

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup>. Slept for 2 hours on beach, about 5 am left beach and went up peninsular about 3 miles. We are about 1 ½ miles behind firing line, heavy French artillery fire, Turks retreating. Dug ourselves in. Did nothing all day went to sleep early had a good rest, we do not get much these times.

Friday 7<sup>th</sup>. Heavy bombardment and rifle fire during night. Packs up and rifle inspection 8 am. Dug trenches on left in case of schrapnel. Moved off to left flank whole of N.Z. forces, artillery formation, got into trenches under heavy artillery fire. We are here in reserve will probably attempt to take fortified hill and village tomorrow.

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup>. Off to the front firing line, relieving Tommies. New Zealanders to the front advanced into trenches under very heavy fire. Then advanced into further trenches under murderous rifle and machine gun fire, many killed and injured. 5 30 pm again advanced about 200 yards under murderous fire, our Lieutenant shot (Sandy) and killed, Major wounded. Advanced another 100 yds in dark and dug ourselves in under fire, very hard work, using entrenching tools. Buried dead Turks.

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup>. Turks attacked us four times during last night, but were repulsed, no sleep, on watch all night, every body on the alert. Sniping all day, four casualties in our platoon today. Heavy fire opened about 9 pm. Was ordered to move to the left flank but fire was too hot had to stay where we were all night. Battleships and Batteries were hard at work nearly all night.

Monday 10<sup>th</sup>. Heavy firing continued all night, had about one hours sleep, everybody just about tired out, no sleep for over 48 hours, sniping all day. 9 pm just settled down nicely for good nights rest, when we had to leave trenches and come down and join rest of Company, had to dig trenches again in rear of firing line, had about 3 hours sleep. Never spent such a miserable night in all my life.

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup>. Finished our trenches about 7 am. Issue of 2 ½ packets of cigarettes and 1 matches, having a rest here from firing line. Looks like rain, first since we arrived on Peninsular. Easy day. Left trenches 11 30 pm, being relieved by Lanks and Manchesters. Rained very heavy after leaving trenches, got lost coming back to Base. Spent the night in scrub rained cats and dogs, wet through and miserable.

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup>. Got back to base after night out in the wet 5 am. Rained heavy in morning no place of shelter, mud everywhere. Made our trench waterproof. Muster parade in afternoon. Drizzling rain in morning, tried to clear up in afternoon.

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup>. Had good rest last night, very warm today, drying all our wet clothes. Loafed around in morning. Swimming parade in afternoon down near depot. 60 horses and 4 men killed @ depot through large shells from "Annie from Asia".

Friday 14<sup>th</sup>. Rifle inspection 9 am. 11 am cleaning up of lines. 1 pm swimming parade. When we returned we had full marching order inspected by Col. Brown. Retired to bed early as we are going to have big day tomorrow.