

MASSACRE OF BRITISH PRISONERS BY GERMAN
SOLDIERS AT HAINES ON SEPTEMBER 25TH, 1915.

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I, Captain J. E. A——, 8th Batt. ——— Highlanders, make oath and say as follows :—

(1) I command C Co. of the 8th Batt. ——— Highlanders. My company took part in the attack on September 25th, 1915. Between 5 and 6 p.m. on that day we were attacked and compelled to retire from an advanced position about Haines. We moved into Pekin Trench, and later to Fosse Alley. The battalion commenced to reorganise there.

(2) Just before 8 p.m. 2nd Lieut. G. T. G——, of my battalion, reported to me that Sergeant D. M——, who had been attached to my company for the day had just returned in an exhausted condition, and that he reported that the Germans had collected our wounded and prisoners and bombed them.

Instructed Lieut. G—— to bring Sergeant M—— to me at once. This was done. 2nd Lieut. G. T. G—— has since died of wounds.

(3) Sergeant M—— reported to me that he and a party of men had been collected in a traverse by the Germans and bombed from both sides, that he and a Highlander had jumped out of the traverse, and that he had escaped into a shell hole, whilst the Highlander had been shot.

The Sergeant, D. M——, was very exhausted and covered with mud and water up to the neck. He was not in an excited condition.

He carried on with his duties reorganising the company.

(4) The story as told to me by Sergeant M—— at that time has been adhered to by him ever since without any material alteration.

This Sergeant is a most reliable man in every way.

(Signature of Deponent) J. E. A——,
Captain.