



Map of the Suvla front showing the general positions occupied by medical units from the landings on 7th August to the withdrawal on 19th December 1915.

Dublin. Long, along with Private Valentine Flood of Waterford, and Privates Irvine and Lacey, were carrying the rear stretcher, the one accompanied by Lieutenant Smith and his orderly.

Just before the firing began Long's party located a man suffering from a bullet wound near the heart. His tunic had been removed and his wound dressed by another infantryman who had since left. As they were loading him on to the stretcher the firing started and somebody yelled for the men to scatter. A bullet tore through the heel of Long's boot but he was uninjured and the men tried desperately to load their casualty and return. The fire proved too heavy for the men's nerves and Lieutenant

Smith, his orderly, Flood, Irvine and Lacey all ran. Long remained with the wounded man and did his best to keep him calm, but the man was restless and kept asking for water.

Shortly after the Turkish troops opened fire the opposing British troops joined in, followed shortly after by a British warship, which began shelling what it thought were Turkish positions. During the firing another member of the party, Private George Cyril Jutsum of Sheffield, was crawling towards Long when a bullet hit him in the buttock and apparently entered his stomach, killing him within a few seconds. The firing was so heavy that Long wrote two letters to his family describing the circumstances of his impending death, and he filled out the

page for his will in the back of his paybook. He did not expect to survive this ordeal. At one point a Turkish soldier appeared suddenly above Long and the wounded man, aiming and firing at the soldiers below. Every time he spotted one he would cry, "Engelish, Engelish." Long ducked and the wounded man remained quiet, and the Turk never spotted them.

As the firing died down, Long reported hearing Turks shouting and at one point heard a man scream; he looked down to see a British soldier who had just been bayoneted and was dying. After that there was apparent calm.

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