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Correspondence

1917

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ARMY BOOK 152.

Correspondence Book.

(FIELD SERVICE.)



182/9

35th Bn.  
15.3.17

9th July Bqde.

Received Intelligence  
Report to this morning.

Everything possible is being  
done towards repairing dam-  
age to trenches from yesterday's  
bombardments. I am investigating  
damage to-day.

Scout had rather a bad  
time last night. The ground  
being very difficult they  
were not successful in  
localising any of enemy  
patrol. Further attempt  
will be made to-night.

~~J. G. Todd~~  
1160

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Closed on

The Squares in this book are  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch.

18210

35 Bn  
15.3.17

### 9. July Bqde

Herewith Intelligence Report to this morning.

Patrols followed courses of raiders to enemies were where the waited until light were thrown in their vicinity. They were unfortunately unable to locate enemies' seats.

All possible work was done by us during night to fix up the most urgently needed work demanded through yesterday's bombardments - and the work is being continued - and fully made up damage to-day.

*[Signature]*  
H. G. C.

18270

18.5.17  
32.5.17

P. July 1917

*[Faint, mostly illegible handwritten text, possibly a letter or report.]*

Dear Coghlin -

The secret will be carried out in one day. Have you any suggestion to facilitate quick changing over.

Will you please let me have at earliest moment to day names of any new Officers and others whose work a conductor is worthy of special note.

Will be glad to get from you today, information as to what steps you are taking for protection of your plants and co-operation with B on our night.

*[Handwritten signature]*

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*[Faint, illegible handwriting on the left page of the notebook.]*

Dear Blake,

The Relief will be carried out in one day. Have you any suggestion to offer to facilitate quick handing over

Will you let me have at earliest moment names of any men (or Officer) ~~any~~ whose work or conduct you consider worthy of special note. Give full detail, also rank & number

~~J.B. Toadhouse~~

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*[Faint, mirrored handwriting, likely bleed-through from the reverse side of the page]*

Dear Comrade.

The Report will be covered  
and in one day. Have you  
any suggestions to facilitate  
quick handling over.

Will you let me have  
as early as possible today  
names of any officers or men  
whose conduct you considered  
worthy of mention as doing  
especially good work during  
recent and bombardment re.

*[Handwritten signature]*

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*[Faint, mirrored handwriting, likely bleed-through from the reverse side of the page]*

*[Faint signature or name]*

Dear Cadet -

My conversation with you this morning - I find the relief is to be completed in one day. Have you any suggestions to offer to facilitate

*[Handwritten signature]*

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35 Bn

15.3.17.

G. O. G.

9th Infy Bde.

Your phone message re  
patriots - Our Scout Leader  
Sergt. O'Connor is already  
out - You will see from  
Scout time table herewith  
that the ground will be  
well covered and I have  
already impressed on O'Connor  
the necessity of being very  
watchful for movement of enemy  
and the importance of getting  
back information of such quickly  
In this connection he mentioned  
to me that one of the Brigade  
Signalers had offered to go out  
with him with a 'phone for  
special work like he is doing  
tonight. I think this would  
be very useful. Would you  
have any objection to this  
man being used if occasion  
requires?



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12.3.17  
P. A. 9

P. O. R.  
P. A. 9

From former messages we  
know that the 2nd  
Battalion of the  
1st Division is  
now in the  
area of the  
front. The  
position is  
very quiet  
and the  
troops are  
well  
entrenched.  
The  
situation  
is very  
stable.  
The  
troops  
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stable.

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In addition to the patrols shown  
on programme I have each  
company patrolling its own  
front. An officer's patrol under  
Lieut Farrell has just returned  
and reports all quiet on his  
front.

J. G. T. [Signature]  
11.6.17

Liaison Officer phone is un-  
satisfactory and news appears  
to be out of action altogether.  
Lieut Clifford is in contact  
but I would suggest you  
communicate with Artillery  
and ask them to send their  
signalling Officer up without  
delay - the line appears  
intact, but nothing can  
be got through.

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*[Faint, illegible handwriting]*

35 Bn.  
16.3.17

9th. Infy. Bn.

Herewith Intelligence  
Report to this morning -

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16.3.17

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The Joint Paper

to be submitted to the  
Commander and the Staff

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35 H. Bn.

17 3. 17.

Dear Bowwick.

Re relief. In order to avoid the Stand to. I think the relief had better start early - and taking all things into consideration I consider the best time for the arrival of relief here will be not later than 4. a.m. If the relief starts after stand to will be under observation. you will have noted how clear it was this morning - and enemy's air craft - were up.

I consider the suggested evening relief impossible - the time is always most acute then - between 9. & 12 p.m. are the hours when most of our casualties occur and we would be fairly certain to get many if we relieve at that time.

Will you please phone

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me on receipt of this what  
you think - you can give  
me the code number for the  
time -

No sign of snowhead -  
I am anxious to get out my  
order without further delay  
so please let me know promptly  
the number of the Bangalore

Yours sincerely  
*[Signature]*

T/bee

Major B. B. B.

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*[Faint, illegible handwriting]*

*[Faint, illegible handwriting]*

35<sup>th</sup> Bu.,  
17.3.17

9<sup>th</sup> July Page.

Herewith Intelligence  
Report to this morning -

~~to be read~~

W. L.

*[Faint, illegible handwriting]*

*[Faint, illegible handwriting]*

*[Faint, illegible handwriting]*

W. L.

182/c

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17

Mr. J. G. P.

The enclosed prescription is  
for spectacles and will be glad if  
you will have same made up  
and forwarded per  
registered post to  
Lieut Colonel J. A.  
Coddard, 35 Battalion, Australian  
Imperial Force, France. If you  
send me your account I will  
arrange remittance by return  
of post.

In the Field  
France, 21.3.17.

Messrs Curry & Paschou  
195, Great Portland Street  
London W.

Dear Sir,  
I enclose prescription for  
spectacles and will be glad if  
you will have same made up  
and forwarded per  
registered post to Lieut Colonel J. A.  
Coddard, 35 Battalion, Australian  
Imperial Force, France. If you  
send me your account I will  
arrange remittance by return  
of post.

The address given in body of  
this letter will be sufficient.

Please return prescription

Yours faithfully  
~~J. G. P.~~  
J. G. P.

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35 Bm  
26.3.17

9th Infy Bde

Herewith Intelligence  
Report to this morning

~~John T. ...~~  
11600

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35 Bow.  
27. 3. 17

9th July 1944

I enclose Intelligence  
Report to this morning.

~~John~~ [unclear]

35 Bow.  
27. 3. 17

9th July 1944

I enclose Intelligence  
Report to this morning.

~~John~~ [unclear]

[unclear] 11.6.41

[unclear] 11.6.41

[unclear]



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35 Bow  
31 E PC

31 July 1941

Information just reached  
me unprepared enemy  
advancing your front.

l-o.

Information just reached  
me unprepared enemy  
advancing your front.  
Am wary my right Coy  
and standing by. Let me  
know any way you  
suggest I can assist.

J. E. Toddman  
Lt Col  
35 Bow

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35 Bn  
28.3.17

9th Infy. Bde.

This morning's Intelligence  
Report herewith

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Two...  
The...

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35 Bm. A. St.  
28.3.17

60 0 1/5 Lams.

Your D B. 2 received  
and action unit in letter.  
Have discussed the matter  
with your Papa. He left  
here about 5.50 and asked  
me to phone you he wanted  
not to be back for an hour  
from then.

~~...~~  
Loddenal  
H. 602

182/G

*[Faint, illegible handwriting]*

Rifle fire

*[Faint, illegible handwriting]*

35 Bn.  
29.3.17.

(P6)

9 July Bqde.

Herewith Intelligence Report to this morning.

Indications are that enemy's front line is only held by sentry posts. Machine Gun fire is less than usual whilst there is more rifle fire at night evidently from fixed rifles as the sighting and ranging is fairly good. This rifle fire is probably intended to cover decrease in number of M. Guns.

I would call attention to commences such flags reported in mine (Intelligence Report) of yesterday as opposite Loc. 4. and those referred to in report on 11<sup>th</sup> Brigade Raid of 27 Mar.

*[Signature]*  
H Col

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32 Bm.  
20.3.17

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*[Faint, mostly illegible handwriting on the left page, possibly a report or journal entry.]*

*[Faint signature and date at the bottom of the left page.]*

35 Bm.  
30.3.17.

9th. Infy Bde.

This morning's Intelligence Report herewith.

Patrol - I am of opinion the enemy patrol reported as passing in front of Gap B was working towards the sector on our right and was dispersed by our Lewis Gun fire. It was not seen to pass Locality 1 or Gap A.

With reference to pipe reported outside Locality 2. I am making further enquiries re this.

J. A. Taddall  
1160.

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30. 3. 17  
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P. H. Kelly Esq.

Two Americans and  
Patrol - On re-  
perusing this I note that  
reference to No 10 Patrol  
page 3 last four lines and  
page 4 first line does not  
make clear that this was  
a fighting patrol int-  
ended it is possible to  
enter enemy's trenches.  
The conditions proved  
unfavorable owing to  
active lookout by enemy  
at spot selected & int-  
attempt will be repeated.

J. A. Todd

35th. Bn  
30. 3. 17.

G. H. Kelly Esq.

Referring to this morning's  
Intelligence Report -  
under Patrols - On re-  
perusing this I note that  
reference to No 10 Patrol  
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make clear that this was  
a fighting patrol int-  
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J. A. Todd

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Dear Major  
31. 4. 17

Dear Major

Thank you for your letter of the 29th inst. regarding the 7th. which the Hun crumpled yesterday. One of my chief concerns is the Lewis Gun. We now have four guns out of action for want of extractors - and owing to the manner in which these are breaking could expect to have the remainder hors de combat in a very little time if there was serious business. I consider the matter very grave.

Yours faithfully  
J. S. Todd

35 Dec.  
31. 4. 17

My dear Major  
Thanks for your G/333 of yesterday. Everything O.K. but except a bit of damage to No. 7. which the Hun crumpled yesterday. One of my chief concerns is the Lewis Gun. We now have four guns out of action for want of extractors - and owing to the manner in which these are breaking could expect to have the remainder hors de combat in a very little time if there was serious business. I consider the matter very grave.

Sorry you have been off colour. I hope you are now fit again.

Kind regards  
Sincerely yours  
J. S. Todd

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*[Faint, illegible handwriting on the left page of the notebook.]*

35th Bn.  
1.4.17.

9th July Bqde.

I attach Intelligence Report  
due this morning.  
With reference to trench  
into into enemy's trench  
I enclose report by the  
officer in charge (Mr. Long -  
gungton) Mr. Long's  
reports that owing to the  
river and condition of  
the ground by shell fire  
in front of enemy's trench  
solid wiring is almost  
impossible and little has  
been done by the enemy  
in that direction. But that  
he has largely scattered  
tin cans as alarms.

~~John Long~~  
J Long



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35 Bn a.s.  
1. 4. 17.

of the party...

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35 Bn a.s.  
1. 4. 17.

C.O. ...  
Left Bn 171 Bn a.s.

We were listening smoke  
signals between 3 & 4 pm  
today - no other action.  
But signals may draw  
enemy fire. Some of the  
signals were probably  
sent up from A. Gap.

It has been suggested to the Command  
for your section to have a  
number of our Bn the 350.  
but more have reported since  
you look over your house  
on of our work you now.  
Do you desire the arrange-  
ment be continued?

J. G. ...  
1166.

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*[Faint, illegible handwriting on the left page of the notebook]*

35th Battalion  
Headquarters 22.4.17.

Brig. General G. Johnson  
Q. A. Genl. Infy. Bde.

Dear General

General Monash sent to me, while I was at Brigade, three sets of papers for perusal and return, viz -

- (A) How to destroy hostile Machine Guns.
- (B) Notes on three situations on the SOMME.
- (C) Report on Operation of 27. 1. 17.

The latter (C) I had copied and left copy for you in desk in your room. Of (A) and (B) I took notes - copies of which I now enclose.

The notes on Situation on the SOMME give excellent instances of value of initiative and prompt action on part of Coy.

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Commander, Platoon Leader,  
and the man.

~~John J. ...~~

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*[Faint, illegible handwriting]*

P.G.  
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35<sup>th</sup> Battalion A.D.C.  
30 April 1917

Brigadier General Johnson  
General Post Office

With reference to Captain Carr's  
promotion I feel some concern  
about the matter - I do  
not seem able to get any  
very satisfactory information  
about the officer - what I  
have heard points to him  
being a member of the  
Do you know anything  
about him? I have  
received a letter from  
him in which he mentions  
that he expects to be returned  
to the 35<sup>th</sup> Bn. but gives no  
reason for being returned  
from the T.B. He writes me  
about his promotion - and  
seems to anticipate he will  
be junior to Capt Blake.  
Concerning Capt Blake  
if Carr has to be considered  
it would be too severe on

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Blake to place both Carrs  
-Connell ahead of him -  
therefore I have withdrawn  
recommendation of Connell.  
I can show if you are  
satisfied about Carr ~~then~~  
put these two through, though  
I would like Blake to go  
through Denney to Carr if  
possible, and in case you  
approve and sending his  
recommendation in his case  
Carrs could go on later.

~~Je O. ...~~

LE BIZET - LE TOUQUET!

11/6/01

There are no maps of this  
locality if you know of  
any from which we could  
take a tracing I will be  
glad to hear where some  
can be seen.

182/c

*[Faint, illegible handwriting on the left page]*

P.G. 12

35<sup>th</sup> Battalion  
3 May 1917

9th Infantry Brigade

Lewis Guns

The present position is that we are 98 extractors below establishment. For each further extractor broken we will have a Lewis Gun out of action. Can anything be done to meet this very serious position?

J. C. [Signature]  
Lt Col

