

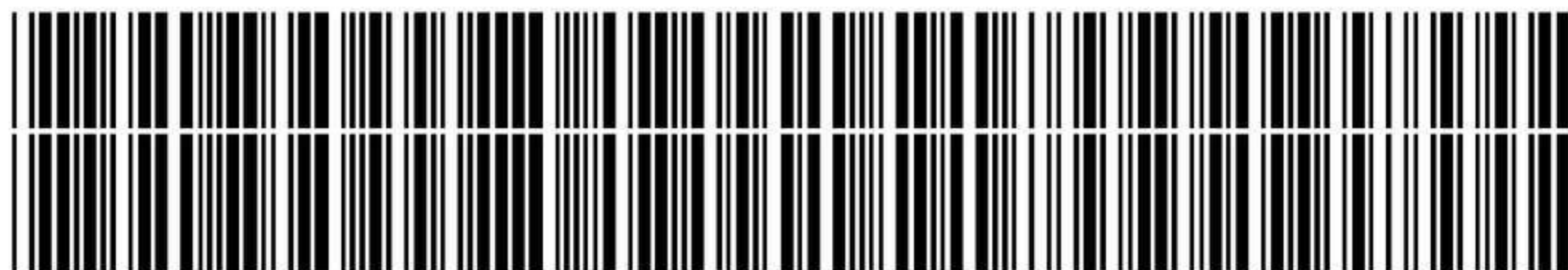
**AWM38**  
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**1914-18 War: Records of C E W Bean,**  
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Diaries and Notebooks

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Notes to diary

Captain Bean

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DIARIES AND NOTES OF C. E. W. BEAN  
CONCERNING THE WAR OF 1914-1918

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16 Sept., 1946.

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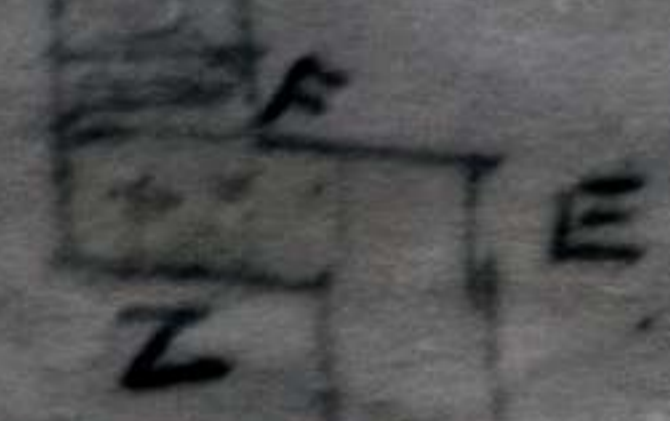
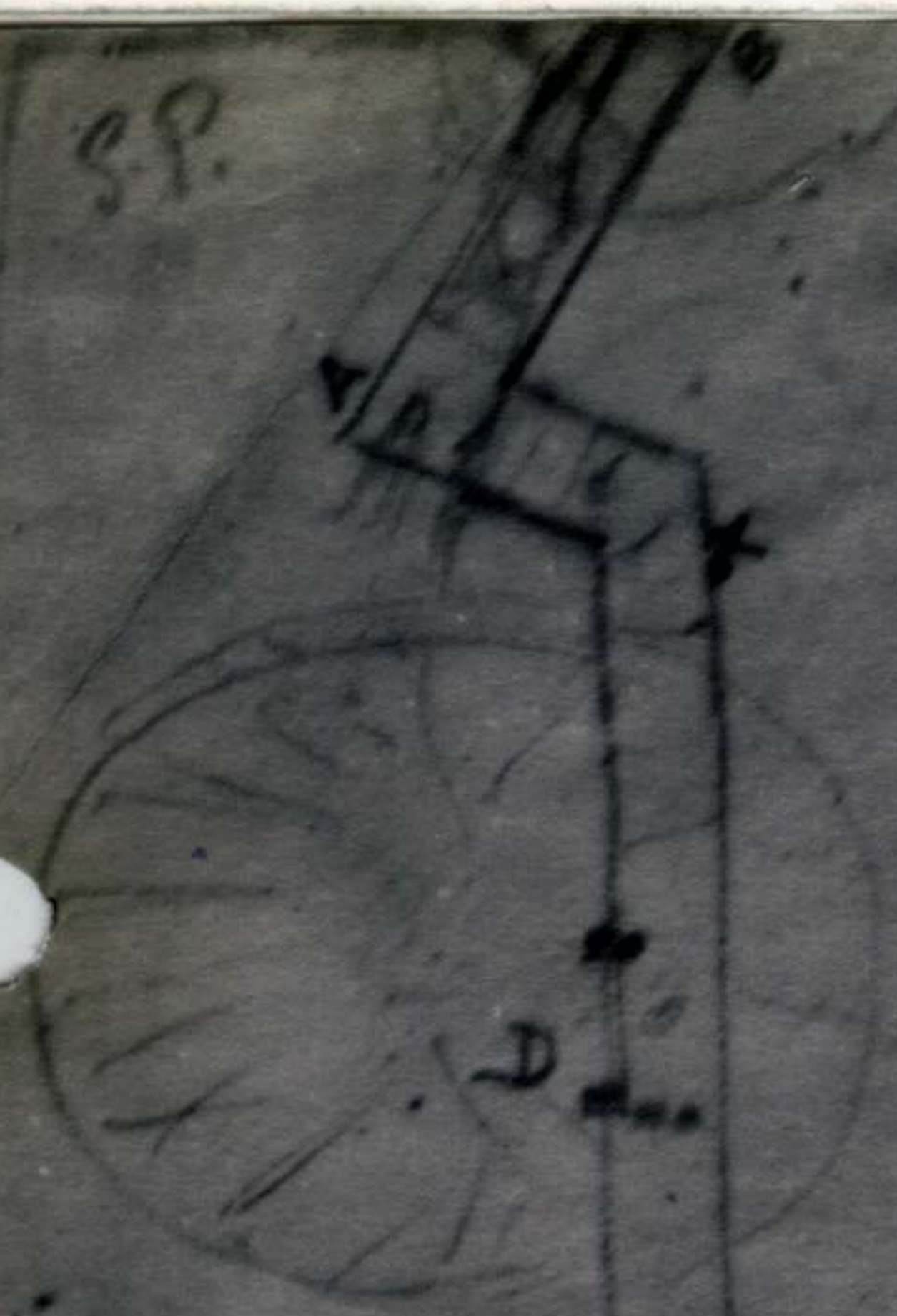
Col. McKenzie,

Would you kindly  
loan me your copy of  
the tracing of the work  
in progress



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Plans in H 1 6  
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H 3





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northwards came the 2nd Australian Division, which held the line from Lone Pine to the Nek. This was the section of the line where the Turks were nowhere more than 1000 or 1200 yards from the landing stages. It was strongly held by the Turks, and the trenches in many places were within 25 and even 15 yards of one another. Lone Pine was held by the 24th and 23rd, and then came part of the 21st and 22nd. M'Laurin's Ridge was held by the 13th Light Horse, Courtney's Post by the 18th Infantry, Quinn's Post by the 17th, Pope's by the 19th, Russell's Top (that is our trenches opposite the Nek), by the 20th. The small rearguard on Plugge's Plateau, which retired last of all, consisted of a party of the 18th Battalion, with a few men from the 1st Division on the right and from the New Zealand and Australian Division on the left. The chief responsibility, therefore, was given to the 2nd Australian Division, which provided the 5th Company of Engineers which blew up the Nek and the Second Divisional Signallers, who maintained communication all over the position up to the very last moment, with the only part of it held by our troops. The rear party was in a small position, where it had seven days' food in case of need. *This was at Russell Top.*

"North from Walker's Ridge, which was a spur running from the sea to the Nek were the 1st Light Horse Brigade, in No. 1 Post, an isolated hill in a flat, the 3rd Light Horse Brigade on Destroyer Hill, so called because it was a spur of the main range which was formerly nightly shelled by destroyers. The New Zealand Infantry Brigade was on Rhododendron Spur, which is a higher continuation of the same spur, reaching a point called the Apex, almost to the summit of Chunuk Bair. Here the New Zealanders were within 50 yards of Turkish trenches, and had to retire three miles to the place of embarkation, so that the last party left three miles of empty valley behind it before it reached the boats. Further northwards were the 4th Australian Brigade on Cheshire Ridge, where, within the last month, they tunnelled through the hill and transformed the whole interior of it into a barrack into which they could march a whole battalion, and live there. It was the most wonderful of all the wonderful trenches I had seen at Anzac. Northward from here came the New Zealand Mounted Rifles, and some of the Yeomanry, and finally the Indians, to the flats where Anzac ended and Suvla began.



In a dirty Hun report.  
121-2-17.

Dear Dean,  
I have here a little matter I have often meant to speak to you about. It is a clipping from an Australian paper & the account of the evacuation contains some inaccuracies.

The Plugger's Plateau crowd retired before my crowd, I had command of the ~~for 30th~~ on Russell Top & actually was the last man myself to leave the trenches, the engineering officer who remained to blow the mines under my orders, having just before I did. My resignation had not gone down the hill when the mines were blown. By the way, the mines were blown, not from the beach as stated but from Btn. H.Q.s. at Russell Top. I stood outside my dugout, the batteries (2) were inside &



I personally gave the orders to fire  
upon ~~the~~ ~~spaces~~ decided spaces  
between them, about one minute.  
As well as holding ~~the~~ a place  
on the main line, Russell's  
formed the apex of the shortened  
inner line of defence in case  
of attack, with Pluggie's Platoon  
as right flank & the Brown back  
1st Lt. line as the left flank.  
The 3 posts had rations & a  
supply of ammunition in case  
of attack. The inner line on  
Russell's was not the front  
line trench (of course) but a  
line that ran immediately in  
front of Mr. H.Q. Male fully  
was considered a sufficient obstacle  
& was not held. Lt. Col. Casrock  
who was in command of the 1st Bde.  
near parties was stationed on Pluggie's  
& rang me up, stating he was withdrawing  
that flank, quite 15 minutes before I  
left. The 1st Lt. should have left at the



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came time from their position, but  
 lost some 10 minutes, I believe, in  
 getting finally clear. When I came  
 down Col. Patton & Major Wisdom  
 were waiting for me & we  
 walked up & down for about  
 15 minutes to see if any stragglers  
 turned up. None did & we  
 left about 3-55 pm. Patton  
 being the last to leave the  
 wharf. I can give you any  
 further particulars if you wish  
 them.

Hope you are well. I am  
 in the line & am busy at  
 present, but will be out in  
 a few days for a short spell  
 in reserve.

I have asked Genl. Birdwood to  
 let a team of Rugby A.I.F. representatives  
 go to Paris to play the picks of France.  
 The boys want me to manage the team.  
 Paris is anxious to get us. We have plenty  
 internationals with us. Kind regards.  
 Yours sincerely  
 H. H. Field



S.P. M. 15173/12.

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S.-1322.

(Established—August, 1907.)  
(Revised—August, 1912.)

CALL SIGNS.

Helicopter to V.A.C.

Date:

20. 12. 15.

Initials  
of  
Operator

Time of  
Despatch  
or Receipt:

~~3. 23~~ P.M.

PREAMBLE:—

1	Evacuation	11	
2		12	
3	completed	13	
4	awaiting	14	
5	arrival	15	
6	commanded by	16	
7	sergeant	17	
8	0347	18	
9		19	
10		20	

Wald.

REMARKS—

DO. 47



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S.—1322.

(Established—August, 1907.)  
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CALL SIGNS.  W4 G Chatham	Date: 20.12.15	Initials of Operator
	Time of Despatch or Receipt: 3.42	

## PREAMBLE:—

1 To A HQ.		11	
2 Chatham		12	
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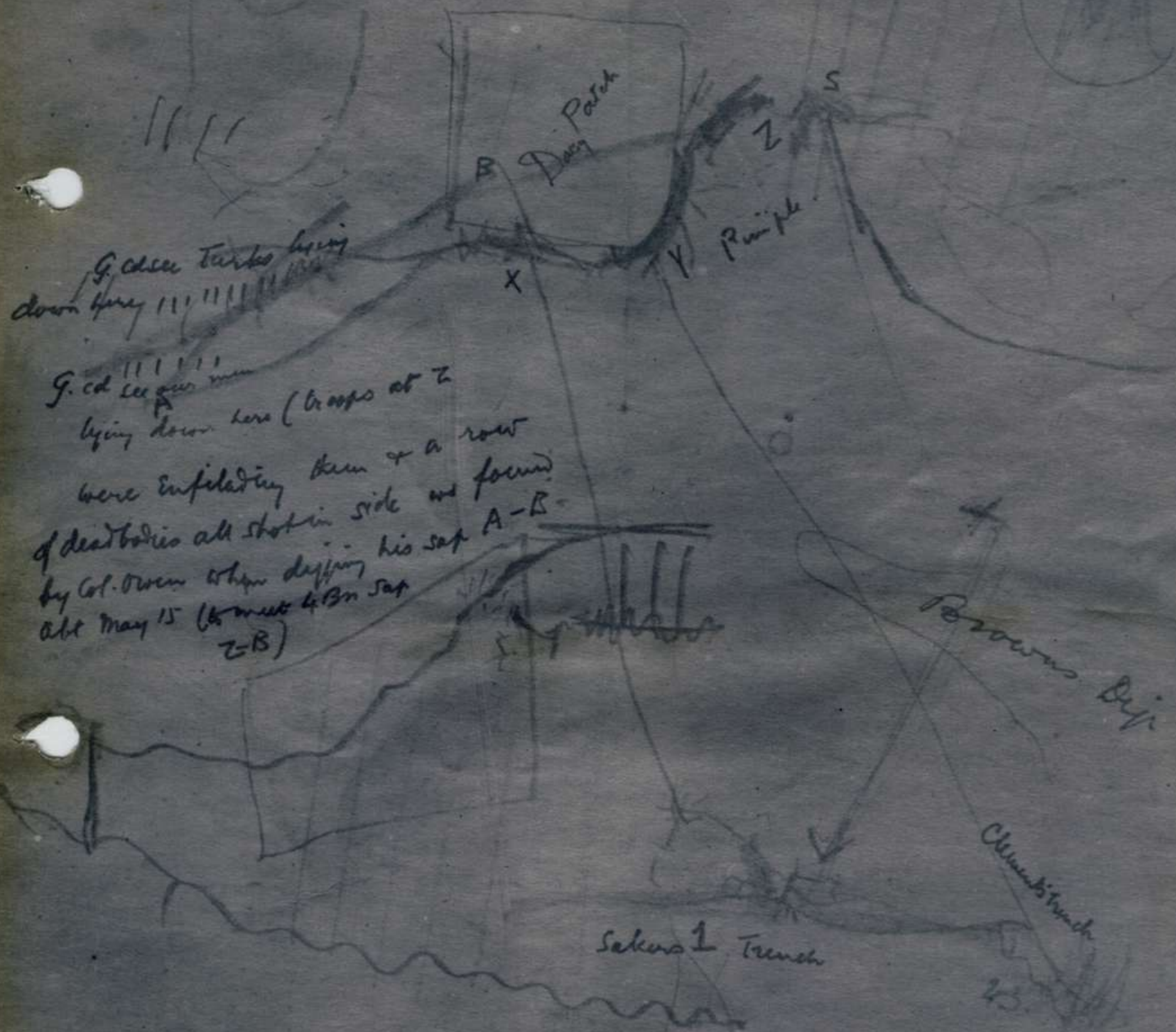


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Apr. 26. 1918

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Owensully



G. cd see Turko lying down here  
G. cd see gear lying down here (troops at Z were infiltrating them & a row of dead bodies all shot in side as found by Col. Owen when digging his sap A-B abt May 15 (to meet 4th Bn Sap Z-B)

(Glasford all this time as doing really splendid work)

G. went off & found 1 signalman & A.O. of the 7th just starting off. They said he was making a plan advance. Went on to the low big bar & found a trench. A path goes a line.

Bridges & McCay were standing at I. Bridges told Glasford to send up troops from 16 a further line X. G. went back to Clement's trench & took 2 more lots of men from there to Y & Z. On his way back he asked Elliott or his successor (7th Bn) to lead troops 7th at S but they never got so far or never stuck there.

G. went back to the Gen. (then at M) & he had written to Wainwright - Wainwright was to take it. Gen. expressed to Glasford to take Wainwright up & show him 2 (where he had to where he would dig) Glasford did so with company

Bridges had: well I think in my home - Glasford you do as you like. G. did he thought he'd go on 1st line. Bridges id. of 2nd line. Owen I. was pleased. am all way! at least



S.P.

Museum number  
This part of map



The village is in ruins. Roads and ground generally are cut up badly by Artillery fire.

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| Other trenches in good or fair order     | Well defined tracks used by enemy       | — — — — —     |
| Damaged or d'used trenches               | Buried pipe line or cable               | — · — · — · — |
| Wire entanglements                       | Hedges                                  | — · — · — · — |
| Gun positions                            | Hedge, wall or ditch, (not known which) | — — — — —     |
| Observation posts                        | Buildings in ruins                      |               |
| Dug outs                                 |   |               |

CORRECTED UP TO 16-7-16

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# POZIERES

SCALE 1:5,000.

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1:10,000

# ECOUST-ST. MEIN

*(3rd Bde fighting)*  
EDITION 3.



- Emplacements
- Machine Gun
  - Trench Mortar
  - Unspecified
  - Suspected Tank Gun
  - A.A. Gun
  - Observation Post

5th Field Survey Coy. R.E., 1950-1-4-17. (50) 24-4-17.

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