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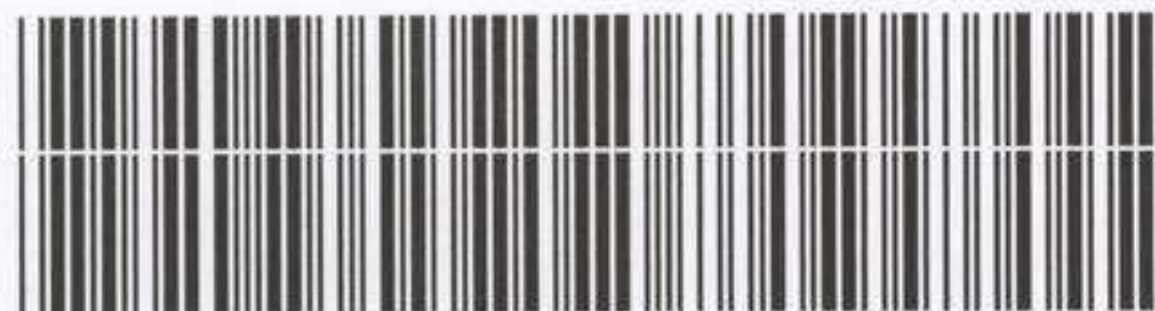
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# WAR DIARY

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## or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Hour, Date, Place.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices.
<p>Saturday 24 April 1915 Mudros.</p> <p>Sunday 25/4/15 KABA.TEPE.</p> <p>Monday 26/4/15</p>	<p>Left Mudros Harbor 12. noon arrived anchorage North East side of Island 7.0 pm.</p> <p>Arrived <del>KABA TEBE</del> at point about mile north of KABATEBE. First ship fired from shore 4.50 AM. First tow left LAKE MICHIGAN 6.45 AM containing Beach party 1st Infantry Brigade Headquarters, Battalion Headquarters and Brigade signal section. — 1.5 PM. Loading of 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion complete. — 4.55 PM. Received orders Prepare to move to support 8<sup>th</sup> Battalion on right of position — 6.45 PM. took up position and entrenched line 224-R-4 <del>and 224-R-9</del> N.E. Corner of 224-R. (Reference Map of Gallipoli Sheet 2) Pressed hand most of night held on. All Companies in firing line and support none in reserve. approx 60 casualties. Weather Calm clear day admirably suited for disembarkation. Sea Chop calm.</p> <p>Battalion temporarily attached to 2nd Inf Brigade — Day spent in improving fire trenches also supporting trenches and Communication trenches. Snipers very troublesome all day. — Good supplies of ammunition &amp; water brought up during day — 4.30 PM. Got word for general advance, evidently in error. snipers cleared from line of trenches in front, after which no orders as to movements could be obtained. Advance moving to left approx. 1 mile. Sharp fire opened on us, we were compelled to retire. Advance commenced but were mostly repulsed. A mixed party approx. 200 men became isolated under Lieut Col. Ouslow Thompson at 7.0 PM. They were compelled to retire under heavy fire. Lieut Col Ouslow Thompson was shot dead during retirement. Battalion eventually reoccupied its original position. Casualties estimated at approx. 150. Lieut W. A. Smith signaller officer killed. His conduct was conspicuous having been wounded in the knee and left to return to trenches he collected a number of men and almost succeeded in capturing a machine gun when he was killed by a sniper.</p>	<p>all available time occupied in improving trenches</p> <p>Lieut French &amp; Lieut Anderson wounded</p> <p>All available time occupied in improving trenches</p>

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Monday 26/4/15	<p>The following officers were wounded severely, Major G. L. Macnaghten, Captain S. Neilson. Seriously wounded lieutenants J. J. V. Turner and R. J. F. Aldon. Trenches kept under continuous fire from snipers the whole night. Defences assisted by Artillery on extreme right and Lt. W. S. Bacchant. The latter illuminated the enemy position by searchlight and gave considerable assistance with berquin.</p>	
Tuesday 27/4/15	<p>Fine day until 4.30 PM. when rain squall passed over - Sniping heavy all day a few casualties reported - 8.0 PM enemy appeared to be gully forward and attack and opened heavy fire, later they made use of British huge Call's "Charge" Rocket and "Cease Fire" Artillery opened fire from right flank and drove them back. All remained quiet from then till 4.0 am 28/4/15 when sniping became rampant.</p>	<p>All available time occupied in improving trenches.</p>
Wednesday 28/4/15	<p>Fine clear day till 6.0 pm when rain down sprung up which lasted to 4.0 am 29/4/15 intermittently. About 20 casualties due to sniping on morning of 28/4/15 mostly in the back. Artillery reported having a good bag. Lt. Bacchant shelled Turks unanchoring in positions. Approx 700 yards in front of our trenches with high explosive shells. Results excellent. Everything very quiet during the night. One machine gun was put out of action during the morning by a sniper breaking the lock. New one supplied by the Navy.</p>	
Thursday 29/4/15	<p>Everything quiet during the morning. No fresh developments. Got word that at about 9.0 pm that Battalion would be relieved at 9.0 am 30/4/15 by 2nd Inf Brigade. The work done with unbreaching into of web equipment was almost wonderful the position was fortified almost entirely with this tool and proved satisfactory.</p>	
Friday 30/4/15	<p>All quiet. Relieved by 2nd Inf Brigade at about 10.15 am. Moved into first camp in beach in rear of position. Commenced work ordered to keep pace R.M.L. 1 Bde in centre of position. Snipers &amp; Artillery very hot but only 42 men went to trenches. No one Bennett took command of Battalion.</p>	<p>Rygha were dead Ady 4 killed for 4 killed</p>