

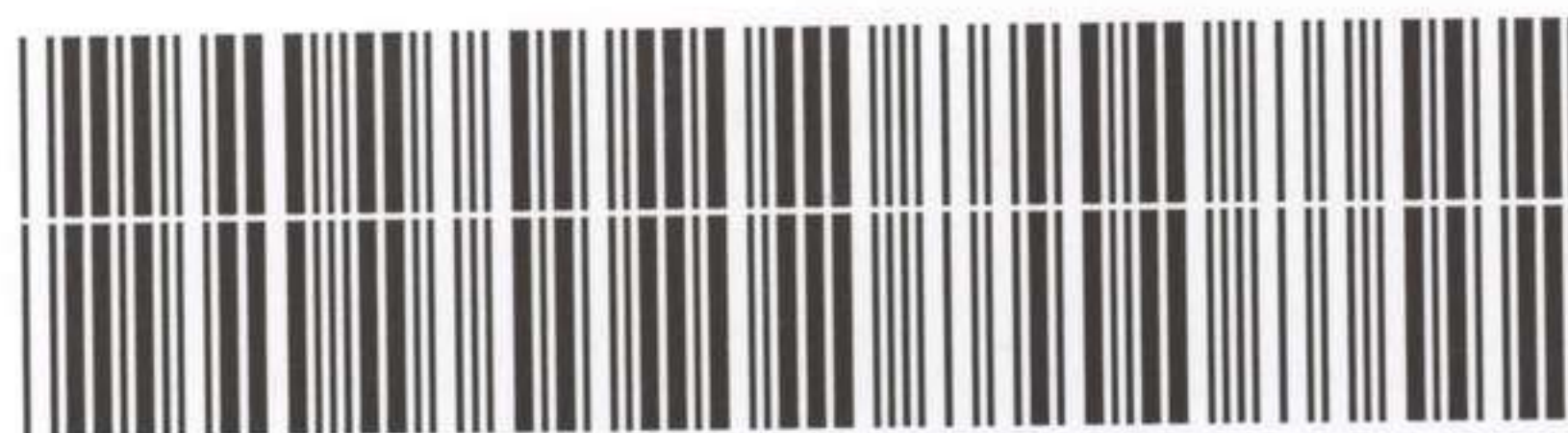
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Australian Imperial Force unit war diaries,
1914-18 War

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Item number: 23/53/4

Title: 36th Infantry Battalion

February 1917



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WAR DIARY

or

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

Army Form C. 2118.

Instructions regarding War Diaries and Intelligence
Summaries are contained in F. S. Regs., Part II.
and the Staff Manual respectively. Title pages
will be prepared in manuscript.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
----- F E B R U A R Y 1917. -----				
ARMENTIERES.				
Trenches.	1-2-17.		Quiet day. light Trench Mortar wire cutting in the afternoon.	
	2-2-17.		Quiet Day. Relief apparent in Hun lines. New troops observed.	
	3-2-17.		Fairly quiet day. Few minnies and pineapples in the afternoon. Arranging re new dispositions for defence of front line.	
	4-2-17.		Quiet day. "A" Coy Hqrs. moved back. Arranging with C.R.E. re new Headquarters for locality 14 few minnies and pineapples.	
	5-2-17.		Quiet. Machine gun and rifle fire very active at night.	
	6-2-17.		Relieved by 34th Battalion - billeted at Chateau Rose.	
Houplines.	7-2-17.		Houplines. Working parties.	
	8/10-2-17.		Houplines. Working parties.	
	11-2-17.		Specialists went into front-line at left sub-sector Houplines.	
Trenches.	12-2-17.		Relieved 34th Battalion at 5 a.m.	
Armentieres.	18-2-17.		Were relieved by 34th Battalion at 5 a.m. & proceeded to billets in Armentieres.	
	18/24-2-17.		Two day's training and three days working parties.	
	24-2-17.		Major J.A. Milne late 34th Battalion took over Command of the Battalion. Orders issued for the relief of the 34th Battalion for 25th in same sector as before. left sub-sector of Houplines sector.	
Trenches.	25-2-17.		Relieved 34th Battalion as per order No. 14.	
	26/28-2-17.		Nothing of special note happened during this term.	

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES.36th BATTALION.

PARADE STATE - ending 1st FEBRUARY 1917.

Present:	Off. 22	O/R. 781
On Command:	10	142
Total Sick:	4	37

TOTAL	36	960.

36th BATTALION ORDER No. 11. APPENDIX

Reference Map: 1/20,000

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4th February 1917.

- RELIEF. 1. The 34th Battalion A.I.F. will relieve the 36th Battalion (the latter becoming "C" Battalion) in "B" Battalion Sub-section, commencing at 5 a.m. on 6th instant.
- ADVANCE PARTIES. 2. In accordance with 3rd Aust. Divisional Trench Standing Orders, para 4, specialists will move into the front line on 5th instant.
- TRENCH STORES. 3. All trench stores, defence schemes, log-books, aeroplane photos, maps, plans and other useful information will be handed over by out-going Units and receipts obtained therefor.
- BILLETING PARTIES. 4. Billeting parties of 1 Sgt per Company and 1 junior NCO, per platoon, will report at Battalion Headquarters at 9-30 am, on 5th instant to proceed to "E" Battalion billets to billet their units. This party will report back to their Company by 1 P.m.
- WORKING PARTIES. 5. No working parties will be supplied for day-shift on 5th instant, night shift on 5/6th inst, or day shift on 6th inst. The 36th Battalion will provide parties on and after 9 pm on the 6th instant.
- MOVEMENT. 6. Every precaution must be taken against hostile observation both from aerial and from ground level. During the hours of daylight, Units when EAST of ARMENTIERES NOUVEL-HOUPAINES railway line will move in parties not larger than sections at two-minute intervals.
- ROUTE. 7. Routes of Relief will be communicated to O.C. Companies later.
- REPORTS. 8. O.C. Units will report in code to Battalion Headquarters:-
 (a) When relief is completed.
 (b) When settled in billets.

J.M. HAWKEY Captain.
 Adjutant 36th Battalion. A.I.F.

Issued at 9 p.m.:

- Copy No. 1 File
- 2 9th Infantry Brigade.
 - 3 War Diary.
 - 4 O.C. "A" Coy.
 - 5 O.C. "B" Coy.
 - 6 O.C. "C" Coy.
 - 7 O.C. "D" Coy.
 - 8 Lewis Gun Officer.
 - 9 Signalling Officer.
 - 10 Bombing Officer.
 - 11 Scout Officer.
 - 12 34th Bn. A.I.F.

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36th BATTALION ORDER No.11.

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----- RELIEF TABLE -----

The following will be times and routes for RELIEF on 6th instant:-

Unit to be relieved	Unit relieving	Locality	Time	Route.
"A" Coy, 36th Bn.	"C" Coy, 34th Bn. No.15.		5-15 am.	Via DURHAM AVENUE, SUBSIDIARY LINE & IRISH AVENUE.
"D" Coy, 36th Bn.	"A" Coy, 34th Bn. No.13.		5-30am.	Via DURHAM & EDMED'S AVENUES.
"C" Coy, 36th Bn.	"B" Coy, 34th Bn. No.14.		5-45 am.	Via DURHAM & CAMBRIDGE AVENUES.
"B" Coy, 36th Bn.	"D" Coy, 34th Bn. Subsidiary line.		6am.	Via DURHAM AVENUE.

NOTES:

1. All details in the Subsidiary line will be ready to move out at 5 a.m. as soon as "D" Coy, 34th Battalion is clear of DURHAM Avenue and will move out to billets, commencing with "D" Coy's Details followed by "C" and "A" Coy's details, "B" Coy and Specialists. Each Company will detail an Officer to be in the Subsidiary line, who will see that all details are ready to move out, that dug-outs are clean and march parties back to billets.
2. As soon as "D" Coy is relieved it will move out via EDMEDS and DURHAM Avenues to billets.
3. "A" Coy as soon as relieved will move out via IRISH Avenue, Subsidiary line, and DURHAM Avenue. O.C. "A" Company will ascertain that "D" Company is clear before moving into DURHAM Avenue.
4. "C" Company will move out via CAMBRIDGE and DURHAM Avenues as soon as "A" Company is clear of the Subsidiary line. O.C. "C" Company will ascertain that "A" Coy is clear before moving out.

J.M.HAWKEY Captain.
Adjutant 36th Battalion. A.I.F.

36th BATTALION ORDER No.12.

Copy No.....

Reference Map:

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- RELIEF. 1. The 36th Battalion will relieve the 34th Battalion A.I.F. in "B" Battalion sub-sector, commencing at 5 am on the 12th inst.
- ADVANCE PARTIES. 2. In accordance with 3rd Aust? Div. Trench Standing Orders, para 4, specialists will move into the front line on the 11th inst.
- TRENCH STORES. 3. All trench stores, defence schemes, log-books, aeroplane photos, maps, plans and other useful information will be handed over by out-going Units and receipts given therefor.
- WORKING PARTIES. 4. No working parties will be supplied for or after day shift on the 11th instant.
- MOVEMENT. 5. Every precaution must be taken against hostile observation both from aerial and from ground level. During the hours of daylight, Units when EAST of ARMENTIERES NOUVEL-HOUPINES railway line, will move in parties not larger than sections at two-minutes intervals.
- ROUTE AND TIMES OF. 6. "A" Coy, 36th Bn, will relieve "C" Coy, 34th Bn. in No.s 16 and 17 localities at 5-15 a.m.
 "D" Coy, 36th Bn. will relieve "A" Coy, 34th Bn. in No.13 locality at 5-30 a.m.
 "C" Coy, 36th Bn. will relieve "B" Coy 34th Bn in No.14 and 15 localities at 5-45 a.m.
 "B" Coy, 36th Bn. will relieve "D" Coy, 34th Bn. in Subsidiary line at 6 a.m.
 All troops will move in via DURHAM AVENUE to their Respective localities; the road and tram line leading past CAMBRIDGE HOUSE is not to be used under any circumstances.
- GUM BOOTS. 7. Gum Boots will be drawn from the Quartermaster's Store Houplines, and will be available for issue after 6 p.m. to-day 11th instant.
- REPORTS. 8. O.C.Units will report in code to Battalion Headquarters when relief is completed.

J.M.HAWKEY Captain.
 Adjutant 36th Battalion. A.I.F.

Issued at 3 p.m. to:-

- Copy No. 1 - File.
 2 - 9th Infantry Brigade.
 3 - War Diary.
 4 - O.C. "A" Coy.
 5 - O.C. "B" Coy.
 6 - O.C. "C" Coy.
 7 - O.C. "D" Coy.
 8 - Lewis Gun Officer.
 9 - Signalling Officer.
 10 - Bombing Officer.
 11 - Scout Officer.
 12 - 34th Battalion. A.I.F.

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Reference Map:

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- RELIEF.** 1. The 36th Battalion will relieve the 34th Battalion A.I.F. in "B" Battalion sub-sector, commencing at 5 am on the 12th inst.
- ADVANCE PARTIES.** 2. In accordance with 3rd Aust? Div. Trench Standing Orders, para 4, specialists will move into the front line on the 11th inst.
- TRENCH STORES.** 3. All trench stores, defence schemes, log-books, aeroplane photos, maps, plans and other useful information will be handed over by out-going Units and receipts given therefor.
- WORKING PARTIES.** 4. No working parties will be supplied for or after day shift on the 11th instant.
- MOVEMENT.** 5. Every precaution must be taken against hostile observation both from aerial and from ground level. During the hours of daylight, Units when EAST of ARMENTIERES NOUVEL-HOUPPLINES railway line, will move in parties not larger than sections at two-minutes intervals.
- ROUTE AND TIMES OF.** 6. "A" Coy, 36th Bn, will relieve "C" Coy, 34th Bn. in Nos 16 and 17 localities at 5-15 a.m.
 "D" Coy, 36th Bn. will relieve "A" Coy, 34th Bn. in No.13 locality at 5-30 a.m.
 "C" Coy, 36th Bn. will relieve "B" Coy 34th Bn in No.14 and 15 localities at 5-45 a.m.
 "B" Coy, 36th Bn. will relieve "D" Coy, 34th Bn. in Subsidiary line at 6 a.m.
 All troops will move in via DURHAM AVENUE to their respective localities; the road and tram line leading past CAMBRIDGE HOUSE is not to be used under any circumstances.
- GUM BOOTS.** 7. Gum Boots will be drawn from the Quartermaster's Store Houplines, and will be available for issue after 6 p.m. to-day 11th instant.
- REPORTS.** 8. O.C. Units will report in code to Battalion Headquarters when relief is completed.

J.M.HAWKEY Captain.

Adjutant 36th Battalion. A.I.F.

Issued at 3 p.m. to:-

- Copy No. 1 - File.
 2 - 9th Infantry Brigade.
 3 - War Diary.
 4 - O.C. "A" Coy.
 5 - O.C. "B" Coy.
 6 - O.C. "C" Coy.
 7 - O.C. "D" Coy.
 8 - Lewis Gun Officer.
 9 - Signalling Officer.
 10 - Bombing Officer.
 11 - Scout Officer.
 12 - 34th Battalion. A.I.F.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES.

36th BATTALION.

C A S U A L T I E S.

ending 7th February 1917.

Other Ranks.

Killed in Action

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Wounded

9

TOTAL: 9

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES.

36th BATTALION.

Parade State - ending 14th February 1917.

	<u>Off.</u>	<u>O/R.</u>
Present:	24	859
On Command;	6	71
Total Sick:	4	30

TOTAL:	34	960.
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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES.

36th BATTALION.

C A S U A L T I E S - ending 14th February 1917:

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36th BATTALION ORDER No. 13. APPENDIX

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Reference map: 1/20,000

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In the field,
16th February 1917.

- RELIEF.** 1. The 36th Battalion A.I.F. will relieve the 36th Battalion A.I.F. (the latter becoming "D" Battalion) in "B" Battalion sub-section commencing at 5 am on 18th instant.
- ADVANCE PARTIES** 2. In accordance with 3rd Aust. Divisional Trench Standing Orders para 4 special sts will move into the front line on 17th instant.
- TRENCH STORES** 3. All trench stores, defence schemes, log-books, aeroplanes photos, maps, plans and other useful information will be handed over by outgoing units and receipts obtained therefor.
- BILLETING PARTIES.** 4. Billeting parties of 1 Sergeant per Company and 1 Junior N.C.O. per Platoon, will report at Battalion Headquarters at 9-30 am on 17th instant to proceed to "D" Battalion billets to billet their Units. This party will report back to their companies by 1 pm.
- WORKING PARTIES.** 5. No working parties will be supplied for day shift on 17th instant, night shift on 17/18th inst, or day shift on 18th instant. The 36th Battalion will provide parties on and after 9 pm on the 18th instant.
- MOVEMENT.** 6. Every precaution must be taken against hostile observation both from aerial and from ground level. During the hours of daylight, units when EAST of ARMENTIERES NOUVEL-HOUPLES railway line will move in parties not larger than sections at two minutes interval.
- ROUTE.** 7. Routes of relief as per relief table attached.
- REPORTS.** 8. O.C. Units will report in code to Battalion Headquarters:-
- (A) When relief is completed.
- (B) When settled in billets.

J.M. HAWKEY Captain.
Adjutant 36th Battalion, A.I.F.

Issued at 9 pm to:

- Copy No. 1 File.
- 2 9th Infantry Brigade.
 - 3 War Diary.
 - 4 O.C. "A" Coy.
 - 5 O.C. "B" Coy.
 - 6 O.C. "C" Coy.
 - 7 O.C. "D" Coy.
 - 8 Lewis gun Officer.
 - 9 Signalling Officer.
 - 10 Bombing Officer.
 - 11 Scout Officer.
 - 12 36th Battalion.
 - 13 Spare.
 - 14 Spare.

36th BATTALION ORDER No. 15

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RELIEF TABLE

The following will be times and routes for RELIEF on 15th inst:

Unit to be relieved	Unit relieving.	Locality	Time	R o u t e.
"A" Co, 36th Bn.	"C" Co, 34th Bn.	No. 15	5-15 am.	Via Durham Av, Subsidiary Line & Irish Av.
"D" Co, 36th Bn.	"A" Co, 34th Bn.	No. 13.	5-30am	Via Durham & Edmonds Avenue.
"C" Co, 36th Bn.	"B" Co, 34th Bn.	No. 14.	5-45 am	Via Durham & Cambridge Avenue.
"B" Co, 36th Bn.	"D" Co, 34th Bn.	Subsidiary Line.	6 am.	Via Durham Avenue.

NOTES:

1. All details in the Subsidiary Line will be ready to move out at 5 am, as soon as "D" Coy, 34th Bn. ~~moves~~ is clear of Durham Avenue. They will move out to billets, commencing with "D" Coy's details followed by "C" and "A" Company details, "B" Coy and Specialists. Each company will detail an Officer to be in the Subsidiary Line who will see that all details are ready to move out, that dug-outs are clean, and march parties back to billets.
2. As soon as "D" Company is relieved, it will move out via Edmonds and DURHAM AVENUES to billets.
3. "A" Company as soon as relieved will move out via IRISH AVENUE, SUBSIDIARY LINE and DURHAM AVENUE. O.C. "A" Company will ascertain that "D" Company is clear before moving into DURHAM AVENUE.
4. "C" Company will move out via CAMBRIDGE and DURHAM AVENUES as soon as "A" Company is clear of the SUBSIDIARY LINE. O.C. "C" Company will ascertain that "A" Company is clear before moving out.

J.M.HAWKEY Captain.
Adjutant 36th Battalion, A.I.F.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES.

36th BATTALION.

C A S U A L T I E S -, ending 21st February 1917:

Other Ranks.

Killed in Action	1
Wounded	3

TOTAL	4

BY
MAJOR. E. E. MARTIN.
OFFICER COMMANDING 36th BATTALION. A.I.F.

In the Field.
 23rd February 1917.

ORDERS. 1304. A.I.F. Order No. 470 of 24th January 1917 is re-published:-

DRO. 152-837.
 BRO. 202-2131.

LONG SERVICE BADGES.

The question of the issue of a badge to members of the Australian Imperial Force who have completed a certain period of service has received consideration, and approval has been given for the issue of a badge for long service combined with good conduct, subject to the following conditions:

- (a) The badge will consist of an inverted single chevron of service braid to be worn on the left arm, the point of the chevron to be 3 inches above the edge of the cuff.
- (b) Warrant and Non-Commissioned Officers and men will be eligible for the badge, which will not carry any increased pay or allowances.
- (c) One chevron will be worn for each complete years service in the Australian Imperial Force from date of embarkation in Australia; but no badge will be issued to any man who, during the twelve months has incurred a regimental entry (i.e. an entry involving forfeiture of pay) in his conduct sheet. Time absent from the Unit in hospital or elsewhere on account of wounds or sickness, not the result of misconduct, will count as service towards earning the badge.
- (d) A man in possession of a badge will forfeit same on being convicted of any offence involving a forfeiture of pay but will be eligible to regain the badge after six months good conduct from date of forfeiture.
- (e) The illegal wearing of this badge will be a crime under A.A. Section 40.

Indents for these badges will be made by Units on D.A.D. O.S. of Divisions who will submit consolidated demands direct to the A.D.O.S., A.I.F. Administrative Headquarters, London.

NOUR AND 1305.
 AWARDS.

The Corps Commander awarded the Military Medal to the following dated 10th February 1917:

BRO? 215-2183.

No. 803 Pte. J. LIDDELL - "C" Coy - 36th Bn.

For considerable courage and coolness during enemy raid and five hours bombardment on Houplines left sub-sector on 22nd January 1917. From the front parapet under heavy shelling he opened rifle fire and shot a man dressed in blue uniform leading the raiders as they crossed N. MAN'S LAND. He then acted as No. 2 to No. 491 Pte. G. LIDDLE who was firing a Lewis Gun. He observed the fire and assisted with the gun from which fire was directed on the enemy during the advance and retreat, inflicting many losses. Liddell's action played an important part in the defeat of the raiders.

No. 491 Pte. G. LIDDLE. "M.G.S" 36th Bn.

Showed great determination and devotion to duty during the five hours bombardment and enemy raid on Houplines left sub-sector on 22nd January 1917. He was in charge of a Lewis Gun in the front-line with only No. 803 Pte. J. Liddell who acted as No. 2. While under heavy shelling he opened fire on the raiders as they advanced and during their retreat and inflicted many casualties. His determined action in standing to his gun under heavy fire contributed largely to the repulse of the raid.

No. 124 Pte. H. L. MARSHALL - "A" Coy - 36th Bn.

Showed great bravery and devotion to duty on 22nd January 1917 during heavy bombardment on Houplines left sub-sector (over)

HONOURS &
REWARDS
(Cont'd)

1305. when he ran through an intense barrage from the front line to Battalion Headquarters with a written S.O.S. message from his Company Commander to whom he returned. He again came back to Battalion Headquarters an hour later with another message, the barrage still being on.

On 1st February 1917, this soldier again showed great bravery in getting through the enemy's bombardment with a message from the front line to Battalion Headquarters after the telephone communication had been severed.

The Divisional Commander and the G.O.C. Brigade both desire that their congratulations be conveyed to the recipients.

LIGHTING.
DRO.162-878
BRO.217-2202

1306. 2nd ANZAC R.O.940, dated 8-12-16 is republished:
"LIGHTING: The attention of all ranks is called to the necessity of suppressing all kinds of lights which may serve as guiding marks to the pilots of hostile aircraft at night. The windows of all billets, shops and houses throughout the Corps Area must be securely screened and doors kept closed after dark so that no lights are shown.

No fires in the open are to be allowed after dark. Divisions through their A.P.Ms. are responsible for seeing that these orders are communicated to and carried out by the local inhabitants".

LAUDATORY.
BRO.221-2285

1307. On the night of 17-18th February last, lieut.BODDY when on patrol duty in NO MAN'S LAND, crawled close up to a Machine gun emplacement in the enemy wire when the gun ~~xxxx~~ therein suddenly opened fire. Sgt.COX who was accompanying lieut.BODDY was hit and their presence became known to the enemy who thereupon opened up a concentrated fire on them. lieut.BODDY who was carrying a demolition charge which was hit by a bullet without causing it to explode, thereupon crawled backwards to within about 6 yards of the gun with the charge under him, fired it and he and the Sgt. both dashed away and sheltered in a crater. The charge exploded and the gun at once ceased fire and it is probable that it was destroyed.

The Corps, Divisional & Brigade Commanders desire to congratulate lieut.BODDY on his successful and hazardous enterprise.

PUBLICATION.
BRO.222-2236.

1308. Attention is directed to 2nd ARMY Publication G.306 "Instructions regarding the use of signalling communication near the Front" circulated to all Units.

Divisional
School.
BRO.221-2227.

1309. The Divisional School has been moved from Steenwerck to Bondrelle.

The Divisional Gas School will be established at the Ecole Professionale, Armentieres, and will open on Sunday 25th instant.

STRUCK OFF
STRENGTH:

1310. The following N.C.Os and men being Casualties and in Hospital outside Divisional Area are struck off strength from dates set opposite their names:

448 Pte. Roberts H.G.	"B"	2ACCS.	27-1-17.
28 Cpl. Barton E.C.	"A"	2ACCS.	1-2-17.
1084 Pte. Cumming D.G.	"D"	10CCS.	27-1-17.
1956 Pte. Munger C.	"B"	2ACCS.	1-2-17.
4980 Pte. Ball B.I.	"A"	2ACCS.	4-2-17.
159 Pte. Ryan D.V.	"A"	2ACCS.	4-2-17.
1820 Pte. Farrington J.	"A"	2ACCS.	6-2-17.
176 Pte. Smith O.N.	"A"	2ACCS.	3-2-17.
83 " Foster P.W.	"A"	2ACCS.	5-2-17.
15 Cpl. Browne J.G.	"A"	2ACCS.	3-2-17.
899 Pte. Woods W.	"C"	2ACCS.	3-2-17.
1889 Pte. Dungey J.	"A"	2ACCS.	3-2-17.
416 Pte. Dweske D.	"B"	2ACCS.	3-2-17.
2079 Pte. Heavey T.	"A"	2ACCS.	3-2-17.
197 Pte. Walkinhar E.A.	"A"	2CCS.	3-2-17.
1920 Pte. McGuire F.A.	"B"	10CCS.	3-2-17.
39 Pte. Bishenden A.	"A"	2ACCS.	4-2-17.
960 Pte. McGregor R.	"C"	2ACCS.	21-1-17.

STRUCK OFF	1310	1196 Pte. Nelson A.I.	"D"	12CCS.	26-1-17.
STRENGTH:		796 Pte. Johnston G.	IGS.	2CCS.	22-1-17.
(Cont'd)		67 Pte. Corkhill W.	"A"	2CCS.	22-1-17.
		2080 Pte. Hooper W.G.	"C"	2ACCS.	22-1-17.
		455 P/Cpl. Frazer E.E.	"B"	2ACCS.	16-2-17.
		5075 Pte. Pantlin T.	"C"	2ACCS.	18-2-17.
		2126 Pte. Riley J.P.	"D"	2ACCS.	18-2-17.

The following N.C.Os and men being evacuated sick and in Hospital outside Divisional Area are struck off Strength from the dates set opposite their names:-

1388 Dvr. Gazzard R.	"A"	10CCS.	27-1-17.
1253 Pte. Usher R.H.	"D"	1CCCS.	30-1-17.
137 Pte. Melling T.H.	"A"	1CCCS.	1-2-17.
589 Pte. Woods W.E.	IGS.	2ACCS.	1-2-17.
1162 Pte. Ieppanen H.	"D"	2CCS.	3-2-17.
2026 Pte. Austin W.H.	"B"	2CCS.	4-2-17.
84 Pte. Finlayson K.	"A"	2CCS.	4-2-17.
1290 Pte. Elliott G.	"D"	2ACCS.	12-2-17.
8 Sgt. Meredith F.	"A"	2ACCS.	13-2-17.
361 L/Cpl. Curryer G.I.	IGS.	8CCS.	14-2-17.
1440 Pte. Walmsley W.	Hqrs.	2ACCS.	12-2-17.
1386 Sgt. Cunningham F.W.	Hqrs.	8CCS.	13-2-17.
1080 Pte. Coomer A.	"D"	8CCS.	10-2-17.
228 Pte. Follbig H.	"A"	15CCS.	15-2-17.
235 Pte. Linklater J.	"A"	15CCS.	17-2-17.
1695 Pte. Steel C.S.	"C"	8CCS.	26-2-17.
1442 Pte. Owens G.	Hqrs.	15CCS.	17-2-17.

The following men, Killed in Action, are struck off strength from dates shown opposite their names:-

422 Pte. Donald R.	"B"	31-1-1917.
1640 Pte. Dodd F.W.	"A"	5-2-1917.
1864 Pte. Marshall A.	"C"	15-2-1917.

The following men previously reported missing (Bn.R.O. 255 - 1302) were since found to have been Killed in Action on dates mentioned:-

1706 Pte. Williams A.	"A"	22-1-1917.
180 Pte. Stalker W.I.	"A"	22-1-1917.

TAKEN ON 1311
STRENGTH.

The following men having reported from Sick and Wounded are taken on strength from respective dates:-

39 Pte. Bishenden A.	"A"	from	2ACCS.	15-2-17.
723 Pte. Cooper H.F.	"C"	"	2ACCS.	17-2-17.
1176 Pte. Minchin A.I.	"D"	"	Northumbria C.C.S.	18-2-17.
960 Pte. McGregor R.	"C"	"	2ACCS.	18-2-17.
28 Cpl. Barton E.C.	"A"	"	3rd Div. Base Depot.	20-2-17.
1613 Pte. Baker E.W.	"A"	"	-do-	20-2-17.
1100 Pte. Dornan I.R.	"D"	"	-do-	-do-
1296 Pte. Kelly S.	"D"	"	-do-	4-2-17.
1290 Pte. Elliott G.	"D"	"	-do-	4-2-17.

The following personnel having reported from 3rd Div. Base Depot on dates shown hereunder are taken on strength from those dates:-

4th February 1917:			
1813 Pte. Comerford M.J.	"B"	1810 Pte. Coates T.H.	"C"
1824 Pte. Gould I.E.	"A"	1833 Pte. Hick W.	"A"
1942 Pte. Moore W.	"A"	1859 Pte. Radelli A.I.	"D"
7th February 1917:			
1932 Pte. Storey W.J.	"A"	228 Pte. Follbig H.	"A"
1882 Pte. Adams G.	"A"	2037 Pte. Brennan M.	"A"
1953 Pte. Richardson T.	"A"	1782 Pte. Farley E.C.	"A"
535 Pte. Peppernell F.	"B"	1816 Pte. Davies A.G.	"B"
2194 Pte. Miller CRH.	"B"	2118 Pte. Sinclair A.	"B"
5097 Pte. Abbott R.	"B"	2115 Pte. O'Brien P.	"B"
2101 Pte. Hallam A.	"C"	2067 Pte. Graham S.A.	"C"
		(over)	

TAKEN ON	1311	1850 Pte. McDonald H.J.	"C"	1843 Pte. Lyons J.T.	"C"
STRENGTH.		2097 Pte. Mills G.A.	"C"	1670 Pte. Longobardi C.	"D"
		1059 Pte. Batts A.	"D"	2179 Pte. Sherry D.	"D"
		1257 Pte. Westwood W.	"D"	1946 Pte. Burgess B.	"D"
		1959 Pte. Curran J.J.	"D"	1963 Pte. Burke M.	"D"
		713 Pte. Barfield I.P.	"C"	1420 Pte. Wickers A.R.	Hqrs.

TRANSFERS.1312.

The undermentioned transfers were effected on the following dates:

5026 Pte. Prestage R.	from "A" Co to 3rd Div. Salvage Co.	4-2-17.
5025 Pte. Odiam T.	" " "A"	-do- -do-
515 Pte. McDonald J.	" " "B"	-do- -do-
5127 Pte. Cotterill F.J.	"D"	-do- -do-
4980A " Berryman F.J.	"D"	-do- -do-
2033 Pte. Convery A.J.	"B"	to 9th M. Gun Co. 20-2-1917.
610 Pte. Lenehan J.	"B"	-do- -do-
525 Pte. Newton O.	"B"	-do- -do-
1852 Pte. Parsons A.C.	"B"	-do- -do-

APPOINTMENTS &
PRO- 1313
MOTIONS.
BRO. 213-2170

(a) APPOINTMENTS - TRAINING FOR STAFF EMPLOYMENT.

lieut. E.R. Dibbs is seconded for training as G.S.O. III to 3rd Aust. Divisional Headquarters, dated 5-1-1917. (A.I.F. Order 416 of 23-12-1916.)

lieut. E.R. Gadd, is seconded for training as Staff Captain to 9th Infantry Brigade Headquarters dated 5-1-17. (A.I.F. Order 416 of 23-12-1916)

(b) lieut. A.C. Carmichael, evacuated Wounded, is placed on the Seconded list, dated 22-1-1917, vide DRO. 165-884. No. 518A.S/Sgt. J.H. Loveless to be 2/lieut and to be SECONDED dated 1-1-1917, vide DRO. 165-884.

(c) No. 1657 Sgt. Claude Herbert Somerville Herps, from 35th Bn. to be 2/lieut, dated 7-2-17, vide DRO. 165-884.

No. 2050 Sgt. Harley Waldron Chapman, from 35th Bn. to be 2/lieut dated 7-2-17, vide DRO. 165-884.

(d) 2/lieut. C.G. Price from 3rd Div. Base Depot is taken on ~~xxxx~~ strength of the Battalion dated 20-2-1917.

2/lieut. R.G. Sellars from 3rd Div. Base Depot is taken on strength of Bn. dated 20-2-1917.

(e) No. 93 Cpl. W.F.C. Henson to be Company Quartermaster Sgt "A" Coy vice C.Q.M.S. I.J. Jobson to Off. Cadet School, England, dated 1-12-1916.

No. 65 Pte. C.E. Clarke to be Armourer S/Sergeant vice Hayward promoted, dated 6-1-1917.

(f) CORRIGENDA. Bn. R.O. 255-1301

No. 1443 Arm. S/Sgt. F.A. Hayward to be ~~Company~~ Sgt. Major & W.O. II dated 6-1-1917 should read -No. 1443 Arm. S/Sgt. F.A. Hayward to be Regimental Quartermaster Sgt and W.O. II dated 6th January 1917 vice Prentice to Commissioned Rank.

TEMPORARY 1315
COMMAND
BRO. 201-2126.

Major E.E. Martin, 34th Battalion will temporarily command the 36th Battalion, as from 28-1-1917.

J.M. HAWKEY Captain.
Adjutant 36th Battalion. A.I.F.

Reference Map;

1/20,000 FRANCE, Sheet 36 N.W.
(corrected to 6-8-16)

In the Field,

24th February 1917.

- RELIEF. 1. The 36th Battalion will relieve the 34th Battalion in "B" Battalion sub-section, commencing on the 25th instant at 5-0 a.m.
- TRENCH STORES. 2. All trench stores, defence schemes, log-books, aeroplane photographs, maps, plans and other useful information will be handed over by the out-going Unit, and receipts given therefor.
- DETAILS: 3. All other details of relief such as number of guides &c. will be mutually arranged by the C.O's concerned.
- WORKING PARTIES. 4. No working parties will be supplied for night shift on 24th-25th instant or the day shift on the 25th instant.
- MOVEMENT. 5. Every precaution must be taken against hostile observation both aerial and from ground level. During the hours of daylight, Units when EAST of ARMENTIERES - NOUVEL HOUPINES railway line will move in parties not larger than sections at two-minute intervals.
- REPORTS. 6. Units will report in code by wire to Battalion Headquarters when relief is completed.
- ROUTE. 7. ROUTE of relief as per Relief Table attached.
8. ACKNOWLEDGE.

J.M.HAWKEY Captain.
Adjutant 36th Battalion. A.I.F.

Issued at 12 noon to:-

Copy No.	To whom.
1.	File.
2.	9th Infantry Brigade.
3.	War Diary.
4.	O.C. "A" Coy.
5.	O.C. "B" Coy.
6.	O.C. "C" Coy.
7.	O.C. "D" Coy.
8.	Lewis Gun Officer.
9.	Signalling Officer.
10.	Bombing Officer.
11.	Scout Officer.
12.	34th Battalion. A.I.F.
13.	Spare.
14.	Spare.

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S E C R E T.

-----36th BATTALION. A.I.F. -----

Issued with Copy No.....
of 36th Bn. Order No.14
of 24-2-1917.

R E L I E F T A B L E.

Reference Map,
1/20,000 FRANCE Shett 36 N.W. (corrected to 6-8-16)

<u>D a t e</u>	<u>U n i t</u>	<u>TO RELIEVE Unit</u>	<u>In</u>	<u>Time.</u>	<u>R O U T E.</u>
25-2-1917.	"B" Coy, 36th Bn.	"D" Coy 34th Bn.	locality 17.	5-0 a.m.	Via DURHAM AVENUE, SUBSIDIARY LINE, & IRISH AVENUE. to locality 17.
25-2-1917.	"D" Coy, 36th Bn.	"A" Coy, 34th Bn.	locality 13.	5-15 am.	Via DURHAM AVENUE? EDMOND'S AVENUE to locality 13.
25-2-1917.	"C" Coy, 36th Bn.	"B" Coy, 34th Bn.	locality 14.	5-45 am.	Via DURHAM AVENUE, CAMBRIDGE AVENUE to LOCALITY 14.
25-2-1917.	"A" Coy, 36th Bn.	"C" Coy, 34th Bn.	Subsidiary line	6.am.	Via DURHAM AVENUE to SUBSIDIARY LINE

All Companies of 36th Battalion will leave their
respective billets so that the first section to
relieve will be at the relieving point at time shown.

SPECIALISTS.
36th Battalion Specialists will move into the
line and take over their various stations
from 34th Bn. Specialists at 4-0 a.m. on
25-2-17 in the following order:-

Signallers	Via Durham Avenue &
Bombers,	Subsidiary line.
Snipers,	
Lewis Gunners,	
Scouts.	

J.M.HAWKEY Captain.
Adjutant 36th Battalion. A.I.F.

APPENDIX

BY
MAJOR. J. A. MILNE
OFFICER COMMANDING 36th BATTALION. A.I.F.

APPENDIX

In the Field,
24th February 1917.

GRENAD AND 1316 The following results were obtained by the undermentioned
S.M.School, N.C.O. and man who attended Grenade Course at Terdegghem:-
TERDEGHEM. No. 25 I/Cpl T.LINDSAY "A" Coy. Good - passed.
BRO. 223-2245. No. 228 Pte. H.FOLIBIG. "A" Coy. S i c k.

ANTI-GAS 1317. P.H.Helmets must be carried by all ranks perpendicularly
MEASURES. over the left shoulder.
BRO. 223-2245. Goggles must be carried in satchel with the P.H.Helmet.

SNIPING SCHOOL. 1318. The following is result of Sniping School, Mont-des-Cats.
MONT-DES-CATS. Rank. N a m e Shoot- Sniperscopes. Observation
B.R.O. 223-2247. ing. Rifle batter- Reports
ies. Fixed Rifles. Intelligence.

Course
4/9th Feb. 17. Pte. W.H. PIGGOTT. Good. Good. Good.

10/16th Feb. 17. 2/Lieut. J. GRANT. Good. Good. Good.

PROMOTION. 1319. "A" Company. - No. 216 Pte. A.J. LANGLEY to be Corporal vice
Henson promoted, dated 1st December 1916.

TRANSFER. 1320 (a) The undermentioned is transferred from Headquarters
to "A" Company from 17th January 1917:-
No. 1379 O.R. Clerk-Serjt. H.J. WATSON - vice
Thompson promoted to Commissioned rank.

(b) No. 216 Corporal A.J. LANGLEY from "A" Coy to Hqrs and to
be Orderly Room Clerk vice Watson transferred, dated 17-1-17.

STRUCK OFF 1321 (a) The undermentioned men being in Hospitals outside of
STRENGTH. Divisional Area are struck off strength of Battalion
from respective dates:-

No. 5011 Pte. N.W. EMERY "A" Coy - No. 46 C.C. Station
22-2-1917.

No. 1299 Pte. R.C. MILTON "D" Coy - No. 2 ACCS. 22-2-17.

(b) The undermentioned man is transferred to the 9th
Machine Gun Company from 23rd February 1917:-

No. 1111 Pte. P. J. EDGAR "D" Company.

TAKEN ON 1322. (A) The undermentioned men having reported from Hospital on
STRENGTH. the dates shown below are taken on strength of Battalion:-
No. 1442 Pte. G. OWENS. "Hqrs" - 15 CCS - 22-2-17.
No. 235 Pte. J. LINKLATER. "A" - 15 CCS. - 22-2-17.

(b) The following details who reported from the 3rd
Divisional Base Depot on 23rd February 1917 are taken on
strength from that date:-

No. 558 Pte. A. SMITH	"B" Coy.
No. 528 Pte. W. ORR.	"B" Coy.
No. 1239 Pte. T. W. SMITH	"D" Coy.
No. 1422 Pte. C. J. MICKELSON.	"Hqrs"
No. 1272 Pte. F. G. WALLER.	"D" Coy.

J. M. HAWKEY Captain.
Adjutant 36th Battalion. A. I. F.

36th. BATTALION ROUTINE ORDER NO. 258.
BY
MAJOR J.A. MILNE.
OFFICER COMMANDING 36th. BATTALION. A.I.F.

In the Field.
 25th. February 1917.

GUM BOOTS. 1323.
 BRO. 224-2249.

It is noticed that men in the trenches are wearing their Gum Boots without strapping up to the belt. If this is not done the top of the boot hangs over and works down towards the knee, and on account of the narrowness of the trenches in some parts it is likely that wire, nails etc., will easily catch and rip the tops of the boots so hanging.

The attention of Company Commanders is drawn to the matter and necessary action is to be taken in this respect.

FIELD 1324.
 KITCHENS.
 BRO. 224-2250.

It is noticed that units in some cases are still using the field kitchen boiler for the use of carrying foods. A sufficient quantity of dixies and hot food containers have been issued to do all the work necessary for carrying and cooking of food stuffs.

LEAKAGE OF 1325
 INFORMATION.
 BRO. 224-2250.

The greatest caution must be observed to prevent civilians obtaining knowledge regarding the move of troops.

Every soldier must be alert to prevent leakage of information.

SANITATION. 1326
 BRO. 224-2254

The practice of throwing food waste, empty tins and bottle into cess pits must cease.

GRENADES. 1327
 BRO. 224-2255.

All No. 3 and No. 20 Rifle Grenades of a date earlier than 15-6-16 should be withdrawn at once and returned to the Divisional Ammunition Column for despatch to Ammunition Railhead.

HONOURS & 1328
 REWARDS.
 BRO. 224-2257

Under authority granted by His Majesty the King, the Field Marshal Commanding in Chief has awarded the Military Cross to the undermentioned:-

Captain Walter WELLS. 36th Battalion. A.I.F.

This Officer displayed conspicuous courage and devotion to duty during a heavy bombardment of five hours and an enemy raid on Houplines left Sub-Sector on the 22nd January 1917. He was in the front-line trench when the shelling began, and though an intense fire was concentrated on the locality in which he was, he remained with his men, organising them and setting them a splendid example of devotion to duty. When after three hours of heavy shelling, the raiders entered the locality, he, though twice bombed, successfully defended his Company headquarters and prevented the enemy from capturing any of the important papers he had in his possession. His example under an exceptionally severe bombardment has had a splendid effect on the spirit of his Battalion and on the Brigade generally.

Lieutenant A.C. CARMICHAEL. 36th Battalion. A.I.F.

This Officer displayed conspicuous courage and devotion to duty during a heavy bombardment of five hours and an enemy raid on Houplines left Sub-Sector on 22nd January 1917. He was in the front line when the shelling began and though the enemy concentrated an intense fire on the locality in which he was, he organised the men of his platoon and by his courage and energy and great cheerfulness maintained their offensive spirit. He gave great support to his Company Commander to whom his assistance was invaluable. He remained at his post for three hours until wounded and temporarily blinded. His example of devotion to duty has had a great influence on the spirit of his Battalion.

(over)

36th Battalion Routine Order No. 258 of 25th February 1917 (page 2)

HONOURS &
REWARDS
(Cont'd)

1328. The Army, Corps, Divisional and Brigade Commanders
desire that their congratulations be conveyed to
recipients.

J.M.HAWKEY Captain.
Adjutant 36th Battalion. A.I.F.

36th. BATTALION ROUTINE ORDER NO. 259.BYMAJOR J.A. MILNE.OFFICER COMMANDING 36th. BATTALION. A. I. F.

In the Field.

26th. February 1917.

GRENADE AND 1329.
STOKES M.
COURSE.
Terdegheem.

The undermentioned men proceeded by bus leaving Half-past Eleven Square at 6-30 a.m. this morning to attend Grenade & Stokes Mortar Course, TERDEGHEM, which assembles 26th. instant, and disperses 4th. prox:-

Grenade Course:

No. 864. Pte. P. RAYMOND - "C" Company.

Stokes Mortar Course:

No. 2089. Pte. G. JONES - "A" Company.

SIGNALLING
SCHOOL.
Morebecque.

1330. The undermentioned N.C.O's. and man proceeded to-day 26th. instant, to Corps School, Morebecque, to attend "B" Course, Visual Signalling including Fullerphone:-

No. 26. Corpl. R.I. CALMAN.	"A" Company.
No. 569. Corpl. O.C. STREETER.	"B" "
No. 423. Pte. D.S. DUNLOP.	"B" "

PROMOTION.

1331. No. 216. Corporal A.J. LANGLEY, Orderly Room Clerk, "Hqrs", to be Sergeant. dated 17th. January 1917.

J.M. HAWKEY. Captain.
Adjutant, 36th. Battalion. A.I.F.

36th BATTALION ORDER No. 15.

REF: MAP. 1/10,000

Sheets 36 N.W. 2)

N.G. 1) parts of.

Ed. 7a. Trenches corrected to 5-10-16.

In the Field,
26-2-1917.

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- INFORMATION.** 1. Our artillery will bombard the enemy's trenches on the night of 26-27th instant as follows:-
- (a) Enemy trench system from G.23 a central to C 29 d O 3
- (1) Dummy bombardment:
from 9-40 pm to 10 pm.
- (2) Real bombardment:
from 12-30 am to 1-45 am.
- (b) Diversion:
Enemy trench system in C 17 & C 23
from 1-25 am to 1-45 am.
- CLEARANCE OF SUBSIDIARY LINE & COMMUNICATION TRENCHES.** 2
- (a) Officers commanding will thin their front line to minimise casualties during above operations, Lewis Gunners, Bombing post and a proportion of bayonet men as escorts must remain in the front line. Men removed from front line trenches will be placed in advantageous positions in the support line.
- (b) The Subsidiary line will be cleared of all troops from WESSEX AVENUE to 100 yards north of WESSEX AVENUE. Trenches to be clear by 9 pm.
- (c) As soon as the 10th Brigade party has moved forward (not later than 11 pm) the Subsidiary line will be clear for re-occupation by the 36th Battalion.
- RESUMPTION OF DISPOSITIONS.** 3.
- The O.C.'s "C" "D" and "B" Companies will resume night dispositions as soon after dummy bombardment as circumstances permit. They will again thin their line before the real bombardment at 12-30 am, begins, and resume dispositions after the close of diversions as soon as circumstances permit.
- ACTION IN CASE OF COUNTER ATTACK.** 4.
- Special vigilance will be necessary during the interval between the dummy bombardment and the real bombardment and also during the period of the reassembly and the evacuation of the 10th Brigade Party. At 11-45 pm all troops in the support and subsidiary line will be ready for instant action and remain in that condition until notified.
- STRETCHER-BEARERS.** 5.
- The R.M.O. 36th Battalion will arrange for 8 stretcher bearers with 4 stretchers to report at 12 midnight on 26/27th instant to Captain McCusker. A.M.C. at intersection of SUBSIDIARY LINE and WESSEX AVENUE. The stretcher bearers must make themselves acquainted with the overland routes sketch herewith.
- AIRCRAFT.** 6.
- A plane supplied by the 42nd Squadron will fly from 12-30 am to 1-30 am on night of 26/27th instant dropping parachute lights with a view to preventing hostile batteries coming into action.
- S.O.S.** 7.
- The S.O.S. signal will be inoperative from C 29 a 4500 to C 23 c 80 67 from 2 hours 50 minutes before Zero until again being brought into force by Brigade Headquarters. It will be operative on the remainder of the Brigade front as far as guns available permit.

36th Battalion Order No.15 of 26th February 1917. (page 2)

WORKING PARTIES. 8. No working parties will be supplied from 9 pm shift on night of 26/27th instant. All working and wiring parties in Company localities will be withdrawn at 9 pm

WATCHES. 9½x Watches will be synchronised between 7 pm and 8 pm on the 26th instant.

10. ACKNOWLEDGE.

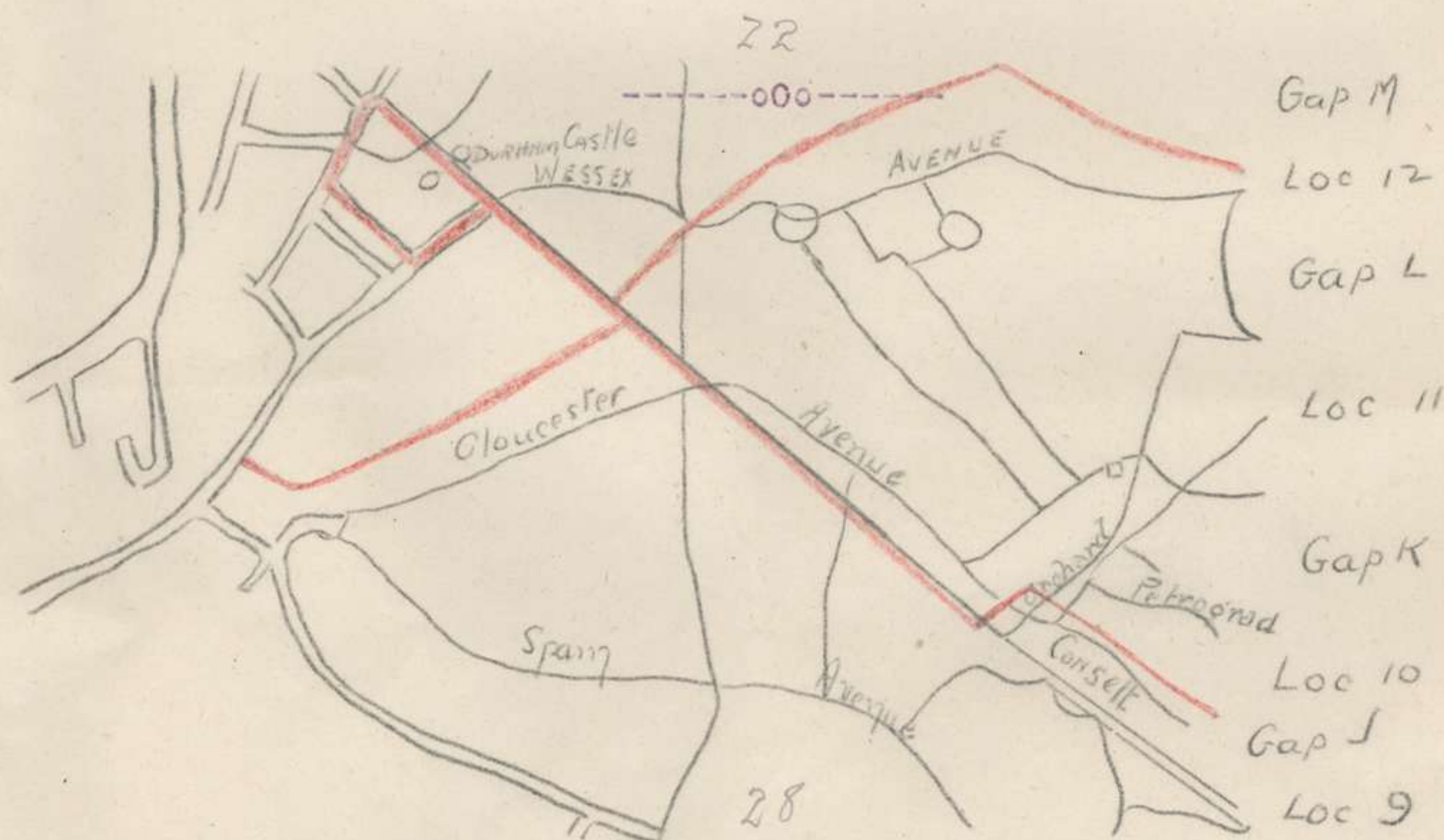
J.M.HAWKEY Captain.

Adjutant 36th Battalion. A.I.F.

DISTRIBUTION.

Issued at 3-15 pm. to

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2	-	9th Infantry Brigade.
3	-	War Diary.
4	-	O.C. "A" Coy.
5	-	O.C. "B" Coy.
6	-	O.C. "C" Coy.
7	-	O.C. "D" Coy.
8	-	Lewis Gun Officer.
9	-	R.M.O.
10	-	Bombing Officer.
11	-	Signalling Officer.
12	-	Spare.



REFERENCE: ENGINEERS BLUE PRINT LEFT SECTOR.

APPENDIX

36th. BATTALION ROUTINE ORDER NO. 260.

BY
MAJOR J. A. MILNE.
OFFICER COMMANDING 36th. BATTALION. A. I. F.

In the Field.
 27th. February 1917.

DIVISIONAL 1332.
 BATHS .
 BRO. 225-2259.

The following is the daily allotment of Divisional Baths, ERQUINGHAM, commencing 26th. February 1917:-

		<u>No. allotted.</u>
"C" Battalion	@ 11 a.m.	30
"D" Battalion	@ 11 a.m.	30
"C" Battalion	@ 3 p.m.	100
"D" Battalion	@ 2 p.m.	100

B. F. & P. T.
 SCHOOL.
 Morebecque.
 BRO. 227-2262.

1333. The following is the result obtained by the undermentioned candidate of this Battalion who attended 10th. N.C.O's. course in Bayonet Fighting & Physical Training at MOREBECQUE from 7th. to 18th. insts:-

Rank.	Name.	Coy.	Bay. Ftg.	Physical Tran.
Corporal	WAND W.	"D"	Very Good.	Good.

APPOINTMENTS 1334.
 AND PROMOTIONS.
 BRO. 227-2263.

"A" Company:

No. 4. C.S.M. (W.O. Class II) Thomas Clifton PITTAWAY to be 2/Lieutenant, and transferred to 34th. Battalion, dated 18th. February 1917.

"C" Company:

No. 850. Serjt. Gerald O'BYRNE to be 2/Lieutenant, and transferred to 34th. Battalion, dated 18th. Feby. 1917.

"D" Company:

No. 1276. Serjt. Lionel Ernest Osborne WILSHIRE to be 2/Lieutenant, and transferred to 35th. Battalion, dated 18th. February 1917.

(Authority: A.A.G. AIF. 45/9/20, dated 22-2-17.)

INFECTIOUS 1335.
 DISEASES.
 (Civilians)
 BRO. 227-2264.

All ranks are to be informed that the presence of any infectious diseases, such as measles, among the Civilian inhabitants should at once be reported to a Medical Officer in order that an investigation may be made.

A case has occurred directly traceable to a civilian, and the contacts, who will be isolated, are all Specialist N.C.Os. Had this civilian case been reported great trouble and inconvenience would have been spared all concerned.

J. M. HAWKEY. Captain.

Adjutant, 36th. Battalion. A. I. F.

OUTWARD AUSTRALIAN
 MAIL.

Australian Mail closes at 9th. Aust. Infantry Bde. Field P.O., Rue de Pres, ARMENTIERES, at 6.0 p.m. on Monday, 5th. March 1917.

36th. BATTALION ROUTINE ORDER NO. 261.

BY

MAJOR J.A. MILNE.OFFICER COMMANDING 36th. BATTALION. A.I.F.

In the Field.

28th. February 1917.

PAY BOOKS . 1336.

Attention is drawn to the following paragraph from 2nd. Army Routine Orders dated 26th. February, and Memorandum from A.A.G., A.I.F. dated 24th. February, re Pay Books:-

"1. Owing to the issue of new Pay Books, the present is considered an opportune time to bring to the notice of every member of the Australian Imperial Force the desirability of making a Will.

2. Many soldiers are under the impression that as they do not possess any freehold property or private means it is unnecessary for them to make a Will. It is pointed out, however, that the accumulated military and deferred pay amounts in many cases to a considerable sum. The impression also prevails that the next of kin registered on Attestation Paper entitles that person to pay and effects. In the absence of a Will the legal next of kin (according to relationship) has prior claim to such pay and effects over any other person registered on Attestation Paper.

3. Many difficulties in this regard will be avoided if a Will is made. This will should be made either in Pay Book or on Page 19, or as a separate document. Attention is drawn to the instructions relative to the making of Wills set out on page 18 of Pay Book. In the event of a soldier having made his Will as a separate document, this fact should be entered on Page 19 of Pay Book together with particulars as to name and address of person in whose custody same has been lodged for safe keeping.

4. This matter should be brought to the notice of all".

TRANSFER. 1337.

No. 714. C.S.M. (W.O. Class II) C.A. BAY is transferred from "C" to "A" Company. dated 18th. February 1917.

J.M. HAWKEY. Captain.

Adjutant, 36th. Battalion. A.I.F.

36th. Bn. R.O. No. 261.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES.36th BATTALION.

PARADE STATE - ending 28th February 1917.

	<u>Off.</u>	<u>O/R.</u>
Present	29	833
On Command	2	75
Total Sick:	5	42
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TOTAL: 36		950
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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES.

36th BATTALION.

C A S U A L T I E S: - ending 28th February 1917.

Other Ranks.

Killed in Action. 2

Wounded: 13

S. I. W. 1

TOTAL: 16.

Intelligence Report.

G.R.6

Sheet 2.

1-2-17-

Enemy Operations

Artillery-

From 10.30 A.M. to 11.30 A.M. enemy fired on locality 16 & 17 - & Gap P. intermittently with minnie weapon about 14 fell in all - At 1.20 p.m. enemy battery from right fired 20 H.E & shrapnel at our M.T.M. putting it out of action & wounding two men of the team -

At 4.45 p.m. enemy T.M. (heavies & medium) H.E. & shrapnel opened bombardment on localities 17.16.15.14.13. doing considerable damage to new work in 17 & 16. Heavy fire was also directed on Hobbs & Edmunds -

At locality 13. it was noticed that enemy is firing a small shell about the size of a whizz-bang ~~and~~ which bursts in the air in NO MANS LAND with small report & with a red flash -

Enemy Defences-

From O.P. Irish Avenue seen in C.17.a two large periscopes, a lot of new timber & iron standing up out of support line & communication trench near BREWERY, three wooden screens, a lot of newly filled sandbags, 70 of which were exposed to view, 30 of these were of a bluish colour - the clay from our mine is blue -

Enemy movements - Opposite Locality 15 train arrived in enemy lines at 8.15 A.M. & was shunted about 9.30 P.M. after which there was considerable movement of transport in vicinity -

Acheson Price hijr.

Intelligence Report G. R. 6

1. 2. 17.

Our Operations.

Artillery.

10.45. A.M. 7 rounds on houses R. of Brewery.
2 " into BREWERY.

11.30 A.M. 7 " trees opposite IRISH AVENUE.

noon - 33 " left of this position.

1 p.m. - medium trench mortar with artillery opened fire - Some damage was done to enemy front line but M.T.M. were falling short.

4.50 to 6.40. Retaliation given to enemy bombardment.

T.M.B. team do not take enough precaution moving up to position - They passed through locality 14 carrying shells on their shoulders which could be observed by enemy.

Machine Guns

Active 5 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. otherwise in intermittent fire was maintained

Snipers. nil.

Patrols

Locality 14 Wire useless - Cover in shell holes from our parapet to wire - Very little activity in enemy lines - a few Very lights. Searchlights playing at intervals - In G. fired two bursts at centre of sector between 12 A.M. & 2.30 A.M.

Locality 15 Wire patrolled & found to be thoroughly destroyed. Only 3 Very lights seen from this sector. At 3.20 A.M. a fire was observed behind enemy's lines opposite Locality 16 possibly C.17a. 7.3. after burning for some minutes an explosion occurred & smell came from it as of Kerosene burning.

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Our Operations

Artillery.

At 2.30 p.m. our artillery used covering fire to T.M.B.

At 5.40 p.m. to 6.10 p.m. our artillery fired in retaliation with howitzer & field batteries. Our howitzer fire appeared to fall very close to enemy's mine/weapon emplacement but should be directed another 50 yards right.

At 4.15 p.m. to 5 p.m. howitzer fired with aeroplane observation, evidently registering. About 10 rounds appeared to be Duds.

L.T.M.B. Fired 40 rounds from O. Gap about 26 rounds went off in mid air in the centre of NO MANS LAND. the remainder landed in enemy wire & front parapet of enemy trench - enemy retaliated.

Machine Guns.

Vickers & Lewis. Intermittent fire maintained.

Snipers hit.

Patrols - Great difficulty experienced in doing anything owing to brightness of moon & searchlights & nearness of enemy's trench.

Our wire from Gap O to O O in very poor condition. New wire is necessary here - Gap O O to P. require

wire to be patched - Trains heard opposite locality 15 at 10.45 pm. Transport at 11 p.m. & 12 p.m.

Trains also heard at 11.15 pm. also transport.

No enemy patrols throughout whole front. At 1 A.M. metallic ring heard such as gas cylinders heard at approximately C. 17. a. 7.1.

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Enemy heard charging magazines which noise was similar to that made in charging magazines to our Lewis Guns -

Working party of about 3 repairing front enemy trench opposite Irish Avenue, dispersed by rifle fire -

Sounds of talking & singing in enemy lines -

Working in front of Locality 13 proceeding satisfactorily

Enemy operations -

At 2.40 pm. enemy retaliated to T.M.B. fire with 1 minimiser fire on Locality 16 - one in O Gap and 15 pineapples into our wire in front of Cambridge Avenue -

Lightly minimiser fire from 5.20 pm. to 6.10 p.m. - blocking up Irish Avenue - some fell round River Post & some in front of Locality 13 - Two casualties -

Machine Guns. Very active

Snipers Very active

Enemy movements.

At 5.15 pm. clanging heard to left of Locality 13. as if caused by girders or rails being unloaded - General appearance of relief having taken place owing to the activity in enemy lines - Communications - The usual pigeon post to & from enemy's lines appears to be maintained -

At 5.45 A.M. enemy fired two pale blue lights direction appeared to be other side of river, these were followed by two more in same vicinity - A house was seen

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Burning and 2 explosions in vicinity of BREWERY -

Aircraft.

Enemy planes over the whole of this sector during the morning - Our planes subsequently drove him off -

Miscellaneous

Frosty. Visibility good during midday.

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Our Operations.

Artillery:

At 10.30 A.M. 6 rounds 18 pdrs - fell in vicinity
~~CHICKEN FARM~~

At 4 p.m. Hows. & 18 pdr - sent few rounds in
vicinity BREWERY.

Machine Guns -

Vickers & Lewis Intermittent fire.
Snipers hit.

Patrols

1 off. & 5 O.R. left Bomby. Post left of locality 16 at
4 A.M. & returned at the same post at 6.10 A.M.
Patrol moved E for about 40 yds. & came across the
body of a German in shell crater. He was armed with
Mauzer rifle & revolver, holster on belt, revolver in hand
and about 40 bombs in a bag - Body frozen to the
ground -

At 5.20 A.M. another body was found 20 yds to N. This
one was covered with ice so identification marks
could not be procured -

On the first body was found Lucic. Cap. Map of
Lille. German print '80000 - 1 printed book & pocket
book & nominal roll of men - The exact position
of body searched is C.17-a.10.29. Owing to break of day
the patrol had to return - M.G. fire & Rifle fire active
in vicinity of patrol - Working party heard in
Pimple Salient & an exclamation in German heard
which being translated was "Boj jingo its cold" -

Enemy Operations

At 10.30 A.M. enemy How Batty fired 15 rounds
shots as over -

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- 1 shot N. Gap 50 yds L. Bomby. Bay-
- 2 " Hobbs Farm
- 1 " Traffic Trench nr. Oxford St.
- 1 " very near Coy. H.Q. Loc. 14.
- 10 " Edmunds farm -

His object seemed to be registration & was observed by three enemy planes. As they circled above position the rear plane fired machine gun bursts varying from 2 to 10 shots which apparently was a signal to their artillery. There were no British planes about at the time.

Pine Apple bombs frequent in locality 14.

Machine Guns -

new positions have been taken up since their relief & they appear to be more numerous - and were very active.

Snipers Very active.

Enemy movements.

Enemy seen with rifles slung wearing Grey Helmets - Saw new periscopes with clock faces & 2 inch pipe leading down from them seen along front opposite Locality 14.

In the afternoon to Right of the front of locality 14

enemy put up 2 wooden boxes on the parapet

They look like box drains & are about 6 ft. long - much activity is noticed & heard in enemy lines -

From general observation it would appear that a relief has taken place and possibly reorganisation of their dispositions or something similar may account for such activity -

Trains. The 6.45 pm. train arrived & unloaded what

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sounded like Steel-Iron - The 9.45 pm. train made no noise of unloading - Both trains were heard to proceed on their way after half an hour - At 7.30 pm. an enemy m. g. was located in a shell crater in centre of NO-MAN'S LAND opposite locality 15. One magazine from our Lewis Gun was fired at him it is believed with good result. An explosion occurred in the crater as if a bomb had exploded. Not a shot was fired from the crater afterwards, but other m. g. fire from flanks opened up which prevented in the bright moonlight any examination of the position -

From localities 16 & 17. a new screen was observed immediately opposite the right bay of locality 16 - this is of hessian or wood roughly about 15 ft. long and 6 or 7 ft high.

From locality 13 at 8.45 p.m. noises were heard caused by driving timber, moving galvanised iron and girders - At 9.25 pm - transport was heard opposite left of locality 13 - which appeared to be moving at a fast rate - Only one searchlight in use & that on the left of our sector - Very few very lights used - Persistent bombing of his own wire was not carried out -

At 8 A.M. bugles were heard opposite locality 15 & the call was passed along the line by Bugles in a southerly direction - Aircraft -

Enemy planes over line all the morning & afternoon at 4 pm. low - At 5.45 pm a plane flying at a great height passed in a north easterly

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direction over locality 13 & when about 600 yards in rear of enemy front line dropped two white lights - It could not be ascertained if the plane was ours or theirs -

Miscellaneous -

Wind light N.E. to E moon very bright. Except for increased m. g. & rifle fire everything seems wonderfully quiet along the line both in our & adjoining sectors.

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our operations

Artillery hil.

T.M.B. hil.

Machine Guns.

Vickers & Lewis. Intermittent firing

Patrols

This was impossible during nearly all the night - The scouts were consequently used as listening posts as far forward as possible & as covering parties to wiring parties -

Transport heard opposite locality 13 -

at 6.15 p.m. & dogs barking -

Traction engine heard opp. loc. 13 -

Train 3.45 A.M. " " 15

Transport busy 6.10 p.m. " " 15

Trolly immediately behind front line busy at 7 p.m. - loc. 15.

Train 8 p.m. loc. 15 opposite.

Working parties 5.30 p.m. to 6 p.m. opp. loc. 15.

M. G. fire from enemy parapet.

Enemy not bombing his own wire nearly so much -

Insulated telephone wire discovered in NO MAN'S LAND running towards enemy line & going underground to saps leading to Gap N. Bay 27 -

M. G. emplacement found at C. 17.C. 87-75 - opposite locality 16 -

Patrol 1 off. 5 O.R. left locality 16 at 4.30 A.M.

The body of the 2nd german seen yesterday was examined - It was in too frozen a state to remove identification marks. He had on tunic of grey cloth & red piping - Cap grey cloth & red piping, band marked

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Papers in pocket book herewith -
A 3rd body was found but it was half buried & frozen in such a state it could not be removed its position is C.17 a 18-35.

Patrol was driven in by m G. fire.

Enemy operations

Artillery hit -

Enemy is however very active with Pine Apples throughout the whole front which caused communications to be completely cut off with Locality 13 except through S.O.S. line -

Machine Guns Very Active.

Snipers Active.

Enemy movements.

At 9.50 p.m. opposite locality 13 sounds resembling 2 or more horses trotting were heard in rear of enemy lines - At various intervals in the early morning the enemy were heard talking in their trenches, hammering in wooden stakes, moving galvanised iron &c -
Aircraft Enemy planes over him in morning

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Our Operations

Artillery hil.

T.M.

hil.

Machine Guns.

Vickers & Lewis

Usual programme

Patrols.

Scouts mostly manning listening posts
at the L.P. in Willow Ditch on the left locality 14
they had to leave the shell crater in which they were
situated owing to our Vickers gun fire which was
falling short & a great many shots were dropping
on our wire from same gun -

Sounds of machinery working in Brewery -
Train arrived at 10.40 pm.

Enemy operations -

Artillery.

3 shells fell about 11.30 - They were H.E possibly
5-q. The direction from which the gun fires
is about 130° from Edmeads Farm, the range
would appear to be very long -

Trench mortars - none in our line today

Machine Guns Very active until 9 pm.

Snipers Very active.

Rifle Grenades & Pine Apples - Active all day.

Three casualties from River Post by Rifle Grenades.
Enemy observation - owing to mist & fog throughout the
day it was not possible to see much - From locality
13 voices & the sounds of driving timber were heard.

A man was seen on enemy parapet opposite locality 16
wearing a black felt hat similar to our F.S. Hat -

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Aircraft

Aeroplanes were heard throughout
the day but could not be distinguished -
miscellaneous.

Wind very light & changeable
Atmosphere thick. Frost.

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Our operations

Artillery-

10.30 A.M. 12 - 18 pdrs - to FRELINGHEIN-

11.30 A.M. 7 - do CHICKEN ROIN

12.30 P.M. 4 - do do

12.40 P.M. 3 - do Snipers Post.

at base of tree (C. 23 6 15.30) The

Sniping ceased-

2 pm to 2.25 p.m. - 160 rounds Arty. on sector between House in Chicken Run to the right of trees opposite Irish Avenue - and in front of trees to right of sector - Locality 15 -

Enemy retaliated slightly -

Machine Guns -

Vickers - Could not carry out the usual programme one being removed very late at night.

Lewis Gun - Special dispositions had to be made at 9.30 p.m. to replace Vickers removed at this time -

Patrols. Used as listening Posts -

6 p.m. Enemy working party seen in front of Locality 16 -

Transport heard behind the lines up to 9.45 p.m.

No searchlights up to midnight

Machine Gun & Rifle fire active

Enemy fired rifle grenades into the position of their dead in NO MANS LAND - Train at 10 p.m.

It is noticed that the enemy rifles appear to make a specially bright flash when fired -

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Enemy Operations

2.30 pm. 5 mine throwers fell between front line & support in loc. 13. in retaliation to T.M. fire -

It was noticed that retaliation was weak generally - Some enemy artillery appears to have been moved lately as it has been so silent - Great use is being made of Pine Apples & grenades which are frequent.

Machine Guns - Very Active -

Aircraft.

at 2 pm. just as the T.M. was about to fire an enemy plane started from their lines apparently in a direct line to the emplacement - It had the appearance that the enemy were warned of the T.M. fire -

Miscellaneous -

Visibility bad. Frosty - light N. wind.

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Our Operations

Artillery -

At 2 pm. we fired on CHICKEN RUN. Fire was well directed into trenches in front of house in CHICKEN RUN and houses right of BREWERY. 670 rounds were fired - no enemy retaliation - At 3 pm. further bombardment on CHICKEN RUN. lasting 30 minutes. At 4 pm. 25 rounds Shrapnel in same direction - At 4.50 & 5.10 6 rounds each time -

At 5.20 a big gun sent 30 rounds to CHICKEN RUN sounds of falling buildings were heard -

Very light retaliation.

Machine Guns -

Vickers & Lewis as per programme.

Patrols. out from 6 p.m. to 11.30 pm - on the left of locality 16. Our wire is completely blown away - Transport heard busy at 8.20 pm. Grenades in trenches opposite Q. Gap - As a result of few of our shells falling at 8.45 pm. screaming was heard - A thorough reconnaissance of NO MANS LAND was made from Left Locality 16 to C. 17 C. 4.9. Patrol report enemy holding line thinly opposite locality 13 & 14 only about one sentry every 30 yards - The wire in front of their line is very thick with no apparent damage by our fire - noises were heard like the unloading of iron rails opposite Locality 14

Enemy Operations

Artillery - In retaliation our artillery four minutes - no damage reported -

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Machine Guns -

Very quiet especially throughout the night - An occasional long burst with very wide traverse -

Enemy movements - At 7.10 pm. 8.20 pm. & 9.25 pm transport heard in rear of enemy lines -

Communications - 6 pm. rocket opposite Locality 13 which burst into one red & one green star - At 6.7 pm. red very light opposite Sup N.

At 6.10 pm. White very light opposite Locality 13 - apparently from Support Line - Later on in night very lights were numerous - Searchlights operating Right & Left.

Snipers

Enemy snipers very active all day -

Miscellaneous -

Northw. Wind. Light. Poor Visibility.

It might be noted that the enemy were unusually quiet - from 5 pm. to 8.30 pm. - They gave no response to our L.S. or Rifle fire during that time - On the night of the 21st Jan'y the enemy were noticed to be exceptionally quiet but on this occasion, (last night) it is probable he is busy repairing damage done by our artillery -

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Our Operations.

Artillery -

At 10.30 A.M. 15 rounds at a working party on dugouts situated C.236.38.78. The party was dispersed & the dugout partially destroyed. For registration we then fired 3 rounds (18 pdr) at a m. G. emplacement C.236.15-32. At noon 80 Hows. at CHICKEN RUN - M.T.M. At 1 pm. 14 rounds fired - intention to cut wire. From observation they appeared to fall short.

Machine Guns -

Vickers & Lewis. Usual programme -

Patrols -

Party consisting of Lt. Boddy & 14 O.R. left Bay 20 Locality 13. at 6 pm. & returned 8 p.m. - Object to examine result wire cutting & trapping enemy if possible. Wire only slightly damaged in first series, three new shell holes in front. Patrol worked to left & examined sap on left of drain C.17.C.95-02. This sap thickly wired both sides & unoccupied - no sounds of enemy working party.

No 3 Patrol. left Willow Ditch left Locality 14. report enemy line thinly occupied. Drain at 10.15 pm. opposite Locality 14. Trolleys working behind line -

No 5 Patrol. left from LEFT Locality 15. Enemy wire seems to be in two series. outer being knife cuts only & inner mixture of knife cuts & entanglements. Other patrols (seven) acting as covering parties to wiring parties & listening posts -

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Enemy Operations

Artillery - In retaliation at 1.15 pm -
4 shrapnel & 1 H.E. at end of Irish Avenue.

1.25 pm. 7 shrapnel Irish Avenue

2.40 pm 6 do. Cambridge Avenue.

Pine Apples & Rifle Grenades busy all day
throughout line, especially between Oxford St
& Gap N. which is now named Hobbs Orchard.

Trench mortars. Nil.

Enemy Patrols Nil.

Enemy Defences -

Machine Gun emplacement at C.23d.02.80
has been shelled but the concrete dug out still stands
except the left end - Working parties are busy
on it which Lewis Gun dispersed at 6.15 pm -
A few Hows. or Heavies are required on C.23d.02.80

Observations of enemy

7.45 A.M. working party CHICKEN RON.
with picks & shovels - 7 men one wearing
helmet others caps - later another man with
peaked cap was seen -

Communications. During M.T.M bombardment
at 1.15 pm. enemy sounded siren - 1 long & 4
short blasts this continued for 5 minutes - no
apparent action followed. Searchlights active.
Our snipers at locality 16 claim 1 Hit.

Weather. Very light N. wind varying N.E. Thaw in day.
Frost at night. Visibility good midday

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Artillery-

our artillery covered fire of M.T.M. at 12-30 pm -
In retaliation to enemy fire at 2.53 pm. we
bombarded various parts in enemy's sector.
M.T.M. opened fire at 12-30 pm. from observation
this system of wire cutting is not a success
Machine Guns.

Vickers & Lewis as per programme

Snipers.

Claim two hits. one of which was at
C 23 a 85-10. from Hobbs farm locality.

Patrols. Patrol leaving Willow ditch C.17.C. in locality
14. at 8 pm. proceeded towards enemy wire &
found armoured cable C.17 C 85-10. running to
earth & reappeared further on & traced to enemy
wire at C.17.C 90.25. This wire is in good state
& is fairly new - Gap found in enemy wire
at C.17.C. 90.13. made by shell fire - about 8/10 ft.
wide. Enemy very busy in front line sawing
wood & driving in nails - no enemy wiring
parties seen or enemy patrols.

Enemy Operations -

Artillery - At 2.53 pm. enemy opened up with
light bombardment on locality 16 & 17 Irish Avenue -
Cambridge Avenue - Coal Boxes. Shrapnel H.E & Whizz
Bangs were used - no damage reported - Coal Boxes were
thrown from enemy line immediately opposite old
Coy. Hq. Locality 16 -
Machine Guns not so active

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Enemy Observation

At 6 am. sounds of steel rails being dumped heard opposite right of Gap P-

At 6.10 AM. transport heard opposite loc. 16 -
Machine gun firing at 8.55 pm. from about
C. 17-a. 45-20 -

Aircraft

Three enemy planes were over this sector most of the day - They observed the result of all their fire & met with no opposition.

Two observation balloons were also up carrying on signalling operations.

Communications.

5.15 pm. Signalling behind trees N.E loc.

16. answered from house N.W.

Few Very lights reported opp. loc. 16 but a large number on our right loc. 13 -

Search lights busy -

Miscellaneous.

Clear. Thaw in day - Visibility good.

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Our Operations

Artillery.

At 2.30 pm. 18 pds. bombarded building right of BREWERY.

From 3.20 pm to 4.20 pm. 18 pds. Hows. bombarded CHICKEN RUN.

No enemy retaliation -
Machine Guns -

Lewis Guns dispersed right working parties at various points along the line -

Snipers nil -

Patrols - Lieut. Boddy + fighting patrol of 16 men left Bay No 20 at 6.45 pm - operating in NO MANS LAND as far north as centre of locality 14. returning by the same route at 9.30 pm - M.G. found in sap running out from enemy's front at C.23 6.05. 87.

Patrol left Right of loc. 17 saw working party rolling knife rests over parapet about C.17 a. 6.1.

This was dispersed by L.G. fire -

Transport heard unloading iron from 7.15 to 8.15.

Patrol left Willow Ditch went to inspect gap in enemy wire - found working party on it which was dispersed by L.G. fire -

Enemy transport heard at 10.30 pm -

Patrol from loc. 13. acted as screen to our wiring party - Enemy working party seen about C.17 d.o.o.

Train at 11.30 pm. passing North.

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Enemy Operations.

Artillery.

During bombardments on left Bn. North. of RIVER
LVS. enemy shells passed behind our front
line entering about loc. 14. Crossing behind
locality 15-16-17.

Two 77's fell in loc 13 -
Trench mortars hit.

Machine Guns not so active.

Snipers less active than usual -
Enemy Observations -

9.25 A.M. 3 men wearing peaked caps 54ds right
of screen opposite Irish Avenue were
seen pointing across the river -

11. A.M. Enemy seen wearing dark coloured
uniform & caps apparently dark blue
from locality 16 & 17 -

7.20 pm - sounds of wheeled transport
heard in S. E. direction.
Hammering of tin could be heard at
intervals in enemy front line loc 13 -

7.15 pm. Sounds of wheeled transport heard
in E direction from loc. 13 -

7 to 8 pm. trolleys heard working on iron rails
in rear enemies lines opposite loc. 13 -

1.20 A.M. Sentry on No 1 fire bay reported seeing
enemy patrol of 7 men in front of
Locality 13. One magazine of Lewis
gun was fired & very light shot up
but nothing eventuated.

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Aircraft.

Our planes were flying over sector occasionally during the afternoon. German planes as reported in yesterday's report were specially active throughout the day -

Communications.

Pigeon from Amentieres to enemy line flew over loc. 14 at 10.30 A.M.

Very high at 9.50 A.M. White - sent up by enemy opposite Gap N. nothing eventuated.

Miscellaneous -

Wind varying N. to E. Visibility good -

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Our Operations

Artillery.

Heavy bombardment on our south.

T.M.B.-

At 11.30. fired with object cutting wire in front of localities 10 & 11.
Machine Guns.

Lewis: Dispersed three working parties.
Snipers- It is noticed the enemy take very good care in passing their gaps due to our increased activity with snipers—

Patrols.

Lieut Boddy with fighting patrol of 14 O.R. were out from 6.45 pm. to 9.30 pm. & operated in NO MAN'S LAND - North of Censor's nose as far as C. 17-C 85-20. Nothing eventuated.

From locality 17 INCO & 5 men left Q Gap at 1 AM. & returned at 3 AM. at C 17 a 15-33 another body of a Hun found in the drain N of railway - Body is half buried & frozen in ice - no identification marks obtainable.

German wire inspected found to be a tangled mass of knife rests thrown out anyhow about 6 ft high absolutely impregnable. Through it at C. 17 a 9-5 there is a gap about 3 ft. wide.

Glare of fire in enemy line seen C. 17 cl. 1.1.

Drum heard in S.E. direction at 10.45 pm.

Enemy operations.

Artillery - About three or four shells fell at various times throughout day evidently registering various points in this sector -

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T.M. hit.

Pineapples coming over at odd times throughout day but not quite as numerous as before—

Rifle Grenades not quite so numerous—

Enemy observation.

10.10 A.M. - party of 20 men seen on high ground behind wooden screen top Irish Avenue

2 men with small leather cases on their backs were apparently giving orders & making signs on the ground for about 10 minutes.

The enemy appear to be uniformed in grey with grey helmets.

Aircraft.

Both British & enemy planes about all day.

Communications During bombardment to South

Very lights were seen all along enemy front line. At 8.10 pm. a red very light was fired from about C. 29-C. at 8.30 pm. another from same place.

At 11 A.M. & 1.45 pm. enemy fired rifles at our planes—

7.50 A.M. Bugle Call in rear of enemy line opposite locality 13—

Miscellaneous.

Wind light & variable.

Visibility poor

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Our operations
Artillery

At 2 pm. our artillery gave covering fire to M.T.M. & subsequently continued until 4.30 pm. Considerable damage was done to fire & support lines & specially in vicinity of the wooden screen & opposite Irish Avenue. The big sand bag parapet & what appeared to be a dug out near by was destroyed & a considerable amount of smoke issued therefrom.

M.T.M. 51 shots were fired as per programme one gun firing 23 of which 4 were duds, the remainder appear to have fallen in wire - The other gun fired 19 shots which could not be observed owing to poor visibility.

L.T.M. This shoot appeared to be most successful most of the shots landing in front line trenches & duck boards bits of blankets & clothing appeared in the air -

Patrols.

Enemy wire inspected from opposite loc. 17 to river - Wire strong thick & high - Trenches from BREWERY & RIVER do not appear to be thickly manned as only occasional fire from fixed rifles. Enemy busy in Pimple Salient.

Patrol left locality 13 at 6.35 returned at 3.30 A.M. & patrolled from a line between S. end of Sap N. 236.10.80 At midnight Lt. Boddy who was with patrol reports having blown up a machine gun with gun cotton, located in a Sap approximately C. 236.05.87 -

Enemy Operations
Artillery nil -

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T.M. nil.	
Machine guns	Active
Snipers	Active
Aeroplanes	nil.
Observation	nil.
Miscellaneous	

Thaw. Atmosphere very thick.
light rain at night. Calm -

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Our operations.

Artillery.

Heavy guns firing in direction of the HALLOTS
2 pm to 4.45 pm. - There appeared to be many duds -
no enemy retaliation this subsector.

Trench mortars nil.

Machine Guns.

Vickers - Usual intermittent fire.

Lewis Intermittent fire at enemy parapet &
wire at various points. - Found one reported working
parties at C.23b.2-2. & C.17d.05-16.

Snipers - normal activity.

Patrol. In an endeavour to examine the wire at
CENSORS NOSE C.23. patrol were subject to very
active m.g. fire from enemy gun in CENSUS TRENCH
C.23.c - firing in Northwesterly direction. - A pond full of
water found 20 ft. diam. & about 2 ft deep C.23c.4-9.
NO MANSLAND very wet & muddy making movement
difficult.

The sunken ROAD C.23.a. is about 4 ft. deep with
water & has submerged wire in parts.

Patrol moving out by WILLOW DITCH along SOUTH
side crossed ROAD at C.23a.7-9. The ditch is
almost impassable.

NO MANSLAND round C.23a.8-8. free from shell
holes & slopes gradually down to enemy trenches.

Outer series of wire patrolled from C.23b.0-9. to
C.17.c.9.2. No Sally gaps were found. Gap in wire
found on 16^E west. C.17.c.88.75 has been repaired
with steel knife rest.

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Enemy Operations

Artillery hit.

Machine Guns Active.

Five Apples in Loc. 14 one at 11.15 A.M. two at 10.20 pm. + twelve between 1 A.M. + 4 A.M.

Enemy Observation -

At about C. 24 a. 40.80 among shell holes near CENSORS NOSE there is what appears to be new earth thrown up. This however was not found by patrols, further investigation is being made.

Screen erected in front line opposite HOBBS FARM.

Enemy appeared to be busy in vicinity.

Search lights active. These seemed to be particularly careful to keep locality 15 under the light.

7.45 pm. Red rocket fired from enemy trench opposite Irish Avenue.

7.50 pm. Two white very lights close together opposite Gap M.

8.15 pm. Crimson Very light from same spot. Nothing happened.

Miscellaneous.

Visibility low most of day.

West Wind about 4. M.P.H.

Another body of enemy brought in last night one of them killed on 22nd alt. opp. Loc. 17. No identification.

Acheson is a major.

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Our Operations

Artillery

12.30 pm - abt 20 rounds 18 pdrs - at Snipers Post & vicinity C.17a-72-10. with good results.

2.45 p.m. - 5 rounds Hows at building C.11b.05.37-

3.30 pm - desultory firing at several weak spots in C.17-

4.30 pm - 30 rounds H.E into Brewery C.17a.70-25

9.40 pm - Dummy bombardment started in terms of order, which resulted in chiefly counter battery fire - Our battery work was considerably more intense than the enemy, which was weak as regards this sector -

H.T.M. operated on our right in accordance with order with fair results -

L.T.M. operated on our right locality in cooperation with Artillery -

Machine Guns.

Vickers - Indirect fire on selected points in enemy position -

Lewis - no 6 gun claims 2 hits at C.17a.60-30 the bodies being seen dragged back over the parapet.

Snipers - Dispersed working party at screen C.17d.0.2.

Patrols - A patrol left loc. 13 & reconnoitred the outside of the wire surrounding the Censors nose, found to be heavy & in good order with no gaps -

During bombardment patrols were withdrawn -

From 3.AM to 5.30 A.M. whole front was patrolled all quiet - On the river side a dog was heard barking at C.17a.13-60 & on the approach of patrol M.G. opened from vicinity BREWERY -

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Enemy Operations -

Retaliation by enemy at 3.15 pm. - by H.E. on Hobbs Farm - damage nil - also by heavy artillery apparently searching for batteries in C.21-b. - damage nil -

At 9.42. pm - enemy retaliated in answer to bombardment with a light barrage on locality 13 front line, also light bombardment in rear of subsidiary line C.21. b. as in afternoon, but with guns of heavier calibre -

This also happened as retaliation for 12.30 A.M. bombardment. A small shell possibly a 3 lbs. - with flat trajectory was used which appeared to carry a small jet of light in rear, nineteen of these were used on vicinity of subsidiary line approximately C.16. C.2.7. a greater number seemed to be searching for the battery at C.22 a.5.7. in rear of Bn. H.Q. In addition to this a quantity of shells of large calibre passed over Bn. H.Q. some falling within 200 yds. of same -

Trench mortars - Minnies were used for retaliation in small quantities mostly on Hobbs Farm -

Machine Guns. during bombardment were not active.

Pineapples were used very much in retaliation.

Communications During bombardment a large number of Very lights were used mostly Red - Rockets were also sent up - Rockets Green asteroid breaking into 2.4. + 5 stars - mostly opposite Hobbs Farm -

Aircraft - 2.30 pm. enemy plane flying N. In morning our planes - observation Balloon from 4.45 pm to dark signalling with jet - miscellaneous Wind N.W. varying from 3 to 9 M.P.H. - Visibility poor in morning better in afternoon

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Our Operations

Artillery -

3.50 pm. 18 pdr - 10 rounds in vicinity C.17.d. for registration and

4.20 pm 14 rounds C.17.a. building R of BREWERY. otherwise quiet. no artillery retaliation -

Machine Guns.

Vickers. Usual programme.

Lewis Carried out cooperative fire with fighting patrol out in front of locality 13 -

Six working parties dispersed by them -

Snipers - Claim 2 hits.

Rifle Grenades - Fired 376 rounds from Centre & left sectors as retaliation for pineapples appear to be successful -

Patrols. Lt. Boddy & 12 men left locality 13 at 6.30 pm. & returned at 9 p.m. to reconnoitre NO MAN'S LAND.

Enemy wire from apex Censors house to C.23 a. 8.6 -

Gaps found in several places. Line held by 2 or 3 sentries no machine guns fired on us. no Very lights. It would appear that this portion of the enemy line is thinly held - Everything unusually quiet - Other patrols report everything very quiet in enemy's lines. The usual train service appears to be maintained though to a much lesser degree - The enemy wire round the PIMPLE SALIENT is much gapped & damaged by our shell fire - Searchlights interfered with the more efficient working of our scouts.

Enemy Operations - Artillery. About 10 rounds of 77s - Four in Edmeads, remainder seemed to be searching for Batty positions in Houplines -

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Machine Guns. Not so active.

Snipers Quieter.

Pineapple Batteries subdued by our grenade fire -
Rifle Grenades. Enemy put in about 100 rounds on
our centre sector.

Enemy Observation.

9.15 AM. Two hums driving in stakes in parapet
at Pimple C. 17. a.

Communications.

6.25 pm. 5 Very lights to right of locality 13 fired
from different portions of enemy line.

Very lights much less active.

Searchlights Five were very active through the
night - Three were in front of locality 13, one
in front of Hobbs & one near Cursors hose to
the South -Miscellaneous. Wind Northerly. Visibility bad in
morning improving in afternoon.

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At 5.15 A.M. Heavy bombardment to N. across river on our left Battalion - It seemed as though the Hun opened with a minnie & H.E. barrage in preparation for a raid. Three S.O.S. lights went up & our Artillery responded immediately. The proceedings lasted half an hour after which there was desultory fire mostly heavy guns -

Note. It appeared that there was a raid by the Enemy which resulted in a total failure as they suffered many casualties -

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