

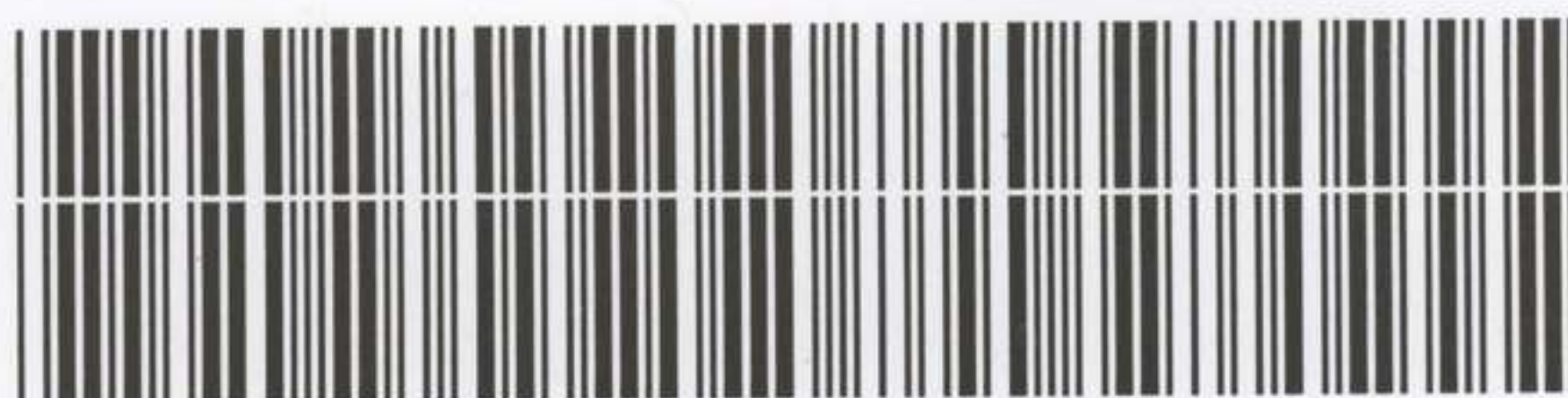
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OF
40th Battalion A.I.F.

FOR
July 1918

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	10/18			
QUERRIEU 1-7			<p>Training was carried out in the morning. In the afternoon first half of the Battalion Sports was held, one of the main features being the many different fancy costumes in the best sustained character event. Sergt. Bessell won the 100 yards Championship for other Ranks, and Lieut. T. MAHONEY won the Officers 100 yards. Some very close racing took place. In the evening all Officers were invited to Battalion Headquarters to celebrate the second Anniversary of leaving HOBART. The Commanding Officer spoke of the good work done by the Battalion during the past twelve months, several songs were rendered by Officers.</p>	
	2-7		<p>The went to the wood in H.14 to meet Mr W.M. HUGHES, but owing to the boat from England being delayed he did not arrive. In the afternoon the second half of the Sports programme was gone on with. Some very fine races were witnessed. Cpl. Barnett won the 440 yards Championship, and Pte. Hannigan the mile. Numerous other events took place, both Championship and Novelty. In the evening the Commanding Officer spoke to all Officers on the A.I.F. Educational Scheme.</p>	
	3-7		<p>Training was carried out in the morning, in the afternoon an Officers Hack Race was run. There were ten starters over a course of about 6 furlongs. Lieut. L.W. BARBETT's "DOLLY" won by about six lengths from Major L.F. GIBLIN's "GUM BOOTS" with Lieut. R.H. SMITH's "DETONATOR" third, after a good race.</p>	
	4-7		<p>Training was carried out in the morning and Inter-Company Cricket Matches in the afternoon.</p>	
	5-7		<p>A Tactical Scheme was carried out by the Battalion. The enemy was reported to have broken through in the ALBERT Sector, and crossed the HALLUE River 3 miles North East of BEAUCOURT at 6 a.m. 5/7/18. The Battalion marched out and took up an Outpost Line in the ST GRATIEN - FRECHENCOURT Line. "A" & "B" Companies took up Outpost positions with "C" Company in support, and "B" Company in Reserve.</p>	

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	1918			
QUERRIEU	6-7		The Brigade Sports Meeting took place, one of the chief features being the fancy dress display by the Battalion - Private Jones as a Cock and Privates Evans and Hanigan as an Elephant being exceptionally good. Private Hanigan won the mile. In the evening Battalion Concert was held.	
	7-7		Church parade was held. The members of No 7 Platoon, winners of the Divisional Platoon Competitions were photographed and had their medals presented by Brigadier-General McNICOLL. Orders were received to reconnoitre the HAMEL Sector.	
	8-7		The HAMEL Sector was reconnoitred by several Officers and N.C.O's. In the afternoon Swimming Sports were held. Private Johnson won the 100 yards Championship for O/Ranks and Lieutenant A.R. MILLS the Officers 100 yads. Some interesting Novelty events were held including a pillow fight; riding the barrel on a greasy pole, and fancy diving. This the first meeting of its kind in the Battalion was a great success. In the evening the BANDICOOTS gave a special Concert for the Battalion, but unfortunately the Battalion was ordered to stand to before the Concert was over. A Practice Alarm was held in the Corps Area, all troops took up Battle positions until 1.30 a.m. Sub-18x	
	9-7		Orders were received for the Battalion to exchange with ^{exchange with} the 34th Battalion at RIVERY, the Companies bivouacing in M.3 & 4.	
	10-7		The Battalion less two Companies carried out an attack scheme in conjunction with 2nd Tank Battalion at E.20.b. The object of the practice was:- (a) To demonstrate the use of Tanks as a substitute for Artillery Barrage (b) To accustom Infantry to work with Tanks. (c) To practice signalling from Infantry to Tanks. "C" & "D" Companies carried out the attacks. Orders were received to relieve the 50th Battalion in the line in front of HAMEL and to be Left Battalion in the Brigade Sector Disposition of Companies "D" Company Right Company in Line from P.10.d.65.35 to P.11.c.15.80 "A" Company Centre " " " " P.11.c.25.75 " P.11.a.40.25. "C" Company Left " " " " P.11.a.40.35 " P.11.a.85.95 "B" Company Support Company in P.4.c	

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HAMEL	1918 11-7		The Battalion moved from RIVERY and proceeded to AUBIGNY by the RIVERY - ^A DOURS Road and bivouaced on the banks of the SOMME until 9 p.m., and then moved into the line. No casualties occurred during the relief, although the enemy shelling was at times heavy.	
	12-7		Day quiet. Weather fine. In the evening enemy artillery was very active on rise East of HAMEL. Continuous enemy movement seen near ARQ ^U AIRE WOOD.	
	13-7		Day quiet and fine. At night a Company of 33rd Battalion relieved "C" Company, "B" & "C" Companies then relieved 37th Battalion. The Battalion now held the line from HUNS WALK P.16.c.10.70 to P.11.a.40.40 with four Companies in the line. Hostile artillery was again very active against the Hill East of HAMEL and on our front line.	
	14-7		During the day several of our planes bombed TAILLOUX and ACCROCHE WOODS. During daylight there was very little artillery fire, but during darkness it developed considerably on both sides. During night "A" Company was relieved by "C" Company 3rd Pioneer Battalion and "D" Company took over "C" Company's position portion of the front, "C" Company moved into close Support and "A" Company moved back as Reserve Company. The dispositions were now:- "B" Company Right Company in line from HUNS WALK to P.16.b.20.50. "D" Company Left " " " " P.16.b.20.50. to P.10.d.90.65. "C" Company Support Company in Banks in P.15.b. "A" Company Reserve Company in old German Front Line P.9.b. Two new posts were dug two hundred yards in advance of our line, one on HUNS WALK and the other about 100 yards to the left of it.	
	15-7		Day quiet. Weather fine. Enemy artillery activity was above normal, the front line and supports being shelled heavily with 7.7's.	
	16-7		Day fine very hot. Artillery activity on both sides. Our planes were very active, flying in large formations.	
	17-7		Day quiet. Enemy artillery was still very active against our front line and on the rise East of HAMEL. A Patrol under Lieut. MACKENZIE rushed an enemy listening post at P.17.a.8.3 killing one man and capturing another. When the Patrol was returning an enemy patrol was	

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HAMEL	17-7		encountered at P.17.a.30.45. which opened fire. This patrol was rushed but the enemy scattered and made good his escape. Lieut. MACKENZIE was slightly wounded by a fragment of one of our own bombs. <i>Identification - 55th I.R. 13th DIVISION</i>	
	18-7		Day quiet. The Battalion was relieved in the front line by the 37th Battalion and moved out into our old front line in P.8.b. & c., with "B" Company in PEAR TRENCH. The Battalion now becoming "D" Battalion.	
	19-7		The Battalion rested.	
	20-7		Weather fine. The Battalion supplied working parties for Brigade regiments Headquarters dugouts and work on the front line , support and communication trenches.	
	to 25-7 25-7		Several heavy showers during the day. The Battalion rested prior to going into the line.	
	27-7		12.30 a.m. relief of the 37th Battalion by the 40th Battalion was complete. The Battalion now becoming "B" Battalion in the line South East of HAMEL, with "A" & "C" Companies in the front line, "B" Company in Support and "D" Company in Reserve. Day quiet. Patrols operated on the Front at night, but no movement of the enemy was observed.	
	28-7		Day quiet. Weather fine. There was a marked falling off in enemy artillery fire. Our heavy batteries were active firing on enemy back areas.	
	29-7		At 12.30 and 1.30 a.m. Our 18 pounders put down a barrage in front of our sector as a diversion for the Minor Operation North of the SOMME. Enemy artillery did not retaliate for this barrage. Patrols operated on the whole front, but could not locate enemy.	
	30-7		A slight increase in enemy artillery activity, and his snipers were very active against movement in our lines. At 7.30 p.m. our Trench Mortars put over a shoot on known enemy Machine Gun positions. Patrols examined HUNS WALK to P.16.c.92.55. and found it unoccupied.	

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40th BATTALION A.I.F. - TACTICAL SCHEME.

5th JULY 1918.

REFERENCE MAP. 62 B 1/40,000

INFORMATION.

1. (a) The enemy is reported to having broken through our line on ALBERT Sector, and advance troops have crossed HALLUE River 3 Miles N.E. of BEAUCOURT at 6 a.m. on 5/7/1918.
- (b) 39th Battalion is operating on our right and 43rd Battalion on our Left.

INTENTION.

2. To march from QUERRIEU and occupy an outpost line on the general line ST GRATIEN - FRECHENCOURT.

DISTRIBUTION.

Advance guard-
(O.C. to be detailed by "C" Coy.)
2 Platoons "C" Coy.
"A" Coy.
"D" Coy.
"C" Coy. (less 2 Platoons)

3. (a) Order of March as per margin.
 - (b) Frontage 40th Battalion from B.29.central to B.28.a.0.0.
- Outpost Companies:-
"A" Company - from B.29.central to Mill at B.28.b.8.0 (inclusive)
"D" Company - from B.28.b.8.0.(exclusive) to B.28.a.0.0.
Support Company:- "C" Company at H.4.d.central
Reserve Company:- "B" Company at H.11.c.5.7.

STARTING POINT.

4. Starting point - Road junction H.10.b.3.7.

STARTING TIME.

5. 9.45 a.m. on 5/7/18

TRANSPORT.

6. Transport will remain at present location ready to move at short notice.

REPORTS.

7. Reports to Road Junction at B.5.a.3.0.

L. Barnett

..... Lieutenant
Adjutant 40th Battalion A.I.F.

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	12	C.O. 43rd Battalion A.I.F.

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Headquarters
40th Battalion A.I.F.
8th July 1918.

Officers Commanding Companies.
Signalling Officer, Transport Officer
10th Australian Infantry Brigade (For Information)

ALARM PRACTICE.

1. It is intended at an early date, possibly tonight, to carry out by night the manning of Battle stations on the Army front for practice.
2. As this Battalion is part of the Reserve Division of the Corps, its action will be one of assembly on Battalion Alarm positions, ready in every detail to move (should the orders be given) to positions of readiness to meet threatened attack on the Corps Front or Flanks. Battalion Alarm position is at H.10.b.6.4.
3. The required personnel as detailed in Aust. Corps Circular Memo 21/213 of 22nd June will be ready in fighting order, with water, ammunition etc. Fighting limbers with S.A.A., tools etc. will have teams hooked in, but will not move unless ordered. Blankets will be rolled in bundles of 10 and stacked with packs and surplus stores in Company lines. "B" Echelon personnel will assemble at "C" Coys. H.Qrs., Officers in charge of Company "B" Echelons will report at that location to Major L.F. GIBLIN D.S.O., M.C. Signalling Officer will arrange for communications to flanks, forward & to rear, these will be tested. Every detail which would need attention in an actual attack must be thought out and put into practice on the night chosen.
4. States as under will be forwarded to B.H.Q. immediately after the alarm has been given:-

P.F.O

- (1) Troops on alarm position.
- (2) Administrative troops remaining behind.
- (3) "B" Echelon.

The following messages will be sent to Companies:-

"BATTLE STATIONS - PRACTICE - ACKNOWLEDGE"

when troops will act as above, and the message will be acknowledged

"POSITIONS - PRACTICE" will be sent by Companies to B.H.Q. when troops are in position of assembly.

On receipt of message from B.H.Q. "NORMAL DISPOSITIONS" Companies will resume normal dispositions, reporting completion of this by wire to B.H.Q. using the message "NORMAL PRACTICE".

On the alarm being given 1 Officer & 1 runner per Company will report to Battalion Headquarters for instructions.

Water cart teams will be hooked in but will not move.

Lewis Gun Limbers will proceed immediately to respective Companies and will move with them.

Care must be exercised that no orders are given which might be taken to indicate that an actual hostile attack is anticipated.

A report on the carrying out of the practice will be sent by Coy. Commanders and O.C. "B" Echelon to reach B.H.Q. by 10 a.m. on morning following practice.

A. Barrett

..... Lieutenant
Adjutant 40th Battalion A.I.F.

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40th BATTALION A.I.F. ORDER NO. 57.

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9th JULY 1918.

1. The 40th Battalion will relieve the 34th Battalion this afternoon
2. Starting Point - H.20.b.5.2.
3. Route - AMIENS - QUERRIEU Road - Road branching South at G.33.b.9.2.
Starting Time - 2.40 p.m.
Destination - B.H.Q. approx. M.9.a.8.9.
Battn. Bivouacs in M.3.d.
3. Distances laid down in 4th Army Standing Orders will be maintained.
4. Dress. - Fighting Order
Blankets will be rolled in bundles of 10 and dumped with packs in Company lines by 10.30 a.m. this morning.
Packs will be stored under Battalion arrangements in QUERRIEU.
5. Advance parties of 1 Officer and 1 N.C.O. per Company will proceed to new locations not later than 9 a.m. 9th instant.
6. Tents, trench shelters and area stores now in possession to be handed over to advance parties of 34th Battalion and receipts obtained.
7. Transport will move independently but Lewis Gun Limbers will move with Companies.
"B" Company of 40th Battalion will move from present location at 11 a.m. cooker to proceed with it.
On arrival in new area, O.C. "B" Company will arrange to supply following parties for 9th instant:-

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- (1) Piquet of 2 Officers 50 O/Ranks in drill order with Rifles for duty under A.P.M. AMIENS.
- ~~(2)~~ They will report to 9th Brigade Headquarters at HOSPICE ST. VICTOR, at RIVERY at 6 p.m today to pick up guides.
- (2) Party of 1 Officer 20 O/Ranks to report for Piquet duty to Area Commandant CAMON at 6 p.m. today.

A.C.KNOWLEDGE.

A. Barrett

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Adjutant 40th Battalion A.I.F.

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40th BATTALION A. I. F. ORDER NO. 58

July 10th 1918

REFERENCE MAPS: Sheet 62 D. 1/40000
Sheet 62 E. 1/40000

INFORMATION: 1. A practice attack scheme in co-operation with 2nd Tank Battalion has been arranged at E.30.b. Sheet 62 E.

INTENTION: 2. The 40th Battalion (less One Company and Details) will march to E.20.b. Sheet 62 E.

INSTRUCTIONS: 3. (a) Starting Point. Cross Roads 62 D. E.2.b.3.05.
(b) Starting Time. 10 A.M.
(c) Order of March. "C" Company, "D" Company, Battalion Here., "A" Company.
(d) Route. 62 E. R.6.a.7.3. - St. VAASTE-en-CHAUSSEE Road.

REPORTS: 4. To head of column.

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.....Lieut.
Adjutant.
40th Battalion A. I. F.

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR TACTICAL EXERCISE (PRACTICE ATTACK)

INTENTION: 1. The Battalion less two Companies will carry out an attack scheme in conjunction with 2nd Tank Battalion at E.20.b. (Sheet 62 E.)

OBJECT OF PRACTICE: 2. (a) To demonstrate use of Tanks as substitute for Artillery barrage.
(b) To accustom Infantry to working with Tanks.
(c) To practice signalling from Infantry to Tanks.

GENERAL SCHEME: 3. (a) (i) "C" & "D" Companies will attack the trenches from a South Westerly direction, the right flank resting on VAUX WOOD.
(ii) Formation. Each Company will be in waves of two lines each.
(iii) Frontages. Will be pointed out on the ground.
(v) Objectives. ditto
(b) The attack will be held up by enemy wire and Machine Guns for so long that the barrage, which will be represented by flags, will get right away from them and will not be caught up.
(c) Tanks on being signalled by the Infantry will move ahead cleaning up strong points, acting in place of Artillery barrage.
(d) Infantry will indicate positions of machine gun nests to tanks by firing smoke grehades. Tanks will then engage these points and will signal by flag when Infantry may continue the advance.

ZERO.

4. Zero hour will be 3.20 p.m.

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DISTANCE. 6. Infantry will not approach nearer than 15 yards from Tanks.

DERELICT TANKS. 7. Tanks flying a red & yellow flag will be out of action.

SIGNALS. 8. Interpretation of the various signals used in the scheme will be ascertained and made known before commencement of operation to all concerned.

GENERAL. 9. All troops not taking part in the actual attack practice will be assembled at a point of vantage. The Senior Officer present will explain the details of the scheme and draw attention to any point of interest which arises while the scheme is in operation.

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Adjutant 40th Battalion A.I.F.

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40th BATTALION A.I.F. ORDER NO. 59.

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10th JULY 1918.

REFERENCE MAP: Sheet 62 D. 1/40,000

INTENTION. 1. The 40th Battalion will relieve the 50th Battalion A.I.F. on left front, in right of "B" Divisional Sector on 11/12th July 1918.

MOVEMENT. 2. The 40th Battalion will move to O.l.a. & rest there till 9 p.m. when relief will proceed, further details of which will be issued.

Starting Point. Road Junction at M.3.d.8.8.

Route. Starting Point via DAOURS O.l.a.

Starting time. 6.30 a.m.

Order of March. "A" Coy, "B" Coy, "H.Qrs", "D" Coy & "C" Coy.

INSTRUCTIONS. 3. Movement North of River SOMME as laid down in 4th Army Standing Orders. South of SOMME by Platoons at 100 yards distance.

4. A C K N O W L E D G E.

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40th BATTALION A.I.F. ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS A.I.2
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10th JULY 1918.

STORES.

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1. Blankets will be transported. They will be labelled and rolled in bundles of ten and dumped in Coy. Lines by 6.30 a.m. Officers Mess gear for line will be taken by cooker & Mess Cart. Officers Valises & Mess Gear for "B" Echelon will be kept separate. Officers will not take Valises into the line, but they will be taken to Q.M. Stores. All above gear will be ready for Transport by 6.30 a.m. Lewis Gun Limber will report to Companies at 5.45 a.m.

DRESS.

2. Fighting Order. Felt hats to be carried on haversack. Haversack ration to be carried and water bottles filled.

ADVANCE PARTIES.

3. Advance parties from 50th Battalion will report at about 11 a.m. at present location. An Officer per Company who is proceeding to "B" Echelon will hand over to opposite number.

LOCATIONS.

4. SHEET 62 D.
- | | |
|------------------------------|--|
| Battalion Headquarters | P.9.a.30.40. |
| "A" Coy. H.Q.s. | P.10.b.95.05 |
| "B" " " | P.4.c.90.10 |
| "C" " " | P.11.a.20.20. |
| "D" " " | P.10.d.70.80 |
| Q.M. Store & Transport Lines | N.11.a.9.9. now occupied by 14th. Battalion, 4th Brigade. |
| Cookers | O.3.a.15.10. |
| Y.M.C.A. | P.9.a.30.40 |
| Lone Tree Dump | P.9.a.70.95. |
| H.Q. Divisional Train | G.36.c.8.6. |
| D.A.D.O.S. | H.19.d.0.0. |
| Mobile Vet. Section | H.11.b.5.4. |
| Y.M.C.A. | H.Q. DAOURS Branches with Units. |
| Div. Canteen Central Store | PETIT CAMON |
| Aust. Comforts Fund. | G.36.c.8.6. |
| Div. Clothing Store. | DAOURS (From which Div. Baths Officer will arrange to supply clothing to various baths.) |
| Baths | Corbie (70 per hour) |
- (Cookers and Lewis Gun Limbers will proceed with respective Coys
Two Motor lorries will report to M.3.c.7.0. at 2 p.m. & will be at disposal of Quartermaster & Transport Officer.

TRENCH STORES.

5. All area stores in present area will be handed over & Trench & Area stores, and Reserve Ration Dumps taken over in new area. Receipts in duplicate in both cases to be forwarded to reach B.H.Q. six hours after relief, together with disposition reports. Receipts given for Reserve Ration dumps will also state the Map reference of dump in question

SUPPLIES.

6. Railhead POULAINVILLE
868th Coy. Lines. Approx. H.9.d.5.5.
Brigade refilling point. Cannon Street. QUERRIEU (near Light Railway line)
Supplies will be drawn from Railhead to Refilling Points by Light Railways, thence to Q.M. Stores by wagons of the Train Coy

ORDNANCE.

7. D.A.D.O.S. Dump will open at H.19.d.0.0. at 12 noon on 12/7/18

AMMUNITION.

8. The ammunition refilling point for S.A.A. & Grenades will be established at N.2.d.7.9. at 4 p.m. on 12/7/18

WATER.

9. Stand pipes for water carts and horse troughs are located at BUSSY (H.35.c.) and I.32.a.2.5.
Horse Troughs also at :-
- | | | | |
|-------------|----------------|----------------|-------------|
| H.23.a.4.4. | H.24.c.central | H.18.a.0.3. | H.17.b.9.2 |
| H.17.c.8.5. | H.35.a.central | H.22.b.2.3. | H.24.d.1.8. |
| H.28.c.8.1. | H.28.d.3.4. | H.30.d.central | H.12.a.8.9 |
| H.35.a.0.0. | | | |

SALVAGE.

10. Divisional Salvage Officer will be located at LA NEUVILLE¹⁵⁹ General Salvage will be collected at Q.M. Stores and taken by returning supply wagons of train to Refilling Points, and thence to railhead, by Light Railways. Salvaged ammunition & empty shell and cartridge cases and ammunition boxes must be returned to the nearest A.R.P., for return by empty lorries to Ammunition Railhead.

WORKING PARTIES. 11. The following working parties will be taken over by 6 p.m. on 12th instant.

STRENGTH	REPORT TO	WORK.	NOW SUPPLIED BY.	TO BE RELIEVED BY.
1 Off & 1 O/R.	Town Major CORBIE.	Town Major.	4th A.I. Brigade.	Capt. RUDDOCK and Batman.
3 O/R.	ditto	Wardens 12th	ditto	To be detailed by O/C "B" Echelon.

NUCLEUS.

12. Brigade Nucleus will occupy the Camp at present used by the nucleus personnel of the 4th A.I. Brigade in the wood at N.10.c.

13. A C K N O W L E D G E.

L. Barnett
Lieutenant
Adjutant 40th Battalion A.I.F.

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SECRET. 40th BATTALION A.I.F. ORDER NO. 60. COPY NO. 2
14th JULY 1918.

REFERENCE MAP. Sheet 62 D S.W. 1/20,000

INFORMATION. 1. The 3rd Australian Pioneer Battalion will relieve "A" Company 40th Battalion & will take over that portion of the line now held by "D" Coy. 40th Battalion, to P.10.d.75.75 on night 14/15th July 1918.

INTENTION. 2. 40th Battalion will hold the line with 2 Companies in the Front line, 1 Company in Support & 1 Coy. in Reserve.

DISTRIBUTION. 3 Companies will be distributed as under:-
"B" Coy. - Right F.L. from HUNS WALK inclusive to P.16.b.15.5
"D" Coy. - Left F.L. from left of "B" Coy to P.10.d.75.75.
"C" Coy. - Supports in banks in P.15.b.15.45.
"A" Coy. - Reserve in old German Front Line in P.9.a.

RELIEF. 4. Details of guides, route relief will be mutually arranged between Company Commanders concerned.

PATROLS. 5. "A" Coy. will be responsible for patrolling the Front taken over by the 3rd Pioneer Battalion to-night.

RATIONS. 6. Each Coy. will supply its own ration party for 10 p.m. & 1 a.m. meals.

REPORTS. 7. Reports on completion of relief to be wired in Trench Code to B.H.Q.

9. ACKNOWLEDGE. *L. Barrett*
..... Lieutenant
Adjutant 40th Battalion A.I.F.

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10	3rd Australian Pioneer Battalion.	

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SECRET. 40th BATTALION A.I.F. PROVISIONAL TACTICAL SCHEME. COPY NO. 2.
16th JULY 1918.

REFERENCE MAP. Sheet 62. D. S.E. 1/20,000.

1. The high ground South & East of HAMEL overlooks a considerable tract of country and would be of great tactical importance to the enemy. The main feature of the high ground is the North Eastern end of the spur in P.10.b.&d. - now occupied by 3rd Pioneer Battalion.

2. (1) The Front Line will be held at all costs.

(11) The Support Company will occupy the support lines now under construction and may be used for:-

- (a) Defence of the line.
- (b) Reinforcement of the Front Line.
- (c) Forming a Defensive flank.

In the event of Troops on either flank being driven back the Company occupying the Support Trenches will move to the threatened Flank. Should the garrison on Hill 90 fall back the Support Coy. will ~~take~~ take up a position in neighbourhood of Road running North West & South East through P.10.d.

Should the right Battalion be driven back the Support Coy. will hold the line on HUNS WALK from Front Line to Grid Line between P.15.c & P.15.d.

(111) When the Support Coy. is used for either task detailed in para 2 sub para (11) (b) & (c) the Reserve Coy will move to the Support Line where they will be available for

- (a) Defence of that line or
- (b) Local counter attack.

3. When the Reserve Coy. moves to the Support Trenches, B.H.Q. will move to P.16.a.1.4.

4. In the event of the enemy initiating an attack the Officer or N.C.O. in charge of any working parties in the area will immediately report for instructions to the nearest Company Headquarters.

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- (1) Reserve Ration Dump. - P.19.a.40.40.
- (2) Reserve Ammunition Dump. O.15.a.6.8.
 P.7.a.05.15
 P.13.d.15.40
 P.9.a.40.40

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 Lieutenant
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	8	"C" Coy.)
	9	"D" Coy.)

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40th BATTALION A.I.F. ORDER NO. 61.17th JULY 1918.REFERENCE MAP - 62 D. S.E. 1/20,000

1. The 40th Battalion A.I.F. will be relieved by the 37th Battalion on night 18/19th July 1918.
 2. Companies will be relieved as under:-
 - "B" Coy. 40th Bn. relieved by "A" Coy 37th Bn. and will move back to opposite number's late position ~~with H.Qrs. at approx. P.8.c.25.20~~ in Pear Trench at P.8.d.central.
 - "D" Coy. 40th Bn. relieved by "B" Coy 37th Bn. and will move back to ~~the~~ position occupied by opposite number with H.Qrs at P.8.c.55.25
 - "C" Coy. 40th Bn. relieved by "C" Coy 37th Bn. and will move back to position occupied by opposite number with H.Qrs at P.8.b.05.25.
 - "A" Coy. 40th Bn. relieved by "D" Coy 37th Bn. and will move back to position occupied by opposite number with H.Qrs at P.8.b.50.70.
 3. Advance Parties of 37th Battalion will move in on night 17/18th instant as under:-

Battn. Headquarters -	1 Officer
	Battn Gas N.C.O.
	1 Signaller
	1 Runner
Each Company -	1 Officer
	1 N.C.O.
	1 Batman
	1 Man per Lewis Gun Team
	1 Scout
	1 Signaller.
- Companies will send each 1 guide to meet the advance parties at Headquarters 37th Battalion (P.8.a.4.5.) at 11.30 p.m. on night of 17th instant.
4. On completion of relief 40th Battalion will move back as detailed in para 3 and will become "D" Battalion.
 5. On 18th instant Companies will send out at times as stated below advance parties of 1 Officer, 2 O/Ranks per Company. Their duties will be :-
 - (a) To take over new Company Sector
 - (b) To reconnoitre route to new Sector
 - (c) To act as guides for Companies when relieved.
 Advance parties will proceed as under:-

"D" Coy.	9 a.m.
"B" Coy.	10 a.m.
"C" Coy.	11 a.m.
"A" Coy.	12 Noon.
 6. Subject to this order details of relief will be mutually arranged between Officers Commanding Companies concerned.
 7. Completion of relief and occupation of new positions to be wired in Trench Code to Battalion Headquarters at P.8.a.4.5.
 8. **A C K N O W L E D G E.**

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 Lieutenant
 Adjutant 40th Battalion A.I.F.

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- 10 C.O. 37th Battalion A.I.F.
- 11 } Quartermaster
- 11 } Transport Officer.

On completion of relief of 37th Battalion will move in on night 14/15th instants as follows:-

Battn Headquarters - 1 Officer
 1000 Coy A.I.C.O.
 1 Signaller
 1 Runner
 1 Officer - 1st Coy
 1 I.L.O.
 1 Detman
 1 Man per Lewis Gun Team
 1 Scout
 1 Signaller

Companies will send each 1 guide to meet the advance parties at Headquarters 37th Battalion (2.8.4.4.5.) at 11.30 p.m. on night of 14th instants.

On completion of relief of 37th Battalion will move back as detailed in para 2 and will become "D" Battalion.

On 15th instants Companies will send out at times as stated below advance parties of 1 Officer, 1 O/Lewis per Company. Their duties will be:-

- (a) To take over new Company sector
- (b) To recommend routes to new sector
- (c) To report on guides for Companies when relieved.

Advance parties will proceed as under:-

- 1000 Coy 9 a.m.
- 1001 Coy 10 a.m.
- 1002 Coy 11 a.m.
- 1003 Coy 12 noon

Subject to this order details of relief will be mutually arranged between Officers Commanding Companies concerned.

Completion of relief and occupation of new positions to be wired in French Code to Battalion Headquarters at 2.8.4.4.5.

A S K H O W J P G S.

1st Lieutenant
 1000 Coy A.I.F.

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40th BATTALION A.I.F. ORDER NO.62.

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23rd JULY 1918.

REFERENCE MAP. - Sheet 62 D S.E. 1/20,000

1. On 23rd/24th instant, if weather conditions will permit gas projectors in P.15.b.9.2. will be discharged by "H" Special Coy. R.E., on enemy positions around P.22.b.3.6.
2. ZERO HOUR will be 11.30 p.m.
3. From ZERO minus 30 MINUTES ~~to ZERO~~ all troops must be cleared from positions shaded red on attached tracing, and will not return till ordered to do so by this office.

From ZERO minus 5 MINUTES to ZERO plus 15 MINUTES box Respirators will be worn adjusted by all troops in the area shaded blue in the attached tracing.

4. The following code calls will be used.-

(x) WELL - operation will take place as arranged.
(x) WATER - operation will not take place.
(x) WARM - line will be re-manned.

(x) Companies will receive these messages not later than 9 p.m. on "Z" DAY.

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9	Spare.
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40th BATTALION A.I.F. ORDER NO 63.

COPY NO. 3

25th JULY 1918.

1. 40th Battalion will relieve 37th Battalion as "B" Battalion on night 26th/27th July 1918.
2. Companies will relieve as in A.D.7/97 of 25th July 1918.
3. Usual Advance parties will go into line on night 25th/26th July 1918.
4. Subject to this order details of relief to be mutually arranged between Company Commanders concerned.
5. Reports of completion to be wired to these Headquarters in Trench Code.
6. A C K N O W L E D G E.

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11 Quartermaster & Transport Officer
12 Spare.

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40th BATTALION A.I.F. ORDER NO. 64.

30th JULY 1918.

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 REFERENCE MAP - Sheet 62 D. S. E. 1/20,000
 Sheet 62 D. S. W. 1/20,000

1. On night 31st July/1st August the Battalion boundary will alter as follows:-
 - (a) Northern Boundary - P.16.b.48.80 - P.8.central - P.2.c.8.31 - O.12.b.6.3. - O.12.a.7.0. thence along grid line running due West.
 - (b) Southern Boundary - Crossing of BARNON Trench and ACCROCHE Street - Road Junction at P.15.c.32.66 thence along BENALLA Road to Junction of BENALLA Road and BULLA Road thence due West to the BORUNG Line at O.18.b.9.3
2. Inter Company Boundary in Front Line will be P.16.a.70.00
3. Re-adjustment of Company Sectors in order to conform with above boundaries will be as under:-
 - (a) "C" Company will side slip till its left flank rests upon inter-Company boundary as given above and its right flank upon the Southern Battalion Boundary, "C" Company will therefore take over Posts 9 and 10 now occupied by 39th Battalion.
 - (b) "A" Company will side slip to the right so that its left and right flanks rests respectively on Northern Battalion Boundary and inter Company Boundary as detailed above. "A" Company when relieved by 44th Battalion will take over those Posts previously occupied by "C" Company North of Inter Company ~~Line~~ Boundary.
 - (c) "B" Company will remain in Supports in BURNIE Trench.
 - (d) "D" Company in Reserve will move to PEAR Trench in P.8.d.
4. 1 Man per post will be attached to-night by "A" & "C" Company respectively to those Posts of "C" Company and 39th Battalion which will be taken over on night of relief.
5. Each Company will retain at least 1 Platoon in close Support.
6. Subject to this order Company Commanders concerned will mutually arrange details of relief.
7. Completion of relief to be sent in Code to Battalion Headquarters
8. A C K N O W L E D G E.

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- 10 O.C. 44th Battalion A.I.F.
- 11 Quartermaster & Transport Officer
- 12 Spare

1. On night of 1st July 1952 the following:-
 (a) Northern Boundary
 O.C. 44th Battalion A.I.F. - 10
 O.C. "D" Company - 9
 O.C. "C" Company - 8
 O.C. "B" Company - 7
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2. Inter company boundary in front line will be P.18.4.70.00

3. Re-assignment of company sectors in order to conform with above

boundaries will be as under:-

(a) "D" Company will take left flank from inter-

company boundary as given above and its right flank from the

sector previously occupied by "C" Company North of Inter Company

Boundary.

(b) "A" Company will take right flank from inter-

company boundary as detailed above.

(c) "B" Company will remain in support in BUNNIE trench.

(d) "C" Company will be attached to-night by "A" & "D" Companies

respectively to these sectors of "D" Company and "A" Company which

will be taken over on night of relief.

Each company will retain at least 1 platoon in close support.

Subject to this order company commanders concerned will mutually

arrange details of relief.

Completion of relief to be sent in Code to Battalion Headquarters

as per back.

Approved: _____

Major General _____

10th Australian Infantry Brigade

1st July 1952

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The 40th Battalion were out of the line a short time ago for a rest, and as usual the opportunity was taken to run off several Sports Meetings, and to generally have as good a time. In all, about a weeks Sport resulted and favoured by excellent weather throughout, everybody spent a jolly enjoyable time. The first two days were devoted to Athletic Sports and the third day to Cricket matches, on the 4th day the initial Meeting of the 40th Battalion Turf Club was held, the next day was devoted to a ~~Brigade~~ Brigade Transport Show, followed by a Brigade Athletic Sports on the 6th day, then another days cricket and on the concluding day a Swimming Carnival was held.

The nights were not allowed to slip by, and two Concerts were held - one given by members of the Battalion and the other by the Brigade Concert Party "The Bandicoots". The opportunity was also taken to welcome in the Battalions "Third Year over Seas", on the evening of the first days Athletic Sports, as on that day two years previously the Battalion sailed from dear old "TASSIE" in the good ship "BERRIMA". Details of the various Meetings are as follows:-

ATHLETIC SPORTS.

The Sports were held at Q on Monday and Tuesday 1st and 2nd July 1918. Splendid weather prevailed for the Sports and a record number of Competitors faced the starter. Entries for all events totalled 794 and chief interest centred in the contest for the inter Company Championship which was eventually won by "D" Company with 30 points, "A" Company 26 points were second and Headquarters 16 points, "C" Company 6 points, "B" Company 7 points followed in that order.

The Officials were:- President - Lieut-Colonel J.E.C. LORD D.S.O.
 Vice President - Major L.H. PAYNE D.S.O.
 Committee - Captn W.C.G. RUDDOCK, Lieut. R.H. SMITH & Lieut. T. MAHONEY.
 Judges - Captn. G.S. BISDEE Lieut. H.L. FOSTER M.C.
 Lieut. G.L. McINTYRE & Lieut. C.H. CANE.
 Race Stewards - Lieut. B.J. JACKSON M.C. Lieut. A.P. BROWN M.C.
 Starters - Major L.F. GIBLIN D.S.O., M.C. Lieut. C.R.P. HAWKER
 Hon Sec. - Lieut. A.R. MILLS.

Visitors were present from several other Units in the vicinity and included Brigadier-General RAMSAY McNICOLL C.M.G., D.S.O. (G.O.C. 10th Australian Infantry Brigade) and his Staff. Lieut-Colonel R.O. HENDERSON D.S.O. (39th Battalion) Lieut-Colonel HURRY D.S.O. (38th Battalion) Major R.S. GEE D.S.O. (9th Battery) and several other Officers and men of the Brigade, 9th, 14th and 17th Batteries, the R.H.A., W.S.A. and Machine Gun Battalion

During the sports the 40th Battalion Band under Band Sergeant H.J. Emms rendered an excellent musical programme.
 The results of the racing were as follows:-

100 Yards Championship:-

Sgt. Bessell (H.Q) 1st. L/C Hay ("D") 2nd Pte. Gowie "C" 3rd.

Wheelbarrow Race:-

Statton & Williams ("A") 1st Emms & Frimley (Band) 2nd
 Lieuts. Game & Lovett ("A") 3rd.

Standing Long Jump:-

Spinks T.J. ("B") 1st Cpl. Crawford ("B") 2nd

100 Yards Officers Race.

Lt. Mahoney ("D") 1st Captn. Ruddock ("C") 2nd Lt. Crosby ("D") 3rd.

Siamese Race:-

Richardson & Johnson ("D") 1st Lts. Mahoney & Crosby ("D") 2nd
 Lts. Game & Lovett ("A") 3rd.

440 Yards Championship:-

Cpl. Barnett ("A") 1st Dvr. Richardson (Tpt) 2nd Pte. Dennis ("A") 3rd

Throwing Cricket Ball:-

Rutherford ("A") 1st Piper ("A") 2nd.

Officers Relay Race:-

"C" Company 1st "D" Company 2nd "B" Company 3rd.

High Jump:-

Johnson H.W. ("D") 1st Young R.C. ("A") 2nd Gerlach & Grey ("D") 3rd.

220 Yards Championship:-

L/C Hay ("D") 1st Cpl. Bailey ("A") 2nd Sgt Bessell (H.Q) 3rd.

Running Long Jump:- 152

Fletcher (H.Q.) 1st Cpl Cunningham ("C") 2nd Cpl Crawford ("B") 3rd.

120 Yards Hurdle:-

Johnson H.W. ("D") 1st Cpl Downie ("D") 2nd Pte. Young R.C. ("A") 3rd.

Driving Competition:-

Hearps and Nicholls dead heat

Mile Championship:-

Pte. Hanigan ("D") 1st Pte. Jarvis (H.Q.) 2nd Lt. Granswick D.C.M. ("D") 3rd

Inter Company Relay Race:-

"A" Company 1st "H.Qrs" 2nd "D" Company 3rd.

TURF CLUB MEETING.

The initial meeting of the 40th Battalion Turf Club was held on a Racecourse on Thursday 4th July 1918. The event to be decided was the "SOMME Cup" 6 Furlongs, which attracted 10 nominations, all of which went to the post. Splendid weather prevailed for the Meeting and a large crowd of Australians, and British & American Troops were present including Brigadier-General RAMSAY McNICOLL C.M.G., D.S.O. and his Staff.

The Officials were:-
President - Lieut-Colonel J.E.C. LORD D.S.O.

Vice President - Major L.H. PAYNE D.S.O.

Committee - Capt W.C.G. RUDDOCK, Lieut H.R. SMITH, Lieut. T. MAHONEY

Stewards - Lieut. H.L. FOSTER M.C., Lieut. G.L. McINTYRE, Lieut. B.J. JACKSON

Judge - Major L.F. GIBLIN D.S.O., M.C. M.C.

Starter - Lieut. C.R.P. HAWKER

Clerk of the Course - Lieut. R.B. PENNY

Hon Sec. Lieut. A.R. MILLS

The Totalisator was efficiently conducted by Lieuts. V.C. SMITH and E. BOYES M.C., and staff, and 963 tickets at 5 Frs were issued. Bookmakers also attracted considerable patronage.

The bands of the 40th Battalion and U.S.A. Engineers rendered an excellent programme of music during the afternoon.

At 3.30 p.m. the Horses left the Birdcage, the first to appear being Lt-Colonel J.E.C. LORD's "THE FORTIETH", closely followed by GUMBOOTS, DOLLY, DETONATOR, RAT TRAP, LITTLE GRACE, BULLY BEEF, MINNENWERFER, CHESTER QUEEN and ALL HAIL. The preliminaries over, interest centred on which horse the public would make favourite, DOLLY who had been favourite from the ~~time~~ moment nominations closed, was temporarily replaced by GUMBOOTS who later gave way to DETONATOR, but at the close DOLLY was again firm favourite, with GUMBOOTS - DETONATOR - LITTLE GRACE - & BULLY BEEF well supported.

The Race resulted:-

SOMME CUP.

6 Furlongs, Sweepstake 20 Frs. with 200 Frs added.

For Officers Hacks of the 40th Battalion A.I.F., to be ridden by owners or nominee who must be an Officer approved of by the Committee.

360 Lieut. L.W. BARNETT's b.m. DOLLY Jove - Gear aged
Colors Red & Black (Trainer R.J. Slade) Owner 1st
br. g.

120 Major L.F. GIBLIN D.S.O., M.C. GUMBOOTS Theft - tissege aged
Colors White & Black - White Cap (Trainer Powlett)
Lieut. T. MAHONEY 2nd.

115 Lieut R.H. SMITH's g. m. DETONATOR Hills - Miss Newton 5 yrs.
Colors Old Grey (Trainer Sgt. Young) Owner 3rd

Other Starters.

40 Lt-Col J.E.C. LORD D.S.O. Blk. g THE FORTIETH The Best - Tasmania aged
Colors Red & White (Trainer R.J. Slade) Owner

35 Capt. G.S. BISDEE's blk or br g RAT TRAP Black & White - Gin 5 yrs.
Colors Brown - white sash & Cap (Trainer Elmes) Owner

10 Capt W.C.G. RUDDOCK's ch. m. MINNENWERFER Flying Pig - Trench Mortar age
Colors White - black spots (Trainer Drew) Owner

20 Capt J.S. REED's b.g. ALL HAIL Padre - Brainwave 5 yrs.
Colors Brown - white cap (Trainer Norton) Lt. A.P. BROWN M.C

45 Lieut. B.T. SADLER's ch. m. CHESTER QUEEN L.G.S. - Wagon 6 yrs
Colors Brown - white stripes (Trainer Hartley) Owner

- 152 58 Capt. F.J. HORNER's b. g. BULLY BEEF Whizzbang - Biscuits aged
Colors Black - white halves (Trainer J.Gordon) Owner
- 160 Lieut. A.R. MILL's b. g. LITTLE ORACE Elphinstone - Frankvillers aged
Colors Black - white facings, Brown cap (Trainer Nerton) Owner.

The field moved away in line, except LITTLE ORACE who was left, DOLLY immediately went to the front and at the end of a furlong was 5 lengths ahead of DETONATOR, then came GUMBOOTS leading the bunch with LITTLE ORACE well in rear. On completion of half the journey, DOLLY was 10 lengths out from DETONATOR who was a couple of lengths ahead of GUMBOOTS and RAT TRAP, followed by ALL HAIL - THE FORTIETH - CHESTER QUEEN well together, and after a gap came BULLY BEEF - MINNENWERFER and LITTLE ORACE. During the next couple of furlongs DOLLY held her lead and GUMBOOTS closed on DETONATOR while THE FORTIETH and CHESTER QUEEN were losing ground, while LITTLE ORACE was making a move forward. Entering the last furlong DOLLY was still 10 lengths ahead of DETONATOR, who had GUMBOOTS at his girth, 3 lengths further back came ALL HAIL and RAT TRAP with LITTLE ORACE coming fast. THE FORTIETH and CHESTER QUEEN were still together a few ~~xxx~~ lengths further back, followed by BULLY BEEF whilst MINNENWERFER was tailed off last. DOLLY had held won comfortably by 8 lengths from GUMBOOTS, who as a result of a ding dong go, got up in time to beat DETONATOR by a short head for second money, LITTLE ORACE was less than a length away fourth, ALL HAIL three lengths further back just clear of RAT TRAP, then followed THE FORTIETH, CHESTER QUEEN and BULLY BEEF while MINNENWERFER was last. Time 1 min. 19 sec.

Dividends:- No. on Tote 963. No. on 1st Horse 360 No. on 2nd Horse 120

First Dividend 10 Frs. 2nd. 10 Frs.

Betting:- Evens DOLLY, 4 to 1 DETONATOR, GUMBOOTS, LITTLE ORACE
8 to 1 BULLY BEEF, 10 to 1 CHESTER QUEEN, 12 to 1 THE FORTIETH
15 to 1 RAT TRAP, ALL HAIL 25 to 1 MINNENWERFER

SWIMMING CARNIVAL.

The Initial Swimming Sports of the 40th Battalion A.I.F. were held at Q on Monday 8th July 1918. Splendid weather favoured the outing, and excellent sport was witnessed. 274 Competitors taking part in the various events. The Officials were:-

President Lieut-Colonel J.E.G. LORD D.S.O.

Vice President - Major L.H. PAYNE D.S.O.

Committee - Major L.F. GIBLIN D.S.O., M.C., Lieuts R.H. SMITH & V.C. SMITH

~~SWIMMING~~ Judges:- Capt. G.S. BISDEE Lieut. H.L. FOSTER M.C.

Swimming:- Lieut. C.H. CANE Lieuts C.W. GAME & M.H.O. WHITAKER

Diving:- Lieut. A.R. MILLS, Sgt. G.M. MILLS (17th Bty) M.C.

Starters:- Major L.F. GIBLIN D.S.O., M.C. Lieut. G.R.P. HAWKER

Race Stewards:- Lieut. R.B. PENNY Lieut. A.P. BROWN M.C.

Hon Sec. Lieut. A.R. MILLS

Visitors were present from the 10th Brigade, 9th & 17th Batteries, U.S.A. Engineers and Machine Gunners and Royal Horse Artillery.

During the afternoon a musical programme was rendered by the 40th Battalion Band. The results of the racing were as follows:-

50 Yards Championship - Other Ranks:-

1st Heat Johnson 1st L/G Hay 2nd Final Heat - Johnson G.D. 1st
2nd Heat. Shalless 1st Jacques 2nd L/G Hay 2nd Jacques 3rd.

150 Yards Championship - Open:-

Johnson G.D. 1st Davis A. 2nd Cpl. Barnett T.G. 3rd.

Officers Championship - 50 Yards:-

Lieut. A.R. Mills 1st Lieut. G.R.P. Hawker 2nd Lieut. C.H. Cane 3rd.

Swimming on the Back:-

1st Heat Burrows 1st Widdicombe 2nd Mudge 3rd
2nd Heat Lieut. Mills 1st Lieut. Lovett 2nd Evans 3. 3rd
Final Heat Lieut. A.R. Mills 1st Lieut. Lovett 2nd Evans 3rd.

Pillow Fight on the Greasy Pole:-

Lieut. A.R. Mills 1st Smith H.A.H. 2nd Gerlach 3rd.

Long Dive:-

Evans S. 1st Hutcheon 2nd Sgt. Grimmond 3rd.

Fancy Diving Competition:-

Cpl. Crawford 1st Burrows H 2nd Greenland 3rd.

Swimming Sports (Continued) (4)40th Battalion A.I.F.

50 Yards Breast Stroke Championship:-

1st Heat Cates 1st Turnbull 2nd Lieut. Cranswick 3rd

2nd Heat Cpl. Barnett 1st Hutcheon 2nd Sgt. Grimmond 3rd.

Final Heat - Cpl. Barnett 1st Cates 2nd Turnbull 3rd.

Officers Relay Race:-

"C" Company 1st "D" Company 2nd "H.Qrs" 3rd.

Inter Company Relay Race:-

"B" Company 1st "A" Company 2nd "G" Company 3rd.

Throwing the Polo Ball:-

Cpl. Barnett 1st Lieut. Mills 2nd Ringrose 3rd.

Diving Competition:-

Davis 1st Johnson 2nd Lieut. V.C. Smith 3rd.

Musical Corks:-

Mudge 1st. Widdicombe 2nd Davis 3rd.

Riding the Barrel on Greasy Pole :-

Skjettrup 1st Greenland 2nd Pitamaurice 3rd.

Rescue Race:-

Johnson and Salter 1st Lieuts Mills & Brown 2nd Lieuts Boyes & Foster 3rd

Duck Hunt:-

Pte. Johnson G.D.

MAP REFERENCE: Parchment

CLIITHAT WHICH IS KNOWN.

1. Twenty-four months have waned since the XL th Battalion girded their loins in habilaments of war and turning their faces northwards, amid the wails of fair maidens bereft of their braves, set sail for foreign conquest.

THAT WHICH IS HOPED FOR:-

2. (a) To worship right devoutly at the shrine of BACCHUS, making frequent prostrations thereto, without regard to demeanour or capacity.
(b) On conclusion of this religious festival in honour of to the God of Wine - to attack with great vigour all of the enemy known throughout the land as STINGO. Nor shall any quarter be given.

THAT PLACE WHEN THE WARRIORS SHALL FOREGATHER.

3. All shall foregather at the CITADEL (H.16.b.85.05) at an hour that no man save one wots of now, but all men shall come of this knowledge. Now this day shall be called OMEGA day. Woe be unto him who is tardy and to him who hangeth back, for his glass shall remain empty. Though his tongue be as sand paper, yet shall his thirstiness be not assuaged one whit.

THAT PLACE WHICH ALL SHALL STRIVE TO GAIN KNOWN TO ALL AS THE OBJECTIVE.

4. All warriors shall strive mightily to reach the "objective" which is called the Rose-Coloured Line. Now this line shall not be perceived at once. But Lo! when all men have mellowed their souls with the vintage - then shall they see not only one line but all will be Rose-Coloured. Then shall they know that the battle is theirs and paeons of victory shall be sung. And the Chief Musician shall be the Padre - but he shall have a new name - even the Pharisee - for his ways are subtle and devious to follow even as a serpent. Behold, he shall lift up his voice as a cow torn from her calf and the trumpets will sound, and the multitude will sing "All Ale" and none need ask Whis (ch)k(e)y for it shall be Beer.

BY WHICH ALL MAY COMMUNE ONE TO THE OTHER.

5. He that waggeth the flags - he shall do what is meet in this matter - but to commune with Her that Shineth - this is forbidden. For he shall take unto himself a new song which concerneth "Bill" - even he that goeth down to the sea in ship's - and his watchword shall be - "Hast heard the news".

THE SIGNAL FOR PERIL

6. Let every man take heed to this - When one RUDDOX whose voice is as the Raven shall sing him songs of the WERFER which is ~~unknown~~ known as Minnis - then let all beware - for the Rose-Coloured Line is nigh yea at the very door and though pitfalls may be many - yet shall glassfuls be even more frequent. Let every man then know his capacity or the night shall go ill with him.

THE GUSTODIAN: 7

- One La Touche who is surnamed Cruickie, even he whose head is like the setting sun - he shall guard those who shall fall by the way-side. But to roll those who have fallen into the arms of SOMNUS because of their strivings in the field of battle - it is forbidden. And should he transgress as his chastisement he shall surely kiss the Purveyor of Ointments and Herbs - thrice upon the cheeks and thrice upon the neck. Nor shall his eyes be hidden by a cloth that he may not see. So shall his punishment be the greater.

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THE RELIEVING: 8. Now it is written that one Centurian shall stay with each cohort on OMEGA-day and if he be not a worshipper of BACCHUS it is well. It is his loss. But if he a Wine-bibber and loveth the flesh pots of EGYPT, when his tongue becometh as brick-dust, then shall he send a messenger with all speed to the CITADEL saying - Relieve me for I fain would look upon the Crimson wine. Hasten that I may catch up to those who are in front. Now the Captain of the Guard, one MILLS - shall make preparation and he shall place to one side - Five bottles of Aqua Vitae made by Haig. For it is potent and worketh quickly.

CONCERNING THE PHYSICIAN. 9. Should it come to pass that when the battle ceaseth some there are who cannot go to their houses in peace, then shall the Purveyor of Ointment and Herbs, rise with his band and convey them to their dwelling places. But he is a hard man reaping where he does not sow and woe to him who falleth into his hands, it were better for that man that he were dead. It is written that every man shall be in his bed when the day cometh nor is it seemly to quarrel by the wayside - For there is one who is named the ACKPIPEMMA who pounceth suddenly upon the reveller and should one fall into his hands - then shall the others lift up their voices unto the heavens - crying "WERGA WERGA" which being interpreted means "Lord - What a Gutzer" And it shall be forawarning to all men

GRACCHUS MAIOR

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To all concerned.

*Lt. Barrett
Adj.
40th Div.*

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Other Events
 Capt. Findlay, Lt. McIntyre, Lt. Cane, Lt. Game.

Starters.

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 Other Events. Lt. R. Hawker.

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 Track Stewards. Lt. Crosby, Lt. McMillan, Lt. Dalgleish, Lt. Penny.
 Official Recorder. Lt. Cranswick D.C.M.
 Hon. Sec. Lt. A.R. Mills

PROGRAMME

First Day Monday 1st July 1918

No.	Event		To Start at.
1	100yds Championship, Other Ranks	Heats	2pm
2	Wheelbarrow Race		2.20pm
3	100yds Championship Other Ranks	Semi Final	2.35pm
4	Standing Long Jump		2.40pm
5	100yds Championship Officers	Heats	3pm
6	100yds Championship Other Ranks	Final	3.10pm
7	Siamese Race 75yds	Heats	3.15pm
8	Alarm Race (Transport Section)	Heats	3.25pm
9	Siamese Race	Final	3.40pm
10	440yds Championship Other Ranks	Heats	3.45pm
11	100yds Championship Officers	Final	4pm
12	Throwing the Cricket Ball.		4.5pm

Second Day Tuesday 2nd. July 1918.

1	440yds Championship Other Ranks	Final	2pm
2	Officers Relay Race		2.10pm
3	High Jump		2.20pm
4	220yds Championship Other Ranks	Heats	2.35pm
5	Kicking the Football		2.45pm
6	220yds Championship Other Ranks	Final	3pm
7	Running Long Jump		3.5pm
8	120yds Hurdles	Heats	3.15pm
9	Driving Competition		3.25pm
10	120yds Hurdles	Final	3.40pm
11	1 Mile Championship		3.45pm
12	Inter Coy. Relay Race		4pm
13	Boat and Jacket Race		4.10pm
14	Alarm Race (Transport Section)	Final	4.20pm
15	Best Sustained Character		2pm. to 4pm

First two in each heat in semi final, first three in semi final to start in Final.

(Sgd) A.R. Mills
 Lieut.
 Hon. Sec.

40th BATTALION A.I.F. - TURF CLUB

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- INITIAL MEETING. -QUERRIEU RACECOURSE.THURSDAY - 4th JULY 1918.PRESIDENT:- Lieut-Colonel J.E.C. LORD D.S.O.VICE PRESIDENT:- Major L.H. PAYNE D.S.O.COMMITTEE:- Captain W.C.G. Ruddock. Lieut. R.H. Smith Lieut. Mahoney.STEWARDS:- Lieut. H.L. Foster M.C., Lieut. G.L. McIntyre, Lieut. V.C. Smith, Lieut. R.E.D. Groom, Lieut. S.S.S. McMillan.JUDGE:- Major L.F. GIBLIN D.S.O., M.C.CLERK OF COURSE:- Lieut. R.B. PennySTARTER:- Lieut. C.R.P. Hawker.OFFICIAL RECORDER:- Lieut. T.G. Cranswick D.C.M.HON. TREASURER:- Lieut. R.B. Penny.HON. SECRETARY:- Lieut. A.R. Mills.

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3.30 p.m.- SOMME CUP. -

6 Furlongs.

Sweepstake 20 Francs with 200 Francs added. 2nd 50 Francs from Stake.

Open to all Officers Hacks in the ~~40th~~ 40th Battalion, A.I.F. to be ridden by Owners or an Officer approved of by the Committee.

					<u>Rider.</u>
1.	Lt-Col. J.E.C. Lord D.S.O.	blk. g.	THE FORTIETH		
			The Best - Tasmania	aged. (R.J. Slade)	Owner.
			Colours - Red & White.		
2.	Major L.F. Giblin D.S.O.; M.C.	blk. or br. g.	GUMBOOTS		Lieut. Mahoney.
			Theft - Tissard	aged (W. Powlett)	
			Colours - White, Black & white Cap.		
3.	Captain G.S. Bisdee	blk. or br. g.	RAT-TRAP		
			Black & White - Gin	5 or 6 yrs (L. Elmes)	Owner
			Colours - Brown, White sash & Cap.		
4.	Captain W.C.G. Ruddock	ch. m.	MINNENWERFER		
			Flying Pig - Trench Mortar	6 yrs. (Drew)	Owner
			Colours - White - black Spots.		
5.	Captain J.S. Reed	b. g.	ALL HAIL		Lieut. A.P. Brown M.C.
			Padre - Brainwave	5 yrs (H. Norton)	
			Colours - Brown, white Cap.		
6.	Lieut. B.T. Sadler	ch. m.	CHESTER QUEEN		
			L.G.S. - Wagon	6 yrs. (B. Hartley)	Owner
			Colours - Brown, white Stripes.		
7.	Lieut. R.H. Smith	g. m.	DETONATOR		
			Mills - Miss Newton	5 yrs. (Sgt. Young)	Owner
8.	Lieut. T.J. Horler	b. g.	BULLY BEEF		
			Whizzbang - Biscuits	aged (J.E. Gordon)	Owner
9.	Lieut. L.W. Barnett	b.m.	DOLLY		
			Jove - Gear	aged (R.J. Slade)	Owner
			Colours - Blue & Red.		
10.	Lieut. A.R. Mills	b. g.	LITTLE GRACE		
			Elphinstone - Frankvillers	aged (H. Norton)	Owner
			Colours - Black - white facings, Brown Cap.		

A.R. MILLS Lieutenant
Hon. Secretary.

40th Bn Scout Programme
for night 14, 15, 17, 18

Coy	Strength	Route	Time
A	INCO 6	Leave P11C 25.75 to P11 d. 4.8 to P11 b. 5.3 to P11 a. 45.25	10.45 2.30 AM
B2	INCO 6	Leave P16 b. 00.30 to P16 d. 1.9 to P16 c. 7.7 to P16 c. 2.8	10.45 2.30 AM
C3	INCO 6	Leave P10 c. 7.1 to P17 a. 1.6 to P16 b. 6.3 to P16 b. 00.30	10.45 2.30 AM
D4	INCO 6	Leave P11 c. 2.8 to P11 d. 1.6 to P11 c. 7.3	10.45 2.30 AM

Object of all patrols = Identification
Password = SOAP
Countersign = DIST
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Battn.	Patrol Left Point.	Patrol Left Time.	Patrol returned Point.	Patrol returned Time.	Locality traversed.	Object of patrol.	Patrols report in detail.
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No 1	Pib 605.30	10.15	Pib 635.90	3.5 AM	Pib 605.30 Pib 611 Pib 635.90	Covering party	Patrol acted as standing patrol in front of working parties in N.M.L. <u>M.G.</u> were not very active. A few bursts were fired from P22 a 8.4 + Pib c 85.15. Flares were fired from Pib c 85.15. Pib d 2.9. Pib d 5.9. Enemy could be heard moving through wood at approx Pib d 2.8. No enemy could be seen. Our artillery fired at intervals during the night several shells falling in our lines and N.M.L. <u>Enemy</u> artillery was very quiet.
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No 2	Pii c 25.75	11 PM	Pii a 4.3	2.45 AM	Pii c 25.75 Pii c 9.5 Pii a 4.3	Information of enemy posts	Enemy was very quiet during tour. One burst of <u>M.G.</u> from Pii d 5.8 was fired. One flare and talking was also heard at this spot. Our artillery shelled P17 a 5.5 but no result was observed.
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No 3	Piod 8.4	11.20	Piod 9.5	2.45	Piod 8.4 Pii c 6.4 Piod 9.5	"	An enemy working party was heard at Pii d 5.8 which appeared to be wiring. L.G. was fired at this spot and work ceased. Flares were fired from Pii d 3.4 but this position could not be investigated on account of our <u>artillery</u> fire.
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No 4	Pib e 1.7	10.15	Pib e 45.95	3 AM	Pib e 1.7 Pib e 85.65 Pib e 45.95	Covering party	Flares were fired from Pib c 9.6 + Pib c 8.4. An <u>M.G.</u> at Pib d 3.6 fired bursts every half hour. Two (2) enemy were seen at Pib d 15.85. One shot was fired at them by the patrol and one man was seen to fall. He could be heard groaning and calling out.
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M. J. Brown
Lieut.

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he was taken back through
 the wood.
 Our artillery fired 3 shoots
 on Acroche Wood at 11-14 30'clock
 No enemy patrols were seen

AP Strong
 SD 40th Bn

40th Bn Scout Programme
 for night 15/6/18

Coy	Strength	Route	Time
B1	1/1 CO 6	Leave Plum Walk to P16 d. 6 to P16 E 05:30	10:12/15
A2	1/1 CO 6	Reverse route B1 Leave P16 E 05:30	12:30-3 AM
D3	1/1 CO 6	To P16 E 4:1 to P10 d. 75:30	10:12/15
C4	1/1 CO 6	Leave P10 d. 75:30 to P17 a. 1:2 to P16 E 05:30	12:30-3

Object of patrols = To locate enemy
 posts.

PASSWORD = KING-
 COUNTERSIGN = FISHER
AP Strong
 S.D.

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1. The first part of the report
 is a general description of the
 area. It is a small area of
 land, about 100 acres in
 extent. It is situated in the
 north-western part of the
 county. The land is mostly
 open, with some scattered
 trees and a few small
 buildings. The soil is
 generally light and sandy.
 The climate is generally
 dry, with some rain in
 the winter months. The
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 the land is mostly used
 for agriculture.

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Reconnaissance of no man's
land by Lt Brown M.C.

Reference Capt DSE covered to 7/1/19.
Photograph A 5 EA 757.

Trench from P16 to 09.45 to P15 to 40.70
occupied by us as part
of the F. Line.

Field of fire on right
limited by crop. Opposite
left of this portion of trench
dead ground exists from
bank ~~at~~ 40 yds in front
of trench (bank not shown
on map.)

Trench from P16 to 40.55 to P10 to 50.00
is not continuous as shown
on map. Consists of short
length of trench along northern
arm of above bank and
not connected with F. L.
A Vickers gun is situated
about the centre of this
trench and fires N.E. down
the valley.

Trench from P16 to 60.60 to P10 to 50.00
is continuous and ~~consists~~
crosses N.M.L. to trench

System in P16 475.30. A listening post is established in this trench about 50 yds from junction with F.L.

Trench shown from P16 662.6; to P16 85.80 is not continuous as shown on map. Consists of a short length of trench about 80 yds from trench described in previous para.

The reconnoitering officer proceeded as far as P16 67.45 and saw no signs of enemy occupation or other use.

Enemy sniper fired one round only at scout officer whilst midway between our F.L. and farthest point reached. Shot came from direction of wood about P16 65.10

The scout officer reports four AA machine guns firing at our planes from neighbourhood of P16 662.53 southwards. One of these guns appears to be outside the trench at this point while others could not be definitely located. The four guns appear to be

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distributed over a distance of
about 200 yds from abaid point
Guns were located by smoke and
flash

Patrols have not so far
reported enemy MGs firing from
P16 b 87.53 or any other portion of
this trench system at night
Flares have been reported from
P16 d 85.35.

An Officers patrol will further
reconnoitre the trench system
in P16 b with a view to
ascertaining the strength with
which this system is held.

15/7/18

Edward Payer
1.0. 15/7/18

Battn.	Patrol Point.	Left Time.	Patrol retnd. Point.	Time.	Locality traversed.	Object of patrol.	Patrols report in detail.
40th A.I.F.	No 1 P10d 75.0	12.30	P16 60.5	3 AM	P10d 75.20 P16 6 50 50 P16 6 05 30	Reconnaissance	An enemy working party was heard at P17a 1.8 but could not be found on investigation. Flares were fired from P16 6 5.2 continuously. MG were very active from Aquaine Wood but could not be definitely located. A M.C. also fired one burst from P16 6 2.0.
	No 2 P16 2.7	12.45	P16 6.1	3 AM	P16 2.7 P16 control P16 8.1	Location enemy posts	Flares were numerous during the tour being fired from P16 6 3.2, P16 6 2.0 & P16 6 9.8. M.C. was fired from P16 6 3.2 about three bursts and P16 6 2.0 one burst. Enemy were heard talking at P16 6 2.0. Observation here is poor on account of trees. Green over Green lights were fired from rear of Wood but no action was taken. These were fired continuously from 2.50 AM till 3 AM. A shower of red lights were also fired and enemy artillery opened on Flight-Box.
No 3	Report sent in by special runner.						

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40th Bn Scout Programme
night 16-17-7-18

Coy	Strength	Route	Time
A1	1 NE06	Leave Pib 15:30 to Pib d 1-9 to Pib 12:30	10:30 PM 12:30 ..
B2	1 NE06	Leave Pib 12:30 to Pib c 2-7 to Pib 6 5:30	12:45 3 AM
C3	1 NE01	Leave Pib 6 2:6 to Pib 6 7-3 to Pib d 8 5:30	10:30 12:30
D4	1 NE06	Leave Pib d 7 5:30 to Pib 6 9-3 to Pib 6 2-6	12:45 3 AM

Object of patrols - Identification

PASSWORD = UNDER

COUNTERSIGN = WOOD

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PATROL REPORT.

Night ... 16.17.18 ... 18.18.18 ...

Battn.	Patrol Left Point.	Patrol Left Time.	Patrol retred. Point.	Patrol retred. Time.	Locality traversed.	Object of patrol.	Patrols report in detail.
40th Bn A.I.F.	P10 d 63	11-30 PM	P11 650	2:30 AM	P10 d 63 P11 600 P11 a 0062 P17 a 24 P16 695 P16 666 P10 d 50	Fighting patrol Reconnoitring	The patrol moved south of road at P11 600 and then to east end of bank at P17 a 0062. Two scouts were sent forward to P17 a 24 who worked up the gully towards enemy line. The enemy could be heard digging and coughing at P17 a 23. The wire at this point is plain (41) and is our old wire erected some time ago. It is cut sufficiently to allow men to pass through. Behind this wire at P16 695 is new enemy wire in good condition and not passable. On moving to P16 666 the patrol examined trench to about P16 666 but no sounds of occupation were heard. Patrol then came in on account of slight <u>noise</u> <u>heard</u> . Only one flare was fired and a M.G. fired 20 bursts from P17 639.
No 2	P16 2065	11 P.M.	P16 68520	2:45 AM	P16 2065 P16 68580 P16 68520	Covering party	Enemy artillery was active at 6:45 AM & 2:30 AM firing on an outpost front line + HAMEL wood. Enemy outpost line was very quiet - no M.G. or flares being used. No enemy movement was seen or heard.
No 3	P16 61057	11 pm	P16 65590	2:55 AM	P16 61057 P16 60505 P16 65590	Covering party	Enemy lines very quiet - no movement seen or heard. Our T.M. fired 2 shoots 11 pm & 1 AM. to rear of Hood. No result observed.

At 11 pm sent
SO. 40th Bn

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Battn.	Patrol Point.	Left Time.	Patrol retrned. Point.	Time.	Locality traversed.	Object of patrol.	Patrols report in detail.
40 th Bn	P10d6.3	10.45 PM	P10d5.0	12.45 PM	P10d6.3 P17a8.3 P10d5.0	Identification	Patrol moved along road to P17a8.3. It A listening post was discovered here and after throwing 2 bombs this post was rushed by Sgt. Richards + Mr. S. Mackenzie Mr. R. S. Mackenzie who were in advance of the remainder of the patrol. One was enemy was captured and one shot, these being the only occupants of the post. While the patrol was returning several rifle grenades + flares were fired by the enemy Mr. Mackenzie being wounded. On reaching P17a30.45 an enemy party of four opened fire on the patrol Sgt. Richards being wounded. The fire was returned and one enemy fell. The enemy then threw bombs Scout Morris being wounded. It was then decided to rush the enemy. This was done and he scattered + ran. No further trace could be found of them. During the tour only one MG was in action this being at P17 central.
No 2	P16e05.4	11.30	P16e4.8	3 AM		Protection	Patrol acted as covering party for working party at P16e7.9. Enemy lines were very quiet.
No 3	P16e15.6	12	P16e8.7	3 AM		Protection	Patrol was covering party for working party at P16e5.6. Enemy very quiet. Flares were fired from P16d3.7

Approved
S. C. 40th Bn

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PATROL REPORT.

Night ... 21.27.18 ... 7.18.18

Battn.	Patrol Left Point.	Time.	Patrol retnd. Point.	Time.	Locality traversed.	Object of patrol.	Patrols report in detail.
40 th Bn		12.30		3.30 AM		To cover relief T personnel	<p>Three patrols operated on the Bn post from the relief till daylight and report the enemy lines quiet.</p> <p>MC. fired at intervals from Pils 9.34</p> <p>Ply 2.24</p> <p>Our T.M. fired about 12 rounds on enemy post at Pils 42</p> <p>First round was a dud. No result.</p> <p>Our artillery shelled 400 yds Wood at 12.45 & 8.30 AM</p> <p>Only 3 enemy flares were fired.</p> <p>No movement of enemy was seen or heard.</p>

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40th Bn

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Night

27.28.18

Battn.	Patrol Left Point, Time.	Patrol retred. Point, Time.	Locality traversed.	Object of patrol.	Patrols report in detail.
40 th	Pib 45	Pib 4 3:55	Pib 45 Pib 48 Pib 44	Reconnaissance	<p>Due to brightness of night movement was difficult except during latter part of tour. Two (2) Rifle Grenades were fired at the patrol from Pib 8.4 M.G. fired several long bursts overhead from Pib 2.5 no flares were used nor was any enemy movement seen. The Rifle Grenades fell about 20 yds short.</p>
	Pib 70.55	10:30 pm Pib 20.55 12:15	Pib 70.55 Pib 70.9 Pib 70.55	"	<p>M.M.L. is very wet all shell holes which are shallow. Having water in them M.G. were very active. One firing from Pib 70.9 opened on the patrol every time it moved the bullets striking between our wire & patrol. Several bursts were fired along road running through Pib 70. M.G. at Pib 70.3.7 was also active and the flash could be plainly seen. A few bursts were fired from Pib 8.3. Enemy artillery fired a few rounds on our front line at 11:15 pm. Guns appeared to fire from a long way behind his line. Several <u>recon planes</u> crossed our lines at 12:30.</p>
	Pib 5.6 1 AM	Pib 5.6 3 AM	Pib 5.6 Pib 9.8 Pib 5.6	Standing Patrol	<p>M.G. fired from Pib 9.8 occasionally. Our artillery fired at intervals on Pib 9. Pib 1 P22. In result was observed. Lights were dropped from planes behind enemy lines. Sausage lights were fired from behind lines in Pib 9.</p>
					<p>All patrols report light very bright and difficult in moving without being seen. Some observers to be on the alert for patrols.</p>

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PATROL REPORT

Serial No. of Report
Date of Report
Name of Officer
Name of Soldier
Name of Platoon
Name of Company
Name of Battalion
Name of Regiment
Name of Brigade
Name of Division
Name of Corps
Name of Army



Scout Officer
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PATROL REPORT.

Night 28.29.7.18.....

Battn.	Patrol Left		Patrol retred.		Locality traversed.	Object of patrol.	Patrols report in detail.
	Point.	Time.	Point.	Time.			
40th Bn	10:30 PM	P16a9.5	12:45	P16e6.6	P16a9.5 P16c7.6 P16e6.6	Reconnaissance	<p>Enemy lines were fairly quiet during the tour. Flares in fairly large number were fired from P16c7.5.00. P16c9.4 + P16d15.90. One M.G. was active firing from P16d15.90. Several single shots were fired from P16c9.4. Our artillery opened a shoot at 12.30 pm on our left. Numerous red + blue lights were fired separately. These were apparently the enemy S.O.S. Enemy artillery did not open fire for some time. Our artillery opened on 1000 ft (4) did at same time but enemy did not appear to be greatly affected as nothing unusual occurred.</p> <p>Sap running from our trenches was examined for short distance but shows no trace of recent work. Only one M.G. was active firing a few bursts from P16b8.3. Flares were also fired from this spot. No sounds could be heard on account of our artillery firing. Our H.T.M. fired about 10 shots. Two of these fell about P17a3.3 where a M.G. has fired from. No result observed. Enemy shelled our front line at 1.15 AM.</p> <p>One M.G. fired short bursts from P17d2.9. Remainder of enemy lines quiet. Our artillery opened at 12.30 pm on our left. Nothing unusual happened on our front during this shoot.</p> <p>A few flares were fired at different points along enemy's line. Our H.T.M. fired about 8 shots. No result observed. M.G. very quiet. Artillery quiet.</p>
	1 AM	P1620.55	3 AM	P16b5.9	P16b20.55 P16b5.4 P16b2.3 P16b5.9	"	
	10:30	P10d9.7	12:30	P10d6.3	P10d9.7 P10d4.4 P10d6.3	"	
1 AM	P16b6.6	3 AM	P16a9.5	P16b6.6 P16b5.2 P16a9.5	"		

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PATROL REPORT.

Night 29.30. 7.18.

Battn.	Patrol Left		Patrol retnd.		Locality traversed.	Object of patrol.	Patrols report in detail.
	Point.	Time.	Point.	Time.			
40 th Bn	P10d88	10.30	P16b67	12.45	P10d88 P11a41 P17a37 P16b67	Reconnaissance	M.M.L is covered with growing crops + dry grass which make movement difficult. Three M.G's were active firing short bursts at irregular intervals. P16b82. P17a95 P17a63. Flares were also fired from last position. Enemy shelled our front line at 10.45 PM for half an hour. Two shells fell in M.M.L and contained gas. Respirators had to be worn for half an hour. No enemy movement was seen.
	P16b59	1 AM	P10d75	3 AM	P16b59 P17a0570 P11c0520 P10d75		Enemy lines were very quiet. One M.G was active firing from P17a95. Flares were unnecessary on account of bright moon. No enemy seen.
	P16a95	0.30 PM	P16c3068	2.45 PM	P16a95 P16d19 P16c3068		M.G fired several bursts from P16b23. Also a few flares from same position. Enemy T.M. fired 5 rounds from ACCROCHE WOOD. Position could not be definitely located. Our T.M. fired several shots but no result was observed. Our wire is not very good condition in right of sector.
	P16b2055	1 AM	P10d63	3.30 AM	P16b2055 P16b44 P16b76 P10d63		Enemy very quiet. M.G. active from P17a85. Flares from P16b52. Enemy artillery fired from P11c. No movement seen or heard.

Approved [Signature]
S.P. 40th Bn.

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PATROL REPORT.

Night 30.21.7.18

Battn.	Patrol Left Point. Time.	Patrol returned. Point. Time.	Locality traversed.	Object of patrol.	Patrols report in detail.
40 th Bn	P16c58.60 10:15 PM	P16a8.4 12:45	P16c68.60 P16c92.55 P16c9.8 P16b02.08 P16a8.4	Reconnaissance Huns Walk	Patrol moved from Right Post (P16c58.60) down Huns Walk to P16c92.55. Huns Walk to this point is about 4 ft deep and shows signs of use but was not occupied when examined. The trench is blocked about 50 yds from ^{our} post and also has several wire entanglements in it as far as the block. Coughing could be distinctly heard at P16d05.60. Flares were fired from this position. Patrol was prevented from reconnoitring farther by our H.T.M. which opened fire at 11 p.m. Shots fell at P16d15.65. P16d20.55. P16d25.55. P16d15.85 (M.G. have been reported firing from here) P16a85.25 (short other T.M. rounds fell farther in ACCROCHEY WOOD. No wire or movement was seen at enemy post in Huns Walk. M.G. fired one burst from P16b6.2. Owing to ^{with} mis-understanding two patrols followed the same route 20 minutes interval.
	P10d7.7 10:15 PM	P10d7.7 12:45	P10d7.7 P11c2.3 P10db.1 P10d7.7	Reconnaissance & Examination of our WIRE	Patrol moved to P11c2.3 when respirators had to be worn till 12 p.m. Gas ^{was} put over by our artillery and blew back. No M.G. were being used by the enemy. Our wire is not in very good condition on the left of sector only two wires being erected in places. From P10d6.1 to P10d7.7 a single apron without trip wire has been erected.
	P16b5.9 1 AM	P10d8.9 3 AM	P16b5.9 P16b95.90 P11c1.4 P10d8.9	Reconnaissance	The patrol was unable to proceed into gully running through P17a on account of gas which was very strong. No wind was blowing and gas, which had been put over by our artillery, remained in the gully. Two (2) M.G. were active firing from P17b1.4 & P15a3.2. Our artillery shelled ARBORE Wood at 2 AM

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S. D. 40th Bn.

Appendix # 5
 Intelligence Summary 48th Battalion
 from 1 am to 5 am 12.7.18

Our Operations.

Artillery During the night our artillery carried out usual harassing shoots.

Machine Guns During the night our M.G.s fired a number of rounds on enemy roads and approaches.

Patrols 3 patrols operated on the Battalion front.

- 1 Patrol of 1 MCO and 6 men at 1 am moved out from P11c 25.75 to the road running from P11c 65.50 to P11a 5.2 and found unoccupied dugouts. Very lights were fired from P17a 20.65 and P11a 9.2. Machine Guns fired several bursts from the same position during our artillery shoot on the woods at P17a and P11d. Enemy artillery fired a few rounds on NM Lana from approx P 6 b.
- 2 Patrol of 1 MCO and 6 men moved out at 1.30 am from P11a 35.50 and covered the relief of the left-

day. The enemy was using a number of red flares from his rear lines while his artillery were carrying out a shoot.

3 Patrol of 1 NCO and 6 men moved out from P10d 6.4 at 1.30am and heard a working party at P17a 7.6

Enemy Operations

Artillery

1.30-3am	100	7.7 HE	P11a	CERISY
	50	4.2	P11a	"
1.25-1.45am	60	7.7	P11a 8.8	"
1.45-2am	40	7.7	"	"
	40	4.2	"	"
	20	5.9	"	"
1.45	12	7.7	P10d	

Machine Guns machine guns were located firing from P17a 20.65 and P11a 9.2 but the rest of the front was quiet.

Signals. Enemy used red flares from his rear lines when his artillery carried out a shoot. On a red tracer bullet being fired at our front line a 7.7 gun fired at the spot where the bullet hit.
Enemy Attitude Quiet.

Edwest Boyer
10. 4th Battalion

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Intelligence summary 40th Batta
from 5am to 4pm 12.17.18

Our Operations

Artillery Light harassing
fire during the day.

Aeroplanes Inactive owing
to adverse weather conditions.

Enemy Operations

Artillery

12 noon to 1 pm	12	77	HE	P1009505 CERISY
6am to 8am	17	77	"	P1112 CERISY
8 am 8.30am	30	77	"	
9am 10 am	40	77	"	
10 am 11 am	40	77	"	
11 am 12 noon	40	77	"	
1.15pm 1.20p	12	77	"	P14000 "
8am	13	77	"	
10 am	9	77	"	
1 pm	8	77	"	
1.45 pm	7	77	"	

Aeroplanes. 7.30am two enemy
planes flew over our front line
for about 15 minutes.

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Movement. It was seen small parties
of the enemy were seen
entering the N.E. corner of
wood at P11d 3.6.

Enemy Attitude. Artillery fire
slightly increased on front-
line systems otherwise quiet.

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10. 4th Pm

Intelligence Summary 40th Battalion
from 4.45 pm 12.7.18 to 5 am 13.7.18

Our Operations

Artillery. Our batteries were very active during the night firing on enemy roads and approaches. During a shoot between 10.45 pm and 11 pm a number of rounds fell in our lines.

Aeroplanes. Our planes were fairly active during the evening.

Machine Guns. Fire was directed on enemy roads and approaches.

Patrols. 1 officer, 5 OR. left P11c 6.4 at 12 midnight and proceeded to P11c 9.3 and reconnoitred back to P11d 1.7 at 1 am our shells were falling in valley at P11d 3.0 during this shoot enemy fired red lights from P11d 8.0 in direction of supports no apparent action. One casualty was caused by a stray shell at 13.30. Patrol came in at P11d 8.9 at 3 am. 2 1sgt & 6 men. left P11c 25.75 and moved to P11d 7.8. Shaves were fired from P11c 9.2 and P11a 0.4 M.G. fire came from wood P11c 9.2. Patrol returned at P11a 45.25 at 3 am.

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3. 1 mco and 5 men went out at P11 a 35.05 at 10.20 pm and crossed the road at P11 c 4.6. and reconnected the embankment which was about 8ft high. Patrol returned at P11 c 20.90.

Enemy Operations

Artillery

8p-11pm	35	7.7 HE	P10d	Cerisy
4.45-5pm	12	5.9 "	P10c	"
	8	7.7 "	P10d 4.9	SE
12.35 am	15	5.9 "	P10d 7.3	"
	10	7.7 "	P10d 7.7	"
2.45 am	10	7.7 Gas	P10d 7.7	Blue Cross
8-9 pm	50	7.7 HE	P11 a	CERISY
9-10.15	40	4.2 "	P11 a	"
12.45-1.15 am	20	5.9 "	P11 a	MERCOURT
12.50 am	6	5.9 "	P11 a	"
7.45-8.45	20	10.5 "	P11 a	Q 3 c
8.45-9.45	3	10.5 "	"	"
9.45-10.45	20	7.7 "	"	"
12.25-12.35	14	7.7 "	"	"
3-3.15	10	7.7 "	"	"
8.10 pm	50	7.7 Shrap	P4 bac	CERISY
12.30 to 1 pm	6	4.2 HE	"	"
3 am	50	7.7 Gas	Pud P10a	" Blue X

Machine guns were not so active during the night

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Aeroplanes at 11 pm and 1.30 am
 a plane passed over our lines
 Movement 4.30 pm 30 men
 moving from P17a and disappeared
 in P12a. 6 pm 12 enemy seen leaving
 P17a 4.2 and disappeared in P12a
 6.30-6.45 pm number of the enemy seen
 coming from P12a and moved to
 wood at P17a 4.2

7 PM 10 men with full packs left
 P12a and moved to P17a 4.2

5.50 25 men sent from P5d to
 P12a carrying what appeared to
 be wire and picquets.

Considerable movement was seen
 in the area between P17c and road
 P17 central

Snipers were active one was
 located at P11c 9.2

Enemy Attitude Quiet

Our Snipers were very active
 three hits being claimed by the left
 coy and two by the right.

James R. O'Connell
 10. 4th Bn

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Intelligence Summary with P₁₂
from 5am to 3pm 13/7/18.

Our Operations.

Aeroplanes. Very active flying
low over enemy lines.

Enemy Operations

Artillery.

6am	7	4.2	HE	P4d	busy
9.30am	16	4.2	"	P4d	"
10.15am	18	4.2	"	"	"
11.45am	13	4.2	"	"	"
12.15pm	9	7.7	"	"	quiet
1.50pm	7	4.2	"	P4d	"
11.30	12	7.7	"	P10d	busy
2. pm	10	8.1	"	P10d	"

Planes. 9 to 10am several enemy planes
flew high over KIAMIE L.

Movement. Continuous movement
from P17c 80.90 to P16d 95.50. Probably
house at P17c 80.90 is still a Headquarters.

Enemy Artillery Quiet.

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Intelligence Summary with Patrols
from 5 pm 13.7.18 to 5 am 14.7.18

Our Operations.

Artillery. Very active during the night. Enemy movement at P17a 00.00 was fired on with good results.

Planes. Our planes were very active during the evening.

- Patrols. A Patrol reconnoitred ground in
1. P16c ground sloped towards HECROHE wood and is very broken with shell holes. A crop extends from P16c 65.10 to P16a 85.05 and is about 4 ft high and reaches to within 90 yds of the wood. There was MG fire from P16d 2.9 P16c 95.10 & P12a 80.30. One enemy was heard to call out from the centre of the wood.
 2. A Patrol left P16c 20.85 and moved to P11a 20.90 P11b 21 P11a 3.4. MG fire from P12a 2.2. Tracks dropped by our planes behind enemy lines appeared to set fire to a dump.
 3. A Patrol left P10d 7.2 at 11.30 and moved to P19a 9.9 and P11c 8.2 and came in at P11c 1.7. MG fire from P11d 4.7 was heard at P11d 1.2 and talking at P17b 2.4. During our artillery shot at 1am a bell was rung for 10 minutes at P17b 2.4.

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Snipers. Our snipers were very active against enemy movement.

Enemy Operations
Artillery.

3 pm	4	5.9 HE	P 10 d + b	Q 10 central
4 pm	6	4.2	"	bering
6-5 pm	14	7.7	P 10 a 40.60	Q 9 d
10 pm	15	7.7	P 10 b 30.60	bering
12-45 pm	15	7.7	P 11 a 30.00	"
230 am	10	7.7	"	"
12-15 am	25	5.9	P 11 a 40.55	Q 10 central
2 am	6	5.9	P 11 a 40.70	"
3-00 am	40	7.7	P 10 d	S.E.
3-15 pm	15	5.9	P 10 d 00.00	S.E.
12-30 am	10	5.9	P 10 d + b	land
7-10 pm	14	7.7	P 10 d 8.8	S.E.
3-4 pm	7	4.2	P 11 a	Q 3 e
4-5 pm	17	4.2	Black Sheep	P 29 e
5-6 pm	5	4.2	"	"
6-7 pm	11	7.7 HE	"	Q 3 e
9-45-10 pm	23	7.7	"	"
11-12	5	7.7	"	"
12-1 am	16	7.7	"	"

Machine Guns. MGs fired from P 16 d 2.9 P 16 e 95.10 and P 22 a 50.20 but on the whole were quiet during the night.

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Scouts located MG at P12a & P11d U.S.

Aeroplanes

Were active during the evening, six flew over HAMEL at 8:30 pm three broke off and brought two of our observation balloons down near PONTAIOUELLES.

Snipers were active along the whole front during the day.

Movement. A considerable amount of movement was observed at P16 to P15 and in P17a. During the day artillery fired on this at 9:15 pm and two enemies were carried away on stretchers shortly afterwards.

~~digging~~ Enemy were observed digging at P17c & 8 were there is probably a MG & 2 enemy on horseback going NE on road at P18c

Enemy. All the enemy has been very quiet during the period there being a marked decrease in his artillery fire.

Edmund Pugh
104th Bn

Intelligence Summary 40th Battalion
 from 5am to 3pm 14.7.18

Our Operations

Artillery Quiet

Aircraft: Our planes were fairly active during the morning. 8 bombs were dropped on FFL and P16d.

Snipers: Our snipers were active against enemy movement in P16b.

Enemy Operations

Artillery

8.30am	10	7.7 HE	P 10a 7.8	South East
8.45"	4	7.7 HE	P 10d 5.5	South East
8.8.15am	26	7.7 HE	P 11a 6.4	Record Wood
8.50am	4	7.7 "	P 11a 6.5	"
10.45am	20	7.7 "	P 10c 40.60	Beving
11am	25	7.7 "	P 10b 50.50	"
2.25pm	5	4.7 "	P 11a 6.6	"

Machine Guns MG was active firing at our planes P17c 3.8.

Aircraft: EA patrolled his lines at 8.30am 4 planes over his lines from 8.30am to 9.30am

Movement considerable movement
is still taking place in P16b
and P17a but in smaller parties
than previously. most of these men
appear to be wearing a full pack.
A dog was seen on several
occasions from P23a to P23 central

Miscellaneous. A balloon ascended
at 151 degrees (TB) from P10d 7.9.

Visibility. There was a heavy
mist from daylight to 8.30am

Edwin Joyce
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Intelligence Summary 4th Bn
from 5 pm 14.7.18 to 5 am 15.7.18

Day Operations

Artillery, our artillery was active during the night firing on enemy roads, approaches and trench systems.

M.G. fired occasional bursts

Aircraft were active during the evening.

1. Patrols A patrol went out at P16 6.05.30 at 10.15 and moved to P16 6.1.1 and came in at P16 6.39.90 at 3.5 am this patrol acted as a covering party for the working parties in N.W. M.G. fired from P16 2.8.14. P16 c 85.15 Flares were fired from P16 c 85.15 P16 d 2.9 P16 d 5.9. Enemy could be heard moving through the wood at approx P16 d 7.8

2. A patrol went out at P11 c 25.75 at 11 pm moved to P11 c 9.5 and came in at P11 a 4.3 at 2.45 am M.G. located at P11 d 5.8 talking was also heard at this spot

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- 3 A Patrol went out at P10d 8.4 at 11.30 pm moved to P11c 6.4 and came in at P10d 9.5 at 1.45 pm. An enemy working party was heard at P11d 5.8 which appeared to be wiring L.G. fired at this spot and work ceased. Flares were fired from P1d 3.4
- 4 A Patrol went out at P16c 1.7 at 10.15 pm moved to P16c 85.65 and came in at P16c 45.95. Flares were fired from P16c 5.6 & P16c 8.4. MG fired bursts every half hour from P16d 3.6. Two enemies were seen at P16d 15.85 one shot was fired at them by the patrol and one man was seen to fall. He could be heard groaning and calling out.

Enemy Operations

Artillery

8.30 pm	20	7.7	HE	on P9a 40.0	berisy
10.15 pm	10	4.2	"	"	berisy
4 pm	4	5.9	"	P11a 40.0	berisy
6 pm	8	5.9	"	"	"
6.10 pm	14	7.7	"	P11b 40.60	berisy
7.15 pm	15	4.2	"	P11a 40.50	"
8.40 pm	8	4.2	"	P11a	"
6 pm	15	7.7	"	P11a	"
6.15 pm	6	4.2	"	P11a	"
8.40 pm	6	4.2	"	P11a	"

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Hostile Spelling

9.10 pm	4	4.2	HE	P11a	Q 3 C
9.10 pm	5	5.7	"	"	P 29 C
9.45 pm	20	5.9	"	"	P 29 C
6 pm	15	7.7	"	P10d 7.9	Small band
7.15 pm	23	5.9	"	P10c 5.5	"
8.20 pm	28	5.9	"	P10c	"
12.30 am	25	4.2	"	P10d	"
3.15 am	11	5.9	"	P10d	"
3.50	11	7.9	"	P10d	"

M.G. fired bursts during the night. They were located firing from P22a 8.4 P16c 8.15 P11d 5.8 and P16d 3.6. P17c 3.8 P17c 3.3
Aircraft. Enemy planes were inactive.

Sniping. Enemy sniping was below normal.

Movement. The usual movement by small parties ^{moving} from the cover of the wood at P23a 9.5. over the ridge 3 men were seen near M6 at P17c 3.8

Enemy Attitude. Very quiet. a marked falling off in Outlets, and M.G. fire

Edward Dwyer 10/40/41

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Intelligence Summary 40th Pa
 from 5 pm to 3 pm 15-17. 18.

Our Operations

Artillery. During the morning
 the heavies had a short on
 back areas and were again
 active at 2:15 pm. 19 pm fired
 sharp on P 17 a.

M.G. very active from ~~the~~
~~front~~ after Rt. Babin post was
 raided.

Aircraft ~~was~~ ~~very~~ ~~active~~
~~over~~ ~~the~~ ~~area~~ ~~and~~ ~~was~~ ~~very~~ ~~active~~.

Our planes were very
 active machine gunning the enemy
 lines from a low altitude.

Snipers Our snipers were very
 active against enemy movement.

Enemy Operations

Artillery

10-11 am 2 77 P 156 Q 3 c.

12-1 30 pm 5 77 H 156 Q 3 c.

M.G. were very active after the
 Rt. Babin post was raided this
 fire came from the edge of
 ACCOCHE WOOD.

Aircraft. 10:20 am one EA flew
 low over his lines.

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7.30 & EA flew over our own
lines and engaged our planes
then returned. An enemy balloon
ascended at T.R 180 from
P10d ~~5.45~~ 7.5.

Snipers. Enemy snipers were
active in P2c ROCHE WOOD.

Movement. 2 enemy seen digging
in bank at P17c 3.8. 6 men seen
in HULLS WALK at P16 ~~6.5~~ 6.5. &
Constant movement from P17a 9.9
to P23a. 5.15am.

Edwin P. G. G.
10. 4th Bn

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Intelligence Summary with Radio
from 5 pm 15.7.18 to 5 am 16.7.18

Our Operations.

Artillery. Our artillery was active during the night carrying out shoots on numerous targets

Trench Mortars. Our Stokes were very active.

M.G. Now active the following targets being fired on Roads in P12a and P16c RECORD WOOD (P12a) P11b 9.2 to P11b 9.5 Road in P17 central terraces behind ARBUARIE WOOD (P17c 1.4 to P17a 3.2)

Aircraft. Usual activity during the evening. One plane dropped its bombs on P17c 7.9 at 3.40 am

Sniping. Usual activity carried on against movement in P12a 2.7

Patrols (Insect office) and 1700

reconnoitred trenches at P16b 5.6 in the afternoon and found same unoccupied

A patrol left P16d 7.30 moved to P16b 5.6

and came in at P16b 5.20 Enemy

working party was heard at

P17a 1.6 4 was were fired from

P16b 5.2 continuously.

Patrol left P16 6.3.7 moved to P16 central
 & came in at P16 a 8.1. Flares were
 & from P16 6.3.7 P16 6.2.0 P16 6.9.8 MG.
 at P16 6.3.7 and P16 6.2.0 enemy
 and talking at P16 6.2.0 Green over Green
 hits were fired over the wood but there
 was no apparent action. A shower of red
 was fired and Artillery opened on Pt Battery
 Enemy Operations

Artillery

7.6 7.30 pm	30	4.7	Phos Gas	P9 d	from S.E.
11.30 pm	6	5.9	"	P9 d	" "
4.5 pm	30	4.7	HE	P10 d 6.7	"
4.15 pm	5	4.7	"	P10 d 5.9	Coria
7.15 am	25	7.7	"	P10 d 5.6	"
4.4.15 pm	7	5.9	"	P15 d	S.E.
4.4.20 pm	25	7.7	"	P15 C	Coria
4.30 pm	20	4.7	"	P15 b	Q 3 C
4.7.30 pm	60	4.7	"	P15 b	Q 3 C
8.9 pm	20	4.7	"	H10 d 1.6	Q 3 C
9-10 pm	25	7.7	"	"	"
11-12 pm	66	4.7	"	F 11	"
12-1 pm	30	7.7	"	"	"
9.15 pm	160	8.1	"	P9 c+d	Coria
"	100	4.7	"	P9 b	"

Machine Guns were active during the night
 firing from A. QUAREWOOD P16 6.2.0
 P16 6.3.7 P16 6.2.0.

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Once off 3 pm an enemy plane
brought one of our observation balloons
7.30 pm 5 EA flew high over the sector
8.30 pm 1 EA flew over bus to L.

Snipers Enemy snipers were very
active.

Movement. Continuous movement
between P17 and FARGUE WOOD
wire has been being carried.

Work was being carried out along
the bank at P17 & 9 3.30 pm & enemy
on bicycles going east in Q12 & 10
5.30 pm enemy wagon going south in
approx Q13 & 5.40 pm & enemy
going back along main road east
of 1400 ft & 5.40 pm. 1 pm enemy
transport going east along
main road in Q & 6 & 7 d.

Enemy attitude. Enemy appeared
nervous and fired numerous
shots all night. Artillery activity
was a little above normal.

[Signature]
10. 4. 42

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Intelligence Summary 40th Dist
from 5am to 3pm 16-7-19.

Our Operations

Artillery Our heavies have been active during the day. 5.30 to 6am Our artillery harassed wood in P17a

M/L Guns Very active against enemy planes.

T.M. At 5am and 6am our LTMS fired on enemy lines.

Aircraft Our planes were very active at 1pm a flight of between 20 and 40 planes flew over enemy lines. At 2pm one of our planes brought an enemy balloon down.

Snipers Our snipers were again very active against enemy movement in P17a

Enemy Operations

Artillery

4.30 to 5.15 am 8 Pineapples P16 c95-50 P16 c9-7
9.45 to 10.45 47 7-7 P10 c P9d Q 3C

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M.G. ~~bullets~~ m.g.s were very active
against our aircraft.
T.M.s. Pineapples were fired from
approx P1609.7.
Aircraft EA were very active
flying high over our lines.
Snipers were not so active as usual.

Movement 10am three enemy on
horseback seen to leave trees ~~at~~
Q9C and go towards WARFUSEE Road
three more left the same place on
horseback and went in direction of the
road to CERISI. Continuous movement
from P170 to P132 throughout the
day, but 1 man seen moving along
the trench at P1700000.

Miscellaneous 2 Anti Aircraft Guns
observed firing from Q1500 10.30
during the morning.
~~at 10.30~~

Ernest Boyes
10. 10. 44

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Intelligence Summary with Platoon
from 5 pm 16.7.18 to 5 am 17.7.18

Our Operations.

Artillery. Our artillery was active during the period at 7 pm a heavy shoot was put down on the wood on P16 d.

M.G. Our M.G.s were active firing on enemy roads and approaches.

T.M. Our trench mortars were active during the period.

Snipers were active against movement in P17a.

Patrols. During the night four patrols operated on the sector. The end of the bank at P17a 0060 was examined and two scouts moved on to P17a 2.4 and worked up the gully towards enemy line. Enemy could be heard digging and working at P17a 2.3. The wire at this point is plain 1/2 inch and is our old wire erected some time ago. Behind this wire at P16 b 9.5 is new enemy wire which is not

passable trench along P16 to 7.6
to P16 to 6.6. but no signs of occupation
were seen, MG fire from P17a 3.9.
Overcast day. Planes were very active.
Enemy Operations

Artillery

7.15 pm	12	7.7 HE	P10 d 6.6	East
9.20	15	7.7 "	P10 d 7.9	East
9.30	38	7.7 "	"	"
10.15	50	7.7 "	"	"
12.45 pm	70	7.7 "	P10 d 6.6	"
9.30 pm	50	7.7 "	P10 d 6.6	"
9-10 pm	100	7.7 "	Ward SW of Hamel.	"
9.50	6	5.9 "	HAMEL	"
2-4 am	300	7.7 "	On front line	"
5.05-6.05	12	7.7 "	HAMEL	"
9.30-9.35	6	4.2 Ga	P10 d	Q 20 West
5.15	13	4.2 HE	P 9 b	Q 10 central
6 pm	15	4.2 "	P10 d	"
10.30	150	4.2 "	HAMEL	Coring

The enemy artillery was very active during the night and from 2.30 to 3 am a barrage of 7.7 and 4.2 was put down on the whole of our front line and support systems. MG were not so active as usual.

Overcast 10.40-10.45 pm two TF1 crosses over line going from east to west.

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4.30 am → enemy planes flying low and firing on our S.W.
Snipers, machine snipers were active against any movement in our lines.
H.M. One Pineapple fell on our wire, falling in P16c 70.95.

Movement 3pm one enemy going SW along road in P18c. 3.55 pm 1 enemy vehicle SW along road in P25c. 6.30pm enemy Red Cross wagon going NE in P20c 6.30pm Several enemy noticed going west in P2c. Heard continuous movement in P17a and P23c enemy carrying wire, fragments, and tires.
Several men seen in vicinity of MG at P17c 3.7. Movement was more noticeable in new trench along bank in P17c 0.15 to 3.9. Enemy seen observing from P16b yet where he appears to have a good lay down.
Miscellaneous at 2.15 and 2.30 enemy fire two green lights and one red which broke into two no apparent action.

Enemy Artillery, Artillery were active otherwise very quiet.

Edmund Boyce
10.10.14

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Intelligence Summary with PIS
from 5am to 4pm 17.7.18.

Our Operations

artillery Harassing fire
by 19 pms and 4.5 on and in
the vicinity of ACQUAIRE and
ACCROCHE Woods.

~~Planes were seen flying
from 10am to 11pm over our
line and dropping incendiary bombs
and gas.~~

Aircraft Our planes were
very active and planes dropped
bombs within 20 yds of our
new post near WALK.
Snipers Our snipers were
active.

Enemy Operations

artillery

5am to 6am	20	7.7	HE	P15 6	Q 30
10.15am-10.45	50	7.7	"	HAMEL	"
11.50-12.15pm	10	7.7	"	P15 6	"
"	5	4.2	"	"	"
2pm	12	7.7	"	"	"
6am	35	7.7	"	Pod 6.6	SE
8.20	2	4.2	"	"	"
9.15 to 10.5am	5	4.2	"	P10 d 2.9	"

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9.30 to 10.00 5 4.7 HE P1002.9 SE
 10.30 am 10 4.2 " " "
 11.30 am 23 7.7 " P1004 7.6 "
 12.25 pm 8 7.7 " P1006 6.7 SE
 M.G. were very active against
 our aircraft.

On 25/11/42 at 4.50 am enemy plane flew
 low over our line and dropped
 a white light. 8.30 to 9.30 am enemy
 plane flew low over our T.H.

Movement 5.30 am a few enemy seen
 moving across P1799.9 & P1399.9
 Enemy seen in trench at P1605.5.
 5.30 till 1.30 pm movement seen in trench
 at P1609.3, 8 am 1 enemy G. & Wagon
 going east in Q.260.
 9.10 am 1 G. & Wagon going east in Q.260
 9.10 am 1 enemy on horseback in Q.25
 going towards Lamotte en Banteville

J. P.
 10.40 am

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Intelligence Summary 40 Battalion
from 5 pm 17/7/18 to 5 am 18/7/18

Our Operations.

Artillery - Our Artillery was active during the day.

At 9.40 pm a barrage was put down along enemy front and continued for about 20 minutes

Aircraft

Not much activity. 3 bombs were dropped on trenches in Pils 6 and 3 on about P17 a 99.

Aceroche Wood was also bombed

Patrols

During the night three Patrols operated on our front. No 1 Patrol rushed a listening Post at P17 a 83 killing one and capturing one. When the Patrol was returning an enemy patrol was encountered at P17 a 3045 which opened fire. This was pushed but the enemy scattered & made good their retreat in the darkness.

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Enemy Operations Artillery

8.35 pm	20	77mm	HE	P10d	from CERISY
9.45 "	6	calibres		P10d, P15b and	
10.10 "				P16b	
10.15 "	6	68	4.2	P15b	from Q3C
11 pm			5.9		
11 pm	6				
11.45 pm	30	77mm	HE	HAMEL	do
12 midnight					
to 1am	75	77mm	HE	P15b	do

Sniping - slightly more active than usual

Movement

At 8 pm several men were seen 200 yds East of Post 16 (P16 b15). They were fired on from the post and one appeared to be killed or wounded.

Usual movement from wood in P23a and thence walk in P16.

4 men moved from P18 a 44 where a M.L. position is suspected. Enemy seen shovelling from trench P17 c 27

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Observers report attached.

Signals Co Enemy bombardment at 9.45 pm was preceded by a red light bursting into 2 stars.

W. Smith sent for 8/10.

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Intelligence Summary
 of 42nd Battalion
 from 5 am to 3 pm 18/9/18

Our Operations
Artillery Normal activity

Aircraft

5.45 am 15 Planes crossed our
 lines dropped bombs in enemy
 lines and disappeared in an
 Easterly direction

9.30 am One plane dropped 6
 bombs on ACCROCHE WOOD

11.45 am One plane dropped 4
 bombs on enemy front line

Enemy Operations

Artillery

7 am	20	77 ^m HE	on P10d	from East
8 . to 9 am	25	do	P15 b	" Q3C
9 . to 10 .	10	do	P15 b	" Q3C
1.35 pm to 1.45 pm	10	4.2 HE	P15 b	Q3C

Machine Guns

Anti Aircraft M. G. fired
 from P17C38

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Aircraft

6 am to 6.15 am One enemy plane
patrolling his own front line
8.30 am 4 enemy planes flying
high over their own front line

Movement

5 am Two men moving at P17C38
" " " " " from P17a
and disappeared at P23a99

7.20 am Several men moving Q19b

7.30 am Two waggons loaded with
hay and 5 parties of 3 men each
moving SE along road in Q19b

7.35 am Two mounted men going
NE along road in Q19b

7.40 am 5 men moving P23a99
disappeared P17a99

9 am 1 Wagon moving SW along
road in Q13d

Continuous movement of small
parties from and to ACCROCHE
WOOD

11 am - Two men from direction
WARFUSEE-ABANCOURT

disappeared behind wood at
P22b (TAILLOUX WOOD)

11.10 am 3 men each carrying a
bag on his back disappeared

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in wood at P22 b 54
One cyclist moved along road
through P23 c and d towards
LAMOTTE-EN-SANTERRE
1 Div. - Movement observed in
trenches at P16 a 82 and P16 a 83

W. Smith
Lieut

for 2/0
46th Batt

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Intelligence Summary40^m 13mFrom 5 pm to 3 AM 18/19.7.18Our operations.

Artillery = Normal activity.
Usual harassing fire during night.

Aircraft = Usual activity during evening.

Patrols = Four standing patrols covered the relay line report enemy lines quiet. Snipers were not used till 11.30 pm and were then fired from P10 d 218 + P16 b 31. An enemy working party was heard at P16 v 4.2 tank one of these was heard to call out several times when our artillery opened on the wood at 11.50 pm. The party were not heard afterwards.

Enemy operations

Artillery

8 pm 6	77	P10 d 6.6	S. C.
8 pm 7	77	P10 d 6.8	S. C.
9 pm 30	10.54/77	P10 d 6.9	S. C.
5 pm 12	77	P15 b	6 3.0

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MOVEMENT =One enemy observing from
P. 602.5Enemy movement from P. 1729.9
to P. 2329.9 at intervals during
4 evening

7.15 PM 30 enemy on above route.

8.40 PM enemy movement at P. 603.8

Movement along gully at
P. 1704.8. P. 1701.8 P. 1703.8M.G. One gun active at P. 1703.8

J. D. J. D.
 J. D. J. D.
 40th Bn.

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Intelligence Summary

40 Balbr
from 5 pm 19/7/18 to 5 am 20/7/18

Our Artillery

More active than usual during the day

Aircraft - very active from 2.15 pm until 8.30 pm

Enemy Operations

7.30 pm to 8 pm	30	77 ^m HE	P8b	from	P30c
8 " to 9 "	70	"	P8b	"	P30c
9 " to 10 "	6	"	P8b	"	P30c
10.45: " to 11 "	90	4.2 HE	P9c	"	EAST
11.45 " "	200	8.8			
12 midnight to 1 am	70	77 ^m HE	P8c	"	P30c
1.10 am	20	4.2 HE	P9c	"	EAST
2 am to 3 am	Heavy Shelling		P8d		
	77 ^m . 4.2 + 5.9		P9c	"	EAST
			P8b		
			P14b		
3 am to 4 am	do		do		do
4.50 am	12	5.9 + 77 ^m HE	P9c		EAST

Aircraft Enemy bombing plane flying ~~west~~ passed over P8 Central at 3 am
EAST
H. Smith Lt for HQ

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Intelligence Summary

40th Bn

from 5 pm 20/1/48 to 5 am 21/1/48Our operations - Artillery

Motor activity

Aircraft large formations
active during the eveningEnemy operations - Artillery1 am to 2 am 30 77" Sigs Rod from P300
4.20. to 4.25. 12 4.2 HE P300 " P300

W. Smith's Log

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Intelligence Summary

42nd Pz

from 5pm 21/7/18 to 5pm 22/7/18

Operations

Artillery

Normal

Aircraft

Usual patrol

Activity during evening

Enemy Operations

Artillery

5.20pm	7	77 th HE	PISA from EAST
9.30 - 10pm	10	4.2 "	P3C " CERISY
11.30 - " "	15	" "	P8a Cont. " "
11.20	18	5.9 "	P9C " EAST
11.30	12	" "	" " "
12.45 am	10	4.2 "	P8a Cont " CERISY
2.30 am	10	Blue X	PISA " EAST
3.00	20	4.2 HE	P8a Cont " CERISY
4.00	10	" "	" " "

Aircraft Hostile Bombing
P8a active during night

Summary

for 2/8
40 Pz

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Intelligence Summary 40th Battalion
from 5pm 22.7.18 to 5am 23-7-18

Our Operations

Artillery Our heavies were very active during the period.

Aircraft Very active during the evening planes flying in large formations.

Enemy Operations

Artillery

7.45 pm	30	5.9 HE	P 8 b	WARFUSEE
9. pm	20	5.9 "	P 8 d	"
3.30 am	54	4.2 V 77	P 8	"
8.30 to 8.40 pm	29	4.2 & 5.9 pm	P 8 a	P 29. Plus X
2.40 am	-	4.2	P 9 Central East	Green X

Aircraft 5.15 3 EA flew over this sector and were driven off by AA fire.

7.45 pm 6 EA flew high over front line

8.10 pm 1 EA flew high over sector moving from SW to NE.

Ernest Rogers
10 40th Bn

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Intelligence Summary 4th Battalion
from 5 pm 23.7.18 to 5 am 24.7.18.

Our Operations

Artillery Active during the night.

Aircraft Inactive owing to adverse weather conditions.

Enemy Operations

Artillery

6 pm	16	4.2 HE	P9a 4.4	CERISY.
10 pm	7	5.9 "	"	"
10.45 pm	7	5.9 "	P8a	"
11.30 pm	7	4.2 "	P8a	"
11.45 pm	4	4.2 "	P8b	WARFUSEE
6 pm	11	4.2	P9c	"
9 pm	90	7.7	P8d	"
10 pm	25	4.2	P9c	"
10.30 pm	5	5.9	P8c	"
11 pm	30	4.2	P9d	"
12.15 am	16	4.2	"	"

Aircraft Inactive.

James Poyes

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Intelligence Summary of 5th Poole
from 5p 24.7.18 to 5am 25.7.18

Our Operations

Artillery was very active during the period.

Aircraft Our planes were very active several fired on enemy trenches with their MGs.

Enemy Operations

Artillery

10.30p	1	4.2 HE	P9a	Corning
1.45am	20	4.2 "	"	"
8.30p	20	4.2 "	P9a	"
6p	14	4.2 "	P9a	"
10.30p	6	4.2 "	P9b	"
2.30am	25	4.2 "	P9d	"
2.40am	7	4.2 "	P9a	"

Aircraft At midnight two EA passed overhead flying West.

Edward Poyser
10.40th Div

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Intelligence Summary with Details
from 5 pm 25.7.19 to 5 am 26.7.19

Own Operations

Artillery Normal activity during the night.

Aircraft Normal activity.

Enemy Operations

Artillery

6.30 pm	6	7.7 HE	Pga	being
9.30 pm	15	4.2 "	Pgc	"
11.15 pm	12	4.2 "	"	"
2.30 am	28	5.9 HE	Psd	"
5.15 pm	8	4.2 HE	P3c	"
5.45 pm	4	4.2 "	Pga	"
10.15 pm	12	4.2 "	P3c	"
11.15 pm	15	4.2 "	Pgab.	"
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3 am	17	8.1 HE	Pgab.	"

Aircraft Inactive.

Edwin Poyesht
10. 40th Fdn AIF.

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Intelligence Summary 40th Battalion
From 5 pm 26.7.18 to 5 am 27.7.18

AW Operations

Artillery. Minimal activity during
the night.

Machine Guns. Very active firing on
any movement and harassing roads
and tracks.

Aircraft Inactive owing to adverse
weather conditions.

Patrols

Three patrols operated on
the frontier of sent from relief until
daylight.

Machine Guns fired occasional
bursts from P16 to 9.3 and P17a 2.4
AW TM fired 12 rounds on enemy post
at P16 to 4.2 no result was observed
no movement of the enemy was seen.

T.M. Co. LTM fired 12 rounds on
P16 to 4.2.

Snipers. Were active against enemy
movement.

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Enemy Operations

Artillery

6 pm	50	7.7	P16a & b	Warforce
9.30 pm	30	7.7	P9a	"
9.30 pm	39	4.2	P8d	"
3.40 am	5	4.2	P16a & b	being
4.25 am	15	7.7	P16b & c	"
5.1 pm	15	7.7	P3d	"
9.40 pm	22	7.7	P3d	"
7.45 a	30	7.7	P11b	"
3.40 am	12	7.7	P15d	"
4 am	12	7.7	P15d	"
1 am	10	7.7	P10d & g	"

T.M. 4.25 3 Pineapples P15b & c DECCROCHEN

M.G. Light during the night. became active towards morning.

Aircraft. Inactive.

Movement: 6.35 pm movement from P16a to P21b. 4.15 pm engine and trucks shunting in P29d. 4.20 pm Motor, transport moving east in P29d on main Road. 4.30 pm Wagon on road in Q9c. 5.15 movement on road at Q29d. 5.40 3 men moving in Q25a. 6.25 pm P23a to 40 movement from truck

System lost at P23a. 3.5 pm 6 men moving from vicinity of PROVART lost in road in Q9c.

3.15 2 men moving from road in Q9c towards PROVART. 6 pm 2 men walking from P23c 5.5 to P23d 20.90
6.40 pm 4 men walking from P23b 70.00 to P23c 50.70.

Miscellaneous. An artillery blew out what appears to be a dugout or a typical shell hole at P18a 30.85. In Q26d there appear to be guns camouflaged on the road. 6.45 enemy balloon up at 153 TB from J27 to 55.15.

Enemy Attitude. Q9c - but inclined to be a bit nervous a large number of Verey lights being fired

John Duggan
10. 4th Battalion AIF

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Intelligence Summary 140th Battalion
from 5am to 5pm 27.7.18.

Our Operations

Artillery During the morning
artillery carried out a shoot on
ACCROCHEWOOD.

M.G. 5-6am Bursts of fire on parties
of enemy in P17c casualties obtained
one ~~man~~ ^{man} was seen being carried out.

Aircraft 5am One of our planes
dropped 6 bombs on positions about
P16b and P17a.

Snipers were active against
enemy movement.

Enemy Operations

Artillery

5.30 to 6am	50	7.7	P16a from	T29c
6.55 to 7.15am	24	7.7	do	do
12.15 to 12.30p	9	7.7	P15d	do
4.40am	10	7.7	P10d 4.6	beisy
4.45pm	10	7.7	P16d 5.5	"
11.15 am	15	7.7	P10d 4.6	"

T.M's 4.45am 4 "pineapples" P10d 30.70 not observed

M.G. Active against our plane at 5am
position not observed.

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Movement of small parties of 5 and
6 seen carrying material into
ACCROCHE WOOD Pige & evidently
ration parties.

7.30am 2 enemy observed at P16d 40.30
8am 1 enemy " at P16d 40.30
1.45pm 2 enemy " at P16d 55.30

Visibility Very poor.
Enemy Altitude 0, mist.

John Poyes
Lieut.
10. 4th. Batta P.I.F.

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Intelligence Summary 1st Bn. Pattn.
Franklin 27.7.18 to Sun 28.7.18

Our Operations

Artillery was active during the night firing on enemy works, roads and centres of movement.

M.G. and MG's fired short bursts during the night on selected targets.

T.M. Unit

Snipers and snipers were active as usual against enemy movement.

Patrols 3 patrols operated on the Battalion front during the night.

Aircraft In active during the evening owing to adverse weather conditions. At 11.15 am one of our planes fired on enemy lines.

Enemy Operations

Artillery

9.30 pm	200	7.7.18	HE	Harrel	Prob	Cerisy
9.35 pm	30	7.7		P 16 ave	"	"
10.11 pm	30	7.7		P 9 a	"	"

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10-11 pm	47	4.2	HEP16 a VC	VIARFUSEIS
9-15 pm	10	4.2	HAMEL	"
1-35 am	47	4.2	P16 a	P 30 c
2-3 am	17	4.2	P15 b	"
245 am	10	7.7	"	"
7-15 pm	20	7.7	P10 central	CERISY
9-930 pm	20	7.7	P10 d 8-9	"
2 am	20	7.7	P10 b d 11 a VC	"
8-20 pm	14	7.7	P10 c 2-3	"
12 MN	73	7.7	4.2 HAMEL	"

MG Machine guns were active from P16 b 9-10 and P17 a 4.5-30 firing bursts on to our FL. MG were located by patrols firing from P17 b 2-5, P17 a 8-7, P17 c 3-7, P16 b 9-3, P16 d 1-9.

Aircraft Between midnight and 3am 6 EA flew over our lines and dropped 10 bombs in the vicinity of the FL at P10 b 8 d and P11 a VC.

Rifle grenades were fired at patrol from P16 b 9-4 and it fell in the vicinity of the FL in P11 c.

Snipers Enemy snipers were not active.

1527

Movement of pm. Enemy at Pibd 8.6
Party of 20 of enemy moved from P17C
to Wood at 8pm.

Miscellaneous. 11.40 100 gas projectors
were fired into enemy positions
in P16d.

Enemy Activity. Quiet. Very
few very lights during the night.

J. P.
Col. P. P.
10. 4th Battalion

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Intelligence Summary, 140th Battalion
from 6am 28.7.17 to 6am 29.7.17

Ow. Operations

Airillery. Usual activity during the period at 12.30am Ow. batteries opened heavy barrage fire in conjunction with field units of the SOMME.

M.G. Our machine guns carried out the usual harassing fire on enemy roads, approaches and works.

T.M.S. Nil.

Aircraft 2 of our planes dropped bombs on enemy M.G. position in DECROCHE Wood at 14.00 hours. Usual patrolling activities.

Snipers Our snipers were very active against enemy movement near ARRABRE Wood and in consequence all movement at this spot is done at the double.

Patrols Patrols operated on our sector during the night.

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Hostile Artillery

8.15 am	16	77	HE	P 16 a	WARFUSEE
8.30 am	17	42		P 16 a	"
9.30 am	14	42		P 15 b	"
8.45 am	30	77	"	P 10 a	CERISY
11.30/12.30 pm	40	77/42	"	P 10 a	"
5.30 am	23	42		HAMEL	WARFUSEE
8.30 am	18	77		P 16 a	do
8.45 am	3	42		"	do
9.45 am	20	77		HAMEL	do
10 am	12	42		P 15 b	do
10.14 am	8	42		HAMEL	do
1 pm	59	42		P 16 a	do
10.2 pm	100	77	HE	P 10 a	CERISY
1.15 am	10	42	Gas	P 11 C	"
5 pm	20	77	HE	P 10 a	"
8 pm	15	77	"	"	" <u>Black</u>
11.15 pm	25	42	"	P 11 C	"
11.55 pm	1	77	"	P 15 b	"
12.45 am	6	59	"	HAMEL	"
1 a	1	42	"	P 16 a	"
1.30 am	3	59	"	HAMEL	"
3.10 am	8	42	Gas	P 11 a	" <u>Black</u>
5 pm	14	42	HE	P 15 b	"
8.30 pm	15	42	Gas	HAMEL	" <u>Black</u>
9.40 pm	16	42	"	P 15 a	"
12 am	20	42	"	HAMEL	"

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Movement

11.5 am 3 enemy seen at
 P18a G.P.
 11.30 am 1 man in wood at P16d 20/10
 12.30 pm 2 men G.P. 6/7
 1.5 pm 2 men running towards WAREUSEE
 from wood at P16d.
 1.10 pm 2 men came out of TAILLOUX Wood and
 disappeared in crops at P23c.
 1.15 pm 4 men TAILLOUX Wood disappeared in
 crops at P23c.
 2.10 pm 6 men in P12 going towards RECORD
 Wood.
 5.30 pm 4 men in P23b going towards
 TAILLOUX Wood.
 7 pm 2 men in P17a going to ACCROCHE Wood.
 5 am a good deal of movement in and out
 of ACCROCHE WOOD probably Japanese parties.
 5.35 am 2 men riding bicycles towards the
 wood.
 7.30 Small parties moved into
 ACCROCHE WOOD.

TRANSPORT

10.50 am 1 enemy transport going
 South in G.P. 19c
 4 pm 2 enemy transports going
 East along main Road from
 LANOTTE EN SANTEE.

Enemy Operations

M.G. 88 were fairly active during the night. Patrols located M.G. firing from.
P16 d 15.90. P16 c 9.4. P16 b 8.3.

P17 d 2.9.

Aircraft 6¹⁵ I.E.A. over his front line
8.20am 5 E.A. high over our sector.

Miscellaneous. On each time our
barrage came down last night
enemy fired 3 red lights.

Notes. See patrol reports.

Enemy attitude de Quelt. There was
no observation on our barrage
coming down.

J. D. [Signature]
10. 4th Battalion A.I.F.

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Hostile shellings

10 am	50	large black	strapped over P2	
5-20 am	18	4-2	HE P 10 C	WARFUSEE
6-15 am	8	4-2	HAMEL	"
12-40 pm	4	7-7	P 15 b	"
12-30 to 1-30	30	7-7	P 15 b	"
5-30 am	10	7-7	P 10 d	CERISY
8 am	6	7-7	P 10 d	"
2-40 pm	25	5-9	P 15 b	"
5-5-30 pm	10	4-2	P 10 c	"
7-7-30 pm	7	7-7	P 15 b	"
7-25 to 7-30	3	7-7	"	"
10-35 to 1-12	12	7-7	"	"
5-45 to 6-20	20	7-7	P 10 d	P 18
7-7	20	7-7	P 10 a	CERISY
10-10 to 1-5	5	5-9	P 10	WARFUSEE
11-30 R	5	5-9	"	"
12-10 AM	35	4-2	P 10 d	CERISY
12-30 am	60	7-7	"	WARFUSEE
5-7	3	5-9	HAMEL	"
5-30 to 6	6	5-9	"	"
6-7	8	7-7	P 10 c	"
7-30 to 8	53	7-7	P 15 b	"
8-15 to 8-23	23	4-2	HAMEL	"
8-30 to 9-19	19	4-2	P 9 d	"
8-30 to 9-26	26	5-9	P 15 b	"
10-30 to 1-6	6	5-9	P 10 c	"
11-45 to 1-25	25	4-2	HAMEL	"
12-15 to 1-10	10	4-2	P 10 c	"
12-30 to 1-6	6	5-9	P 10 c	"

Movement Mon 8.30am. 2 enemy, on
 horseback going West along road in
 Q 25c. 9.30am 1 enemy walking
 along road in Q 25c going towards
 Kamette in Santers. 11.30am 2 men
 at P 23c 85.50 going towards Accroche Wood.
 2.30 pm 1 man seen at P 23c 80.60
 3.15 pm 2 enemy at P 23c going N. East
 6 pm 2 enemy at P 17a going into
 Accroche Wood. There is still considerable
 movement in the early morning of
 small parties going to and from TAILLOU
 Wood. Considerable movement could
 be seen all day in Q, near at K 31c 75.20
 (this is probably a Headquarters)

Transport 8.15am 2 motor transports
 travelling East on main road near Kamette in
 Santers at Q 25c + d.
 8.25am 2 enemy waggons slow in same
 place and going in same direction.
 9.00am 1 enemy transport waggon going
 NW in P 29b.

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Intelligence Summary, 1st. Battalion
from 29.7.19 to 30.7.19

Air Operations

Artillery, Air, artillery was very active during the night, the hours expiring, and several shots at 12.20 barrage was put down, and back areas were shelled with gas.

M.G. fire, M.G. carried out, several harassment fire during the night on enemy roads and approaches, works and on the road and the road.

T.M. 200m bar 6" stokes carried out a shot on enemy M.G. position P. 1, a.

Aircraft

~~Enemy~~ Planes were inactive.

Patrols of patrols operated on the front and report all quiet.

Snipers. Moral activity against the enemy.

Enemy Operations
 M.G. Report report MG during
 from P16 to 9. P17 a g.s. P17 a b. 3
 P16 b 2. 3 P17 a 8. 5. The fire
 mostly in short irregular bursts.

T.M. Report report that enemies
 fired a few rounds from ACCROCK WOOD.
 Aircraft Inactive over this sector.

Flares were not so numerous
 an account of the moonlight.

Miscellaneous When one of our
 planes flew over ACCROCK
 Wood two whistle blasts were
 heard from enemy positions.

Visibility Poor an account of
 ground mist.

Enemy Attitude Quiet. Very little
 retaliation when our barrage came
 down.

Edward Dwyer
 I.C. 1st Bn. P.M.F.

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Artillery

5 am	12	59 HE	P10 a	CERISY
6:30 am	24	8 inch	HAMEL	"
9 am	50	59	P15 b	P29 d
9:45 to 11:15 am	60	59 "	P10 d 1/2	"
10 a	9	4.2 "	HAMEL	CERISY
10:15 am	25	59	P15 b	"
10:30-11:30 am	70	59 "	P15 b	WARFUSSE
11:30-12	10	59 "	"	"
1:30 pm	9	59 "	Pqd	"
4:00 pm	3	4.2 "	P15 b	CERISY
4:15 pm	3	5 inch	P10 c	"
6 pm	15	7.7 "	P10 d	"
6:15 pm	50	7.7 "	P15 b	WARFUSSE
6:30 pm	32	7.7 "	P10 c	"
6:45 pm	12	4.2 "	HAMEL	"
8 pm	12	7.7 "	P15 b	"
8:15 pm	20	7.7 "	P10 b	"
8:20 pm	20	4.2 "	Pqd	"
9 pm	9	4.2 "	HAMEL	CERISY
10:15 pm	75	7.7 4.2	P15 b	WARFUSSE
10:30 pm	65	4.2 7.7 5 inch HE	P10 c	" <u>P10 X</u>
10:30-11 pm	light barrage of 7.7 1/2 over whole sector			
12:15 am	130	4.2 HE	P10 d	CERISY
1	30	4.2 "	P10 b	"
1:30	20	7.7 "	P10 b	"
2:15	80	4.2 "	P10 b	"

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Movement seen 10.20am 1 enemy
 seen at P23d 10.20. 10.35am 2
 men going east in P23c
 10.50am 2 men going north in
 P23c. 11.30am 3 enemy on
 road at P18b going NE.
 12 noon. 5 enemy seen going towards
 ARQUAIRE Wood in P16d. 12.30pm 4
 men working in P17d (appeared
 to be cutting crop) 3.30pm 2 enemy
 got out of trench at approx P11b 4.6
 and went in direction of RECORD WOOD
 5.44pm 4 men going into ARQUAIRE
 Wood at P16d.
 6.10pm 1 man came out of ARQUAIRE
 Wood and went in easterly direction.
 6.20pm 4 stretcher bearers carrying ^{at P16c} flag
 went into ACCROCHE WOOD
 7.45pm 2 men in P29a.

Transport. 11.30am 2 horse transport
 travelling west along main road in
 Q25d.
 7-10pm. 1 enemy transport seen
 standing at P29c moved off at
 7.15pm in an easterly direction.
 Visibility very bad during the mist-
 mornings and evening during 11.42am.

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Intelligence Summary of the Battle
from 30th 7.18 to 31.7.18.
Our Operations

Artillery Usual activity during
the period. 4 pm to midnight Pupa
and P11 central were shelled with
gas.

T.M. Our TMs were very active.

7.30 2.45 15 6' John on MG at P22 a 5

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7.30 100 LTM on P22 a 20-31
and P22 a 2.5.

7.30 5 HTM on P22 a 5.5.

10 pm 20 HTM on working party
on P11 a 12 90

MG Our machine guns were
as usual active against enemy
movement.

Aircraft 8.10 pm 4 EA flying very
high passed ~~over~~ our sector
only went to the SE. Usual activity,
suspect usual activity against
movement.

Patrols or patrols operated on
the P11 front during the night

Enemy Operations

M.G. 10 slight increase in
marching gun fire during the night
probably due to the thick mist.

M.G. fired from P16 to 6 - P17, 6.1.47
P17 to 3.2

T.M. nil

Aircraft 8.9 pm U.C.A. flew high in
a SE direction over the sector.

Snipers very active especially
against scout line in P100.
One fired from approx P170.47.

Enemy Attitude An increase
in Artillery and M.G. fire during
the period.

James Rogers
Lt
10.4.47. 100th Battalion A.I.F.

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Enemy Operations

M.G. Machine guns were not very active during the night. Patrols located them from P17 to P14 and P17 a 3 in. H.A. gun very active against our planes.
T.M. Nick

Snipers active against any movement in our lines.

Aircraft. Enemy planes were active during the night flying backwards and forwards over our sector, bombs being dropped in the direction of D.O.R.G.

Signals. 3 parachute lights close together and at the same height observed over ACCROCHE Wood.

No apparent action taken 11.35 pm. Gongs were heard from enemy positions in ACCROCHE Wood. Enemy attitude slight increase in artillery activity during the early part of the night otherwise quiet.
Edmund Dwyer

T.M. Nick
10.40th. Bata. A.I.F.

Intelligence Summary of 8th Battalion
 from 6 am 31.7.18 to 6 am 7.8.18.
 Our Operations

Artillery Active during the
 night. Harassing fire put
 down on enemy roads, approaches,
 and occupied areas.

M.C. Moral activity.

T.M. 5.45 am our T.M. fired on
 ACCROCHE Wood.

5.10 pm P.T.M. fired 15 rounds onto
 P 22 a.

Aircraft at 10.5 am 7.10 pm & 7.25 pm
 Our planes dropped bombs
 on enemy positions in ACCROCHE
 Wood.

Snipers. Active against enemy
 movement.

Patrols. 4 patrols operated
 on the Battalion front during
 the night.

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Hostile Shelling

4.45 am	10	7.7 HE	P10 b	CERISY
5.30 am	30	4.2 "	HAMEL	Warfuses
8 am	3	7.7 "	P10 b	Cerisy
8.30 am	3	4.2 "	P15 b	"
9 am	6	7.7 "	P10 b	"
8.40 pm	11	4.2 "	HAMEL	"
9 pm	17	4.2 "	"	"
9.20 pm	12	7.7 "	"	Warfuses
9.35	88	4.2 "	"	CERISY
9.45	300	4.2 "	"	"
12 Mid	22	7.7 4.2 "	P10 b	"
12-12.30 am	40	7.7 "	P15 b	"
1-1.20	50	7.7 "	"	"
2-3	90	7.7 "	"	"

Movement 10 am enemy transport going north in P23 b. 11.15 am 2 men going east on road in P12 b.

1.25 pm 3 enemy at B 4 d 30.65

1.30 pm 2 enemy at P2 + C80.20 who appeared to be digging.

1.45 Man riding a bicycle going east in Q 25 c d.

2.40 pm Man going south in P24 c

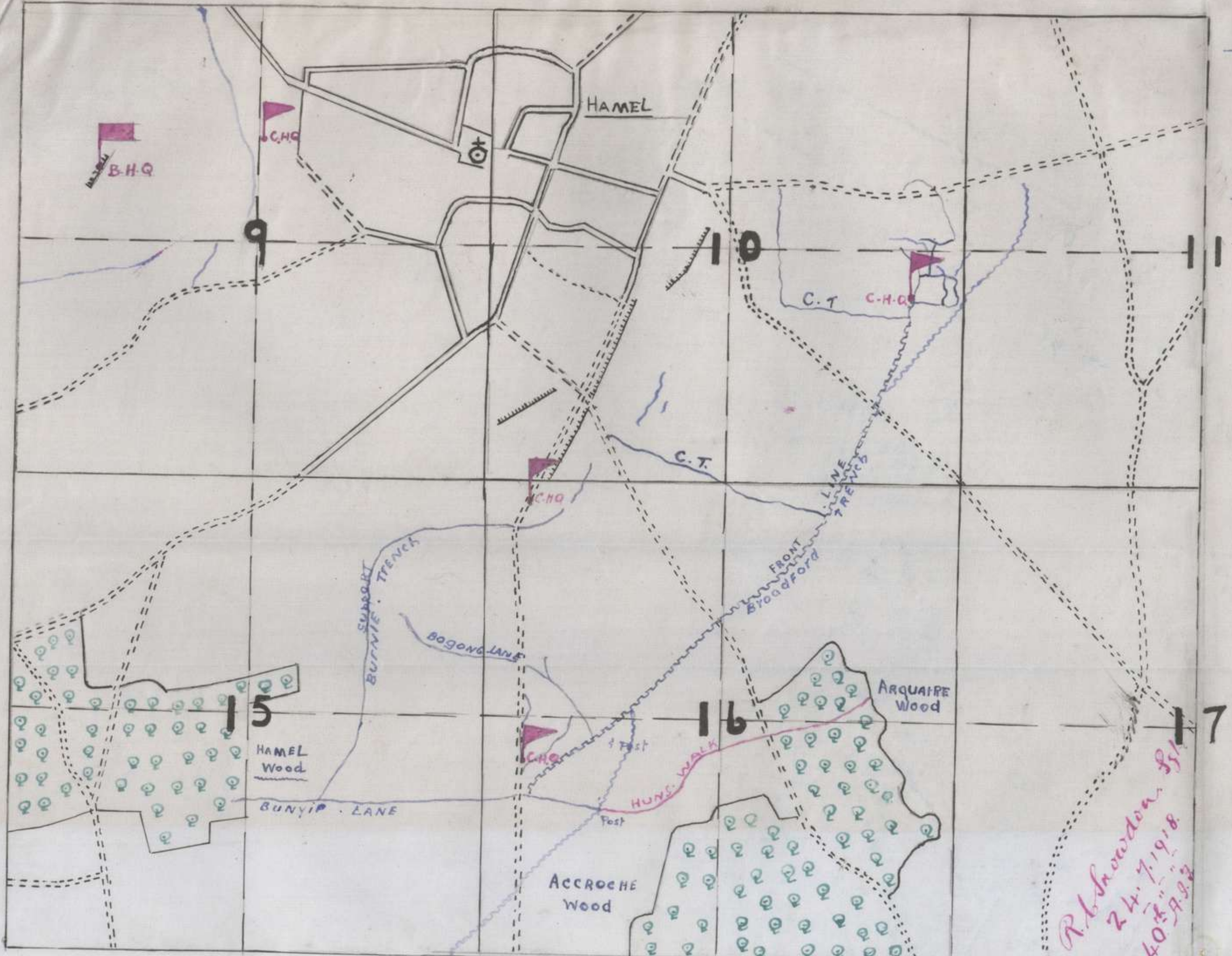
3.10 pm Man at B 18 d 40.70

3.20 pm 2 men on horseback on road in Q 8 a.

6.30 pm 1 man in P18 c 40.60.

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SCALE: 1:10,000

REF. 62° S.E.

*R. Snowdon, Sgt
24. 7. 1918
40. 9. 18*

APPENDIX 6
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War Diary of AMC Detail
44th Batt. AIF.
for month of July 1918

At the start of the month the Battⁿ
was in rest around QUERRIEU.
Companies were broncos & H &
KAP were situated in the town.

The RPT was in a house there was
ample room for work & facilities
for dealing with cases were good.
The usual sick parades were
held but these were not heavy.

The number vaccinated to
hospital for small - influenza
& PVO¹⁹¹⁸ mainly ascending from
the creek. The cases of men
went out away. A Rest Hut
was constructed & generally 3 or 4
cases kept under observation.
Several cases of scabies were

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"satisfactory results. Sports
were held while the battalion was
here and generally the men
had a good time. The ponds
gave excellent opportunities
for bathing.

The sanitation of the area was
improved by the introduction of
fly proof latrines throughout.

On 9th July the detail moved with
the Battⁿ to RIVERY. Here the
detail was housed in ^{Part of} ~~the~~
Hut.

On the 11th July the detail moved
by foot to DAVONS. Among the
trees on the bank of the Lorraine
canal. The camp rested for the
day and in the evening moved
with the line with the H & K
Sector. While waiting to move
for ward sick parade was

And several ³ men sent to hospital.
 The Battalion got into position without
 casualties.
 The RAB was situated in a bank
 which also accommodated
 Battalion Headquarters. The RAB
 was only roughly constructed
 by digging out clay. The engineers
 effected considerable improvements.
 There were two small dugouts
 off the RAB which served for
 the sleeping places of the NCOs
 & their men. Casualties were not
 heavy for the period in but one
 night about 12 wounded passed
 through. Ration parties on their
 occasion suffered from shell
 fire. During this period
 4 were killed & 3 subsequently
 died of wounds.

During this time diarrhoeal
 trouble started in the Battalion
 & has been responsible for a
 good deal of sickness since.
 On the night of the 18th the Battⁿ
 moved into support. The RAB
 was situated in a trench road
 but no RAB proper was then
 constructed. During our stay
 a good sized room was built
 into the bank. This was well
 sandbaggered & made fairly secure.
 Diarrhoea was the main cause
 of men becoming sick and
 several were evacuated to
 hospital. Subsequent examination
 showed Bacillary Dysentery in some
 of these cases.
 On night 26-27th Battⁿ again
 moved into the line & the
 RAB was also situated

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As before. 5
 The boat was in the line up
 to the end of the month.
 Casualties were very small in
 this period.

During the month attention was
 paid to testing chlorination of
 water.
 Food of good quality but while
 in the line too much disease &
 breakfast had to come up soon
 after one while darkness lasted.
 The meat and unavoidable
 long interval for the day meal.
 Sanitation: Efforts have been made
 to meet cases to install fly proof
 latrines in some areas. There were
 troublesome at first in the large
 area but fly proof latrines have
 improved this.

In view of the dysentery cases
 special cases have been paid
 to special cleaners.

5/8/18

pled Capt

RMS
 20th Batt