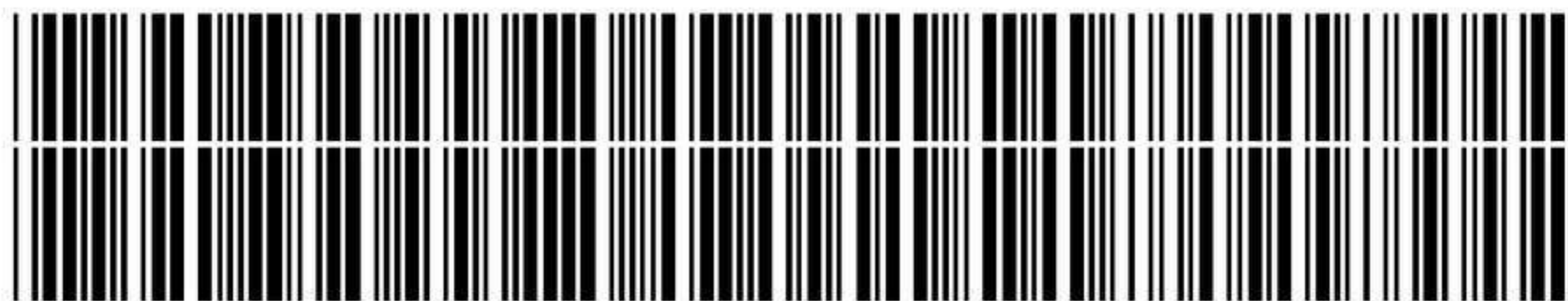


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16 Sept., 1946.

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Enemy Names:

Krimzi Sirt Red slope (Baby 700) ^{? Lonesome Pine}
Kantli Sirt: Bloody slope. ? J. 5th.
Eyerli Tepe ~~200~~ Hill 706
Kum Tepe Sq. 1939

Saglı Dere Valley ending in Fishermen's Huts

Mutlik Dere Head of Nullah running past Kojadere alt 1200
900 S. of Büyük Anafarta

Kurt Gechid

Khodja Chimen Dagh = Hill 900

Adie Liman = Efelmes Bay

Madjalik Liman

Kemikli Liman } inlet N of Efelmes Bay.

Kuyoutk Liman Sq. 315 L

Dropt Liman Along coast Sq 352.

Merkez Tepe central or HQ Hill (no #.)

Sund Apr. 25:

Landing: Opposed by 27th Regt (9th Div III A.C.)

2nd Bn. & part of 3rd Bn were present
at least

3rd Bn apt our right.

[apparently 1st Bn still here on 5th July as soldiers pocket book appy recently lost & then found by 2nd Lt B.]

19th Divn (3rd A.C.) attacked us on Sund.

It consists of 57th Regt. 72nd, 77th.

The 77th was adv. garrd.

The attack of divn when deployed was

2nd Bn 1st Bn 3rd Bn

77

72nd

57th.

77 attacked towards S. end of Pine Ridge. Bombashi
Sait who commands 3rd Bn accompanied Turk army
on request for men from K. T. ~~the adjacent~~
Camp prob in olive grove.

Aprisoner captured Ap 26. sd he belonged to
3rd Bn. 37th Regt (13th Div. V A.C.) He sd it belonged
to 19th Divn. of III A.C.

4th Bn. 28th Regt (19th Div III A.C.) wounded armenian
2nd Lt captured on Ap 26 claimed to belong to 4th Bn

? Was 64th Regt there? See "Information" of Sept 7. This order (before
Lone Pine) refers to capture of four m-gs. only 2 were captured
as far as I know - one from N. 3rd on Ap 25 & one of 4th Bn on Ap 26.

Turk Troops ^{identified in peninsula} 7/5/15

Corps.	Div.	Regt.	
II	4	11	
II	5	13 14 15	ayat Angac.
III	7	19 20	Angac.
		21	Rifle Bn
III	9	25 26 27	
III	19	57 72 77	Angac.
IV	10	28 29	
III	11	33 126 127	? Angac.
IV	12	35	
V	13	38 46	
V	15	45 56	
XV	3	31 32 39	one composite Regt.

May 19. II. 5. 13th attacked MacLaurin hill.
 14th (part) attacked " (later Quinn)
 ? 15th (here on May 6).

III. 19. 57 } was here at date of armistice May 24
 72 } from 1st day.
 77 }

VI. 16 47th } 1100 mtd Bns of 47 attacked.
 48th } 3 Bns of 48 attacked near Ormside July
 125th } This Regt sd to be here.

I. 2 1st. 1 & 3 Bns. Prisoners captured here on 19 May.

IV. 5. 11th 3. Two men captured here on 19 May.

III. 9. 27th 1 Bn. ^{Red of Regt} ~~Foot~~ Here on Ap. 25 & pocket book of soldier belonging to 1 Bn picked up on ~~May 19~~ July 5th

After May 19 we collected from prisoners + documents
 follow:

Troops now or recently employed at Angac.

2 Div. 1. 5. 6.

5 Div. 13. 14. 15

16 Div. 47. 48. 125.

19 Div. 57. 72. 77.

Also. 20. 27. 33. 64. 76 Regts

(All/alt strength this wd be 51,000 men. Prob. 35,000)

6 Div. 16. 17. 18. & 8th Div. 22. 23. 24 are bel. to have
 arrived at Yenikeni. No of troops apt Angac
 prob. 35,000 mostly untrained or elderly reservists.

ammun apparently v. plentiful.

T. officers reported to have driven some of troops into action w
 sword, revolver.

L. v. Sanders was in Peninsula + sd to have directed attack
 of 18/19 May wh was sd to be ordered by Enver ^{intended} to push
 us into sea before reifs arrivd.

Many T. officers killed + much dysentery in T. lines.

(There is a concealed road by wh. T. reifs are brought
 up from Gallipoli. This passes near ruins of Biyak Anafes)

Our wounded sent to Ghulane Hosp. in Const. + well treated.
 + prisoners [later stated here only 65
 in London B.M.T.]

(Many light grey uniforms lying in front of our trenches
 these are gendarmes from ~~Tarsus~~ of whom large
 contingent arrivd from Brusa.

All agree T. losses v. severe + are anxious to surrender
 if can do so without being shot by own side.

Germans are spreading stories of gr victories by
 sea + in Egypt, but these scarcely believed by Turks

Diary of T. officer wh found says: Two of our
 Shapdel fell amongst 1st Bn 33 Regt killing
 12, wounding 5. In another Bn only 2 officers alive.

28 May. See 5th Army Order of 28 May.
Blamey has folgy note.

18th replaced by 64th Regt on June 7

?33	14
7 th	15
18	16
27	18
57	Mehmet Chaoush.
45? 48?	19 th
125	16 th on left.

77

June 24. Following Regts sd the opposing Anzaks

Regt.

13	} 5 th Div.	14 on Extreme rt. H.Q. & 2 other regts in reserve ^{on slopes of} Mal Tepe
14		
15		

16th 6th Div. on firing line.
3000

47	} 16 th Div.	H.Q. at Kojadere. Part of Div in firing line.
48		
125		

45 2000. One Bn was in trenches at Anzaks
but withdrawn to join two other
Bns wh suffered heavily in S. &
gone to Gallipoli to Reform.

27	} 19 th Div.	H.Q. near Eski Keri. Part of Divn in fire trenches.
57		
72		
77		

Gendarmes 800 Guarding & patrolling country N of
Biyuk anafarta.

Cavalry 600 One regt in plain near Biyuk anafarta.

Possible 28 & 63 Regts also here. Without these,
but including troops at Gallipoli, enemy
strength wd be: infantry 25,000.

Note 16th July. 5th Army order.
ANZAC. ~~area~~

It is reasonable to suppose that ^{dispositions} ~~units~~ attacked
obtaining in I.T. forces opposing Anzac previously
as 1 main are still in force.

The units are slightly altered.

33rd Regt has gone S. but 18th Regt is here.

Rest of 6 Div. may have gone S. for a
rest as stated on July 14 but no reason to
suppose 18th has gone. (Note: prisoners of 16, 17 captured
yesterday down S.)

One bn of 45 was here last month (prisoner captured)
64 Regt also known to be here.

This gives a total $\frac{1}{2}$ increase of 4 bns over end of
May.

N. of Battleship Hill seems to be called the
"Anafarta" section. Troops in it on May 28
were: $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 33^{\text{rd}} \text{ Regt.} \\ 1 \text{ Bn gendarmerie} \\ \text{Cavalry Regt.} \end{array} \right.$

It is estimated now that the defense of this section
has been increased by a Regt & strength \therefore 6000.
The reserves were at Matik Dere etc. One bn
on N. slopes of Koroja Chimen Dagh. Dates of
reserves are to prevent a landing at Ejelner Bay
& Suvla Bay & also act as A.C. reserve.

The actual firing line apt as - Battleship Hill
is right of our line, - was divided into 3 sections held
by 19, 5, & 16 divns from N to S. - say 19000 men.
Prob. 9 bns in trenches & 18 in reserve & support.

Also 77th Regt (wh suffered heavily in a "regrettable incident" & was at one time thought to have been incorporated in 72nd) supported right of 16 Divn. but was called Kaba Tepe section & was apply in liaison w/ 16th Divn. (Strength 2000 at outside).

Kaba Tepe to Kurn Tepe is garrisoned by 2nd Divn (+ certain artillery units) wh prob. consisted of one regt only, as 5th & 6th Regts went to Southern sphere & fold shortly by 1st Regt. The garrison in th district is available apt Angac & is in the same command. It is prob (as in June) One Regt. The Turks clearly ^{have a landing near} Kurn Tepe.

Garrison of N. Coast from Ejelmer Bay to Sheitan Keri = Coy of Jendamerie w H.Q. at Turshka Keri.

The villages deported to Asia minor are Gk.

July 15th. Rly common. from Sofia to Constant.
Stopped on July 13. for 4 days. Reason
given - bringing of troops from Const. to
Gallipoli via Uzun Keupru.

On July 12. Prisoners captured on 12th by our
8th A.C. are from 11, 12, 19, 20 Regts; and by
French - 10th Regt.
All these had been previously in
Peninsula.

July 19. Force from Black Sea.
39, 41, 42 Regts left Const on July 11-13.
They will be here 20th or 21st if marched quickly.
[41st 42 come from Ismid Pandik
area & 39 from Gelis Scutari & Beikoo
(Black Sea military area)].
46th & 4th Regts also left Const. on
13-14 July. Maybe here ~~within 3 days.~~
by July 21, 22. They are also from Black
sea.

Enemy knew (I don't know date) that we
consist of 4 Australian Bdes & either one or
two from N. 3.

July 20 abt. (some of this is old and uncertain)

Northern Zone. Area round Anzac is called by enemy Northern Zone. It extends from a little S of Bulair along coast to Kum Tepe. Essad Pascha commands.

At end of May enemy defence ^{in N zone} divided into 3 sections. N. section: Suzli Dere to abt Quinn held by 19 Div.

[Turk documents at end of war seem to show it this was wrong C.E.W.B.]

Central section. Left of N. section to abt German Officers Trench. Held by 5 Div. →

South. section. From & including J. Tolly to S. end of Pine Ridge. Held by 16 Div.

(Probably this still holds - good reason to believe so at any rate as regards 19 & 16 Div.)

Also N or Acafarta Detachment.

S or K. Tepe Detachment.

and 2nd Divn w some additional arty. held the south of the zone from Asmat Dere to Kum Tepe.

Order of battle - (see next page)

3bn. 72 }
3bn. 18 } 19th Div.
3bn. 27 }
3bn. 57.

18. Regt normally belongs to
6th Div. II A.C.
27 Regt normally belongs to
9th Div. III A.C. It
opposed our landing.

3bn. 13 }
3bn. 14 } 5th Div. (II Army Corps) [Apparently wrong
3bn. 15 } in view of later documents - (EWB) + Zeki Bey.]

3bn. 47 }
3bn. 48 } 16th Div (II A.C.)
3bn. 125 }

3bn. 77 (part of 19th Div)
3bn. 1 }
3bn. 5 } 2nd Div. (5+6 have gone to S. zone)
3bn. 6 }

3bn. 64 Reddressed in firing line by 18 Regt on June 7

1bn. 45 one Bn at least was here a month ago. Surely belongs
to 15th Div. V A.C.

(Papers of a man of 33 Regt. were found
in valley S of Snipers Ridge on July 2.
They had apparently been lying there some time)

Distribution of 19th Divn. Normally ~~18th~~ 77 Regt. forms part of 19th. This acc. is captured orders w/ K. Tape detachment at end of May & prob still is. It is detached from own divn.

18th Regt. (formerly 6th Div. II A.C.) &
27 Regt (formerly 9th Div III A.C.) seem to have been placed in 19th Divn.

At beginning of July this Divn was distributed:

- (a) 72 Regt. N from Walkers Ridge.
 - (b) 18 Regt hold in Walkers w/ its right on the cliff.
 - (c) 27 Regt
 - (d) 57 Regt
- } Extended line to Sq. 80 S.S. (new map)

The line b-c-d. is the arc of a circle extending 900-1000 yds.

Distribution of 5th Divn. Captured orders directed 5th Divn to "reinforce trenches of Merkey Tape" (Central or H.Q. Hill) & "together w/ 19th Divn" to "fire on / enemy at this point". Merkey Tape is still unidentified but as it is fortified & apply at the pt. of junction of 5th 19th Divn it may be Hill 180 (Sq. 180 n. new map)

At end of June an informant sk describes sd
the only the 14 Regt of 5th Divn was in firing line.

13 + 15 Regts were in reserve near Mal Tepe.
There is some confirmation of this - at the 5 Div.
holds v. little of firing line.

- ∴ 5th Div (1) may hold from Quinns to G.O.T.
(2) may have 1 regt holding sect. S. of Quinns
excluding G.O.T.
(3) may form a zone reserve.
(4) may be partly employed between
K. Tepe & British where is now v. active.

(This is
Right acc. to
Zeki Bey (C24B))

16th Div. is directed on 28 May to fortify
(a) Kanti Sirt (Bloody Hill n slope)
(b) Kiringzi Sirt (Red Hill n slope).

Strong points d'appui were to be made there
& along 1 edge of wood running S. from
Kiringzi Sirt. The only wood along our front
at answers to this is the wood on Pine Ridge
along wh. points d'appui have to be prepared
Kiringzi Sirt is prob. Lonesome Pine
Kanti Sirt = Johnstones Tolly (cf.
slaughter of 19 May).

The Armenian officer at end of June
placed order of Regts of 16th Div { 47 or 48 N.
125th S.

The 4th Bn shota Turk of 125th Regt
on J. Tolly this wk.

If the 48th is still to N. of 125 Kanti
Sirt is probly MacLaurins hill &
G.O.T. is the right of 16th Div. The

321 P.S. 2 287

16 Div joins up with K. T. detachment
at Echelon trenches.

K. T. detachment - 77th Regt. has a
pontoon extending south to Asmak
Dere exclusive.

Duties: to prevent an advance
to protect flank of 16 Div
to prevent disembarkation.

Anafarta detachment. Originally some cavalry,
regt of Gendarmerie, 33rd Regt & some batteries.

33 Regt has now gone S; [64 Regt was here
recently & was relieved by 18 Regt so it may
have taken place of 33; 45 Regt was
here recently. ~~##~~

No recent evidence as to what
regt forms Anafarta detachment or its strength.

Duties: to serve as A.C. reserve.
to prevent us extending N.
to serve as cavalry support
& prevent disembarkation
further N.

It was located abt 1500 yds S of Biyak
Anafarta. Responsibility of
disembarkation N as far as abt
Taufur Kevi.

N. Landings. A Coy of Gendarmerie is to
prevent any landing further

North. Its station is Tursht-en-kemi

Turk Left - So of Asmak Dere to Kum

Tepe at end of May the 2nd
Divn & some batteries. By June 7
only 1st Regt remained. 5 & 6 had gone
to S. zone.

There has been activity in
this area last month & there is
reason to believe it is held in
considerable strength.

Part of 5 Divn may be employed
here.

They come under Command of
N. Zone & are the 1st remnants. Their
movement N would be gthly hampered by
naval fire.

The force available agst us is now estimated
at:

Div.	(Inf. War strength)
19	(4 Regts 12 Bns) 12,000
16	(3 " 9 ") 9,000
5	(3 " 9 ") 9,000
2	(1 " 3 ") 3,000
Others	(2 " 3.6 ") 6,000
Gendarmerie	1 1,000
	<u>40,000</u>

But very doubtful if at war strength.

Latin Bay tells us that 9 Div.
is the next reserve force S.
after 5 Div. (C.F.W.B.)