

GOT BY A SNIPER - ONE DASH TOO MANY.

The wounding of 383 Private Reginald Ewbank Cargeeg

Signaller R. E. Cargeeg, son of Mr. G. H. Cargeeg, of Claremont, writes from hospital in Cairo, under date May 10:— "I am lying on the broad of my back - as I have been for a fortnight, and probably will be still there in a month's time. . . Our brigade (3rd) was called upon as reinforcements for our left flank while we were having a spell, after acting as landing party and successfully effecting a very brilliant feat under heavy fire. Anyhow, we went into the firing line for the second time, and the position our battalion occupied was very exposed, owing to the fact that snipers were on our flank.

One particular piece of the hill over which we were bringing ammunition for the trenches was under observation by one sniper. He had already shot three of our men who had stayed too long in that place; and so, when ammunition was called for I took off my signalling gear and gave it to the only man left in our corps of 24, and rushed across the open space and caught up one box of ammunition. I successfully brought this to the trenches, and returned for the second, but the 80lb. box was a bit heavy, and got it tangled up with a leg just at the end of the trench, and so I was exposed too long.

One shot passed just over my head, but the other got me in the thigh, I rolled down a few feet till some men caught me in their dug-out. There I lay for four hours, with bullets going within inches of me and the men unable to dress my wound, but luckily it was not bleeding much and so no harm was done. Mr. Curlewis, of Hayward's Bunbury eventually got the stretcher-bearers for me, and I was taken to our dressing stations and then on to the hospital and thus to Cairo.

Although the break is in an awkward place it appears to be joining up satisfactorily. There are some very bad cases here, some men having six, and seven wounds all to themselves.

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