

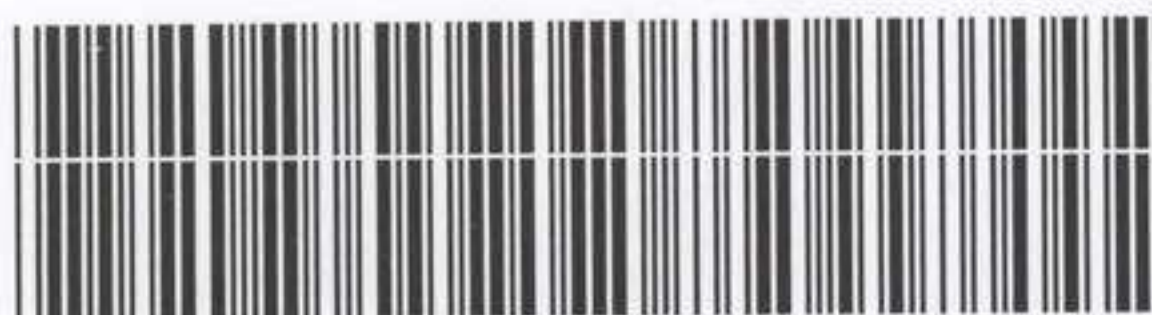
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Infantry

Item number: 23/38/2

Title: 21st Infantry Battalion

October 1915



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Date. 1915	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
October 1 st	ANZAC.	We fired a few farland grenades from B Coy trenches.	
		The enemy replied with (H) four 75MM shells - Casualties nil	
2		Nothing of importance happened. Sniping & Engineering work	
3		were carried out.	
4		It was reported that enemy were showing Red light on ridge left of	
		JOHNSTONE'S JOLLY - Enemy were working at entanglements opposite	
		COURTNEY'S and QUINN'S were stopped by machine gun fire & bombs.	
		Lt Col HUTCHINSON reported & took over command of this unit	
	1910	Enemy shelled our trenches very heavily from	
		direction of BATTLESHIP HILL & from GUN RIDGE. Parapets &	
		Trenches were damaged - Casualties four wounded.	
5		Usual Sniping & Engineering work - Nothing of importance	

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Date. 1915	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
Oct. 6	ANZAC.	Enemy working during day & night improving his trenches	
7		between 2100-0400. The enemy put up 3 rockets & two flares: Casualties one	
8	2000	Nothing of importance. Usual sniping	
		Enemy opened up heavy rifle & machine gun fire on our line which lasted for about half an hour. It is not thought that this was meant as a demonstration, but that he became "gumpy" owing to the storm which broke at that particular time..	
9	1715	Moine in D21E was fired. Results satisfactory	
10		Nothing of importance took place.	
11		Usual sniping - We had two casualties (1 Killed 1 Wounded)	
12	0750 1000	Enemy shelled our trenches with 12 pounders Parapets damaged. - Casualties Nil	

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13	ANZAC	Nothing of importance	
14		Usual sniping - we had 1 Casualty.	
15		Nothing of importance	
16	0400	<p>We made a demonstration one to two rounds were fired from different posts along our line; dummies were shown & during the lull in the firing men cheered. & bogus orders were shouted. Very little fire was drawn from the enemy. Enemy's machine guns were used very sparingly - contrary to their usual custom - which gave the impression that the enemy knew of the demonstration.</p> <p>We had two Casualties (both wounded - 1 being Lieut. A. J. Brown. "C" Coy.) The enemy later attempted to fire thick bombs into our trenches, but failed. Later this mortar was reported to have been destroyed by our guns on PLUCE'S PLATEAU.</p>	

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Date. 1915	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
17	H.N.L.A.C.	Enemy very quiet - both day & night -	
18		Nothing of importance - Two messages written in Turkish were thrown by us into enemy's trenches. We erected some wire entanglements (French wire interlaced with barbed) in front of our trenches.	
19		0800 Several of enemy exposed themselves & went to our mine at COURTNEY's who also showed themselves & exchanged cigarettes with the Turks - This matter was fully reported to Bd's Hd. Quarters. 0830 Enemy's Artillery opened fire on our trenches with 6 "Howitzers" & 15 H.M. - Bombardment lasted about one hour - Casualties (2 wounded)	
20		Particularly quiet - both day & night.	
21		1130 Our trenches were shelled by the enemy - Result: 3 dead 1700 Gasnets were destroyed. Casualties: 10	
22	Lahmia	1400 Twelve large "Stick" bombs were fired into our trenches. 1500 No damage was done.	

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23	ANZAC	1600	Mines exploded in our HQ tunnel (COURTNEYS) with good effect.	
24			Very quiet both day & night.	
25			Four or five large stick bombs were fired into our trenches. No damage was done to trenches. Casualties (1 wounded).	
26		2145	Enemy exploded a mine near our D.I. ^{line} line , but did no damage to us.	
27			Nothing of importance - We had one man killed (Expd)	
28			Very quiet both day & night. We had 1 man wounded.	
29		1720	Eight 6" shells were fired into COURTNEY'S POST by enemy, but only one communication trench slightly damaged - No casualties.	
30			Nothing of military importance.	
31		1720	Enemy fired several 6" shells into our trenches. No damage was done.	

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