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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
LE TOUQUET	1-2-18.		<p>Strength 52 Officers 1069 O.R. Battalion holding the line. The visibility was so poor during the day, that both sides were inactive, as results of shooting could not be observed. We patrolled our front actively at night and 9pm a patrol returned to our post at C 103a & advised Head Quarters by telephone that a German working party was on their "job" at C 11a 51 West of Frelinghien. This party was detected by a patrol the previous night, and arrangements had been made with the 4.5 Hows, 18 pdrs & MG Coy, that on the code word MAC & zero time being telephoned to different units, they would open fire at zero hour on this target. The patrol observed from a dugout near Estaminet House and excellent shooting was done stopping all work for that night. No machine guns were fairly active from The Arches, Dye works & Soap House, firing across No. mans land.</p> <p>General. This is the quietest sector the battalion has ever been in and has had no casualties up to date.</p>	

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LE TOUQUET	2-2-18		<p>Artillery on both sides were very active, but mostly on counter battery work. During the afternoon he "straffed" along the railway line searching for a "pig" gun (Heavy French Mortar) and one man was wounded. It rained and during Every night during our occupation of the line, every man except Lewis gun crews at the posts shown in map attached, was engaged in work. At dusk patients were brought by litters to Reserve farm & Surrey farm, and manhandled from there to their destinations. Men not on carrying parties were engaged resetting & mending trenches destroyed by shell fire or weather which had been very wet or in drainage of the trenches.</p>	
Shell	3. 2. 18		<p>Artillery shooting on the "crescendos", but no damage done to our personnel and only slight damage to the trenches, which was repaired when it got dark.</p>	

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LE TOUQUET	4-2-18.		<p>Strengths 49 Officers 1063 ORs (Lt. J. H. Miller Lt. R. Whill Lt. J. Cassidy 10 S. 6 OR. 10 S.) During the day our artillery was very active on known strong points + our observers reported some good shooting, which information we passed on in our intelligence. As our patrols the two previous nights had heard work along tramways at Duruy a screened farm (C 5 b) between 10 & 11 pm, the 11th Mts Coy & 23rd Mts Coy who were covering us, were asked to fire on those targets during that hour. Our patrols reported the shooting as excellent, stopping all work. The patrol working in front of Trelinghem found him busy on the work we had interrupted on the night of 31st Jan / 1st Feb & sent through the code word to H.Q., from whence it was communicated to the batteries + Mts Coys, who fired on the zero hour gun, dispersing & in all probability inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy. The enemy artillery was very active, but threw most of the shrap behind our position, evidently searching for batteries.</p>	

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LE TOUQUET	5-2	-18.	<p>The day was clear, and consequently the artillery on both sides was active. Our planes were over his lines early in the morning, and needless to say his were conspicuous by their absence. One of our observers saw two machine guns using "tracer" bullets, worrying one of our planes from the Laundry & Soup House (CSC). The 18 pdrs were 'phoned up & fired ten rounds 106 Sbrapuel from two guns on to these targets. Seven direct hits were observed & a small explosion, which was evidently a munitions dump, as there is a known M.W. in the Laundry. That night (5th/6th) we were relieved by the 43rd Ball. (S.A.) and we kept the front patrolled until 9 pm by which time the newcomers patrols were out & the relief complete. The battalion moved back to Le Rossignol camp near theppe, without suffering a casualty.</p> <p>General. During our 8 days occupation of the line, the battalion was commanded by Major T. A. Ferguson.</p>	

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LE ROSSIGNOL	6-2-18		Strength 49 Officers 1048 O.R. (15 O.R. S.O.S.). Every man with the exception of 200 on special duties engaged in working parties. These parties were making a new support line,	
	10		preparing existing trenches & sapping. While out out of the line, every man had a hot bath & changed his under clothes. Honors & awards. The Belgian Croix de Guerre was bestowed on Capt R. F. Pickering (adjutant) 364.	
	10-2-18		F. A. Colville 35 Pte. A. M. Graham.	
	11-2-18		Strength 53 officers 1068 O.R. (Lieut. E. D. Price M.C. Lt. C. H. Butler 7th Lt. Cassidy 2nd Lt. W. D. Clark from Hospital) 20 O.R. taken on strength.	
	12-2-18		Battalion doing working parties into the Le Touquet sector. General. Weather fine for this time of year. At 4 pm the advanced party under an officer took the light tramway to "Delanelle fin" & relieved the specialists of 43rd Batta.	
LE TOUQUET	13-2-18		The relief of the same sector was carried out without casualty. by 11 30 pm The parolling was taken on at 9 pm and carried on.	

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LETOUQUET	13-2-18		until daylight on 2-18. The artillery of the enemy was not very active owing to misty weather and ours were the same. During the night, our patrols reported a great deal of work going on in enemy lines, which machine gun posts were advised of.	
	14-2-18		Visibility slightly better and our 4.5 Hows carried out observation shoots on Laundry (CSC) and Duriez fm (CSD 3095) from Reserve farm - our OP on the left. These shoots were at our request, as there were active French Mortars there and new work was observed at both places. It was expected that a relief would take place this night opposite us, but although closely watched, no signs could be detected of same. Dispositions of the Battalion was D Company & B Company in the front line & A Company & C Company in support, ready from left to right. At dusk the sentry on D Company H.Q. fired on a large dog moving South. He reported having shot it & but patrol	

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LE TOUQUET	14-2-18		could find no trace of the animal.	
	15-2-18		Strength 53 Officers 1094 OR (26 OR taken on strength) Artillery on both sides more active owing to better visibility. During the morning our artillery fired on targets supplied from intelligence amongst which was a battery at C18A 65 65, where 15 shots were seen to fall & cause a small explosion. Our plans during the night were busy bombing. One bomb was heard to fall near Duriez farm during the night, causing casualties, judging by the cries.	
	16-2-18		Strength 53 Officers 1095 OR (1 OR T.O.S.) Artillery & MGs were very active as visibility was good. Our plans were in possession & kept hostile plans well behind his lines. At 4pm a house in the vicinity of Ceylon farm was seen to be a meeting place for men with devices and as smoke had been observed there before it appeared to be a kitchen.	

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LE TOUQUET	17-2-18		At 4.10 pm, the 11 th & 23 rd Machine gun Coy 107 th 45 How Battery & 26 th 18 pdrs Battery fired on cookhouse observed the previous day. The shooting observed was excellent. Practically every morning about 9 am. a 77 MM & 105 MM hostile battery located in C 8 a & C 7 c. fired on the Head Quarters at Despierre farm. As soon as our 4.5 Hows fired on them, they would cease firing.	
	18-2-18		At 9 am. the a hostile 77 MM battery firing on Despierre farm inflicted three casualties on H & Signalers. (1 killed) Counter battery work silenced this battery. Both sides very active with artillery (vide appendix). That night two H & Scouts were wounded by M G at Brewery Spring up Seven Trees avenue. One patrol in Bruckfelds found a dead dog with message case containing a message & identity disc attached to collar - this dog was evidently the one shot by D Coy a few days previously and	

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LE TOURQUET.	18. 2-18	cont.	had evidently wandered from the north where the enemy was holding the line by a series of outposts, as the message related to food, between from an outpost to a company commander. Casualties for day - 1 killed & wounded	
	19. 2-18		The day passed without casualties, although the sector was subject to a fair amount of "shuffling". Both sides were very active, although there was a ground mist. In the afternoon the 26 th battery ran a 18 pdr. along the road to Daspierre and fired a number of rounds with 106 fuse (a new fuse). Evidently a practice for destroying enemy tanks.	
Lt. [Signature]	20. 2-18		Visibility bad during the day and in consequence artillery quieter than usual. That night a fighting party of two officers (Lt. Macpherson & Lt. Freeman) & 8 men left post C 44 and "lay up" beside bridge at white farm. At 8 pm the trench mortars fired 10 shots on enemy listening.	

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LE TOUQUET cont.	20. 2. 18.		<p>post already discovered by our patrols in C5a. Three Lewis Guns under Lt. R. R. Woods inflamed the position + from the ones + groans heard casualties were inflicted. The patrol crawled on to bridge, but found that the bochs had destroyed it the previous night - one of our patrols having been too venturesome - and the only way to cross was by getting into the river and pulling oneself along the debris. As there was ice on the edges of the banks a long crawl afterwards to get within bombing range on MG next to listening post, after a quarter of an hour silent attempt to cross, the patrol withdrew. Bursts of MG were fired from gun near listening post, but patrol suffered no casualties.</p>	
[Signature]	21. 2. 18.		<p>At 6pm the advanced party of the 43rd Battalion arrived and took up their positions, relieving that number of our men. The right boy who had been working</p>	

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			on Brown Prince in Estaminet Ho + Pond Ho. occupied them that night. New wire was put up & completed in front of posts C 44 to White fur & from C 101 to C 161.	
LE TOUQUET	21-2-18		Strength 54 Officers 1062 OR (3/4 R Whill from wounded list) 33 OR struck off strength. During the day a shell got D Coy's cookhouse killing 2 & wounding 3 ORanks. By 9.30pm relief was completed by 43 rd Batta. the relieved unit marched back to camp at Le Rossignol without further casualties.	
LE ROSSIGNOL	22-2-18		Resting & reorganization of Battalion.	
	23-2-18		Battalion Inspection by the CO.	
	24-2-18		Church parade & presentation of medals by General Berdwood at White Chateau Ueppe.	
	25-2-18		Battalion commenced musketry training as per syllabus attached (importance of musketry again brought forth by Cambrai experiences) Small working parties also being sent daily to the line. General Weather mild & showers.	
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Alex R. Heron
Lieut Col
CO. 41st Bn A.I.F.

Date	Time and Place Out	Time and Place In	Object of Patrol	Detailed Report of Patrol
31/1/18	7 P.M. at C4d 88.92.	9.45 p.m. at C4b 65.62	Listening for enemy operations	Half the Patrol (5 men) were left at end of trench and the remainder proceeded to river bank. At 7.45 p.m. an enemy party, 15 strong, was observed proceeding from the Laundry along the bank and to disappear in trench opposite White Farm. At 9.15 six men returned to Laundry by same route. Heavy motor and traction traffic heard NE of Freshing Green. MGs were quiet on this sector. Fog was fairly heavy.
		(Sgt) E B Freeman Jr (Scent Officer) E D Dixon - HQ Scent (Patrol leader)		
31.1.18	7 p.m. at C4b 60.85.	10.00 p.m. at C4d 8.2	1. Reconnaissance 2. Examine Bridges 3. Examine Brickfields	At 7.15 p.m. met patrol of 4th Btn 1 Off 30 men at C4b 65.98 at 7.45 p.m. challenged by Post at White Farm. At 8 p.m. coughing & sounds of shovels heard from unknown farm (U29d 42.15) Ground about White Farm and down to Brickfields (C4b 7.2.) dry and good travelling. At Brickfields ground slightly boggy near river and practically impassable towards our posts in 4b centre, which also has plenty of wire.

DATE	TIME AND PLACE OUT	TIME AND PLACE IN	Object of Patrol	Detailed Report of Patrol
31. 1. 18 (Contd)	7pm at C46 60.85	10pm at C4d 8.2.	1. Reconnaissance 2. Examine bridges 3. "Brickfields"	Examined on bridge. Believe it to be C5a 252. Practicable to cross single file with care. It has tramrails for girders and cross pieces of about 6" x 4" and has an old tree lying across centre. Was driven off by one of our own MGs firing from somewhere North of Reserve Farm. This MG kept sweeping and had its cone of fire in Brickfields on W side of river. At 9.40 sounds of hammering on wood heard at Duriez Farm (C5d 2.9.) and Laundry (C5c 7.6.) Enemy MGs on our left sector quieter than usual. Those active were from the Laundry and Soap Ho. (C5c 7.2). At 10pm our artillery dropped barrage on right sector. No signs of enemy seen on our side of the river.
(Sigs) J. N. Macfibbon Lt I.O. 41st Battr				
31. 1. 18	7.30 pm at C10a 20.80	9.45 pm at C10b 3.3	Ascertain the condition of farms as Outposts taken so it will not occur again Sigs J. W. M. Lt	About 8pm a large enemy working party was heard opposite Pond Ho. (C11a 6.3.) repairing trench. Still working when patrol left at 9.30 pm. Two enemy MGs firing constantly from C11a 6.3. close to river. One firing into Crown Prince Farm (C10b 8.5.) the other North of Pond Ho. (C10b 90.05) Patrol fired on from this emplacement for 5 minutes. C.P. Farm can be entered only from North side. Three rows of wire between C10b 90.05. and C.P. Farm easily got through. Locality of C.P. Farm very watery.
(Sigs) E. B. Freeman Lt - Scout Officer " 60. P. A. Hughes - Patrol Leader				

DATE	TIME AND PLACE OUT	TIME AND PLACE IN	Object of Patrol	Detailed report of Patrol
31/1/18 1/2/18	9.30 pm at Cavers Ave	12.15 am (Cavers Ave)	To observe large working party suspected to be operating on enemy bank opposite Crown Prince Farm	Patrol proceeded to C.P. Farm along Cedilla Trench and found that trench showed signs of having been used by enemy patrol. Entered C.P. Farm on North side over culvert. While crossing latter patrol was fired on by MGs from The Arches, and by snipers. Thorough inspection of dugouts proved them uninhabitable. Patrol listened from C.P. Farm but could detect no enemy movement on opps bank of stream
(Sgt) E. A. Summers & P.A. Hughes J. Clarke	Scout Officer { Hqs Scouts		To ascertain state of dugouts in C.P. Farm	
31.1.18 1.2.18	12 Mid at Lys Farm C15a 2.7	3 am. at C10d 20.30	Reconnaissance	From Lys Farm C16h 2.8 ground in fair state NE and E of this point ground flooded and difficult to reconnoitre. Mine in depth and in good condition. MGs quiet, a few bursts from direction Brewery C19a visibility bad owing to fog.
1/2/18	8 pm at C4d 9.9	11 pm at C5c 2.8	Listening to enemy movement in vicinity of bridges	Throughout period of listening enemy exceedingly active at Duriey Farm (C5a 3.9) and Screened Farm (C5b 5.4) that much material being unloaded from trolleys. Activity ceased about 10.30 pm and trolleys were taken back behind Duriey Farm. By all appearances these farms are small dumps for trench material.

Detailed report of Patrol

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1/2/18	(Sgt) E B Keenan Lt Post Officer			Working was heard to be in progress near the Arches (C 11 a 5.3) but nothing further was heard after Artillery opened up at 9.50 pm. No movement near the Bridges All night (6 pm to 6 am) a patrol of 4 men patrol between C 10 d 2.3 to C 16 a 8. - Keeping Contact with isolated post C 16.4.
1/2/18	7.30 pm at C 10 b 3.2	10.40 pm at C 10 d 10.80	1. Reconnaissance 2. To obtain information re enemy working party	At 8 pm MG at Bridge Ho (C 11 c 6.8) fired in direction of C 4 d. MG just South at Dyeworks also active. Discovered enemy working party at C 11 a 5.1, engaged in concrete works. By previous arrangement code word was sent back to Artillery from forward post. The patrol took cover in dugouts at C 10 b 5.4 while shoot was in progress. Shooting was excellent. Many direct hits were observed to strike work which was of a solid concrete nature. There were three duds. Artillery opened up 9.50 pm for about 15 mins. On patrolling forward again and listening no enemy movement could be detected.
	(Sgt) J Macgibbon Lt J.O. 400 Blk			

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DATE	TIME AND PLACE OUT	TIME AND PLACE IN	Object of Patrol	Detailed Report of Patrol
2/3/2/18	6 pm at C46 6.9	10 pm C44 8.9	Reconnaissance Listening for Movement	<p>In account of Patrol strength it was possible to divide the patrol into two parties and thus explore the country thoroly. No enemy patrols were seen. Midway between White Farm and Laundry a listening post 100' from river was established. The remainder patrolled past the laundry. No sounds of enemy activity heard during time patrol was out. Transport and train hunting heard East of Trullighien and Denlemont respectively. Very lights sent up in good numbers.</p>
2/3/2/18	9 pm at C44	12 M.N. at C108	Reconnaissance Listening	<p>At Screemed Farm trollys again heard between 10.15 and 11 pm, also below Unknown Farm (N) from 11.00 to 11.30 pm. M.C. fires at intervals from Soap Ho. to right Coy Sector. Noticeable absence of Very lights near Duriez + Laundry, but they were plentiful at Arles and to right + left flanks of sector patrolled. Transports active behind Trullighien. No hostile parties encountered near bridge at White not on way in to C108.</p>

(Sgd) J.M. Mc Coy Lt
41st Bde

(Sgd) E.B. Freeman Lt Scout Officer
18th E. Dixon. Agzo Scout + Patrol leader

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DATE	TIME AND PLACE OUT	TIME AND PLACE IN	Duty of Patrol
2/3/18	9 pm at C 106 2.9	12.15 am at C 106 3.2	1. Reconnaissance 2. Find if working party still engaged on job near Trellinghien
(Sgt) J. M. Macgibbon Lt J. O. 41st Bn			
3/2/18	12.30 am at C 106 3.2	4.30 am at C 106 8.9	As above
(Sgt) J. M. Macgibbon Lt J. O. 41st Bn			
3/4/2/18	6.30 pm at C 106 2.3	10.30 pm at C 106 8.9	Reconnaissance 2. To listen for enemy working party

Detailed Report of Patrol

Patrol made a thorough inspection of Crown Prince Farm and found that dugouts there would need much preparation to make them habitable. Patrol found J. G. Team established in Estaminet Ho. Pond Ho still flooded. At 11 pm enemy bombed his wire South of Pond Ho. - about C 11c 6.6 - and frequently afterwards. Also put up Very lights all along sector traversed by Patrol rendering movement near river impossible. No sounds of enemy movement heard.

Three dugouts at C.P. Farm examined and found to have 2 foot depth water in them. Bosch bombing his outer wire South of Trellinghien. No sounds of the working party having resumed.

At 7.30 pm on reaching point opposite Pond Ho sounds of working were heard at C 11a 5.1. As it was evident that a strong party was operating there code word was sent from outpost to B Ho.

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DATE	TIME AND PLACE OUT	TIME AND PLACE IN	Object of Patrol	Detailed Report of Patrol
3/4/18				4 1/2 Hours + 8 Pans and M.G. Coy were given zero by 20 minutes from then. At zero hours all opened up well together. Range was good and after the shoot no further sounds of the working party was heard. The absence of Verey lights after previous nights display was noticeable.
3/4/18	12 MN. at C106 8.9	4 am at C10a 2-3	1. Reconnaissance 2. Observe any work going on in Trullingham	The ground is in a bad state having thawed yesterday from its frozen condition. While patrolling Point Ho (C106 90.05) a M.G. from Bridge Ho (C110 53.7) fired on the party. No Verey lights sent up. No sounds of any work being carried out.
4/5/18	7.30 pm at C44	11.30 pm at C108	1. Reconnoitre. 2. Listen for enemy activity where activity previously noted.	4 min after leaving C44 and while patrol was proceeding down Cadella River 7th a strong enemy party of 9 men were seen to enter bay where L.G. team is posted night. Before patrol could challenge hostile party L.G. team caught them up and enemy took alarm and fled in direction White Inn. Enemy disappeared and could not be seen after most thorough exploration of route they took. They did not cross bridge behind White Inn. At this latter point enemy sentries and one party were heard and seen fairly close to river. Very little movement at Screener Inn though throughout period patrol was out.

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(E)	E. B. Freeman Scout Officer	L. 1		enemy were very busy unloading lumber at Daring In from 10 to 11 pm M.G.s. at our supports played at intervals on these farms, and in same period enemy sent over 12 medium I.M.s. to Pond Ho sector. Very light very numerous owing to darkness.
4/5/2/18	9 pm at C 106 8.9	12 M.N. C 106 8.7	Reconnaissance	After leaving C 106 8.9. patrol proceeded to Brown Prairie In. Dugout here were found to contain a large amount of water, six boxes of Mills Hand Grenades, and one case s.a.a. Patrol proceeded then to C 103 8.3. (on road). While at this point two of our M.G.s opened up on enemy tramway at C 5 d. Bullets were heard to strike, and ricochet off, metal. Enemy M.G. from Arches C 11 a replied with a few bursts, and a "pom-pom" gun from same locality threw over a few grenades to vicinity C 106 5.2. Patrol then proceeded to Estaminet Ho and found same flooded, thence to Pond Ho which was in same condition. M.G.s then quiet. No working parties heard. Advanced L.G. Post at C 106 8.3 reported that enemy working party in region of C 11 a 5.1. had been working hurriedly early in the evening (6-8 pm) Patrol returns at appointed place and time without encountering any hostile patrol.
(S)	E. B. Freeman Scout Officer			

DATE	TIME AND PLACE OUT	TIME AND PLACE IN	Object of Patrol
4/5/2/18	12 M.N. at C46 65-80	3 am at C44 80-90	1. Reconnaissance 2. Listen for work at points already noted.
(Sgt) J. W. MacFibbon J. O. Ashburn			
13/14/2/18	9.30 pm at C48	12.30 am at C44	1. Reconnaissance 2. Listening
(Sgt) E. Dixon Dixon Agns Scout (Patrol Leader)			
13/14/2/18	10 pm at C106 (Central)	1 am at C106	Reconnaissance

Detailed Report of Patrol

No signs were seen of enemy patrols. The ground in the vicinity of C5a is in slightly poorer condition. The front was very quiet as regards M.G.s. Just as patrol was going over M.W. was heard active in vicinity of Grebbinghem. No search lights went up on front patrolled.

Darkness prevented thorough investigation of new wiring on this sector. Strong obstacle wire was encountered between Grafton Switch and river. Very little enemy activity except at Unknown Farm where steel was being unloaded from trolleys from 10.30 to 11 pm. Trolleys left at 11.10 pm. An enemy patrol was seen proceeding N. on opp. side of river from Cedilla Reserve trench and was heard to encounter wire in three places and from the noise they made it seemed that they were not too accustomed to the route taken.

Rattling of dummies and talking indicate the presence of a listening post opposite White Farm.

At 10.30-11 pm enemy were heard unloading steel from trolleys in direction of Duriez Tr. Dugouts at Crown Prince Tr were found to be in need of further work.

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DATE	TIME AND PLACE OUT	TIME AND PLACE IN	Object of Patrol	Detailed Report of Patrol
				Before they could be occupied. Eastern dugout is fairly dry, but unwholesome while Western contains water 8" or 3" deep. MGs very quiet. Very little fire. No sounds of enemy work and no hostile patrols encountered.
	(Sgt) E. B. Freeman Lt Platoon Officer			
15/16/18	6.30 pm at C.H. 4	9.30 pm at C.H. 4	Reconnaissance	Patrol left C.H. 8 and proceeded to C.H. 4-5 and lay up from 6.45 pm to 7.10 pm. Transport activity continuous at Dendumont and Hadwin Road. Coughing and talking heard at C.H. 50, 55. Shouting heard frequently at C.H. (E. of river) Drills heard at Durie Twp. Motor Lorries in direction Unknown Twp. Hostile MGs active at Durie Laundry and Soap Ho. Generally speaking considerable activity in enemy lines between 6.30 and 7.30 pm.
	(Sgt) E. B. Freeman Lt Platoon Officer			
15/16/18	8 pm at C.10.3.a	11 pm at C.10.7	Listening and Reconnaissance	Evidence found that dugouts at Pond Ho had not been interfered with. Ditto Estaminet Ho. Brown brice from in the same state as before relief took over. No signs of minesweepers or pineapples having dropped in vicinity C.H. Twp.
	(Sgt) Lt R. Perkins Squad Patrol Leader			
15/16/18	10.30 pm at C.H. 4	1.30 am at C.H. 8	Reconnaissance	Activity at Green Farm. No very light. Mine barrage on left. No hostile patrol encountered.
	(Sgt) Cpl Rickwood W.B.			
15/16/18	11.30 pm at C.10.3.a	2.30 am at Careless Ave.		MG activity in Arches also sound of working there. Revolver light seen to S. of Trilighien. MG posted in Estaminet Ho
	(Sgt) J. A. Hughes Squad Patrol Leader			

APPENDIX 22

DATE	TIME AND PLACE OUT	TIME AND PLACE IN	Object of Patrol
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Detailed Report of Patrol

16/7/18	6.30 pm at C.4.8.	9.30 pm at C.4.4.	Mannaissaned Listening covering Waring Part at Grafton Switch
<p>(Sgt) H. E. Dixon Hqs. Sect Patrol Leader</p>			

On leaving White Inn Outpost patrol followed light tramline from there to river and found that it ended at a staging on bank. Evident that barges had been used at this point as there is similar staging on enemy bank. There is no surkin bridge bet. Opposite White Farm Patrol was able to definitely locate listening post on point as follows C.5a 40.48 - coord verified by O.P. no > C.3b 60.03. At 7 pm. 18 paps opened up on Unknown Inn and 3 incendiary shells were fired in the vicinity. 4th Btn also sent over Stokes (about 12) to same place and enemy activity there was not resumed till 8 pm. when it continued till patrol came in. Lighting of pipes & flash of torches seen at rear of Laundry & sounds indicating presence of large party.

16/7/18	7 pm at C.10.4	9.30 pm at C.10.4	Reconn.
<p>(Sgt) W. R. Perkins Hqs. Sect Patrol Leader</p>			

Dugouts at Crown Prince Inn in muddy conditions. 2 Telephone wires leading towards river were cut by patrol leader. No trace of visitation since German occupation found at Pond Ho dugouts. No fresh wiring there. One dugout only in good condition at Estaminet Ho. No sounds of enemy activity.

16/7/18	10 pm at C.4.4	1 am C.4.8	Reconn.
<p>(Sgt) W. B. Rickwood Hqs. Sect } Patrol Leader</p>			

No enemy activity. Sounds of Wky Party heard at Unknown Inn. Barrage on left sector.

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DATE	TIME AND PLACE OUT	TIME AND PLACE IN	Officer of Patrol	Details Report of Patrol
16/17/18	12 MN at C103a.	3 am at C107.	Reconn.	considerable activity behind Arches. MGs firing frequently same direction. No Heavy Light fires in this sector.
			(Sgt) J. A. Hughes Patrol Leader	
17/18/18	6-30 pm at C4d 9.9.	9.30 pm at C4b 7.9.	Reconn.	Patrol proceeded to C5c 3.8. and lay up listening. No sound of movement at Laundry. Three of patrol proceeded to C5c 6.7. Nothing heard there. At Unknown Trns loading or unloading of trunks heard. While proceeding to C5a 30.60, a patrol in counter was heard on left. But sector. Patrol lay up anticipating enemy withdrawal to S. and as nothing followed returned to C4b 7.9. MGs active at Quarry, Arches; Battery active near Trch
			(Sgt) E. R. Freeman Det. Officer	
17/18/18	8.30 pm at C107.	11.30 pm at C103a.	Reconn.	Smells of water in dugouts at Crown Prince Trns. One dugout found to be inhabitable if debris cleared out. Enemy activity at Arches also MG activity.
			(Sgt) J. A. Hughes Patrol Leader	
17/18/18	10.30 pm at C4.4.	1.30 am at C4.8.	Reconn.	Enemy activity screened Trns. Sector exceptionally quiet
			(Sgt) Epl W. B. Rickwood 492nd Scout P.S.	
17/18/18	12.30 pm at C10a 10.40	2.45 am at C10d 10.90.	"	Patrol moved to C16a 90.50. and went along moat and approached river as close as poss. Then proceeded N until it reached stream at C10d 99.40.

APPENDIX 24

DATE	TIME AND PLACE OUT	TIME AND PLACE IN	Object of Patrol	Detailed Report of Patrol
				Grounds within 150 yds of river very boggy except for narrow ridge. Stream referred to can only be crossed by swimming. Ground at C10d 50.30. very marshy MG activity at Brewery (C11c).
18/19/2/18	7 pm at C4d 9.9	10 pm at C4b 7.9	Reconn.	Transports active at Dury at 7.30 pm. Otherwise sector quiet. Dead dog bearing disc and canister found between Grafton Switch & bridge near White Farm. Message in canister submitted to BHO.
	(Sgt) W.B. Lickwood (Squadant P.I.)			
18/19/2/18	8 pm at C10d 1.3	10.30 pm at C10d 1.3	"	Patrol proceeded to C1ba 8.5 and returned by more easterly route to C10d 1.3. No enemy movement heard. MG & snipers active Brewery. No hostile patrol encountered. Very lights frequently from Brewery.
	(Sgt) E.B. Freeman Lt Scout Officer			
18/19/2/18	10 pm at C4a 9.9	1 am at C10t 8.9	Reconn & Listening	Route taken difficult owing to Swamp being frozen. Any attempt to reach good listening point near river opposite Laundry impossible. From 9-10.30 pm light mines dropped in swamp at Brickfields, coming from Dury. A few heavy mines came from S end of Ldy also. On 18 pm silenced them. MGs at Screms for active firing on light tramway & junction of tramway & Monmouth Jct. Talking heard at Soap Hk.
19/20/2/18	7 pm at C4c	9.30 pm at C4.4	Reconn & Listening	Patrol lay up on river bank at C5d 32.60. Harbitt excellent. Enemy listening post heard & seen at C5a 40.52 along row of trees. No enemy activity. Hostile patrol heard proceeding N on E Bank of river near C5c 6.7. MG active Dury.
	(Sgt) E.B. Freeman } Scout Lt			

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DATE	TIME AND PLACE OUT	TIME AND PLACE IN	Object of Patrol	Detailed Report of Patrol
19/20/2/18	8.30 pm at C106 8.9	11 pm at C108 34	Reconn.	No enemy activity heard owing to barrage on left. MGs inactive. Working parties engaged on Crown P. 7th and Estanmeret Island Houses rendering them fit for occupation.
	(Sgt) J W Macgibbon Lt J.O. 41st			
"	10.30 pm C106 8.9	1 am C4d 99	"	Between 10 & 10.30 MG fired over C106 from Soap Ho. Trolleys active between Screened + Duriez. 11.30 - 12 MN. Horse transport active E of Freshling Ghie 10. pm - 12 MN. Otherwise quiet
"	12.30 am C102 2.3	3 am C102 2.3	"	MG heard firing from Soap Ho. No enemy activity otherwise (J.W. Macgibbon Lt J.O. 41st Bk)
20/21/18	7.15 pm C44	9 pm C48	Fighting and Recon.	Patrol left C44 at 7.15 pm and proceeded to C5a 20.25 and lay up. Lt TMs on prearranged plan fired on listening post at C5a 40.5c and Lt Gs fired covering bullets. Patrol proceeded to bridge but found same impassable. Enemy attitude quiet. Hostile MGs and Very light M.M. MG fired from C5a 52.40. Bridge had been tampered with by enemy previous night. After TM & LG shoot a cry of pain and moans were heard denoting that casualties were inflicted.
	(Sgt) E B Freeman Lt J.O. 41st	(Sgt) J W Macgibbon Lt J.O. 41st		
20/21/18	10.30 pm at C106 8.9	1 am at C4d 99	Reconn.	Enemy very quiet. MGs fired from Arches & Soap Ho. Parachute Very light fires from Laundry. No sounds of work heard.
	(Sgt) J W Macgibbon Lt J.O. 41st Bk			

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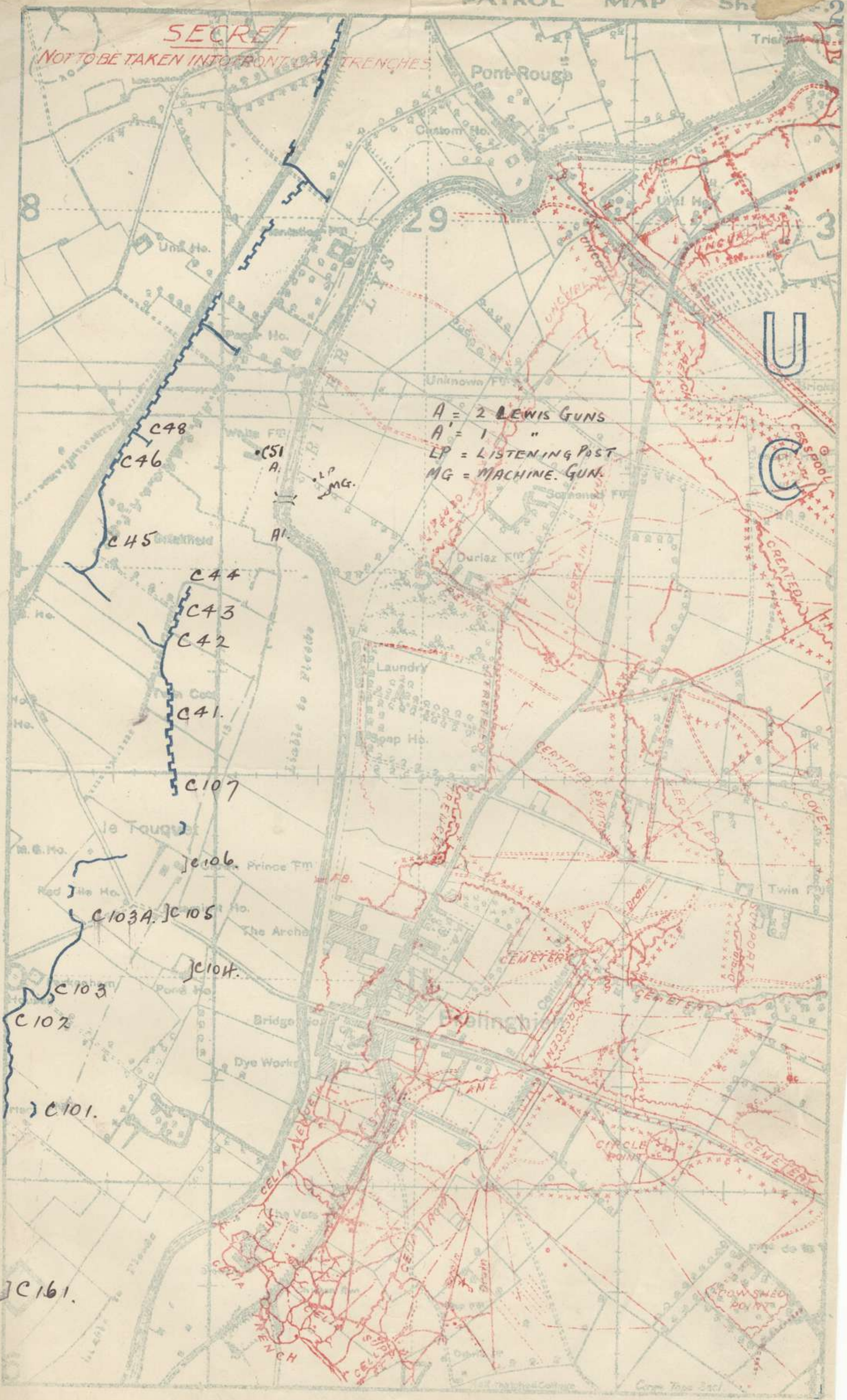
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SECRET

NOT TO BE TAKEN INTO FRONT OF TRENCHES



A = 2 LEWIS GUNS
 A' = 1 " "
 LP = LISTENING POST
 MG = MACHINE GUN

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARIES FOR PERIOD ENDING 21st FEBRUARY 1918.

1. A. 2.2.1918.

1. OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. Quiet owing to poor visibility. 4.5" & 6" Hows fired 60 rounds on working party at C.11.a.5.1. and did a lot of damage besides stopping work.

MACHINE GUNS. Between 6 p.m. and 10 p.m. fired on TWIN Farm, DURIEZ Farm CRESCENT (C.11.d. centre) C.18.a.25.30. and ~~xxx~~ road at C.5.d. Results not observed.

TRENCH MORTARS. N I L.

PATROLS. 2 patrols operated to observe in areas it is possible for the Hun to get across LYS River but heard no signs of enemy. Working party at C.11.a.5.1. located and artillery inflicted damage when advised. Apparently DURIEZ (C.5.b.5.4.) and SCREENED Farm (C.5.m.d.3.9.) used as dumps for trench mending material.

AIRCRAFT. N I L.

2. IDENTIFICATION: NIL

3. ENEMY DISPOSITION. On the Battalion front enemy is quiet. His morale with the river between - seems to be good. It is probable and many things point to it that he is constructing strong points in front of FRELINGHEM, for tactical reasons.

4. HOSTILE SHELLING. None to report.

5. ENEMY ATTITUDE. vide Para 3.

6. Enemy DEFENCES. Work in concrete being done C.11.a.6.1. Machine guns M.G's at C.11.a.6.4. C.11.c.6.6. and C.11.c.6.8. were active during the night.

7. ENEMY AIRCRAFT. N I L.

8. MOVEMENT. None observed owing to poor visibility.

2. A. 3.2.1918.

1. OPERATIONS.

1. ARTILLERY. At 9.35 a.m. our 4.5 Hows fired on vicinity of UNKNOWN Farm (C.5.b.5.9.) results not observed. At 3.15 p.m. our batteries were observed firing on cross roads C.12.b.85.00. with shrapnel and H.E. range fair. At 4.40 p.m. artillery fired in retaliation on active M.W's in C.5.c.

MACHINE GUNS. Active on planes throughout the day. At night they fired on C.17.b.30.08. C.5.b.60.35 C.5.d.88.55. C.18.c.60.65.

TRENCH MORTARS. About 3 p.m. our 6" Newton fired 4 rounds registration on FRELINGHEM Church.

AIRCRAFT. Active but were prevented from penetrating far by A.A. fire. At 9.30 a.m. plane flying low flew over WHITE Farm and fired machine gun. After 1 p.m. when our planes came over enemy inactive.

2. IDENTIFICATION. N I L.

3. ENEMY DISPOSITION. His changed attitude last night point apparently to one of two solutions. First, the raid on the right and shelling of his working party after being left in comparative peace has made him shaky, hence the bombing and unusual number of very lights.

4. HOSTILE SHELLING. From 4 a.m. to 4 p.m. vicinity of GUNNERS Farm and GASOMETER CORNER was shelled by 105 M.M. Battery about C.12.a.70.40. 215 rounds. At 10.15 24 rounds 15 c.m. was fired at GUNNERS Farm from C.18.a. centre. At 2.10 p.m. 3 rounds 77 m.m. dropped C.10.c.7.9. from direction of C.12.a.7.4. from direction of C.12.a.70.40. At 4.5 p.m. a 105 m.m. battery fired 22 shells from direction of $\frac{1}{2}$ C.12.a.70.40. into C.16.c. centre.

11.30 a.m. 77 m.m. battery East of FRELINGHEM fired 7 rounds into C.3. 10.15 p.m. 105 m.m. put 80 rounds (50 gas) into C.8.c.4.8. from TWIN Farm (C.12.a.70.40) At 2 a.m. about 40 gas shells were fired from FRELINGHEM into back areas unable to locate. Very slight damage done - some bays blown in and one man wounded.

5. ENEMY ATTITUDE. Not normal vide enemy dispositions.

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2. A. (Cont) 3. 3. 1918.

- 6. ENEMY DEFENCES. N I L.
- MACHINE GUNS. Normal. No new locations located.
- 7. ENEMY AIRCRAFT. Very active until 1 p.m. when our planes came on the scene. During the morning were engaged with battery shoots. At 9.30 a.m. one plane flew low over WHITE FARM and fired his M.G. Were heard during the night (Gathas) evidently about on bombing expeditions.
- 8. ENEMY MOVEMENT. At 1 p.m. flash of lens, as of one observing glass at SCREENED FARM C.5.b.6.4. At 2 p.m. a man was seen to leave a ruined wooden building south of SOAP HOUSE (C.5.c.6.2) and disappeared in wood in rear.
- MISCELLANEOUS. At 9.30 a.m. and enemy balloon went up at a T.B.55° from C.10.e.40.75.

3. A. 4. 3. 1918.

1. OPERATIONS.
ARTILLERY.

Active all day. Between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. our artillery engaged in counter battery work apparently East of FRELINGHEM. At 11 a.m. were observed firing to S.E. of FRELINGHEM - no results were observed. At 3.50 p.m. our Hows fired about 12 rounds in vicinity of TWIN FARM. (C.12.a.65.38)

MACHINE GUNS.

Fired on our S.A. between 10.30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Between 2 p.m. and 3 a.m. the following targets were engaged. C.12.a.60.62. C.12.c.86.10. C.12.c. Road. C.12.central. At 4.30 p.m. 4 guns concentrated 50 rounds per gun on C.11.d.central.

TRENCH MORTARS.

Not active.

PATROLS.

Besides a patrol between 2 posts on the right, 3 patrols operated on our front. The ground was reported in a marshy condition owing to the thaw. Sound of work on a large scale was heard at C.11.a.64. and machine gun and artillery fire dispersed them probably with casualties, as the shooting was good. Machine guns at BRIDGE No C.11.c.65.78. and SOAP HOUSE C.5.c.70.18 fired on the patrols. Patrols report trilly movement at SCREENED FARM C.5.b.58.40. and transport East of FRELINGHEM. They also report practically no very lights on the front.

AIRCRAFT.

Their absence in the morning was suspicious. When they did arrive the BOSCHS disappeared that was about 1 p.m.

2. IDENTIFICATION.

N I L.

3. ENEMY DISPOSITION.

N I L.

4. HOSTILE SHOOTING.

Between 9.10 a.m. and 4.45 p.m. about 120 rounds were fired by 105 m.m. into C.7.b.45.55. 10 C.1.d.35.12 from direction C.5.d.30.92. at 10.30 from CEYLON FARM C.6.c.9.1. A 77 m.m. battery fired 30 rounds into C.3.c.60.70. From 1.30 to 4.45 p.m. 175 rounds were fired by 77 m.m. battery East of DURIEZ FARM. (C.5.d.30.92) into PLOEGSTREET WOOD. At 4.35 pm 77 MM at TWIN FARM (C.12.a.64) dropped three rounds without damage on C.5.b. C.3.b. At 9.55 to 11.30 am 28 rounds of 15 Cm were fired from C.12.a.80.55 on to C.7.b.45.55. At 10.35 to 11.30 am 105 MM Battery fired 46 rounds from the same place at the same target. At 2.40 pm 105 MM at C.12.a.80.55 fired 9 shells (3 Gas) into C.12.a.65.38 in most cases results could not be observed, but where observed no damage was done.

5. ENEMY ATTITUDE.

Very quiet, even his M.Gs appear to be devoting all his attention to work.

6. ENEMY DEFENCES.

NIL.

MACHINE GUNS.

At 3.40 am M.Gs observed at C.17.a.30.70 firing on low firing aeroplane, during the night M.G. at BREWERY (C.17.a.30.70) bridge heads (C.11.c.55.78) and SOAP HOUSE (C.5.c.70.18) were active.

7. ENEMY AIRCRAFT

Active in morning between 11.0 am and 1.0 am. An enemy plane flew low over C.4.b and H. and C.5.a and c, evidently taking photographs. On arrival of our planes they disappeared off.

8. MOVEMENT.

At 3.40 am two men seen at C.11.c.78.40 walking in S.E. direction.

4 A. 5. 3. 1919.

1. OPERATIONS.ARTILLERY.

Active on C.B. and destructional work shoots. At 8.30 a.m. 18 pdrs were observed to obtain 3 hits on LAUNDRY (C.5.c.7.6) Between 9. .m. and 3.30 p.m. C.11.a. near river shelled. 3.35 p.m. Flows observed firing on C.18.a. 66E. 12 hits observed on buildings about C.11.b.6.7. 1.5 p.m. Direct hits observed on SCREENED FARM C.5.b.6.4. others in vicinity. 3.30 p.m. artillery active on SCREENED FARM CEYLON FARM (C.5.b. K.K. 90.10) and arches (C.11.a.60.25) No definite observation red brick dust often seen. Observed shooting on SCREENED FARM at 4 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. but no results seen. 5.30 p.m. on request 18 pdrs fired 10 rds shrapnel on LAUNDRY (C.5.c.70.45)

MACHINE GUNS.

Fired on targets between 8. .m. and 2 a.m. C.11.b.10.20. C.d. central. C.12.a. TWIN FARM C.12.c.40.20. C.5.d.92.38. On request fired on between 10. and 11 p.m. on C.5.b.99.15. to C.5.b.55.35. and C.5.d.88.55. to C.5.d.35.90. Patrols report work on tramlines when M.G. barrage opened up. At 8.30 a.m. 23rd M.G. Coy fired on working party at C.11.b.10.20. 2 stretcher cases observed. At 4 p.m. concentrated fire on C.12.a. 3.3.

TRENCHMORTARS.

NIL.

PATROLS.

Three operated during during hours of darkness. A Bosch patrol of about 9 were seen at C.5.a.2.1. but got away in the darkness. M.G. and L.M.G. active at ARCHES (C.11.a.60.25) Work was heard at SCREENED FARM and DURIEZ FARM and our M.Gs were heard to fire at time work was in progress, and billets struck and ricocheted off metal.

AIRCRAFT.

Active throughout the day both over our lines and the Hung At 3.25pm one of our planes flew over FRELINGHEIN and was engaged by A.A. and M.G. (three) which were located at BREVERY (C.17.a.20.65) (2) and KKKXX SOAP HOUSE (C.5.c.70.15).

2. IDENTIFICATION. NIL3. ENEMY DISPOSITIONS. NIL

4. HOSTILE SHELLINGS. At 9.10am 77 MM fired 4 rounds on C.3.c.77 from direction of LAUNDRY C.5.c.70.42. At 9.15am 77 MM dropped 4 shells at C.7.b.5.1 from the same direction. At 9.30am 77 MM fired 4 rounds from direction of LAUNDRY (C.5.c.70.42) on to C.3.c.8.5. 10.20am 77 MM fired 10 rounds into C.4 from direction of DURIEZ FARM (C.5.d.3.0) 11.25am 5 77MM shells from direction of ARCHES (C.11.a.6.3) fell in Front Line in C.4.a. At 3.50pm 77 MM fired 6 rounds into C.3.b.65 from direction of C.5.c.70.42. 4pm 105MM fired 4 rounds in C.4 centre from direction of FRELINGHEIN. Between 12.30pm and 3.20pm 105MM from direction of C.18.a.60.60 fired 12 shells in GASOMETER CORNER Area. Point of observation C.3.b.60.05.

5. ENEMY ATTITUDE. NIL

6. ENEMY DEFENCES. Machine Guns active between 10pm and 11pm on retaliation to our M.Gs on hisv tranways in C.5.d. M.Gs at SOAP HOUSE (C.5.c.70.15) ARCHES (C.11.a.60.25) active during day and night.

Trench Mortars. L.T. Mortars xxx at ARCHES (C.11.a.60.25) fired about 10 rounds into C.10.b.5.3.

7. ENEMY AIRCRAFT. At 9.30am two planes flying at great height crossed our are. At 2.30pm three planes over FRELINGHEIN evidently working with Artillery.

8. MOVEMENTS. None observed.

9. MISCELLANEOUS. At 5.0pm a signal lamp observed at T.b.90 from C.5.c.72.45 As line ran through LAUNDRY (C.5.c.70.45) a M.G. post in Artillery put 10 rounds into it. M.G. did not fire that night. The following letters were read FT (repeated) GC/TKB/CN/AAA TAD/RM/ASE1/MRD/MRO/TLU/TL (call) KC/RGH/ST (call). At 9.30pm relief of advanced party complete.

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11th INFANTRY BRIGADE.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARIES (CONT)

5.A. 14.2.1918.

1. OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. Not active owing to poor visibility. Between 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. our heavies fired approx 50 rounds on target East of FRELINGHEM. Between 11 a.m. and Noon our artillery also fired on target East of DURIEZ FARM. In both cases it was not possible to observe results. At 3 p.m. about 35 rounds were fired on C.11.c.80.80. One direct hit was observed which knocked down a board wall also 4 shells fell in close proximity.

MACHINE GUNS. Our M.G. engaged the following targets between 8 p.m. and 3 a.m.: C.11.b.60.60.. to 85.60.. C.5.d.93.38 C.12.c.30.30. C.13.a.10.30.. C.6.c.30.40.. SCREENED FARM (C.5.b.) and C.6.a.05.55..

TRENCH MORTARS N I L.

AIRCRAFT. None operating.

PATROLS. 4 patrols operated on our front during the hours of darkness. They reported enemy activity at SCREENED FARM. Enemy barb wire at C.5.c.70.90. Movement heard at C.5.a.50.70. Enemy M.G.s and Very lights inactive.

2. IDENTIFICATION N I L.

3. ENEMY DISPOSITION. N I L.

4. HOSTILE SHELLING. Much below normal owing to poor visibility. At 10.35 an 10⁵ M.M. Battery from direction of CEYLON FARM (C.6.c.90.05) fired 7-10 rounds on C.5.a.10.70. At 12.40 p.m. 77 M.M. battery fired 14 rounds in vicinity of DESPIERRE FARM (C.3.c.) from the direction of TWIN FARM (C.12.a.55.45).

5. ENEMY ATTITUDE. Passive. Morale seems good has evidently he ~~seems~~ considers himself safe from attack.

6. ENEMY DEFENCES. Machine guns Activity below ~~normal~~ normal. During the early part of the night to 9 p.m. machine guns at Bridge (C.11.c.60.75) DYE WORKS (C.11.c.55.65) active. The late firing on C.10.a. TRENCH MORTARS. Inactive.

7. ENEMY AIRCRAFT. N I L.

8. MOVEMENT. At 10.40 a.m. 1 German seen in trench at C.17.a.25.70. wearing Red band cap. At 11.30 a.m. a Bosch dressed similarly seen at C.17.c.90.60. and again at 1 p.m.

9. MISCELLANEOUS. Smoke seen at the following, probably denoting portions of trenches or dug outs used as living quarters. At 10.50 a.m. C.5.d.3.2... 9.15 a.m. C.11.a.82.04 at 9.50 am C.17.a.25.70.. 10.50 am C.17.c.90.60.. 11 a.m. C.17.a.25.70. 11 a.m. C.17.a.30.22.. 11.40 a.m. C.17.c.95.58... Signs of new work at C.11.c.50.98. and C.11.c.80.80..

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11th INFANTRY BRIGADE.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARIES CONT.
6. 11. 1918... 15. 2. 1919.

1 OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. At about 10.30 am our 4.5.Hows fired 30 rounds into LAUNDRY (C.5.c.) and obtained some direct hits. At 11.p.m. about 25 rounds 4.5.Hows were fired into DURIEZ FARM(C.5.d.30.95) Shooting good.

MACHINE GUNS. At 3.30 p.m. our machine guns fired on enemy O.P. at (C.11.b.18.40) while T.M. shoot on DURIEZ FARM was in progress. The following targets were also engaged. C.11.b.5.6. to C.11.b.7.6. C.11.b.85.22.C.12.a.3.3. C.11.d.5.1.

TRENCH MORTARS. At 3.30 p.m. fired on DURIEZ FARM- Owing to mist the results could nit be observed.

PATROLS. Patrols operating on front reported no activity during early part of night. At 11.p.m. trolleys were heard moving in direction of SCREENED FARM. A party of enemy were heard at C.5.a.4.5. and ~~NEKKEKINE~~ was heard at about C.5.a.50.55. coughing

Machine guns at BRIDGE HOUSE (C.11.c.55.80.) fired during the night. At 3.a.m. working heard at DURIEZ FARM.

AIRCRAFT. None operating.

2 IDENTIFICATION. NIL.

3. ENEMY DISPOSITION. Altho closely watched it did not appear that a relief did not take place last night. Owing to poor visibility very little movement could be seen.

4. HOSTILE SHELLING.

TIME.	DIRECTION	GALIBRE.	LOCALITY	NO OF RDS	REMARKS.
9.0 a.m.	C.5.c.90.06	77.M.M.	C.5.a.	18	no damage
9.35 a.m.	C.12.a.60.50	105.M.M.	C.5.a.	2	-
10.0 a.m.	do	77.M.M.	C.3.c.	20	-
10.35 a.m.	FRELINGHEM	77.M.M.	C.10.b.88.	10	-
11.55 a.m.	FRELINGHEM	77.M.M.	C.10.D.W.8.	12	-
3.0 p.m.	C.12.a.6.5.	77.M.M.	UNA HOUSE	10	-
3.30 p.m.	FRELINGHEM	15.c.m.	LA.BIZET	5	Unobserved
3.45 p.m.	C.12.a.6.5.	77.M.M.	UNA HOUSE	20	-
			C.5.a.		

5. ENEMY ATTITUDE. Unchanged.

6. ENEMY DEFENCES. MACHINE GUNS. Not active. Machine Guns at BRIDGE HOUSE reported firing during night.

TRENCH MORTARS. At 3.30 p.m. 12.M.T.M. fell in ~~XXXX~~ CEDILLA RESERVE (C.4.d) from LAUNDRY-n no damage.

7. ENEMY AIRCRAFT. NIL

8. MOVEMENT. None seen owing to poor visibility. During darkness heard at C.5.a.45 and C.5.a.50.55.

9. MISCELLANEOUS. At 6.45 a.m. a brown thick set seen at C.4.a.25. making south.

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7.A. 16.2.1918.

OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. Active during the day. At 9.30 a.m. our 4.5 Hows on request of infantry (AERIAL) silenced with 20 rounds a 108 M.M. battery at D.7.c.20.15.
At our request at 10 a.m. 18 pdrs fired 20 rounds on D.7.c.20.05 neutralizing active 77 M.M. battery.
At 11.15 a.m. in retaliation our 4.5 Hows carried out an observation shoot on active 77 M.M. at C.18.a.65.65 25-25 rds first 15 fell in vicinity and caused small explosion silencing battery.
At 12 Noon our artillery fired 10 rounds into C.11.d.35.5. all shots fell in vicinity. 2.45 our 4.5 Hows fired 63 rds into LAUNDRY and SOAP HOUSE (C.5.c) Shooting observed was good at least 3 direct hits.

MACHINE GUNS. The following targets were engaged. GEXLON FARM (C.6.c.) TWIN FARM (K.13.a) C.11.d.55 to C.18.c.90.05. FIN DE LA VACHERIE (C.18.a) and SCREENED FARM (C.5.b)

TRENCH MORTARS. Inactive.

PATROLS. 4 Patrols operated on our front. They reported Machine firing from ARCHES (C.11.a) work at UNKNOWN FARM and ARCHES. Trans-
port heard 2 a.m. East of FRELINGHIEM and between 6.45 & 7.10 p.m. on DEULENIQU and WARMETON ROADS. Coughing again heard (C.5.a.50.55 no doubt a listening a listening post. Trolleys heard at DURIEZ FARM and motor lorries near UNKNOWN FARM. M.G's active at DURIEZ-LAUNDRY and SOAP HOUSE.

AIRCRAFT. Between 1.30 and 2.30 a.m. planes heard going over our lines and sounds of bombing heard behind Bosch lines.

2. IDENTIFICATION. N I L.

3. ENEMY DISPOSITIONS. There is more probability of a local relief having taken place last night as the usual smoke observed in the late afternoon at various positions was missing also enemy lines were noisy between 6.30 & 7.30 p.m. against that of course is the work that was carried on.

4. HOSTILE SHELLING. vidi attached sheet.

5. ENEMY ATTITUDE. N I L.

6. ENEMY DEFENCES. MACHINE GUNS During the night M.G's at ARCHES-DURIEZ FARM LAUNDRY and SOAP HOUSE WERE ACTIVE.
TRENCH MORTARS. Inactive.

7. ENEMY AIRCRAFT. At 4.45 p.m. large biplane (3 men) flew low over WHITE FARM and vicinity. ~~XXXX~~

8. MOVEMENT. N I L.

9. MISCELLANEOUS. At 3.30 a.m. a bomb was heard to explode about DURIEZ FARM inflicting casualties judging by the cries. 7 a.m. work heard at DURIEZ FARM.

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P.A. 17.2.1918.

1. OPERATIONS.
ARTILLERY.

At about 8 a.m. at request of infantry our 4.5 Hows fired 30 rounds H.E. and Gas on to active batteries at C.18.a.65.65. and D.7.c.20.15. Enemy batteries silenced. Between 11.30 a.m. and 1.30 p.m. our 4.5 Hows fired 55 rounds into UNKNOWN FARM (U.29.d.) and SCREENED FARM (C5.b.) Secured 4 direct hits and damaged new trench works at SCREENED FARM. During the night our 18 pdrs on our suggestion fired on to trackway and trucks leading into DURIEZ (C.5.d) SCREENED and UNKNOWN FARMS. Our patrols reported that enemy activity ~~has~~ ceased for some time after the shots.

MACHINE GUNS.

At 9 a.m. on request of infantry fired on Fu de la VAGHARIE (C.18.a) They also engaged the following the night U.29.d. 42 to 50.03.. C.5.b.60.38 to 85 20.. C.5.b.30.90 to C.5.d.43.84 (These targets were submitted by us) and C.12.a.00.62 road in C.12.c.. C.12.b.30.95 .. C.12.c.86.10..

TRENCHMORTARS.

Reported about 15 rounds observed fired onto UNKNOWN FARM about 7 p.m. Several direct hits on farm.

PATROLS.

Beside the inner post patrols, four patrols operated on the foot. Exact position of listening post opposite WHITE FARM (C.5.a) claimed to be C.5.a.40.48. Working party on cement work heard about 7 p.m. at LAUNDRY. (C.5.c) M.G. active from DURIEZ FARM (C.5.d) and ARCHES (C.11.a) also M.V. active at LAUNDRY At 11 midnight. Sounds of work heard at UNKNOWN FARM also EAST of the ARCHES.

AIRCRAFT.

Very active. There were no low flying enemy planes over our lines owing to their activity.

2. IDENTIFICATION. NIL3. ENEMY DISPOSITIONS. NIL4. HOSTILE SHELLING.

TIME	DIRECTION	CALIBRE	LOCALITY	NATURE	RESULTS
8 a.m.	C.13.a.65.65	77 M.M.	DESPIERRE FARM	3 Rds	No damage
8.15 a.m.	D.7.c.20.15	105 M.M.	do do	8 "	do do
8.30 a.m.	N. Duriez fm	77 M.M.	Fi c. 4.d.	29 "	do do
8.30 a.m.	Frelinghen	105 M.M.	Gunners Fm	51 "	Unobserved
12.30 p.m.	do	105 M.M.	do do	73 "	do do
3.9 p.m.	Cevlon	105 M.M.	Le BIZET	5 "	do do
3.30 p.m.	105 T.B.	105 M.M.	Mt Gun Farm	15 "	do do
	from C.5.b.60.03				

5. ENEMY ATTITUDE. Quiet.6. ENEMY DEFENCES. MACHINE GUNS. The following have been active. SCREENED FARM UNKNOWN FARM DURIEZ AND ARCHES.

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6. A. Counterattacks.

ENEMY HOSTILITIES. TRENCHMORTARS. At 11 p.m. M.W. at LAUNDRY FIRED 30 rounds into C.4.b. without doing damage. At 11 p.m. H.T.M. at SCREENED FARM fired about 10 rounds on left Battalion sector. By a coincidence our 18 pdrs were firing on SCREENED FARM between 11 p.m. and 11.30 p.m. and neutralized him.

7 ENEMY AIRCRAFT. Remained behind his own lines and only crossed ours a few times at a great height.

8. MOVEMENT

Visibility good. At 9.30 a.m. 3 men two carrying what seemed to be a box of ammunition slung on a pole moved east of SCREENED FARM to UNKNOWN FARM and came back again at 3 p.m. 1 man seen walking along trench from DURIEZ to SCREENED FARM. At 4 p.m. several men seen at a cook house in vicinity of GUYLON FARM with canteens (dixies) (Will arrange a surprise for them) At 4.30 p.m. one man seen handling new timber in DURIEZ FARM.

9. MISCELLANEOUS. At 11.45 (fire broke out at DEULE MAUSIONS (C.6.b) seemed the result of our heavies shoot and at 3 p.m. was observed in factories and church.

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S.A. 18.3.1918.

1. OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. Our 4.5 Hows at 9 am fired on active 77 and 105 M.M. batteries silencing them. This shoot at request of infantry.

At 11 a.m. our Heavies opened on buildings 85° T.B. from C.3.b.69 03. and secured 15 hits. Up to 11.39 a.m. when buildings caught fire. Later the Heavies were observed shooting on URAL HOUSE. The shooting was good. Many direct hits on buildings and SCREENED TRENCH and breastworks in the vicinity observed.

At 4.10 p.m. as arranged with us 18 pdrs and 4.5 Hows fired on CEYLON FARM (C.5.d) shooting seemed good but ground mist prevented good observation. At 10.30 p.m. 18 pdrs and 4.5 Hows fired on LAUNDRY where work has been heard going on.

MACHINE GUNS. The following were fired on between 8 p.m. 8.30 p.m. Road in C.5.d and Road in C.11.d... Fin de la VACHERIE (C.18.a) M.G's also fired on CEYLON FARM at 4.30 p.m. in conjunction with artillery. At 12 Noon active again. Low flying plane over RESERVE FARM.

TRENCH MORTARS. NIL.

PATROLS. Four patrols operated on our front during hours of darkness. Their reports- About 7.30 p.m. movement heard at UNKNOWN FARM where trucks were being loaded. At 8 p.m. an encounter between patrols on the left was heard. M.Gs at DURIEZ FARM ARCHES and BREWERY reported active work heard at ARCHES. Transport heard at SCREENED FARM. Ground at C.10.d.60.30. and south between TOOL HOUSE and river very marshy.

AIRCRAFT. Very active and in command of the air. At 12 noon 2 of our planes drove back a hostile craft over RESERVE FARM. Planes heard bombing enemy lines during the night.

IDENTIFICATION. NIL.

ENEMY DISPOSITIONS. NIL.

4. HOSTILE SHELLING.

TIME	DIRECTION	CALIBRE	LOCALITY	BARRAGE RDS	RESULTS.
9.0 a.m.	Fin de la Vacherie	77mm	Dé Pierre Fm	20 rds	no damage
9.0 a.m.	B.7.c.20.15	105 M.M.	do do	14 "	do do
10.15 a.m.	Frelinghem	105 M.M.	Mt Gun Farm	5 "	unobserved
11.0 a.m.	TWIN FARM	77 M.M.	UNA HOUSE	14 "	do do
1.15 p.m.	Frelinghem	105 M.M.	Gasometer Cnr	7 "	do do
4.15 a.m.	Frelinghem	77 M.M.	C.10.b	8 "	no damage
10 a.m.	Fin de la Vacherie	77 M.M.	C.10.b.	29 "	do do
3.30 p.m.	Brewery (C.17.a)	77 M.M.	C.10.	25 "	do do

ENEMY ATTITUDE. Unaltered except slighter activity in his artillery which may be due to weather conditions.

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6. ENEMY DEFENCES. MACHINE GUNS Machine guns at BREWERY (C.17.a.) DYE WORKS (C.11.c) ARCHES (C.11.a) LAUNDRY (C.5.c) DURIEZ FARM (C.5.d) active during the night. Our planes during the day were fired on from UNKNOWN FARM - SCREENED FARM - LAUNDRY and ARCHES.
- TRENCH MORTARS At 8.45 a.m. 28 M.M.W. shells were fired from LAUNDRY and KYKKEN into C.4.b&d -- no damage. At 10 p.m. the same gun fired 10 rounds into vicinity CROWN PRINCE FARM (C.10-a) and did no damage.
7. ENEMY AIRCRAFT. Active behind his own lines. Made repeated attempts to cross our line but was driven back by A.A. and our planes.
8. MOVEMENT. Between 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. transport work could be heard in direction of SCREENED FARM (C.5.b)
9. MISCELLANEOUS. At 8 p.m. 3 star shells were fired evidently at our bombing planes from East of FRELINGHEM. New earth at trench running west of SCREENED FARM toward FRELINGHEM MINE done during the night. Light observed between 10 p.m. and 3 a.m. on T.B. 138° from C.10.d. 20.88. appeared to be signalling. A pile of white pine woodwork and coils of barbed wire observed at demolished building just north of LAUNDRY (C.5.c) was removed during the night. There appears to be new work going on at BREWERY. Between 12.5 and 12.30 p.m. enemy balloons descended and remained for 15 minutes at what looked like DECREPIT FARM (C.7.d) and then moved further back.

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10.A. 19.2.1918.

1. OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. About 8 a.m. our 4.5 Hows on request fired on active 77 MM. battery in C.18.a, silencing it. At 10 a.m. 3 direct hits were observed on O.P. (C.11.b.) At 11.50 a.m. our 4.5 Hows fired 50 rds on new work at ARCHES (C.1.a.) 15 direct hits were observed from both O.Ps. At 3.5 p.m. Heavies put 6 shells directly on UNKNOWN FARM. At 3.48 p.m. 4.5 Hows fired on UNNAMED FARM C.6.c 32.48 and obtained 10 good hits. Our heavies were firing on the same target and got three direct hits. At 4.30 our 4.5 Hows observed to get three hits on Suspected O.Ps at SCREENED FARM C.5.b and several more in trenches adjacent. At 3.40 p.m. 7 direct hits were observed on the Church (C.11.c.) evidently guns registering. At 3.50 p.m. 1 direct hit obtained on LAUNDRY (C.5.c).

MACHINE GUNS. Our machine guns fired on the following targets during the night. C.11.d.40.95 .. C.11.d.68.58 ... C.13.e.00.00 to 50.99 C.11.b.40.63 to 80.63. SCREENED FARM (C.5.b) and trench west of it North end LAUNDRY (C.5.c) and junction of tramway and road in C.5.b

TRENCH MORTARS inactive.

PATROLS. Patrols on our front reported everything quiet and practically no sound of work of work going on. Very lights and machine guns active from BREWERY (C.17.a) Transports were heard at 7.30 p.m. east of DURIEZ FARM (C.5.d) about C.5.a.20.30 Patrol found dog previously reported shot and secured identity disc message and message box. Ground on west side of river in C.5.c. is very swampy. M.M.W. at DURIEZ FARM (C.5.d) active also. H.M.W. from South end of LAUNDRY (C.5.c) M.Gs at SCREENED FARM active firing on railway and MONMOUTH SUPPORTS (C.4.c & C.4.c) Talking heard at SOAP HOUSE (C.5.c) lines East of C.4.b.

2. IDENTIFICATION. NIL.

3. ENEMY DISPOSITIONS. NIL.

4. HOSTILE SHELING. More active than usual especially north and south of sector. OP. C.3.b.60.93.

TIME	DIRECTION	CALIBRE	AREA	ROUNDS.	REMARKS.
7.45 a.m.	Fin dela VACHERIE	77 M.M.	DISDIERSE FARM	27 Rds	3 casualties
10 a.m.	PRELINGHIEM	77 M.M.	NICHOLSON AV	13 "	no damage
9.30 a.m.	UNKNOWN FARM	77 M.M.	C.4.b & C.5.a	43 "	" "
10.15 a.m.	"	105 M.M.	C.4.b & C.5.a.	19 "	" "
11 a.m.	T.B.104	77 M.M.	C.4.d	17 "	slight
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O.P. C.9.d.92.66.					
10.45 a.m.	ARCHES	77 M.M.	C.10.d	11 "	no damage
11.45 a.m.	CHURCH	77 M.M.	C.10.b.	14 "	"
3.50 P.m.	70 th T.B.			5 "	"
from O.P. fish bearing					

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6. ENEMY ATTITUDE. NIL.

6. ENEMY DEFENCES. Suspected new work just west of LAUNDRY C.5.c.
MACHINE GUNS. M.G. active from BREWERY firing on 7 TREE AV
 C.5.c. inflicted 3 casualties. M.G. also active at X
 SCREENED FARM firing on RAILWAY and MONMOUTH SUPPORTS. C4.b
 and C.4.c) M.Gs at LAUNDRY (C.5.c) @ 11.05.38. C.5.d.38.55
TRENCH MORTARS. Very active. 4 p.m. 6.8.8. (Medium) were fired
 from PRELINGHEM into vicinity C.10.b - no damage done.
 16 Pineapples fell at 11 a.m. near C.4.b. 80.30 doing no damage
 At 10.15 p.m. H.T.M. fired 3 rounds from SE. corner
 of LAUNDRY on to BRICKFIELD (C.4.b) From C.5.a. 18.00.
 The following flash bearings were taken on N.W. 140° &
 133°

7. ENEMY AIRCRAFT. Active behind his own lines. At 6.45 and 8.45 p.m. two
 planes heard crossing our lines evidently on bombing
 expedition.

8. MOVEMENTS. Working parties heard at SCREENED FARM (C.5.b) at 1 a.m.
 Transports heard East of DURIEZ FARM at 7.30 pm.

9. MISCELLANEOUS. Flash bearing taken of 77 M.M. from C.5.a. 18.60 showed
 T.B. 191° Coordinates C.11.b.05.38 C.5.d.38.55 are suspected
 new M.G. positions. Message and Identity taken from dog
 forwarded with Intelligence.

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11.A. 30.3.1918.

1. OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY Active during the day. At 10 a.m. observation reports 3 direct hits on UNKNOWN FARM.

At 12.25 p.m. a direct hit observed on C.11.b.25.55. believed it to be 18 pdr firing 105 fuse.

Between 1. & 2.30 p.m. our 18 prds fired on CERTIFIED TRENCH and SCREENED FARM. 35 hits. - a small explosion and dense black smoke seen behind TWIN FARM (C.12.a)

At 4.15 p.m. columns of black smoke seen the result of Artillery at UNNAMED FARM (C.6.c.23.48)

MACHINE GUNS. Our M.Gs fired on roads in C.5.d and C.11.b. and C.12.a. during early part of night to stop transport also SCREENED FARM and DURIEZ FARM

TRENCH MORTARS. Inactive.

PATROLS. Four patrols operated. Everything very quiet. Enemy listening post heard and seen at C.5.2.40.52 along row of trees. Hostile patrols heard in C.5.a. proceeding North. M.Gs at SOAP HOUSE (C.5.) and DURIEZ FARM (C.5.d) active.

AIRCRAFT. Very active. Penetrated enemy lines on many occasions.

2. IDENTIFICATION. NIL.

3. ENEMY DISPOSITIONS. NIL.

4. HOSTILE SHELLING

TIME	DIRECTION	N.M.	LOCALITY	No. of shells	REMARKS.
<u>O.P.C.3.b.60.93.</u>					
a.m. 9.35	80° T.B.	77	C.5.a.	31	no damage
11.15	107° T.B.	105	Left Bn	14	Appd Good shooting
11.50	118° T.B.	105	C.3.b.55.50	58	" " "
Noon	80° T.B.	105	Left Bn	4	unobserved
p.m. 2.50	Preclington	105	C.3.c.	5	no damage
3.35	103° T.B.	105	U.26.a.	78	4 guns firing
<u>O.P.C.9.d.90.66</u>					
a.m. 11.15	80° T.B.	105	Left Bn	15	unobserved
11.45	100° T.B.	77	C.3.c.	27	no damage
p.m. 13.30	90° T.B.	77	C.10.c.	15	" "
1.15	105° T.B.	77	C.15.	55	" "
3.15	95° T.B.	105	-	60	unobserved
3.55	105° T.B.	77	C.15	11	no damage

All bearings are sound bearings

5. ENEMY ATTITUDE. NIL.

6. ENEMY DEFENCES. MACHINE GUNS. M.Gs at SOAP HOUSE (C.5.c) and DURIEZ FARM active. M.G. at DURIEZ FARM was firing across BRICKFIELDS (C.4.c) and M.Gs at ARGHES C.11.e. fired across C.4.d.

TRENCH MORTARS. Active. At 4.45 a.m. 10 rounds Pineapples were fired from PRECLINGTON into C.10.d.

At 7 a.m. 15 Pineapples were fired into C.4.b. - M.W. believed to be C.5.d. 62.59

From C.4.d. 77.70 a T.B. of 101° was taken on active M.W. and from C.10.b. 83.85 a T.B. of 84° both bearings are flash bearings

7. ENEMY AIRCRAFT. Owing to poor visibility none observed.

8. MOVEMENTS. Trench tramway active between 11 p.m. and midnight between DURIEZ and SCREENED FARM. Enemy patrol heard on East side of river in C.5.a at about 9.30 p.m. and 12.30 p.m.

9. MISCELLANEOUS. Digging between GRAPTON SWITCH C.5.c. to WHITE FARM C.5.a. nearly completed.

At 9.30 p.m. slight smell of gas blowing back from rear smelt in C.4.b. The following flash bearings were taken on active batteries from C.5.a. 30.55. 132° and 134° T.B.

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23.A. 21.3.1918.

1. OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY Not active owing to poor visibility.
At 3.45 p.m. our 18 pdrs shelled vicinity TWIN FARM. Our 18 pdrs was brought forward to DESPIERRE FARM (G.3.c) to test 106 fuse.

MACHINE GUNS. Active. Between 8 & 9 p.m. while fighting patrol was out they kept Bosch known M.Gs under observations. They fired on the following targets. Enemy tracks C.11.d.42.00 to C.15. between 5.30 and 7.30 p.m. Road C.11.c.80.80. to V.11.d.05.05 between 7.30 and 8.30 p.m. G.13.a.75.61 C.12.b.33.30 C.1.d.75.60 C.11.d.68.35. C.6.c.13.88 C.6.c.30.00. C.5.b.55.85 to C.6.a.59.89.

TRENCH MORTARS. (ENEMY) Not active. At 10.30 p.m. a few rounds of Pineapples were fired from UNKNOWN FARM on to Left Battn front from G.10.d.30.85 A fresh bearing of 78° T.B. was taken on active N.W.

PATROLS. At 7.30 p.m. a fighting patrol of 3 Officers and 8 Other Ranks at G.4.d.95.95. and lay up opposite bridge near WHITE FARM. At 8 p.m. L.T.M. fired 10 rounds on Bosch listening post at G.5.a.45.50. and 3 L.Gs under an officer which were directly opposite this listening post opened fire. Cries of a wounded man and then groans were heard. The patrol then crawled to the bridge and attempted to cross. It was found that the Bosch had freed the drift weed and consequently it was impossible to cross without taking to the water. M.G about 30° East of listening post fired but was silenced by our L.Gs. Patrol withdrew without casualties, and patrolled north & in vicinity of WHITE FM. Enemy very quiet on all parts of front.

AIRCRAFT. Inactive.

2. IDENTIFICATION NIL

3. ENEMY POSITIONS. NIL

4. HOSTILE SHELING. As per list attached.

5. ENEMY ATTITUDE. Nil

6. ENEMY DEFENCES. Machine guns not as active as usual. M.Gs at G.5.a.52.40 UNKNOWN FARM U.29.d. and SOAP HOUSE (G.5.c) fired during the night.

TRENCH MORTARS. Vidi supra above.

7. ENEMY AIRCRAFT. Inactive. At 1.45 p.m. 1 plane flew low over our lines and fired machine gun into F.L. trenches in G.4.d.

8. MOVEMENT. None observed owing to misty weather.

9. MISCELLANEOUS. From G.10.d.30.85. the following gun flashes were observed. 705° 80° 90° 93° all T.B. posts. At CROWN PRINCE ESTABLISHMENT. News of Occupied. Car T.4. fired at 3 p.m. on DURIEZ FARM -- results good. Fired on listening post at G.5.c. at 8 p.m. -- 3 good hits. 4 Duds.

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January 1918

Monthly Summary from Lt Col. H. R. Heron

This month has been taken up in ordinary passive warfare in a quiet Sector & has afforded excellent opportunities for the training of the large number of men in the Bat. in trench discipline & duties in Trenches. also for getting all the new hands into No Man's land to accustom them to moving about in the dark. We maintained a superiority in N.M.L. Throughout the period, going over to the enemy's wire nightly and crossing the Lys on two occasions. Casualties were very light throughout the period but one stray whizz-bang killed the Bn Sig Sgt. & wounded the Sig Cpl. During our periods out of the line we spent one in working & wiring parties, one in training & musketry. All four coys & the Lewis Gunners being exercised on the range & during our training period we had to carry a series of 4 sets of gas projectiles for a gas attack on Fiekinghem which was accomplished without casualties also. We adopted the principle of leaving a large "B" Echelon (4 platoons) behind in NIEPPE & sending all coys in with 3 platoons & sending the Bns. in, in charge of the 2nd in command and as adj. "B" Echelon being trained while in NIEPPE. Except for small breaks the weather was good with heavy frosts each morning. Attention has been given by the officers in charge of "B" Echelon to all "O" matters especially transport & O.M.'s details & all boots required attention & were sent labelled from the line & repaired by the

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Bn. boot makers & then sent back x The members meanwhile wearing gum boots x This was done in anticipation of a march to the back areas at the end of the month x Transport personnel were inspected by the adjutant twice a week & vehicles once x In addition to this several limbers one water cart & all 4 cookers were repaired x They were used at night to transport the rations to the line & return with bones from the coys for boiling down into fat & salvage x a special effort was also made during the month to clear our area of all salvage with very satisfactory results x The adjutant (Capt Pickering) made a special trip to Rouen during the month to inspect the Bn records & on his return our records were checked & found to be most satisfactory x Nine of our officers have been attending a B'de School & returned about the 26th, An Aus. Army Corps competition was held x We were successful in getting two of our members out of 9 entries into the semi finals Cpl Strike Light Heavy & P'te Murphy Heavy x both H Coy & the only two in the B'de x Cpl Strike was beaten in the semi final, but Murphy fought his way to the final & after winning one bout was eventually beaten & became runner up for the Aust. Army Corp Heavy Weight Boxing Contest x Murphy represented the 3rd Aus. Div & is to receive a medal for his performance x a good deal of interest was taken in these events & the contestants were allowed H parades to train x Advantage was taken during this month to send our Coy B'des for a two days stay with Battery B m dcs of the Aust. B'de concerning our Sectn x My adjutant Capt Pickering was awarded the Belgian Croix de Guerre as a reward for good services on the 5th I had a full inspection of the whole Bn including all administrative details & Hd qrs on the 23rd & was agreeably surprised with the general state of the clothing & equipment. We attended a presentation of medals by Genl. Burdwood on the 21st at which several of our men & Capt Pickering received their decorations

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