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Frid 4/6/15

Have had some excitement. On Tuesday about seven or twelve we came up and relieved the troops occupying No 6 sec.

The Taps are in trenches only about 200 or 300 yards away, and in front of another section. They are as close as hands to one another.

We have a few men actually in the firing line dressed about as many in a bomb proof shelter just behind by a ~~any~~ another lot about the same size down the hill a few feet. Bombs go down and go all night while sniping is continuous and at night there is sniping

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a general outbreak of the full rounds. We have to keep awake all night in the firing line and it is precious tiring. None of my men were hit on Tuesday night but on Wednesday morning I got a scratch myself, just on the angle of my jaw cutting it so that it was very sore. It is getting better now but is very much swollen and sore. We were relieved about 11 pm on Wednesday night by the 3rd Auckland Coy who were in a bad state of nerves. We spent their first day in the hill on fatigue, sea going down just after yesterday and spending the rest of the day in