

morning of 9th August: when lighting a bomb, the enemy bombs fell close to him, he threw his own bomb, picked up & threw one of the enemy bombs which burst soon after it left his hand: the second enemy bomb he smothered. In Capt McPherson's opinion this prompt action prevented loss of life and also confusion as the trench was full of men.

Capt R.A. Rafferty reports that Pte C. Smith, was doing excellent work as a bomb thrower in one of the captured Turkish trenches. A Major (McKay?) of 4th Battalion, afterwards wounded, informed Capt Rafferty early in morning of 7th August that Pte Smith had been with him during the previous night & that he had mentioned to his Brigade the excellent work done by Smith.

Capt Mullen reports that Pte Jarvis, in the face of a heavy bomb attack & also under rifle fire by snipers, placed in position at the head of a sap an iron Loop Hole Plate and sand-bagged it in: his work in general was good.

Capt Mullen also mentions Sergeant Korman as having done excellent work in a sap head where bombs were being thrown, practically for 12 hours without relief.

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for C.O. 12th Bn. (absent sick)