

Machine Gun Section

Report on operations commencing
at 11 P.M. on 31st July 1915 11th Batta

The Adjutant
11th Battalion.
3rd A. I. Bde.

Lot Hallahan in charge of No. 1 gun and
9 men left Tacumna out with gun &
gun equipment at approx 11 P.M. The
men were separated in the rush forward
the barrel casing of the gun was badly
damaged by a bullet. The Sgt. was
wounded by the gun only fired a few
rounds with the empty barrel casing
before becoming permanently out of action.
Ptes Plunkett & Dentyoung & Carney were
wounded soon afterwards & the latter (Carney)
has died since. The gun was dismantled
& the remaining men assisted the infantry
in filling the belts to ensure a good
ammunition supply for the rifles. (This
was done in accordance with Capt Rockliff's
order.)

At 12.10 AM this morning, the Brigade
machine gun officer (Capt Ross) ordered
No. 2 gun (in my charge) to replace the
No. 1 gun. I immediately set out with

three men & prepared the emplacement
the gun & gun equipment being brought
along soon after by the remaining
men. About 1500 rounds were fired by
this gun which had also been slightly
damaged by a bullet. The crew worked
hard on the emplacement & before 3 A.M.
overhead cover had been erected, traverses
set up, a further supply of ammunition
had been brought up, & all empty belts
had been refilled. The enemy's artillery
opened up a heavy shell fire at about 15.00
& one shell struck the gun emplacement
tore down 12 or 15 sandbags, but did not
seriously damage the gun which had
been dismantled at dawn as a
precaution against the anticipated
bombardment. Pte Brown was killed
by this shell, Pte Ratchford wounded &
two other infantry men seriously hurt. injured.
The emplacement has since been
built up but is now useless as a
machine gun position.

At about 4 A.M. I received an order
from the Brigade M.G. Officer ordering the
withdrawal of No. 2 gun. I carried out
the gun & the crew brought back as
much of the gun equipment as possible.

The Angled M & officer has requisitioned
for another gun to replace No. 1, the other
gun now being in good working order.

Casualties

Pvt Brown	Killed
" Barger	"
Sgt Hallahan	Wounded
Pvt Plunkett	"
" Dent young	"
" Ratchford	"
" Allison	Missing
"	Killed

Bwalter

Corporal

Machine gun section
11th Battery

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