

and where we throw our bombs from, it is possible to touch the Turks trench with the points of our bayonets, can also hear the continual yabber of the Turks, it takes a bomb or two to quieten them, if they are wounded they make an awful noise and sing out Allah.

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> June 1915. Rejoined our Company early this morning. Will be going into trenches some time today. Very warm. 11 pm left for trenches; six men in main trench at a time. On duty from 1 30 pm till 2 30 pm. At 8 pm Sgt Atkins with six of us went into the bomb proof outpost, only 12 ft away from Turks trenches. Smell of the dead is awful here. Any amount of bombs from Turks thrown here. Up to now we have lost J.J. Farrell (killed), Sharp, Lamb, King, Stafford, L.C. Browne (Nelson Coy only). Leut. Priest. Very strenuous work, one hour on and one off, no chance of sleep.

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup>. Came out of main trenches at 8 am, in reserve here will be going back to trenches later. Did not go back, had joined Engineers sapping with them, sapping from 8 pm till 12 midnight. Heavy bomb throwing from Turks, one bomb went off next to me, had a narrow escape, it killing one and wounding another, God knows how I escaped.

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup>. On sapping from 8 am till 12 am. Nelson Coy left trenches 12 noon relieved by 13<sup>th</sup> Coy, came down valley, are in reserve here. Issue of 1 packet cigs, suppose we got them because it is Kings birthday; also Rum.

Friday 4<sup>th</sup>. 9 am the Company was instructed how to throw bombs by Capt Goulding. 10 30 am left for trenches there will be an attack tonight, we will attempt to take the Turks trenches. On duty in bomb house. Volunteers called for rush. 11 pm the advance commenced was successful in taking trenches -But-

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup>. Our casualties were very heavy; casualty list on (notes for June).

Nelson Coy only. June 5<sup>th</sup> Capt Goulding killed, Lieut Rout, Sgt Bernett, Sgt Rees, Kenning, Forbes, McGuire, Bond, H Chinn, Corp Godfrey, Woods, Bowmont, Roy Steer, Laudon. June 6<sup>th</sup> Sgt. Guy, Andrews, June 29<sup>th</sup> Lieut Priest.

Things went off all right during the night and seemed as though the advance would be a big success but at dawn this morning the Turks heavily attacked us and we had to retire, at present we are fighting for dear life. About 100 prisoners were captured during night. In bomb house heavily bombed this morning. We do not know what moment we may be blown up by land mines. As we (8 section) have had a strenuous time, we were allowed to leave trenches 6 pm, have been on duty nearly 36 hours, dead tired. Issue of tobacco 4 pkts cigs and 2 matches.

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup>. Had 6 hours sleep last night first we have had for two days, stand too at dawn. Nelson Coy relieved from trenches. On cooks fatigue today. Had a rest in afternoon.

Monday 7<sup>th</sup>. Stand too 3 am. Swimming parade 11 30 am. First decent wash we have had for over a week. Arrival of 4<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements. Auckland made another attempt to take Turks trench but failed, 40 men went out but only 9 came back with a whole skin.