs a crackling as
 We ~~lay~~ ^{crouched} among the trees our knees
 And your big black shape went crashing
 Like a rhino thro' trees
 We've ~~seen~~ ^{seen} your camp fires hose along
 The distant vally side ~~don't see much of you~~
 We know your ans all ~~We haven't seen you face by day~~
 That your much same inside ~~Unless it be your hat~~
 Bobby down behind I ~~know~~ ^{know}
 & we mostly blaze at that
 We've seen you flung in rank on rank
 Across the morning sky
 An' we had some pretty shooting
 An' - you know the way to die
 An' ~~we~~ ^{they} fairly to our hearts out
 Yes we've seen you dyin' here in front
 - our own boys died there too -
 With your poor dark eyes a rolling
 Staring at the hopeless ~~to~~ blue
 With your poor maimed arms a stretchin
 To the god we both can name
 an' its fairly tore our hearts out
 But its in the beastly game

So the your name is black as ink
 for murder and rapine
 Carried out in happy concert
 with your Christians from the Rhine
 will judge you Jim Abdul
 By those tests by which we can
 - that you're a very brave in life in death
 - that you've played the game on

his friend were both killed. (78)

Turks sent a patrol into Quinns last night to see if it were held - three men crept up to trench - one was bayoneted & two got away

The Turks are making arrangements to receive those Germans in Constantinople

Nov. 27. Went up to Quinns today & got some further details of the

Really 24th (25th)

"Silent" battle. It began at 6pm on November 25th. After a night of it, at abt 7am (morning of the 26th (yesterday)) 40 Turks got out of their Quinns trenches (by some hidden means they have behind the broken heaps of earth which now lie in front of Quinns - owing to mines exploded there).

Four of them came on very boldly & they got right up to our bombproof wire. At Steeles our 9m. gunner was watching them with his hands itching on the handles of his gun - but he had orders not to shoot. The 4 Turks took hold of our bomb proof & dragged it back & cleared two lengths of it. They plastered in bombs & then 1 leading Turk jumped in. Our fellows ^{17th Bn} were really splendid. Altho bombed they didn't bomb back - their orders were not to do so. They were 4 of them wounded - the Turk pushed by these 4 & thrust his way into 1 dark passage of one of our bombproofs - as firmly as any Australian could have done. There a serf met him & lunged at him w/ 1 bayonet. The Turk grasped 1 bayonet - but 1 serf

17th Bn.

