

in evening, our new Colonel took a leading part, quiet enjoyed concert it makes one feel all over alike. 11 pm on fatigue for four hours sapping at Quinns post.

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup>. Finished fatigues 4 am. Rained in morning. Rifle inspection cancelled. Cold all day. Played cards and had a sleep.

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup>. 3 am Revellie fatigue @ Quinns post, sapping 4 am till 8 am. Rifle inspection also every man must be clean shaved and his hair cut off, inspection of ammunition. 2 pm swimming parade. Swift 4<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements and of 10 platoon was severely wounded. Pulling down of bivouacs and packing in readiness for moving off to firing line tomorrow.

Friday 18<sup>th</sup>. Revellie 5 30 am and early breakfast. 7 am fell in for firing line, this time we are in No 2 post it is a much better place than No 4 and 5. Issue of bread one small loaf between 6 men. General Godley came through trenches had a yarn to us boys as usual told us to buck up as there would be good news for us in a few days and now we are anxiously waiting to hear the good news. In trenches from 3 pm till 9 pm. Afterwards in observation post till 5 am, no sleep.

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup>. Came off observation post 5 am, had my rum and had a sleep till 7 am. Left trenches 9 am for 24 hours home spell, 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> Coy's are working with 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Coy's in reliefs, 24 hours on 24 hours off. Issue of cigarettes (Flag) 5 pkts per man but no matches. Norman Siggalsom new partner with me. More bombs dropped from our aeroplane over Turkish lines this afternoon. Arrival of mail one from Nellie, Home, Ida and Frances. Mick Twidle (Nelson Coy) Machine Gun, shot dead.

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup>. Stood too 3 am for one hour. 8 am fell in for firing line. Tucker not too good this last day or two, such as no sugar in tea and no jam, but plenty of hard biscuits. Any amount of flies here one must not open his mouth too wide when eating other wise he will have a feed of poultry. In trenches all day, things are very quiet here, sniping all day, but "look out for BOMBS". @ 10 30 pm the whole of our firing line opened up a heavy fire, it is just a ruse of ours. Heavy big gun fire at Aca Baba.

Monday 21<sup>st</sup>. Stood too for one hour at 3 am. Heavy bombardment still continues, lets hope they capture Aca Baba today. Left trenches about 8 15 am for 24 hours spell. A successful advance has been made at Cape Helles no further news though yet. Had a good sleep in morning, flee hunt (lice) (as usual) in afternoon. Aeroplane manouvers here observed Turks in large numbers coming from Aca Baba in this direction so a good watch and lookout must be kept in case an attack is made by them.

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup>. Stood too 3 am for 1 hour. Fell in for firing line at 7 45 am. Struck a soft job in trenches, was only on duty for two hours in morning did nothing for rest of day till 8 pm when Herb Everett and I went into large open sap next Bomb proof, one hour on and one off. Look out for bombs. No 2-3 post.

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup>. Stood too 3 am for 1 hour. Left trenches for 24 hour spell, did nothing all day. Wrote (Field PCs) to Nellie, Isabel, Home, Bill Doe, Frances and Doug Scott, Rhoda.