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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
720055	1/1/14		OC 6" M Gun Coy 5TB M sites alternate positions for Vickers M Guns placed as batteries in Northern area	B
			Bde Concert Tramp of 10 members formed, called "Red Diamonds".	B
	3		Work progressing satisfactorily on Corps line the weather being clear and cold Work commenced on buried cable system in Northern area 1 Coy 22nd Bn	B
	4		1 Coy 22nd Bn being detailed for this work. Best performance by Concert Tramp at 3rd A.C.C. G.O.C. leaves for M. Gun school CAMIERES Lt Col James 24th Bn takes over	B
	6		Lt R. Bosley M.C. 21st Bn appointed Bde Major learner. 6" Field Coy reconnoiters ground in Southern area with view of	B
	7		establishing posts forward of line between Gunner 3rd & READING T. G.O.C. returns from M.G. demonstration at CAMIERES. Lt Col James returning to his Bn.	B
	8		Heavy snowstorm approx. 3".	B
	9		Thaw commences.	B
	10		"Red Diamonds" give first five Concert to 24th Bn.	B
	11		Capt F Sale M.C. reported back for further to take up duties as Act/Bde Major. Defence Scheme for 2nd ZONE issued	B

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T20655	12		Capt Savage MC 24th Bn report Act/Bde Major left the Bde to report to AIF HQ LONDON. Purpose of change unknown	✓
	13		24th Bn relieved 28th Bn in line (left) WARNE TOIV sectn. Lt. CD. Yethers 23rd Bn reported to Bde as A.D.O.	
" "	13		Remainder of Bde relieved by A/Bde.	App 2 ✓
LE ROMARIN B4C28	14		S.O.C. visit left Bn sectn. Heavy fall of snow.	
" "	15		S.O.C. visits right Bn sectn (LA BASSE VILLE) Staff Capt. visit HQS + dumps of forward area. Pomp kitchen opened at RACINE DUMP. in PLOEGSTEERT WOOD. Rained heavily all day + night. Violent storm. Made conditions very bad in trenches.	✓
" "	16		24th Bn reports that men are physically exhausted. Bde Major and Lt Bagley MC. visit both 22nd + 24th Bn HQS. Conditions certainly bad. DOUVE RIVER on (BDE left boundary) normally 12 or 15 feet wide had grown to 60 yds	✓

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LE ROMARDH	16 th		but flowing into Hun territory.	H.
"	17 th		G.O.C. + Lt Bagley visit forward area. Drizzling rain but conditions improving. Work of chaining trenches and reclamation of shelters proceeding.	H.
"	18 th		22 nd Bu (Line Right) capture one Hun, patrol meeting in No man's land. Shots were exchanged but no casualties. Prisoner stated his unit 228 th R IR (49 th Div) had just come in on night of 15 th inst. Prisoner was undivided and seemed intelligent + fairly willing to talk. Bde major + Asst. visit forward area + find conditions steadily improving, but there is still much to be done. Artillery fire on both sides slightly increased.	H.
"	19 th		Weather improving.	H.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
LE ROMARIN	20 th		<p>Church Parade in YMCA - hall closed by Ben Bardwood being present distributed medals to men of all units in DWS Inter Bn relief starts tonight by 23rd Bn relieving 24th Bn Line left 24th Bn come into support at CATACOMBS Relief complete by 8/15 pm - no casualties.</p>	<p>App. (3) J.S.</p>
"	21 st		<p>Inter Bn relief completed by 21st taking over from 22nd Bn in Line Right - completed by 8/15 pm L.I.M.B. & M.G. Coy also have inter-unit changes (no casualties). 22nd Bn come back to LE ROMARIN in Bde Reserve. Enemy "Munnenpiper" activity against our right sector slightly increasing. Policy decided upon is to lie quiet until our positions are sufficiently improved to allow in taking the matter into our own hands. At 11 am a party of 4 Germans walked down WARWETON Road towards our Right Bn front. Discovering their error too late they attempted to escape - 3 were shot dead.</p>	<p>J.S.</p>

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LE ROMARIN	22 nd		<p>S.O.C. & A.I. Intelligence staff visit left Bn in line Work of reclaiming trenches and shelter programmes slowly. One patrolling at night active all thro. not much resistance from the Boche altho' in MG's open bursts occasionally.</p>	<p>#</p>
	23		<p>At Bedmason and out. west HQ of Line Bn to investigate certain works. Found things progressing only fairly well, but ground has dried up well and spirit of the chaps despite adverse conditions is excellent.</p>	<p>#</p>

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
LE ROMARM 24 th			Last night a 21st Bn patrol found me of the today's the man shot on 21st inst. He was a private of 228th RIR. This clearing up the situation caused by the discovery of an officer of 424th some days before.	y A
4	25 th		Bnps command & CoC made a tour of the line (forward area). The C. Comd. seemed very pleased and expressed satisfaction with conditions as he found them.	y A
	26 th		A Dwnl Comm. Conf. held at 6th Bde HQ at 11.45 am. Bde Major present owing to Col. being forward with General Busdown. Subject: Training and Intcom. Economic.	y A
	27 th		Small artillery shoot carried out at 5pm. Very successful. Bde relieved by 10th A.I. Bde and moved into NEUVE-ÉGLISE RAVELSBERG AREA. Relief completed by 9pm went very smoothly - no casualties. Heavy fog all day assisted materially.	App 4. App 5 y A

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
WATERLOO 28 CAMP. S 18C82 (Sheet.) (36)			Beautiful sunny day. S.O.C. + M.P.R.M. visit B ₁₂ and find them very scattered in billets + camps but quite comfortable.	A
"	29		Another fine day. Progressing and preparing for move to new area. Transport set off on good time and in excellent order.	A
"	30		Move to new area in tent. (LOTTINGHEM BDE SUB AREA) entrenching at DE KENNEDY RAIL HEAD except that trains were postponed. Trains and eventually got away at 21.30 but 8/15 per everything went quite well.	A Append 6.
LOTTINGHEM (CALAIS 100000)			Arrived in new area about 1 am. Beautiful morning. Behaviour men well and all units got to billets in good time spent most of day putting and locating positions of various units. Billets very scattered.	A

J. D. ... M. J. ...

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OF

6th Austr. Inf. Bde. Hdqrs.

FOR

January 1918.

6th
AUSTRALIAN
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6th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

DEFENCE SCHEMESECOND ZONERef. Maps Sheet 28 S.W. 1/20,000
Sheet 36 N.W. 1/20,000

January 10th 1918.

DIVISIONAL FRONT

1. The front extends from the River LYS on the South to the River DOUVE on the North, both inclusive. This front is held by two Infantry Brigades - Divisional and Brigade Boundaries are shown on Plan A. (already issued to Units).

ZONES OF DEFENCE

2. There are three Zones of Defence.-
 - (a) First or Forward Defensive Zone covered by a line of connected posts.
 - (b) Second or Corps Defensive Zone
 - (c) Third or Army Defensive Zone.The First Defensive Zone is held by the two Brigades in the line.
A Nucleus Garrison for the Second Zone is provided by the Reserve Brigade.

ARTILLERY

3. The Divisional Artillery plus a certain number of heavies, cover the Divisional Front.
The Right F.A.Group consists of:-
 - Headquarters
 - 1 .. 18 pdr. Battery
 - 1 .. 4.5 How. Battery.The Left F.A.Group consists of:-
 - Headquarters
 - 5 .. 18 pdr. Batteries
 - 1 .. 4.5 How. Battery.The 52nd H.A.Group will normally be H.A. Group on whom the Divisional Artillery will call for assistance.

MACHINE GUNS

4. ³²
 - (a) Vickers Guns cover the First Zone. Their Defensive dispositions are shown on Plan "B".
 - (b) Emplacements are dug in Second Zone for.-
 - (i) 3 Batteries of 4 guns each for barrage fire forward of Firing Line of Second Zone.
 - (ii) 28 Emplacements for direct fire. Their defensive dispositions are shown on Plan "C".

PRINCIPLES OF DEFENCE

5. The principles of Defence are.-
 - (a) The Defence of the Divisional Area is organized in depth the maximum use being made of Vickers and Lewis Machine Guns and Wire Entanglements.
 - (b) The retention of the First Zone.
 - (c) The responsibility of the Brigades in the Line for this Defence.
 - (d) The principle of Counter-attacking and retaking ground lost, whether in front or on a flank.
 - (e) The employment of the Reserve Brigade offensively if possible, or defensively in the Second Zone.
 - (f) The plan of Nucleus Garrisons.
Nucleus Garrisons will not go forward to counter-attack but will remain in their allotted positions as rallying points in case counter-attacks are unsuccessful.

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NOMENCLATURE OF BATTALIONS

6. The Bns. of the Reserve Brigade are known as "A", "B", "C" and "D" Bns. The locations of those together with M.G.Coy. and T.M.Battery are shown on Plan A.

NUCLEUS GARRISONS OF SECOND ZONE.-

7. Nucleus Garrisons for the Second Zone are furnished as follows:-
Southern Area ... "C" Bn.
Northern Area ... "D" "
Allocation of garrisons is set out in Appendix "A" Tables 1 and 2.
Commanders of the Nucleus Garrisons are under the orders of the G.O.C. of the Bde. in whose area they are situated, unless and until the responsibility for the defence of the Second Zone is passed to the G.O.C. Reserve Brigade.

POSITIONS OF ASSEMBLY.-

8. The positions of Assembly of Units are their respective Parade Grounds, which in all cases are situated within 100 yds. of their own Headquarters.

POSITIONS OF READINESS.-

9. There are two Positions of Readiness for the Brigade in the forward area. These are called Position of Readiness "A" and Position of Readiness "B" respectively, the former being towards the Southern Flank, and the latter towards the Northern flank of the Divisional Front.
These Positions are shown on Plan D.

ACTION OF RESERVE BRIGADE

10. (a) Should the Brigade be required to act either offensively or defensively owing to an enemy attack the warning order "Stand by to Assist" will be sent to all Units.
(b) Units will be prepared to move in Fighting Order as per S.S.135, 20 minutes after the receipt of the "Warning Order".
The Machine Gun Coy. will move forward 12 guns to Battery Positions North of PLOEGSTEERT WOOD, the remainder will move to "Position of Readiness" with 4,000 rounds of Ammunition per gun.
The L.T.M.Battery will take forward 8 Mortars with 25 rounds per gun.
(c) Should units be required on the Southern flank of the Divisional Front the message "Assist FRENLINGHIEN Pass" will be sent, the word Pass being followed by a clock time.
On receipt of this message Units will move in accordance with March Table set out in appendix "B".
(d) Should Units be required on the Northern Flank of the Divisional Front the message "Assist WARNETON Pass" will be sent the word "Pass" being followed by a clock time.
On receipt of this message Units will move in accordance with March Table 2 set out in Appendix "B".
(e) Should some units be required on the Southern and the remainder on the Northern Flank of the Divisional Front, the message "Assist Divisional Pass" will be sent, the word "Pass" being followed by a clock time.
On receipt of the message Units will move in accordance with March Table 3 set out in Appendix "B".
Routes are shown on Plan "E".

FORMATIONS

11. Units will move from their position of Assembly to the Position of Readiness in file, without distances between detachments.
The formation and position of Units when at the Position of Readiness is shown in Plan "D".

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- REPORTS.- 12. (a) On receipt of the warning message referred to in Para 10 above, a mounted Officer from each Unit will report to Brigade Headquarters.
 (b) Whilst on the move from the Position of Assembly to the Position of Readiness, Units will arrange for their report centres to be at the head of their respective columns.
 (c) On arrival at the Position of Readiness, Units will send an Officer to the Report Centres of that positions as shown in Plan "D".
- ADVANCED BDE. HDQRS. 13. Advanced Brigade Headquarters will be established according to Plan "D".
- TRANSPORT 14. (a) Transport, except that necessary to carry the guns of the Machine Gun Company and the animals mentioned in (c) below will not move from its present location until so ordered.
 On receipt of the warning order referred to in Para.10 (a) above, all animals will be harnessed up but not hooked up.
 (b) Pack Animals, including Officers rides, and spare animals, must be ready to move, under Brigade orders, 15 minutes after receipt of the warning order.
 (c) On receipt of the warning order "D" Bn. will despatch 10 pack animals, and "C" Battalion 4, to report to Headquarters, Reserve Trench Mortar Battery, to carry stores of this Unit, these animals will be returned to the Transport Lines when the O.C. T.M. Battery cannot take them further.
 (d) Animals may be unharnessed on receipt of the order "Transport Stand Down".
- DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS 15. Detailed instructions regarding the action of each Unit after its arrival at the position of Readiness will be issued as they become available.
- WORK OF THE CORPS LINE.- 16. The Reserve Bde. will supply continuous working parties for the improvement of the Second Zone. The order of precedence of work will be.-
 (a) Shelters
 (b) Entanglements
 (c) Machine Gun Emplacements
 (d) Strong Posts (to include certain concreted works.
- ANTI-AIR-CRAFT DEFENCES 18. 8 Lewis Machine Guns are mounted in the Brigade Area for the protection of the Camps. Their positions are shown in Plan "F". These guns will be dismantled and taken forward should Battalions be required to move forward.
- ADMINISTRATIVE.- 19. Administrative Arrangements have already been issued.
- COMMUNICATIONS.- 20. Route Diagram of Communications shown in Plan "G"
- GAS DEFENCE 21. Methods employed in warning all concerned in the event of a Gas Attack is shown in Appendix "C".
22. This cancels 11th A.I.Bde. Defence Scheme.

A c k n o w l e d g e .

Stan Elavice
 Captain,
 A/Brigade Major 6th Inf. Bde. A.I.F.

(a) On receipt of the warning message referred to in Para 10 above, a mounted Officer from each Unit will report Brigade Headquarters.

(b) Whilst on the move from the position of Assembly to the position of Readiness, Units will arrange for the transport of their respective animals.

Distribution

1. G.O.C.
2. War Diary
3. " "
4. File
5. 21st Bn.
6. 22nd " "
7. 23rd " "
8. 24th " "
9. 6th M.G. Coy.
10. 6th L.T.M. Bty.
11. 5th A.I. Bde.) For information.
12. 7th " ")
13. 2nd Aust. Divn.)
14. Staff Capt.
15. Bde. Major
16. C.R.A.) For information
17. C.R.E.)
18. A.D.M.S.)
19. Signal Section)

(c) On receipt of the order, the pack animals, and "U" Battalion, to report to Headquarters, Reserve Transport Battalion, to carry stores of this Unit, when animals will be returned to the transport lines.

(d) Animals may be unhamessed on receipt of the order "Transport Stand Down".

Detailed instructions regarding the action of each Unit after the arrival at the position of Readiness will be issued as they become available.

The Reserve Bde. will supply continuous work parties for the improvement of the second zone. The order of precedence of work will be:

- (a) Shelters
- (b) Entanglements
- (c) Machine Gun Emplacements
- (d) Strong Points (to include certain connected works)

8 Lewis Machine Guns are mounted in the Brigade Area for the protection of the tanks. Their positions are shown in Plan "F". These guns will be dismantled and taken forward should batteries be required to move forward.

Administrative arrangements have already been made.

Route Diagram of Communications shown in Plan "G".

Methods employed in warning all concerned in the event of a gas attack is shown in Appendix "C".

This cancels I.A.A.I. Bde. Defence Orders.

John Stanger
 Captain
 Attached Major Gen. I.A.A.I. Bde.

ADVANCED BRIGADE HEADQUARTERS
 BDE. HQ
 TRANSPORT BATTALION
 DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS
 WORK ON THE SECOND ZONE
 ANTI-AIR DEFENSE
 ADMINISTRATIVE
 COMMUNICATIONS
 GAS DEFENSE

APPENDIX "A"
TABLE 1.SIXTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE
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ALLOCATION OF GARRISON NORTH OF PLOEGSTEERT WOOD

Area.-	Locality.-	Coy.	Hdqs.	Ultimate garrison		Present Garrison		Billets	Inter Coy Boundary	Remarks.-
				Platoon	Attd.L.G.	Platoon	Attd.L.G.			
Firing & Support System.	ULTIMO CRATER	No. 1	ST YVES	1	1	-	2	ULTIMO CRATER	Southern Inter Bde. Boundary	To move from CATACOMBS when accom. is completed.
	ULTIMO AVENUE to ASH AVENUE	"	" "	1	-	-	-	U.16.a. 05.20		
	ST YVES PROWSE POINT	"	" "	1	1	1	1	ST YVES PROWSE PT.	Reserve Platoon	
Firing & Support Systems	WARNTON AVE. to DOUVE	No. 2	PILL BOX U.9.c.9.1. (Approx.)	1	-	-	-	CATACOMBS	Southern Ash. Avenue	To move forward when accom. is provided
	ASH CRATER AVENUE FME	"	"	1	1	-	2	ASH CRATER CATACOMBS		
	U.9.c.5.3.	"	"	1	1	-	1	CATACOMBS	Northern Div. Boundary.	
		"	"	1	-	-	-	CATACOMBS		
Reserve System.	LA HUTTE BAKERY	No. 3	BAKERY	1	1	-	1	CATACOMBS		To move from CATACOMBS when accom. is provided
		"	"	1	1	1	1			
	DONNINGTON HALL BACK EST.	"	"	1	1	-	1	CATACOMBS		
Reserve Coy.		"	"	1	-	-	-	CATACOMBS		Reserve Platoon
	CATACOMBS	No. 4	CATACOMBS	-	-	-	-	CATACOMBS		

- Notes.
1. In the event of an attack Platoons will be ordered to move forward at once to the allotted fighting positions.
 2. Nos.1 and 2 Coys. will be engaged on work in their respective Fighting Positions continuing in order as laid down.
 3. Nos.3 and 4 Coys. will be engaged on work within the 1st and 2nd Zones at discretion of O.C., 6th Fld. Coy. Engineers.

APPENDIX "A"
TABLE 2

ALLOCATION OF NUCLEUS GARRISON EAST & SOUTH OF PLOEGSTEERT WOOD

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Area.-	Locality.-	Coy.	Hdgrs.	Ultimate Garrison		Nucleus Garrison		Billets.-	Inter Coy. Boundary.	PROVISIONAL Remarks.-
				Platoon	Attd.L.G.	Platoon	Attd.L.G.			
Firing Line	MOTOR CAR CR.	No.1.	LE BIZET C.13.d.3.8. (Approx.)	1	1	-	2	CANTEEN CORNER	Div. Boundary to NICHOLSON AVENUE - GASOMETER	1 L.G. at S.P. 1 " C.14.b.6.6 2 Guns at Post. Reserve Platoon 1 L.G. to go to S.P. C.13.c.9.3
	C.8.d.6.6.	"	"	1	-	1	1	GRAND REBECQUE FARM		
	C.8.d.0.9.- C.8.a.0.3.	"	"	1	-	-	-	CANTEEN CORNER		
Support Line	LE BIZET	:	"	1	1	-	-	"		
Firing Line	SALFORD	No.2	DELENNELLE FARM	1	1	-	2	CANTEEN CORNER	NICHOLSON AVENUE - GASOMETER to LA WARNAVE RIVER	Reserve Platoon
	C.2.b.0.5.	"	"	1	-	-	1	DELENNELLE FARM		
	MAISON 1875	"	"	1	-	-	1	CANTEEN CR.		
Support Line	DELENNELLE FARM	"	"	1	-	-	-	-do-		
Firing Line	LAWRENCE FM.	No.3	PLOEGSTEERT U.25.c.9.6. (Approx.)	1	1	-	1	PLOEGSTEERT	LA WARNAVE RIVER to VANCOUVER TRAMWAY	Gun at RED HOUSE 2 Guns on Post. Gun at Post -do- Reserve Coy.
	READING TR.	"	Advanced Coy. H.Q.	1	1	1	1	READING TR		
	PALK VILLA	"	TOUQUET BETH	1	-	1	-	E. edge of WOOD		
	ELGER HOUSE	"	-do-	1	-	1	-			
Support	CRESLOW	No.4	PLOEGSTEERT	1	-	-	-	CANTEEN CR		
	U.25.d.9.4. - b.4.1.	"	(to be selected)	1	-	-	-	-do-		
Reserve	PLOEGSTEERT	"	"	2	-	-	-	-do-		

- NOTES
1. Areas allotted to Coys. No.1 and 2 will be taken over by one Coy. only with H.Q. at GRAND REBECQUE FARM.
 2. To facilitate work 1 Coy. occupy the Positions of No.3 Coy.
 3. In the event of an attack Platoons will be ordered to move forward at once to their allotted fighting positions.

APPENDIX "B" (Contd.)

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"ASSIST DIVISION"MARCH TABLE 3.

Units in order of march.-	Starting Point	Time of Passing Starting Point	Route.-	Remarks.-
"C" Battalion	Road Junction at T.26.d.82.10.	Hour stated on message referred to in Para.10 (e)	T.28.c.20.37.-B.4.a.65.15. B.4.b.85.55. - COSTHOVE FM.- B.18.a.60.37. - Position of Readiness "A"	
"D" Battalion less 2 Coys. & 8 Lewis Guns. 1 Section Res. M.G.Coy.	-do-	10 minutes after "C" Bn.	-do-	Moves to Starting Point via T.25.d.55.37.
"B" Battalion	Road Junction at T.37.d.90.85.	Hour stated on message referred to in Para.10 (e)	T.28.b.55.80 - T.22.d.25.40 DREVE FARM - Position of Readiness "B"	
"A" Battalion Reserve T.M.Bty. less one ½ Bty.	-do-	10 minutes after "B" Bn.	-do-	-do-
	-do-	20 minutes after "B" Bn.	-do-	
Reserve M.G. Coy. (Less 2 Sections.)	-do-	24 minutes after "B" Bn.	-do-	

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MARCH TABLE 1

Units in order of march.-	Starting Point.-	Time of Passing Starting Point	Route.-
"D" Battalion	Road Junction at T.23.c.20.37.	Hour stated on message referred to in Para.10.C.	B.4.a.85.15. - B.4.b.85.55. - OOSTHOVE FM. - B.18.a.60.37 - Positions of Readiness "A"
"A" Battalion	-do-	10 minutes after "B" Bn.	-do-
"C" Battalion	-do-	20 minutes after "B" Bn.	-do-
"D" Battalion less 2 Coys. & 8 Lewis Gun and teams	-do-	30 minutes after "B" Bn.	-do-
Reserve T.M. Bty. less one half Battery	-do-	37 minutes after "B" Bn.	-do-
Reserve M.G. Coy less 1 Section	-do-	40 minutes after "B" Bn.	-do-

[11] APPENDIX "B" (Contd.)
"ASSIST WARNETON"

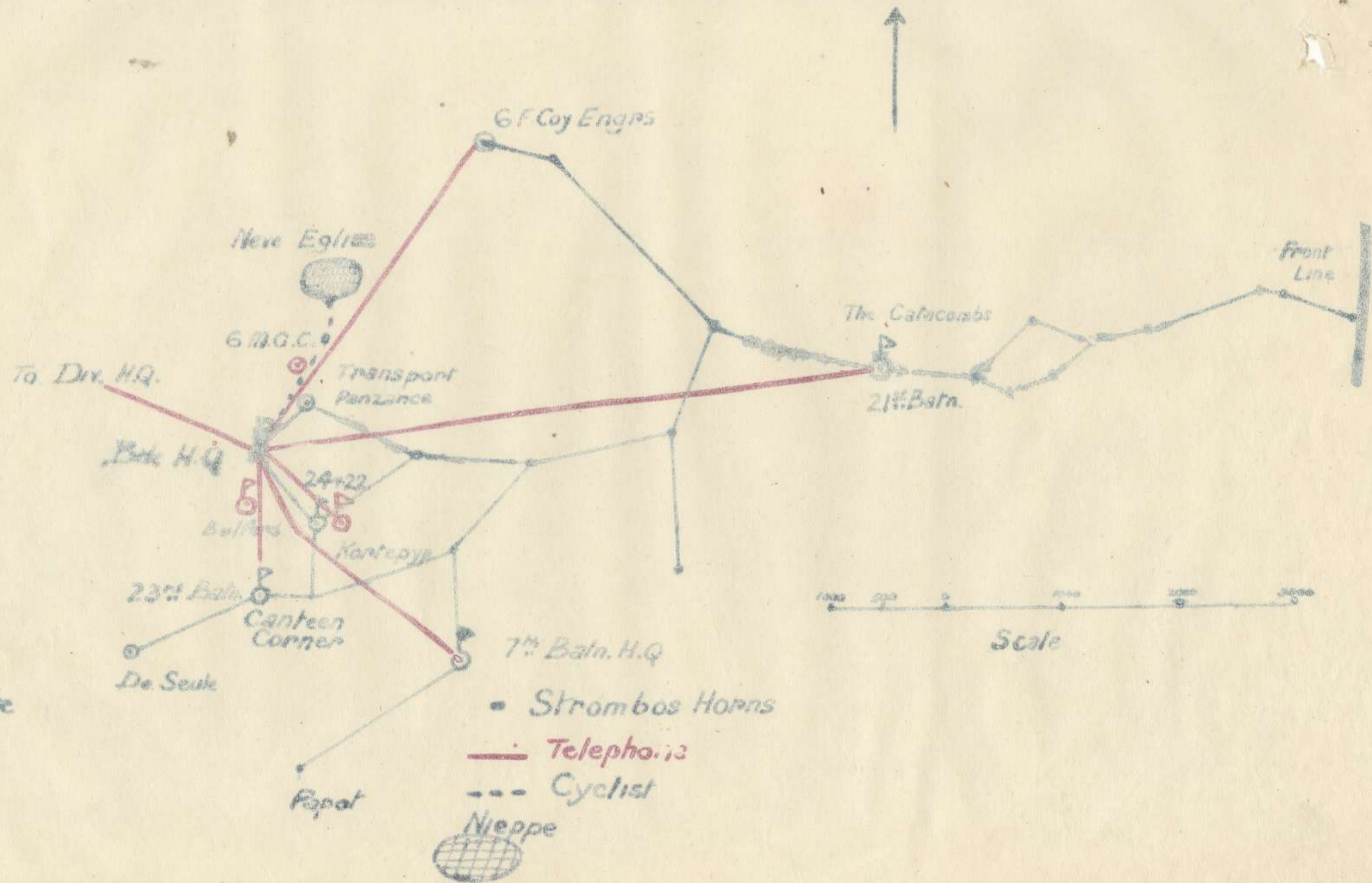
MARCH TABLE 2.

"B" Battalion	Road Junction at T.27.d.30.85	Hour stated on message referred to in Para.10 (d)	T.28.b.55.80. - T.22.d.25.40 - COURTE DREVE FM. (T.24.a.40.55) - Position of Readiness "B"
"A" Battalion	-do-	10 minutes after "B" Bn.	-do-
"C" Battalion	-do-	20 minutes after "B" Bn.	-do-
"D" Battalion less 2 Coys. & 6 Lewis Gun Teams	-do-	30 minutes after "B" Bn.	-do-
Reserve T.M.Bty less one $\frac{1}{2}$ Bty.	-do-	37 minutes after "B" Bn.	-do-
Reserve M.G.Coy. less 1 Section	-do-	40 minutes after "B" Bn.	-do-

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GAS WARNING

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• Strombos Horns

— Telephones

- - - Cyclist

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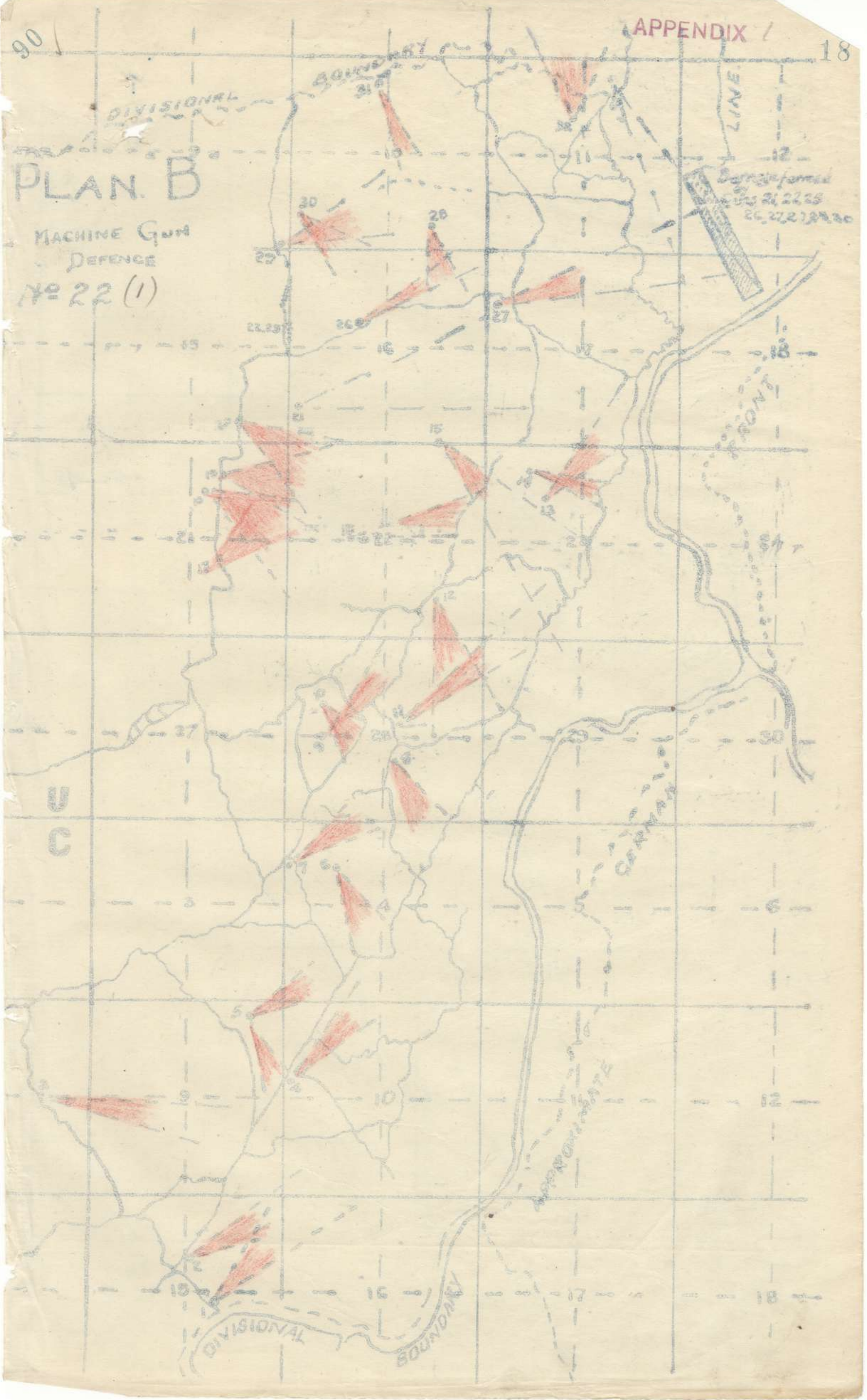


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PLAN B



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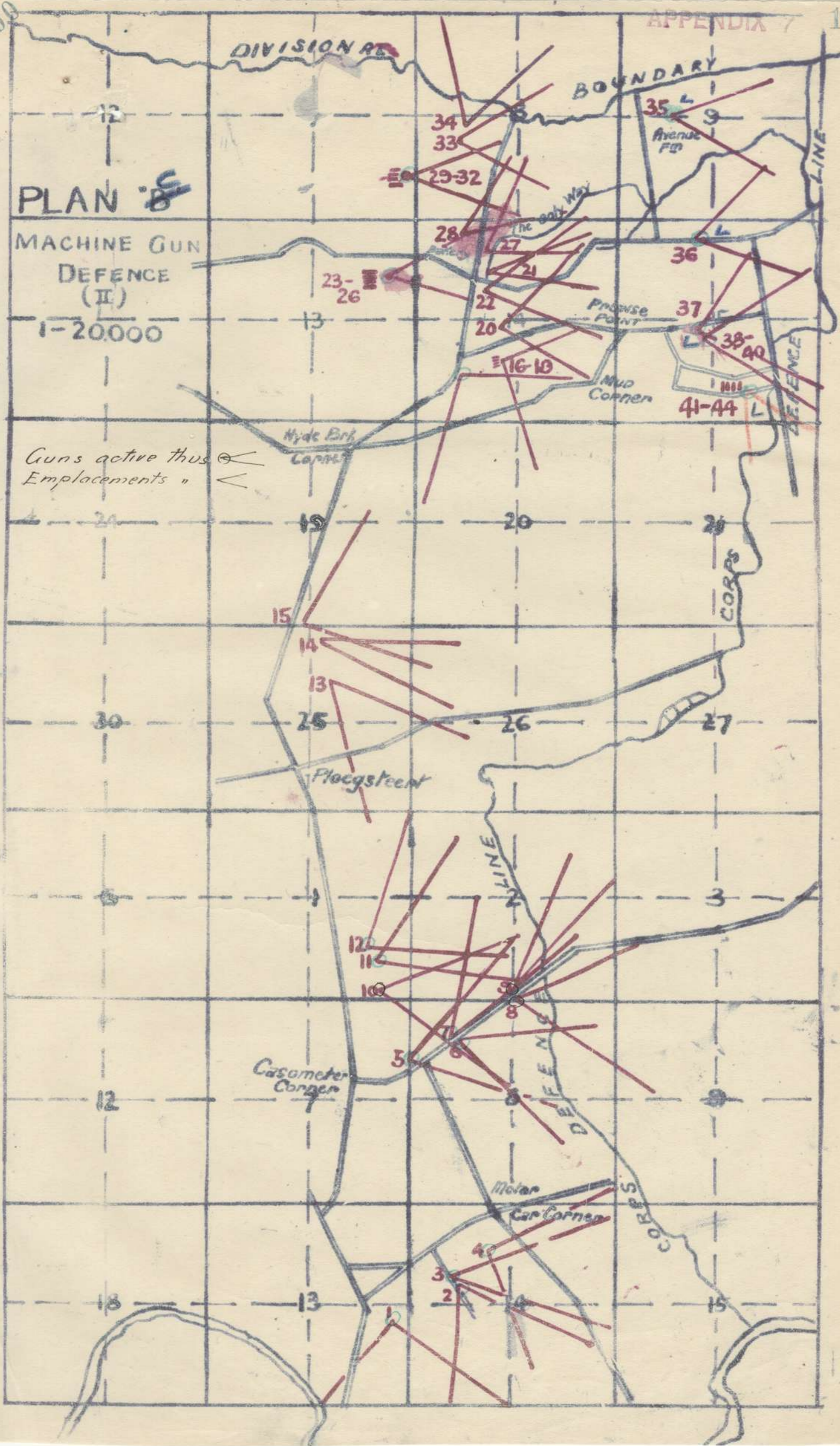
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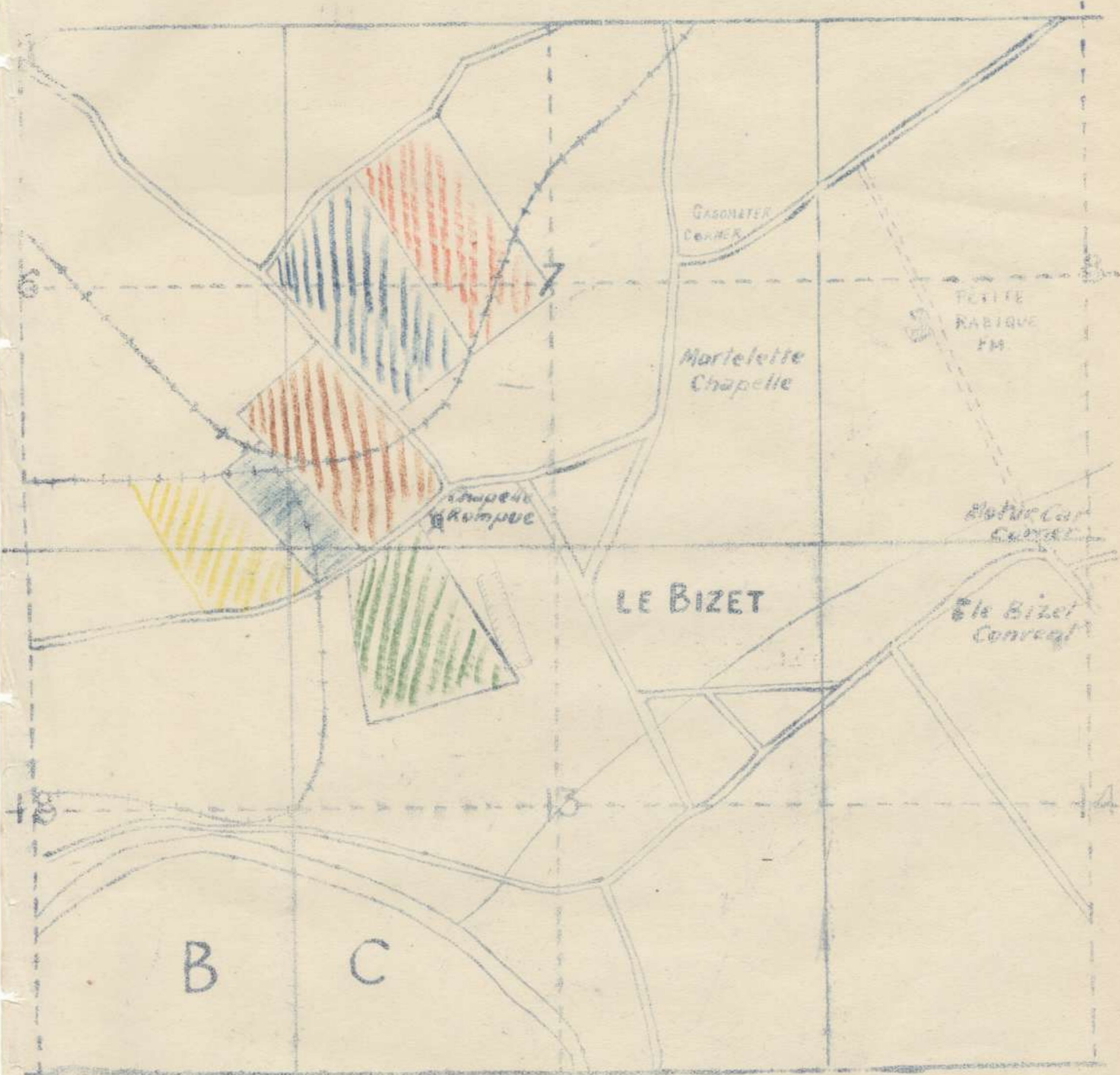
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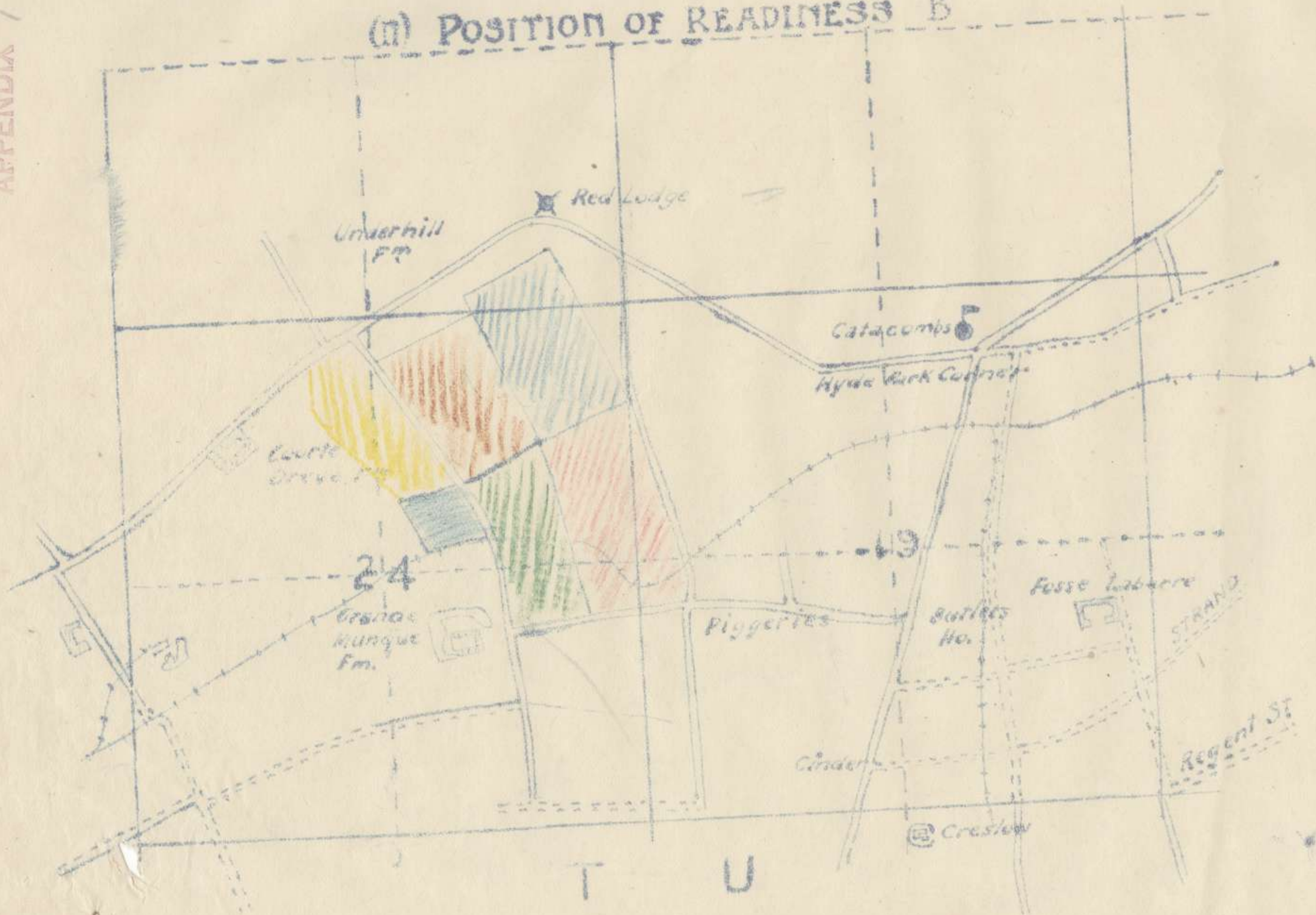


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B "		Adv. Bde. H.Q.	
C "			
D "			
MG Coy			
T.M. Bty			

(a) POSITION OF READINESS 'B'

PLAN

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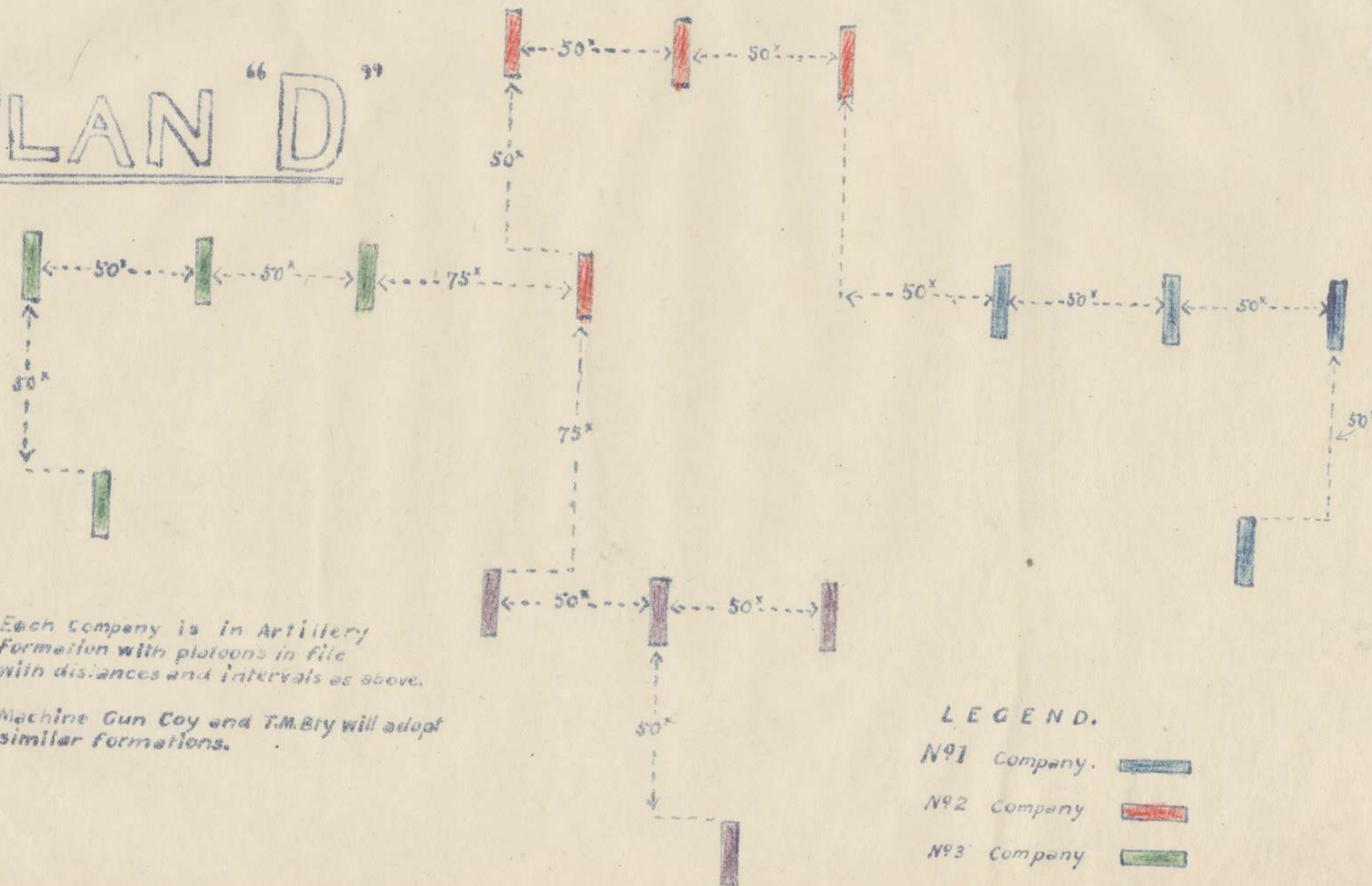
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- 'A' B' [Blue hatched box]
- 'B' [Red hatched box]
- 'C' [Green hatched box]
- 'D' [Orange hatched box]
- M.G. Coy [Yellow hatched box]
- T.M. Bty. [Dark blue hatched box]
- Report Centre X
- Adv. Bde. H.Q. P

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(III) Formation of Battalion when at the Position of Readiness.

PLAN "D"



Each Company is in Artillery Formation with platoons in file with distances and intervals as above.

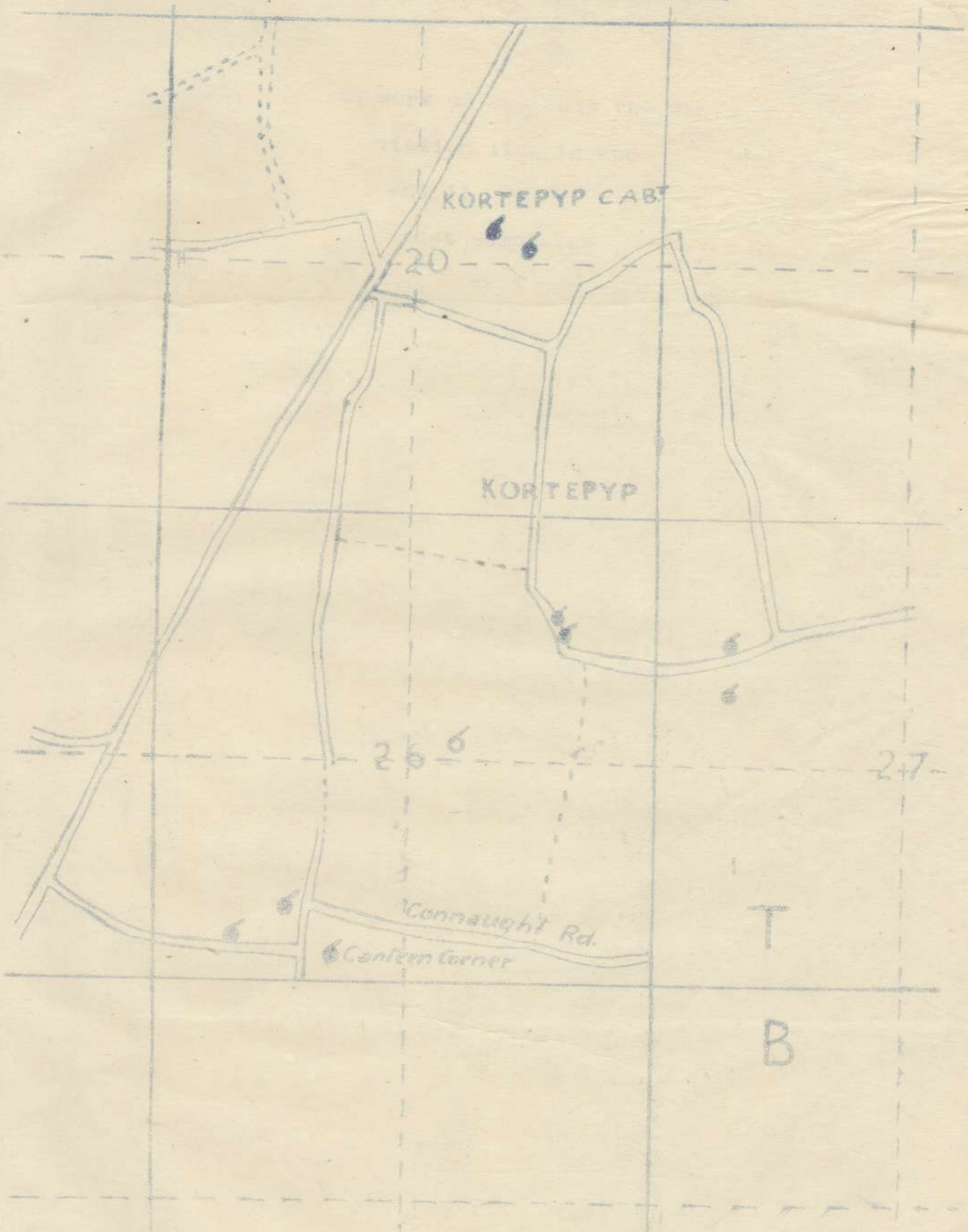
Machine Gun Coy and T.M. Coy will adopt similar formations.

- LEGEND.
- No. 1 Company. █
 - No. 2 Company. █
 - No. 3 Company. █
 - No. 4 Company. █



PLAN "F"

Anti-Aircraft Lewis Guns



Reference.

A.A. Lewis Gun. 6

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APPENDIX "D"

NUCLEUS GARRISONS

To facilitate work on 2nd Zone the whole of "D" Battalion and 2 Coys. of "C" Battalion live in 2nd Zone Area as shown in Appendix "A" Tables I and II

As the work is almost completed 1 Battalion may now supply Nucleus Garrisons thus leaving 3 Battalions for Counter Attack purposes.

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6th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE
ORDER No.116

Ref. Maps Sheet 28 1/40,000
Sheet 36 1/40,000

11th January, 1918.

1. The 6th A.I. Brigade will relieve the 7th A.I. Bde. in the Left Brigade Sector of the line between the 12th and 14th inst.
2. Details of the relief will be arranged mutually between C.O's concerned.
3. All Defence Schemes, Maps, Sketches, Air Photos, Log Books, Intelligence connected with the front, Trench and Area Stores will be taken over on relief and receipts obtained duplicates being forwarded to Bde. Hdqrs. by noon 14th instant.
4. Completion of relief will be wired to Bde. Hdqrs. in Code.
5. Command of the Left Bde. Sector 2nd Aust. Divn. will pass to G.O.C. 6th A.I. Bde., on completion of relief.
6. Administrative arrangements will be issued separately.
7. Bde. Hdqrs. will close at T.20.c.5.5. when relief is complete and re-open at LE ROMARIN B.4.c.2.8.

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Issued to Signals at 4P.....

Distribution.-

1. File
2. War Diary
3. " "
4. G.O.C.
5. Bde. Major
6. Staff Capt.
7. 21st Bn.
8. 22nd "
9. 23rd "
10. 24th "
11. 6th A.M.G. Coy.
12. 6th L.T.M. Bty.
13. 2nd Aust. Divn.)
14. 7th A.I. Bde.) For information
15. 5th A.I. Bde.)
- 16 - 20 Spare

Stan Gavige Captain,
A/Brigade Major 6th Inf. Bde. A.I.F.

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RELIEF TABLE TO ACCOMPANY 6th A. I. BDE. ORDER NO.116

Date.-	Disposition.-	Unit.-	Relieving.-	Locality.-	Remarks.-
1918 Jan 12th	"B" Bn.	24th Battalion	28th Bn.	Left Bn. Sector Front Line	Entrain CONNAUGHT Siding at 3.30 p.m. Adv. Parties to take over on 11th instant.
" 12th	"C" Bn.	23rd Battalion	21st Bn.	CATACOMBS	Entrain at Connaught Siding at 2.15 p.m. Nucleus Garrisons will be relieved by noon.
" 12th	"D" Bn.	21st Battalion	26th Bn.	ROMARIN CAMP	Entrain at HYDE PARK CORNER 1.30 p.m. Nucleus Garrisons will be relieved by noon
" 13th	"A" Bn.	22nd Battalion	25th Bn.	Right Bn. Sector Front Line	Entrain at CONNAUGHT Siding at 3.30 p.m. Adv. party to take over on 12th instant.
" 13th		6th A.M.G.Coy.	7th A.M.G. Coy.	Forward Area	Trains from CONNAUGHT Siding at 1.30 p.m. and 3.30 p.m.
		6th L.T.M.Bty.	7th L.T.M. Bty.	-do-	-do-

NOTE.- Snipers and Observers will take over from 7th A.I. Brigade on the 12th instant.
Arrangements to be made mutually between Officers concerned.

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6th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE
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Brigade Headquarters
11th January, 1918.

ADMINISTRATIVE MEMO TO ACCOMPANY BDE. ORDER No.116

Ref. Maps Sheet 28 N.W. 1/20,000
Sheet 36 N.W. 1/20,000
PLOGSTEERT 1/10,000

1. SUPPLIES.- Rations will be drawn for the present by 1st Line Transport. Rations for line Battalions, M.G.Coy. and T.M.Bty. are sent forward at 2 p.m. daily on the Light Railway from ROMARIN SIDING to RACINE U.20.b.5.7.

From RACINE they are pushed on Trench tramway on the Lip to the junction of the subsidiary line and tram track U.9.b.7.1. from which place they are carried forward.

On the Right rations are pushed to the vicinity of ST YVES, POST OFFICE. from which place they are carried forward to the front line.

Each unit will send their own personnel to load the trucks and push them up.

21st Battalion will detail 1 Sergeant and 4 men who will be responsible for having trucks ready. These men live at the Railhead U.20.b.4.6. and will report for duty at 10 a.m. on 13th inst.

Rations for the Support and Reserve Battalions are delivered by 1st Line Transport.

RESERVE RATIONS.- Reserve Rations are located as follows:-

		<u>General Purpose Rations</u>			
<u>Right</u>	U.16.b.3.3.	...	750	Iron	Rations
	U.16.b.5.5.	...	750	"	"
<u>Left</u>	U.9.d.7.9.	...	750	"	"
	U.9.d.7.3.	...	750	"	"

		<u>Supporting Point Rations</u>			
<u>Right</u>	U.15.c.9.5.	..	375 lbs.	Biscuits	450 Tins P.M.
<u>Left</u>	U.14.d.7.5.	..	375 "	"	450 " "

Right and left Battalions will relieve a Guard of 1 N.C.O. and 2 men on each of these posts excepting U.14.d.7.5. where no Guard is necessary - all reporting by noon 13th instant.

Refilling Point ROMARIN as usual. B.10.b.1.7.

2. COOKING ARRANGEMENTS.

Right "A" Bn. Hot meals are cooked for "A" Bn. at DEAD HORSE CORNER. They are sent to the front line as follows:-

(a) The Company that is to relieve the front Left Coy. at night send their carrying party back to the kitchens at 3.30 p.m. and carry forward the Company evening meal.

(b) The evening meal for the two Companies in the front line is carried forward by parties detailed from the Reserve Coy.

(c) Hot soup for the two Companies in the trenches is carried forward by a small party from the Reserve Company, leaving the kitchens at 11 p.m.

(d) A hot meal of porridge and tea or cocoa leaves the kitchens at 3.30 a.m. Carrying party supplied from Reserve Coy.

(e) The Cooks work in two shifts.

(f) The hot food is carried forward in hot food containers.

Left "B" Bn. Hot meals are cooked for the Bn. on open fires and with camp kettles, in the subsidiary line.

All rations are distributed from this line.

Meals are served at the following hours.-

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Breakfast 7 a.m.
 Dinner 12 noon
 Tea 5 p.m.
 Soup - Tea 12 midnight

All meals are carried forward by Reserve Coy. in Hot Food Containers.

"C" & "D" Bns. have the use of the Field Kitchens at the Camps.

3. MEDICAL ARRANGEMENTS

R.A.P's are situated at.-

(a) DOUVE VALLEY U.10.a.5.6.

(b) CRATER U.15.d.9.6.

Bearer Relay Posts are located as follows.-

Right Battalion DEAD HORSE CORNER U.21.a.8.8.

Left " BUNHILL ROW U.20.a.8.4.

At HYDE PARK CORNER, U.19.b.5.7. wounded are placed on Ambulance and conveyed to A.D.S. underhill FARM, thence to M.D.S. PONT D'ACHELLES, B.8.b.2.5.

Divisional Rest Station is located at WESTHOF FARM T.19.b.4.5.

A Dental Surgery is established at PONT D'ACHELLES B.8.b.2.5.

4. SANITATION There is good Latrine accommodation in the posts and line but it must be improved by all garrisons and latrines plainly marked.

Small pieces of trench must not be used. As many box seats as possible are to be put in.

Excreta must be buried each night at least 10 yds from post and locality marked.

A regular supply of cresol or chloride of lime must be maintained in the line and wherever men are located.

All refuse is to be buried and localities marked.

5. AMMUNITION.- Battalion dumps are already formed and will be taken over by units concerned.-

The Divisional Dump is situated at DOU DOU B.5.c.75.65.

Brigade Dumps - DEAD HORSE CORNER (No.1) U.21.a.4.9.

PROWSE POINT (No.2) U.14.b.9.3.

1. Units will be responsible for their own ammunition Supplies' which will be drawn from Brigade Dumps at PROWSE POINT U.14.b.9.3. (for Left Sector Battalions) and DEAD HORSE CORNER U.21.a.25.90. (for Right Sector Battalions).

2. Alternative routes for bringing up further supplies from the Brigade Dumps in case of emergency will also be reconnoitred. All Transport Officers to be conversant with transport routes to be used in case of emergency and otherwise. In event of echelon called up, they will move to U.8.c.80.75. (Left Battalion) and HYDE PARK CORNER (Right Battalion) on orders from Brigade.

3. All dumps will be clearly marked by direction and notice boards.

4. All ammunition must be kept dry and clean, and examined frequently.

5. Dumps will be made weather-proof.

6. Men will only use ammunition from their pouchers as a last resort.

7. Battalions will furnish a daily return of ammunition expenditure by 9 a.m.

8. The following establishment of ammunition will be maintained by units in addition to what is carried on the man.-

Description	Bn. Dumps each	Coy. Dumps each	Platoon Dumps each	Bays & Posts each.-
<u>FRONT BATTALIONS</u>				
S.A.A. Rifle	60,000	12,000	3,000	2,000
" L.G.	32,000	16,000	5,000	1,000
" TRACER	1,000	per Battalion Sector		
" A.P.	1,000	"	"	"
Grenades Mills No.5	2,500	240	60	2 per man
" " " 23	1,000	240	60	2 : :
" Hales No.24	1,000	200	50	
Very Lights White 1"	1,000	500	100	50
" " " 1 1/2	750	250	50	25

Description	Bn. Dumps	Coy. Dumps	Platoon Dumps	Bays & Posts
	each	each	each	
	SUPPORT	BATTALION	CATACOMBS	
S.A.Az Rifle		..	50,000	
" L.G.		..	50,000	
" Tracer		..	1,000	
" A.P.		..	1,000	
Grenades Mills No.5			2,000	
" " No.23			250.	
<u>RESERVE BATTALION ROMARIN</u>				
S.A.A.		100,000		
Bombs		64 cases		
Hand Grenades		1,008		
Riflo "		617		

MACHINE GUN COMPANY
(To be drawn from DEAD HORSE CORNER DUMP)
S.A.A. 80,000

TRENCH MORTAR BATTERY
Stokes 3" Shells 2,500) Half
" Green Cartridges 2500) each Bde.
" Ring Chargers 5000) Dump.

6. SALVAGE.-

- Each Battalion in the line will salvage its area back to battalion H.Q. and bring the material back to RACINE by means of push trucks. area
- The Support Battalion will salvage from line North & South through Bn. H.Q. in the line back to CATACOMBS and dump near Railway at HYDE PARK CORNER. area
- The Reserve Bn. will salvage from ROMARIN CAMP to CATACOMBS.
- In all cases the dump will be formed close to Railway or Tram line or main road.
- All parties coming back from line must bring back some article of salvage and place in a dump.
- A return of all material salvaged will be rendered to Bde. Hdqrs. by 12 noon daily giving location of dump.

7. LIGHT RAILWAYS.-

- A 60 cm Light Railway is connected up with the broad gauge railway at LA CRECHE and DUKE OF CONNAUGHT Railroad (T.26.c.central) and serves the area as far East as RACINE DUMP U.20.b.4.6.
- The Light Railway connects with the trench tramway at U.20.b.5.8. for Left Battalion, and U.21.a.1.8. for Right Bn.
- Two Bns. make use of Light Railway and Tramways for supplies. Train leaves ROMARIN SIDING at 2 p.m. daily.
- Relieving troops and working parties may be conveyed by Railway to HYDE PARK CORNER or RACINE DUMP entraining either at DE SEULE or ROMARIN.
- All arrangements for trains must be made with Bde. Hdqrs. 24 hours ahead of time required.

8. WATER.-

- Water for drinking purposes is drawn from water point at T.27.b.9.9. and transferred into petrol tins at the Q.M. Stores. From there it is sent up with the daily rations.
- Water for cooking is drawn from wells as follows.-

Left Bn. H.Q.	U.9.b.5.2.
Right Bn. H.Q.	U.15.b.5.2.
CHASSEUR CABARET	U.17.a.2.4.
ANTONS FARM	B.15.b.8.9.

 Water from these wells to be chlorinated and boiled.
- Shallow wells are situated at.-

U.10.b.2.0.	U.9.d.5.0.
U.10.d.7.0.	U.9.d.5.4.
U.16.b.7.2.	U.9.d.5.6.
U.9.a.5.0.	U.9.d.8.9.
U.9.a.5.1.	U.15.b.3.2.
U.9.a.5.3.	U.15.b.9.4.
U.9.a.4.3.	U.15.b.8.9.
U.9.c.3.8.	U.16.b.7.2.

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9. TRANSPORT LINES.-

Transport Lines are located as follows.-

Bde. H.Q.	RUE DU SAC	B.3.d.9.8.
21st Battalion	VICKERS LINES	B.3.d.8.9.
22nd Bn.	WARRINGTON LINES	B.3.d.4.9.
23rd Bn.	CODFORD LINES	B.3.d.9.9.
24th Bn.	ANTRIM Lines	T.28.b.7.4.
6th M.G.Coy.		B.8.c.2.8.

Transport will move on the 12th inst. under Bde. Transport Officers arrangements.

10. Q.M.STORES Q.M.Stores are located with Transport Lines excepting 21st Bn. which is at VICKERS CAMP. B.4.c.4.9.
11. GUM BOOTS The 7th Bde. Gum Boot Store and Drying Room is situated at CATACOMBS U.19.b.2.9. Boots will be issued only on the production of an order from C.O's or Adjutants and Officer 7th Field Coy. A.E.
12. SOCKS.- Each unit going into the line carries 3 pairs of socks. Socks are changed daily, 2 men per platoon being detailed to take charge of the socks and bring them to Drying Shed at CATACOMBS where they will receive a pair of dry socks for every pair of dirty ones handed in.
O.C. Drying Room will be responsible for a supply of dry socks being available at all times.
Bde. Transport Officer will detail Transport daily to take up clean sock and bring down dirty ones to PAPOT Baths.
13. BATHS.- Baths are situated at PAPOT, B.3.c.8.4. and HYDE PARK CORNER where clean clothing is issued. Allotment for Baths will be issued separately from time to time by Brigade for PAPOT and Lieut AGNEW ^{for} HYDE PARK CORNER.
14. FOOT TREATMENT The utmost attention must be paid to prevention of Trench Feet and supplies of powder and soap sent to the line by all units and used under direct supervision of Officers.
Foot washing troughs are installed in the Support and Reserve Lines.
15. CEMETERY The Cemetery used by the Brigade is at CHATEAU RUSENBERG Extension at T.18.d.2.8.
16. R.E.DUMP MAIN DUMP .. RACINE U.20.b.4.7.
This is supplied by Light Railway from the rear. From RACINE the material is pushed forward to the terminus of the line and then carried to dumps at.-
Right Battalion U.17.a.1.4.
Left " U.11.a.4.0.
17. AREA COMMANDANTS
Sub-Area Commandants.-
Lieut. PARKES, 27th Bn. WARRINGTON LINES
B.3.d.4.9.
Lieut. AGNEW 21st Bn. CATACOMBS.
18. OFFICERS CLUB. There is an Officers Club run by the Y.M.C.A. in RUE DU SAC.
19. CINEMA ETC. A Cinema and Recreation Hut is located near Bde. H.Q. in RUE DU SAC.
20. GUARDS ETC. As per Appendix "A" Attached.
21. SOUP KITCHEN. The 7th Bde. Soup Kitchen at HYDE PARK CORNER will be taken over by Chaplain CLEVERDON on 13th inst.

22. TRENCH DISCIPLINE

Trench Discipline must be strictly maintained. Rifles must not be allowed to rust or left lying about on posts. Loose S.A.A. must be picked up.

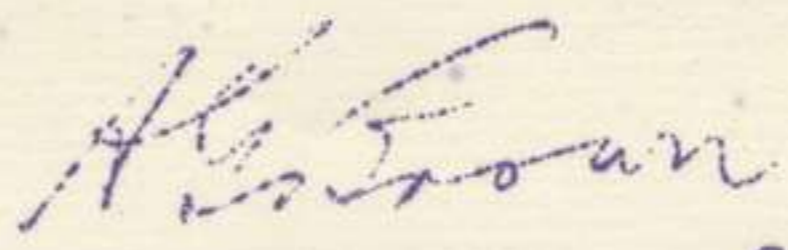
23. Area Stores

Area Stores will on no account be removed from the Area on relief. On relief all stores are to be handed over to Relieving Unit and receipts in duplicate forwarded to Bde. Hdqrs. 24 hours after relief.

Receipts in duplicate for all Stores and Ammunition taken over to be sent to Bde. Hdqrs. 24 hours after relief.

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Captain,
Staff Captain 6th Inf. Bde. A.I.F.

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- 14. 5th A.I.Bde.
- 15. 7th A.I.Bde.
- 16. B.T.O.
- 17. S.O., 16th A.A.S.C.
- 18. Bde. Bomb Officer
- 19. Lieut. Hogarth
- 20 - 24 Spare.

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APPENDIX "A"

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Location of work	Strength	Unit taking over	Date relief to be complete.-
Soup Kitchen HYDE PARK Corner	1 Chaplain 4 O.R's	23rd Bn.	Noon 13th Inst.
Gum Boot Store & Drying Room Hyde PARK CORNER.	1 Officer 9 O.R's	21st Bn.	Noon 13th inst.
Trench Tramway Controller U.20.b.4.6.	1 Sgt. 4 O.R's	21st Bn.	Noon 13th inst.
Wireless Carrying Pty. at Div. Sig. Coy, D.H.Q.	6 O.R's	21st Bn.	10 a.m. 13th inst
PAPOT BATHS	4 O.R's	21st Bn.	Noon 13th inst.
Bde. Ammunition Dumps	6 O.R's	21st Bn.	9 a.m. 12th inst.
HYDE PARK BATHES	11 O.R's	23rd Bn.	10 a.m. 13th inst
Railhead U.20.b.4.6.	1 Sergeant 4 O.R's	21st Bn.	10 a.m. 13th inst

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ADMINISTRATIVE MEMO

APPENDIX 2

APPENDIX "B"

COMMUNICATIONS

D.R.L.S. A Motor D.R. will run from Bde. Hdqrs. to Brigade Relay Post at the CATACOMBS daily arriving at CATACOMBS at the following times.-

7.15 a.m.

11.15 a.m.

3.15 p.m.

7.15 p.m.

Battalions in line, Support Bn., M.G.Coy. and T.M. Battery will send runners to Bde. Relay Post to meet D.R. at the above times.

PIGEONS.- Two birds per Battalion in the line will be sent from Brigade Headquarters to Bde. Relay Post daily. Battalions will send a Pigeoneer to Relay Post to collect birds at 11 a.m. daily.

VISUAL.- Battalions will make the greatest possible use of Visual Signalling. Afternoon situation reports from Battalions in the line will be sent by Lucas Lamp from Battalion Visual Stations to Brigade Visual Station on HILL 63.

Four Signallers from Support Bn. will report to Sergeant ROBERTS, Bde. Sigs. at Bde. Relay Post on 13th inst. at 11 a.m.

They will be rationed by Brigade Sigs. from and including 15th inst.

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Redmond Lake Captain,
A/Brigade Major 6th Inf. Bde. A.I.F.

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APPENDIX 3

War Diary *App 3*

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6th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 117

Ref. Maps Sheet 28, 1/40,000
Sheet 36, 1/40,000

17th January, 1918

1. The 6th Aust. Inf. Brigade will carry out an Inter-Battalion Relief between 20th and 22nd instant.
2. For details of relief see attached table.
3. C.O.'s of Units will mutually arrange any detail not covered by attached table.
4. Advance Parties will proceed to Front Line on night before unit is relieved.
5. All Defence Schemes, Maps, Sketches, Air Photos, Log Books, Intelligence connected with the front, Trench and Area Stores will be taken over on relief and receipts obtained, duplicate being forwarded to Bde. Hdqrs. by 12 noon following night of relief of unit.
6. Administrative arrangements will be issued separately.
7. Dress as per S.S.135.
8. Completion of relief will be wired to Bde. Hdqrs. in Code.
9. Bde. Hdqrs. will remain at LE ROMARIN, B.4.c.2.8.

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1. 21st Bn.
2. 22nd "
3. 23rd "
4. 24th "
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6. 6th L.T.M. Bty.
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Frederick Sale Captain,
A/Brigade Major 6th Inf. Bde. A.I.F.

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RELIEF TABLE TO ACCOMPANY 6th A.I. BRIGADE ORDER No.117

APPENDIX 2

Date.- 1918	Unit Relieving.-	Unit being relieved	Disposition	Remarks.-
20th January	23rd Battalion	24th Battalion	Front Line (Left)	24th Battalion proceeds to CATACOMBS.
21st January	21st Battalion	22nd Battalion	Front Line (Right)	21st Bn. entrains at ROMARIN SIDING at 3.30 p.m. & 4 p.m. (2 Coys. in each train). 22nd Bn. will entrain at HYDE PARK CORNER at 8 p.m. & 8.30 p.m. and proceed to ROMARIN CAMP.

On completion of reliefs units will be known thus:-

Front Line Right	21st Battalion	"A" Battalion
" " Left	23rd "	"B" "
Support CATACOMBS	24th "	"C" "
Reserve ROMARIN	22nd "	"D" "

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6th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM

(To accompany Bde. Order No.117)

Ref. Maps Sheet 28, 1/40,000
Sheet 38, 1/40,000

17th January, 1918.

1. Administrative Memo. of 11th inst. which accompanied Bde. Order No.116 is still in force, this being only supplementary.
2. Gum Boots & Soiled Socks. These will not be handed over by one Battalion to another but returned direct to the Drying Room at the CATACOMBS.
3. Ammunition Stores etc. All ammunition dumps and stores will be taken over and one copy of receipts forwarded to Bde. Hdqrs. within 24 hours of relief.
4. Dress.- The Support and Reserve Battalions will dump Puttees and Hats under unit arrangements and each man will move into the line wearing sandbags.
5. Ration Bags. During wet weather the bread and biscuit portion of the ration must be sent forward in waterproof bags. Owing to the shortage of these it is necessary that they be sent back to Q.M.Stores promptly.
6. Prevention of Trench Feet. Attention is again drawn to the necessity for the most complete precaution to combat trench feet. All socks issued from the Drying Room are dusted with Calc Powder and there is a plentiful supply of dry socks, powder and soap.

W. Brown

Captain,
Staff Captain 6th Inf. Bde. A.I.F.

Distribution as per
Bde. Order No.117.

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6th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

Brigade Headquarters
19th Jan., 1918

ADDENDUM TO BRIGADE ORDER NO.117

The following amendments to dispositions will take place when the Inter Battalion Relief is carried out between 20th & 22nd instant.

LINE (RIGHT)

<u>21st Battalion.-</u>	2 Coy's.	Line	<i>+close Support</i>
	1 Coy.	Support	ST YVES, U.15.c.
	1 "	Reserve	PROWSE POINT.

LINE (LEFT)

<u>23rd Battalion.-</u>	2 Coy's	Line	<i>+close Support</i>
	1 Coy.	Support	U.9.b.&d.
	1 "	Reserve	CATACOMBS.

SUPPORT

<u>24th Battalion.-</u>	3 Coy's.	CATACOMBS
	1 Coy.	RED LODGE

RESERVE

22nd Battalion.- LE ROMARIN CAMP.

Acknowledge.-

Hubert Cole
Captain,
A/Brigade Major 6th Inf. Bde. A.I.F.

Issued to Signals at

Distribution.-

- 1. 21st Bn.)
- 2. 22nd ")
- 3. 23rd ")
- 4. 24th ")
- 5. 6th M.G.Coy.)
- 6. 6th L.I.M.Sty.)
- 7. G.O.C.)
- 8. Bde. Major)
- 9. Staff Captain)
- 10. 2nd Aust. Divn.)
- 11. 2nd A.I.Bde.) For information.
- 12. 5th A.I.Bde.)
- 13. 7th A.I.Bde.)
- 14. File)
- 15. War Diary)
- 16. " ")
- 17. Area Commdt. CATACOMBS.)

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6th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 119

MIBOR OPERATION

25th January 1918

1. At Zero time on 25th January Left Group Artillery, Heavy Trench Mortars and Heavy Artillery will co-operate with 6th M.G. Coy. & 6th L.T.M. Bty. with the object of inflicting casualties and destroying enemy T.M. & M.G. positions.
2. Artillery action as per attached schedule.
3. 6th L.T.M. Bty. will engage known enemy M.G. & T.M. positions at.-
 - U.18.a.30.35.
 - U.18.a.25.75.
 - U.18.a.60.80.
 - U.18.c.30.10.
 - U.11.d.25.40.
4. 6th M.G. Coy. will barrage from U.18.a.7.7. to U.12.c.4.4.
5. At Zero plus 2 hours until Zero plus 2 hrs. 10 minutes 6th M.G. Coy. & 6th L.T.M. Bty. will again fire on same targets.
6. 6th L.T.M. Bty. will fire 30 rounds on each occasion.
6th M.G. Coy. will fire at rate of 150 rounds per minute for 15 minutes.
7. Zero time 5 p.m.

Acknowledge.-

Issued to Signals at 8PM

Edmund Sel
 Captain,
 A/Brigade Major 6th Inf. Bde. A.I.F.

Distribution.-

1. 1st Bn.
2. 2nd "
3. 3rd "
4. 4th "
5. 6th M.G. Coy.
6. 6th L.T.M. Bty.
7. 2nd Aust. Divn.)
8. 5th A.I. Bde.) For information.
9. 3rd A.I. Bde.)
10. 7th Fld. Coy.)
11. File
12. War Diary
13. " "
14. 4 A.I. Bde.

LEFT GROUP ARTILLERY

Battery	No. of Guns	Target	Rate of Fire.-
0. to 0.15	10th	One Section	U.12.a.15.60
	10th	" "	U.12.c.43.53
	10th	" "	U.12.c.80.20
	11th	One Section	U.11.d.90.40
	11th	" "	U.12.c.55.72
	11th	" "	U.12.d.75.35
	12th	One Section	U.12.b.45.10
	12th	" "	U.12.c.95.50
	12th	" "	U.12.c.95.55
	13th	One Section	U.12.c.95.55
	13th	" "	U.12.d.10.90
	13th	" "	U.12.c.90.70
	15th	One Section	U.12.c.95.50
	15th	" "	U.12.c.80.10
	15th	" "	U.12.c.35.52

6.5" Hows. will fire one How. on each of the following points.-

- U.12.d.47.59.
- U.12.c.68.28.
- U.12.a.12.92.
- U.12.c.46.55.
- U.12.c.30.10.
- U.12.c.95.55.

TRENCH MORTARS

9.45" Trench Mortars

0. to 0.5	H.T.M.	YELLOW
0.5 to 0.10	H.T.M.	GREEN
0.10 to 0.15	H.T.M.	BLUE

6" Boston Trench Mortar

0. to 0.5	6" T.M.	RED
0.5. to 0.10	6" T.M.	BLUE
0.10 to 0.15	6" T.M.	BROWN

15 pdr. Ammunition 25% A. 75% A.K.

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6th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 118

Ref. Maps Sheet 28, 1/40,000
Sheet 36, 1/40,000

24th January, 1918.

1. The 6th A.I.Bde. will be relieved by the 10th A.I.Bde. and part of the 11th A.I.Bde. in the Left Brigade Sector of the Line on the 27th January, 1918.
2. For details of relief see attached table.
3. C.O's of Units will mutually arrange any detail not covered by attached table.
4. All Defence Schemes, Maps, Sketches, Air Photos, Log Books, Intelligence connected with the Front, Trench & Area Stores will be handed over on relief and receipts obtained - 2 copies being forwarded to Bde. Hdqrs. by 12'noon, 28th January.
5. Transport of all Units will be Brigaded at HILLSIDE SOUTH CAMP at T.14.d.3.9. Bde. Transport Officer will arrange move.
6. Administrative arrangements will be issued later.
7. Billeting Parties from each unit will report at Bde. Hdqrs. LE ROMARIN at 9.30 a.m. 27th inst.
8. Completion of relief will be wired to Bde. Hdqrs. in Code.
9. Command of Left Brigade Sector will pass to G.O.C. 10th A.I.Bde. on completion of relief.
10. Bde. Hdqrs. will close at LE ROMARIN B.4.c.2.1. when relief is completed and re-open at WATERLOO CAMP S.18.c.8.2.

A c k n o w l e d g e .-

Issued to Signals at Distribution.-

1. 21st Bn.
2. 22nd "
3. 23rd "
4. 24th "
5. 6th M.G.Coy.
6. 6th T.M.Bty.
7. G.O.C.
8. Bde. Major
9. Staff Captain
10. 2nd Aust. Divn.)
11. Bde. Transport Officer)
12. 2nd A.I.Bde.)
13. 5th A.I.Bde.)
14. 7th A.I.Bde.)
15. 10th A.I.Bde.) For information
16. Area Commdt. CATACOMBS.)
17. 11th A.I.Bde.)
18. File
19. War Diary
20. " "
- 21 - 24 Spare

Frederick Dale Captain,
A/Brigade Major 6th Inf. Bde. A.I.F.

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RELIEF TABLE TO ACCOMPANY 6th A. I. BRIGADE ORDER No.118

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Date.-	Unit.-	Position.-	Relieved by.-	Move after relief.	Remarks.-
27th Jan.	24th Battalion	CATACOMBS	39th Battalion	Entrain HYDE PARK CORNER. Detrain at CONNAUGHT Siding and Route March to T.14.b.90.35. (Billets).	Train arrangement later. Relief to be completed by 1 p.m.
27th Jan.	22nd Battalion	ROMARIN	43rd Battalion	Route March to T.15.a.9.4. (Hutments)	Relief to be completed by 2 p.m.
27th Jan.	21st Battalion	Line Right	37th Battalion	Entrain at RACINE. Detrain at CONNAUGHT SIDING and Route March to T.15.a.4.2. (Hutments)	Train arrangements later.
27th Jan.	23rd Battalion	Line Left	38th Battalion	Entrain at HYDE PARK CORNER. Detrain at CONNAUGHT Siding and Route March to ALDERSHOT CAMP T.20.a.	Train arrangements later.
27th Jan.	6th M.G.Coy.	Line	10th M.G.Coy.	Entrain at RACINE. Detrain at CONNAUGHT Siding and Route March to KENT CAMP T.25.d.2.3.	Train arrangements later.
27th Jan.	6th T.M.Bty.	Line	10th T.M.Bty.	Entrain at HYDE PARK CORNER. Detrain CONNAUGHT Siding and Route March to ALDERSHOT CAMP T.20.a.	Train arrangements later.

Distances to be maintained between Units on the March.-

Battalions	500 yds.
Companies	100 "
Unit & its Transport	100 "

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6th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM TO ACCOMPANY BDE. ORDER No.118

Ref. Maps sheet 28 1/40,000
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28th Jan. 1918

1. BILLETING PARTIES. Billeting parties will report to Staff Capt. Brigade Hdqrs. RUE de SAC, ROMARIN at 9.30 a.m. on 27th inst.
2. MOBILE ECHELON. Units will move with Mobile Echelon complete.
3. SUPPLIES. Normal on 27th inst. On 28th & 29th Rations will be drawn by Train Waggon and refilled at LA CRECHE.
4. TRENCH & AREA STORES. All Trench & Area Stores will be handed over on relief and receipts in duplicate sent to Ede. Hdqrs. within 24 hours after relief.
5. GUM BOOTS. The 6th A.M.G. Coy. will hand over their Gum Boots to relieving unit in the line. All other Gum Boots must be sent back to the Gum Boot Store as soon as possible. The two line Battalions will return their boots to Store by noon on 28th inst. The Staff of the Gum Boot Store will be relieved by 12 noon on 27th inst. and return direct to units.
6. AREA COMMANDANT. Lieut. AGNEW at RED LODGE will be relieved by 26th inst. also personnel at RED LODGE BATHS.
7. WORKING PARTIES. All parties with 7th Field Coy. Engineers will return to units on 26th instant. All other parties will be relieved and returned to Units by noon 27th instant.
8. BATHS. Baths allotment has been issued separately and covers period up to 29th instant.
9. ORDNANCE. Ordnance will close on 28th inst. and unserviceable articles will not be accepted after noon on that date.

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Brigade Order
No.118

Al Brown
Captain,
Staff Captain 6th Inf. Ede. A.I.F.

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TRAIN ARRANGEMENTS TO ACCOMPANY BDE. ORDER NO. 118

Date.-	Unit.-	From.-	To.-	At.-	No. of Men	Remarks.-
Jan. 27th	21st Battalion	RACINE	CONNAUGHT SIDING	3.30 p.m.	250 men	
-do-	21st Battalion	"	"	9.00 p.m.	300 men	Part of 21st Bn. will be on a second train which will start shortly after 9 p.m.
-do-	6th A.S. Coy.	"	"	"	100 "	
-do-	23rd Battalion	HYDE PARK CORNER	"	2.30 p.m.	250 men	
-do-	23rd Battalion	"	"	9.15 p.m.	400 men	Part of 23rd Bn. will be on a second train which will start shortly after 9.15 p.m.
	6th T. Coy.	"	"	"	50 men	
-do-	24th Battalion	HYDE PARK CORNER	"	10.30 a.m.	275 men	
	" "	"	"	12 noon	275 "	

H. Dewick Captain,
A/brigade Major 6th Inf. Bde. A.I.F.

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6th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO.120
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Ref. Maps HAZEBROUCK 5a 1/100,000
CALAIS 13 1/100,000
Sheet 28 1/40,000

26th January, 1918

1. The 6th A.I.Bde. Group will move from RAVELSBERG - NEUVE EGLISE Area to LOTTINGHEM Brigade Sub-area in accordance with attached tables "A", "B" & "C".
2. Personnel of Group will move by train on 30th inst. in accordance with attached Table "A".
3. Transport less marching portion will move by March Route as per attached Table "B".
Capt. H.W. ENNIS, 16th A.A.S.C. will be in command.
Transport will pass the Starting Point S.17.b.7.0. Sheet 28 at 10 a.m. 29th inst. in the following order.-
 - 16th A.A.S.C.
 - 21st Battalion
 - 22nd "
 - 23rd "
 - 24th "
 - 6th B.H.Q.
 - 6th M.G.Coy.
 - 6th Field Ambulance
 - 6th " Engineers
4. Marching portion of Transport and baggage with accompanying personnel will entrain on 30th inst. as per attached Table "C". Major H.J. SMITH, 24th Bn. will be in command.
5. Dress.- Full Marching Order. Personnel will carry one blanket.
6. Personnel will report to Bde. Group Entraining Officer Lieut. R.K. BAZLEY at Entraining Station one hour before scheduled time of departure of train.
Each unit of personel of Group will detail an Entraining Officer
7. who will report with marching state of units to Lieut. R.K. BAZLEY M.C. one hour before troops arrive.
7. Marching portion of Transport will report to Major H.J. SMITH at entraining point 3 hours before scheduled departure of train.
8. The following Officers will act as Detraining Officers and will report immediately on arrival of train at destination to Staff Captain.-
 - Capt. W.J. GALBRAITH, 23rd Bn. 1st Train
 - Capt. W.R. HUNTER 22nd Bn. 2nd Train
9. No troops will enter Station Yard until permission of R.T.O. is given.
10. The following distances will be maintained between Units on the march.-
 - Between Companies ... 100 yds.
 - " Battalions ... 500 "
11. Units will be met by Guides under command of Staff Captain on arrival at LOTTINGHEM.
Omnibus Train will be met at DESVRES by guides under Lieut. HISLOP 23rd Bn. Staff Captain will post guides to meet Road portion of Transport at a point to be arranged with Bde. Transport Officer.

TABLE "A" PERSONNEL MOVE TABLE

Date.-	Unit.-	From.-	To.-	Entraining Point.-	Time of Departure	Detraining Point.-	Remarks.-
Jan.30th	21st Battalion	RAVELSBERG NEUVE EGLISE Area	BULESCAMP Area	DEKENNEBEK RAILHEAD	1.18 p.m.	LOTTINGHEM	Route March to Billets.-
-do-	22nd Battalion	"	SELLES.	"	2.8 p.m.	"	-do-
-do-	23rd Battalion	"	QUESQUES	"	1.18 p.m.	"	-do-
-do-	24th Battalion	"	LOTTINGHEM	"	2.8 p.m.	"	-do-
-do-	6th A.S.Coy.	"	WATTERDAL	"	1.18 p.m.	"	-do-
-do-	6th T.S.Bty.	"	WATTERDAL	"	1.18 p.m.	"	-do-
-do-	6th B.H.Q.	"	VELINGHEM	"	2.8 p.m.	"	-do-
-do-	6th Fld. Amb.	"	VIEL MOULIER	"	2.8 p.m.	"	-do-
-do-	6th Fld. Coy. Engineers	"	LONGUEVILLE	"	1.18 p.m.	"	-do-

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TABLE "D" TRANSPORT (Less Marching Portion)

Date.-	Unit.-	From.-	To.-	Route.-	Remarks.-
Jan.29th	6th A.I. Bde. Group	RAVELSBERG NEUVE EGLISE Area	STRAZELLE	Via BAILLEUL	March Route. Not to enter METEREN
Jan.30th	-do-	STRAZELLE	RENESECURE	HAZEBROUCK	March Route.
Jan.31st	-do-	RENESECURE	Billeting Area occupied by Unit.	ARQUES - WIZERNES - LUMBRES	March Route.

TABLE "C" OMNIBUS TRAIN

Date.-	Unit.-	From.-	To.-	Entraining Point.-	Time of Departure	Detraining Point.-	Remarks.-
Jan.30th	Marching Portion of Transport	RAVELSBERG NEUVE EGLISE Area	Area occupied by Units.	BAILLEUL WEST	5.30 p.m.	DESVRES	March Route to Fillots

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6th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM TO ACCOMPANY BDE. ORDER No.120

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HAZEBROUCK 5a 1/100,000
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26th Jan., 1918

Attention is drawn to Divisional Memorandum No.190 of 24th inst. issued to all units on 25th inst.

1. BILLETING. A Motor Lorry will leave Bde. H.Q. WATERLOO CAMP S.18.c.8.2. at 8 a.m. on 28th inst. to convey Billeting Parties to new area. The parties will report to Staff Captain at 7.45 a.m. and on arrival at LOTTINGHEM will again report to Staff Captain at the Area Commandants Office for instructions. Parties will be made up as follows.-
Each Battalion 1 Off. 3 N.C.O.'s, 6th M.G.Coy. 1 Off. 1 N.C.O., 6th L.T.M.Bty. 1 Off., 16th Coy. A.A.S.C. 1 N.C.O., One Interpreter from each 21st & 24th Bns.
In addition 2 N.C.O.'s per Bn. with bicycles will travel by Omnibus Train moving with 7th A.I.Bde. from BAILLEUL WEST on 29th instant, reporting to Entraining Officer 3 hours before departure of train. On arrival at detraining station they will report to their Billeting Officers in the Villages in which their units will be quartered.
2. DETRAINING. Arrangements are being made with the Y.M.C.A. to provide a hot drink for personnel before marching to Billets. Men are to be warned prior to entraining to have their Mess Tins ready on leaving the train so that no unnecessary delay will be caused.
3. TRANSPORT. At 7 a.m. on 29th inst. one mounted transport N.C.O. from each unit moving in Transport Column will assemble at B.H.Q. and will go forward with Bde. Interpreter as a Billeting party to Area Commandants Office, STRAZEELE, carrying states showing numbers of Officers, C.R.'s, Horses and Vehicles.
On the 30th the same party will go forward to RENESCURE at a time to be arranged by Brigade Transport Officer.
4. MOBILE ECHELON. Full echelon to be carried, also 8 boxes of bombs per Battalion for practice purposes.
5. SUPPLY ARRANGEMENTS.-

Date.-	Road Transport.-	Bde. Group Personnel
Jan.27th	Rations drawn by Train Waggon & refilled at LA CRECHE & delivered.	Rations drawn by Train Waggon & refilled at LA CRECHE and delivered.
Jan.28th	Refilled at LA CRECHE & carried on Train Waggon overnight.	As for 27th, but drawn by Baggage Waggon which will be retained by units for road move on 29th inst.
Jan.29th	Rations refilled from Train Waggon on arrival at STRAZEELE.	Rations drawn from Railhead by Train Waggon & report to units for move on Omnibus Train. Rations for B.H.Q., Sig. Sectn. M.G.Coy. & T.M.Bty. will be delivered to Units who will carry same on their Motor Lorries.

5. SUPPLY ARRANGEMENTS (Contd.)

<u>Date.-</u>	<u>Road Transport.-</u>	<u>Bde. Group Personnel.-</u>
Jan. 30th	As for 29th. Refilling Point RENESCURE.	Personnel & Horses entrain with unconsumed portion of day's ration plus 24 hours reserve & one day's Iron Ration. Ration for consumption on 1st Feb. will be drawn by D.S.C. from SAMER & delivered to Units in LOTTINGHEM Area.
Jan. 31st	Train Waggon deliver to Units.	D.S.C. Lorries draw from DESVRES & deliver to Units.
Feb. 1st	Normal.	Normal.

6. AREA STORES. All Area Stores in RAVELSBERG Area will be handed over to relieving Units and receipts in duplicate forwarded to Bde. H.Q. within 24 hours.

7. LORRIES. Lorries will assemble at B.H.Q. at 8 a.m. on 30th inst., where Guides from each Unit will meet them. Distribution as follows.-

Each Battalion	..	2	=	8
M.G.Coy. & T.M.Bty.	..	1	=	1
Bde. H.Q. & 6th Fld. Coy.	..	1	=	1
Total.-				<u>10</u>

Lorries will make one trip only, and Q.M's will move in charge of them.

8. OMNIBUS TRAIN. Personnel & Horses as per Appendix "E" - Div. Admin. Memo. No.190.

9. MEDICAL.- 6th Field Ambulance will evacuate per Motor Ambulance up to morning of 30th inst., and in now area on 31st inst. onward.
A Dental Section will open at QUESQUES at time to be notified later.

10. Y.M.C.A. will open at LOTTINGHEM on 31st inst. and arrangements will be made later with units direct for recreation rooms to be opened near each Battalion Headquarters.

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Distribution as for
Bde. Order No.120.



Captain,
Staff Captain 6th Inf. Bde. A.I.F.

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APPENDIX 7

Report on Action of Snipers
6th A.I. Bde from 13/1/18 to
27/1/18 inclusive

1. Taking over.

6th A.I. Bde Sniping section relieved that of 7th Bde at Catacombes & posts in forward area on 13/1/18, relief being complete by 9 p.m. on 13/1/18.

2. Work of Snipers.

(A) The posts in forward area were planned with a view to covering enemy front line defenses from within rifle range & with enfilade or cross fire of view & fire where possible.

(B) Reliefs. The posts were worked by day reliefs each of 12 men of 1st A.I. Bde making posts for four successive days returning to Catacombes each evening where whole section were billeted.

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C. Work. Setting & Constructing posts. APPENDIX 7

The existing posts proving insufficient & unsuitable for anything except observation (except at Vyd 58 & Vyd 59) a set of six organized posts were sited & constructed. With this view in end three of posts in existence were manned. The remainder of the relief moving around the front line system with a view to observing & choosing best positions for posts & also familiarizing themselves with whole area.

From 14/1/18 to 20/1/18 night fatigues went forward & constructed posts.

This work was severely hampered by the thaw & rain from 15 to 18/1/18.

Posts with concealed box - Corp. holes & cover from weather for two men were constructed in front line at V 11 d 56, V 11 d 48 & V 11 b 31

A post with cover from weather

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 for two men at V17 b 05
 Posts at V17 d 5-8 + V17 d 5-9
 were improved by construction
 of cover from weather, loop-holes
 & concealed firing positions in
 ruins.

(d) Casualties inflicted by snipers.
 In all eight of enemy
 were observed to be hit by
 snipers

1. On 19/1/18, 6369 Pte Jace J. 22 Am
 shot a man at V18 a 23 from
 V17 d 58.
2. On 20/1/18, 6396 Pte Dalton J. 23 Am
 shot a man at V18 a 29 from
 V11 d 56 & also one at V12 c 12
4. On 22/1/18, 1077 Pte J. H. R. 22 Am
 shot a man at V18 a 23 from V17 d 58
5. On 22/1/18, 6430 Pte Wall C. C. 23 Am
 shot a man at V12 c 13 from V11 d 58
6. On 22/1/18, 4400 Pte Ryan J. 23 Am
 shot a man at V12 c 7/2 from
 V11 d 58

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7. On 25/1/18 5543 Pk Nelson C.W. 25th
 shot a man at V11 b 73 from
 V11 b 31.

8. On 25/1/18 6430 Pk Wall CC 23rd
 shot a man at V12c 30 from
 V11 d 58.

(c) Observation by snipers

Considerable amount
 of information was gathered
 by snipers from observation of
 rear as well as forward area

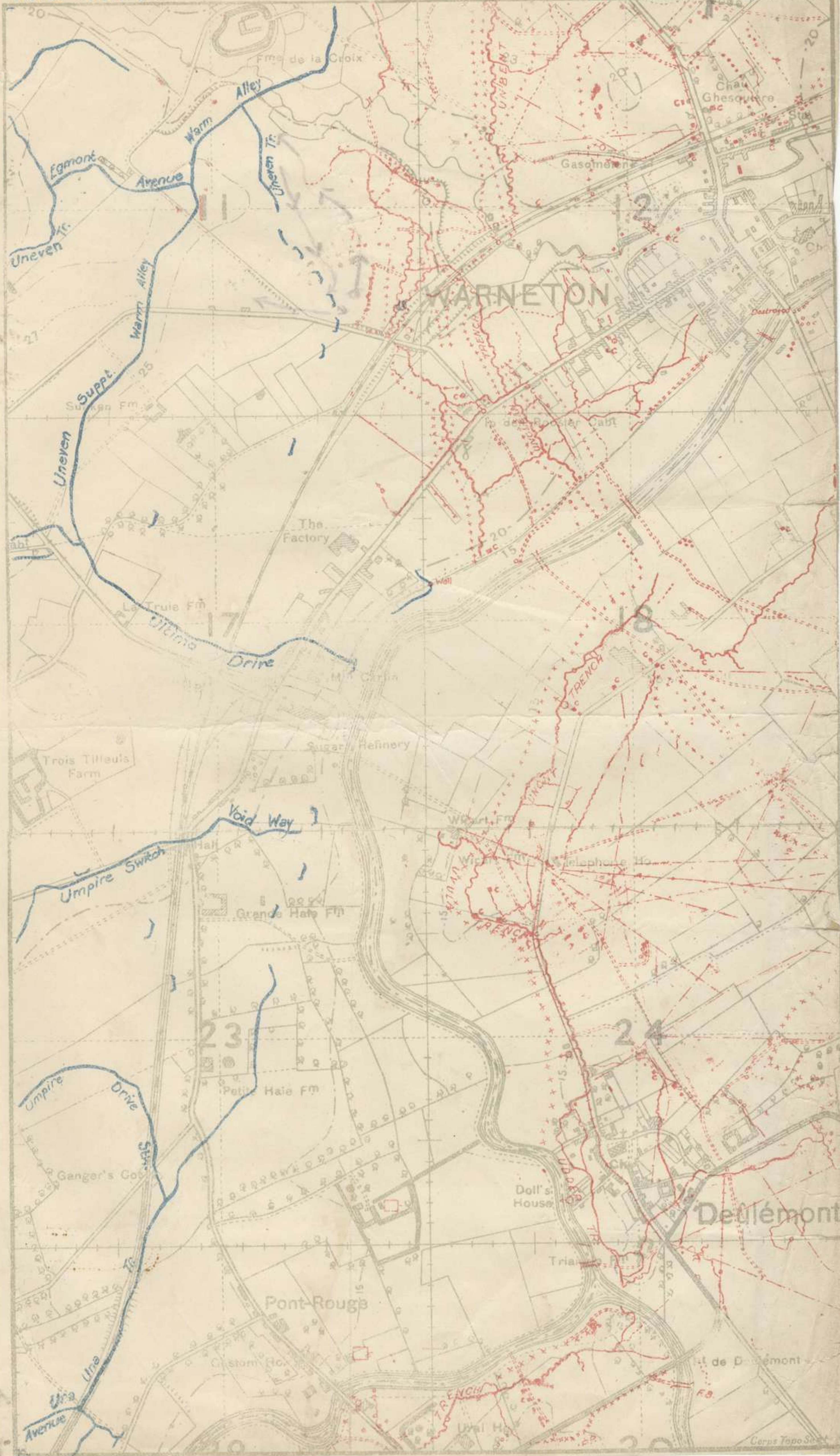
Relief

Posts, information & trench
 stakes were handed over
 to 37th Bn AIF on Right & 38th Bn AIF
 on Left. Posts being manned on 27/1/18
 by men from 6th Bde Sniping Section
 with snipers from Mess Bns.
 Relief completed by 9pm on 27/1/18

J. F. Gear, Lieut
 24th Bn AIF
 s/c 6th Bde Sniping
 Section.

31/1/18

APPENDIX 7



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Appendix

TO BE FORWARDED TO BDE. HDQRS. BY FIRST MORNING D.R.

PATROL REPORT

Officers 2 Other Ranks 16

Personnel 2 Offs. 2 P. 6 O.S. 14 men including Lewis Gun

Place of Departure.- U. 11. d. 6. 6.

Time of Departure 10-30 P.M.

Task set & instructions given to patrol.- To patrol front & get as much information as possible. Inspect our wire & report on condition. Examine shell holes at (U. 11. d. 8. 8.)

Place of Return.- U. 11. d. 6. 6.

Time of Return.- 12-30 A.M.

Casualties.- Nil

Information obtained.- Moved out from NO1 Post (U. 11. d. 6. 6.) Patrolled wire on right flank, running to support line. Found wire in need of repairs. Posted Lewis Gun at (U. 11. d. 6. 4.) & patrolled front to (U. 11. d. 5. 5.) Located unoccupied Flare Post at (U. 11. d. 7. 7) Examined shell holes supposed to be used as enemy outpost at (U. 11. d. 8. 8.) Found to be unoccupied. Nothing was seen of the enemy. Heard sounds of enemy working in trench at (U. 11. d. 9. 5.) (Signed) H. L. Field 2nd Lieut I/c Patrol.

Headquarters 6th Aust. Inf. Bde.

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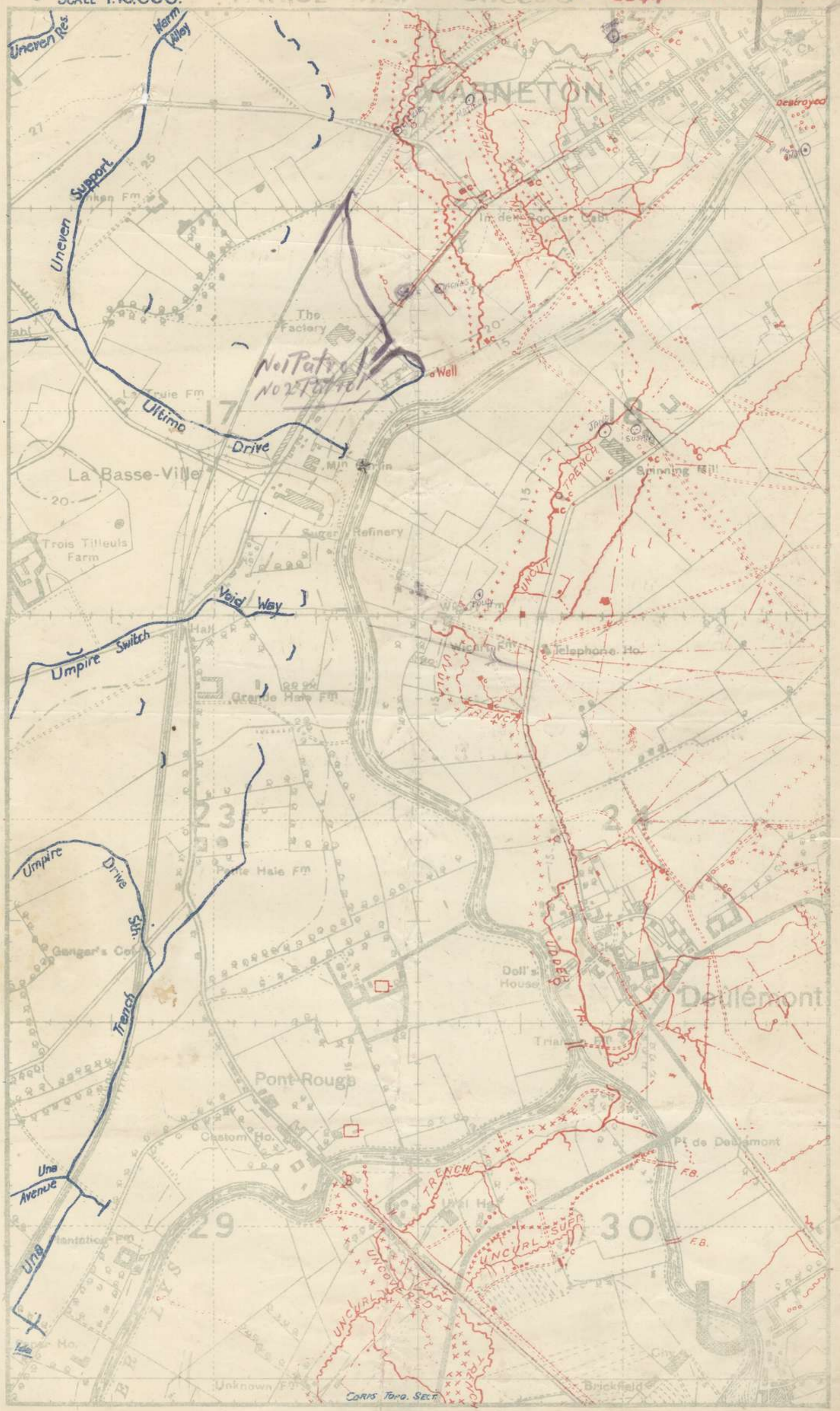
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Commanding 23rd Lieut.-Col, Battalion

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PATROL MAP Sheet 3

57 ~~SECRET~~ to be taken into account LINE TRENCHES



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TO BE FORWARDED TO BDE. HDQRS. BY FIRST MORNING D.R.

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PATROL REPORT

Officers Other Ranks

Personnel

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Place of Departure.-

U 176 8540 (No 5 post)

Time of Departure

10 pm

Task set & instructions given to patrol.-

front Nos 4 & 5 posts

Reconnoitering in

Place of Return.-

U 176 8540 (No 5 post)

Time of Return.-

11 30 pm

Casualties.-

nil

Information obtained.-

In arriving at No 5 post we were informed that Germans were out beyond our wire. We picked them up & the reports left No 4 post with the idea of cutting them off. When we got 30 yds out we saw that the patrol of some strength from 12 to 20 with MG covering on right. We bombed them & No 4 post opened up with LG. The Germans immediately scattered & ran to their own trenches. A flare was fired from river bank (018022) & then MG opened up on No Man's Land.

(Signed) I/c Patrol.

Headquarters
6th Aust. Inf. Bde.

Forwarded.

M. Brown

Lieut.-Col,
Commanding 22nd Battalion

21.1.1918

TO BE FORWARDED TO BDE. HDQRS. BY FIRST MORNING D.R.

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PATROL REPORT

Officers Other Ranks

Personnel

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Place of Departure.-

U 176 8540 (No post)

Time of Departure

5.30 pm

Task set & instructions given to patrol.-

*Recommencing
left front & covering relief of
left company*

Place of Return.-

U 176 7590 (No post)

Time of Return.-

8 pm

Casualties.-

nil

Information obtained.-

Whole front quiet

(Signed) *CW Hutton*
I/c Patrol.

Headquarters
6th Aust. Inf. Bde.

Forwarded.

M. Crowe

Commanding *22* Lieut.-Col,
Battalion

21. 1. 1918

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6th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

Brigade Headquarters
14th Jan., 1918.

SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE
8 a.m. 13. 1.18 to 8 a.m. 14. 1. 18.

OPERATIONS

The 7th A.I.Bde. T.M's, M.G.Coy, and the 25th and 27th Bns. were relieved respectively by the 6th A.I.Bde. T.M's, M.G.Coy. and the 22nd and 23rd Bns. Reliefs were all complete by 8.5 p.m.

ARTILLERY

Quiet during the period. 18 pdra. effectively silenced active enemy Minenwerfers on request.

PATROLS

*Correct
Correct*

- (a) One Officer and 3 O.R's left U.17.b.85.40. at 8.30 p.m. Enemy T.M's located at U.18.c.3.1. firing 6 rounds, and at U.18.c.8.7. firing 15 - 20 rounds "Pineapple Bombs". Patrol reached U.18.a.15.45. and returned to U.17.b.85.40. at 10.15 p.m.
- (b) One Officer & 4 O.R's left U.17.b.7.9. at 10.45 p.m., worked across the front to U.17.b.8.8. Returned to U.17.b.8.5.40. at 12.30 a.m. Nothing was seen or heard of the enemy.
- (c) 2 Officers & 20 O.R's with L.G. left our line at U.11.b.85.50. at 9 p.m. and worked along River DOUVE to Pill Box at U.11.b.8.4. This was still unoccupied. Here was found much long grass, broken trees and dead brushwood. Patrol remained in vicinity for 30 minutes without seeing or hearing anything of enemy. Patrol then moved SOUTH to shell holes at U.11.d.85.85. and found these still unoccupied and water-logged. Ground in NO MAN'S LAND was freezing. Patrol returned at U.11.d.45.75. at 11.30 p.m.
- (d) 1 Officer and 7 O.R's left at U.11.d.45.75. at 4 a.m. Scouts from this patrol went through enemy wire at U.11.d.9.9. Voices were heard in trenches near. Scouts moved North for 200 yds. between enemy wire and his trench. Scouts rejoined main patrol and all returned through U.11.b.15.50 at 8.30 a.m.

ENEMY ACTIVITY

ARTILLERY

Has been rather active. 15 cm. & Minenwerfer on front line and supports from 6 to 6.30 a.m. At 8.30 a.m. bearing was taken on 15 cm. flash from O.P. (U.11.a.80.85.) of 95° T.S. Scattered shelling at midday of DOUVE VALLEY in U.S.d. and U.11.a. by 15 cm. and by 10.5 cm. and shrapnel. A few gas shells fell in U.11.c. about 9 a.m. Four 77's on U.17.b. at 10.40 a.m. from direction of FRELINGHIEU. A few 10.5 cm. on U.11.c. from direction of WARETON at 2.20 p.m. At 1.10 p.m. 20 rounds 15 cm. fell in U.11.b., U.16.c. and U.17.b. & c. from due East.

- (1) Minenwerfers were fairly active, often throwing single shots. Between 6 and 6.30 a.m. active on front line and supports of left Bn. At 8.30 a.m. Minenwerfer fell in U.11.central from a position on T. bearing of 100° from U.11.a.80.08
- (2) T.M. active at 9 a.m. firing on U.17.b. from WARETON. Six light Minenwerfers fell in U.11.a. from S. of WARETON at 4.15 p.m.
- (3) T.M. at 4.30 p.m. at U.18.c.3.1. fired occasional rounds on U.23.b. & U.17.b. At 9 p.m. the same T.M. was again active. Occasional rounds from T.M. (not located) fell in rear of No.6 Post. It was noticed that at the same time a M.G. firing from left swept the ground in vicinity of this post. At 7.30 p.m. Minenwerfers at U.12.c.80.45. and U.12.c.85.75. were active on U.17.d. These were neutralized by fire from our 18 pdra.
- (4) After midnight Minenwerfers were very quiet. Intermittent burst along front line between 7 and 7.30 p.m. Otherwise quiet.

MOVEMENT

At 9 a.m. 3 men were seen moving amongst ruins at about U.12.c.8.2. also 2 men moving in trench at U.12.c.3.4. At 10.00 a.m. a man was seen walking in N.E. direction along road at U.12.c.5.2. At 11.50 a.m. another man took same route. These are known Minenwerfer positions there and later 3 men were seen carrying a box into one of these positions at U.12.c.3.1.

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At 12.15 p.m. one man carrying a pack was seen walking along road through U.12.b. in S.W. direction and disappeared in vicinity of SPINNING MILL.

Between 12.15 & 12.30 p.m. several men were seen moving about in trenches in V.13.c. (VILLAGE TRENCH) showing head and shoulders

At 1.15 p.m. three men in marching order were seen for a few minutes close to WARRETON TOWER. Disappeared into trench.

At 2 p.m. man seen carrying sandbag by house at U.12.d.2.3. Disappeared into trench N. of house.

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SIGNALING

At 8.50 p.m. searchlights played from positions on T.B. 90° and 105° from U.11.a.80.85.

AERIAL ACTIVITY

Three E.A. flew over our front area at considerable height between 11 and 11.30 a.m. They were driven off in a N.E. direction by our M.G. and A.A. fire.

MISCELLANEOUS

At 8.30 a.m. smoke was seen rising from position on T.B. of 135° from U.11.a.80.85. and also at 8.50 a.m. on T.B. of 125°.

At 8.30 a.m. observation balloon rose over COMINES and another at 9 a.m. over COMINES.

(Sgd) G. P. Miller, Lt. Col.

Brig.-General,
Commanding 6th Aust. Infantry Brigade

A D D E N D AWorks Report for 24 hours ending 8 a.m. 14. 1.19.

Repairs effected in RIVER LANE, deepening and revetting trench, and raising duckboards.

SUPPORT LINE was further repaired and cleaned during the day. Duckboarding etc. in JULY LANE under supervision of Engineers. 100 yds. Double Apron wire erected at U.11.c.7.7.

Owing to relief of Right Battalion, only cleaning and repairing shelters was done in their sector.

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Brigade Headquarters
15th January, 1918.

SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE

8 a.m. 14.1.18 to 8 a.m. 15.1.18

OUR OPERATIONS

ARTILLERY

Especially quiet during the period. 18 pdrs. opened on enemy back areas and road N. of GASONMEYER at 8 p.m., 8.30 p.m., & 9 p.m. and at 11 p.m. in effective neutralization of Minenwerfer at request of Left. Bn.

MACHINE GUNS

7,800 rounds fired on U.12.b.00.15., U.12.b.4.3., U.12.c.7.3. U.12.d.4.7., U.12.b.00.88.

PATROLS

1 Officer & 7 O.R.'s left U.17.b.8.8. at 8.30 p.m. and covered the left Coy. (Right Bn.) front during inter-Coy. relief returning at 7.30 p.m. without incident.

1 Off. & 4 O.R.'s left U.17.b.75.90. at 8.30 p.m. and moved towards THE SPINNEY. The Trench running from N.E. corner of SPINNEY towards our line was unoccupied and in a bad state. returned to U.17.b.85.40. at 10 p.m.

1 Off. & 3 O.R.'s left U.17.d.5.1. at 10.30 p.m. and moved N. along River Bank. Shelters at U.17.d.90.90. were shallow and showed no signs of tunnelling. H.Q. opened on the Patrol from the SPINNING MILL.

1 Off. & 3 O.R.'s visited Pill Box at U.11.b.central at 4.15 p.m. only occupants were 2 Mills Grenades.

1 Off. & 15 O.R. with L.S. left U.11.d.8.8. at 11 p.m. and stationed at U.11.d.75.05. Patrol twice moved North to U.11.d.6.4. at 1 a.m. and 2 a.m. and returned to U.11.d.8.8. at 3 a.m. Similar Patrol left same point at 5 a.m. and occupied same position. 3 Scouts left main body and proceeded North along our front to Pill Box U.11.b.central returning to our lines along the RIVER DOUVE. They examined our wire along the whole Bn. front rejoining the main Patrol at 5 a.m. H.M.L. is boggy. Liaison Patrols with Flank units were sent out every alternate hour during the night.

ENEMY ACTIVITY.

ARTILLERY

At 8 a.m. 4 - 15 cm. fell on U.S.c. from direction of 108° T.B. from U.11.a.80.05., U.17.b.2.d. was shelled intermittently by 10 cm. H.E. between 11 a.m. & 12 noon.

Between 4 p.m. & 5 p.m. an occasional 15 cm. fell at U.S.d.3.0. and U.S.c.7.4. on flank Brigade. At 6.30 p.m. a 77 mm. at 78° T.B. from U.11.a.80.05. shelled U.11.c. At 7 p.m. U.11. central and U.S.c.9.1. was lightly shelled with 15 cm. From midnight onwards practically no activity.

M's.

At midday 50 shells were fired on U.11.d. from approx. U.12.c. 3.1. and U.12.c.5.4. At 11 p.m. the Right Coy. front of Left Bn. was shelled from U.12.c.3.1. Our Artillery retaliated effectively and no further activity occurred from midnight onwards.

MACHINE GUNS

Exceptionally quiet except between 5 p.m. & 6 p.m. when a few rapid bursts fell on our front line from direction of U.12.c. 80.05., U.24.a.8.9., and U.12.c.2.9.

MOVEMENT

At 8 a.m. 2 men were seen digging in rear of WIGART FARM at U.24.a.2.9. At 9 a.m. 3 men moved N. along shallow trench in front Ruined House 118° T.B. (from U.11.a.80.05.) At 9.30 a.m. 8 more followed same route and at 9.45 a.m. 2 men returned along same trench. At 10.30 a.m. a party of 4 without equipment and wearing caps was seen in ruins at WARBETON about 200 yds. S.E. of TOWER. At 2.10 p.m. and 2.30 p.m. an individual was seen in same locality. He appeared to be moving along a trench. A working party apparently wiring at U.11.d.9.8. at 5 p.m. was dispersed by L.S. fire

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AERIAL ACTIVITY

At 8.58 p.m. 2 E.A. attempted to cross our lines but were driven off by A.A. fire.

MISCELLANEOUS

2 shots were fired by enemy snipers from approx. U.11.d.9.4. at 2 of our snipers moving at U.11.d.8.6.

At approx 8.40 a.m. a hostile patrol of 5 men approached to S.U.11. from the right rear and threw 3 bombs slightly wounding 1 man. Our rifle fire was without result and enemy made off in direction of WARRINGTON disappearing in the mist into SUNKEN ROAD at U.11.d.central (approx.)

WORK

Map from ULTIMO AVENUE U.17.a.3.4. reclaimed (not yet revetted). Revetting of 4.U.17. commenced. Shelters further improved. Wire from Front Line to Supports on Right Flank of Left Bn. almost completed but still requires strengthening. Front Line wire strengthened. Clearing and duckboarding of USLY LAKE furthered under Engineers supervision. Screens for V.H.4's for purpose of night firing have been erected. The Reserve Bn. carried out following tasks:-

- U.16.b.1.4. - Completed cutting Bern of 25 yds. of trench. Completed excavations for 4 shelters. Trucking from RACINE DUMP and carrying sufficient material for 4 shelters and 10 yds revetment material.
- U.17.b.5.05. Revetting 25 yds trench. Cutting berm 2 feet wide on each side of trench for 50 yds. between U.17.a.25.05. & U.17.c.6.7. Trucking and carrying 15 duckboards, 30 sheets iron, 15 double cupolas and 100 sandbags for shelters.
- U.17.a.3.4. Cutting berm and cleaning out trench for 45 yds.
- U.17.a.3.6. Digging and revetting 20 yds. of trench, fixing "A" frames and duckboards. Cleaning 20 yds. of revetted trench of loose earth from fire step, levelled parapet to required height. Cut fire step, deepened 30 yds. of unmade trench to 2 feet, widened trench to admit revetting. Excavated 1 shelter.

William Cap

Brig.-General,
Commanding 6th Aust. Infantry Brigade

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6th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

Brigade Headquarters
 17th Jan., 1918.

SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE

6 a.m. 16. 1.18 to 6 a.m. 17. 1.18

OUR OPERATIONS

Artillery.- Very quiet during the day. At 8.45 p.m. harassing fire by 18 pdrs. on Enemy Supports and Communications. 3,750 Rounds on targets U.18.d.0.8., U.12.c.60.15.- U.12.d.1.5. 1 Off. & 7 O.R's left U.17.b.6.6. at 5.30 p.m. returning to U.17.b.85.40. at 8 p.m. They covered inter-Coy. relief. On the left Patrol U.11.d.75.30. (and found that drain U.11.d.70.05. to U.18.a.1.8. was water-logged and impassable. Voices were heard in Enemy Lines and M.G. from approx. U.12.c.4.2. fired three bursts on the returning patrol. A listening post was established at U.11.d.7.1.

M.G's
Patrols

X 1 Off. & 8 O.R's with Lewis Gun left U.17.b.85.40. at 10 p.m. returning to starting point at 11 p.m. They proceeded to U.18.a.00.65. and extended to the right along the SPINNEY 30 yds. distant from it with the Lewis Gun on the left flank. 7 Grenades were thrown into the SPINNEY and flares were fired by enemy from Right and Left, falling into the SPINNEY. Patrol men moved to the wire and reconnoitred SPINNEY but could find no sign of occupation.

X 1 N.C.O. & 4 O.R's left U.11.b.05.50. at 8 p.m. returning at 8 p.m. covering the Inter-Coy. Relief. 2 Scouts were placed forward of 9.U.11. and 2 others between 1.U.11 & 2.U.11. the N.C.O. keeping communication between the two parties. On completion of Coy. relief the patrol moved outwards until a stream 15 yds. wide apparently running into the enemy's lines was met.

Liaison Patrols were conducted every alternate hour with the exception of the Left Bde. where the River DOUVE obstructed contact.

ENEMY OPERATIONS

Artillery Below normal. Between 10.30 and 12 noon 40, 21 cm. fell in MESSINES. 11.30 a.m. U.21.b. & U.21.a. shelled by 10.5 cm. from a bearing of 81° T. from U.15.d.5.8. From 6 p.m. to midnight a large number of 10.5's was scattered along the DOUVE VALLEY in U.4.c. At 2.30 p.m. U.23.b. shelled with 77 mm's and 10.5 cm. from direction of WARNETON. From 3.30 a.m. to 5 a.m. intermittent 10.5 cm. on Reserve Area of Left Bn.

T.M's At 3.40 p.m. 2 Minen. from WARNETON landed in U.11.d. At 12 p.m. 8 fell in U.17.a. Mortars at U.18.central, U.24.a.3.7. and U.24.a.5.5. fired a few rounds.

M.G's At 2.45 p.m. a few bursts from a gun near the TOWER fell on U.16.a. & b. this was brought about by local movement in these areas.

Movement.- At 7.30 a.m. 5 men carrying a M.G. was seen at U.18.a.4.3. they disappeared into a bank thereabouts. At 9.30 a.m. party of 6 worked at U.13.c.2.8. for 2 hours. At 11.10 a.m. a G.S. Waggon travelled South along road through W.2.c. At 12.40 p.m. a train was observed travelling in a N.E. direction at V.14.b.5.1. 1.45 to 3.30 p.m. smoke from 3 Loco's on line running through V.14.c. they became stationary in V.14.c. At 3.30 1 Engine steamed northwards the other two were not seen to move and at 2.50 at our request our 18 pdrs. fired 25 rounds of H.E. & shrapnel on the area. At 2.20 p.m. smoke from houses in ST BARBE (V.14.c.) 2.30 p.m. a Limber moved at WICART FARM. At 2 p.m. several Huns walked along UNCLEAN Trench from U.12.c.3.4 to U.12.c.3.5. our snipers fired on them and they disappeared. From 2.40 to 2.50 p.m. 2-Horse Transport moved S.W. on road in V.13.c. also 5 men and a Horseman moved N.E.

At 2.45 p.m. smoke rose from the foot of the TOWER. At 3.15 p.m. 4 men left the TOWER and hurried in N.E. direction through WARNETON. From 3 to 3.30 p.m. 7 Huns wearing Steel Helmets left trench at U.12.e.7.1. at intervals and moved to Ruins at U.12.c.9.4. these men had no equipment but carried Gas Helmets. From 3.20 to 3.25 p.m. 3 men wearing black overcoats and carrying walking sticks left Pill Box at U.12.c.6.1. and walked overland to ruined building at U.12.c.9.2. At 3.5 p.m. 3 men left the SPINNING MILL at U.18.d.0.8. and walked towards WARNETON. At 4.15 p.m. 2 Huns were seen on road near GASOMETER.

Miscellaneous At 3.50 p.m. one of our planes was fired upon by an A.A. Gun from 90° T. from U.11.a.80.05. 2 Men seen during the afternoon wore a very light coloured grey uniform much lighter in colour than feld grau. During the night flashes of lights were seen at intervals in enemy's lines to the rear and south of WARNETON.

Flares were normal except between 2 a.m. and 5 a.m. when only three flares were sent up on our front.

The RIVER DOUVE has subsided considerably since flooding at one point yesterday it was running with a strong current about 70 yds. wide.

Works

Garrisons were busily employed in recovering the much damaged trenches.

Left Bn. in Line.-

B.A. Wire from U.11.e.8.7. to U.11.d.0.6. to U.11.d.5.6. is now complete but needs further strengthening. River Lane improved and draining carried out. Mens shelters were re-built in some positions but not much progress can be made until trenches are cleared.

Right Bn. in Line.-

Revetting material carried to Front Line and accommodation and Latrines made for 20 men in FACTORY at U.17.b.60.35. (about 60 yds in rear of 6.U.17.)

7.U.17. - 3 A. Frames and 4 duckboards laid.

Post revetted and water baled out.

8.U.17. 3 duckboards laid and trench reclaimed.

ULTIMO AVENUE from U.17.a.2.5. to U.16.b.8.5. cleared.

Shelters in SUPPORT LINE are being reclaimed, drains are being cut from C.T.

SUPPORT BN.

200 yds. of 2 ft. berm in UNEVEN SUPPORT cut on both sides of trench from U.11.e.6.6. to U.11.e.40.95.

Reserve Bn.

Cleaning 60 yds. of trench, taking up duckboards and relaying at U.16.b.1.4.

Renovated five bivouacs and partially renovated two for Left Support to Right Bn.

Cleaning out and deepening trench 30 yds. complete, 60 yds. incomplete, cutting berm for 50 yds. in U.17.a.

Excavating 4 shelters, cleaning out 1 shelter at U.17.a.2.6.

Trucking from RACINE to tasks.

Trench Mortar Emplacements and Machine Gun positions reclaimed.

Sgd *J. J. J. J. J.* for Brig.-General,
Commanding 6th Aust. Infantry Brigade

6th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

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Brigade Headquarters
19th Jan., 1918.

SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE6 a.m. 17. 1.18 to 6 a.m. 18.1.18OUR OPERATIONS

Artillery.- Harassing fire on enemy's lines at 5.30 p.m., 7.45 p.m., 9 p.m. and 11 p.m. At 10 p.m. silenced Minenwerfer at U.12.c.50.75. and U.12.d.0.8. Working parties reported during the day were dispersed.

Identifications Member of a Hostile Patrol of the 2nd Bn. 233 R.I.R. 49th Division was captured by one of our patrols at approx. U.17.b.90.55. at 10.15 p.m. last night.

M.G.'s 2,000 rounds were fired on targets from U.12.b.00.25. to U.12.b.4.4.

Patrols 1 Off. 6 O.R.'s left U.17.b.6.6. at 5.30 p.m. returning to U.17.b.75.90. at 8.30 p.m. Boches were wiring at U.11.d.95.15. towards U.12.a.1.9. Patrol worked forward to U.11.d.7.2. and threw a bomb at the party who hastily left their work. M.G. was observed firing from approx. U.12.e.4.3.

1 Off. 5 O.R.'s left U.17.b.85.40. at 10 p.m. returning to U.17.b.85.40. at 10.30 p.m. Patrol had proceeded about 50 yds. towards ruined house at U.17.b.90.55. when they encountered hostile patrol of about 6 men who were lying on our side of the house. Enemy opened fire. Our patrol bombed them, the Boches screamed and fled. It would appear that two at least were wounded. 1 Prisoner was taken.

1 N.S.O. 5 O.R.'s left U.11.b.05.50. at 3.30 a.m. and examined our wire running South and the adjacent NO MAN'S LAND. They moved to U.11.d.6.4. returning along flank wires from U.11.d.5.6. to U.11.c.8.7. Wire has not been affected by recent floods and NO MAN'S LAND hereabouts is well-nigh impassable.

ENEMY OPERATIONS

Artillery.- At 7 a.m. U.15.c.3.d. were shelled with 15 - 10.5 cm. M.E. from the direction of WARWETON. At 8.15 a.m. 10 77 mm's fell on Support and Close Support Areas between U.11.a.central and U.11.c.central. Parties of our men were here moving in the open. From 3 to 4 p.m. a large number of 10.5 cm's on U.5.c. from 90° T. and 101° T. (from U.11.a.80.05.) From 3.50 to 4 p.m. and 9 p.m. to 10.30 p.m. the DOUVE WALK at approx. U.9.c. and U.10.a. was shelled with 10.5 cm's. Throughout the night the DOUVE VALLEY was scattered with this calibre.

T.M.'s At 10 p.m. M.W. at U.12.c.50.75. & U.12.d.0.3. became active on Left Coy. Left Bn. Sector. Prompt neutralizing fire by Field Artillery silenced them. M.W. at U.12.c.3.1. was silenced by 18 pdrs. within 4 minutes of its opening. It is noticed that M.W. activity is less since the heavy rains possibly on account of damaged emplacements.

M.G.'s Occasional bursts from the direction of SPINNEY direct on parapets of 6.U.17 & 7.U.17. during the night. During the day there was frequent fire on the left and centre of the Sector; WARWETON Track in the vicinity of LONG RUIN appeared to be the target.

Movement At 7.30 a.m. 8 Huns were seen on Ridge at 95° T. from U.11.a.80.05. At 8 a.m. several small parties moved amongst the ruined buildings at U.12.c.3.1. They were fired upon and movement ceased. At 8.50 a.m. 2 men were observed close to the Tower. At 10.50 a.m. 1 man seen near Bridge at U.12.a.5.3. disappearing into the bank. The duckboard bridge at this spot across the stream is again visible. At 11.10 a.m. an individual moved into WARWETON from House at U.12.c.50.15. and was followed a minute later by 2 others. At 11.15 a.m. 3 men walked quickly along parapet from U.11.d.95.65. to G.T. at U.11.d.95.70. 5 minutes later 2 others made their way back over the same route. This is low ground and may be the trenches are impassable.

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X At 11.20 a.m. movement was detected about the SPINNING MILL at U.18.d.0.8. At 11.25 a.m. party of men were working with timber at House at U.12.c.2.1. At 10.40 p.m. a party working between U.12.c.2.0. and U.11.d.8.4. was dispersed by Artillery fire. At 12 midnight a patrol of 6 men moved Northwards along front of Right Bn. During the afternoon visibility was too low for effective observation.

Miscellaneous At 7 p.m. approx. 20 Green flares and a single twin green were fired from approx. U.12.a.4.4. No action followed, otherwise flares normal.

Work Right Bn. in Line. 11 Duckboards, 30 "A" Frames and 4 panels carried to Right Coy. Sector. In rear of 7.U.17. O.P. shelter constructed. 2 "A" Frames and 30 sandbags utilised. Duckboards relaid at 6, 7, 8, U.17. Most shelters in Support Line have been made temporarily habitable but want of drainage in ULTIMO AV. prevents permanent work.

Left Bn. in Line Drainage and clearing of RIVER LANE continued. Shelters & C.T's worked upon.

Support Bn. A party of 40 men raised the duckboards and drained trench from U.11.a.20.13. to U.11.a.78.10. Vickers M.G. positions further improved and 2 shelters partially completed at U.10.a.88.50. and U.11.a.00.70. respectively.

J. Murray's Capt.

Brig.-General,
Commanding 6th Aust. Infantry Brigade

6th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

Brigade Headquarters
19th Jan., 1918.

SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE

6 a.m. 18. 1.18 to 6 a.m. 19. 1.18

OUR OPERATIONS

Artillery

Scattered shelling on enemy rear lines between 6 a.m. & 4 p.m. Train in V.14.c. fired on, but result could not be seen. At 6.30 p.m. our heavies fired on active enemy battery N. of COMINES and silenced it. Between 4.30 p.m. & 7 p.m. frequent bursts of fire from 18 pdrs. on lines in front of WARNETON & on SPINNING MILL. An active Minenwerfer at U.12.c.8.2. was silenced by our 18 pdrs. at 11.20 a.m.

T.M's

At 3.30 p.m. our right Mortar registered on enemy front line with 4 rounds. Registration successful. Enemy retaliated with two L.M.W. bombs.

M.G's.

The following targets were fired at.-

U.12.c.83.38 to U.12.d.20.58	...	1,000 rounds
U.14.c.4.1. " U.12.d.58.85.	...	2,250 "
U.18.b.00.25.	...	1,000 "
U.12.b.00.25 " U.12.b.4.3.	...	3,000
Total.-		7,250 rounds

Patrols.-

1 Off. 15 O.R's and L.G. went out from U.11.d.50.65. at 11 p.m. Patrol took up position near road at U.11.d.65.40. while the Officer with a Scout went forward to a position 80 yds. East. Probable M.G. located at U.11.d.85.60. which appeared to be in isolated tree and were firing at our Right Bn. N.M.Land was extremely boggy. Patrol returned at 1.30 a.m.

4 O.R's went out from U.11.b.05.50. at 3.30 a.m. and moved South, examining our wires to road U.11.d.6.4. Wire is good but ground swampy. Nothing seen of enemy. Patrol returned at 5 a.m.

1 Off. 6 O.R's with L.G. moved out from U.17.b.6.6. at 5.30 p.m. to cover relief of Left Coy. Right Bn. Front was quiet. Germans were heard working at U.11.d.85.35. revetting trench. Patrol returned at 8 p.m.

1 Off. 7 O.R's left Post at U.17.d.5.1. at 10 p.m. and reconnoitred embankment along River. No sign of any enemy activity. Patrol returned at 11.45 p.m.

ENEMY ACTIVITY

Artillery.

Enemy shelling mostly consisted of 10.5 & 15 cm. Between 9 & 10 a.m. about 15 - 10.5 cm. shells fell in U.21.b.&d. coming from direction of 105° T.B. from U.11.a.80.05. At the same time a few 77 mm fell along our support line coming from same direction. Between 4 & 5 p.m. shrapnel was scattered over U.11.c. At 11.30 a.m. 4 - 10.5 cm., and at 12.45 p.m., 15 - 10.5 cm. shells fell over U.16.a. Between 4 & 5 p.m., 9 - 15 cm. fell in vicinity of SUGAR REFINERY (U.17.d.5.5.) From 5.15 p.m. till 7 p.m., area U.16 was shelled with 15 cm. coming from direction of 45° T.B. from U.15.d.5.7.

T.M's.-

At 9.40 a.m. M.W. were put on RIVER LANE (U.11.a.8.1.) from U.12.c.3.5. At 11 a.m., M.W. became active on our front line and supports from U.12.c.85.20. U.11.d. was lightly shelled at the same time. 14 rounds of heavy M.W. were fired into SUGAR REFINERY at 4.15 p.m. coming from direction of WICART FM.

MOVEMENT

At 7 a.m. a man was seen moving for a few seconds at U.18.a.3.3. He disappeared in the bank or dugout, from which smoke could be seen issuing from a small pipe chimney. About 5 minutes later another man disappeared into same spot and smoke ceased.

Handwritten mark

At 9 & 9.30 a.m. individuals were seen near foot of WARNETON TOWER. At 2 p.m. 3 men were seen to gather some timber at about U.14.c.3.0. Smoke was seen coming from trenches there a few minutes later. At 7.30 a.m. 6 men were seen at U.12.c.6.1. At 7.50 a.m. 2 men at same place. At 11.35 a.m. and at 12.30 p.m. 2 men moved along road in N. direction at V.13.b.7.1. Between 1.10 and 1.35 p.m. 6 men were seen moving near QUADRANGLE (V.13.d.3.6.). At 3.15 p.m. an enemy train started from vicinity of ST BARBE and moved in a N.E. direction. At 4.10 p.m. a train was seen travelling in a S.W. direction through V.14.b.&.d. and stop in vicinity of V.14.c.5.2. Our artillery fired at it. At noon a party of 15 men were seen carrying timber from ruins at U.12.c.90.45 and walk along road to dump it at trench at U.12.c.7.3., returning several times. At 9.45 a.m. a party of enemy were pumping near the TOWER. They worked for a few minutes and then suddenly disappeared. At 10.30 a.m., 2 men wearing packs walked in a N.E. direction along road at U.12.c.5.2. to U.12.c.8.4. They were carrying a box between them. There was an unusual amount of movement around positions about U.12.c.4.1. during the day and between 3 p.m. and 3.30 p.m., 20 enemy left position at U.12.c.3.0. two at a time and hurried N.E. through WARNETON. It seems probable that the M.W. crews were being relieved. At several places along front line enemy could be seen throwing mud from trenches. At 2.30 a.m. a dull light moving slowly backward and forward as though it were being used as a guide for returning patrols. A couple of shots were fired during the night from about U.11.b.8.3. and a couple of shots were fired during the day from WICART FM. (U.18.c.1.0.) which is now almost surrounded by water.

Sniping.-Aircraft.-Signals.-Works.-

Posts Nos. 3, 4 & 5 have been worked on and duckboards and revetting put in.
 Posts 6, 7 & 8 have been dug out and duckboards relaid. No.9 Post has been pumped out.
 In Posts 1 & 2, two dugouts have been cleaned and are now fit for habitation, material used, 9 "A" Frames, 8 duckboards and 8 panels.
 Support line of left Bn. has been worked on. 2 new shelters erected and drain dug from U.10.b.7.7. to DOUVE RIVER.
 Pumping out RIVER LANE.
 UNEVEN SUPPORT. 120 yds. 2 ft. berm cut at U.11.c.55.60. This trench also being drained.
 EGMONT AVENUE. Draining done and duckboards being raised. Pumping water from Gun Pits of 104th How. Battery.
 Two drains dug at U.15.d.9.8. to drain ULTIMO AVENUE. 25 yds. of trench dug and drained at U.11.c.4.1.
 Draining R.A.P. and digging drain off ULTIMO AVENUE at U.16.c.0.7.
 Trucking from RACINE DUMP to U.16.c.8.1. then carrying to ULTIMO AVENUE (seven trucks).
 No.3 M.G. position at U.16.a.55.15 improved and trench cleaned out.
 No.4 M.G. position at U.10.a.85.50. Bullet stop erected on right of gun and trench improved.
 No.1 M.G. position at U.11.c.55.67. has been rebuilt a few yards to right of original position.
 No.12 M.G. position at U.11.a.00.70. New shelter completed.
 No.10 M.G. position at U.9.d.8.0. New shelter commenced.

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Brigade Headquarters
20th Jan., 1918

SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE

6 a.m. 19. 1.18 to 6 a.m. 20. 1.18

OUR OPERATIONS

Artillery.- Very active on targets in WARNETON during the day. At 9.30 a.m. & 10 a.m. 18 pdrs. silenced M.W. at U.12.c.8.2. At 9.45 a.m. hostile shelling of C.H.Q. at U.17.a.2.4. silenced by our Heavies. 11.30 a.m. concentration on U.12.d.7.3. presumably on bridge. At 9.15 a.m. 60 pdrs. shelled GASOMETER Area and at 11.15 a.m. known M.W. positions.

M.G.'s 7,600 rounds on targets, U.12.c.5.1. - U.12.d.2.6., U.12.b.00.25 U.12.b.4.3.

Aerial Activity Busy throughout day from early morning and hotly engaged at all times by M.G. and A.A. fire.

ENEMY OPERATIONS

Artillery.- During morning U.17. & U.16.a. shelled with 30 rounds 10.5 & 15 cm. H.E. & Shrapnel. During afternoon area abutting ULTIMO AV. shelled with an occasional 10.5 cm. Between 1 and 1.30 p.m. 40 77 mm's. from 103° T. fell on U.5.c. and U.10.a. shelled with 10 15 cm's at 2 p.m. from 100° T. (O.P. at U.11.a.80.05) U.16.central and LA BASSE VILLE shelled at irregular with 10.5 cm's from direction of S. of WARNETON and WARNETON respectively.

T.M.'s X Between 9.30 & 10 a.m. M.W. at U.12.c.8.2. was very active but was silenced by Artillery. Between 12 & 12.50 p.m. M.W. at 12.D.20.85. was active and dropped 10 rounds on U.11.b.&c. At 4 p.m. 3 Light M.W. fell on U.11.a.3.8.

M.G.'s Quieter than day before but again fired occasional bursts on WARNETON TRACK near LONG RUIN.

Enemy Defences X Camouflage in trees, telegraph posts and insulators can be seen in vicinity of F.M. WASTINE.

Aerial Activity. At 10 a.m. 10.30 to 10.36 a.m., 10.50 to 11 a.m. and at 11.30 a.m. E.A. were driven off by our defensive guns. At 3.30 p.m. 5 planes returned in direction of enemy lines. Low flying was prevented by our A.A. Guns.

Movement. 6.45 a.m. man appeared from a dugout at U.18.a.2.3. He was shot from U.17.d.5.8. and collapsed out of sight. 7.30 a.m. 12 Huns worked with pick and shovel at V.14.a.2.9. and a party carried a flat object four on each side which they lowered into a hole at V.14.a.3.8. 8.30 a.m. 4 men carrying brushwood entered FM. WASTINE. Work proceeded here until our Artillery fired several shots into the area. Smoke was seen amongst girders at the SPINNING MILL. 12 Huns moved in a N.E. direction through WARNETON. 8.35 a.m. 2 men walked from M.W. position at U.12.c.8.1. into another position at U.12.c.5.4. This was repeated at 8.50 a.m. At 8.40 & 8.50 there was movement in the SPINNING MILL. At 8.50 smoke was seen over UNBENT TR. at U.12.a.4.5. and C.T. at U.12.a.60.65. 9 a.m. 3 men moved at U.12.d.3.6. 3 shots were fired at them from our front line, and at 9.30 a.m. smoke in ruins in this vicinity was observed. From 9 to 9.15 a.m. a party of about 18 apparently repairing trenches was seen at V.13.c.2.6. At 9.15 a.m. water was pumped from the TOWER. No men could be seen. At 9.20 2 Huns ran along parapet at U.12.c.3.7. At 9.40 a man left tower but hastily returned on account of our shrapnel, He did not reappear. From 9.15 to 10 a.m. small parties cleared out trenches from V.13.b.3.7. to V.13.b.9.7. Between 10 and 11.5 a.m. 22 men was seen in vicinity of QUADRANGLE in V.13.d. At 10.10 a.m. after our shoot on M.W. at U.12.c.8.2. 4 Huns quickly left the position. 20 Huns worked in the vicinity of CHAU. GHESQUIERE disappearing when our guns fired near them. At 11.20 a.m. an individual walked along road in N.E. direction towards WARNETON in U.12.c. At 11.50 enemy was seen outside P.B. at U.12.d.6.1. repeating the movement of yesterday.

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Movement (contd.)

At 1.15 p.m. a man stood at U.12.c.40.05. was joined a minute later. They pointed to various parts of our line and left at 1.20 p.m. At 3.25 p.m. a man wearing a light grey uniform walked N.E. through WARNETON. At 3.30 p.m. 5 men left U.12.c.8.2. Two had packs, two carried a box between them and 1 carried what appeared to be light M.W. shells. Much movement has been noticed about here and possibly M.W. crews are here billeted.

Miscellaneous Our planes were repeatedly engaged by an A.A.Gun at 90° T. from U.11.a.80.05. Flashes at 90°, 100° and 103° T. from U.11.a.80.05. were located. At 5 p.m. after our 18 pdrs. had fired a few rounds on U.11.d.9.4. cries could be heard for a couple of minutes. The signalling lamp reported yesterday at 6 p.m. in ruins of WARNETON to N. of TOWER was again working to a rear station. It signalled the following letters.- N N W M U' the figure 1 V E 5 7 M M R E Q A P.

OUR OPERATIONS (Contd.)

Patrols

1 Off. & 7 O.R's left U.17.b.6.6. at 5.30 p.m. returning to U.17.b.85.40. at 9 p.m. They reached U.11.d.75.20. on the left and U.16.a.20.25. on the right and found no signs of the enemy. 1 Off. & 7 O.R. left U.17.b.8.5. at 12.45 a.m. returning to U.17.b.8.2. at 3.30 a.m. They worked along the River Bank for 200 yds. S. of U.17.b.8.2. no trace of enemy could be found. 1 Off. 10 O.R's with L.G. left U.11.d.50.65. at 10 p.m. returning at midnight to U.11.b.05.50. The flare post on high ground in front of 5.U.11. found unoccupied. An enemy wiring party of about 5 men was seen working at the junction of RAILWAY & Front Line at U.11.d.85.40. No enemy patrols were encountered. Shell holes about U.11.d.85.85. are waterlogged and do not appear to have been recently occupied. 1 Off. 10 O.R's with L. G. U.11.b.05.50. at 1 a.m. returning to U.11.d.50.65. at 3 a.m. Patrol examined Pill Boxes at U.11.b.6.4. and vicinity. The M.G. at approx. U.11.d.85.60. was not active. A M.W. was active from approx. U.12.d.6.8. NO MAN'S LAND had dried considerably since the previous night. None of the enemy ~~was~~ ^{was} seen or heard. 1 N.C.O. & 3 O.R's left U.11.b.05.50. at 3.30 a.m. returning to U.11.d.50.65. at 5 a.m. to examine our front and flank wires from U.11.d.5.6. to U.11.c.8.7. Wire was found to be in fairly good repair. and NO MAN'S LAND is improving.

Works.-

Right Bn. in Line.-

Posts 1 to 5 now have dry standing room. 12 duckboards, 12 "A" frames, 8 pieces of revetting material and 5 sheets of iron were used on them. 9.U.17. and 7.U.17. cleaned.

Left Bn. in Line.

RIVER LANE & Support Lines further improved and drained. This work is slow until the mud hardens. Parties under Engineers are working on men's shelters. The Support Bn. cut 50 yds. of 2 ft. berm on both sides of trench at U.11.a.75.15. 100 yds. berm on both sides and trench cleared in USEFUL LANE from U.11.a.1.3. to U.11.c.20.95. 2 parties of 40 men worked on cleaning and draining RIVER LANE and Front Line. M.G. positions and T.M. emplacements further improved. Snipers positions in the ruins of LE BASSE VILLE at U.17.d.4.8. and U.17.d.4.9. constructed. Box loop holes overhead cover from weather, sandbagging and revetment carried out on Posts at U.11.d.5.5. and U.11.b.2.0. Renovation and construction on same lines at U.11.d.3.8.

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Brigade Headquarters
21st Jan., 1918.SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE8 a.m. 20. 1.18 to 6 a.m. 21. 1.18OUR OPERATIONSArtillery.-

More active than usual. Shrapnel fire over WANNETON U.12. Neutralising fire asked for by Left Bn. at 3.5 and 5.15 a.m. on H.W. positions proved effective and our Heavies effectively silenced a consistently active Enemy Battery.

M.G.'s

Our M.G. fire was intermittently active, 9,800 rounds being fired on the following targets.-

U.12.b.00.25 to U.12.b.4.3.	... 2,000 rounds
V.7.a.4.1.	... 2,000 "
Road U.12.b.40.25 to U.12.b.75.30.	2,000 "
U.12.c.45.10 to U.12.c.30.25.	... 1,500 "
U.12.c.90.40	... 2,000 "

Patrols.-

(1) 1 Off. & 3 G.R.'s left 5.U.17. at 5.30 p.m. and reconnoitred front to cover relief of Left Coy. Right Bn. Whole front quiet. Patrol returned through 9.U.17. at 6 p.m.

(2) 1 Off. & 3 G.R.'s about to proceed from 5.U.17. found that a German patrol from 12 to 20 men with M.G. were in front of our wire. Patrol went out through 4.U.17. with the object of cutting them off. On reaching the position 20 yds. out we bombed enemy patrol and fired with L.S. Enemy scattered and ran. A flare was fired from River Bank at U.12.a.2.2. and M.G. opened fire on NO MAN'S LAND. Patrol returned through 5.U.17. at 11.30 p.m.

(3) 2 Off. 16 G.R.'s with L.S. left our line at U.11.d.6.6. at 10.30 p.m. Patrolled front to U.11.b.8.4. Located unoccupied flare post at U.11.d.7.7. Examined shell holes supposed to be used as enemy outpost at U.11.d.8.8. Found them unoccupied. Heard sounds of enemy working in trench at U.11.d.9.5. Patrol returned through 1.U.11. at 12.30 a.m.

Sniping.-

1 Man seen standing at U.12.a.2.9. was fired at. He collapsed as if hit. Another man moving at U.12.d.1.2. was shot at. He fell, rose again and staggered out of sight with right hand on left shoulder. Time 8.30 p.m.

ENEMY ACTIVITYArtillery.-

Between 9 and 10 a.m. scattered shelling of 77 mm. on U.11.d. from direction of WANNETON. U.12.d. and vicinity shelled with 10.5 cm. H.E. between 10 a.m. and noon from direction of COMBINES. Area U.17.a.2.d. shelled with 15 cm. and Shrapnel from approx. 105° T.B. from U.12.b.95.70. At short intervals between 7.50 & 8.15 a.m. and again intermittently throughout the afternoon. Between 9.50 and 9.50 a.m. our lines in U.11.a. were lightly shelled with 10.5 cm. From 11 a.m. to noon 52 10.5 cm. shells fell in U.5.d. coming from 105° T.B. from U.11.a.80.05. also some H.E. shrap. coming from same direction. Intermittent shelling of U.11.a.2.c. at midday, and again a few H.E. shrap. at 7 p.m. Hill 85 was intermittently shelled with 15 cm. Hows. during the afternoon.

M.G.'s

3 Guns firing from S. of WANNETON swept our Support positions near U.12.b.9.8. during the afternoon. Between 4.50 & 6.30 p.m. bursts of M.G. fire over whole area of front line and supports. M.G. at about U.12.a.2.8. swept WANNETON TRACK at in U.10.d. at 8 p.m. M.G. at U.11.d.9.6. was active after dark.

T.M.'s

At 9.45 a.m. 4 light H.W. fell on U.11.c.2.d. from fire direction of WANNETON. At 10 a.m. several H.W.'s on U.11.a.2.9. coming from same direction. 17 light H.W. on U.17.d.5.9. at 9.30 a.m. coming from direction of WIGANT FM. Between 8.50 & 10 a.m. about 50 H.W. were fired on our front trench system from U.12. central. Between 10 & 11 a.m. 5 H.W. fell at U.11.a.8.9. H.W. at U.12.c.8.2. shelled our posts in U.11.d. from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. and again from 3 to 3.30 p.m.

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AEROPLANES

Our planes were active all day over enemy lines. Little enemy activity. 5 Enemy planes flying at great height passed over our lines during the day. At 11.45 a.m. our machines were engaged by H.S. on T.B. 90° and by A.A.Gun on T.B. 100° from U.11.a.80.05. At 1.5 p.m. H.S. on T.B. 90° again fired on our planes.

Movement.-

At 7.45 a.m. smoke seen at about U.18.b.3.6. and a man moving here.
Between 7.30 & 8.30 a.m. several men seen moving around U.18.b.4.4. apparently carrying.
At 8.30 a.m. 2 men seen near U.18.c.8.2. one moved off towards U.18.d.08.10.
At 8.30 a.m. a German Officer was seen approaching S.U.17. When within 10 yds. of the post the S.C.O. I/c. challenged him and he turned and made off. 1 shot stopped him. At dusk he was searched and documents found on him were collected.
At 9 a.m. movement seen around WASHINGTON TOWER.
At 9 a.m. 2 men seen near ruins at U.18.a.2.9. 1 was sniped and collapsed and the other disappeared.
At 9.30 a.m. one man was seen at U.18.c.2.3.
At 10.30 a.m. smoke seen at U.18.d.35.02.
At 11.33 a.m. one man ran from U.18.c.9.3. to U.18.c.9.2.
At 11.40 a.m. smoke from train seen due east of U.17.d.5.9.
At 12.5 p.m. one man seen at U.18.c.9.1.
At 3.30 p.m. 5 men seen at U.18.c.8.4. from
At 3.35 p.m. 2 men was seen carrying food tins on back U.18.c.4.2. to U.18.c.7.4.
At night noises of enemy working in his front trench were heard from S.U.11 and S.U.11.

Defences

3 Look-out platforms and spikes in trees can be seen at Farm WASHINE V.13.c.2.7. There is an overhead telephone line to the spot and considerable camouflage can be seen.

Miscellaneous

Some work is in progress and small alteration can be seen to have been made on small ruined building at U.18.c.7.6.
Visibility fair in morning but less in afternoon. Flares normal. Ground drying rapidly.

Works
Right Bn.
Front Line

9 duckboards, 13 revetting frames and 8 "A" Frames used on Posts 1 - 8.
Dugout occupied by T.M's and Reserve L.S's pumped out and now fairly dry.
6.U.17. fire step reconstructed, duckboards laid and one shelter made.
7.U.17. 150 sandbags used to make a bottom to trench and 3 duckboards laid over these.
O.P. built, 4 "A" Frames and 2 duckboards used.
Salved iron used for revetment.
8.U.17 duckboards relaid and L.S. position improved with sandbags.

Left Bn.
Front Line

9.U.17. trench pumped out.
450 yds. duckboards laid from U.9.d.8.2. to U.9.b.85.00.
1 - 4 U.11. drained, shelters cleared in Close Supports near Coy. H.Q.

Reserve Bn.

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5 - 9 U.11. scraped fairly clear of mud.
Draining ULTIMO AV. in U.18.a. continued.
Drain at U.17.a.4.9. deepened and completed.
60 yds. trench at U.18.b.8.4. drained and completed.
110 yds. bays cut along ULTIMO AV. near the IRON GATE.
Deepening drain at U.17.a.4.9.
V.M.S. & L.F.M. Emplacements improved and shelter at U.9.d.8.0. completed.
Snipers Post at U.11.d.2.8. fixed with box loophole, overhead cover and revetted sides.
Post at U.17.b.0.5. under construction.

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APPENDIX 7

A D D E N D A

Extract AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE

1.40 p.m. to 3.00 p.m. 1,000 to 1,500 feet.

New earth at 8.12.a.central. The wire all along the front of
WANNIXON seem in excellent condition.

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 Brigade Headquarters
 22nd January, 1918.

SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE

6 a.m. 21. 1.18 to 6 a.m. 22. 1.18

OUR OPERATIONS

The relief of the 22nd Bn. by the 21st Bn. in the Right Bn. Area was completed at 8.15 p.m.

Artillery

Busy throughout the day on enemy's rear communications and Front Line system. At 11 a.m. Field Artillery shelled WIGART FM. obtaining direct hits on buildings and trenches.

M.G.'s

1,500 rounds on U.12.c.55.05. to U.18.a.65.83., 1,750 rounds on road U.12.b.40.25. to U.12.b.75.30, 2,000 rounds on mound at V.7.a.4.1., 2,000 rounds on U.12.c.9.4., 2,000 on U.18.a.70.95.

Patrols.-

1 Off. 6 O.R's left U.17.b.85.45. at 12.45 a.m. and proceeded to U.18.a.0.5. thence S.E. to U.18.a.15.30. where a new German rifle evidently left very recently was picked up. The bank of the LYS to U.17.d.75.75. was then patrolled, party then returning through U.18.a.25.30., U.17.b.95.55. to U.17.b.85.45. at 2.30 a.m. No enemy movement was encountered.

1 Off. 7 O.R's. left U.11.d.6.6. at 10 p.m. returning to 9.U.11. at 12.15 a.m. A large enemy working party at U.11.d.9.5. and covered by a M.G. at U.11.d.8.5. was seen. Shell holes at U.11.d.8.8. were found unoccupied. No enemy patrols encountered.

1 Sgt. & 2 O.R's acting as covering party to men digging T Sap from 4.U.11. about 150 yds. in front observed German wiring party adjusting wire at about U.11.d.8.7. Party were working on a 200 yard frontage. No enemy covering party or patrol was observed.

1 Off. 12 O.R's left 5.U.17. at 6 p.m. returning to 9.U.17 at 7.30 p.m. The whole front was quiet. This patrol was unable to reach the Huns reported to have been killed at 11.30 a.m. (see movement).

Aerial Activity

Our planes active throughout the day over Enemy front line.

Sniping.-

Our Snipers were alert to take advantage of targets. No definite result can be claimed.

ENEMY OPERATIONS

Artillery.-

Busier than usual on back area. Normal on front system. At 7.30 a.m. a few 77's fell on U.17.d.3.7. from direction of ST BARBE. From 8.00 to 8.35 p.m. PLOEGSTEERT WOOD was shelled with 50 rounds of 15 cm's from 92° T. from U.15.d.7.5. From 4 to 7.30 p.m. approx. 80 rounds of 15 cm. from direction of 105° T. from U.15.d.7.5. fell on same area. At 9 a.m. 10 77 mm's. H.E. & Shrap. on U.11.a.&c. from direction of WARNETON. At 10.30 a.m. several 15 cm's on U.14.a.&b. From 9.50 to 10.10 a.m. U.11.central shelled with 14 - 10 cm's from 90° T. from U.15.d.5.8. and from 10.30 to 11 a.m. 3 - 15 cm's from 103° T. fell in U.17.a. From 3 to 6 p.m. 15 cm's & 10 cm's at rate of 1 in 3 minutes landed on U.14.a.&b. from direction of WARNETON. 4.45 p.m. a 15 cm. fired once on MESSINES from 110° T. from U.11.a.80.05. At 8.30 p.m. a 77 mm. at 108° T. from U.11.a.80.05. shelled U.11.a. Much below normal. At 7.30 a.m. a few light M.W's landed on U.17.d.3.7.

T.M's.-

M.G's.-

Very heavy against our planes from direction of WARNETON & DEULEMONT. At daybreak and dusk swept forward areas in bursts particularly on Right Sector in vicinity of U.18.a.2.8. During night some attention was paid to C.H.Q. at U.17.a.2.4. From 5 to 7.30 p.m. there were bursts at 15 minute intervals at U.16.b.3.8. Parapet at U.11.c.8.6. was swept from direction of U.12.a.7.0.

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Aerial Activity Confined to daybreak and at 7.15 p.m. when an E.A. crossed our lines returning at 8.15 p.m.

Sniping. Considerable retaliation on our Left Sector particularly.

Movement. At 6.50 a.m. a man was seen for a moment at U.18.a.2.3. At 7.15 a.m. 4 men was seen observing with glasses at about U.11.b.4.4. One was waving his arm and pointing. Isolated movement about this locality throughout the day. From 7.40 to 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. 4.30 p.m. considerable movement by individuals at the WINDMILL U.18.a.2.8. and at IN DENROOSTER CABT. From 7.30 to 10 a.m. and 3 to 4.30 p.m. there was constant movement at foot of TOWER and in buildings at U.12.c.7.3. 9.45 a.m. a party of 9 men walked along track at U.17.d.9.6. and disappeared at U.18.c.1.8. At 10 a.m. 6 men moved from U.17.d.9.2. to U.17.d.9.1. At 10.15 a.m. one man left WARNETON and entered shelter a few yards from GASOMETER. at U.12.b.05.20. At 11.30 a.m. a man left ruins U.12.c.5.2. and entered dugout quite close. At 11.30 a.m. the C.S.M. of 5.U.17. saw 4 germans approaching the post down the WARNETON - LA BASSE VILLE RD. They advanced as far as the Ruined House at U.17.b.25.45. about 60 yds. from the post. The leading man who looked like an Officer pointed with his stick towards the post and called to the men following him. As soon as he spoke they all made a dash for cover behind the building. The C.S.M. then ordered fire and saw 3 of the enemy tumble over. The man suspected as an Officer could be distinctly seen lying on ^{the far} ear side of the building the others being 20 yds. in rear. From 1.40 to 3.50 there was movement in ruins at U.12.c.45.20. and at U.12.c.85.30. At 3.55 p.m. a party of approx. 10 carried bags from U.12.c.9.4. to U.12.c.45.20. From 4 to 4.30 p.m. several men moved at about U.12.c.45.20. At 3 p.m. smoke arose from a small pipe chimney at U.18.a.2.3. The duckwalk bridge over the LYS near this point is either submerged or broken. Throughout the morning FM. WASTINE was a centre of activity. Movement about the neighbouring trenches was noticeable.

Signals. Chain flares were frequently used throughout the night. From 2.35 to 3 a.m. and 3.40 a.m. to 4.20 a.m. one was sent up on the front every three minutes. At 6.45 p.m. to 7 p.m. a large red light which remained constant was observed at 117° T. from U.11.a.80.05. This may possibly have been related with the movements of the E.A. reported above. A signal lamp in COMINES recorded V G D A M G M S N I A U (Miss) L Z E F N P N D W I Y E E N H.

Miscellaneous. A large fire like a house burning lasted for 45 minutes from 7.30 to 8.15 p.m. bearing 120° T. from U.15.d.5.7. Flashes were located 95° T. from U.15.d.7.5. at 9.15 p.m. and at 73° T. from U.11.a.80.05.

Work. Two "T" Heads from 5.U.11 and 7.U.11 resp. constructed. Two "T" Heads at 2.U.11 and 4.U.11 excavated and 50% revetted. Snipers Post at U.17.a.0.5. completed with splinter proof cover for two men, loophole in wall and platform rest for firing in sitting position erected.

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Brig.-General,
Commanding 6th Aust. Infantry Brigade

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Sgt P. J. Smith + 2 O.R. when acting as covering party. to men digging T Saps from No. 4. post - about 450' in front, observed a German working party adjusting wire - W 11 d 87 ± apparently 30' from enemy front line -

Party were working on a 200' frontage -

No covering party or ^{enemy} patrol was observed -

Casualties nil

Patrol returned 9. pm.

W. S. L.
235 Post

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PATROL REPORT

Officers Other Ranks

Personnel 1 Officer & P.O. & 6 N.C.M. 1 7

Place of Departure.- U. 11. d. 6. 6

Time of Departure 10 P.M.

Task set & instructions given to patrol.- To patrol front & get as much information as possible. Examine shell holes at U. 11. d. 8. 8. Also check Pill Box at U 11 to central

Place of Return.- NO 9 POST.

Time of Return.- 12.15 AM.

Casualties.- NIL.

Information obtained.- Large enemy working party at (U. 11. d. 9. 5) covered by machine gun at (U. 11. d. 8. 5). Shell holes supposed to be used by enemy at (U. 11. d. 8. 8) unoccupied. Examined Pill box at U 11 to central & found some unoccupied. No enemy patrols seen, & no enemy working parties toward active on front.

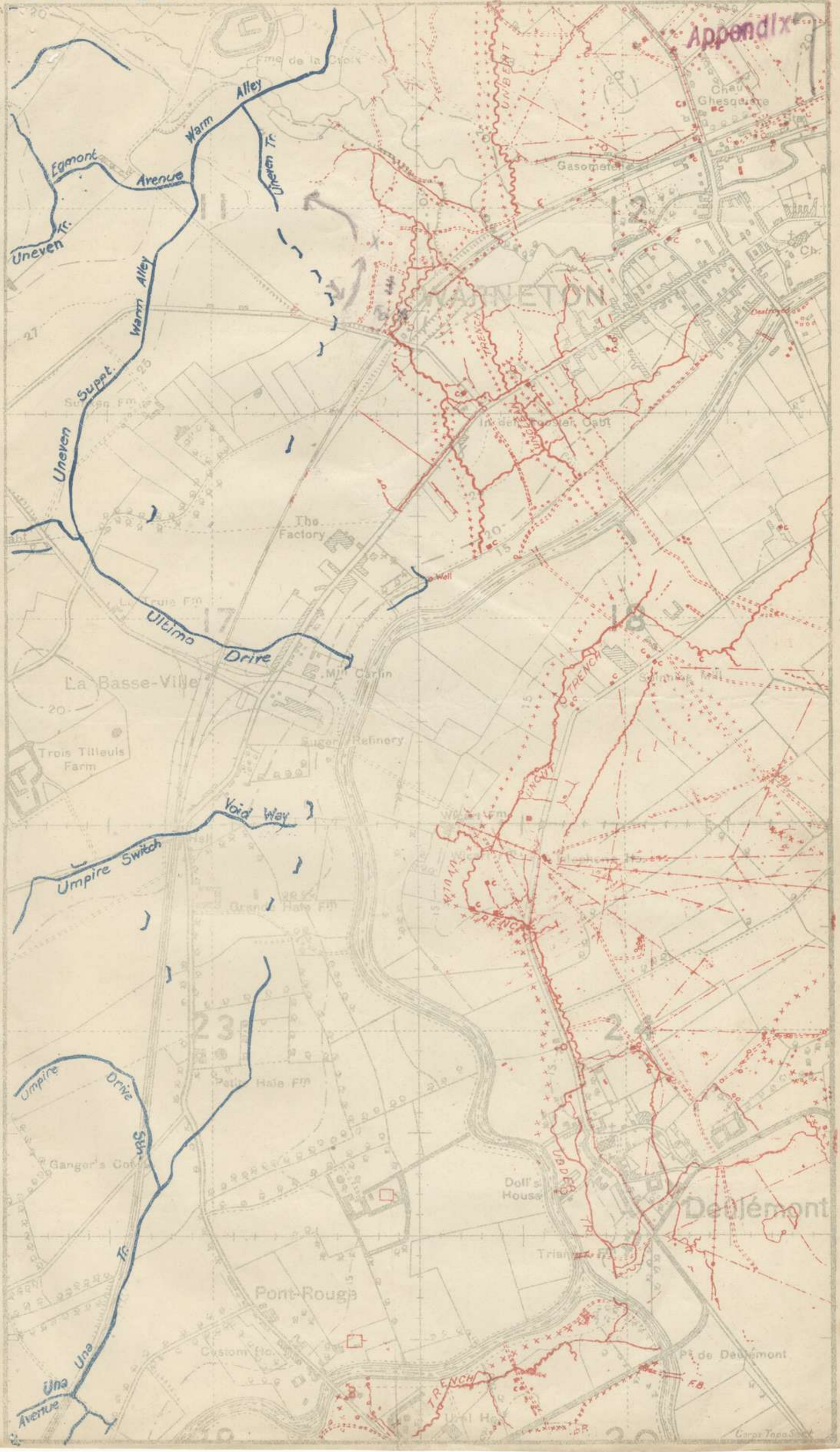
(Signed)..... H. J. Field, 2nd Lieut.
I/c Patrol.

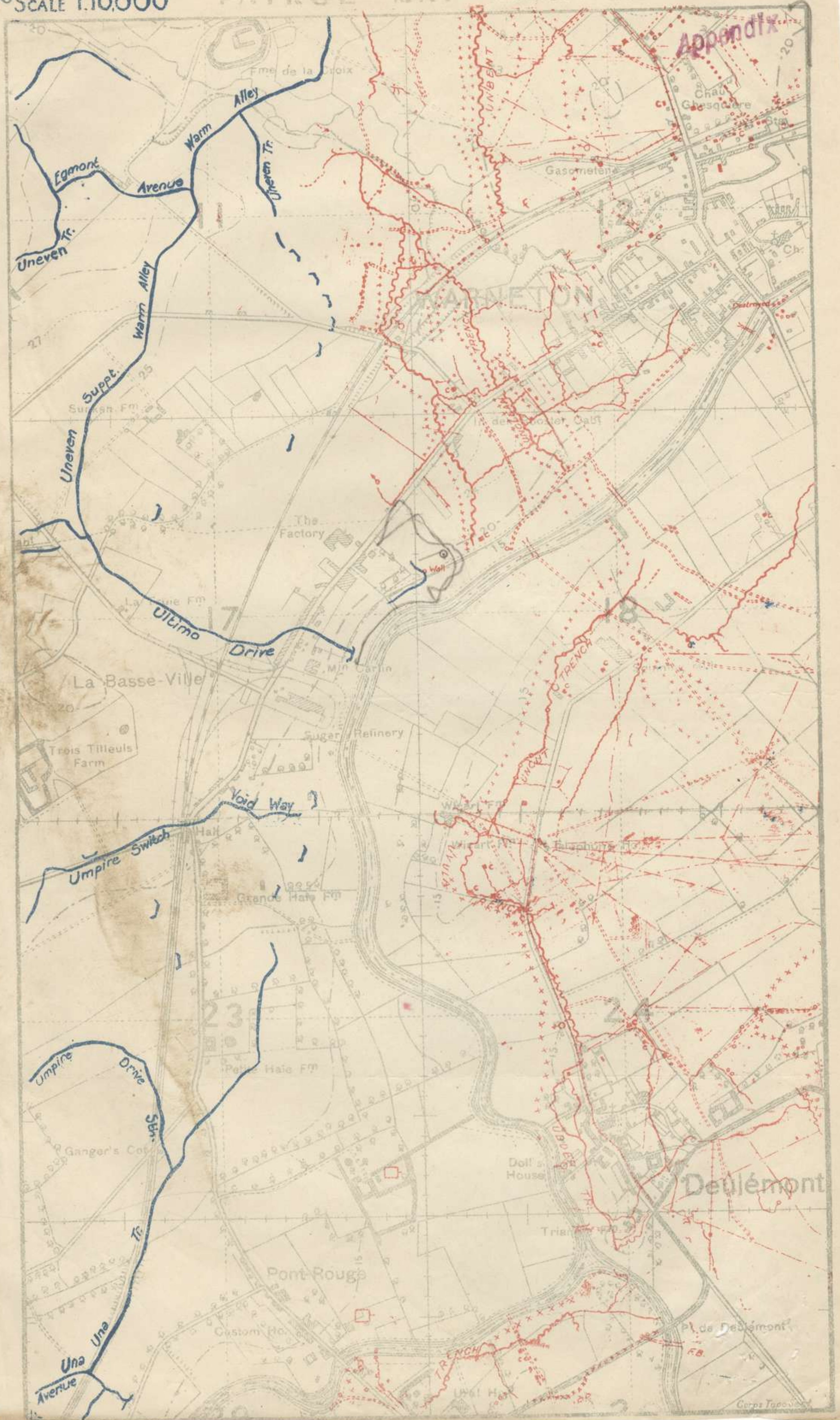
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H. Bracken
23rd Lieut.-Col,
Commanding Battalion

22.1.18





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PERSONNEL

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Place of departure U1768540 No spot
U1767590 No spot

Time of departure 6 pm

Place of return U1768540 No spot
U1767590 No spot

Time of return 7 30 pm

Purpose of patrol Covering relief
of Bn

Casualties nil

Information Whole front quiet
We brought back the German
Officer who was shot by CSM
Carter on the previous day

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1/2 Patrol

Lucic from his officer is
forwarded on.

[Signature]

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21st Bn

Map Ref.

Night 21/22/18

Warrington 1:10,000

A party of 6 Other Ranks, which included 1 N.C.O., left our line at U17 b 8545, at 12.45 AM. To reconnoitre and report upon No Mans Land in general.

The patrol proceeded in a N.W. westerly direction and then, after reaching point U18 a 05, went S. East down the centre of No Mans Land.

At U18 a 4530 (see map ②) found new German rifle, in good working order, and scarcely rusty. Evidently had been left there not more than one night previously.

The patrol took a S. Westwesterly turn and patrolled the bank of the Tys so as far as U17 b 175.75.

Coming back, the patrol went out as far as U18 a 2530 and up No Mans Land to U17 b 95.55 returning at U17 b 8545, at 2.30 AM.
Casualties Nil

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No German Patrols were seen
or no enemy movement heard
during the time our Patrol was
in Crochans Land.

No shots, flares or artillery fire
were used by either side on the
front patrolled during the time
the Patrol was out.

A Peck Lt.

Officer in Charge Patrol

At 9 PM an NCO. went out from N° 6 post
and reconnoitred building at U 17 & 85 745
+ found it unoccupied, returning at 9.30 PM
No movement seen.

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On the 21st inst at 11.30 am I was in charge of a post 5U17 when I observed four Germans approaching my position down the Warneton La Bassée Ville road. I allowed them to approach as near as they would. When the nearest man, whom I took for an officer, halted near the ruined house along the road (about 60 yards from my post) and pointed with his stick towards my post and shouted to the men following him. As soon as he spoke they all make a dash for cover behind the building. I gave the order to open fire and saw three of them tumble over. The fourth man remained behind the building until dusk and then got back to his own line. I could distinctly see the man whom I took to be

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The officer lying dead near the far side of the building. The other two were some 20 yards further back. The first man (the officer) was carrying a walking stick, the second man was carrying a rifle with fixed bayonet, the third & fourth were carrying shovels & no rifles. At 6:30 pm I went out with Mr Hutton & his scouts and after getting to within 30 yards of the first dead man Mr Hutton decided it was impossible to get any nearer on account of the light.

T. Barber B.S.A.

21.1.1918

W. G. G. G.
I.O.

C. Coy
22nd A.I.B.

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6th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

Brigade Headquarters
 23rd Jan., 1918.

SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE

6 a.m. 22. 1.18 to 6 a.m. 23. 1.18

OUR OPERATIONS

Artillery

Harassing fire was carried out on enemy roads in rear of WARNETON intermittently by day & night. During the night front line system was searched with Shrap. & H.E. Gasometer & WARNETON (especially in vicinity of TOWER) received special attention during the day. About noon, WIGART FM. was shelled by our 18 pdrs.

T.M's

At 8.30 p.m., our right guns fired 5 rounds to verify ranges. Two shots were fired at U.18.a.15.80. and three at U.12.c.1.1. These appeared well placed. No apparent enemy action followed.

M.G's

The following targets were fired on.-

U.12.b.40.25	to U.12.b.8.3.	...	2,000	rounds
U.12.b.0.2.	" U.12.b.4.3.	...	1,500	"
V.7.a.3.0.	(Track junction)	...	1,500	"
U.12.c.8.3.	to U.12.d.3.6.	...	4,000	"
Total.-			9,000	"

Patrols

(1) 2 Off. 5 O.R's left U.11.d.30.85. at 2.30 a.m. Saw about three of enemy who appeared to be examining their wire at approx U.11.d.9.8. Pill Box at U.11.b.central found to be unoccupied. Patrol returned at 4.15 a.m. at U.11.b.05.50 (9.U.11)
 (2) 1 Off. 4 O.R's left U.17.b.6.8. at 9.20 p.m. Proceeded in N.E. direction to U.11.d.88.14. then East to U.11.d.98.00., saw enemy working party of about 15 men at U.18.a.1.9. They appeared to be a wiring party and our patrol could distinctly hear wire being unreeled. Hostile M.G. fire from U.11.d.8.4. Patrol returned through U.17.b.6.8. at 10.50 p.m.
 (3) 1 Off. 4 O.R's proceeded from U.17.b.8.4. at midnight. Went N.E. to U.17.b.9.5. then N. to U.17.b.90.65. thence S.E. to point 20 yds. from S.W. edge of SPINNEY. At U.18.a.05.50. two men jumped to their feet and ran towards their line at the same time calling out. The Officer & N.C.O. of patrol fired revolvers and one Hun called out as though he had been hit. M.G. immediately opened fire on patrol from U.17.a.30.45. and 2 flares were sent up from the SPINNEY. Patrol moved off S.E. but were stopped by hostile M.G. fire from U.18.a.3.3. Patrol then returned at U.17.b.8.4. at 1 a.m.

Infantry

Two Platoon relief carried out by Left Coy. Right Bn. without incident. Relief complete by 8.15 p.m. Covering Patrol of 1 Off. 5 O.R's protected the operation.

Sniping.-

One man was shot at U.18.a.2.3. and another at U.12.c.1.3. at 7 a.m. At 8.30 a.m. a man holding a map out was shot at U.11.d.9.8.

ENEMY ACTIVITY

Artillery.-

Activity was slightly above normal U.10.b.&d. and U.11.a.&c. lightly shelled at various times. Between 10 a.m. 11 a.m. & 10 p.m. with 10.5 cm. H.E. & Shrapnel. Flashes were seen from U.11.a.80.05. on the following T.B. 124°, 121°, 105°, 115°. Flashes also observed from U.15.d.5.7. on T.B. 87°, 95°, & 110° of guns firing on U.11.a.&c. A Battery heavier than 15 cm. was firing on area about HYDE PARK CORNER. from 2.50 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. about 40 rounds were fired by this battery which appeared to be on bearing of 110° T.B. from U.15.d.5.7. Another report states this Battery to be firing from T.B. of 108° from U.15.c. 90.35. and the time elapsing between flash and sound of gun to be 20 seconds. About 50 rounds of light Shrapnel were fired over light railway in U.10.d. & U.11.c. during morning.

T.M.'s

Between 1.30 & 2.30 p.m. approx. 50 rounds of 10.5 cm. H.F. fell about U.17.d.6.6. coming from behind WARNETON. Active at intervals towards evening. M.W. at U.12.c.8.3. fired a few rounds but our Artillery retaliated on request and quietened him. About 30 rounds fell on U.11.a.&c. (central) between 5 & 7 p.m. A few rounds fell about the SUGAR REFINERY at 9 a.m., between 2.30 & 3 p.m. and again between 6.45. & 7.30 p.m. M.W. observed firing at 9.30 a.m. from U.18.a.4.9. on to Right Bn. front.

M.G.'s

Active at intervals. M.G.'s in DEULEMONT and U.18.central were active firing on our Aeroplanes. Short bursts fired at 6 - 7 a.m. at intervals from U.12.c.45.30 & U.12.c.5.2. During night flashes were observed at U.11.d.95.65. at intervals.

Aircraft.-

Our planes were active patrolling enemy lines. E.A. showed increased activity. At 10.15 a.m. two E.A. flew between lines at fair height. Engged by A.A. they flew off in an Easterly direction. At 11.30 a.m. three E.A. came towards our lines but were driven off East by our A.A. fire and our planes.

Movement.-

7 a.m. two men in open at U.18.a.2.3. One of these was sniped.
 7.15 a.m. three men walked from U.12.c.45.30. to U.12.c.5.2.
 7.25 " one man carrying shovel walked from U.12.c.45.30. to U.12.c.30.35.
 7.50 a.m. two men moved quickly from trench and entered concrete structure at U.18.c.7.1. from which telephone wires emerge.
 8.30 a.m. two men holding open a paper or map were seen at U.11.d.9.8. The one holding map was shot.
 9 a.m. two men walked from U.12.c.0.7. along front line a few yards.
 9.5 a.m. one man moving about foot of WARNETON TOWER.
 9.30 a.m. four men working close to FM WASTINE.
 11.15 a.m. man observed with full pack at V.7.a.76.88. where he disappeared. He reappeared with two others and went along road N.E. Movement reported throughout the day around Camouflaged Pill Box at V.7.a.06.58.
 4 p.m. four men appeared carrying dixies at U.12.a.90.30. and disappeared at U.12.b.57.30. 4.20 p.m. three men throwing up earth at U.12.c.80.25.
 4.40 p.m. two men carrying what looked like a M.G. disappeared in ruins at U.12.c.80.25.
 5.30 p.m. seven men halted at V.7.a.06.58. They were formed up and dismissed to dugout. Continued movement around this locality till dusk.

Signals.- Signal lamp was seen flashing at 10.35 a.m. on large building 7,500 yds. approx. on T.B. from U.15.d.5.7. of 81°. Signal lamp flashing from building V.14.central at 11.5 a.m. Red signal light over enemy lines at T.B. 89° from U.11.a.80.05. At 12.15 a.m. a double green flare was sent up from enemy front line and a few minutes later a double red flare went up from near the same spot. At 12.25 a.m. two double green flares arose from same place. No apparent action followed. At 8.45 p.m. two white parachute flares were fired from well behind lines.

Defences.- Sounds of Enemy wiring party heard near U.11.d.85.50. reported by Left Bn.

Miscellaneous

Fire seen behind enemy lines at 110° T.B. from U.15.d.5.7. which lasted 5 minutes at 1.20 p.m. At 6 p.m. another fire on same bearing which lasted 10 minutes. Rain during evening made NO MAN'S LAND extremely soft and muddy.

Works.-Left Bn. Report.

Wiring in front of existing wire from U.11.d.7.5. to U.11.b.3.4. Carted materials and erected approx. 750 yds. single fence D.A. wire.

Completed two "T" heads from posts 2.U.11. and 4.U.11.

Completed two "T" heads from posts 5.U.11. and 7.U.11. revetted and duckboarded.

Right Bn. Report cleaning and draining of Posts, shelters and saps.

Support Bn. Report.- Revetting 50 yds., cleaning and draining 100 yds. of Support Line Trench including trucking material from RACINE DUMP and carrying forward to Support Line.

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Support Bn. Contd.

From a point 100 yards East of IRON GATES, cleaned and drained 80 yards of ULTIMO AVENUE.
Working at new R.A.P., drained and cleaned 60 yards of Trench, also cut a ledge in Trench for a similar length.

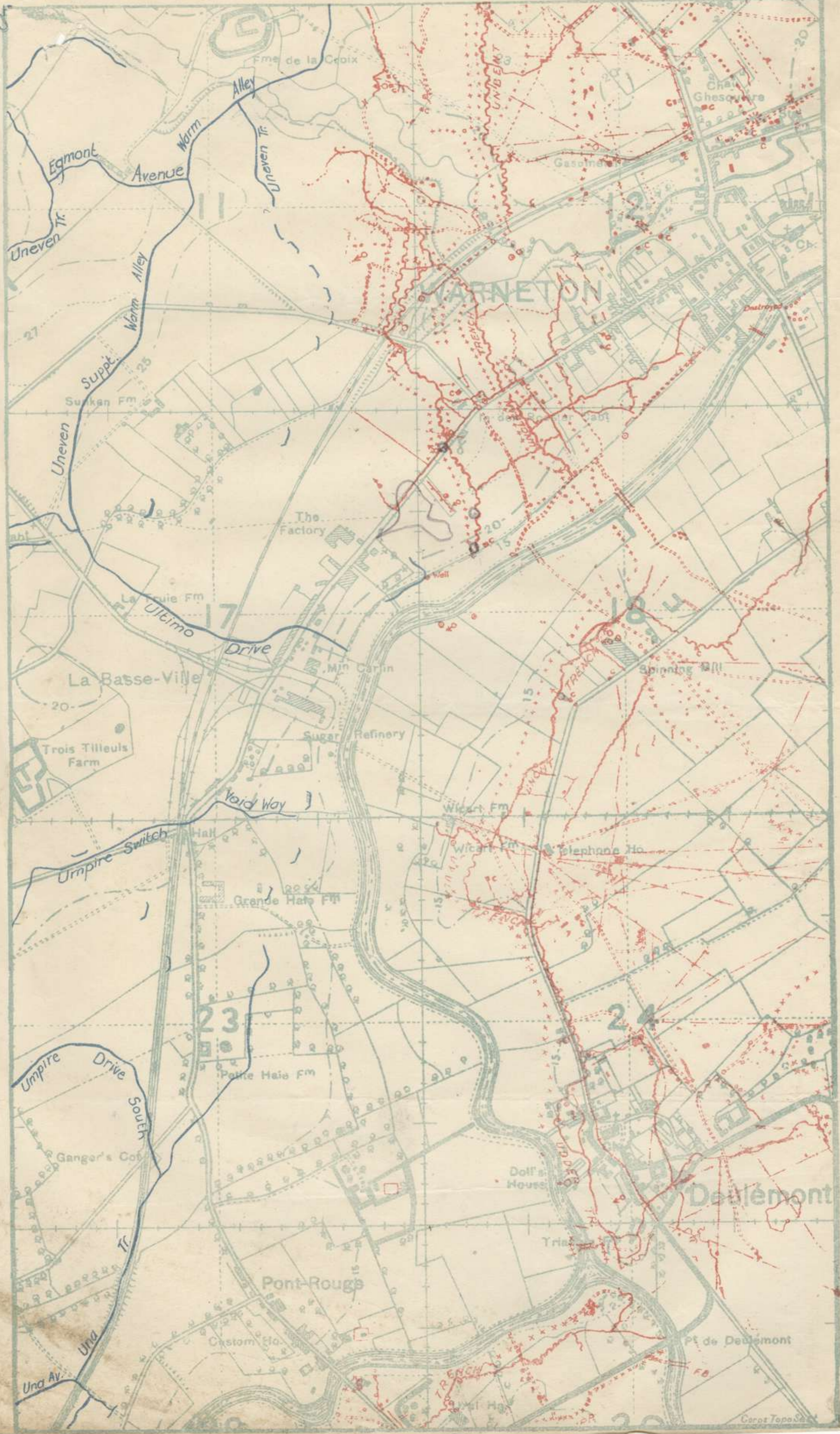
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for Brig.-General,
Commanding 6th Aust. Infantry Brigade

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Patrol Report

21st BN

Sheet, Warneton 1:10000

Night of 22/23 Jan'y

1 OFF 4 OR

A Patrol of ~~4 other ranks~~, including a Sgt left our line at U17684, at 12 midnight 22/23 Jan'y, to reconnoitre Spinney from U1800060 to U1801545, and gain information about Right Flank of Enemy's trenches at U18033. The patrol proceeded in a N.Easterly direction to U17695 and then went due north to U1769065, coming down the centre of No Mans Land 20 yards from S. West edge of Spinney. At U1800550, two Germans were seen to jump to their feet and run towards their own line, at the same time calling out.

The Officer and Sgt. each fired their revolver at the Germans, and one was heard to call out again, as though he had been hit. The Patrol sought shelter in shell holes, and almost as soon as they got down, machine gun fire was opened on them from the direction

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 of S. West corner of Spinney,
 apparently coming from enemy trench
 at U18a 3045.

Two flares were also sent up
 from the German line, one coming
 over the Spinney and falling
 amongst the Patrol, the other
 coming from the N. East corner
 of the Spinney.

The Patrol lay quiet for half an
 hour, and then moved down the
 channel in a S. Easterly direction,
 but had only proceeded to U18a 2035
 when hostile machine gun fire was
 opened on it from U18a 33.

The Patrol then went back to U17b 84,
 and when by the Road at U17b 85 45,
 had enemy machine gun fire directed
 on it from a N. Easterly direction.
 Approximate Machine gun positions
 shown as @ on map.

Patrol returned at 1 AM.
 Casualties. Nil.

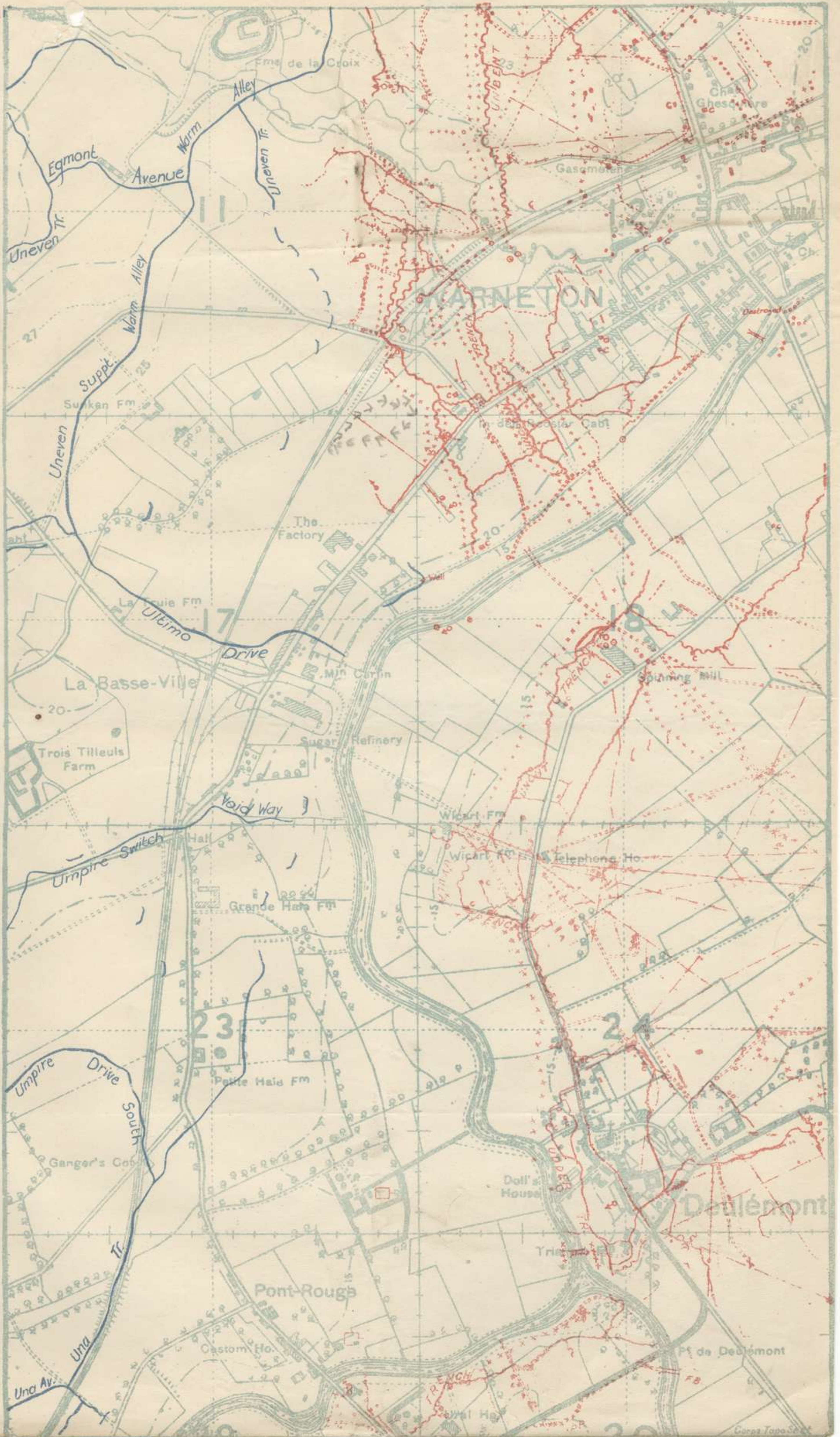
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 21st Bn.

W. J. Peck, Lt.
 Officer in Charge Patrol
 21st Bn.

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PATROL REPORT.

Ref. Map Sheet -

Personnel - 1 off 4 0 2
 Place of Departure - U. 17 to 6.8
 Time of Departure - 9.20
 Purpose - Reconnaissance
 Place of Return - U. 17 to 6.8
 Time of Return - 10.50
 Casualties - Nil
 Information -

The Patrol proceeded in NE direction to a point about U. 11 d. 88.14 then E to a point about U. 11. d. 99.00 saw enemy working party of about 15 or 18 at U. 18 a. 19 appeared to be a working party could distinctly hear wire being unreeled. Hostile M.G. Fire from U. 11 d. 8.4.

J. Horsburgh 2nd Lieut
 Officer or N. Coy. 1/c Patrol.

To O.C.,
 " Coy.
 (Time.)
 7/18.

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PATROL REPORT

Officers 2 Other Ranks 5

Personnel

Place of Departure.- U 11 d 30.85 (N9 3 POST)

Time of Departure 2-20. A.M.

Task set & instructions given to patrol.- To patrol front pill box U 11 b central & obtain as much information as possible.

Place of Return.- U 11 b 05.50 (N9 9 POST)

Time of Return.- 4-15. A.M.

Casualties.- Nil

Information obtained.- A small party of about (3) three men who appeared to be examining his own wire at approx U 11 d 95.80. No other patrols observed.

Pill box at U. 11 b central found to be ~~unoccupied~~ unoccupied

(Signed) [Signature] I/c Patrol. 23.1.18

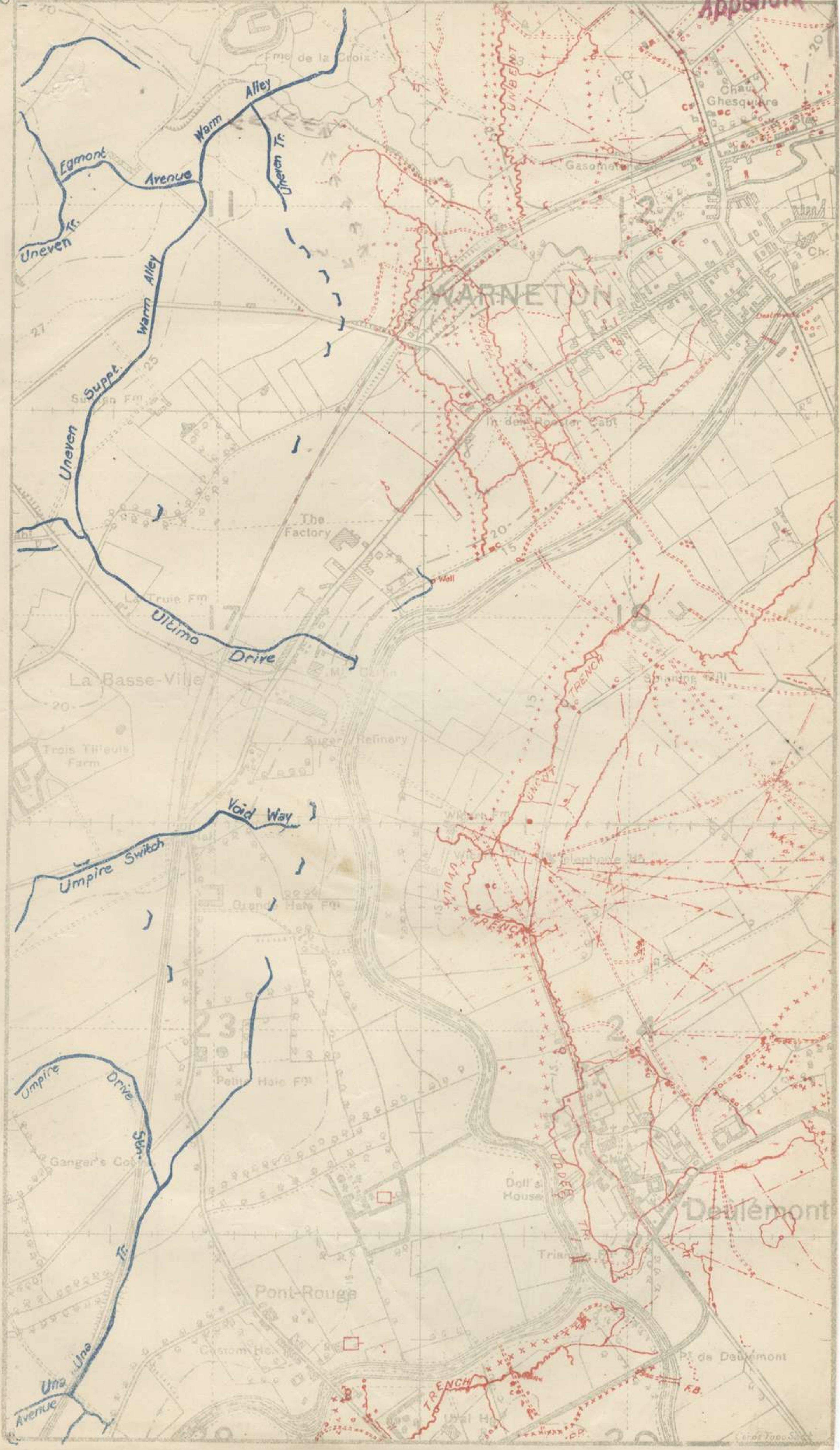
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6th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

Brigade Headquarters
24th Jan., 1918.

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SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE

6 a.m. 23. 1.18 to 6 a.m. 24. 1.18

OUR OPERATIONS

Identification

The body of one of the men shot at 11.30 a.m. on 21st inst. was recovered near the ruins at U.17.b.85.52. His identification was normal viz.- 228 R.I.R.

Artillery

Between 9 & 10 a.m. our Field Artillery engaged M.W.'s at U.12.c.90.55., U.12.c.85.30., silencing them. At 2 p.m. IN DEN ROOSTER CAVT and at 12.30 p.m. WICART FM. were shelled. Shrap. was frequently used on the vicinity of WARNETON TOWER. At 9.30 p.m. Stokes Mortar at U.17.d.50.95. successfully registered with 4 rounds on suspected M.W. position at U.18.c.9.9.

T.M's

Patrols.-

1 Off. 5 O.R's left U.17.b.9.3. at 12.25 a.m. and proceeded S.E. for about 80 yds. thence S. to U.17.b.9.1. thence to U.18.a.07.45. returning to U.17.b.80.35. at 2.15 a.m. No enemy were seen or heard.

1 Sgt. & 2 O.R's left 1.U.11. at 8.30 p.m. to reconnoitre suspected M.G. position at U.11.d.85.50. and to ascertain strength and approaches. NO MAN'S LAND in front of 1.U.11. is passable and approach to within 70 yds. of M.G. can be effected without enemy observation. No movement was detected by patrol nor did the gun fire.

M.G's

The ruined House at U.17.b.85.52. was occupied during the night by the Right Bn.

8,000 rounds was fired on following targets.- U.12.c.8.3. to U.12.d.30.66., U.18.a.70.99., the Road at W.12.b.40.25. to W.12.b.75.30., Mound at V.7.a.4.1. a few bursts at night were fired by the Lewis Gun. on 5.U.17 on enemy M.G. at U.18.a.20.45.

Aerial Activity

From 7.30 to 7.40 a.m. three of our planes were over the Enemy lines and at 3 p.m. two flew over WARNETON and encountered heavy M.G. fire from enemy front line positions.

Sniping.-

Four shots fired without definite result at fleeting targets at U.12.c.2.0. and U.12.c.4.2. A shot was fired at a man's head showing at U.18.c.2.2. He waved a wash out with a shovel.

ENEMY OPERATIONS

Artillery.-

Rather quieter even than usual on forward areas. From 8 to 8.45 a.m. 16 - 15 cm. from direction of COMINES on U.14.a. At 9.40 a.m. FLATTENED FARM (U.16.a.9.1.) shelled with 10 cm. from direction of DEULEMONT. An occasional 15 cm. from direction of COMINES fell on U.14. & U.15. between 9.40 & 10.15 a.m. From 2 to 3 p.m. 10 cm's from 113° T. from U.15. d.5.7. fell at U.16.b.3.3. From 3 to 4 p.m. U.21.b. was shelled with 5 - 10 cm's. & U.9.b. with 3 - 10 cm's. the latter at 90° T. from U.9.b.6.4.

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Very active during the morning. From 8 to 9.30 a.m. 18 large M.W. from U.12.c.9.3. fell on U.17.b. 7.45 to 7.50 a.m. M.W. at U.12.c.5.7. fired 6 rounds on our Support Line in vicinity of U.11.a.9.3. At 8.22 a.m. 2 from U.12.c.7.9. on U.11.a.9.3. 8.30 to 8.45 a.m. 12 from U.12.c.90.55. and U.12.c.85.30. on Support Lines. 9.45 a.m. 3 in vicinity of U.11.b.1.6. At 6.50 p.m. 8 rounds on U.17.d.3.9. and at 11.30 p.m. 6 on U.17.d.central from U.18.c.65.55. and U.18.c.2.1. Active against our planes from WARNETON particularly at 2 p.m. also active as usual at dusk on forward areas. 6.30 p.m. two short bursts from U.11.d.85.75. and from 5.30 to 10 p.m. active from U.18.a.02.65., U.18.a.20.45., U.11.d.90.35. From 10 to 11 p.m. M.G. at U.12.a.8.5. fired very high bursts along the DOUVE VALLEY (observed at Left. Bn. H.Q.).

M.G's

Aerial Activity

Nil.

Movement

At 6.45 a.m. there was slight movement at dugout at U.18.a.3.2. At 7.5 a.m. two men moved from GASOMETER to WARNETON. At 7.5 to 7.10 a.m. four men stood on parapet at U.12.c.6.1. At 7.10 to 7.15 a.m. 9 men moved at U.12.c.5.3. At 7.15 a.m. two men carried dioxies to U.12.b.2.3. disappearing at that place. 15 minutes earlier an individual had done the same thing but returning to U.12.a.9.2. At 7.20 a.m. two men from WARNETON entered front line at U.11.d.95.25. and at same time three men stood on parapet at U.12.c.4.2. At 7.30 a.m. two men left Sap for ruins at U.12.c.2.0. Two more were cutting wood outside Pill Box at about U.12.c.7.2. A party of six moved hurriedly at U.12.a.9.9. and a man distinctively dressed walked from U.12.a.9.3. to U.12.b.40.75. At 7.33 a.m. smoke was seen over trench in front of U.12.c.3.5. At 7.40 a.m. four men moved from U.12.c.85.40 S.W. along road until directed by man on road near U.12.c.6.3. to trench at U.12.c.4.2. At 8 a.m. desultory movement at U.12.b.2.3. and two men moved across from trench at U.11.d.9.6. to road at U.12.c.5.3. At 8.25 a.m. two men like linesmen worked at U.12.b.05.20. At 9 a.m. party of seven with packs left U.12.a.8.3. and was lost to sight at ruins at U.12.b.2.3. At 10.30 a.m. a man was seen chopping wood at U.12.c.5.3. At 11 a.m. smoke seen near ruins at U.12.c.5.3. At 12.20 p.m., 1.10 p.m. three men seen outside Pill Box at U.12.c.3.1. and at 3.50 p.m. a man carrying white paper left this Pill Box and entered an adjoining dugout. At 1.30 p.m. several men moved near FM. WASTINE. At 2 p.m. an individual ran for 200 yds in the open at U.12.c.8.6. Wheeled transport traffic between 6 p.m. and midnight is distinctly heard on roads between TELEPHONE HOUSE (U.24.a.)- SPINNING MILL - POSTE DE DOUANES, also between WASTINE FM. and VANISHED INN (V.19.central)

Miscellaneous

There is an O.P. in a tree some 4,400 yds. from U.15.d.5.7. at a bearing of 63° T. From 1.10 to 2 p.m. an enemy balloon was up at 120° T. from U.11.a.80.05.

Flares were normal.

Work.-

New Post at U.17.b.5.8. (8.U.17.) completed and duckboarded. Forward lip of M.W.CRATER at 7.U.17. fortified with L.G. position.

Posts generally improved, Cellar accommodation at U.17.b.7.3. pumped out and Engineer working party for installing bunks provided.

Rain proof cover completed on Posts 2 - 7 U.11. 40 sheets of iron being salvaged for the purpose.

Clearing of trench around Right Coy. H.Q. in U.11.a. continued and approx. 50 yds. prepared for frames and revetting.

Wire thickened in front of posts of Left. Bn.

The Support Bn. provided parties for cleaning out work on EGMONT AVENUE, USEFUL LANE.

Berming Old Support Line for 150 yds. from U.10.b.9.6. to U.11.a.1.2.

450 yds. of EGMONT AVENUE bermed to U.11.a.5.2. 10 men engaged on cleaning trench in vicinity of U.11.a.3.2.

Edmunds Capt.

for Brig.-General,
Commanding 6th Aust. Infantry Brigade

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Personnel 1 officer, 5 O.R.'s of D Coy.
The patrol left the line at
U 17 b 9.3. at 12.25 a.m. on
night of 23rd-24th January, and
proceeded in a S.E. direction
for about 80 yards.

It then moved ~~to~~ in a Southerly
direction to U 17 b 9.1.

Here direction was changed +
patrol proceeded to ~~U 17 b~~ U 18 a,
07.45.

Then proceeding in a Westerly +
then South-Westerly direction the
patrol returned to our line at
U 17 b 80.35 at 2.15 am

Purpose of Patrol - general reconnais-
ance of No Mans Land.

Information. During the patrol, no
enemy were seen, no shots were fired,
no flares sent up, no movements of
enemy were heard.

Casualties Nil

R. Hall 2nd Lt
Officer i/c Patrol

H.A.C.

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PATROL REPORT

Officers Other Ranks

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Personnel

Place of Departure.- No. 1 Post W 11 d.

Time of Departure 8.30 pm.

Task set & instructions given to patrol.- To reconnoitre suspected M.G. position - W 11 d 8550 and ascertain exact position strength and approaches.

Place of Return.- No. 1 Post

Time of Return.- 10.30 pm

Casualties.- nil.

Information obtained.- Ground in front of No. 1. Post is in direct line with suspected M.G. position - passably fair. Party may reach within 90° from post without being noticed from either direction by post or from right or left of German line. No movement was discernible while party were out - nor did gun fire.

(Signed) J. P. Smith Sglt. I/c Patrol.

Headquarters 6th Aust. Inf. Bde.

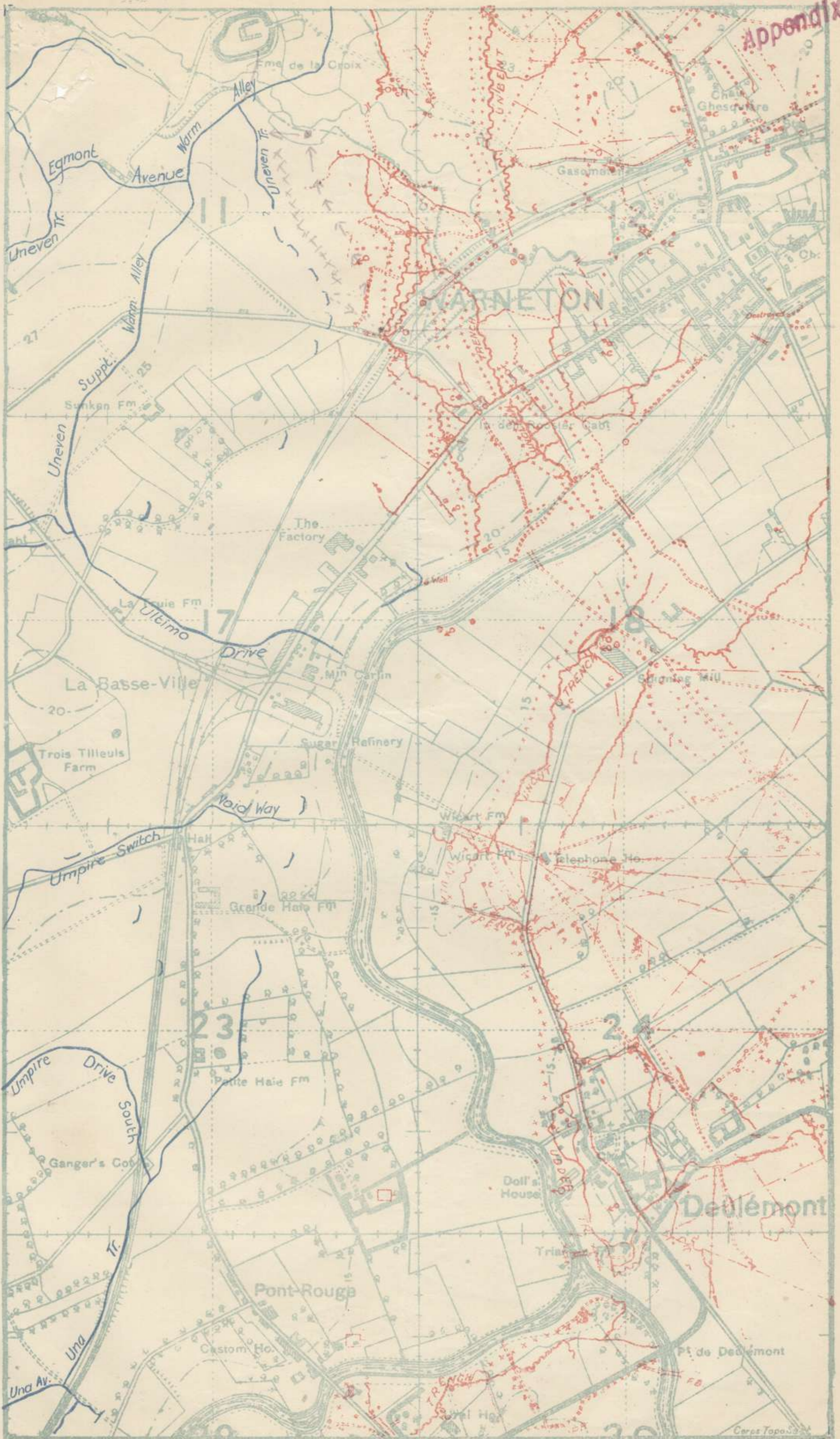
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J. Brazner Lieut.-Col, Commanding 23rd Battalion

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PATROL MAP Sheet 3



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Brigade Headquarters
25th Jan., 1918

SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE

6 a.m. 24. 18 to 6 a.m. 25. 1.18

OUR OPERATIONS

Artillery.- 18 pdrs. fired frequent salvos during the day on front line U.12.c.0.7 - GASOMETER - South of TOWER. At 7.50 a.m. Bridge at U.18.a.5.3. was shelled with shrapnel. The Heavies shelled FM WASTINE and WICART FM. between 12 noon and 3 p.m., the SPINNING MILL at 10 a.m. and between 12 noon and 2 p.m. the vicinity IN VEN ROOSTER CABT. and TOWER. Two direct hits on the TOWER are recorded. At 1.36 p.m. a burst at the base blew a large piece of masonry off the top and at 1.38 p.m. a direct hit on left TOWER also scattered some cement. A number of direct hits on buildings and road at POSTES DE DOUANES reported. 12,000 rounds on U.12.c.8.3., U.12.d.80.66., U.18.a.69.99. the Road U.12.b.40.25 - U.12.b.75.50. and mound at V.7.a.4.1.

M.G's.-

Patrols.- 1 Off. 5 O.R's left U.17.b.99.21. at 12.15 a.m. moved to River Bank and worked along U.18.a.25.23. thence to U.18.a.20.20. thence N. to U.18.a.35.19. At this point 3 of the enemy were seen moving from U.18.a.30.25. towards the SPINNEY vanishing at U.18.a.20.45. Patrol returned through U.17.b.9.5. to U.17.b.75.45. at 2.10 a.m. without further incident. 1 Off. 4 O.R's left 4.U.11. at 3.30 a.m. returning to 9.U.11 at 4.30 a.m. Shell holes in U.11.d.7.6. were unoccupied. Our own wire is intact and in good condition.

Sniping.- Three shots were fired at individuals at P.B. at U.12.c.6.2. without result.

Aerial Activity. Active along our front meeting with A.A. fire from DEULEMONT.

ENEMY OPERATIONS

Artillery.- Between 7 a.m. & 12.20 p.m. U.11.c.&d. was shelled with an occasional 15 cm. H.E. & Shrap. from direction of COMINES. At 8.30 a.m. 12 - 77 mm's. from direction of WARNETON fell on Support Lines in U.11.c. Between 11 a.m. & 12 noon 30 - 10 cm. Shrap. from 90° T. (from U.15.d.5.7. U.11.a.80.05.) on U.11.c. 8.9. U.15.a. shelled with 30 - 10 cm's. from 105° T. (from U.15.d.5.7.) between 12.15 & 1 p.m. 1.15 to 3.40 p.m. 17 - 10 cm's. on U.15.c.&d. and U.22.a. At 3.45 p.m. 6 - 10 cm's. from 105° T. from U.15.d.5.7. fell on U.22.c. Between 6 p.m. & 8 p.m. vicinity of SUGAR REFINERY was shelled with an occasional 15 cm.

T.M's.- Between 7.30 & 8 a.m. 12 light M.W. from WARNETON on U.11.b.0.2. 8 to 8.20 a.m. 10 light M.W. from U.12.c.9.5. on Support Lines about U.11.c.8.7. 10 to 10.30 p.m. 8 M.W. on Supports between U.12.d.2.9. and U.12.c.8.2. At 12.30 p.m. 6 M.W. from U.12.c.8.4. fell on U.17.b.4.9. and at the same time 6 Granatenwerfer from same direction and the SPINNEY fell just in rear of 7.U.17.

M.G's.- At dusk active with bursts on U.11.central at U.17.a.4.4. M.G. at SPINNEY fired along Railway from U.11.d.85.40. At night there was some indirect fire along the DOUVE VALLEY from direction of U.11.b.8.5. but firing on the front area was less than previous night. Gun at U.11.d.8.3. was active at 4.30 p.m. along Railway.

Movement.- At 6.45 a.m. a party proceeded overland towards ruined buildings at U.12.c.2.1. L.G. opened fire and scattered them. At 7.30 a.m. two men emerged from dugout at U.12.c.95.95. and started repairing telephone wires a moment later an Officer and man left same dugout and walked towards the front line but were lost to view. At 7.20 a.m. party of 5 moved in the vicinity of U.12.a.9.2. At 7.50 a.m. a light Railway Engine & 5 trucks observed close to FM. WASTINE. It stopped slightly to N. of building & 30 Huns emerged from the Farm and unloaded timber. At 8.15 a.m. a party of 10 worked at U.12.c.95.95. At 8.35 a.m. a working party appeared to be digging a trench at U.12.b.2.1. and at 9.5 a.m. our Artillery scattered this party, 2 men appeared to be wounded.

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At 9.45 a.m. a black dog left Pill Box at U.12.c.6.1. and disappeared over the ridge returning half-an-hour later. At 9.30, 9.30, 9.45, & 10.15 a.m. and at 3.30 p.m. there was individual movement about the P.B. at U.12.c.6.2. At 10.17 a.m. smoke ascended from Front Line at U.11.d.95.65. At 3.30 p.m. two men walked from U.12.c.2.1. to U.11.d.9.4. At 4.25 p.m. an individual ~~enter~~ entered dugout at U.12.c.7.3. and at 5.45 p.m. two men entered ruins at U.12.c.45.20. At 11.20 a.m. Artillery were advised of a party of 50 seen pushing trucks in a N.E. direction through V.20.central. The result of the shoot could not be observed. At 1 a.m. an enemy patrol brushed against our L.P. on 9.U.17. but L.G. fire from letter post dispersed them.

Aerial Activity. Increased activity. At 1 p.m. 6 E.A. flew over our left Sector but were turned by A.A. fire.

Defences. O.P. reported in tree at V.14.b.68.95. Camouflage previously reported near FM WASTINE appears on Photo 3.b.a.26.

Sniping.- At 4.30 p.m. a sniper at approx. U.11.b.3.1. fired 4 shots at men on the skyline in U.11.central. The enemy never fires during day but usually a few shots on the left Sector during twilight are fired by this Sniper.

Signalling Flares normal. At 12 noon a Heliograph was flashing in enemy's lines at 101° T. from U.11.a.80.05.

Miscellaneous Visibility was good during the day but in evening a slight fog obscured the front. From the O.P. at U.11.a.80.05. a balloon at 121° T. was up between 12 & 12.45 p.m. and at 12.55 p.m. a large volume of white smoke apparently near the Balloon was observed on the same bearing.

Work.- 100 yds. of existing wire between 4.U.17 & 5.U.17. thickened. Wire & pickets trucked from RAGINE DUMP to U.17.a.3.2.

Two shelters erected in 1.U.17 & 7.U.17. Occupied trenches of Left Sector further improved. 200 yds. on each side of USEFUL LANE bermed to the commencement of EGMONT AVENUE. 120 duckboards carried from RAGINE Dump and laid on the WARRETON Tram track. A party of 1 Off. & 25 O.R.'s also engaged in carrying dugout material and duckboards to the Support Line. 160 yds. of the Support Line bermed, and 8 men engaged on drainage of EGMONT AVENUE. Duckboards lifted and replaced and Sap cleaned out at U.17.a.0.4 in ULTIMO LANE. 2 ft. berm and batter for 170 yds. on S. side of Trench cut between R.A.P. & IRON GATE and 60 yds. completed on N. side. Drain at U.17.a.3.3. deepened and trench cleaned for 20 yds. New drain at U.17.a.3.3. cut and deepened for 20 yds.

Alternative V.M.C. positions built at U.11.c.55.67., U.16.a.55.15. Direct fire positions constructed at U.10.a.85.50. and waterproof recess for S.A.A. erected. A new emplacement at U.15.d.85.66. built.

Report on NO MAN'S LAND in front of Right En.

The general condition of N.M.L. is good except a narrow strip running S.E. in front of 9.U.17. a patch between the SPINNEY and 6.U.17. and the flooded area of the LYS. Patrolling is not difficult on account of the outstanding features of the area. Fair cover is afforded by the number of shell holes and rising ground along the River bank which gives cover from view. Our wire is in good condition and is being strengthened along the whole front. Enemy wire is thick and good in front of the SPINNEY from U.12.a.00.65 to U.12.a.15.45. Patrols report wiring in progress at U.12.a.01.10. to U.12.a.15.80. We seem to have control of NO MAN'S LAND as the few enemy patrols that are encountered avoid collision. Enemy movement is noticed particularly at the following positions. M.G.'s. at U.11.d.85.40. U.12.a.00.65., U.12.a.2.4., U.12.a.5.3. and suspected listening posts at U.11.d.8.3. and N.W. edge of SPINNEY. Flares are fired from U.12.a.1.6. and U.12.a.4.3. Enemy trenches are supposed to be in bad condition as sounds of baling water are reported.

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Report on No Mans Land

General condition of No mans land is in good excepting few places as marked on Sketch attached. The left sector is swampy, the right badly cut up but passable.

The patrolling is very good and as there are a number of out standing features it makes the patrolling easy.

Fair cover is afforded by the number of shell holes and good dark back-ground of rising ground along the river bank.

Our wire is in good condition and is being strengthened along the entire front.

Enemy wire thick and in good condition in front of The Spinney U18a 0065 to U18a 1545

Patrols report E wiring in progress at U18a 0110 to U18a 1580

We seem to have control of No mans land, few E Patrols being seen and when approached make off.

Enemy movement particularly noticed at the following positions

M/G positions approx

U11d 85.40

U18a 2.4

U18a 8065

U18a 5.3

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Listening Posts suspected at
 U 11 d 8.3 and NW edge of Spinney
 Flares fired from U 18 a 1.6 U 18 a 4.3
 Road running S.W. through U 12 c seems
 to be used a good deal
 Trenches supposed to be in bad condition
 as sounds of bailing water was reported

24/1/18

P. H. Handcock Lt
21st Bn

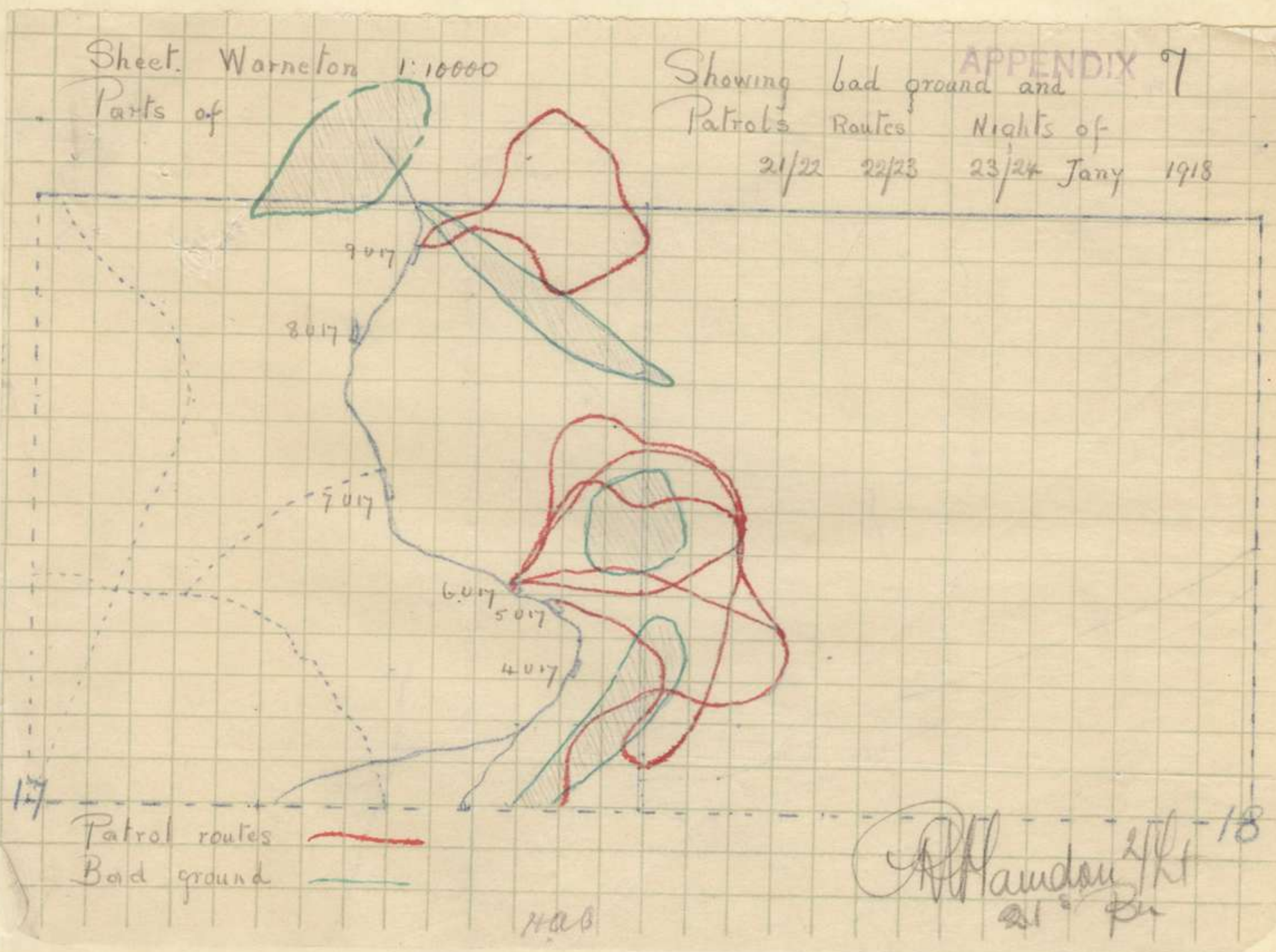
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Patrol routes
Bad ground

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Night of 24/25th JAN. 18.

The patrol (1 officer and 5 OR) moved out from No. 4 Post (U17699.21) at 12.15 AM. 24/25th moved down to river bank (E.) & worked along bank (N) to point U18 a 25.23. Then back S to point U18 a 20.20.

Thence N following line shown on map. L X (U18 a 35.19.) From this point 3 of enemy were seen moving from point O in plan towards SPINNEY, vanishing from sight at point U18 a 21.45.

Suspect them to be from a working party, but could hear very little, breeze being rather fresh & blowing towards enemy. Patrol then moved on along track indicated - no further signs or sound of movement. Calling at point U17690.50 patrol returned to No 6 Post (U17675.45) at 2.10 AM. 25/1/18.

Prior to moving out, No. 6 Post reported enemy patrol moving E across their front, disappearing from view at

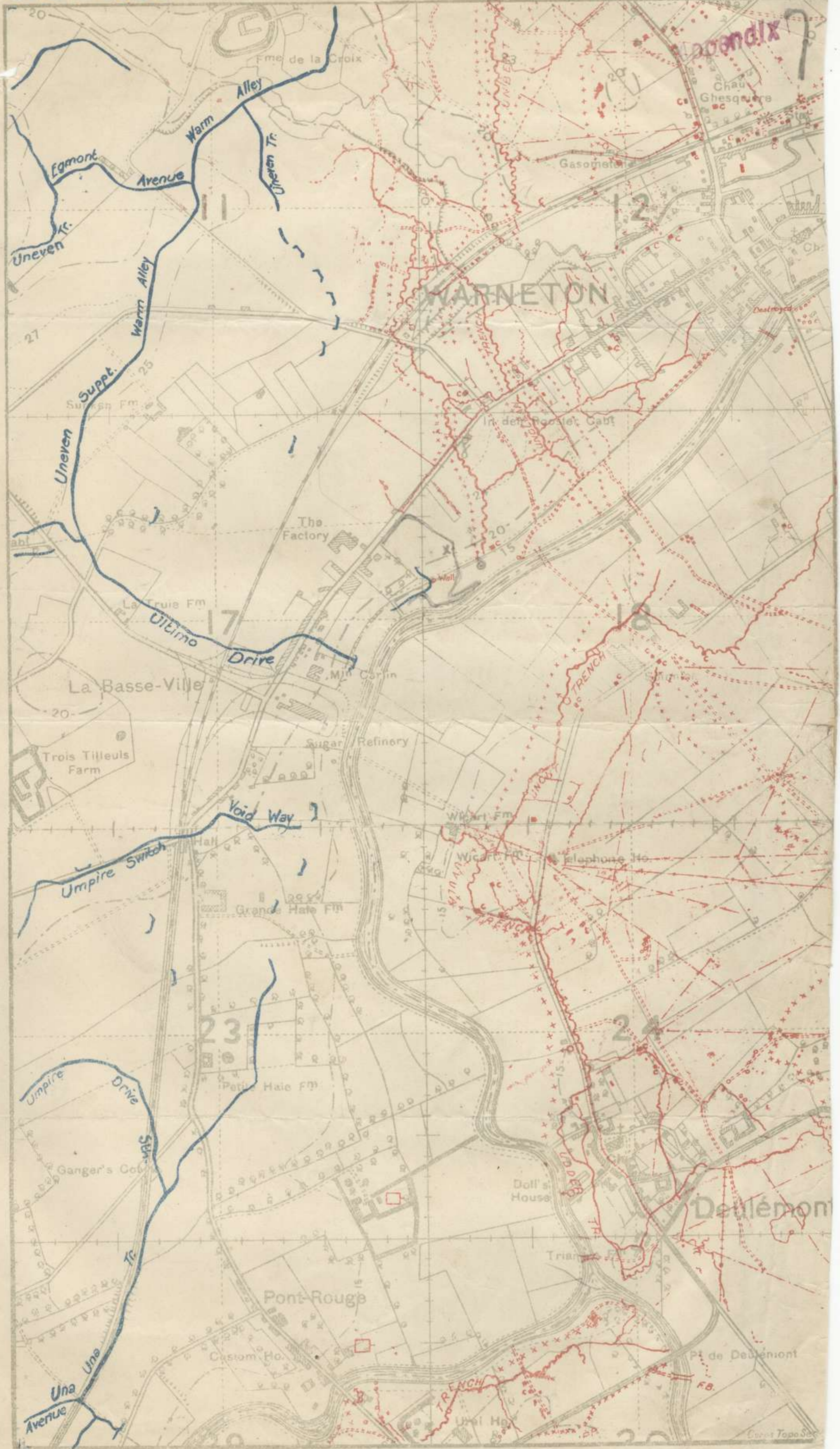
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U18a 21.45. I accordingly took patrol
along river bank as stated, in order
to surprise enemy patrol if possible, but
no signs of activity were observed,
except as stated at later period.

R. Gibson Sgt.
Patrol Officer "QUINCE"

3.5 A.M. 25/1/18.



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	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Other Ranks</u>
Personnel.-	1	4
Place of Departure.-	No 4 post U 11 d.	
Time of Departure.-	3.30 am	
Place of Return.-	No. 9. post U 11 b.	
Time of Return.-	4.30 am	
Casualties.-	nil.	

Information obtained.- No enemy were sighted -
 no movement heard - Pill box U 11 d central
 was unoccupied as were also shell holes
 at U 11 d 7.6. Our own wire is intact &
 in good condition.

Task set & instructions given to patrol.-

To reconnoitre No Maus land along front -
 To visit P.B. U 11 d central - & shell holes
 U 11 d 7.6. & examine our own wire -

(Signed) *H. G. Field* ^{with seal}
 I/c Patrol.

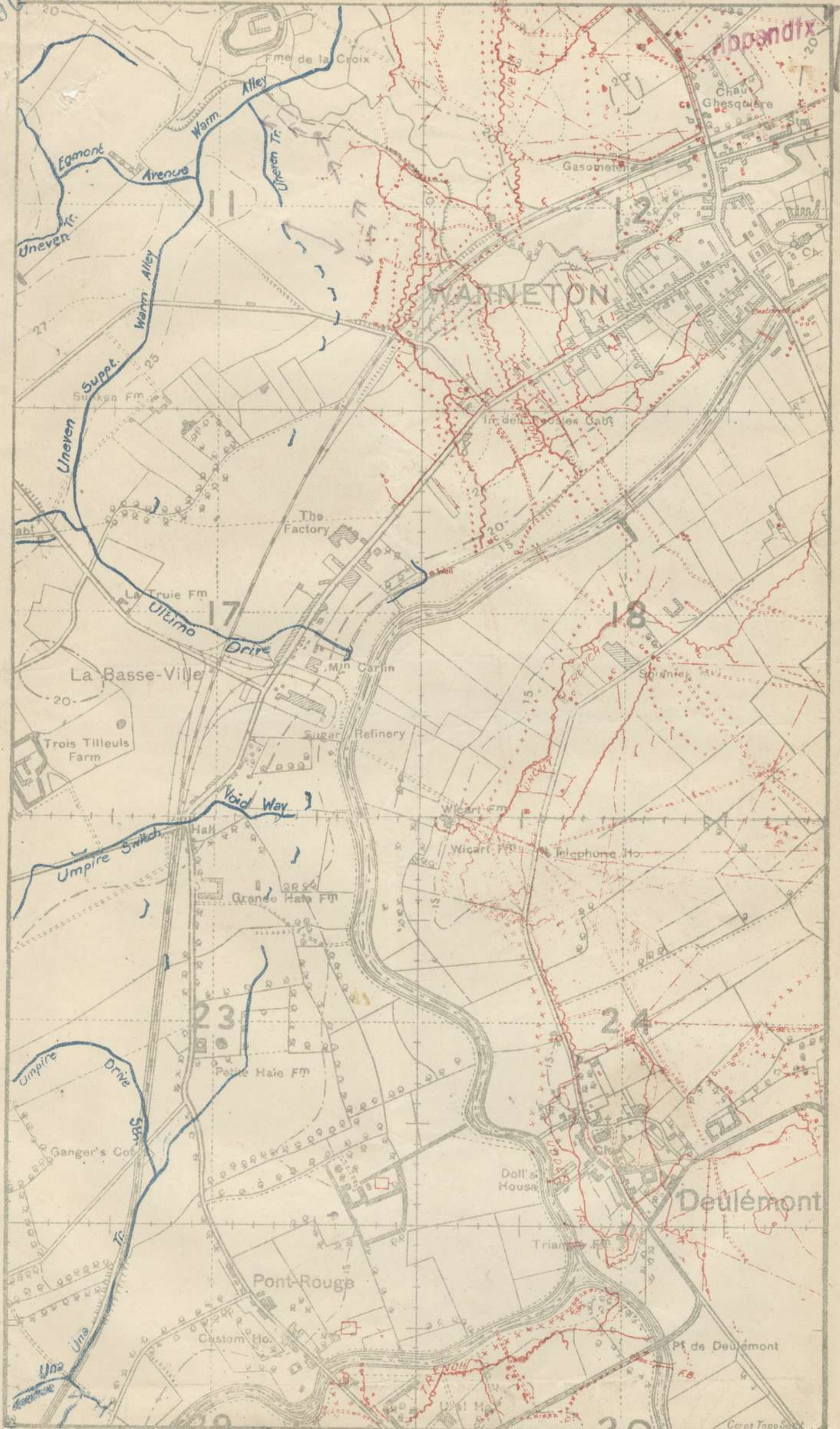
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W. J. Bakeman
 Major
 Licut.-Col.,
 Commanding Battalion.

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6th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

Brigade Headquarters
26th Jan., 1918.

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SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE

6 a.m. 25. 1.18 to 6 a.m. 26. 1.18

OUR OPERATIONS

Artillery. Good shooting was made by our 18 pdrs. on M.W. positions. Shooting on working party at QUADRANGLE was good and scattered the men.

M.G's Active between 5.30 & 9 p.m. firing on targets as follows.-
U.12.c.9.4. - Road U.12.b.40.25. to U.12.b.75.30 - Mound V.7.a.4.1. 12,000 rounds were expended.

Patrols. Usual patrols were maintained throughout the night with units on both flanks.
A patrol of 1 Off & 3 O.R's left 9.U.17. at 12.15 a.m. and proceeded N.E. along Railway for 100 yds. Listening Post is reported at U.11.d.85.15. also M.G's at U.11.d.8.4. and U.11.d.95.15. Patrol reports no movement or sounds. Patrol returned through 9.U.17 at 3.30 a.m.

Sniping 6 shots were fired and two hits obtained, one at U.12.c.4.2. & one at U.11.b.7.3.

ENEMY ACTIVITY

Artillery. Area in U.14.c., U.20.a. was shelled with 15 cm. fired from T.B. of 60° from U.15.d.5.7. Between 1.10 p.m. & 7 p.m. about 100 rounds were fired. From O.P. at U.11.a.80.05. this gun appeared to be firing from a T.B. of 94°. U.15.a. was slightly shelled at midday with 10.5 cm. from T.B. of 110° from U.15.d.5.7. U.11.a. was lightly shelled with 77 mm. at 2.30 p.m. Also 2 gas shells are reported falling on this area at 2.35 p.m. coming from 90° T.B. from U.11.a.80.05.

M.G's From 6.30 a.m. to 7 a.m. M.G. in vicinity of WICART FM. played along road from U.17.c.0.7. to LA TRUIE FM. Generally active from 5.15 to 10 p.m. firing from U.18.a.25.35., U.18.a.05.60., U.11.d.75.40., U.11.d.95.15. Occasional bursts of indirect fire along DOUVE VALLEY during day.

T.M's 18 M.W. were fired on SUGAR REFINERY at 8 a.m. from about U.18.c.2.0. 17 M.W. fell on U.11.b. from U.12.a. & U.12.c.85.30. at 10.15 a.m. 15 M.W. fell on U.17.a. from direction of TOWER at 11.30 a.m. M.W. were in each case quietened immediately our Artillery opened on them. From 5.15 to 5.45 a.m. M.W. again active firing on our left Bn. front and support lines but our Artillery again silenced them.

Sniping.- More active than usual from noon till dusk. Enemy apparently retaliating when we commenced. He appeared to be firing from ruins W. of WARNETON.

Movement At 10.10 a.m. 2 Huns appeared out-side a Pill Box at about U.11.b.7.3. One was shot and the other moved to help him but disappeared ~~at~~ on second shot being fired. At 10.30 a.m. a small working party was seen at U.12.c.6.2. 18 pdrs. were informed. At 10.30 a.m. a Hun came from buildings at U.12.c.3.0. he was shot by one of our snipers and dropped forward. Movement of individuals reported at Pill Box at U.12.c.5.3. at different times during the day. At 3 p.m. a Hun observer was seen in tree at U.6.c.9.1. At 3.30 p.m. a man left SPINNING MILL and ran to trench at U.18.c.9.9. At 1.5 p.m. two men with shovels appeared at V.13.a.90.05. they were joined by two more after going along trench for 50 yds. They then moved along trench showing waist high to V.13.b.37.88. They appeared to be mending wires. On return journey they walked overland and appeared to be looking for something. (Possibly signalling linesmen.) At 2.40 p.m. a large party was seen working at the QUADRANGLE our Artillery dispersed them. Between 9.30 & 10 p.m. a working party was seen at U.18.c.4.6. M.G. fire from 2.U.17 dispersed them but they were heard at 2 a.m. again. M.G. at 2.U.17 fired short bursts at intervals till dawn over the area.

At 7.10 p.m. a party, believed to be a relieving party were observed at U.13.a.2.8. & vicinity. Sniping was done from 9.U.17 which brought M.G. fire in retaliation. Movement of wheeled traffic again heard along road from WICART FM to POSTES DE DOUANES during the night. At 10 a.m. movement of individuals around Pill Box at U.12.c.3.1. Smoke rose from lines at U.12.c.3.9. at 10.30 a.m. Movement amongst ruins of WARNETON throughout the day. Between 10 a.m. & noon a man was seen at U.12.a.92.28 in a shelter. He appeared to be observing result of enemy M.W. fire. Our Artillery fired a few rounds at his position and he disappeared. Our snipers were also informed.

Aerial Activity. Our planes were active throughout the day. E.A. were active between noon & 2 p.m. At 12.53 p.m. an E.A. was seen to crash in flames in rear of enemy's lines in U.12.a. It was apparently brought down by our planes.

Defences. New earth works are reported at U.13.c.8.8., also a line of poles about 10 ft. high & 60 yds. apart between U.13.c.6.6. & SPINNING MILL.

Miscellaneous. Balloon at T.B.95° from U.11.a.80.05. at 3.25 p.m. - 3.35 p.m. Balloon at 84° T.B. from U.11.a.80.05. at 5.15 p.m. At U.12.c. 5.2. there is a pole about 7 feet high with a black circular top. It appears as if it were a periscope. Flares normal.

Works.- Cleaned up 60 yds. of front line trench between posts, also cleaning RIVER LANE from Coy. H.Q. U.11.a.9.2. to junction of EGMONT AVENUE. U.11.c.7.8. This is now ready for revetment. 250 yds. of NEW SUPPORT LINE berm cut. Carried R.E. material from NEW SUPPORT LINE to DEAD DUMP. Duckboards carried from RAGINE DUMP to end of WARNETON TRACK & 130 yards laid, which completes the duckboarding of this track. Salvaged 16 serviceable & 3 unserviceable trucks embedded in mud at side of WARNETON TRACK. Cleaned & revetted damaged portion of EGMONT AVENUE.

Brig.-General,
Commanding 6th Aust. Infantry Brigade

ADDENDUM

Patrols. 1 Off. & 5 O.R's left 4.U.17. at 12.15 a.m. and moved parallel to River to a point 15 yds. W. of enemy's wires. Wire is very thick and about 40 yds. in front of their trench. Dugouts along River Bank show no signs of occupation. On moving towards SPINNEY M.G. fired on us from approx. U.13.a.4.3. No sign of enemy patrols or working parties. Patrol returned through 4.U.17 at 2.15 a.m.

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Patrol Report

1 NCO & 2 OR left 9417 at 12.15 AM and proceeded along railway for 100^x. From this position they could see a post about 100^x further along railway and 20^x to the right, probably a listening post as although they had opportunity of firing they did not do so. It was impossible to approach within bombing range owing to the extremely bright night and the state of the ground which is under water.

No movement could be seen or heard. 2 MG's are reported to be situated at U11d7540 firing across U16 brd and from U11d9515 firing across left Post's. At U11d8505 approx a Sniper fires toward 9417, he could be heard coughing. A fair amount of cover is afforded for the enemy coming down railway to supposed listening post by the low hedge on either side.

Patrol returned to 9417 at 3.30 AM
Casualties Nil

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21st Dec

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PATROL REPORT.

Ref. Map Sheet - PLOE 9 STEERT. 28. S. W. 4 (25) 11 / 18.

Patrol - 1 officer 5 OR. A Coy -

Time of Departure - 4.0.17

Time of Return - 12.15 A.M.

Object - RECONNAISSANCE between 4.0.17 to enemy wire & spinney

Time of Return - 4.0.17

Time of Return - 2-12 A.M.

Location - Ditto

Patrol moved parallel with River bank to 15 yds from enemy wire. Wire very thick & about 40 yds in front of their found disused trench about 40 yards in front of our wire. Examined the long river bank & found no signs of occupation. Commenced to move along spinney when enemy MG opened fire on us from (approx) U. 13. A. 4.3 at 1.17 A.M. & plannarily until 1.40. Further progress was impossible. Returned by same route. No signs of enemy working parties or patrols were seen.

Rank
Officer or N.C.O. in Charge Patrol.

E. B. Mason
Officer in Charge Patrol

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(Time.)

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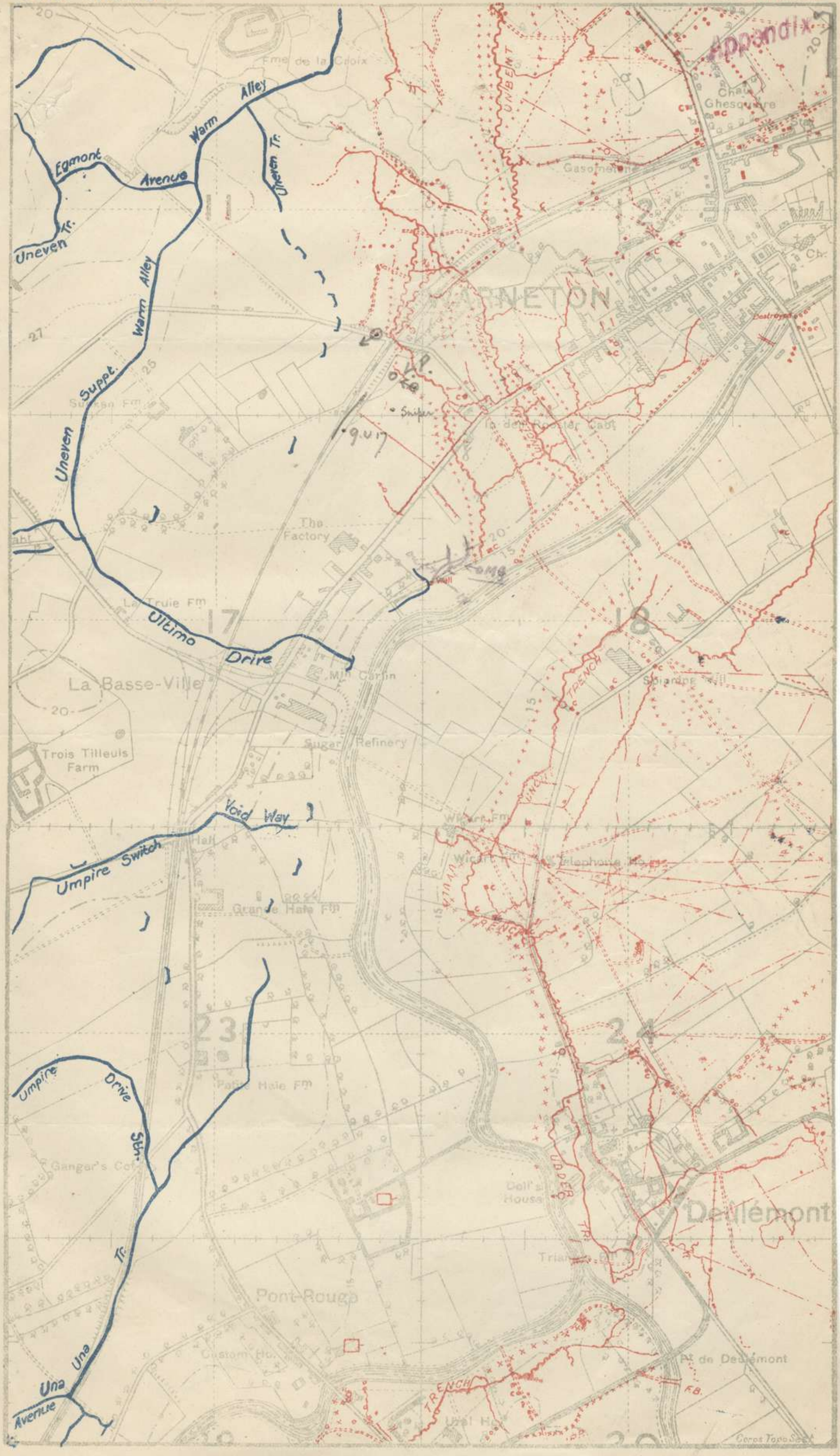
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Brigade Headquarters
27th Jan., 1918.

SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE

6 a.m. 26. 1.18 to 6 a.m. 27. 1.18

OUR OPERATIONS

Artillery.

During the day our Artillery was quieter than usual on our Sector. Enemy front line system & vicinity of GASOMETER and TOWER were lightly shelled. At 5 p.m. in accordance with pre-arrangements, our D. Artillery engaged targets in conjunction with Heavy & Light T.M. & M.Guns. Retaliation was practically nil. The result of the shoot could not be well observed owing to the fog. Three white flares were sent up during the shoot. 30 rounds were fired by L.T.Mortars. Targets engaged being U.18.a.6.8., U.18.a.30.35., U.18.a.25.75. At 7 p.m. 30 rounds were fired on U.11.d.80.35., U.18.a.30.35. Traversing NORTH up the trench U.12.c.3.3., U.12.c.3.1. No retaliation. As far as could be seen, the shooting was accurate. One of our T.M. was put out of action, being split at the base. Heavy T.M. also fired 12 rounds at TOWER at 12.30 p.m. for registration purposes, and again at 6 p.m., sent over one round each on to TOWER and GASOMETER, 4 rounds on M.W. position at U.12.c.5.3. & 3 rounds on U.12.c.3.1.

T.M's

M.G's

34,750 rounds were fired on the following targets. U.18.a.70.65 to U.12.c.45.10., U.12.c.45.10. to U.12.c.30.35. U.18.a.69.99 U.12.c.8.3. to U.12.d.80.66. Road U.12.b.40.25. to U.12.b.75.30. Mound at V.7.a.4.1.

Aerial Activity. Little activity, owing to low visibility.

Patrols.

1 N.C.O. & 3 O.R's left 9.U.17. at 9.20 p.m. to report on damage done to Enemy wire by our practice shoot. Enemy working party was heard at U.11.d.65.32. they appeared to be making a post. M.G. fire opened on patrol from U.11.d.8.3. and U.11.d.80.12. Patrol returned through 9.U.17. at 11.15 p.m. L.G. fire from our post was opened on enemy working party on return of patrol. 1 Off. & 4 O.R's went out from 4.U.17. at 12.30 a.m. to reconnoitre River Bank and observe result of shoot. Several working parties of Huns were out repairing wire from U.18.a.25.35. to RIVER. Hammering could also be heard on other side of River. Patrol returned through 4.U.17. at 2.30 a.m. 1 Off. & 6 O.R's went out from U.11.d.6.6. at 8.30 p.m. They patrolled front and found all clear. Enemy M.G's quiet. Patrol returned through U.11.b.2.5. at 10.30 p.m.

ENEMY ACTIVITY

Artillery

Activity below normal. U.11.d.2.5. was shelled with a few 77 mm from a T.B. of 105° from U.11.a.80.05. at 4.30 p.m. SUGAR REFINERY & FACTORY were shelled lightly at 4 p.m. with 10.5 cm. coming from 105° T.B. from U.11.d.5.7.

M.W.

From 5 to 7.50 p.m. about 20 M.W. fell in U.11.c.&d. At 8 a.m. two active M.W. were quietened by our Artillery. At 9.30 a.m. U.17.d.5.5. was shelled by M.W. at about U.18.c.2.1. (WICART FM) The same M.W. became active again at 4.30 p.m. M.W. were quieter than usual after our 5 p.m. shoot, and remained quiet throughout the night.

M.G's

Were active at 7 a.m. till 8 a.m., firing over our front and support lines. Slight retaliatory M.G. fire to our 5 p.m. shoot. Enemy appeared to rake our left (DOUVE VALLEY) more than our right in this activity. M.G. reported at U.11.d.8.3. showed activity in short bursts over our support area Right Bn. sector about 6 p.m.

Sniping.-

Throughout the day a sniper was active firing on U.11.central from due EAST. Sniper was seen at U.12.a.92.28. A direct hit was obtained by 18 pdrs. on this spot immediately afterwards.

Defences

Considerable No alteration has taken place on the work around U.18.c.7.7. during the night.

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Movement

Considerable movement of individuals were observed around U.12.c.3.1., U.12.d.0.5. & vicinity. Movement around FM. WASTINE was seen during the afternoon. At 2.30 p.m. a man wearing a helmet was seen for a few seconds gazing at Aero-plane from trench at U.12.a.4.3. At 3.30 p.m. a man doubled from Pill Box at U.12.c.4.2. to trench near.

Aerial Activity. Activity was below normal. At 2.45 p.m. two planes over HILL 63 were driven off by our A.A. fire.

Miscellaneous. Visibility was very bad till 12.20 p.m. when the fog rose, but it settled down again later in the afternoon. Flares normal.

Works.- Continued work of cleaning out RIVER LANE from U.11.a.9.2. towards junction with front line. Approx. 100 yds. cleaned out. Cleaning and draining front line trench between 2.U.11. & 4.U.11 approx. 60 yds. cleaned.

Duckboarded & drained 1.U.11. Cleaned out 56 yds. trench (LIVIC SAP) in W.16.b. ready for revetting.

Cutting berm 2 ft. wide in ACCOMMODATION TR.

Loaded & trucked from RACINE DUMP to duckwalk to new R.A.P. Carrying to ACCOMMODATION TR. 8 Truck loads.

Constructing new drain in SUPPORT TR. and cleaning old drain at corner of SUPPORT TR. & ULTIMO AVENUE.

Cleaning out 3 shelters in UNEVEN SUPPORT U.17.a.3.5.

Pumping out cellars for accommodation in LA BASSE VILLE.

Carrying wire to forward dump.

(Sd) J. Paton

Brig.-General,
Commanding 6th Aust. Infantry Brigade

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APPENDIX 7

Patrol Report

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26/27 Jan 18

1 NCO & 3 OR left 9U17 at 9.20 PM
 to reconnoitre railway line + report if
 any damage done to enemy wire or
 posts by our practice shoot of 26-1-18
 On leaving 9U17 we proceeded along
 W side of railway line for about
 150^x then changed our direction W
 working round swamps for 200^x
 here a working party was heard +
 appeared to be making a post at
 approx U11 d 65.32 we then proceeded,
 working our way forward + gradually
 back to railway line. Ft M.G. opened
 fire from U11 d 8.3 + another later from
 U11 d 80.12. The working party about
 10 strong on reaching railway we
 made our way back along hedge
 to 9U17, returning there by 11.40
 Casualties Nil

While our patrol was out a man was noticed
 from 9U17 to leave U11 d 80.15 + walk
 across to U17 d 87.98. A few moments a
 Ft M.G. opened from this position.

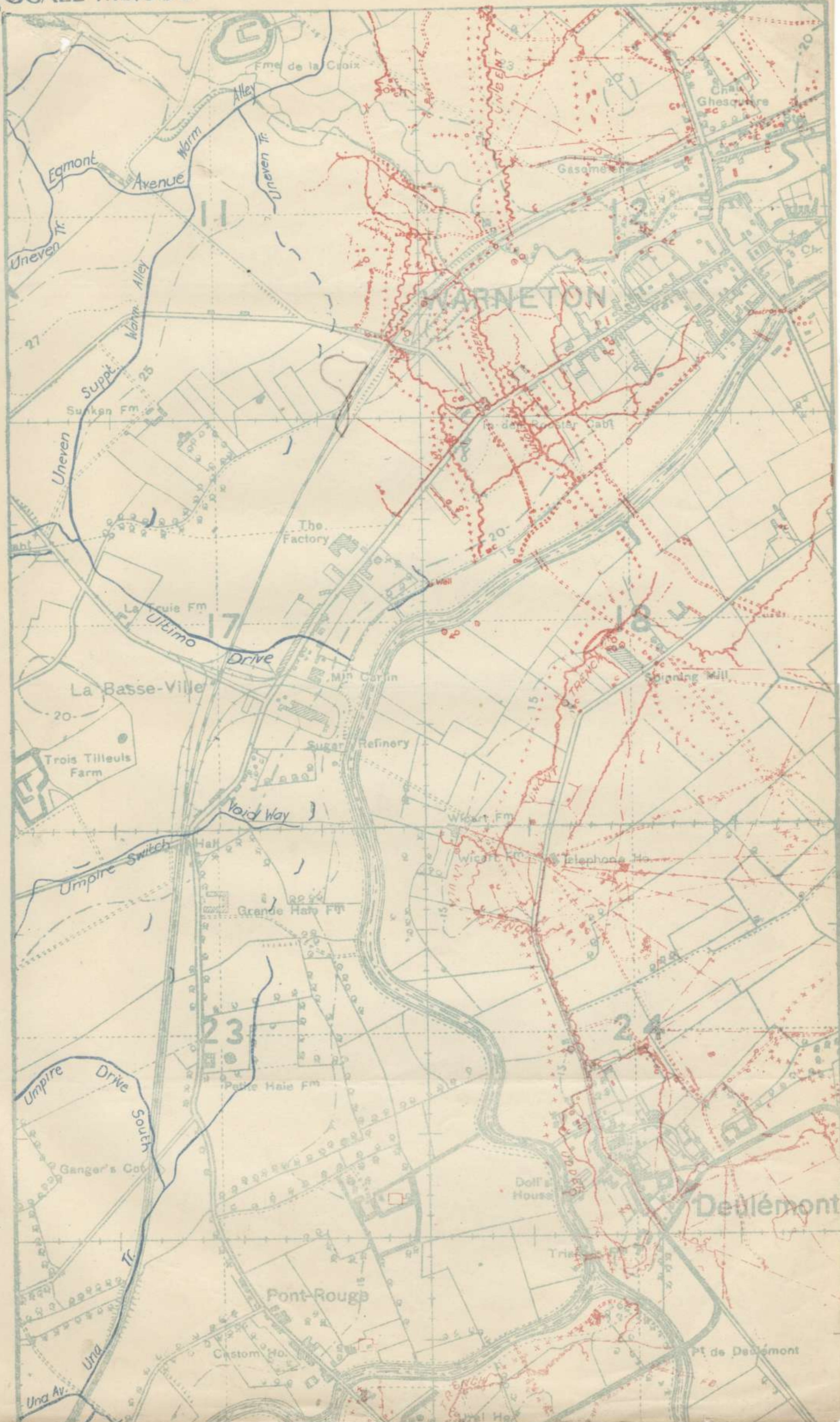
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PATROL REPORT *26-1-18*

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Other Ranks</u>
Personnel.-	1	6
Place of Departure.-	U. 11. d. 6. 6	
Time of Departure.-	8.30 P.M.	
Place of Return.-	U. 11. b. 2. 5.	
Time of Return.-	10.30 P.M.	
Casualties.-	NIL	

Information obtained.- *Patrolled front & no enemy seen. Examined shell holes at U. 11. d. 8. 8. & found to be unoccupied. Pill box at (U. 11. b. 5. 5) unoccupied. Enemy Machine guns less active.*

Task set & instructions given to patrol.- *Patrol front & examine shell holes at (U. 11. d. 8. 8.) also Pill Box at (U. 11. b. 5. 5).*

(Signed) *H. G. Field*

I/c Patrol.

Headquarters
 6th Aust. Inf. Bde.

Forwarded.

27-1-18

H. G. Field
 Licut.-Col.,
 Commanding Battalion.

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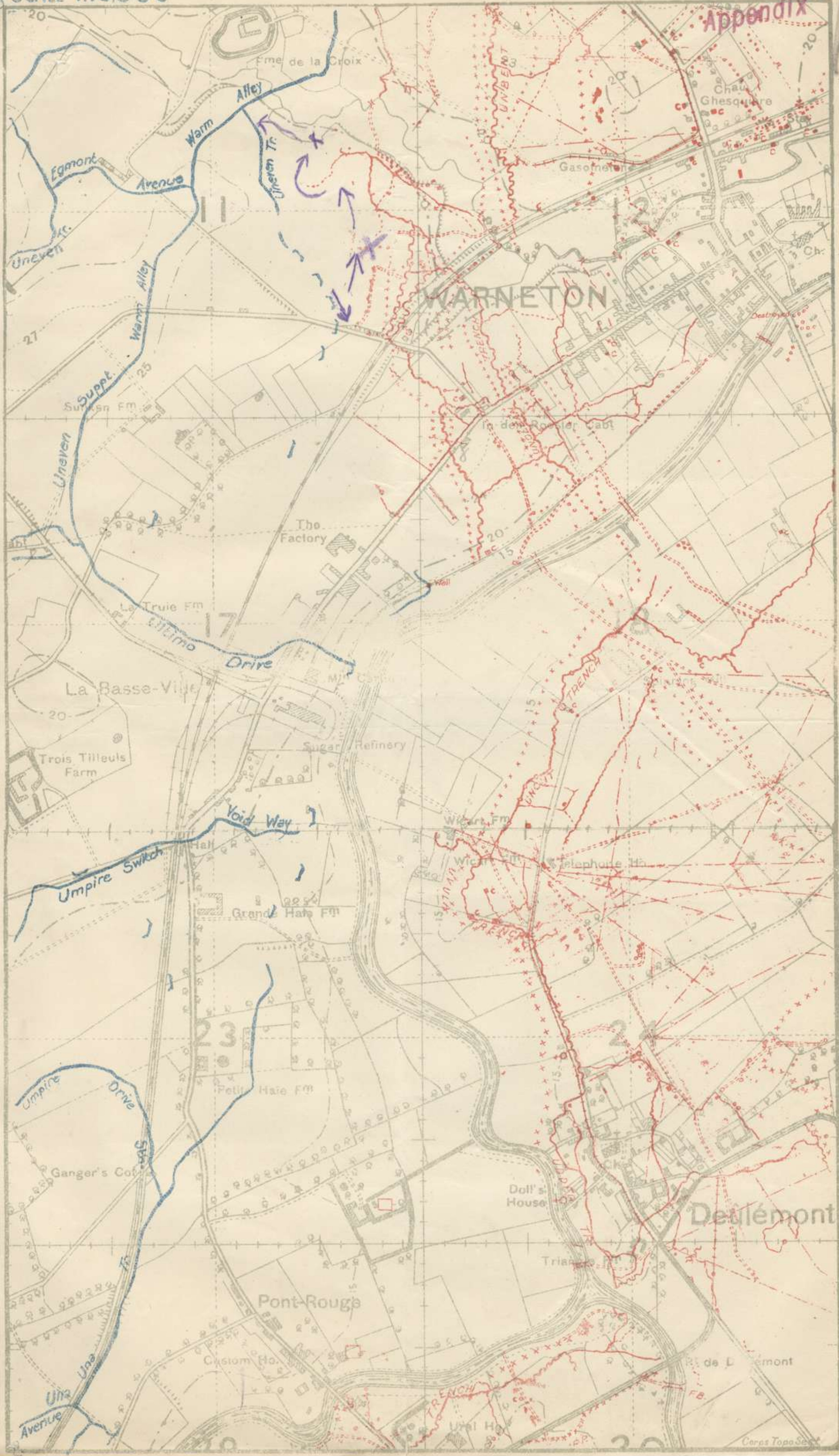
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PATROL REPORT.

Ref. Map Sheet -

Personnel - 1 Officer ~~1~~ 4 other ranks 27/1/18.
 Place of Departure - "4 Post
 Time of Departure - 12.30 am
 Purpose - Reconnoitre River Banks, & observe shoots
 Place of Return - "4 Post
 Time of Return - 2.30 am
 Casualties - Nil
 Information - Nil

The Patrol moved along River Banks to within about 70 yds of the Germans were several working parties were out repairing wire from U18 a 25.35 towards river. Hammering could be heard on the other side of the River (U18 a 30.2

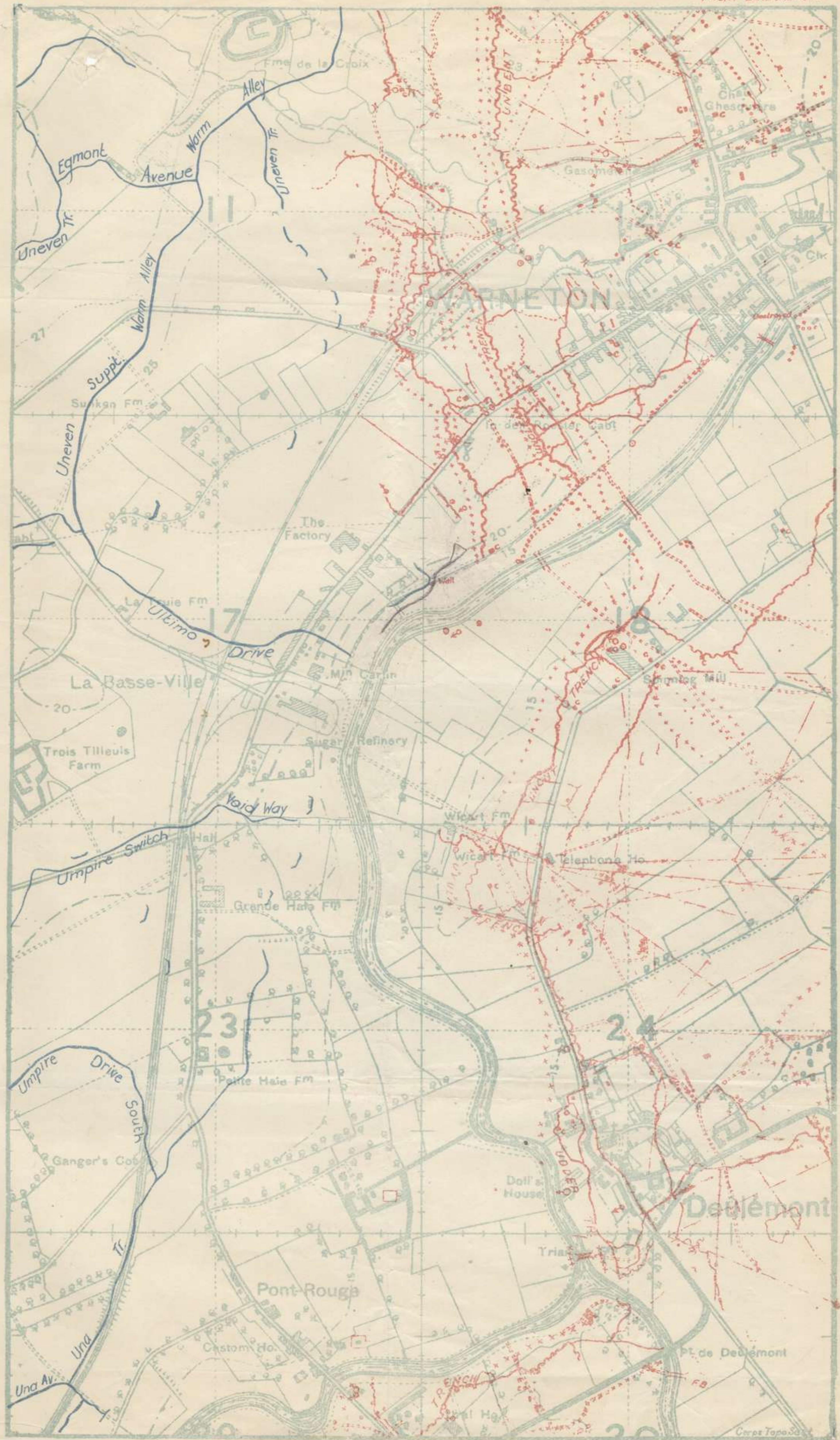
James D. Brett Rank 2/4
 Officer or S.C.O. i/c Patrol.

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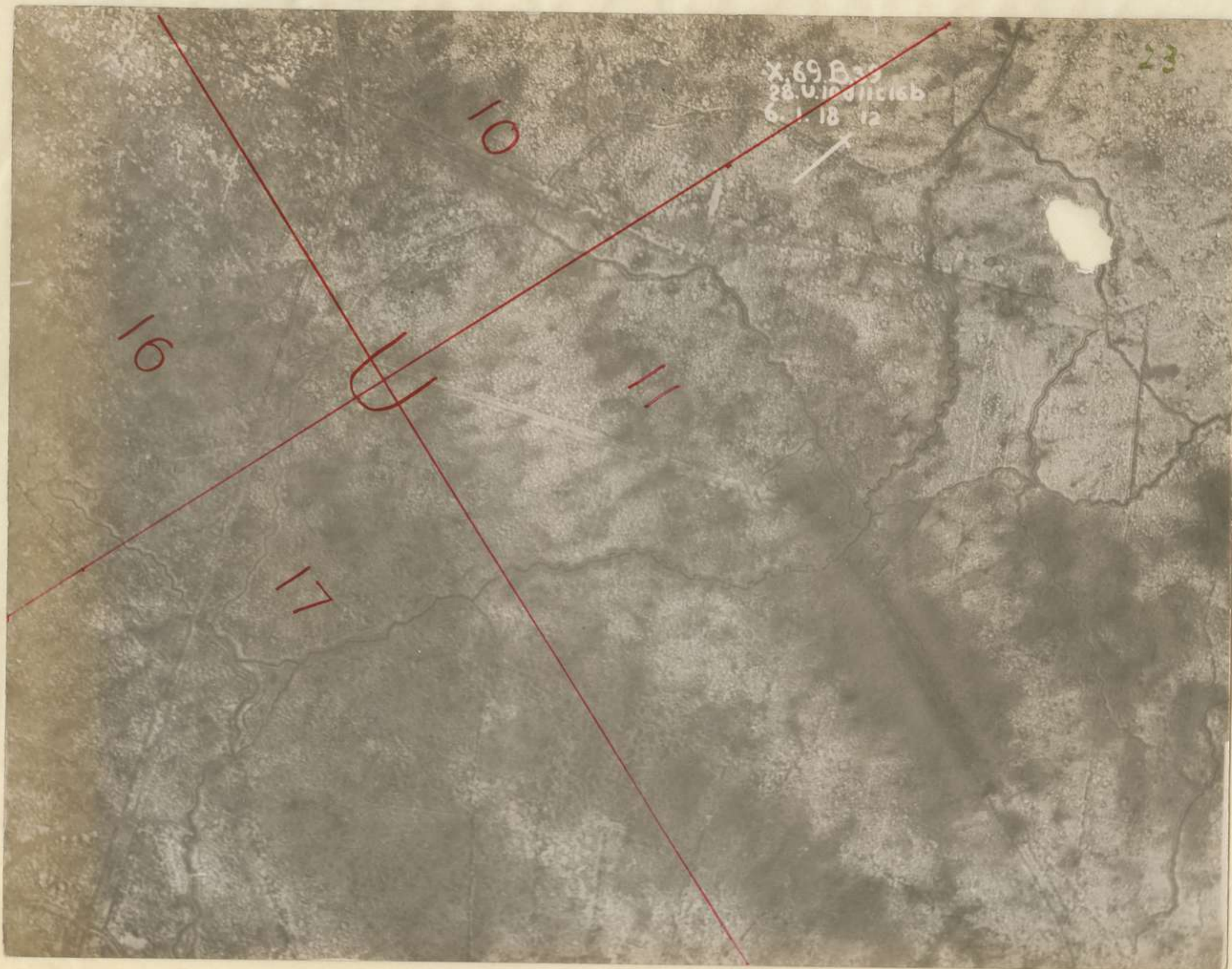


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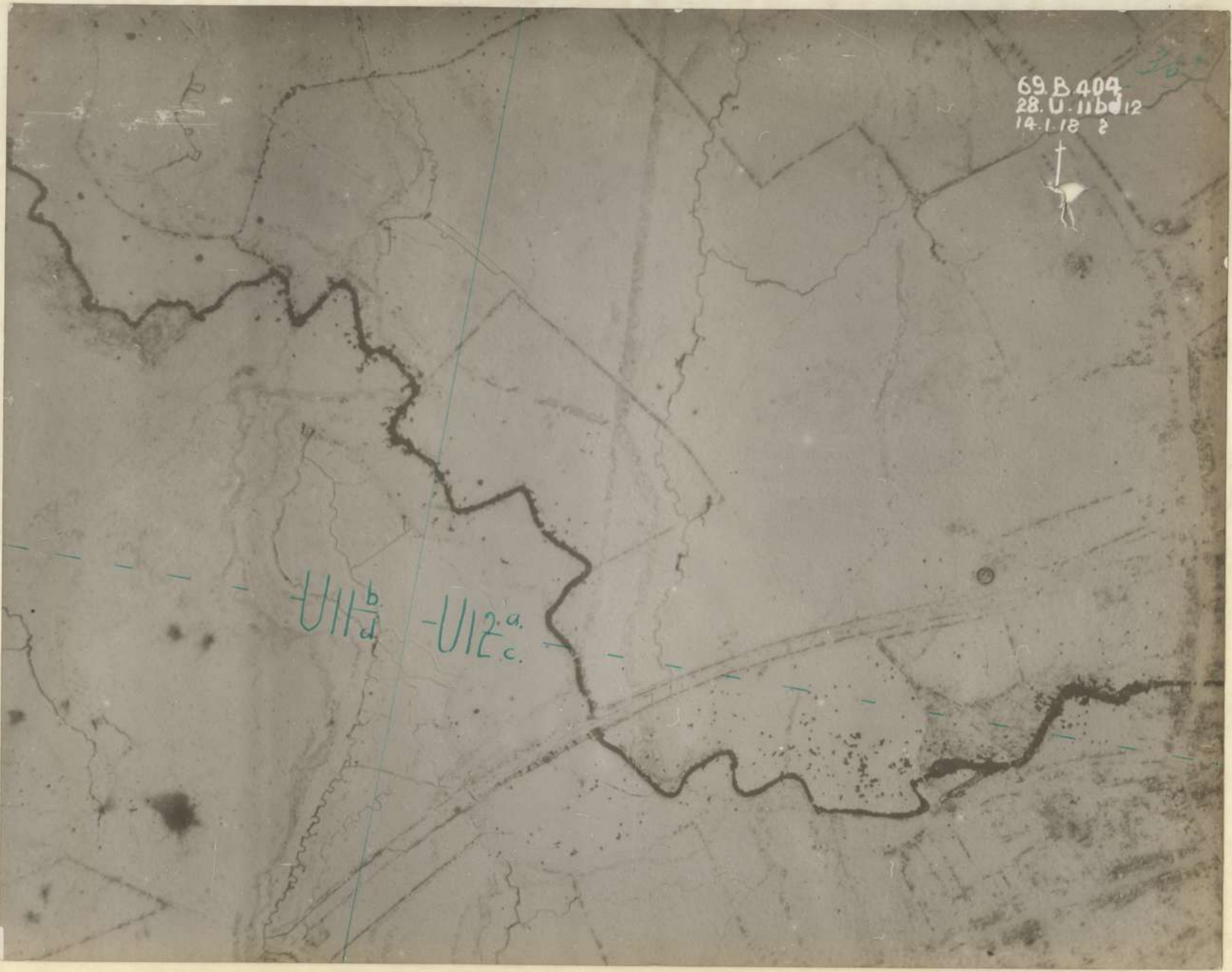
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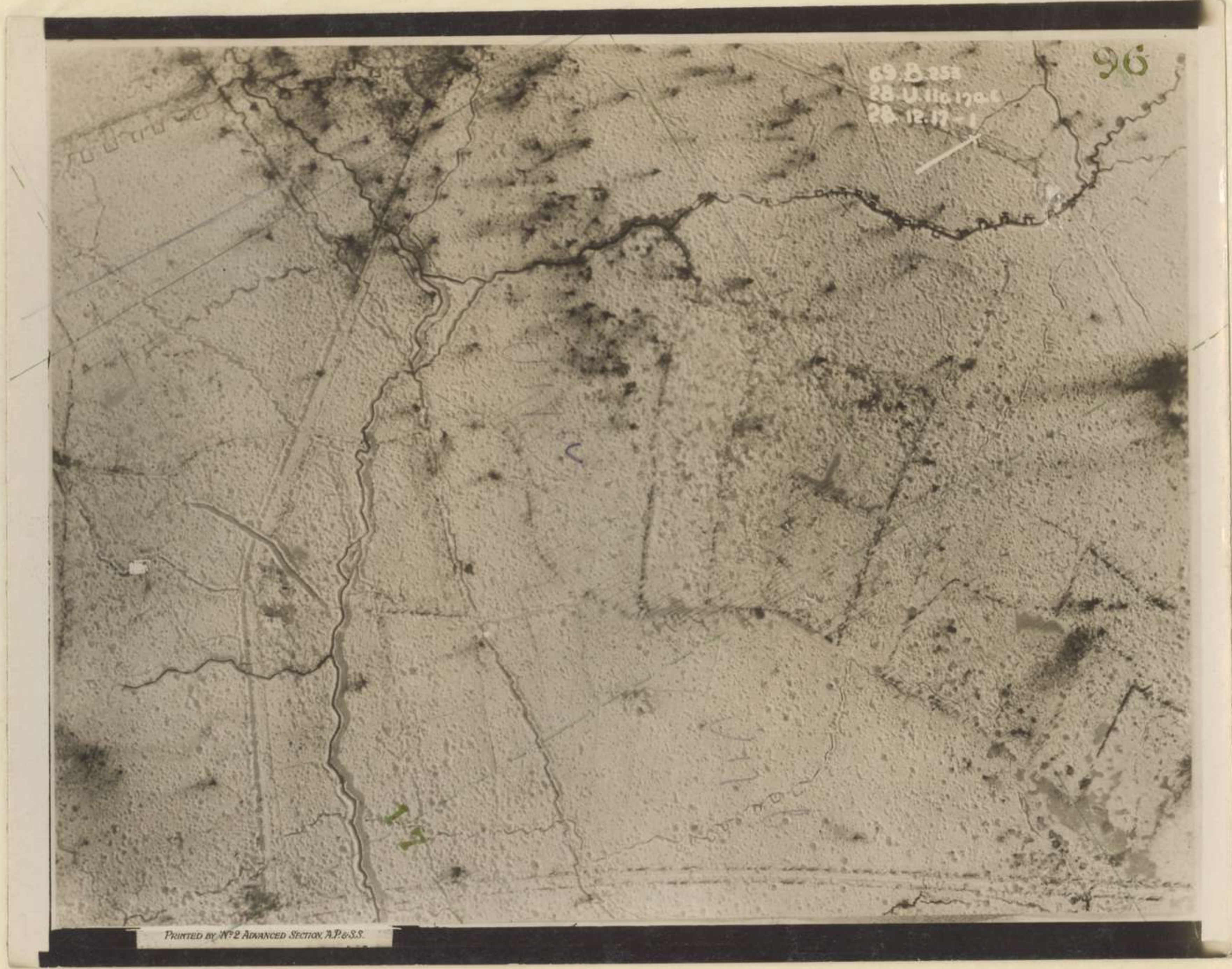
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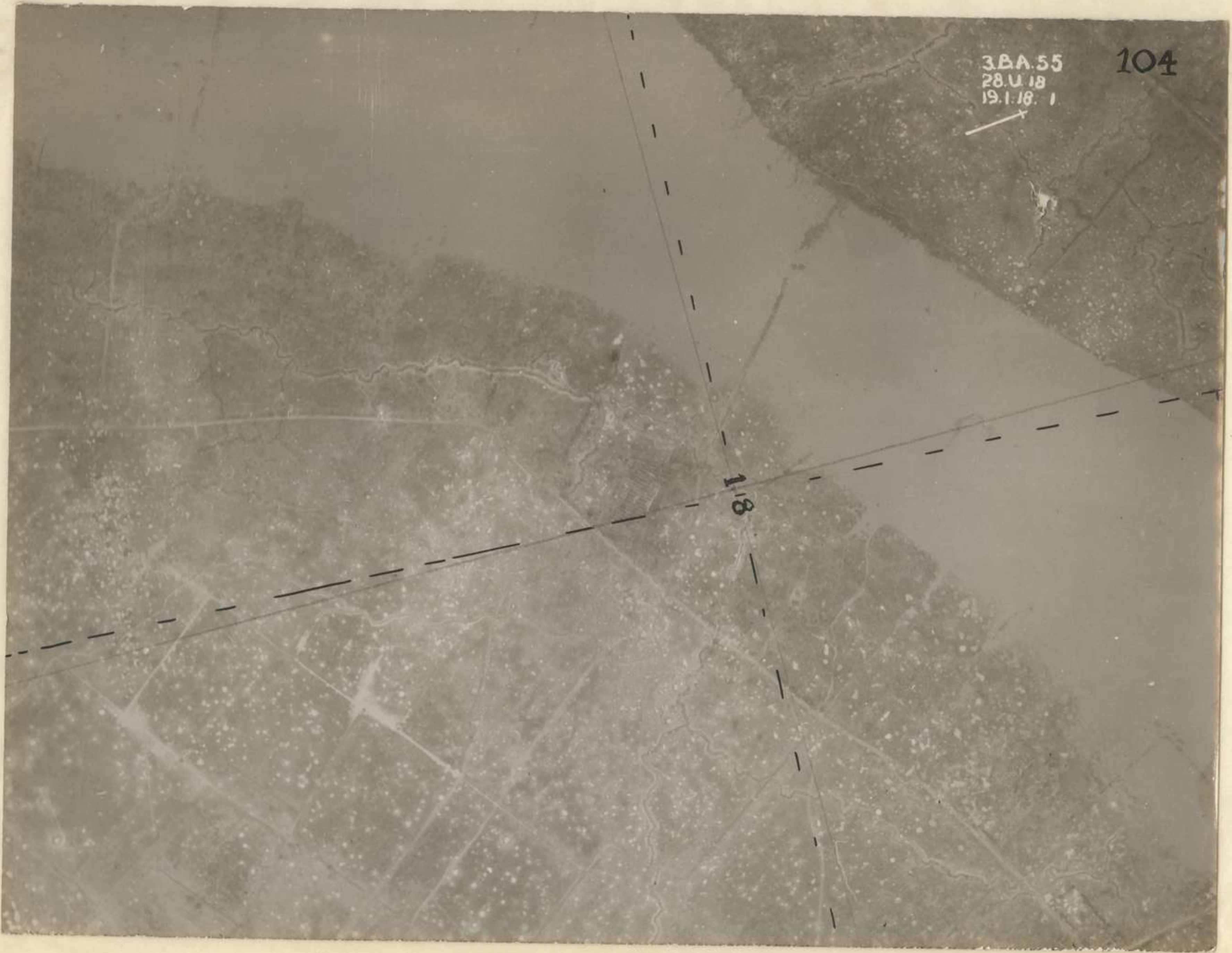
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Brigade Headquarters
9th January, 1918.SALVAGE RETURN FOR WEEK ENDING 9th JANUARY 1918.

4 Bags Cordite
 1 Tin "
 72 Sheets & 1 Truck load Galv. Iron
 4 Circular Irons
 3 Boilers
 12 Pumps
 8 Shell Boxes
 493 Angle Irons
 272 Shell Cases
 4 Bags Shell Cases
 1 Howitzer Spring
 1 Rum Jar
 1 Iron Scales
 31 Iron Girders
 15 "A" Frames
 24 Iron Rails
 6 Cordite Tins
 3 Roofing Irons
 1 Wood~~N~~en Rail
 24 4.2 Shells
 22 Shovels
 245 Coils Barbed wire
 46 Picks
 3549 Sandbags
 1 Coil Sig. Wire
 75 Iron Sleepers
 518 Stakes
 62 Joiners
 50 Duckboards
 40 Knife racks
 193 Sheets Iron
 274 yds. Revetting Wire 9 x 9
 132 Single Rails
 177 Plates
 200 Telephone hooks
 132 feet 1" Piping
 4 Rails Shoeing
 30 feet 2" Piping
 1212 Stokes Bombs
 33 Steel Helmets
 3 Oil Drums
 17 Petrol Tins
 40 feet Rubber Hose Pipe
 30 Wood~~N~~en Matting Ro~~o~~ls
 1 2" Pump Pipe
 14 Dugout Plates
 35 Angle Rails
 6 T.M.Boxes
 16 Sets Tram Rails
 3 " " Wheels
 40 Barb Wire Stakes
 50 feet Lead Piping
 6 Wheelbarrows
 1 Bundle Hoop Iron
 6 Water Pipes
 41 Hose Caps
 1 Bag Nose Caps
 6 Boxes 5" Nails
 15 " Wire Staples
 720 Pick Heads
 98 Steel Rails
 45 Steel(short pieces)

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- 31 Loop Hole Plates
- 55 Stokes Boxes
- 1 Coil Plain Wire
- 2 Cart Wheels
- 1 Fixed Rifle Battery
- 4 Boxes Large Staples
- 3 Crow Bars
- 78 Boxes S.A.A.
- 1 Bag S.A.A.
- 15 6" Shells
- 563 4.5 Shells
- 2323 18 pdr. Shells
- 380 60 lb. Bombs
- 6415 4.5 Shell Cases
- 93 Bags 4.5 Shell Cases
- 4 Bags Sleeper Spikes
- 12 Sheets Curved Iron
- 1 Bag Plugs
- 2 prs. Trolley Wheels
- 5 Entrenching Tools
- 1 Bag Nails
- 2 Trucks Railway Iron
- 10 cwt. M.S. Bars
- 1297 4.5 Charger Cases
- 3 4.5 Gas Shells
- 35 18 pdr. Shells (less cases)
- 11 8" Shells
- 20 9.2 Shells
- 24 6" Charger Cases
- 5 Bags Rubber
- 1 L.G. Magazine
- 200 Base Plugs
- 1 P.H. Helmet
- 3 Box Respirators
- 1 Motor Tyre Tube
- 1 Bandolier
- 1 Ablution Dish
- 43 Cor. Iron (Sheets)
- 14 Rolls Camouflage Netting
- 587 Screw Pickets
- 230 Feet Timber
- 95 Boxes Mills Grenades
- 10 Mills Grenades
- 7662 Shell Cases 18 pdr.
- 1 Box Percussion Fuzes
- 15 Water Bottles
- 19 Rifles
- 4 Bayonets
- 145 Boxes Hales Grenades
- 73 Smoke Bombs
- 24 Boxes 2" T.M. Tail Pieces
- 8 Bags 18 pdr. Shell clips
- 9 Tins Cordite chargers 8"
- 1 Box Fuzes
- 15 Ammunition Carriers
- 3 Caps Imperial
- 2 Spades
- 3 Entrenching Tool Carriers
- 1 W.P. Sheet
- 4 Rifle Covers
- 2 Mess Tin Covers
- 2 Web Pouchers
- 1 " Frog
- 1 Stove
- 9 Coils French Wire
- 48 Piping (Various Lengths)
- 2 Rifle Frames
- 13 Coils Wire Netting
- 150 Iron Pickets.

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Brigade Headquarters
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SALVAGE RETURN - WEEK ENDING 16. 1.18

- 10 Sheets Elephant Iron
- 15 " Curved Cor. Iron
- 7 " Flat Cor. Iron
- 90 Bars Iron
- 4 Sets Trolley Wheels
- 1 L.G. " Frame
- 31 Sheets Iron
- 185 Tins Cordite
- 23 Pick Heads
- 20 Shell Cases
- 20 Boxes Fuses & Caps
- 129 Shovels
- 1 Bag Iron Staples
- 1 Length Cable
- 20 Boxes Percussion Caps
- 264 Fuses & Nose Caps
- 7 Lengths Light Railway Rails
- 1 Bundle Old Clothing
- 7 cwt. Scrap Iron
- 39 Boxes Detonators
- 23 Bales Camouflage
- 77 Picks
- 1 Pair Gum Boots
- 6 Lengths Heavy Rails
- 7 Sheets Tin
- 4 Rum Jars
- 1 Bundle Signal Wire
- 4 Lengths Water Pipe
- 4 4.5 Shells
- 2081 18 pdr. Shell Cases
- 4 Petrol Tins
- 4 Stretchers
- 541 18 pdr. Shells
- 487 Stokes Shells
- 14 Boxes Flares
- 33 Rifles
- 2 Bayonets
- 6 Steel Helmets
- 50 lbs. Sheet Lead
- 1 pr Wire Cutters
- 1 Scoop
- 1 Hose Connection
- 82 Coils Barbed Wire
- 10 Boxes Mills Grenades
- 2 Boxes S.A.A.
- 168 4.5 Shell Cases
- 1 Snipers Plate
- 5 Water Bottles
- 21 P.H. Helmets & Satchels
- 7 Sets Web Equipment.

SALVAGE RETURN. FOR WEEK ENDING 24.1.18

- 880 18 pdr. Shell Cases
- 775 " " Shells
- 36 How. Caps
- 6 No.2 T.M.Bombs
- 2 " 3 Stokes Bombs
- 7 Bandoliers S.A.A.
- 5 Bags S.A.A.
- 26 Pick Heads
- 87 Angle Pickets
- 9 Coils Barbed Wire
- 1 " Plain "

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SALVAGE RETURN FOR WEEK ENDING 24. 1.18 (Contd.)

7 Screw Pickets
 11 Shovels
 1 Steel Helmet
 6 Sheets Iron
 3 "A" Frames
 4 Picks
 6 Rum Jars
 20 4.5 Shells
 230 4.5 Shell Cases
 4 9.2 Shells
 6 6" Shells
 1 8" "
 1 Bag Rubber
 67 Mills Grenades
 71 Hales R. Grenades
 5 Smoke Bombs.

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SALVAGE RETURN FOR WEEK ENDING 31. 1.18

300 18 pdr. Shell Cases
 200 " " Shells
 8 Boxes Serviceable S.A.A.
 2 Wheels, Limber
 1 Chaff Cutter, Hand (Without handle or knife).
 20 Sets Web Equipment
 47 Rifles
 6 Packs
