

immediately started  
to fire at shadows  
and during a reply fire  
from the Turks. One  
of the first of our men  
to get out of the trench  
was shot clean through  
the heart. Owing to the  
fire the first men out  
made up at the double  
for the shelter of the  
mullah in the rear  
instead of, as was  
intended, ~~going down~~  
going slow and  
allowing the men in  
rear to help target  
I commanded the  
rear platoon and  
was last man out;  
it being <sup>my</sup> job to see  
that all the men were  
brought off. I climbed  
out and sprinted  
for cover after some  
sprinters in front but  
found when I caught  
up to them that they

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had lost touch so I  
had to go back and  
collect all stragglers  
who had got out of  
touch. It was not very  
pleasant but I collected  
and put on to the night  
coat every man, and  
then made for the  
mullah myself and when  
I got there found that  
they had lost touch  
with the captain who  
was ahead and was  
the only one who knew  
where <sup>the</sup> bivouac was  
to be. The mullah  
branched and they did  
not know which one  
to take. I put a sergeant  
in my place to collect  
stragglers and started  
to lead the men down  
the mullah as I had  
a good idea of where  
the camp was to be.