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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Place	1918 Date Feby.	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
LA CLYTTE.	1st		Working Parties supplied as per Appendix I. Weather fine and clear.	
	2/3rd		Same as for 1st.	
	4th		Working Parties. Divisional Order received for the relief of 4th A.I. Brigade in Right Brigade Sector, and Brigade Order No. 188 issued to Units.	
LOCK 8	5th		<p>General GELLIBRAND, C.B., D.S.O. to G.H.Q. School, Machine Guns, CAMIERS, for 2 days and Lieut-Col. R.L. LEANE, C.M.G., D.S.O., M.C., 48th Battalion, to temporary Commander of Brigade during G.O.C's absence. Relief of Right Brigade Sector completed without incident by 9-10 p.m.</p> <p>Dispositions :- Brigade Headquarters - LOCK 8, 45th Battalion - Line Left, 47th Battalion - Line Right, 48th Battalion - Support, CANAL DUGOUTS, 46th Battalion - Reserve, PARRETT CAMP. Machine Gun Coy. - SIEGE FARM, Trench Mortar Battery - RIDGEWOOD CAMP.</p> <p>At 10 p.m. approximately, a strong enemy party raided silently a Post in the BELGIAN WOOD GROUP and unfortunately captured 1 N.C.O. and 5 other ranks, 45th Battalion.</p> <p>From information available it is considered that the enemy left his lines just after dusk and got close up to the Post unobserved.</p> <p>The enemy seeing much movement going on owing to the relief apparently laid up close to the Post and waited until the relief was completed, and then siezed his opportunity and rushed this Post.</p> <p>The Post was evidently taken completely by surprise, and not knowing the position very well were unable to put up any resistance whatever.</p> <p>The Flanking Posts, hearing the commotion, immediately went to their assistance but owing to the heavy going and boggy nature of the ground arrived too late and opened fire on the party as they were moving back to the enemy's lines.</p> <p>Patrols were immediately sent forward but could find no results.</p> <p>The night was extremely dark and it was not possible to see beyond 15/20 yards.</p>	
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LOCK 8	6		Intelligence Summary for 24 hours ending 6 a.m. is attached. Between 10 a.m. and 10-15 a.m. enemy heavily shelled vicinity of Left Battalion Headquarters with 5.9's and Gas doing no damage. Our aeroplanes were active throughout the day. Visibility good. 12th Machine Gun Coy. and 12th Trench Mortar Battery relieved the 4th Machine Gun Coy. and 4th Trench Mortar Battery in the Line. Relief completed by 8-30 p.m. without casualties. G.O.C. Division visited Left Battalion Headquarters and inspected OLAF AVENUE forward of Reserve Line.	
do.	7		Intelligence Summary for 24 hours ending 6 a.m. attached. Situation unchanged. Working Parties working on Reserve Line - Support Line and wiring, improving communications etc. Rain fell during the early morning and continued up to about 10 a.m. with strong S.W. winds. Visibility fair at times.	
do.	8		Intelligence Summary attached. Quiet throughout the period - very little enemy artillery activity. Weather dull and showery. Visibility has early but fair later on. At 7 a.m. on 7th one of the enemy was seen to run from in front of our Posts towards his lines. He was fired on and killed. This man's body was searched and identified as 76th Regt.	
do.	9		Intelligence Summary attached. Our artillery active throughout the period - enemy artillery above normal. Enemy Machine Guns quiet generally throughout the night. Guns at MAY FARM and CIRCUS POINT fired bursts at intervals throughout the night. At 5 p.m. an enemy plane crossed our Lines and was engaged by A.A. fire and driven back. Very little air activity by our machines. Visibility fair with light misty rain at intervals. Weather cloudy and mild.	
do.	10		General GELLIBRAND returned and Lieut-Col. LEANE returned to 48th Battalion. Intelligence Summary attached. At 4-30 a.m. our artillery, Trench Mortars and Machine Guns carried out a shoot on GAME COPSE to destroy 2 Machine Guns which had been located. Enemy retaliated very lightly with a few Minenwerfers without doing any damage. A patrol, 1 Officer (Lieut. PERRY) and 4 O.R., 45th Battalion, left our Post to investigate MOAT FARM. Patrol left at 9-30 p.m. and returned at 11 p.m.. No enemy encountered and MOAT FARM found unoccupied. Noise of working party heard in direction of CIRCUS POINT but exact location could not be ascertained. No aircraft activity by either side. Weather fine but visibility poor.	

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LOCK 8	11		Intelligence Summary attached. The period under review was very quiet. Enemy Artillery below normal. Our Artillery active during the afternoon. Our Machine Guns and Trench Mortars engaged known targets throughout the night. Enemy Machine Guns particularly quiet. No enemy Trench Mortar activity whatever. One enemy 'plane crossed our Lines at 4-45 p.m. - engaged by A.A. Machine Guns and returned a few minutes later. Our aeroplanes inactive owing to poor visibility. Weather fine but showery during the night. Visibility poor.	
do.	12		Summary attached. Our patrols were cative for the period under review. A patrol from 45th Battalion of 1 Officer and 12 other ranks left our lines to examine MAY FARM and obtain identification. Enemy Post located at MAY FARM. Post consisted of twp pillboxes and section of trench which was protected by two fairly thick belts of wire. Post was strongly held and a Machine Gun was located at this Post. Patrol returned to our Lines at about 11-15 p.m. Enemy Machine Guns active from LOCK 5 and the GIANTS. Our Machine Guns active throughout the night on known targets with indirect fire. Enemy aeroplane crossed our Lines at 4-15 p.m. but was driven off by A.A. and M.G. fire. Our aeroplanes inactive.	
do.	13		Summary attached. Our Artillery less active. Enemy Artillery below normal. 12 Gas shells OLAF AVENUE at 7 p.m. - no damage. General BIRDWOOD visited Brigade Headquarters and went around the Brigade Sector with the G.O.C. Relief of 45th and 47th Battalion by 46th and 48th Battalions carried out. Relief completed by 9-30 p.m. without incident. Very little activity for this period owing to weather. Rain fell at intervals throughout the day. Visibility bad.	
do.	14		Summary attached. Our Artillery active on selected targets throughout the day. Enemy Artillery intermittently shelled Forward Area throughout the day. Our M.G.'s active during the night on selected targets. Our aircraft - inactive. Enemy aircraft - nil. Weather fine but cloudy throughout the day clearing at 6 p.m. Night - bright. Visibilty bad.	
do.	15		Summary attached. Our Artillery active during the day and at 5-30 p.m. engaged enemy position with a Gas Shoot in retaliation to enemy shelling RAILWAY TRENCH with gas at 1 p.m. Very shortly after our Artillery opened Gas Alarms and much shouting were heard in the enemy Lines.	

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LOCK 8	15	(ctd.)	Between 1 and 1-5 p.m. about 80 gas shells were fired into RAILWAY TRENCH doing no damage. Enemy Artillery normal throughout the day otherwise. Our aeroplanes active during the afternoon, no hostile 'planes seen. Weather fine - Visibility fair, cool and ground frozen.	
do.	16		Summary attached. Our patrols active at night investigating MAY FARM but owing to moonlight and night being very bright could not get very close. MAY FARM consists of 5 pillboxes and a trench connecting pillboxes with two belts of wire which protects the front and forms a good obstacle. This Post is strongly held by the enemy. A working party was engaged on mending wire damaged by our artillery fire. This party was fired on by artillery. Enemy artillery normal throughout the period. Enemy shelled forward areas at intervals - Our Artillery normal. Our aeroplanes active at night and crossed our lines at 2 a.m. Sounds as of bombs being dropped were heard shortly afterwards from the vicinity of WERVICQ. Enemy 'plane crossed our lines at 5-15 p.m. but returned on our A.A. Guns opening fire.	
do.	17		Intelligence Summary attached. Artillery activity above normal. Vicinity of THE BLUFF, CANAL DUGOUTS, MOLEN DUMP, shelled with 5.9's and 4.2's from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Scattered shelling of Forward Area throughout the day. Our aeroplanes active throughout the day and at night crossed over our lines. Enemy aeroplanes active during the day. About 9 a.m. an enemy 'plane flying very low crossed our Line and patrolled our Forward Area. This 'plane did not exhibit the usual markings. No markings were visible excepting red streamers from the tips of lower 'plane. Anti-aircraft and Machine Guns engaged this 'plane but without result. Patrols from our Lines examined enemy Posts at many points. Weather fine and very clear - early morning, slight mist which cleared about 9-30 a.m. Visibility good.	
do.	18		Intelligence Summary attached. Our Artillery was a little more active than usual, a standing patrol in MOAT FARM reporting excellent shooting on observed targets. Enemy Artillery not as active as usual, and apparently no regularity about targets selected. Enemy Machine Gun fire and ours normal. Our aircraft very active during the day. One of our pilots was wounded over enemy lines and came down near Support Battalion Headquarters.	

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LOCK 8	18	(contd.)	Pilot was badly wounded but machine was intact. Enemy 'planes active, two 'planes particularly flying very low over our lines. During the day 13 enemy 'planes crossed our lines. Vigorous patrolling was kept up during the night but no enemy were encountered.	
do.	19		A fine day with fair visibility was again the cause of great activity in the air. Enemy 'planes crossed our line frequently but at a high altitude except in the case of one at 4 p.m. which made off when heavily engaged by our Machine Guns and Lewis Guns. At noon an enemy 'plane was brought down in the vicinity of THE BLUFF by our airmen. Machine burst into flames when near the ground and was destroyed. The airman was badly wounded. Artillery on both sides was normal. A minor operation on our Right Flank apparently caused the enemy some anxiety as red flares fired by him brought an Artillery demonstration on the Forward Area of our Right Battalion but no damage or casualties were caused. Enemy Trench Mortar activity showed decided increase, the Right Battalion front being subjected to a two hour shoot of 70 shells, commencing 6-30 p.m., causing six casualties. The enemy did not dispute our right to own No Man's Land during the night as our whole front was continually patrolled without any interference by the Germans. Our Machine Guns were normally active engaging frequented enemy tracks disclosed by the previous day's aerial photographs. The enemy Machine Guns were only normally active. Lieut-Cols. DRAKE - BROCKMAN and McSHERRY of the 4th Brigade visited Headquarters re. taking over from us - afterward made a reconnaissance of the forward area.	
do.	20		In accordance with Brigade Order No. 190, the Brigade, less Machine Gun Coy. and Trench Mortar Battery, was relieved by the 4th Brigade - the relief being completed without incident by 9-5 p.m. Between 5 p.m. and 11 p.m. rain fell and made it very uncomfortable for the relief. Owing to shortage of Light Railways our men were transported by motor lorries to their new camps. This method of transport was a distinct improvement on the Light Railways. The disposition of the Brigade was as follows :- <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div> Brigade Headquarters. 45th Battalion. 46th " 47th " 48th " M.G. Coy. and T.M. Bty. </div> <div> LA CLYTTE. PARRETT CAMP. CURRAGH CAMP. De ZON CAMP. MURRUMBIDGEE CAMP. In the Line. </div> </div>	
LA CLYTTE. 21			Units of the Brigade cleaning up and bathing. The Machine Gun Company and Trench Mortar	

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LA CLYTTE.	21	(contd.)	were relieved by 4th Machine Gun Coy. and 4th Trench Mortar Battery, relief being completed without incident by 8 p.m. - the Machine Gun Coy. moving to SIEGE FARM and Trench Mortar Battery to DEVON CAMP. A small Working Party from 45th Battalion, 300 other ranks, sent to work on Corps Line. Weather fine and clear but cold.	
do.	22		Working Parties up to 1400 other ranks required daily for work on the Corps Line supplied proportionately from Battalions. Remainder of the Battalions not employed carried out specialist training. Weather fine but cold.	
do.	23		As for 22nd.	
do.	24		do.	
do.	25		Brigade Order No. 191 issued to units for the move of Brigade from LA CLYTTE Area to MERRIS area.	
do.	26		Working Parties and detached parties withdrawn and Units generally preparing for the move, cleaning camps, etc.	
do.	27		Brigade moved in accordance with order No. 191 under ideal weather conditions, and arrived in MERRIS area and were complete in their billets by 3 p.m.	
METEREN.	28		Settling down and training commenced. Training grounds very limited and facilities for training practically nil. In the area 4 30 yard ranges exist but most in bad repair. A range of 300 yards also in a bad state. 3 Assault Courses in bad repair with the exception of one. Brigade School assembled at METEREN preparatory to commencing work on 1st March. Weather fine but cold.	

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12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

FOR

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LIST OF APPENDICES.

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BRIGADE IN RESERVE.

On completion of relief in the Line on the 21/22nd January the following remarks give the manner in which the Brigade spent this period, which normally should be rest and training. The disposition of the Brigade was as follows :-

Brigade Headquarters.	LA CLYTTE.	
Machine Gun Coy.	SIEGE FARM.	25-1-18.
Trench Mortar Battery.	RIDGEWOOD CAMP.	26-1-18.
45th Battalion.	DEZON	"
46th "	MURRUMBIDGEE	"
47th "	PARRETT	"
48th "	CURRAGH	"

Working Parties daily were supplied for work on the Corps Line - Salvage, erecting bomb-screens around A.S.C. and Artillery Horse Lines, and many other detached duties.

The following is a list of the parties supplied :-

	<u>Other Ranks.</u>
Corps Line.	750
Asstg. R.E. back area.	50
Road Work.	50
Salvage.	250
Artillery Horse Lines.	100
A.S.C.	50
Forestry.	100
12th Field Ambulance.	20
13th "	30
Cable burying.	200
Detached duties, Tunnelling, Detonators, etc.	100
Total	<u>1,700</u>

Approximately 2,000 men were available for work after detailing men for Battalion duties, leave, Schools, etc., and the number of men required necessitated all available men practically every day. This work commenced on 23rd.

The majority of the working parties were transported to SPOIL BANK from KILMARNOCK SIDING and left about 7-15 a.m. and returned about 4-30 p.m. In many instances trouble was experienced with Light Railway's trucks, etc., derailing.

As a result of these working parties, and very long hours, the men were not as fit as they should have been when they next went into the Line on the 5/6th February. In some instances men did not see their camps in daylight.

It was recognized the very great importance of the work required and the men generally understood that there was nothing else for it and carried out the work in their usual style.

It is considered by all ranks that the period spent in Reserve is much more strenuous and fatiguing than the period of actually holding the Line and awaiting the Bosche Offensive.

12th A.L.F.M. BATTERY.

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OPERATIONS February 6th to February 21st, 1918.

The Battery's policy during the tour was mostly defensive, Gun positions being put in at the following locations :-

O.5.C.8 2.
 O.5.C.5 7.
 O.6.C.7 7.
 O.6.A.4 3.
 J.36.C.5 4.
 J.36.C.7 7.
 O.6.B.7 3.

The last (7) Gun kept enemy Machine Gun quiet on the HOLLEBEKE CHATEAU ROAD and fired at times on CAME COPSE.

An Anti-Aircraft Gun was kept on top of GASPER DUGOUTS but only fired one shell which burst above enemy aeroplane tipping the 'plane slightly. Before we could get a shorter fuze the E.A. returned towards enemy's lines. Ammunition expended - 218.

During this tour in the Line it was clearly shown that the Infantry do not fully realize the value of Stokes Mortars, especially for cooperation with their own Lewis Guns, also much more work could be done if we were advised by the Battalions in the Line when all patrols have returned, giving us first hand information of anything that happened so as we could operate quickly if needed.

With a Defensive Position I fully recommend that all ammunition should be kept ready detonated in the boxes as the ALWAYS FUZE is so damaged by dampness that the ordinary ammunition emplacement is not a sure safeguard against this. Should there be an enemy attack the time in getting the ammunition from the boxes would be of no consequence (This was reported at the Stokes Mortar Conference at X Corps School, February 25th.)

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On arrival in MERRIS Area billets generally were satisfactory with the exception of the 47th Battalion billets which were left dirty. This Battalion also complained of shortage of accommodation but were fixed up with 15 tents from the Area Commandant as a temporary measure until more billets were found.

Supplies during the past week have been O.K. The Supply Dump taken over from 1st Brigade at X.16.B.96 40 was totally unsuitable, being in a gutter and very dirty. The Supply Dump is now located at X.10.C.3 4., Sheet 27, being shifted to this location on 28-2-18.

The following is the value of salvage for the month :-

Week ending	2-2-18.	£4,590 : 4 : 5.
" "	9-2-18.	7,287 : 5 : 2.
" "	15-2-18.	8,002 : - : 9.
" "	22-2-18.	8,342 : 9 : 2
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		28,221 : 19 : 6.

Last week's return not yet to hand.

12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 11.

24 hours ending 6 a.m. 7-2-18.

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OUR OPERATIONS.

- (a) Artillery. Our heavies were active on back areas throughout the day. 18 pounders throughout the day fired shrapnel on LOCK 5 but burst too high to do any damage. 60 pounders were particularly active against HOUTHEM P.19. LOCK 4 was also engaged.
- (b) Patrols.
- (a) A patrol of one Officer and 6 other ranks from 47th Battalion left No. 3 Post at 9-15 p.m. and proceeded in an Easterly direction to O.12.A.60 70 Post. Post here is waterlogged and has not been used for some time. Patrol then moved South to road at O.12.A.52 54 finding a great deal of wire which is not put out with any regularity. Patrol returned to O.12.A.15 80. at 10-30 p.m.
- (b) A patrol of one Officer and 3 men took the same route at 4-30 a.m. and confirmed the above.
- (c) One Officer and 6 other ranks left Post 606 at 11 p.m. and proceeded to FARM BUILDINGS, O.6.C.95 55. 2 men remained there as a Listening Post, remainder moved to O.6.A.2 6 and returned to Post 7.0.6. at 1 p.m.
- (d) Lieut. YOUNG and 12 other ranks of 45th Battalion left J.31.4 Post at 7 p.m. to explore No Man's Land and locate enemy positions and movements. Patrol moved out in 4 parties of 10 yards interval. They moved round the Eastern side of BELGIAN WOOD to J.31.D.90 05 where 8 of the patrol were left as a covering party while remainder went to within 50 yards of MOAT FARM. M.G. and T.M. were fired from MOAT FARM. Patrol remained at this point for an hour but no further movement was observed. Patrol returned through Post 2.J.31 to starting Point at 11 p.m.
- (e) Patrol, Sgt. BEGLEY and 2 men, patrolled the edge of HESSIAN WOOD. No sign of enemy or no movement heard. This patrol was undertaken later in the night by Sgt. GODMAN and 2 men. Smaller patrols in front of groups were kept up throughout the night. Liaison Patrols hourly throughout the night.
- (c) Machine Guns. Very little firing owing to relief.
- (d) T.M. Nil.
- (e) Aircraft. Our planes very active throughout the day. Heavily engaged by enemy M.G. and A.A.
- (f) Reliefs. The 12th Machine Gun Coy. relieved 4th Machine Gun Coy. Relief completed by 8-30 p.m. 12th T.M.B. relieved 4th T.M.B. by 8-20 p.m. Reliefs completed without casualties.

ENEMY ACTIVITY.Artillery.

Time	Location.	Rounds	Calibre	Direction.
8/8-30	WHITE CHATEAU.	21	4.2	WERVICQ.
10/10-30	I.36.C. & D.	250	4.2 and Gas	Left of above.
3/5 p.m.	MOLEN DUMP.	15	5.9	

Other targets scattered over a wide area were lightly shelled throughout the day.

M.G. Enemy M.G. active throughout the night from MAY FARM and GAME COPSE. A Machine Gun or Auto-rifle was active from shell-hole at P.1.B.2 5.

T.M. Mortars fired from DAMP COPSE on the Posts of Battalion on our Left Flank.

Aircraft. Two enemy planes crossed our Lines, 1 at 2 p.m. and one at 4 p.m., but were soon driven off by A.A. fire. Enemy balloon was up from 8-45 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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MISCELLANEOUS. Light Signals were seen at 5-15 in WERVIOQ CHURCH.
Weather unsettled- strong South West wind - visibility fair - slight
rain during early morning - ground very muddy - going extremely heavy.

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12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 12

for 24 hours ending 6 a.m. 8-2-18.

OUR OPERATIONS.

(a) Artillery.

The usual program was carried out during the day. Between 11-30 a.m. and 12 noon. 18 pounders fired about 40 rounds on LOCK 6. Very good shooting - many direct hits being observed. Heavies engaged against enemy's COMBES GROUP at 2-30 p.m. but results could not be observed. At 4-30 p.m. Maxims heavies were active against batteries in the vicinity of WERVICQ but the shells appeared to fall to the left of the observed gun flashes.

Good shooting was also observed on buildings in front of ZANDVOORDE.

Early in the night a few rounds were fired into MAY FARM and CIRCUS POINT. M.G.'s here were not troublesome again throughout the night.

(b) Patrols.

Strength.	Time of Departure.	Time of return.	Route	Remarks.
1 Off. 2 O.R.	10 p.m.	1 a.m.	From Post 4.O.12 at 0.12.A.32 92 to 0.12.A.45 90 to Post at 0.6.A.60 70 then to Post 1.O.12. in Church via LOCK 5 - HOLLEBEKE ROAD.	Patrol investigated a number of deserted enemy Posts. Enemy M.G. fired from direction of the Group 0.12.C.4 6. No enemy were either seen or heard.
1 N.C.O. 4 men.	5-45 p.m.	11 p.m.	From Post 606 at 0.6.C.7 4 along Canal Bank to enemy Post at 0.6.C.85 07 then to hedge at 0.6.C.77 10 via hedge to Post 4.O.6.	Entered enemy Post and found signs of recent occupation. They then took up a position close by and waited about 4 hours. No enemy were seen or heard. A duckboard track leads from this Post to the Canal. When returning shouting could be heard from LOCK 6.
1 Off. 12 O.R.	6 p.m.	9-50 p.m.	From P.1.C.20 90 to P.1.C.2 4 to P.1.C.50 45 to P.1.C.50 60 to P.1.C.30 70 then back to starting point.	Covering party was left at P.1.C.2 6. 2 M.G.'s were sweeping our Front from GAME COPSE. Flares were also fired from this point. No strong wire obstacles were encountered. Nearer the patrol approached the enemy lines the better the ground appeared to be and the going d easier. No enemy were seen or hear
1 N.C.O. 3 men	3 a.m.	5-45 a.m.	From J.31.D.80 25 to J.32.C.10 15 to P.1.B.30 82 re- turning to our Lines at J.31.D.35 10.	M.G. very active from GAME COPSE but no enemy movement observed. served.
1 N.C.O. 4 men.	1 a.m.	3 a.m.	From Post 8.P.1 to P.1.B.20 52 to P.1 MAY FARM but ho A.90 05 to Post 5.P. 1.	M.G. firing from MAY FARM but no enemy seen or heard.

- (c) M.G.'s. The usual harassing fire was carried out. Targets engaged - enemy trenches and tracks in P.8.A. and P.7.C. Expenditure 6000 rounds.
- (d) T.M.'s. Medium T.M.'s fired about 8 rounds on LOCK 6 most of them falling short.
- (e) Aircraft. Very little aerial activity during period under review.

ENEMY ACTIVITY.(a) Artillery.

Time.	Location.	Rounds	Calibre	Direction
11 a.m./11-15 a.m.	I.34.B.	12	4.2s	WERVICQ.
1-30 p.m./3 p.m.	I.34.B.	18	5.9s	COMINES.
3-30 p.m./5-30 p.m.	"	17	4.2 & 5.9	"
3-30	O.4.B.20 80.	15	4.2s	WERVICQ.
5-30/6 p.m.	I.34.B.	9	5.9s	Left "
7-30/9-30	"	30	4.2s	WERVICQ.
"	O.4.C & D.	12	H.E. and Shrap.	"
9 p.m.	Posts BELGIAN GROUP.	25	4.2s	"
11-30 p.m.	O.4.B.20 40.	3	4.2s	"
9-30/11-30 p.m.	O.4.A.80 80.	28	"	"
	O.4.B.30 50.	3	"	"

- (b) M.G.'s. Enemy M.G. were active early in the night but after 10 p.m. were very quiet. M.G. in GAME COPSE and another from the direction of the GIANTS about O.12.C.3 6 fired intermittently during the night. M.G., probably automatic rifle active from Approx. O.6.D. Central.

- (c) T.M.'s. Medium T.M.'s fired about 20 rounds on M.G. position O.6.B. 9 5 and O.6.B.95 85. at 5-15 p.m. and about 15 at 5-45. No damage done.

- (d) Aircraft. Nil.

(e) Movement.

2 of the enemy were seen walking about opposite left group of Posts about daybreak. Much noise was heard from vicinity of LOCK 6. Probably a working party. Flares seemed to be fired from closer positions than on night 6/7th inst. opposite CHATEAU ROAD GROUP. Condition of ground very muddy and extremely difficult going. Weather - fair throughout the day - visibility low. Slight rain continuously throughout the night which was very dark.

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12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 13.

24 hours ending 6 a.m. 9-2-18.

OUR OPERATIONS.

(a) Artillery. Usual shoots carried out. Heavies active on back areas in the vicinity of WERVICQ. During the night good shooting on GAME COPSE and LOCK 6. During the day MAY FARM and CIRCUS POINT were engaged, two direct hits being observed on MAY FARM. M.G. at this point did not fire last night.

(b) Patrols.

Strength.	Time of Departure.	Time of return.	Route	Remarks.
1 Off. 2 O.R. (Lt. BIRD, M.C.)	8 p.m.	7-15 p.m.	From O.6.C.48 06 to O.6.C.53 05	Patrol proceeded for about 80 yards when they were challenged from about 10 yards away. A bomb was thrown and patrol was then fired on by M.G. This position will be investigated tonight.
1 N.C.O. 4 men.	5-30 p.m.	9-30 p.m.	From O.6.C.6 4 to O.6.C.82 23	Patrol moved along Canal Bank. One of patrol coughed and M.G. to starting point. from LOCK 6 immediately opened. Later moved forward again but enemy was very alert and kept up fire. Sounds were distinctly heard, believed to be 2 men patrolling his wire.
1 Off. 3 O.R. (Lt. WAFF)	11 p.m.	2-15 a.m.	From O.6.D.6 6 to O.6.D.80 65 to P.1.C.15 90.	Task - to patrol our wire and locate M.G. M.G., probably auto-rifle at O.6.D.85 70. Wire in good condition.
1 Off. 3 O.R.	6-15 p.m.	9 p.m.	From P.1.C.15 90 to P.1.C.15 75 to Road Junction at P.1.C.40 70 along road to P.1.C.55 75 to P.1.C.50 80 to P.1.C.25 80 and back to starting point.	Three M.G. positions located at approx. P.1.D.7 9, P.1.D.65 70 and P.1.D.6 6. Guns not as active as usual - no fire at all between 7-15 p.m. and 8 p.m. Opened again at 8 p.m. but fire was very inaccurate - probably crew relieved while there. Our artillery fired 12 rounds into COPSE. No enemy seen.
1 N.C.O. 2 men. (Sgt. BULL)	11-15 p.m.	1 a.m.	From P.1.B.30 53 to P.1.A.95 25 to P.1.A.95 45.	Task - to protect our to 100 yards out Posts and cut off any in front of Posts enemy patrol. No enemy seen.
1 Off. 5 O.R. (Lt. PERRY)	7 p.m.	9-30 p.m.	From P.1.A.90 55 to P.1.B.25 15 to P.1.B.35 55 to P.1.B.05 70.	To locate number of guns in MAY FARM. Only one gun located - very inactive - only two bursts of 6 rounds. No enemy seen.

(b) Patrols. (continued)

Strength.	Time of Departure.	Time of return.	Route	Remarks.
1 N.C.O.	10 p.m.	12-30 a.m.	From J.31.D.8 5	To protect Post
2 O.R.			to J.32.C.05 40.	Line. No enemy
			to J.31.D.95 05.	seen or heard.
			to J.31.D.80 00	
			to J.31.D.65 10.	

(c) M.G's.

Usual harassing fire on enemy tracks and tramlines. Ammunition expended - 5000 rounds.

(d) T.M's. Stokes Mortars active against LOCK 6 and enemy Post at 0.12.A.60 75.

(e) Aircraft. Very little activity throughout the day. At 9 p.m. 2 of our machines dropped bombs in the vicinity of WERVICQ. Other machines crossed the line at midnight and returned at 3 a.m. They were heavily engaged by anti-aircraft.

ENEMY ACTIVITY.(a) Artillery.

Time.	Location.	Rounds	Calibre	Direction
5-15/8-45 a.m. (8th)	0.6.B.)			
3-30 a.m. (9th)	")	150	.77 & 4.2	
11 a.m./11 p.m.	WHITE CHATEAU.	80	4.2 & 5.9	WERVICQ.
4-15 p.m.	I.4.D.	12	4.2	
6 a.m. (8th)	HESSIAN WOOD.	30	.77 & 4.2	
3 a.m. (9th)	" "	20	"	
Various.	Right Bn.H.Q. (0.5.A.15 00) ?			Q.18.B.0 6.

(b) M.G's. Very inactive period under review.

(c) T.M's. A Trench Mortar firing from DAMP COPSE active against BELGIAN WOOD. No damage done.

(d) Aircraft. Nil.

(e) Movement. In the early part of the night there appeared to be more movement than usual along the whole Sector. Party of 19 Germans were seen to come from the rear and enter pillbox near MOAT FARM. 2 were seen at FUNNY FARM at midday. Train observed leaving WERVICQ at 2-25 p.m.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Fewer flares than usual were fired last night. Light Signals were observed at WERVICQ CHURCH. A sandbag barricade has been erected at MAY FARM - our snipers have been busy at this point. Weather - dull and showery. Visibility bad early in the day, fair in the afternoon. Clear night.

IDENTIFICATION.

One of the enemy was seen running to his lines from the front of Post in 0.6.A.46 05 at 7 a.m. yesterday. He was fired on and killed. He has been identified as 76th Regiment.

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12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 14.

for 24 hours ending 6 a.m. 10-2-18.

OUR OPERATIONS.

(a) Artillery. Rather active during period under review. LOCK 6 was engaged at intervals during the morning, several direct hits observed. Our heavies were active on back areas. Two 4.2 Batteries of the WERVICQ GROUP were engaged by our counter-batteries at 3 p.m. but shells were observed to fall short.

At 4-30 a.m. this morning our artillery in co-operation with Heavy and Light Trench Mortars and Machine Guns, carried out a sharp three minute shoot on GAME COPSE. Enemy artillery did not retaliate but a few light Minenwerfers were directed against our outpost line shortly after. When shoot commenced enemy M.G.'s opened and were very active for some time after. Enemy sent up an unusual number of flares but no coloured ones were used.

(b) Patrols.

Strength.	Time of Departure.	Time of return.	Route	Remarks.
1 Off. 2 O.R. (Lt. REID)	6 p.m.	7-45 p.m.	Left Post 3.0.6. and proceeded to 0.6.C.54 15 then to 0.6.C.60 05 and back to 0.6.C.46 08.	Task - to locate and investigate enemy Post which was active previous night. Post was not definitely located but sounds of whistling and talking could be heard about 0.6.C.65 10. At about 0.6.C.55 05 10 enemy screw picket and a coil of concertina wire were found. No enemy seen.
1 N.C.O. 2 men.	10 p.m.	12 midnight.	From 0.12.A.30 95 to 0.12.A.58 78 and returned to starting point.	At 0.12.A.58 78 strong enemy wire encountered. Enemy could be plainly heard. When attempting to get through the wire M.G. fired on them and four bombs were thrown. Patrol fired and M.G. ceased. N.C.O. i/c slightly wounded. Patrol returned at 12 midnight.
1 Off. 3 O.R. (Lt. PERRY)	4-35 a.m.	5-30 a.m.	From P.1.A.75 45 to P.1.C.8 9 and back to starting point.	After the artillery shoot on GAME COPSE patrol went out to obtain identification and proceeded by most direct to P.1.C.8 9. Heavy M.G. fire from THE COPSE and MAY FARM compelled them to withdraw.
1 Off. 6 O.R. (Lt. HUGHES)	4-40 a.m.	5-50 a.m.	From P.1.C.2 9 to P.1.C.45 70 and back to starting point.	To obtain identification from GAME COPSE. They were observed from the COPSE when at P.1.C.45 70 and fired on by M.G. from THE COPSE. Were unable to proceed further owing to M.G. fire and returned at 5-50 a.m.

Group fronts were patrolled frequently throughout the night but nothing unusual occurred. Liaison patrols with Units on flanks hourly throughout the night.

(c) M.G.'s Usual harassing fire throughout the night. Special shoot was carried out on GAME COPSE at 4-30 a.m. in co-operation with artillery and Trench Mortars. Expenditure for 24 hours - 15,500 rounds.

(d) T.M's. Heavy and Light Trench Mortars took part in a special shoot at 4-30 a.m. this morning.

(e) Aircraft. Very little activity for the 24 hours.

ENEMY ACTIVITY.

(a) Artillery.

Time	Locality.	Rounds.	Calibre	Direction.
7-30/11 a.m.	O.5.D. & vicinity.	50	5.9 & 4.2	?
12/12-45	I.35.A.30 40.	20	4.2	WERVICO.
2-40/3-15	"	24	"	"
3 p.m.	I.35.B.65 40.	7	"	"
4-45/5-30 p.m.	I.36.C.70 40.	12	5.9	?
5-30 p.m.	I.36.C.10 40.	15	.77	?
8/10 p.m.	O.5.C.D.	28	4.2	WERVICO.
9 p.m.	O.4.D.	4	"	"

(b) T.M's. At 2-49 p.m. about 10 heavy Trench Mortar Shells fell in the vicinity of O.11.B.20 60. At 4-50 a.m. in retaliation to artillery shoot enemy Light Trench Mortars were active against our outpost line.

(c) M.G's. Machine Guns quieter than usual throughout the night. M.G. from direction of CIRCUS POINT fairly active. MAY FARM gun fired occasional bursts. At 4-30 a.m. when our artillery carried out shoot on GAME COPSE, guns very active, particularly from THE COPSE, and increased activity from other located M.G's. No new positions were located.

(d) Aircraft. One enemy plane crossed our lines at 5 p.m. and was eventually driven off by A.A. fire.

(e) Movement. Enemy sentry seen on duty throughout the day on enemy post at 0.12.8.15 70.
8-30/10-30 a.m. Large working party seen at LOCK 4.

MISCELLANEOUS. Weather -cloudy throughout the day. Visibility fair with light misty rain at intervals. Wind - safe.

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12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 15.

for 24 hours ending 6 a.m. 11-2-18.

OUR OPERATIONS.

(a) Artillery. Our artillery active during the day. Some good shooting by 4.5's and 18 pounders on LOCKS 4 & 5 were observed. Foot-bridge at LOCK 4 was badly damaged. Our heavies shelled back areas during the afternoon.

(b) Patrols.

Strength.	Time of Departure.	Time of return.	Route	Remarks.
1 Off. 3 O.R.	7-30 p.m.	9-45 p.m.	From Post 2.O.6. at 0.6.C.3 2 to 0.6.C.55 02 to 0.6.C.65 15 and back to Post 5.O.6. at 0.6.C.70 40.	Task - to locate enemy Post in the vicinity of 0.6.C.70 12. No enemy were located but wire was thick and in good condition.
1 Off. 3 O.R.	2 a.m.	4-30 a.m.	From 0.6.C.78 52 along Canal to 0.6.C.89 25 thence back to starting point.	Task - to investigate pillbox at 0.6.C.9 1 Enemy M.G. or Auto-rifle located at 0.6.C.95 15. From 0.6.C.89 05 enemy working party could be heard hammering and walking on duckboards on Canal Bank.
1 N.C.O. 3 men. (Sgt.TURNER)	2-30 a.m.	3-45 a.m.	From Post 2.P.1. to P.1.C.4 9. to road junction at 45 70 to 35 66 back to E. 2.P.1. Post.	M.G. from GAME COPSE active but no enemy located or no sounds heard.
1 Off. 5 O.R. (Lt.WATT)	7-30 p.m.	10-45 p.m.	From Post 6.P.1. at P.1.A.95 55. to P.1.B.04 40. to P.1.A.95 05 to P.1.B.30 05. to P.1.B.04 40. back to starting point.	To locate enemy at MAY FARM. M.G. fired from GAME COPSE and MAY FARM. Enemy working party heard in the vicinity of MAY FARM. No enemy wire encountered. Ground much improved near enemy lines.
1 Off. 4 O.R. (Lt.PERRY)	9-30 p.m.	11 p.m.	From 3.J.31 Post at J.31.D.65 15. to P.1.B.8 8. to 70 60. to 72 32 to 84 55 to P.2. A.04 80. back to starting point.	To locate enemy. Patrol moved through MOAT FARM which was not occupied. Flares were being fired from approx. P.1.B. 7.4. Patrol made for that point finding an unoccupied shattered pillbox. Ground beyond MOAT FARM firm and grassy. Noise heard from direction of CIRCUS POINT and P.2.A.00 55. Shattered pillbox found approx. P.2.A.04 80. Covering party of 1 N.C.O. and 5 men remained at MOAT FARM during patrol.

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(b) Patrols (continued)

Strength	Time of Departure.	Time of return.	Route	Remarks
1 Off. 5 O.R. (Lt. FROST)	6-50 p.m.	8-50 p.m.	From 3.J.31 Post at J.31.D.65 15. to P.1.B.65 75. to P.1.B.70 70. to MOAT FARM to P.1.B.92 72 back to starting point.	Found pillboxes round MOAT FARM unoccupied. Track leads to centre pillbox M.G. from GAME COPSE fired across front of MOAT FARM Working party heard at P.2.A. 00 55 approx. but no enemy seen.

In addition group fronts were patrolled by Right Battalion four times and Left Battalion three times but nothing unusual occurred. Liaison patrols with flank posts of neighbouring Brigades and between our Right and Left Battalion hourly throughout the night.

(c) M.G.'s. Usual harassing fire during the night. Targets engaged-KIKI FARM, dugouts and tracks in P.2.B.90 75 and tracks in P.2.C. Expenditure - 12,000 rounds.

(d) T.M.'s. Stokes fired on LOCK 6 and other suspected M.G. positions M.G. active about O.6.D.75 15 was quietened.

(e) Aircraft. Very little aerial activity.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

(a) Artillery.

Time	Location	Rounds	calibre	Direction
8 a.m.	O.5.D.	8	4.2	WERVICQ
9-20 a.m.	O.11.D.	7	"	"
10-40 a.m.	I.34.B.	7	"	"
11-45 a.m.	O.4.D.	6	5.9	?
12 noon	O.5.C.20 20. (Shrapnel)	4	4.2	WERVICQ GROUP.
1-40 p.m.	O.5.B.60 75.	16	"	"
2 p.m.	I.35.A.70 20.	9	"	"
2-30 p.m.	O.5.C.20 90.	18	"	"
2-30/7 p.m.	I.35.A.	25	5.9 & 4.2	?
2-40/4 p.m.	Right Bn. H.Q.	28	5.9	?
7-45 p.m.	O.5.B. & D.	9	4.2	WERVICQ
8-30 p.m.	I.34.B.	6	"	"
10-15 p.m.	O.5.D.	20	5.9	?
10-55 p.m.	I.34.C.30 20.	9	"	?

(b) M.G.'s. Quieter than usual. No new positions located. Gun from FUNNY FARM active against our M.G.'s near IMPERAIL DUGOUTS.

(c) T.M.'s. Nil.

(d) Aircraft. Nil.

(e) Movement.

8 enemy seen near CIRCUS POINT were fired on with L.G. Much movement was observed in vicinity of LOCK 4.

MISCELLANEOUS. Weather - fine but visibility poor. Wind - safe.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 16

for 24 hours ending 6 a.m. 12-2-18.

OUR OPERATIONS.

(a) Artillery. The usual program was carried out. Our 4.5's were very active on LOCK 4 - very good shooting - many direct hits being observed. Counter-Battery engaged 4.2 Battery in the Left WERVICQ GROUP. Enemy's Canal area was shelled frequently during the night.

((b) Patrols.

Strength	Time of Departure.	Time of return.	Route	Remarks.
1 Off. 4 O.R.	7 p.m.	9-30 p.m.	From O.12.A.25 75 to 37 57 to 45.72 to O.6.C.50 07. back to Post at O.6.C.4 1.	Patrol found ground, owing to rain, very wet and difficult. No wire was found other than loose and irregular strands. No enemy were seen.
1 Off. 3 O.R.	10 p.m.	11-30 p.m.	From O.6.C.4 1. to O.6.C.55 05. to 55 15 and back to starting point.	To locate enemy positions and wire. While at O.6.C.55 05 a salvo of 4.2's was fired, and enemy fired a rocket golden cluster. This was repeated to the rear. Though a very brilliant light no enemy Posts could be located. Disused M.G. Position containing 200 cartridge cases found at O.6.C.58 15.
(a) 1 Off. 5 O.R.	2 a.m.	4-30 a.m.	(a) From 5.0.6 (b) from 6.0.6.	When 50 yards from Gates flare fired
(b) 1 Off. 5 O.R.	2 a.m.	4-30 a.m.	along Canal Bank to from enemy.. Wire within 50 yards of could be plainly LOCK 6. In con- seen. It was very junction patrols advanced to Lockgates on wooden stakes, and then returned On Right Bank at to starting point. Lockgates there are numerous shelters which have been used as M.G. Positions There are many cylindrical stick bombs with brass caps taken off, in these positions. On left bank there are very few shelters that have not been destroyed. Water at Lock Gates not deep - could easily be crossed. Ground very muddy and difficult going.	
1 Off. 3 O.R.	10-45 p.m.	12-15 a.m.	From Post 4.P.1. to P.1.A.87 16. to 80 08. to P.1.C.46 96 to Post 2.P.1.	To reconnoitre ground immediately in front of GAME COPSE. Ground between shell-holes firm but very slippery. No enemy seen but talking heard from GAME COPSE.

23 (2) (b) Patrols (continued)

Strength.	Time of Departure	Time of return.	Route	Remarks.
1 N.C.O. 4 O.R.	7-5 p.m.	10-45 p.m.	From Post 8.P.1. At P.1.A.95 55. a doubt at P.1.A.95 55. belt of enemy wire east to P.1.B.28 02. 10 ft. wide was found to P.1.D.50 08. in good condition. It to P.1.B.28 20. joined GAME COPSE on to 08 34 to the West and ran to starting point. the East round MAY FARM. M.G. in COPSE fired only 3 bursts - was firing from about 30 yards behind wire. Ground very muddy and slippery. Very little talking in GAME COPSE.	
1 N.C.O. 4 O.R.	6-30 p.m.	9-20 p.m.	From Post 3.J.31. Proceeded to MOAT to P.1.B.85 80. FARM and took up to 70 70. to 49 71 position in centre to J.31.D.30 15. dugout. Remained there till 9 o'clock but no enemy came. Proceeded along road to WET POND and back to starting point. M.G's at CIRCUS POINT and DAMP COPSE only fired one very short burst.	

Liaison patrols with flank Posts of neighbouring Brigades and between Battalions were maintained hourly throughout the night.

(c) M.G's. The usual harassing fire during the night. Targets engaged - road running E. & W. in P.7.A., KIKI FARM, TUBE CROSSROADS and other frequented tracks. Expenditure - 14,000 rounds.

(d) T.M's. Stokes Mortars fired a few rounds on LOCK 6 and M.G. Positions on CHATEAU ROAD.

(e) Aircraft. Very inactive.

ENEMY ACTIVITY.

(a) Artillery.

Time.	Location.	Rounds	Calibre	Direction.
2-45 a.m.	BELGIAN GROUP.	Slight barrage.		
9 a.m.	I.33.C.75 60.	6	4.2	Left WERVICQ.
9-35 a.m.	I.35.A.30 40.	21	"	" "
11 a.m.	WHITE CHATEAU.	4	5.9	" "
11-15	I.35.A.30 40.	6	4.2	" "
1-40 p.m.	O.6.A.40 60.	18	"	
1-15 p.m.	I.5.B.2 9.	15	5.9	
1-55 p.m.	I.35.A.30 40.	11	4.2 & 5.9	?
2-20 p.m.	WHITE CHATEAU.	9	"	Left WERVICQ
3 p.m.	O.5.B.60 70.	22	"	
2-40 p.m.	I.35.A.30 40.	18	"	" "
4 p.m.	I.35.B.90 80.	5	"	
4-50 p.m.	O.5.D.2 5.	8	"	
1-30 p.m.	RAILWAY TRENCH.	20	"	

(b) M.G's. Particularly quiet.

(c) T.M's.x Nil.

(d) Aircraft. One enemy plane crossed our front line at 4-45 p.m. but returned a few minutes later.

(e) Movement. 4 stretcher parties observed behind GAME COPSE at 7-30 a.m. Much movement around LOCK 4 during the day. Train seen leave WERVICQ for COMINES at 11 a.m.

MISCELLANEOUS. Weather - fine but visibility poor, showery during the night. Wind - safe.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 17

for 24 hours ending 6 a.m. 13-2-18.

OUR OPERATIONS.

(a) Artillery. Our artillery was fairly active during period under review. Targets engaged were LOCKS 4, 5 & 6, the shooting on LOCK 4 being very accurate - many direct hits were observed. Our Heavies shelled the vicinity of enemy 4.2 Battery near WERVICQ and back areas around COMINES.

(b) Patrols.

Strength	Time	Route	Remarks
1 Off. 3 O.R. (Lt. MEARS)	Dep. 7-50 Arr. 8-50	From Post at O.E.C. 4 1 to O.E.C. 60 10 to 50 90 and back to Post at O.12.A.32 92.	Located enemy wire at O.E.C. 60 10 consists of strong apron fence. This was followed for a 100 yards. M.G. from THE GIANTS was very active Ground along wire very muddy. No enemy seen.
1 Off. 3 O.R. (Lt. MORLEY)	Dep. 8-30 Arr. 11	From Post 3.O.6. at O.E.C. 8 5 to O.E.D. 3 5 along enemy track to LOCK 6, across Canal and back to Post 5.O.6. at O.E.C. 7 4.	Enemy wire was located at O.E.D. 3 5. Wire very strong and on wooden posts about knee high. Wire runs from this point to 50 yards behind LOCK 6. Enemy track which shows no signs of recent use, followed into LOCK 6. LOCK not occupied since entered last night. Wire runs from LOCK in direction of O.12.D. Central. The ground in front of enemy wire is very muddy and in places quite impassable.
1 Off. 3 O.R. (Lt. REID)	Dep. 2 a.m. Arr. 4 a.m.	From Post 5.O.6. at O.E.C. 7 4 to LOCK 6 to O.E.C. 60 05. to Post at 56 36.	On reaching LOCK 6 patrol examined ground in vicinity to find suitable positions for posts should the LOCK be occupied by us. Ground was very boggy and unsuitable for occupation. On account of ground any movement was very difficult. M.G. from LOCK 5 was active and necessitated patrol changing direction. and returning to 4.O.6. Post.
1 Off. 12 O.R. (Lt. BERRY) Covering Party. 1 Off. 12 O.R.	Dep. 7 p.m. Arr. 11-15	From Post 7.P.1. to road at P.1.B.25 25. to road junction at 30 00. to P.1.D.44 99. MAY FARM. From Road to 68 78. to 75 78 to 60 88 junction to P.1.D.5 9 and back to starting point. South side of road was heavily wired. Behind wire and between these points an enemy trench was located garrisoned by about 30 men and a Machine Gun. From P.1.D.5 9 wire runs in the direction of CIRCUS POINT. An entrance was cut through the wire, covering party remaining here while patrol made further reconnaissance. Behind the first belt a second and heavier belt wire was found. Enemy trench was well observed from here and found to be in good condition and duckboarded. It links together two pillboxes. Trench was patrolled from end to end every 15 minutes. While here enemy 5.9 Battery fired 16 rounds on enemy's side of GAME COPSE - CIRCUS POINT wire. An orange flare bursting into stars was sent up. Battery ceased fire for 10 minutes On opening again 6 shells fell short and flare was sent up again - Battery again ceased fire.	

Patrol returned to our line without casualties.

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(b) Patrols (continued)

Strength	Time	Route	Remarks
1 Off.	Dep. 7 p.m.	From 2.J.31 to MOAT FARM	Patrol examined MOAT
6 O.R.	Arr. 11-30	and back to 3.J.31.	FARM and trained on
(Lt. FROST)			CIRCUS POINT to assist
			MAY FARM patrol if necessary
			No enemy were seen.

(c) M.G's. Harassing fire on enemy tracks. Targets engaged - P.8.A.70 25, P.7.A.87 44., P.2.C.90 80., P.7.A.12 25., P.2.C.95 28.

(d) T.M's. Successfully engaged M.G on CHATEAU ROAD. After shoot M.G. did not fire again.

(e) Aircraft. In active.

ENEMY ACTIVITY.

(a) Artillery.

Time	Location.	Rounds	Calibre	Direction.
8/8-30 a.m.	O.12.A.10 50.	12	4.2's	TENBRIELEN.
9-30 a.m.	O.5.C.80 20.	Shrapnel 12	"	WERVICQ GROUP.
9-30/10 a.m.	O.5.A.30 00.	20	"	MENIN.
10 a.m.	WHITE CHATEAU.	8	"	WERVICQ GROUP.
12-30 p.m.	I.34.B.90 90.	8	"	"
1 p.m.	I.35.A.30 40.	14	"	"
2-50 p.m.	O.5.E.50 20.	16	"	"
4-35 p.m.	O.5.E.60 70.	14	"	"
6 p.m.	WHITE CHATEAU	14	"	"
7-10 p.m.	I.34.B.90 90.	10	"	"
9 p.m.	O.6.C.70 30.	3	"	"
9-30 p.m.	O.3.E.50 10.	6	"	"

(b) M.G's. Active during the night. Guns firing from LOCK 5, THE GIANTS,

(c) T.M's. Nil.

(d) Aircraft. An enemy plane crossed our lines at 4-15 but was immediately driven off by M.G. and A.A. fire.

(e) Movement. Party of men working at LOCK 4 and along Canal were dealt with by our artillery.

MISCELLANEOUS. Enemy lamp observed signalling from WERVICQ CHURCH 5-15 p.m. Weather - fine, visibility poor - heavy ground mist. Misty rain at intervals during the night. Wind - safe.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 18

for 24 hours ending 6 a.m. 14-2-18.

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OUR OPERATIONS.

(a) Artillery. Less active than usual. During the day our 18 pounders engaged LOCK 4 at intervals, direct hits being observed. Our 4.5's fired 10 rounds into PUMP FARM. Heavies fired on back areas during the day but owing to poor visibility the effect was unobserved. During the night 18 pounders and 4.5's were active on enemy's Canal Area.

(b) Patrols.

Strength.	Time.	Route	Remarks
1 N.C.O. 3 men	Dep. 9 p.m. Arr. 12-30 a.m.	From O.12.A.25 75. to O.12.A.37 57. to 45 57. to 48 75 to 40 98 to O.6.C. 45 23 to 20 37 to 77 03. to O.12.A. 70 42. to 40 98.	On striking road enemy were heard along road but owing to thick mist and rain could not be observed. Moved across our front entering our lines at O.12.A.40 98.. Went out again as per route but owing to darkness could not locate enemy wire. M.G. active from LOCK 5.
1 N.C.O. 3 O.R.	Dep. 11 p.m. Arr. 1-30 a.m.	From O.6.C.95 55. to O.6.D.20 85. to 70 80 to 15 50. to 10 57 to O.6.C.95 55.	To ascertain nature of ground between starting point and O.6.D.70 80. Ground very wet and at O.6.D.20 50. quite impassable. M.G. from LOCK 5 firing low on our Posts. Our wire reported very thin and not continuous.
1 Off. 8 O.R.	Dep. 9 p.m. Arr. 2 a.m.	From Post 7.P.1. to P.1.B.30 37. to P.1.B.07 07. to P.1.A.90 05. to P.1.B.55 85. to P.1.A.25 05.	Task - to search No Man's Land and if possible cut off enemy patrol. Ground was very muddy and going difficult. M.G.'s were very active from MAY FARM and GAME COPSE. No enemy seen.
1 N.C.O. 8 O.R.	Dep. 10 p.m. Arr. 12 midnight	From Post 2.J.31. to J.31.D.70 00. to P.1.B.70 85. to 45 70 to 37 56. to 32 50 to Post 8.P.1.	Wire was located along roadside near FISH POND. Poor obstacle and attached to trees. Four strands of barbed wire in poor condition runs along track from WET POND to MAY FARM. M.G. was firing from approx. P.1.B.60 60. and enemy were heard there. No patrols encountered.
1 Off. 8 O.R.	Dep. 12-30 a.m. Arr. 5-30 a.m.	From 3.J.31 to MOAT FARM to P.1.B.50 70. to 45 60. to 20 50. to Post 7.P.1.	To ascertain if MOAT FARM was occupied, and reconnoitre ground in vicinity of WET POND. MOAT FARM found occupied and M.G. fired on patrol. Loose wire on FISH POND - MOAT FARM Road. M.G. or auto. rifle located at P.1.B.86 83. Another fired from rear of MOAT FARM. Ground was very wet and muddy.

In addition 3 patrols from the Right Battalion and 2 from the Left Battalion patrolled group fronts but little information was obtained owing to darkness. Liaison patrols with Flank Posts of neighbouring Units, and between Battalions, were maintained hourly during the night.

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(c) M.G.'s. To cover relief, guns were act more active than usual. CHALK FARM, GAME COPSE and tracks in CHATEAU Grounds were engaged. Expenditure - 23,000 rounds.

(d) T.M.'s. Stokes fired a few rounds on CHATEAU ROAD and suspected M.G. positoin near LOCK 6. Heavy T.M.'s fired 6 rounds on enemy's Canal Area.

(e) Aircraft. Inactive.

(f) Reliefs. The 48th Battalion relieved the 47th Battalion in the Right Sub-Sector and the 46th Battalion relieved the 45th Battalion in Left Sub-Sector. Relief was completed without casualties by 9-20 p.

ENEMY ACTIVITY.

(a) Artillery.

Time.	Location	Rounds	Calibre	Direction.
9-10 a.m.	O.5.B.80 75	20	4.2	WERVICO
do.	O.6.A.30 90	30	"	do.
9-30 a.m.	C.11.A.80 70.	6	5.9	?
10 a.m.	O.6.A.30 90.	10	4.2	?
7 p.m./8-30 p.m.	OLAF AVENUE BATTLE WOOD. CANAL DUGOUTS.	Gas 12		
5-15 p.m.	RAILWAY TRENCH.	6	4.2	?
5-15 p.m.	P.1.A.2 6.	?	5.9	

(b) M.G.'s. Enemy M.G. very active from MOAT FARM. Active from LOCK 5, CHATEAU ROAD and GAME COPSE.

(c) T.M.'s. Nil.

(e) Aircraft. Nil.

MOVEMENT. Owing to poor visibility little movement was observed.

MISCELLANEOUS. Weather - rain at intervals throughout the day. Visinbility bad - wing dangerous.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 19

for 24 hours ending 6 a.m. 15-2-18.

OUR OPERATIONS.

(a) Artillery. : Our artillery was more active than usual during the day. Enemy positions in MAY FARM, GAME COPSE and CIRCUS POINT were effectively engaged during the afternoon. At intervals 18 pounders and 4.5's fired on LOCK 4 - good shooting observed. Heavies engaged enemy Batteries of the WERVICQ GROUP. Enemy movement in the vicinity of MOAT FARM and MAY FARM was dealt with by 18 pounders and 4.5's at 5-30 p.m.

(b) Patrols.

Strength	Time	Route	Remarks
1 Off. 8 O.R. (Lt. ARNOLD)	Dep. Midnight. Arr. 2 p.m.	From O.G.C. 70 40. to LOCK 6 and back to starting point.	To examine enemy wire on S.W. side of LOCK 6. Patrol left in two parties and proceeded along either banks of Canal. On the left bank no obstacles were encountered. On the right bank ground is very rough and muddy and a good deal of our wire is laying about. An enemy patrol was seen by the Left Patrol to leave via Post in O.G.C. 85 10. and run in the direction of THE LOCK entering it from S.E. end. Old Post was examined but nothing had been left behind. Patrol proceeded to THE LOCK but no further enemy movement was seen.
1 N.C.O. 8 O.R.	Dep. 7-30 p.m. Arr. 10-30 p.m.	From Post at O.G.C. 35 10 to O.G.C. 55 07 to O.12.A. 63 93. to 55 80. to 43 85. and to Post at 25 75.	When patrol reached O.12.A. 60 85 voices were heard 50 yards ahead. A small party coming from HOLLEBEKE ROAD was halted by enemy in suspected Post at O.12.A. 60 70. Patrol did not find any wire. Ground was very boggy. M.G. active from between LOCKS 5 & 6 firing across our Posts.
1 Off. 8 O.R.	Dep. 10-15 p.m. Arr. 2-45 a.m.	From P.1.A. 95 55. to P.1.B. 50 10. to P.1.B. 50 00. to 40 05. - 35 00 to P.1.A. 80 35 to 95 55 to 65 20 to P.1.A. 30 20.	To ascertain the strength of the defences of MAY FARM. On arriving at P.1.B. 50 00. a fairly large sheet of water was found. A belt of wire runs along South side of MAY FARM - DAMP COPSE ROAD. Wire was patrolled. The outer belt is a light one but the inner belt is from 15 to 20 feet wide. A trench runs in rear of the wire and immediately behind it are five pillboxes. Each pillbox contained either a M.G. or Auto-rifle. Working Party could be heard at extreme left pillbox. Two men were seen walking towards the water hole with tins. A lot of talking could be heard. Ground was very muddy and going difficult.
1 Off. 7 O.R.	Dep. 6-15 p.m. Arr. 9-30 pm.	From P.1.A. 95 55. to P.1.B. 20 27. to Road Junction at MAY FARM to P.1.A. 95 12. to P.1.A. 75 05. and back to Post S.P.1.	To ascertain defences of MAY FARM. Patrol crawled to within about 5 to 10 feet of wire at Road Junction. Wire is about knee high and about 30 feet thick. The extreme right pill box had 2 M.G.s or Auto-rifles firing from it. Another auto-rifle was firing from between pillbox and wire in direction of POT DAM GROUP. Third pillbox from right had M.G. also. Ground is very muddy generally but fair tracks can be picked between shell holes.

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(b) Patrols (continued)

Strength	Time	Route	Remarks.
2 Off. 15 O.R.	Dep. 5-45 p.m. Arr. 12-15 a.m.	From J.31.D.45 25. to MOAT FARM to P.1.B.87 77. to 67 23 to 80 88 and back to start- ing point.	To obtain identification from MOAT FARM. MOAT FARM consists of three dugouts two of which are shattered. The third (centre) is made of thick logs and concrete. It was unoccupied. Many mess tins and water bottles and piece of German newspaper bearing date 30-1-18 were found. The inside of the dugout is dry. There is practically no wire in front of MOAT FARM. Enemy was firing flares from DAMP COPSE. Patrol apparently observed and fired on by M.G. and 6 rifles from DAMP COPSE. No enemy encountered.
1 N.C.O. 5 O.R.	Dep. 1 a.m.	From Post 2.P.1 to 2.P.A.83 15 to 85 00. to 67 02 back to starting point.	To ascertain strength of enemy wire in front of GAME COPSE. Examined our wire in front of Post 2.P.1.. Wire belts of single apron in good order. On nearing GAME COPSE two trip wires were encountered. Patrol moved West along wire when an auto-rifle or M.G. from approx. P.1.A.90 15. in front of wire, opened fire and wounded one man. Party went to attack M.G. but could not locate it. They then returned to starting point.

Our own wire was patrolled three times by each Battalion during the night. Liaison patrols were maintained with Flank Posts of neighbouring Brigades, and between Battalions, hourly during night.

(c) M.G.'s. More active than usual. Special concentrated shoots of 8 guns were carried out on LOCK 4. Other targets were - PIE FARM, PUMP FARM, TUBE CROSS ROADS, CIRCUS POINT and enemy tracks. Expenditure - 28,500.

(d) T.M.'s. Stokes fired 10 rounds into hedge at O.6.D.5 O. M.G. Position on CHATEAU ROAD was also engaged. Battery ranged on GAME COPSE.

(e) Aircraft. Inactive.

ENEMY ACTIVITY.

(a) Artillery.

Time	Location.	Rounds	Calibre	Direction
8 a.m.	O.6.C.	7	4.2	BASSEVILLE WOOD.
8-15 a.m.	P.1.A.2 8.	5	"	do.
8-28 .m.	J.32.A.1 5.	4	"	do.
8-45 a.m.	O.6.A.4 7 .	25	"	WERVICQ.
9 a.m.	I.36.D.3 5.	8	"	BASSEVILLE W.
9-3 a.m.	I.36.D.	3	5.9	ZANDVOORDE.
9-17 a.m.	J.32.C.	4	4.2	BASSEVILLE W.
9-25 a.m.	J.31.B.8 5.	3	"	do.
9-30 a.m.	J.31.C.	5	"	do.
9-33 a.m.	J.31.B.	7	"	do.
9-40 a.m.	I.35.A.30 45.	3	"	WERVICQ GRP.
9-40 a.m.	J.31.B.	7	"	BASSEVILLE W.
9-42 a.m.	J.31.D.	5	5.9	ZANDVOORDE.
10 a.m.	J.32.A.	6	"	do.
10-5	J.31.B.	3	4.2	BASSEVILLE W.
11-30	J.31.D.	5	"	do.
11-50 a.m.	P.1.A.5 5.	3	5z9	ZANDVOORDE.

(a) Artillery (continued)

Time	Location.	Rounds	Calibre	Direction
1-20 p.m.	O.5.B.	31	Gas	
1-25 p.m.	I.36.C.	7	4.2	
2-20 p.m.	O.6.B.	8	.77	
2-30 p.m.	J.31.C.	10	4.2	
2-55 p.m.	do.	4	"	
3-20 p.m.	O.5.B.	7	"	
3-30 p.m.	O.11.A.4 6.	12	"	WERVICO.
4-5 p.m.	J.31.B.	6	.77	
9-30 p.m.	O.11.C.2 2.	7	4.2	do.
1-15 a.m.	I.36.C. (RAILWAY TRENCH)	32	Gas.	

(b) M.G's. Normal activity. Gun from GAME COPSE and MAY FARM very active.

(c) T.M's. Enemy T.M. fired 6 shells on CHATEAU ROAD GROUP at 11 a.m. but no damage done.

(e) Aircraft. Nil.

(f) Movement.

Movement was observed in the vicinity of MAY FARM during the day. At 5 p.m. 25 enemy were seen coming down ridge to GAME COPSE, 9 were seen going in opposite directions. Shortly after 5 more came down and 3 went back. It is believed that a Regimental Relief was being carried out. Artillery were informed and it is believed that casualties were inflicted. Enemy also observed on LOCK 4.

MISCELLANEOUS. No flares were fired on the right sub-sector closer than from 500 yards in front of our line. Very few flares were fired from rear of enemy line last night.

Weather - Fine but cloudy throughout the day. Visibility had - cleared up about 6 p.m. Bright night. Wind - dangerous.

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OUR OPERATIONS.

(a) Artillery. Our artillery active. The following targets were engaged:- FUNNY FARM, NUT FARM, MAY FARM, CIRCUS POINT, and DAMP COPSE. During afternoon about 200 rounds were fired on MAY FARM, 40 to 50 direct hits on pillboxes being observed. During the night Working Parties in SAMP COPSE and MAY FARM were dealt with by 18 pounders and 4.5's. Enemy Canal Area also received attention. Heavies were active on enemy back areas during the day.

(b) Patrols.

Strength.	Time.	Route	Remarks.
1 N.C.O. 3 men.	Dep. 8 p.m. Arr. 9-30 p.m.	From Post at O.12.A.15 80. to road at O.12.A.37 57. to 37 75 to 40 90. to Post at O.12.A.35 10.	Patrol was fired on by M.G. from road at O.12.A.75 52.
1 N.C.O. 3 men.	Dep. 2 a.m. Arr. 5 a.m.	From O.6.C.5 6. to old enemy M.G. Position in N.E. end of LOCK 6 and back to starting point.	Patrol took up a posi- tion in old M.G. positio in N.E. end of LOCK and waited for enemy patrol. No enemy were seen but loud talking was heard at S.W. end of LOCK. Enemy Post in that vicinity was heard halting men on several occasions. M.G. from LOCK 5 was sweeping right bank of CANAL.
2 Off. 2 O.L.R.	3-30 a.m.	From Post at O.6.C.35 10. to our wire immediately in front and back to starting point.	This patrol on reaching our wire was fired on by enemy auto-rifle and rifle at 25 yards. Enemy threw a few stick bombs and ran towards his lines. Our L.G. Post at O.6.C.35 10. opened fire and it is believed casualties we inflicted as groans were heard. Enemy were halted several times by their own Posts. Strength of enemy party about 15.
1 N.C.O. 3 men.	7-15 p.m.	From Post at P.1.A. 25 10. to P.1.A.55 00. to P.1.A.67 05. and back to starting point.	To examine wire in fron of GAME COPSE at P.1.A.67 05. Patrol waited and listened. M.G. was active from GAME COPSE on HESSIAN WOOD. Owing to bright moonlight, patrol could not get to wire. Ground travelled ove was fairly good and is drying quickly. Very few flares fired by enemy.
2 Off. 2 O.R.	Dep. 11-30 p.m. Arr. 12-40 a.m.	From P.1.A.25 10. to P.1.C.50 95. to 85 97 to P.1.A.87 07. and back to starting point.	To patrol wire in front of GAME COPSE and MAY FARM. Owing to light could not get close to the wire but it appears to be unbroken and about 30 feet wide. Patrol fired on by M.G. from MAY FARM. Ground very wet but freezing hard.
2 Off. 5 O.R.	Dep. 2-15 a.m. Arr. 3-30 a.m.	From P.1.B.05 65. to P.1.B.40 20. to 42 12. to 35 12. to 15 30. and back to starting point.	To examine wire in fron of MAY FARM. When 30 to 40 yards from wire large party was seen wiring in front of the FARM. Patrol could not proceed further without being heard. M.G. was located at P.1.D.35 95.. Ground freezing.

MISCELLANEOUS.
A pigeon left MAY FARM and flew in an Easterly direction. During our bombardment at 8-30 enemy's gas alarm could be plainly heard and much shouting was going on.
Wind - dangerous.

Weather - fine - Visibility - fair. Wind - dangerous.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 21.

for 24 hours ending 6 a.m. 17-2-18.

OUR OPERATIONS.

(a) Artillery. Our 18 pounders fired about 150 rounds along CANAL in vicinity of LOCKS 4 and 5. - many hits on the LOCKS were observed. GAME COPSE was also engaged. Heavies fired on HOUTHEM and enemy back areas at intervals during the day.

(b) Patrols.

Strength.	Time.	Route.	Remarks.
1 N.C.O. 3 men.	Dep. 7-30 p.m. Arr. 9-30 p.m.	From 0.12.A.20 75. to 0.12.A.40 67. to 45 80. to 50 85. to 60 95. to 0.6.C.80 05. to 0.6.C.55 35.	To obtain identification if possible when patrol encounter took place last night. Enemy in Post at 0.12.A.60 75. whistled several times and halted a party coming from the direction of LOCK 5. Enemy Post is protected by barbed concertina wire about 10 feet wide. No trace of previous encounter could be found.
1 Off. 3 O.R.	Dep. 6 p.m. Arr. 7 p.m.	From Post 1.0.6. to hedge at 0.6.C.70 05. and ground in vicinity and back to 0.6.C.60 50.	To select suitable ground for Posts in the vicinity of 0.6.C.70 05. Ground along hedge is quite suitable for digging Posts but close to CANAL is very muddy.
2 Off. 4 O.R.	Dep. 10-15 p.m. Arr. 2 a.m.	From P.1.A.95 55. to P.1.B.30 33. to 65 07. to P.1.A.90 05. to P.1.J.60 90. to 50 95. to 40 95. to Post P.1.A.25 10.	To examine ground in front of MAY FARM and GAME COPSE. Patrol moved along about 30 yards in front of enemy wire. Enemy was very quiet. No patrols or working parties were seen. M.G. from MAY FARM fired occasional bursts on ground was frozen and progress easy.
1 Off. 5 O.R.	Dep. 3 a.m. Arr. 5 a.m.	From P.1.A.95 55. to P.1.B.75 05. to P.1.B.35 10. to 1C 05. to P.1.A.95 10. to P.1.A.25 10.	Task - Patrol No Man's Land between POTSDAM and HESSIAN GROUPS and capture enemy patrol if encountered. Proceeded in direction of CIRCUS POINT until a sheet of water was met at P.1.B.75 05. From here a working party could be heard talking. From noises it is believed that heavy steel rails were being handled. Noise came from right rear of CIRCUS POINT. A limber could also be heard. No further enemy movement was seen or heard. Enemy was very quiet and few flares were fired. M.G.'s quiet - ground bad for patrolling, due to brittle ice breaking and making noise.
1 N.C.O. 7 O.R.	Dep. 6-30 p.m. Arr. 10-15 p.m.	To MOAT FARM and back to starting point, Post 3.J.31.	Patrol examined MOAT FARM which was unoccupied and then took up a position along hedge near FARM. No enemy came near. Enemy fired very few flares. This patrol was relieved by another patrol who remained for 4 hours also but no enemy were seen.

Our wire was patrolled twice during the night. Liaison Patrols between Flank Posts of neighbouring Brigades, and between Battalions, were maintained hourly during the night.

(c) M.G.'s. Active between 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Targets engaged:-
LOCK 4, Dugouts in vicinity of DEVIL'S ELBOW and CIRCUS POINT.
Ammunition expended - 16,000 rounds. Active during the day against enemy
aircraft, 3,000 rounds being expended.

(d) T.M.'s. At 6-5 a.m. Stokes Mortars fired 10 rounds on GALE COPSE.
Good shooting was observed.

(e) Aircraft. Our planes very active during the day. Between 7-15 and
8-45 five of our planes patrolled enemy front line system eventually being
driven off by A.A. and M.G. fire. Bombs were dropped in the vicinity of
HOUTHEM during the night.

ENEMY ACTIVITY.

(a) Artillery.

Time.	Location.	Rounds.	Calibre.	Direction.
8 a.m.	CHATEAU DUGOUTS.	5	4.2	BASSEVILLE W.
8-30 a.m.	I.36.B.3 4	12	"	"
8-30 a.m.	BELGIAN WOOD.	14	"	"
10-30/10-50 a.m.	I.36.B. & C.	6	5.9	
do.	O.5.D.3 0.	6	"	
10-40 a.m.	J.31.D.3 5.	10	4.2	"
11-10 a.m.	IRON DUGOUTS	6	"	"
11-15 a.m.	P.1.A.3 8.	4	"	"
11-30 a.m.	O.5.C.	21	5.9	
12-55 p.m.	O.4.B.	8	4.2	WERVICQ.
1 p.m.	WHITE CHATEAU.	11	5.9	
	J.31.A.	7	.77	P.2.B.
1/2 p.m.	O.5.C.8 2.	13	4.2	WERVICQ.
3 p.m.	CANAL DUGOUTS.	9	"	"
3/4 p.m.	J.31.C.	7	.77	P.2.B.
10 a.m./1 p.m.	BLUFF			
	CANAL DUGOUTS.)	170	5.9 & 4.2	
	OLEN DUMP.)			

(b) M.G.'s. Quieter than usual. Very little fire directed against
our outposts.

(c) T.M.'s. About 10 Trench Mortar Shells were fired into our HESSIAN
GROUP but no damage was done.

(d) Aircraft. Enemy planes active during the day, but heavily engaged
by M.G. and A.A. fire. About 9 a.m. a plane without markings flew over
our lines at an altitude of about 350 feet. A red streamer from tips
of lower plane was noticed. Plane was engaged by M.G. and Lewis Guns
and eventually returned.

(e) Movement. Movement was observed around MAY FARM during the day.
A limber was heard at 5-30 p.m. from direction P.2.B.7 5.
Less movement in CANAL AREA than usual.

(f) Balloons. Two enemy balloons were up opposite our front from 10 a.m.
to 5 p.m.

(g) Weather. Fine - very clear day and bright night. Visibility good
Wind - dangerous.

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for 24 hours ending 6 a.m. 18-2-18.

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OUR OPERATIONS.

(a) Artillery.

Our artillery active, the following targets being engaged - 18 pounders and 4.5's about 60 rounds on LOCKS 4 & 5. The shooting was accurate and five direct hits were observed on pillboxes in the vicinity of THE LOCKS, GAME COPSE, CIRCUS POINT and JUNGLE HOUSE were also engaged. Heavies were active on counter battery work and enemy's back areas.

(b) Patrols.

Strength.	Time.	Route.	Remarks.
1 Off. 3 O.R.	Dep. 2 a.m. Arr. 4 a.m.	From O.12.A.35 95. to O.12.A.45 80. to O.12.A.43 70. to O.12.A.20 65. to O.12.A.20 75.	Patrol moved along an old enemy sap to O.12.A.45 80. From here enemy could be heard talking in Post at O.12.A.65 75. and also on HOLLEBEKE ROAD at O.12.A.55 55. A small party of the enemy was halted twice at each of these Posts. Enemy seems very alert and halts his parties a long distance from the Posts. A working party a good distance behind the outpost line, probably 500 yards in rear of LOCK 4, seemed to be driving in a large number of iron stakes. Transport could also be heard.
1 Off. 3 O.R.	Dep. 6-30 p.m. Arr. 7-15 p.m.	From O.6.C.65 45 to O.6.C.75 10. along hedge to O.6.C.56 02 back to Post O.12.A.35 95.	To reconnoitre ground for advanced Posts should LOCK 6 be occupied. Ground along hedge found suitable for occupation. Patrol was fired on by rifles from S.E. end of LOCK 6.
1 N.C.O. 3 men.	Dep. 8 p.m. Arr. 10-30.	From O.6.C.60 40. to 80 05 to O.12.A.65 97. to 40 80 to 30 67. back to Post at 20 75.	Movement was heard in enemy Post at O.12.A.65 70. M.G. active from LOCK 5, otherwise quiet.
2 N.C.O.'s. 2 men.	Dep. 6 p.m. Arr. 8 p.m.	From O.6.C.75 45. across front of out- posts during the relief to Post 1.P.1. along our wire and back to O.6.C.95 55.	To patrol front during the relief and report on wire. Wire in excellent condition.
1 Off. 3 O.R.	Dep. 2 a.m. Arr. 5 a.m.	From P.1.A.30 20. to P.1.C.45 85. to 95 98. to P.1.B.10 10. to 35 10. to P.1.B.05 65.	To examine wire in front of GAME COPSE. Wire is 3 ft. high and from 20 to 30 feet deep. It is in good order and no gaps were found. Enemy in GAME COPSE very quiet but flares were fired some distance behind COPSE. Ground difficult for patrolling breaking ice causing much noise.
1 Off. 6 O.R.	Dep. 12 mid. Arr. 2-20 a.m.	From Post at P.1.B.05 65. to P.1.B.35 10. to P.1.B.05 07. to P.1.C.30 90. to P.1.C.50 80. to 35 80. to Post at P.1.A.25 10.	To patrol wire in front of MAY FARM and GAME COPSE. Talking was heard at MAY FARM but no work was going on. Wire is about 30 ft. wide and in good condition.

(b) Patrols (continued)

Strength	Time	Route	Remarks.
1 Off.	Dep. 11-25 p.m.	From J.31.D.45 25.	Wiring party was seen
6 O.R.	Arr. 2-20 a.m.	to P.1.B.55 85.	between CIRCUS POINT and
		to P.1.B.45 55.	MAY FARM. Working party
		to P.1.B.80 20.	heard from direction of
		to P.1.B.55 25.	TUBE CROSS ROADS believed
		to P.1.B.05 55.	to be handling heavy timber
			and steel rails. Artillery
			informed and party was fired on.

MOAT FARM was occupied at dark last night and is still being held to observe enemy positions and movement during today.

Liaison patrols were maintained with Flank Posts of neighbouring Brigades, and between Battalions, hourly throughout the night.

(c) M.G's. The usual harassing fire throughout the night. Targets engaged - KIKI FARM, PENN HOUSE, CHALK and BASSEVILLE FARMS, and enemy track in P.2.B. and P.7.C. Active against aircraft during the day. Total expenditure - rounds - 20,000.

(d) T.M's. Nil.

(e) Aircraft. Our planes very active during the day and at night apparently bombing the enemy's back area.

ENEMY ACTIVITY.

(a) Artillery.

Time.	Location.	Rounds	Calibre	Direction.
8 a.m.	O.6.A. Central.	5	4.2	ZANDVOORDE.
8-15/9-45 a.m.	J.31.C.	11	.77	
12-45 p.m.	O.6.C.8 5.	8	"	
do.	O.4.D.8 2.	4	8"	
1-10 p.m.	O.5.D.5 7.	13	4.2	WERVICQ.
1-20/2-25 p.m.	HILL 60.	24	"	ZANDVOORDE.
3-20 p.m.	J.31.D.8 3.	5	"	

(b) M.G's. Enemy M.G's less active than usual. No new positions were located.

(c) T.M's. One Trench Mortar shell fell in the vicinity of our 1.0.6. Post otherwise inactive.

(d) Aircraft. Increased activity during the day. Plane flying very low flew over the whole of our Forward Area between 10 and 11 at a very low altitude. A low flying plane over the Right Battalion Sector from 11 to 12-30 p.m. was heavily engaged by M.G's and A.A. but eventually returned.

(e) Movement. Very little movement observed in the enemy lines during the day.

MISCELLANEOUS. 10-30 a.m. smoke was seen rising from pillbox at MAY FARM. From 4-30 to 5 p.m. smoke from pillbox in DAMP COPSE. Two balloons were up opposite our front from 7-45 to 5 p.m. Weather - Fine but observation poor owing to ground mist. Wind - very light and from a Westerly direction.

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12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 23

for 24 hours ending 6 a.m. 19-2-18.

OUR OPERATIONS.

(a) Artillery. Our artillery was active during the day but fairly quiet during the night. During the day our heavies shelled back areas. Our 18 pounders and 4.5's engaged MAY FARM and GAME COPSE. Many direct hits were observed and enemy wire was damaged.

(b) Patrols.

Strength.	Time	Route	Remarks.
1 N.C.O. 4 O.R. (a)	Dep. 2-15 a.m. Arr. 4-45 a.m.	As per Trace.	Task - To take up a suitable position and listen for enemy movement. Moved through hedge at 0.6.C.65 07. - proceeded in a Southerly direction and took up a position about 0.12.A.55 80.. Movement could be heard in Post at 0.12.A.60 75. and also about 80 yards in rear of the Post. About 10 men were heard to leave 0.12.A.60 75. Post and move across to HOLLEBEKE ROAD. Patrol then crossed old trench at 0.12.A.47 70. and returned to Post via HOLLEBEKE ROAD. Enemy disposition much quieter than usual.
(2) 1 N.C.O. 5 O.R.	Dep. 9 p.m. Arr. 11-30 p.m.	As per Trace.	To ascertain if enemy occupied Posts S.E. of LOCK 6. LOCK 6 was reached and old Post in CANAL BANK at LOCK 6 occupied without seeing any enemy. Laughing and talking could be plainly heard in S.E. end of LOCK. Working party driving stakes could be heard. Exact locality unknown but believed to be vicinity of LOCK 4. No flares fired by enemy in the Sector patrolled.
(3) 1 N.C.O. 2 O.R.	Dep. 2-15 a.m. Arr. 3-30 a.m.	As per Trace.	Proceeded to enemy wire at 0.6.D.1 3.. Wire is very old and is in bad repair. Working party was heard at approx. 0.6.D.5 2. otherwise this side of Canal very quiet.
(4) 1 N.C.O. 4 O.R.	Dep. 8 p.m. Arr. 11 p.m.	As per Trace.	Patrol moved due South till reaching enemy wire at 0.6.D.7 6. Talking heard in the vicinity of CHATEAU ROAD. No enemy were encountered.
(5) 2 Off. 11 O.R.	Dep. 1-30 a.m. Arr. 5 a.m.	As per trace.	To ascertain damage done to wire at MAY FARM and GAME COPSE. 3 men crawled up to enemy wire at places between and in front of MAY FARM. Wire has been very much damaged by our artillery, especially on the Left of MAY FARM. There are no tracks through the wire yet. GAME COPSE wire could not be thoroughly examined owing to brightness of night. Both places were occupied and a M.G. was active from each place. No enemy were seen.
(6) 2 Off. 4 O.R.	Dep. 12-20 a.m. Arr. 3-30 a.m.	As per trace.	On West side of FISH POND a telephone line running through THE POND to Platoon H.Q. was found. At P.1B.6 8. a single apron wire fence with a gap cut through showing signs no signs of recent use was found. Patrol proceeded to P.2.B.5 0. 0.7. and listened. Working parties could be heard but were not located. NO enemy were seen.

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(b) Patrols (continued)

Time	Strength	Time	Route	Remarks.
(7)				
1 N.C.O.	2-25		As per trace.	M.Guns active from DAMP COPSE and CIRCUS POINT. MOAT FARM unoccupied.
5 O.R.	5 a.m.			Voices heard from pillbox 150 yards S.E. of DAMP COPSE. Owing to bright light could not get close to DAMP COPSE but no wire could be seen when flares were fired.
(8)				
2 Off.	4 a.m.		To MOAT	At daybreak enemy were observed at
2 O.R.	6-15 p.m.		FARM and P.2.A.7 4.	This point, where there is a returned large dugout, would appear to be a Headquarters of some description as there are numerous tracks leading to it from all directions. Artillery were notified and registered on it. At about 8 a.m. large volumes of smoke coming out of pillbox at CIRCUS POINT. Artillery notified and same was shelled with 4.5's - several direct hits observed. Later in day smoke observed from dugouts at P.2.A.9 8. 18 pounders informed and direct hits observed. Artillery shooting on above places was excellent and also on DAMP COPSE and enemy wire at CIRCUS POINT. Wire. The wire from DAMP COPSE to CIRCUS POINT is from 20 to 30 feet wide, very thick, and in good condition, height about 3 ft. Wire on forward slopes of the hill in rear also very thick. Trenches. The forward slope of the hill in rear of DAMP COPSE and CIRCUS POINT appears to be a mass of trenches with good wire in front of them. M.G.'s. Appear to be very numerous on this Sector as over 15 guns opened fire on our aircraft between 2 and 4 p.m. Ground. Ground in front of MOAT FARM and in squares P.1.B. and P.2.A. is flat covered with short grass, and in fair condition for patrolling. Movement. In addition to abovementioned movement working party on wire at CIRCUS POINT was heard at dusk. Artillery informed and shelled location with shrapnel and H.E. Patrol returned at 6-15 p.m.

(c) M.G.'s. During the day our guns very active on enemy aircraft. Ammunition expended - 7,750 rounds. During the night harassing fire on undermentioned targets, roads and tracks near HOLLEBEKE CHATEAU, CIRCUS POINT, BASSEVILLE FARM, CHALK FARM and CHATEAU FARM, also tracks in P.8.A. and P.7.C. Expenditure - 19,000 rounds.

(d) T.M.'s. Nil.

(e) Aircraft. Very active during the day especially during the morning. The enemy's lines were continuously patrolled. One of our planes came down in the vicinity of THE BLUFF.

ENEMY ACTIVITY.

(a) Artillery.

Time	Location.	Rounds	Calibre	Direction.
8-20/9-10 a.m.	WHITE CHATEAU.	10	4.2	
8-30	IMAGE WOOD.	20	"	
9 a.m./1 p.m.	MOLEN DUMP.	20	"	
9-45	JARROCKS FARM	30	"	
10-45	RAILWAY TRENCH.	10	"	
11-50	IMAGE WOOD.	20	"	
1 p.m.	O.5.D.	2	"	
1/2-30 p.m.	HILL 60	30	4.2 & 5.9	
During the night.	O.6.C.80 60.	30		

(b) M.G.'s. Very active against our planes during the day and normally active during the night. M.G.'s from DAMP COPSE and MAY FARM more active than usual. Guns from GAME COPSE and O.6.B.7 5 35 The last mentioned gun was probably withdrawn before daylight.

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(3)

(c) T.M's. Between 6 and 8 p.m. enemy fired a large number of Light T.M. shells on our Posts in the vicinity of O.C.C. 80 60. No damage was done. The Battalion on our right was heavily shelled by T.M's during the 24 hours.

(d) Aircraft. Enemy aircraft more active than usual, 13 planes crossing our Sector during the day. At 10-15 a.m. enemy plane dropped a dark object about the size of an egg which fell in water near POTSDAM GROUP. Enemy balloon was seen to go up at 7-45 a.m. taken down at 6 p.m. opposite our Sector.

(e) Movement. Very little movement was observed other than that mentioned by the ROAT FARM standing patrols.

MISCELLANEOUS. Very fine. Observation good. Still a slight ground mist.

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for 24 hours ending 6 a.m. 20-2-18.

OUR OPERATIONS.

(a) Artillery. Our artillery was a little more active than usual during the 24 hours.. Enemy strong Points and rear positions were engaged, good shooting being observed except one shoot of 9 rounds by 4.5's on LOCK 4 at 3-35 when shells fell short. During the night, MAY FARM, GAME COPSE, CIRCUIS POINT and DAMP COPSE were fired on and many direct hits observed.

(b) Patrols.

Strength:	Time.	Route.	Remarks.
(1)			
1 N.C.O.	9 p.m.	As per	Patrol left O.F.C. 4. and proceeded along
5 men.	11 p.m.	Trace.	hedge in O.F.C. 70 10. Moved South and
			took up a position about O.12.A.55 80.
			Enemy could be heard in their Post at
			O.12.A.60 75. Some distance behind his
			lines, probably about LOCK 4, enemy working
			party could be heard driving iron stakes
			with hammers. A M.G. was active from
			LOCK 5. A T.M. was also active from here
			firing on our CHURCH GROUP but nature of
			mortar is uncertain.
(2)			
1 N.C.O.	4 a.m.	As per	Took up a position of Listening Patrol as
3 O.R.	5-15 a.m.	Trace.	above. Post at O.12.A.60 75. was
			occupied and a party from LOCK 5 was heard
			to enter the Post from the rear. Working
			party was still at work driving stakes.
			M.G. from LOCK 5 much more active than on
			previous night. As working party could
			not be definitely located Artillery were
			not informed.
(3)			
1 Off.	11 p.m.	As per	To cut off and capture any enemy patrols.
2 O.R.	1-30 a.m.	Trace.	Moved out to wire left of MAY FARM and
			followed enemy wire to the Right Flank of
			GAME COPSE. No enemy parties were at
			work round these points but both were
			occupied. M.G.'s in these Posts were quiet.
			Nothing unusual occurred and party returned
			to HESSIAN WOOD GROUP.
(4)			
1 Off.	2-30 a.m.	As per	To Post at O.F.D.80 90, to Post on CHATEAU
4 O.R.	5 a.m.	Trace.	ROAD. At P.1.C.20 55 a dead German was
			found but nothing to help identification
			could be found. Talking could be heard
			in GAME COPSE and CHATEAU ROAD.
			CHATEAU ROAD active at 12.30 a.m.
			Front and Guns from MAY FARM, GAME COPSE
			firing on Left Battalion front. No enemy
			were seen.
(5)			
1 Off.	12-15 a.m.	As per	MOAT FARM was unoccupied. At P.2.A.1 4.
4 O.R.	2 a.m.	Trace.	P.2.A.3 4. and along the route from here
			patrol was continuously fired on by M.G.'s
			from DAMP COPSE. No enemy were seen.
(6)			
1 Off.	2-30 a.m.	As per	No enemy were seen or heard. Patrol did
4 O.R.	5-10 a.m.	Trace.	not acquire any useful information.
(7)			
1 Off.	9 p.m.	do.	To obtain identification during bombard-
5 O.R.	12-30 a.m.		ment on our Right. Proceeded to hedge at
			O.F.D.58 50, thence to pillbox P.1.C.15 4.
			Broken wire but no regular belt was found
			around here. Pillbox was entered but no
			trace of occupation other than a few empty
			cartridge cases was found. Patrol then
			returned to our lines

OUR ACTIVITY (continued)

(c) M.G.'s. Harassing fire on the undermentioned targets during the night :- Dugouts in P.7.D., tracks and dugouts in P.7.C., tracks in P.7.A., TUBE CROSS ROADS, CIRCUS POINT and BASSEVILLE FARM. Total expenditure - 22,000 rounds.

(d) T.M.'s. Nil.

(e) Aircraft. Very active during the day continually patrolling the enemy's lines. They were heavily engaged by Machine Guns. Our planes attacked and brought down an enemy plane in our lines at 11-53 a.m.

ARMY ACTIVITY.(a) Artillery.

Time	Location	Rounds	Calibre	Direction.
8-50 a.m.	I.33.B.6 8.	4	4.2	P.7.D.
9-20 a.m.	P.1.C.1 9.	5	.77	J.33.D.
9-35 a.m.	J.31.C.4 6.	6	4.2	
9-50 a.m.	I.33.B.2 6.	4	.77	do.
10-20 a.m.	Vicinity OAK SUPPORT.	30	4.2	
10-45 a.m.	do. do.	20	.77	
11-20 a.m.	O.4.D.	8	4.2	P.9.A.
11-35 a.m.	P.1.C.1 7.	5	.77	P.3.C.
12-20 p.m.	do.	8	4.2	P.9.
2-50 p.m.	CLAF AVENUE.	12	5.9	
9-55 p.m.	WHITE CHATEAU	3	"	
10 p.m.	Vicinity LOOK 8.	9	" (8 duds)	

During bombardment on our Right, in response to Red Flares bursting into two, opened on our Forward Areas, ceasing at 10 p.m. no damage being done.

(b) M.G.'s. Usual activity along our front. Guns from DAMP COPSE FAY FARM, GAME COPSE, CHATEAU ROAD, were active and gun at LOOK 5 much more active than usual.

(c) T.M.'s. There was a considerable increase in enemy Trench Mortar activity on our Sector. About 20 rounds were fired on Post line of Right Battalion at intervals during the day. Between 6-30 and 8-30 p.m. about 70 rounds (believed pineapples) were fired at our wire and Posts in the vicinity of CHURCH GROUP and 6 rounds on overland track at C.6.C.1 1 at 6 a.m. this morning. T.M. was believed to be along Canal Bank but the flash of the gun could not be observed. The line of light from the base of the shell appeared as though it were fired from the vicinity of LOOK 5. Enemy M.G.'s opened fire during each burst apparently to muffle the sound. 4 T.M. shells fired as a salvo fell in the wire of the Left Battalion Front at 7 a.m. yesterday. Did not fire again during the 24 hours and gun or guns was not located.

(d) Aircraft. Enemy aircraft were very active during the day but were flying very high. Our planes brought an enemy plane down in our lines at 11-53 a.m. At 4 p.m. an enemy plane flew low over our lines but was immediately driven off by M.G. and L.V. fire.

(e) Movement. Scarcely any movement observed during the period under review.

MISCELLANEOUS.

A new duckboard track runs from P.2.D.7 2. to P.A.8 6 to P.7.EQ approx.

Smoke observed from FUNNY FARM. Snipers from FUNNY FARM and CIRCUS POINT active.

Weather - fine. Observation - fair but still a ground mist.

Wind - dangerous.

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H.Q. 12TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.
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Date.

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CORRIGENDA.

Headquarters.

Reference March Table and Relief Table accompanying Brigade Order No. 188, column 3, "Unit to be relieved."

For 14th Battalion read 16th Battalion.
For 16th " " 14th "

4-2-18.

[Signature] Major.
Brigade Major.
12th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 188.

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Map Reference 1/40,000 Sheet 28.
E1 1/10,000 Trench Map.

3-2-18.

1. The 12th Australian Infantry Brigade, less 12th Machine Gun Company and 12th Trench Mortar Battery, will relieve the 4th Australian Infantry Brigade in the Right Brigade Sub-Sector on the 5th and night 5/6th February in accordance with the attached table.

2. The 12th Machine Gun Company and 12th Light Trench Mortar Battery will relieve the 4th Machine Gun Company and 4th Light Trench Mortar Battery on the 6th and night 6/7th February.

3. All details of the relief will be arranged mutually between C.O.'s concerned.

4. All Trench Stores, Maps, Ammunition, and other dumps and documents relating to attack and defence schemes in the Sector will be taken over and a copy of receipts forwarded to Brigade Headquarters by 12 noon on 6th instant.

5. Advance Parties from 45th and 47th Battalions will be sent forward to go into the forward positions on the night 4/5th February under arrangements made mutually between Battalion Commanders.

6. Completion of relief to be wired to Brigade Headquarters in S.A.B. Code.

7. On completion of the relief the Command of the Sector will pass to the G.O.C., 12th Australian Infantry Brigade.

8. Brigade Headquarters will close at LA CLYTTE at 3 p.m. and re-open at LOCK'S at 4 p.m. on 5th February.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

Major.
Brigade Major.
12th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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2-4- War Diary.
5. - 45th Battalion.
6. - 46th Battalion.
7. - 47th Battalion.
8. - 48th Battalion.
9. - 12th Machine Gun Coy.
10. - 12th A.L.T.L.B'y.
11. - 13th A.I. Brigade.
12. - 4th A.I. Brigade.
13. - 4th Australian Division.
14. - 26th A.A.S.C.

MARCH TABLE AND RELIEF TABLE TO ACCOMPANY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 188.

Date.	Unit.	Unit to be relieved.	Entraining Station.	Detraining Station	Guides to be at.
5th Feby.	48th Bn.	13th Bn.	KILLARNOCK 12 (noon.)	SPOIL BANK	Meet train on arrival
"	46th Bn.	47th Bn.	By march route to PARRETT CAMP not to arrive before 3 p.m.		
5/6th "	47th Bn.	14th Bn.	PARRETT FARM. (2-30 p.m.)	SPOIL BANK	Meet trains on arrival
" "	45th Bn.	16th Bn.	KILLARNOCK. (4 p.m.)	SPOIL BANK.	" "
6th "	*12th Machine Gun Coy.	4th M.G. Coy.	KILLARNOCK (12 noon)	" "	
" "	*18th A.L.T. Bty.	4th A.L.T. Bty.	Route March.		

* Guides for the Machine Gun Coy. and Trench Mortar Battery as mutually arranged between G.O's concerned.

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12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 189.

Map Reference 1/40,000. Sheet 28.
 E1 1/10,000. Trench Map.

11-2-18.

1. The 48th and 46th Battalions will relieve the 47th and 45th Battalions in the forward area on the night 13/14th February, 1918 in accordance with the attached table.

2. All details of the relief will be mutually arranged between C.O.'s concerned.

3. All Dumps, trench stores, maps, air photos, and works policy will be handed over and receipts obtained.

4. Advance parties of the 48th and 46th Battalions, under arrangements to be made by C.O.'s will go into the forward Posts on the night 12/13th February.

5. Outgoing Battalions will carry out patrolling on the night of relief and will be accompanied by patrols of relieving Battalions. Patrols of the outgoing Battalions will not be relieved until incoming Battalions are conversant with the Sector.

6. Completion of relief to be wired to Brigade Headquarters in code.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

H. H. M. M. M.
 Major.
 Brigade Major.
 12th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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 2-4 - War Diary.
 5 - 45th Battalion.
 6 - 46th Battalion.
 7 - 47th Battalion.
 8 - 48th Battalion.
 9 - 12th Machine Gun Coy.
 10 - 12th A.L.T.M.Bty.
 11 - 4th Aust. Div.
 12 - 13th A.I. Brigade.
 13 - 14th A.I. Brigade.
 14 - Right Group Artillery.
 15 - 26th A.A.S.C.

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TABLE OF MOVES AND RELIEFS TO ACCOMPANY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 189.

Date	Unit	Unit to be relieved.	Guides and time.	
13/14	48th Battalion from Support.	47th Battalion. Line Right.	As arranged mutually.	47th Battalion on completion of relief will move to CRATER DUGOUTS - GASPER DUGOUTS - CANAL DUGOUTS.
do.	46th Battalion. Reserve	45th Battalion. Line Left.	do.	45th Battalion (600) by train from SPOIL BANK to PARRETT FARM.

46th Battalion (600) by train from PARRETT FARM to SPOIL BANK.

Times of departure of trains will be notified later.

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12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 190.

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Map Reference 1/40,000. Sheet 28.

El. 1/10,000. Trench Map. 17-2-18.

1. The 12th Australian Infantry Brigade, less the 12th Machine Gun Company and 12th Trench Mortar Battery, will be relieved in the Forward Zone of the Right Brigade Sector on the night 20/21st February, 1918, by the 4th Australian Infantry Brigade, less the 4th Machine Gun Company and 4th Trench Mortar Battery in accordance with the attached table.

2. The 12th Machine Gun Company and 12th Trench Mortar Battery will be relieved in the Forward Zone by the 4th Machine Gun Company and the 4th Trench Mortar Battery on the night 21/22nd February, 1918.

3. All details of the relief will be mutually arranged between C.O.'s concerned.

4. All Trench Stores, Ammunition Dumps, Maps, Works Policy, and Defence Scheme will be handed over and receipts obtained; copies being sent to this office.

5. Outgoing Battalions will carry out patrolling on the night of the relief and will be accompanied by patrols of the relieving Battalions. Patrols of the outgoing Battalions will not be withdrawn until relieving Battalions are conversant with the Sector.

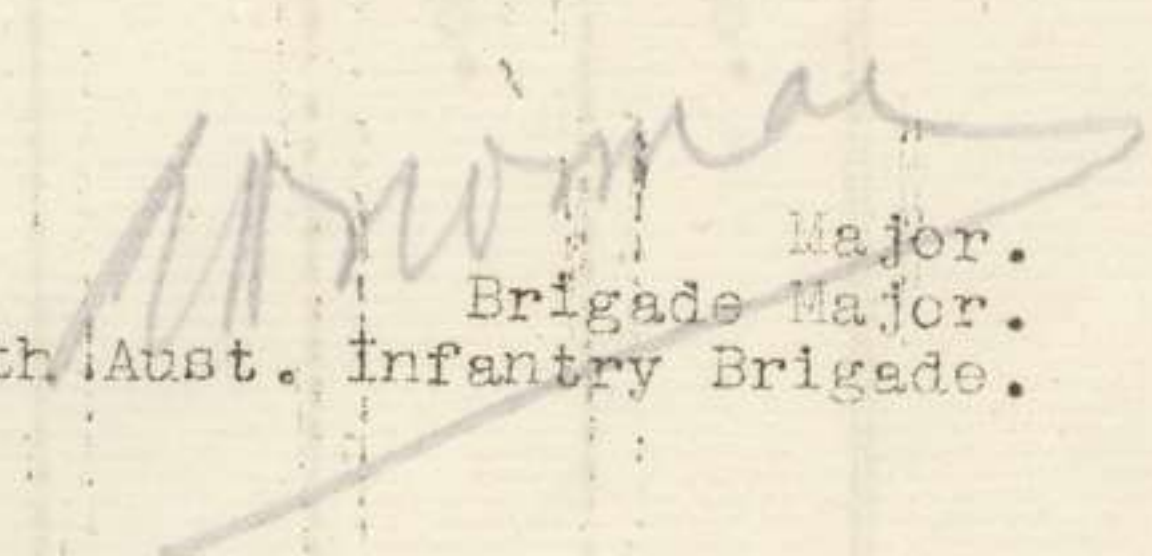
No Post will be evacuated before the relieving garrison has arrived and formally taken over.

6. Movement forward of SPOIL BANK will be in Sections with intervals of 50 yards.

7. Completion of relief to be wired to Brigade Headquarters in B.A.B. Code.

8. Brigade Headquarters will close at LOCK 8 on completion of relief, and open at La CLYTTE at the same hour.

ACKNOWLEDGE.


Major.
Brigade Major.
12th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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2-4 - War Diary.
5 - 45th Battalion.
6 - 46th Battalion.
7 - 47th Battalion.
8 - 48th Battalion.
9 - 12th Machine Gun Company.
10 - 12th A.L.T.M.Bty.
11 - 4th Aust. Div.
12 - 13th A.I. Brigade.
13 - 14th A.I. Brigade.
14 - Right Group Artillery.
15 - 4th A.I. Brigade.

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TABLE OF MOVES AND RELIEFS TO ACCOMPANY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 190.

Date	Unit.	Relieving Unit.	Guides	Remarks
20/21	48th Battalion. Line Left.	13th Battalion.	Meet train on arrival at SPOIL BANK.	To MURRUMBIDGEE CAMP. Train timetable later.
do.	46th Battalion. Line Right.	15th Battalion.	do.	To CURRAGH CAMP. Train timetable later.
do.	47th Battalion. Support.	16th Battalion.	do.	To De ZON CAMP. Train timetable later.
	45th Battalion. Reserve.	14th Battalion. remains at TOURNIA CAMP.		Remains at PARRETT CAMP.
21/22	12th M.G.Coy. Line.	4th M.G.Coy.	do.	To SIEGE FARM CAMP. Train timetable later.
do.	12th T.M.Bty. Line.	4th T.M.Bty.	do.	To RIDGEWOOD CAMP. Train timetable later.

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12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 191.

Map Reference Sheet 27 and 28. 1/40,000.

25-2-18.

1. The 12th Australian Infantry Brigade will move from their present camps by march route to the MERRIS Area, replacing the 1st Australian Infantry Brigade on the 27th February, 1918, in accordance with attached March Table.

2. Units will arrange their own starting point so as to pass at the time stated in March Table.

Brigade Headquarters and the Trench Mortar Battery will march in rear of the 48th Battalion.

3. Distances as under will be maintained by Units during the march. Halts being made at 10 minutes to the clock hour throughout.

100 yards between Companies.

100 " " Units and their Transport.

4. 1 Officer and 4 N.C.O.'s from Battalions, and 1 Officer and 1 N.C.O. from other Units, will report to Lieut. STABBACK at 1st Australian Infantry Brigade Headquarters, METEREN, at 12 noon on 26th and arrange billets in new area.

Similar parties from the 1st Australian Infantry Brigade Units will report to these Headquarters on 26th and will be sent to Units to take over our present camps.

Units will arrange to leave parties behind to ensure that present camps are left in a clean and sanitary condition.

5. Supplies. Supply waggon will fill at M.4.D. as usual on 26th and will accompany units during move

27th February. Supplies will be delivered at METEREN but will not be issued to Units.

28th February. 2 days issue will be delivered to Units at METEREN. Time of drawing later.

Baggage waggon will report to Units on the afternoon of 26th.

6. Motor lorries will be available for transport of blankets etc. Exact time of reporting will be notified later.

7. Brigade Headquarters will close at LA CLYTTE at 9 a.m. and open again at METEREN on arrival.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

[Signature]
Major.
Brigade Major.
12th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

Issued to Signals at 8-30 p.m.

Copy No. 1 - File.
2 - 4 War Diaries.
5 - 45th Battalion.
6 - 46th Battalion.
7 - 47th Battalion.
8 - 48th Battalion.
9 - 12th Machine Gun Coy.
10 - 12th A.L.T.H.Bty.
11 - 4th Aust. Div.
12 - 1st A.I. Brigade.
13 - 26th A.A.S.C.

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MARCH TABLE TO ACCOMPANY BRIGADE ORDER No, 191.

Date	Unit	From	To	Unit S.Pt.	Route.	Remarks
27th Feb	46th Bn.	CURRACH CAMP	4th Bn. Area X 26 D 40 00	8.30 a.m.	LOCRE-BAILLEUL	
do	47th Bn.	DEZON CAMP	1st Bn. Area METEREN	8.45 a.m.	do	
do	48th Bn.	MURRBGE CAMP	3rd Bn. Area X 15 C 18 95	do	do	
do	12th TMB	LA CLYTTE	METEREN	do	do	
do	12th BHQ	do	do	do	do	
do	12th MGCoy	SIEGE FARM	1st MGCoy METEREN	do	KEMMEL-LOCRE- BAILLEUL	
do	45th Bn.	PARBETT CAMP	2nd Bn Area X 17 U 3 2	9 a.m.	do	

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FIGHTING STRENGTH AS ON SATURDAY FEBRUARY 2nd, 1918

	Off.	O.R.
12th Machine Gun Coy.	12	166
12th A.L.T.M.Bty.	4	46
45th Battalion.	43	830
46th Battalion.	52	912
47th Battalion.	49	877
48th Battalion.	44	763
	204	3594.

OFFICERS "JOINED" FOR WEEK ENDING SATURDAY FEBRUARY 2nd, 1918.

2/Lieut. J.H. GIBSON.	12th M.G. Coy.	
Major A.S. ALLEN, D.S.O.	45th Bn.	Resumed duty from 48th.
H.C. FORD, D.S.O.	46th Bn.	Transfd. from 45th Bn.
Lt.Col. R.L. LEANE, C.M.G., D.S.O., M.C.		From Seconded List.

OFFICERS "GONE" FOR WEEK ENDING SATURDAY FEBRUARY 2nd, 1918.

2/Lieut. R.J. SCOTT.	45th Bn.	To 12th Training Bn.
Lieut. J.S. TERRAS.	"	Detached to 51st Bn.
Capt. W.C. BROOKS.	46th Bn.	To 12th Training Bn.
2/Lieut. J.J. MOLPHY.	47th Bn.	To " " "
Lieut. A. LIMB.	48th Bn.	To " " "

SICK EVACUATIONS FOR WEEK ENDING SATURDAY FEBRUARY 2nd, 1918.

	O.R.
45th Battalion.	8
46th "	12
47th "	7
48th "	5
12th M.G. Coy.	2
12th A.L.T.M.Bty.	1
Total	35

REINFORCEMENTS ARRIVED FOR WEEK ENDING SATURDAY FEBRUARY 2nd.

	O.R.
45th Battalion.	10
46th "	9
47th "	8
48th "	23
12th Machine Gun Coy.	5
Total	55

12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Fighting Strength as on Saturday, 9-2-18.

	Officers.	O.R.
12th Machine Gun Coy.	12	176
12th Trench Mortar Battery.	4	46
45th Battalion.	43	846
46th "	53	927
47th "	52	898
48th "	46	820
	<u>210</u>	<u>3713.</u>

Officers joined for week ending Saturday, 9-2-18.

2/Lieut. A.K. McDONALD. 45th Bn. from O.C.B. 2-2-18.
 Lieut-Col. A.P. IMLAY, D.S.O. from Hospital 4-2-18.
 Lieut. M.J. McGHEE. 47th Bn. from 15th Bn. do.

Officers gone for week ending Saturday, 9-2-18.

Lieut. L.N. CRICHTON. 46th Bn. Sick to Hosp. 3-2-18.
 Lieut. W.F.H. MASTER. 46th Bn. " " 22-1-18.
 2/Lieut. A.E. STEVENS. 45th Bn. Killed in action. 8-2-18.

Casualties and Evacuations for week ending Saturday, 9-2-18.

Unit	Killed		Wounded.		Missing.		Gassed.		Sick.		Total.	
	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.
45th Bn.	1		3		6		7		4		1	20
46th Bn.			1						2	7	2	8
47th Bn.										3		3
48th Bn.										4		4
Total	1	-	-	4	-	6	-	7	2	18	3	35

Reinforcements arrived for week ending Saturday, 9-2-18.

45th Battalion.	1
46th "	-
47th "	1
48th "	41
12th M.G. Coy.	<u>10</u>
	<u>53</u>

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12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Fighting Strength as on Saturday, 16-2-18.

	Officers.	O.R.
12th Machine Gun Coy.	12	181
12th Trench Mortar Bty.	4	46
45th Battalion.	44	838
46th "	51	936
47th "	51	900
48th "	47	814
	209	3715

Officers joined for week ending Saturday, 16-2-18.

Chaplain Captain.	J.C. FLOOD.	12th Bde. H.Q.	from England	9-2-18.
"	J.F. HENNESSY.	do.	do.	12-2-18.
Lieut. W. HARDLEY.		45th Bn.	From Sec.List.	"
Lieut. W. HOOD, M.C.		46th Bn.	do.	9-2-18.
Lieut. H. TAYLOR.		47th Bn.	do.	"
"	J. SCHULTZ, M.C.	47th Bn.	do.	"
"	B.R. BIRD, M.C.	47th Bn.	do.	"
"	W. CALDWELL.	48th Bn.	From Supy.List.	10-2-18
"	G.D. MITCHELL.	48th Bn.	Sec	" 13-2-18.

Officers gone for week ending Saturday, 16-2-18.

Major A.S. ALLEN, D.S.O.	45th Bn.	Evac. Sick.	31-1-18.
Captain. T.V. RILEY.	47th Bn.	Wounded.	11-2-18.

Casualties and Sick evacuations for week ending 16-2-18.

Unit.	Killed.	Wounded.		Missing.	Gassed.		Sick.		Total.
	Off. O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off. O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off. O.R.
45th Bn.			6		3		23		32
46th Bn.							14		14
47th Bn.		1	2		2		1	1	5
48th Bn.	1						6		7
M.G.Coy.									
T.M.Bty.									
Total	1	1	8		5		44	1	58

Reinforcements arrived for week ending 16-2-18.

	O.R.
12th Machine Gun Coy.	7
45th Battalion.	14
46th "	16
47th "	5
48th "	9
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12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.Fighting Strength as on Saturday, 23-2-18.

	Officers	O.R.
12th M.G. Coy.	12	173
12th A.L.T.M. Bty.	4	46
45th Battalion.	43	837
46th "	53	940
47th "	52	915
48th "	47	822
	<u>211</u>	<u>3,733.</u>

Officers "Joined" for week ending 23-2-18.

Major	J.M. EDGLEY, D.S.O.	46th Bn.	From Seconded List	18-2-18.
2/Lieut.	A.S. DICKENSON.	"	"	"
Capt.	G.E. YOUNG.	47th Bn.	" Supy. List.	16-2-18.
"	G.J. GIBSON.	"	"	21-2-18.

Officers "Gone" for week ending 23-2-18.

2/Lieut.	V. MORTON.	45th Bn.	To Hospital. England
			ex leave 20-2-18.
Captain	L.L. CARTER, M.C.	48th Bn.	To Hospital. 19-2-18.

Casualties and Sick evacuations for week ending 23-2-17.

Unit	Killed.		Wounded.		Missing.		Gassed.		Sick.		Total.	
	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.
Bde. H.Q.												
M.G. Coy.			1						1		2	
T.M. Bty.												
45th Bn.									11		11	
46th Bn.									1		1	
47th Bn.									1	4	1	4
48th Bn.			4						1	5	1	9
Total	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	2	22	2	27

Reinforcements arrived for week ending 23-2-18.

45th Battalion.	19
46th "	11
47th "	20
48th "	10
Total	<u>60</u>

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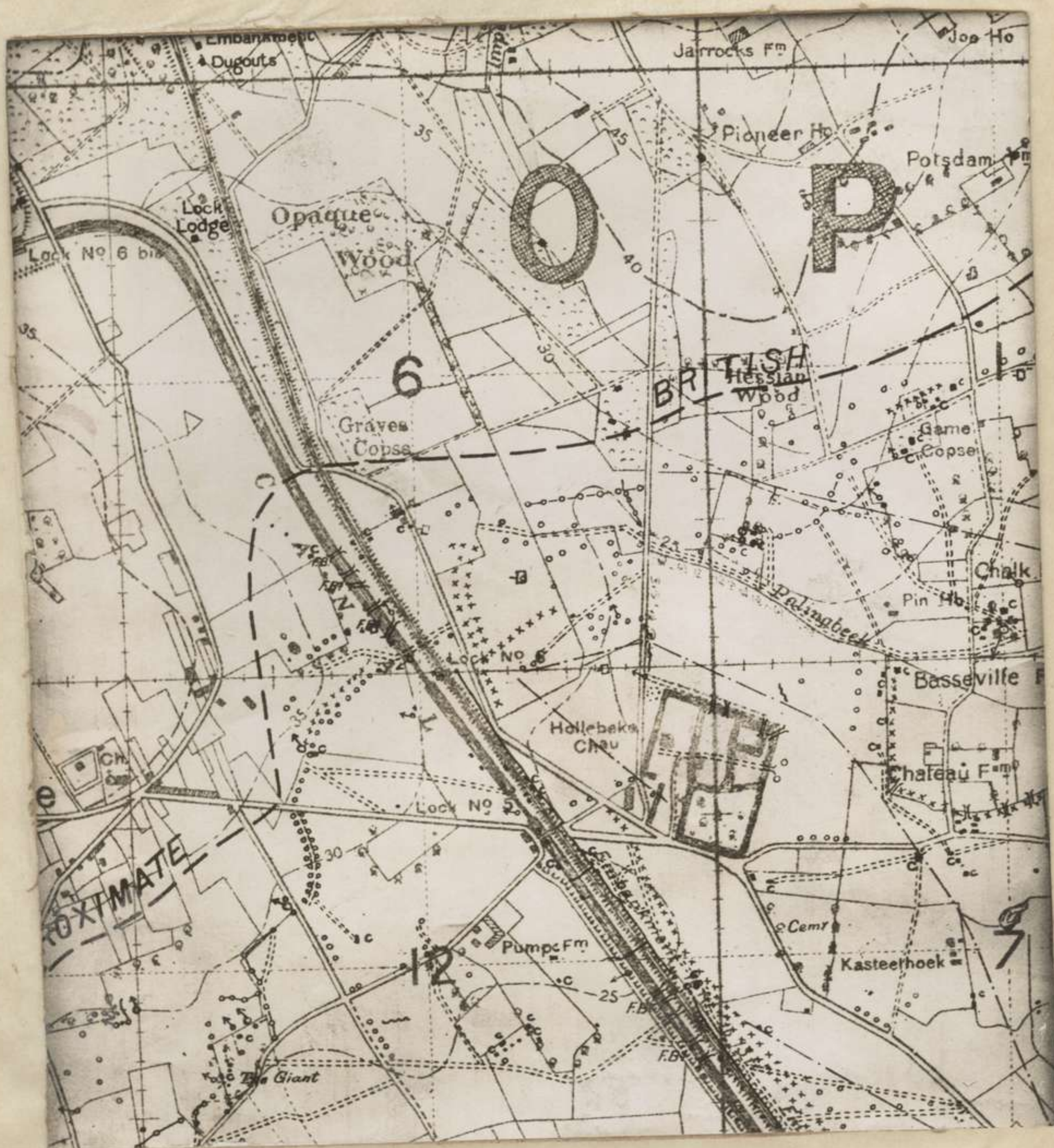
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