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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
TEMPLEUX LA FOSSE	1.1.18		Cross Order Drill by Platoons and Companies in morning. ^{Best Inspection.} Football in afternoon.	131
-do-	2.1.18		Brigade Exercises in open-warfare movements in morning, General and Specialist training in afternoon.	
-do-	3.1.18		Work on G.H. Q. line (12 officers and 300 O.R.), and Lewis Gun ^{Best Inspection.} Training.	
-do-	4.1.18		Cross Order Drill by Platoons and Companies, Lewis Gunners on Range in the morning. ^{Best Inspection.} Overhaul of War Equipment + Organised Games in afternoon.	
-do-	5.1.18		Platoons exercises in tactical schemes and Lewis Gun Training in morning. Football in afternoon. ^{Best Inspection.}	
-do-	6.1.18		Church Parade in morning, football in afternoon.	
-do-	7.1.18		Paths. Haircutting and Kit Inspection. ^{Best Inspection.}	
-do-	8.1.18		No training owing to heavy snow-storm, but work done in tents, haircutting, rubbing feet, sock inspection, and cleaning arms + ammunition.	132.
-do-	9.1.18		Sons (4) officers + 100 men on Special Road Working party, 2 officers and 50 men working on road in vicinity of camp, remainder of battalion at company work and general cleaning up of camp in preparation for move to BAILLEUL area. ^{Best Inspection.}	

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METEREN	11.1.18	12.30.P.M.	Battalion moves by road to CURRAGH CAMP in LOCRE area. FEET Inspection.	} Reconnaissance of Front line by officers and N.C.O.
CURRAGH CAMP LOCRE	12.1.18		Cleaning of arms and equipment, overhaul of boots and general inspection of clothing. Haircutting and rubbing of feet.	
- do -	13.1.18		Church Service. (Voluntary) Reconnaissance of Front line by Officers and N.C.O.	} Reconnaissance of Front line by officers and N.C.O.
- do -	14.1.18		Lewis Gun and Bombing training. Training of Scouts by Intelligence Officers, and General training. Route March by Companies. Reconnaissance of Front line by Officers, N.C.O and G.A.S. N.C.O. FEET Inspection.	
- do -	15.1.18		General Training and Lewis Gun + Bombing. Instruction given to all Lewis Gunners in Kickers Gun work by Instructors from 4 th Aust. Machine Gun Coy.	} Reconnaissance of Front line by officers and N.C.O.
- do -	16.1.18		Lewis Gunners instructed in Kickers Gun work by Instructors from 4 th Aust. Machine Gun Coy. General Training and Bombing. FEET Inspection.	
- do -	17.1.18		Baths and issue of clean clothing. General and Specialist Training.	} Reconnaissance of Front line by officers and N.C.O.
- do -	18.1.18		General + Specialist Training. FEET Inspection.	

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GRATER DUG-OUTS	31.1.18		Working Parties. Summary of evacuations, formations etc. Map of Sector attached - Appendix 149.	147. 148.

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 C.O., 13th Pm. Lieut.-Col A.I.F.

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SYLLABUS OF TRAINING.For week ending 6th January, 1918.

Monday 31-12-17 9.30 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. Close Order Drill
 10.30 a.m. to noon Specialist Training
 (Lewis Gunners, Bombers, Riflemen on Musketry.)
Afternoon. - Battalion Exercise.

Tuesday 1-1-18 BRIGADE EXERCISE.

Wednesday 2-1-18 (a) Work on G.H.Q. Line.
 (b) Lewis Gun Training.

Thursday 3-1-18 Morning. (a) Artillery Formations and Skirmishing.
 (b) Lewis Gunners on Range.
Afternoon. Battalion Route March

Friday 4-1-18 Morning (a) Platoon and Company Drill
 (b) Lewis Gunners, Bombers, Riflemen on Musketry.
Afternoon. (a) Overhaul of War equipment.
 (b) Organized games.

Saturday 5-1-18 Morning (a) Company and Platoon Work
 (b) Lewis Gunners on Range.
Afternoon. Football Matches.

Sunday 6-1-18 Work on G.H.Q. Line.
 CHURCH PARADE.

28-12-17.

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SYLLABUS OF TRAINING.

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For Week ending 13th January, 1918.

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Headquarters,
4th January, 1918.

Monday	9.30 a.m. to 10.30 a.m.	-	Close order drill
7-1-18	10.30 a.m. to 12 noon	-	Specialist Training (Lewis Gunners on Range, Bombers, riflemen on Musketry)
	Afternoon	...	Platoon Tactical Schemes.
Tuesday	Morning	...	Company in attack on old established position.
8-1-18	Afternoon	...	Batalion Exercise in open warfare movements.
Wednesday	Morning	...	Company in attack (open warfare)
9-1-18	Afternoon	...	Football and organized games
Thursday	Work on G.H.Q. Line Lewis Gunners on Range.
10-1-18			
Friday	Morning	...	Platoon and Company work in open warfare
11-1-18	Afternoon	...	Battalion Close Order Drill
Saturday	Morning	...	Company in Artillery Formations and Skirmishing.
12-1-18	Afternoon	...	Football and Organized Games.
Sunday	Church Parade. Football in afternoon
13-1-18			

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13th BATTALION MOVE ORDER No. 62.

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7th January, 1918.

- (1) The Battalion will move to BAILLEUL by rail on 10-1-18 leaving PERONNE at 1.7 p.m.
- (2) Battalion will be formed up ready to move at 9.30 a.m. 10-1-18.
- (3) DRESS. Marching order - one blanket to be carried on the man.
- (4) ROUTINE Reveille 6.30 a.m.
Breakfast 7 a.m.
Sick Parade 3 p.m. on 9-1-18.
- (5) Transport (including cookers) will march out at 8 a.m. on 10-1-18, arriving at entraining station PERONNE three hours before departure of train.
Breast ropes for horse trucks to be provided by Transport Officer. Lashing ropes for vehicles will be provided by R.T.O.
- (6) Entraining and Detraining Officer - 2/Lieut. C. J. KFLAHER.
- (7) BAGGAGE. One blanket per man rolled in bundles of twenty (20). Officers' gear and mess gear will be stacked at head of company and H.Q. lines by 7 a.m. 10-1-18.
O.C. "D" Company will detail a loading party of 1 N.C.O. and 10 men to report to Q.M. at Battalion Orderly Room at 7 a.m.
- (8) SUPPLIES. Rations and forage as follows will be carried -
 - 1 Iron ration on the man
 - 1 day's rations on the man (or in cookers)
 - 1 day's rations in Supply Sec. of Div. Train.
 - 1 day's forage with animals
 - 1 day's forage with Supply Section of Div. Train.
- (9) Billetting Party (Lieut. FALKNER and 5 O.R./1) will leave by 1.7 a.m. train on 9-1-18 from PERONNE reporting on arrival to D.A.Q.M.G. 4th Aus. Divn, BERTHEN.
- (10) Senior Major and R.M.O. will inspect camp at 8.30 a.m. All latrines and urinals to be left clean and in good condition. Tents left clean and laced up.
- (11) REARGUARD. O.C. "D" Company to detail 1 Officer who will march with guard on duty over prisoners and act as rearguard.
- (12) O.C. "D" Company will detail guards of 1 N.C.O. and 3 men for duty on the fore and rear part of the train to prevent men leaving train at wayside stations.
- (13) Marching Out States to be rendered to B.O.R. by 8 p.m. 9-1-18.
- (14) ACKNOWLEDGE.

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15th. BATTALION A.I.F.

Administrative instructions issued in connection with Move Order No. 62.

Headquarters,

8th. January 1918.

1. SURPLUS GEAR. All surplus gear will be stacked in a dump close to PERONNE-PLANICOURT Station, on Station side of Church Army Hut. One Motor Lorry will be at disposal of Battalion reporting to Q.M. at 9 a.m. 9th. Jan. 1918. At 1 p.m. 9/1/18 half a Motor Lorry will be at disposal of Q.M.
2. DUMP GUARD. Q.M. will detail two men to proceed with first load of surplus gear to be dumped. These men will be responsible for portion of Battalion Dump until entrainment. A N.C.O. from 15th. Battalion will be in charge of whole guard. Similar arrangements will be made for a dump near entraining station.
3. TRANSPORT. Message Wagons will report to Q.M. at 2 p.m. 9/1/18 and will move with the Battalion.
4. SURPLUS AMMUNITION AND GRENADES. Q.M. will arrange for ammunition held surplus to Mobile Echelon to be delivered to VII Corps Ammunition Dump, NUKLU, (Sheet 82 D.10.a.) on 8/1/18. A receipt in duplicate to be handed to S.O.R. on completion.
5. MILLETING PARTY. Lieut. FALKNER and 5 O.R.'s. to report to Intelligence Officer at Hqs. H.Q. at 9 p.m. on 8/1/18. 72 hours rations to be drawn from Q.M.
6. HOT MEALS, etc. Prior to entraining at PERONNE a hot meal will be issued. Cocoa and Milk will be served at ARNEVILLE and also on arrival at detraining station. Q.M. will arrange for a supply of Cocoa and Milk to be drawn from Brigade.
7. AREA STORES. Tents will be left standing, laced up, with mallet and tent bag inside. Q.M. will arrange for 25 braziers to be collected and taken to new area.
8. AREA COMMANDANT'S INSPECTION. The Area Commandant will inspect the Camp at 8.30 a.m. on 10/1/18. The Battalion Orderly Officer (Lieut. Swinbourne) will report to Adjutant at 8 a.m. and then proceed to Brigade to meet the Area Commandant.
9. ENTRAINING. On arrival of train at entraining station all ranks will board the train, take off their gear, and stack it neatly in the carriages. Mess Tins will be unpacked and hot meal partaken of. All men out of carriages. A N.C.O. is to be detailed in charge of each carriage.
10. ENTRAINING. On arrival at SAZENBUCK the Company Orderly Officer and Lieut. Westwood for H.Q. Units will warn all men to put their equipment on preparatory for detraining at BILLBE.



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Adjutant 15th. Battalion A.I.F.

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TRAINING PROGRAMME for Week 19-1-18 - 25-1-18.

Saturday 19th Jan.	Gas Helmet Drill -	15 mins.
	Saluting -	15 "
	Bayonet Fighting -	30 "
	Close Order Drill -	30 "
	Inspection of War Equipment -	30 "
	Lecture on "Work in Front Line" -	20 "
	Musketry Instruction	30 "
	Rifle Exercises -	20 "
	Guard Instruction -	20 "
	Foot Inspection -	20 "
Sunday 20th Jan.	Church Parade and move to Front Line.	
Monday 21st Jan.	Front Line	
Tuesday 22nd Jan.	do	
Wednesday 23rd Jan.	do	
Thursday 24th Jan.	do	
Friday 25th Jan.	do	

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Asst Ad. Lt
for C.O. 13th Battalion, Lieut.-Colonel.
A. I. F.

Reference Sheet 28 1/10,000

Headquarters,
19th January, 1918.

- (1) The 13th Battalion will relieve the 48th Battalion in front line on the night of 20/21st January.
- (2) Disposition of Battalion will be as follows:-
 - Front Line (O.12.a.00.60 to O.6.c.8.8.)
"C" Coy, 13th Bn. will relieve "B" Coy and $\frac{1}{2}$ Platoon "C" Coy. 48th Bn.
 - Support Line "D" Coy. 13th Bn. will relieve "D" Coy., 48th Bn.
 - Reserve WHITE CHATEAU (O.4.d.30.50).
"A" and "B" Coys, 13th Bn., will relieve "A" and "C" Coys 48th Bn.
 - Bn. H'qrs. (O.5.a.2.5.00)
 - R. A. P. (O.4.b.20.40).
- (3) The Brigade Boundaries will be -
 - (a) On the North - Line running from J.32.d.1.5. to J.31. central and thence W. along grid through I.36. central.
 - (b) On the South. The DIVISIONAL Boundary - a line running from O.12.a.0.6. - O.10.b. central - O.4.d.2.1. - O.10.a.9.9. - O.4.c.60.05. - O.4.c.4.4.
- (4) The 1st Division will be on the Right Flank and the 13th Brigade on the Left.
- (5) The inter-Battalion boundary will be a line running from O.6.d.90.35 to O.6. central.
- (6) Three Lewis Gun Crews "A" Coy. will relieve "C" Coy. 48th Bn. Lewis Gunners on anti-aircraft work at WHITE CHATEAU.
- (7) The Bn. will move from CURRAGH Camp at 1 p.m. 21-1-18 march to Entraining Station KILMARNOCK SIDING LACLYPTE and proceed by train to SPOIL BANK.
Entraining Officer - Lieut. W. Parsonage M.C.
Detraining Officer - Lieut. R. Swinbourne.
- (8) DRESS. Fighting order over sheep skin vests, haversacks on back, W.P. Sheet folded under flap of haversack, greatcoat and blanket to be rolled and held together by supporting straps and fastened under the haversack, mess tin hanging under the blanket, water bottles filled.
- (9) GUIDES. One Guide per Platoon will meet Coys. at SPOIL BANK. Guides for front line posts will meet "C" Coy at SUPPORT LINE, except guides for posts on left, who will meet Coy. at Spoil Bank.
- (10) Completion of relief to be reported to Bn. Headquarters by Code word BLIGHTY.
- (11) Band will play Bn. to Entraining Station and return to camp as rear party for cleaning up camp under Lieuts. J.G. Geary and Lieut. East.

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ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS

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- (1) **BAGGAGE.** (a) Packs containing 1 blanket and felt hat, together with Officers' gear (which is NOT being taken into the line), also any other surplus gear, to be stacked in Company and H.Q. habs on parade ground (near Baths) by 10 a.m.
O.C. Coys. and H.Q. Units to ensure that packs are distinctly marked with Regtl. No. Name, and Company of owner.
(b) Baggage of Officers NOT going into the line will be dumped near Q.M.'s Store by 10 a.m.
- (2) **ROUTINE 20-1-1918.**
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|-----------|------------|
| Reveille | 7 a.m. |
| Breakfast | 7.30 a.m. |
| Dinner | 11.30 a.m. |
- (3) **RATIONS.** The following rations will be carried on the man - (SI)
Unconsumed portion of day's ration. (SI)
24 hours rations. (AI)
Iron rations. (AI)
Hot tea will be served to "C" and "D" Coys. on arrival at SPOIL BANK.
Q.M. will arrange for Food Containers with hot tea to be taken to SPOIL BANK.
"A" and "B" Coys will draw from Comforts Stall at WHITE CHATEAU.
- (4) **COOKING.** Lieut. T. White will act as Deputy Quartermaster. All cooking will be done at WHITE CHATEAU.
Rations will be dumped by Transport at OAK ^{Dump} Camp daily at 11. a.m.
O.C. "B" Coy to detail 1 N.C.O. and 3 men to live at dump as ration guard.
C.Q.M. Sgts. will live at WHITE CHATEAU.
O.C. "A" and "B" Coys. will each detail 1 N.C.O. and 10 men to carry rations from OAK DUMP to WHITE CHATEAU. These parties will report to Lieut. WHITE when rations arrive at OAK DUMP.
Rations for front line and Support Coys. will be taken forward as follows:-
- Front Line: 3 a.m., 4 p.m. and 11 p.m. daily.
- Support Lines: 4.45 a.m., 11.30 a.m., 4 p.m. and 11 p.m.
- O.C. "B" Coy will detail 1 N.C.O. and 10 men as ration carrying party for front line, and 1 N.C.O. and 10 men for Support Line.
- (5) **SOCKS.** A supply of clean socks will be held at WHITE CHATEAU. These will be exchanged daily at 4 p.m. for dirty socks.
- (6) **SALVAGE.** All salvage to be dumped at WHITE CHATEAU. This will be returned daily to Transport Lines.
Lieut. SWINBOURNE will act as Salvage Officer.
- (7) **COFFEE SHACK.** Has been established near WHITE CHATEAU.
- (8) Oil for Primus Stoves, Cocoa & Milk and Tommy cookers will be sent forward daily to front line and Support Coys.
- (9) **DRYING ROOM** Has been established at WHITE CHATEAU.
- (10) **WATER.** Drinking water will be sent forward in petrol tins. Water for cooking purposes is available near WHITE CHATEAU, not suitable for drinking purposes.

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(11) RETURNS. The following returns will be rendered daily:-

- DAILY STATE & RATION STATE 8 a.m.
- Casualty Report 9 am (1)
- No. AVAILABLE FOR WORKING PARTY 6 1/2 p.m.
- INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY 5.30 a.m. & 5.45 p.m.
- Situation Reports 3.45 a.m. & 3.45 p.m.
- LOCATION REPORT 5.30 a.m.
- WORKS REPORT (with sketch) Weekly Tuesday at 12 noon. (2)

(12) TRANSPORT. The Transport Lines will remain as at present. Major A.B. COX (14th Battalion) will act as Brigade Transport Officer.

(13) CANTEEN. Brigade Canteen will be established at SPOIL BANK.

(14) AMMUNITION & AREA STORES. Lists of Ammunition and Area Stores handed over will be sent to Bn. Headquarters by 8 a.m. on 21-1-18.

(Sgd) A. W. DAVIS, Capt. Adjutant, 13th Battalion, A.I.F.

at 11.30 a.m. ...
 O.C. Coy to detail 1 N.C.O. and 3 men to live at dump as ration guard.
 O.C. Coy will live at WHITE CHATEAU.
 O.C. Coy will each detail 1 N.C.O. and 10 men to carry rations from OAK DUMP to WHITE CHATEAU. These parties will report to Lieut. WHITE when rations arrive at OAK DUMP. Rations for front line and Support Coy. will be taken forward as follows:-
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 All salvage to be dumped at WHITE CHATEAU. This will be returned day to Transport Lines.
 Lieut. SWINBURNE will act as Salvage Officer.
 COFFEE SHACK. Has been established near WHITE CHATEAU.
 Oil for Primus Stoves, Gases & Milk and Tinned cookers will be sent forward daily to front line and Support Coy.
 DRYING ROOM. Has been established at WHITE CHATEAU.
 WATER. Drinking water will be sent forward in petrol tins. Water for cooking purposes is available near WHITE CHATEAU, and suitable for drinking purposes.

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From 6 a.m. 20th January 1918
To 6 a.m. 21st January 1918

Our Operations

Artillery

From 4 a.m. to 12 noon enemy positions were shelled with 4.5" and the Hun front line was shelled by 18 pounders. The Heavies were engaged in counter Battery fire. Between noon and 4 p.m. enemy back areas were shelled by Heavies. Damage could not be observed.

Trench Mortars Activity: nil.

Machine Gun Fire

Activity very quiet during morning. Between noon and 4 p.m. our guns opened up on enemy aircraft. During the night occasional bursts of distributive fire along Hun front line.

Aircraft

Our aircraft were active. Between 10.30 a.m. and 4 p.m. the enemy front line was frequently crossed. Enemy A.A. guns and machine guns opened fire but to no purpose.

Patrols

Strength	Time of Departure	From	Time of Return	Route	Objective	Remarks
1 Sgt 4 G.R.	11 P.M.	6243	1.30 A.M.	Along Canal Bank and back along Front Line.	To locate enemy Machine Gun firing from Lock 6.	Enemy Machine Guns located at Lock 6 and also at 612 a 64.

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Strength	Time of Departure	From	Time of Return	Route	Objective	Remarks
1 Sgt 2 G.R.	8.30 h.m.	612a 00.60	10.15 h.m.	Along out wire.	Protective information.	Wire not plentiful in front of canal group posts.
1 Sgt 3 G. Bnks	11.15 h.m.	612a 00.60	12.40 a.m.	Get into touch with unit on right and come back along wire.	Pill boxes on right flank. Get into touch with unit on right flank.	Pill boxes showed signs of recent occupation. Learnt from patrol of unit on right that the pill boxes are occupied by the posts during day.
1 N.C.G. 2 G. Bnks	10.30 h.m.	612a 40.80	11.45 h.m.	-	To get into touch with unit on left flank.	Failed to get into touch with unit on left.
1 N.C.G. 2 G. Bnks	2 a.m.	612a 40.80	3.30 a.m.	-	To locate right post of unit on left flank.	Failed to locate right post of unit on left flank.

Enemy Operations.

Artillery Enemy active during morning. shelled back areas with 4.2 and 5.9. White Chateau 64d 10.40 was subjected to heavy firing with 5.9 from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Searching fire with 5.9 during the afternoon was all that was observed in this sector.

Machine Guns. Activity nil during day. Occasional bursts of distributive fire fired during night from Lock 6 and Lock 5. also 6.12 d. 6.7.

Trench Mortars. activity nil.

Aircraft. Normal activity between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. Our A.A. guns and machine guns fire caused the enemy planes to retire whenever they crossed our lines.

Movement. Nil

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From 6 a.m. 21st January 1918

To 6 a.m. 22nd January 1918

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Our Operations.

Artillery

Our artillery was active throughout the day and occasional bursts of fire were noted during the night. During light shelling of no mans land at 4 p.m. with 12 p.p.s. several shells fell very close to posts at 06c 4030. Good practice was observed on Pump Farm (012 b 20 15) and also at the Giant. (012 c 30 40) Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. the enemy front line and support line was subjected to moderate fire from our artillery.

Special attention was paid to (1) Canal Banks and (2) the outskirts of Hollebeke village towards Comines.

TRENCH MORTARS. at 10.15 a.m. a few bombs were fired at Lock No 6. Most of the shots fell short into the canal.

Machine Guns. Normal activity.

Aircraft. Eighteen of our planes were observed at 12.25 p.m. flying low over 012a 06c and 06d. at 4.05 p.m. bombs were dropped near Kortwilde.

Patrols.

Strength	Time of Departure	From	Time of Return	Route	Objective	Remarks
1 Officer 4 G.R.	12 Midnight	06c 4030	2.30 AM	Along Canal to lock 6 and then back along hedge of 06c 4010	To ascertain whether lock was occupied by enemy Machine Gun.	When about 40 yds away from lock 6 a machine gun opened fire on the patrol and flares were fired from the post. A gun working party was heard about 06c 85 10 to 12a - 60 20. They had 2 Machine Guns protecting them. These guns opened fire at the patrol and prevented close investigation. A working party was heard near 018a 6065 judging by the noise they were making I should judge their work was wiring a Machine Gun Post. Machine gun fire prevented closer observation.

Battalion HQ.	=	O 5 a.	20 00	
A.P.P.	=	O 4 a.	20 30	
G.P.	=	O 5 c.	20 20	
FRONT LINE.	=	(series of posts)		C Company.
Coy HQ.	=	O 6 c.	20 00	2 Officers 15 G.R.
A 1.	=	O 12 a.	10 60	Colleteke Church (Pln HQ. and 2 post.) 10 off. 16 G.R.
A 2.	=	O 12 a.	20 40	Replacers 8 G.R.
A 3.	=	O 12 a.	30 45	Lewis Gun & Bombs 5 G.R.
A 4.	=	O 12 a.	30 40	Replacers 8 G.R.
A 5.	=	O 6 c.	40 10	Lewis Gun & Bombs 6 G.R.
A 6.	=	O 6 c.	35 20	Replacers & Pln HQ. 10 off. 8 G.R.
A 7.	=	O 6 c.	40 40	Replacers 5 G.R.
A 8.	=	O 6 c.	60 45	Lewis Gun 5 G.R.
A 9.	=	O 6 c.	40 40	Lewis Gun & Bombs 6 G.R.
B 1.	=	O 6 c.	30 50	Lewis Gun 4 G.R.
B 2.	=	O 2 c.	90 00	Replacers 4 G.R.
B 3.	=	O 6 c.	40 20	Lewis Gun 4 G.R.
Pln HQ.	=	O 6 c.	60 90	Pln HQ. 10 off. 10 G.R.

Support Line G Company.

Coy HQ.	O 5 d.	40 55.
Right Platoon.	From	O 11 c 25 90 to O 5 d 30 15.
Centre Platoon.	O 5 d.	30 15 to O 5 d 30 30
Left Platoon.	O 5 d.	30 30 to O 5 d 30 55

At night Lewis Guns are posted at:

- 1 O 5 d 65 05
- 2 O 5 d 45 40
- 3 O 5 d 60 60

Reserve Companies.

A & B. Coys at White Chateau O 4 d 10 40.

Anti Aircraft Lewis Guns

Reference Map Wyttschaete 28 SW 2.

- No 1 3 a 80 20 (Lower Oosthoek Farm)
- No 2 2 d 40 90 (The Mound).
- No 3 9 a 90 40

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To be supplied daily until further orders.

Party No	STRENGTH	COY.	WHEN WHERE & TO WHOM TO REPORT.	NATURE OF WORK.	REMARKS
1	27 OR.	C	Lt White at WHITE CHATEAU	Ration carrying	Time to report to be arranged by Lt White
2	11 OR	C	do do	do	do do
3	12 OR	C	do do	do	do do
4*	10 off. 50 OR.	D	5:30 PM Lieut Best. SUPPORT LINE.	Work on new Strong Point SUPPORT LINE.	50 shovels. Party required daily.
4a	12 OR.	C	9 AM. LONE TREE DUMP. Lt Best	Work on OAK WALK.	Party required daily.
5	10 off. 50 OR	A	5:30 PM. OAK SUPPORT.	Work on new Strong Point SUPPORT LINE.	50 shovels. Party required daily.
6	12 OR.	D	9 AM. WHITE CHATEAU. Sgt Jubie	Banking & improving WHITE CHATEAU	Party required daily
7	10 off. 12 OR.	C	6 PM. Lt Swinbourne OBC 6090	Wiring front line	Party to leave at 5:15 PM and to carry pickets and wire
8	20 off. 23 OR.	D	5:45 PM. Lt Westwood. BN.H.Q.	Wiring front line	
9	1 NCO 10 MEN	A	6 PM. Lt Westwood or OC 'A' by Support line	Wiring support line	Wire & pickets to be drawn from dump at BN.H.Q. this afternoon.
10	5 OR.	PIONEERS.	6 PM. Capt M Killop D Coy. H.Q.	Work on front line posts	Daily
11	1 OR	"	Daily.	Maintenance of duckboards	
12	2 OR	"	9 AM. Sgt Jubie. WHITE CHATEAU	Erecting bunks. WHITE CHATEAU	do
13	4 OR.	B	OAK DUMP. Permanent	Ration guard	
<u>DETACHED PARTIES.</u>					
1	10 OR	B	Rde Hqs	Salvage Party	Work daily

Required daily

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From 6 am 22nd January 1918

To 6 am 23rd January 1918

Our Operations.

Artillery. Our artillery was active throughout the day and night. commenced firing at 9.30 a.m. on enemy dug outs in front of 1st Divisional sector. shrapnel and H.E shells being used. The canal banks and the villages of Comins and Hurveso and also the back areas received considerable attention throughout the day.

TRENCH MORTARS. Bombarded Pill Boxes in front of 3rd Battalion sector. Enemies positions in O12.a were bombarded at intervals during the morning with light and medium

Machine Guns. normal activity.

AIRCRAFT. at 7 a.m 16 planes flew over enemy positions in O6 and O12. at 10 a.m 30 planes flew low scouting over O6 O12 P1 P4 and P13. at 1.45 p.m 14 planes scouted over O6 O12 P1 P4 P13. at 5 p.m 3 Bombing planes crossed our lines going eastward.

PATROLS.

Who with	Time of Departure	From	Time of Return	Route	Objective	Remarks
4.6.R.	12. Midnight	O6/O35	2 A.M.	Along Canal to Lock 6 and then back in SW direction	To ascertain work done by enemy Working party on previous night.	When about 50 yds from Lock 6 enemy M.G. opened fire and flares were fired. No Working parties could be heard. The condition of the ground made it impossible to push further forward and ascertain work done by the enemy visibility was good and movement difficult. M.G. at O12.a. 6080 also opened fire on patrol
1 N C 6 3 6 R.	6 h m. 8 h m 10 h m 12 h m 2 a m 4 a m.	Hallebeke Church " " Oceyoss do	8 p. m. 10 p. m 12 h m 2. A M 4 A M 6 A M	PROTECTIVE PATROL.	Patrol No. Mans Land. and PROTECT Post from surprise.	No sign of enemy movement. Everything quiet occasional bursts of M.G. fire from Lock 6 Lock 5 and O12.a 6080.
1 N C 6 2.6.R.	6 p m and then every two hours	Oceyoss	8 h m and then every two h. ...			

Strength	Time of departure	From	Time of return	Route	Objective	Remarks
1 N.C.O 3 Men.	8 h m 10 h m 12 h m 2 a m 4 a m	Hollebekk Church	10 h m 12 h m 2 a m 4 a m 6 a m	Protective Patrols	Protect. front Line from Surprise and Patrol No. Mans Land.	Report Machine Gun at Lock 6. Working Party heard consid- erable distance out. Communication kept with both flanks. Enemy Machine Guns very active.
1 N.C.O 2 Men.	5.30 h m and then every four hours.	0602000	6.30 h m and then every four hours	Protective Patrol and to keep commu- nication with unit on left flank along canal Back along Front line	Protective. Patrol and to keep communication with unit on left flank.	In communication with 15th Btn. Report Machine Gun fire from Lock 6. No sign of enemy.

Enemy Operations.

Artillery.

The enemy artillery was more active than of late. Considerable attention was paid to the BLUFF by battery of 5.9. which was observed to be firing on a true bearing of 109° from 0508015 at 3.40 h m a battery of 4.2 of 5.9 was located at a point north of Hortewilde on a true bearing of 132° from 0602000. Our heavies appeared to be making good practice on this position. at 4.10 h m evening battery located on a true bearing of 143° from 0602000 estimated position lat $018^{\circ} 55' 95''$. Enemy Battery apparently firing on 1st Divisional sector was located on a true bearing of 130° from 0508015. an anti aircraft battery was located on a true bearing of 124° from 0508015.

Enemy Signals.

at about 8.30 AM. about 30 white flares were fired near Hortewilde nothing followed. Golden Rain flares apparently signal approach of anti-aircraft.

FRENCH Mortars.

activity nil.

Machine Guns.

Very active throughout night from Lock 6 Lock 5 and at 02.00 boys

Sniping.

normal activity.

Enemy Movement.

Visibility was not very good throughout the day. therefore enemy movement could not be observed. Trains frequently passed through village on our front.

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To 6 a.m. 24th January 1918

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Our Operations

Artillery

Our artillery was active throughout the day and night. At 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. the block houses near Lock 6 were subjected to a light bombardment. Direct hits were observed.

Direct hits on The Giant and on Pump Farm were observed at 5.30 p.m.

The heavies shelled Comines during the morning. Between 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. our 18 pounders and 60 pounders were very active.

Trench Mortars

Trench mortars were active from 8.30 p.m. till 11.30 p.m. firing from N. side of Canal towards Lock 6.

Machine Guns

Activity normal

Aircraft

Our planes were very active throughout the day. At 7.30 a.m. one of our planes fired his machine gun on enemy posts at Pump Farm and The Giant. It made two trips across these positions. From 11 a.m. to 12.15 p.m. planes were active over O.6 and O.12. At 9.30 p.m. our planes approached and crossed enemy line and were active till 2 a.m. No bombs were heard behind the Gun lines.

Patrols

Strength	Time of Departure	From	Time of Return	Route	Objective	Remarks
1 Off 4 OR	11.45 p.m.	O.6 to O.6	2 p.m.	Along disused German trench and back through O.12a work done by enemy	To locate machine guns at O.12a 60 yds back and through a see-tam	Gun is strongly wired in and commands excellent field of fire in all directions. Position was being strengthened by working party. Much noise was made when party was working. A noise as though rails were being removed from the Railway line on the North side of the Canal.

Patrols Continued

Strength	Time of Departure	From	Time of Return	Route	Objective	Remarks
						Canal and near Lock 6 was distinctly heard. Owing to visibility close observation of position could not be made.
Strength	Time of Departure	From	Time of Return	Route	Objective	Remarks
1 N.C.O	8 p.m.	Obc 70	10 p.m.	Along	Protective	Enemy working party
30 R	10 p.m.	"	12 mid	frontline	patrols	seen at Obabo 75-number
	12 mid	"	2 a.m.	and out	and also	unknown. Two enemy
	2 a.m.	"	4 a.m.	to units	out for	seen and fired on - result
	4 a.m.	"	6 a.m.	on	information	unknown. 3 rd
				flanks	regarding	Battalion on night
					No man's	flank also reported
					land	hearing working
						party

Enemy Operations

Artillery Enemy artillery opened fire on our support line at 9 a.m. with shrapnel. At 10 20 a.m. an enemy battery on left flank opened light fire on pill boxes in vicinity of our C.P. Few heavies were used and after 2 30 p.m. only occasional shots were fired. A direct hit was registered on B'n H.Q. at 4 30 p.m.

Trench Mortars Activity nil

Machine Guns The enemy machine guns were very quiet both during the day and night.

Aircraft Only one enemy plane was seen all day.

General A train was observed in the village of We-ro-icq at 11 10 a.m. 12 20 p.m. and 1 35 p.m.

At the magnetic bearing of 172° from Ose 80 15 an enemy signal lamp was noticed at 5 p.m. - unable to pick up message.

Flares were noticed in an easterly direction.

Enemy machine gun located at Obc 20 40

Location Report Revised dispositions to 6 a.m. 24-1-18

B1 post Obc 80 50 70 R Strength
(both sides of railway line)

B2 post Obc 75 60 50 R

B3 " Obc 70 75 80 R

Platoon H.Q. Obc 70 60 1 off 100 R

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Revised Dispositions as from 10 p.m. 25th Jan '18

(1) Front Line

Coy. H.Q.

0.6c 20.00

20ffs 11 O.Ranks

Ptn	Post A1	0.12a 10.60	1 off 10 O.Rs	1 Lewis Gun
	" A2	0.12a 20.70	8 "	-
	" A3	0.12a 30.75	8 "	1 Lewis Gun
	" A4	0.12a 30.90	8 "	-
Ptn	Post A5	0.6c 45.10	8 "	1 Lewis Gun
	" A6	0.6c 35.20	1 " 7 "	-
	" A7	0.6c 40.40	8 "	-
	" A8	0.6c 60.45	8 "	-
Ptn	Post A9	0.6c 70.40	8 "	1 Lewis Gun
	" B1	0.6c 80.50	8 "	1 " "
	" B2	0.6c 75.60	8 "	-
	" B3	0.6c 70.75	8 "	-
	Ptn H.Q.	0.6c 70.60	1 " 10 "	-

(2) Support Line

(a) Lewis Gun Posts

Company

S.A.1	0.11b 40.70	8 O.R's	1 Lewis Gun
S.A.2	0.5d 75.20	8 "	1 " "
S.A.3	0.5d 75.40	8 "	1 " "
S.A.4	0.5d 70.60	8 "	1 " "
Coy H.Q.	0.5d 40.55		
Platoons	Right	0.11b 25.90 to 0.5d 30.15	
	Centre	0.5d 30.15 to 0.5d 30.30	
	Left	0.5d 30.30 to 0.5d 35.50	

(3) Reserve

2 Companies

(7 Lewis Guns)

White Chateau

(04d 10.70)

(4) B'n H.Q. Aid Post etc - as before

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13th Pom.
~~FACT~~ Relief Order No 65.

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Headquarters FACT,
22/1/18.

- ① RELIEF. "A" Coy. will relieve "C" Coy. in front line on night 23/24th January 1918.
- ② SPECIALISTS. "C" Coy. Specialists as under will be relieved by a corresponding number from "A" Coy. on night 22/23rd January :-
 - 1 man per L. G. Post
 - 1 N.C.O. per Platoon
 - 1 Lewis Gun Sgt.
- ③ LEWIS GUNNERS. O.C. "B" Coy. will detail four (4) Lewis Gunners to be attached to "A" Coy. for tour of duty in front line. The three (3) "B" Coy. Lewis Gunners now with "C" Coy. will return to "B" Coy. on completion of relief.
 - O.C. "A" Coy. will take over the three
- (3) "B" Coy. Lewis guns now in the line. All magazines and panniers to be exchanged.
- ④ TIME. Relief to move at 5.30 p.m. Route as indicated to Company Commanders concerned.
- ⑤ GUIDES. O.C. "C" Coy. will detail one guide per post from Posts 1 to 8 inclusive to meet incoming unit at SUPPORT LINE.
 - Guides for remaining four posts to meet incoming unit at Platoon H'qrs. at NORTH bank of CANAL.
- ⑥ RECONCILIATION OF WORKING PARTIES.
 - (a) All duties now supplied by "A" & "C" Coys. will be exchanged, except that the following parties will NOT be required on night 23/24th:-
 - No 4. ("B" Coy. supplies).
 - No 8. —
 - (b) Party No 1 (ration party of 27 O/R's supplied by "B" Coy.) will NOT be required on night 23/24th.

but "B" Coy. will supply 1 officer + 25 O/R's to act as in party No 4.

⑦ TRENCH STORES. All trench stores, Bombs, S.A.A, Primus Stoves, surplus Tommy Cookers and refills to be handed over and receipt obtained in duplicate. One copy to be forwarded to Pm. H'qrs. by 6 a.m. 24/1/18.

⑧ Completion of relief will be reported to Pm. H'qrs. by B.A.B. Code.

⑨ Acknowledge.

Davis Capt.
Adjutant FACT.

Issued by Runner at.

Copy No 1 to 4.	War Diary	
" 5	C.O.	
" 6	4th A.I. Bde	
" 7	"A" Coy	✓
" 8	"B" Coy	✓
" 9	"C" Coy	✓
" 10	"D" Coy	✓
" 11	FILE + H.Q. Details.	

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To 6 a.m. 25th January 1918

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Our Operations

Artillery Our artillery was very active all day with both 18 pounders and heavies shelling enemy back positions and the village of Comines and Wevecq.

At 10.15 a.m. our artillery shelled enemy positions at 012 a 50 10 firing at intervals of 1 minute. On the right of our sector enemy positions were heavily shelled between 10.45 a.m. and 11.10 a.m. At 11.35 a.m. heavy shells were observed to be falling on enemy positions at 011 d. 8.2. At 12 noon LOCK 5 was shelled. From 1.30 to 2.15 p.m. our artillery was active on nearer outskirts of Comines and Wevecq. At 2.15 p.m. our guns shelled dugouts on our left sector at magnetic bearing of 100° from 050.80.15, flames were seen to come from dugout.

Trench Mortars Normal activity

Machine Guns Normal activity

Patrols

Strength	Time of Departure	From	Time of Return	Route	Objective	Remarks
10 off 5 O.R.s	9-30 p.m.	06cdg	1.45 a.m.	To 012 a 60 70 and returned by same route	To find out strength of M.G. position at 012 a 60 70	Ascertained that there were 3 machine guns at 012 a 60. 70 Two in the hedge and one about 50 yards in rear covering the others. The enemy opened up on patrol with machine guns, rifles and bombs. Much movement was observed and an enemy patrol of 4 was observed to enter the rear position at 12 midnight
1 N.C.O. 3 O.R.	7-30 p.m.	06c85	8.15 p.m.	Through 06c95.55 and then around No mans land	To reconnoitre ground where flares had been put up by enemy on previous evening	Enemy working parties observed near canal. Sounds of use of pick and shovel heard

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Patrols Continued

Strength	Time of Departure	From	Time of Return	Route	Objective	Remarks
INCO. 10 R.	Every 4 hours during night	06c70.75	Through Grave Copse to left Bin post		To maintain touch with left Bin and act as protective patrol	Enemy party about 50 strong. Machine gun opened up from 06d84. Reported all quiet. In touch with Bin on left
INCO. 30 R.	Every 4 hours commencing 8 p.m.	012a10.60		To keep in touch with Bin on right	Communication with Bin on right flank	Communication kept all quiet
I.N.C. 0 2 men	6 p.m. and every 4 hours	06c20.00		Up and down front line	Protective patrol	All quiet no enemy seen

Aircraft The activity of our aircraft was much above normal. Enemy line was crossed and recrossed throughout the day. At 12.15 p.m. our planes patrolled enemy lines under heavy H.H. and H.H.M.G. fire. All planes returned safely.

Enemy Operations At 9.50 a.m. opened fire on our left flank, apparently on front line and occasional shrapnel was used on front line. At 11.30 a.m. enemy shelled our line at 011a 90.70 with heavy H.E. shells. Remainder of the day the enemy artillery was very quiet.

Trench Mortars Activity nil

Machine Guns Active throughout the night; quiet during day

Aircraft Enemy aircraft very quiet. No activity observed.

Miscellaneous At 8 a.m. and 12 noon smoke from a train in Wervecq was again observed. At 8.45 a.m. smoke was observed in vicinity of Kollebeke Mill for about 15 minutes.

Signal lamp seen at 5.30 p.m. on a magnetic bearing of 110° from 0.5c 80.15

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 To 6 a.m. 26th January 1918

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Out Operations

Artillery Our artillery was very quiet on our sector of the front only faintly occasional salvos from our 18 pounders until 3 p.m. when our heavies opened fire on village of Comines, enemy pill boxes in front of our right flank and also pill boxes on bank of canal in vicinity of Lock 5. After 5.30 p.m. the heavy artillery again became very quiet only 18 pounders being in action

Trench Mortars Normal activity

Machine Guns Normal activity

Aircraft Our activity was much above normal At 11.30 a.m. 6 of our machines crossed enemy line flying S.S.E. Our planes were very active between 2 p.m. and 4.30 p.m. patrolling our front and crossing well behind enemy lines. They were frequently fired on by H.F. and H.F.M.G. Between 6.30 p.m. and 12.30 a.m. our planes were at intervals heard overhead

Patrols

Strength	Time of Departure	From	Time of Return	Route	Objective	Remarks
1 OFF 4 O.R.	11 p.m.	0129 1060	12.30 a.m.	To left post of Bin on right flank & back along No man's Land to	To get in touch with Bin on right and ascertain condition of No mans land around Hollebeke Road	Found every thing quiet. Got in touch with Bin on right flank. Very good cover in No mans land enemy machine guns splendid field of fire
1 OFF 4 O.R.S	3-30 a.m.	0608 50	5-15 a.m.	Along canal bank and then across to right post of left Bin	A Searching patrol	Found every thing quiet. Fired on from Lock 6 by M.G. No mans land very wet
1 N.C.O. 3 O.R.	8 p.m. and every 2 hours	012a 10.60	10 p.m. every 2 hours	Along No mans Land	Protective patrol	Everything quiet. Hun working party heard at 0129 6070
1 N.C.O. 2 O.R.	8 a.m. and every 4 hours	060 80.50	10 p.m. and every 4 hours	Along No mans Land to post on left of Bin	Protective patrol	Everything quiet. In touch with Bin on left

Note. Visibility very good thereby making patrol work very difficult

Artillery Supports lines on right and left flanks were lightly shelled during the day by enemy batteries. Very quiet throughout the day and night.

French Mortars Activity nil

Machine Guns Counter fire with our Lewis Guns reduced his activity considerably

Aircraft Two enemy planes crossed our lines at 12.30 a.m. They were fired on by AA and AA MG's and were attacked by three of our machines. One of the enemy planes was seen to catch alight and take a nose dive into the ground behind the enemy lines.

General No movement was observed during the day behind the enemy lines.

At 2 pm. one of our Balloons broke away and drifted in an Easterly direction.

Time of	Location	Remarks	Time of	Location	Remarks
12.30 a.m.	Enemy lines	Two enemy planes crossed our lines			
		They were fired on by AA and AA MG's			
		and were attacked by three of our machines			
		One of the enemy planes was seen to catch alight			
		and take a nose dive into the ground behind the enemy lines			
2 pm.	Our Balloons	one broke away and drifted in an Easterly direction			

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OUR OPERATIONS.

Artillery Activity below normal. At 3 p.m. our guns commenced firing at enemy positions on Canal bank at 0.6.d.00.50. and fired at intervals for an hour, after which they again quietened down.

MORTARS Our heavy T.M.s. fired a few shells on enemy posts on Right Flank - at various times during the night.

MACHINE GUNS Normal activity.

AIRCRAFT Activity below normal. Our planes crossed enemy line at 2.30 p.m. and were fired on by A.A. guns. All machines returned safely.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY Enemy artillery was very quiet throughout the day, and at night only occasional shots were fired.

MORTARS Activity NIL

MACHINE GUNS Above normal.

AIRCRAFT Enemy planes were very inactive both during day and night.

PATROLS. At about 8 a.m. a party of the enemy approached Post A.9 (0.6.c.70.90) from the direction of Lock 6. The N.C.O. in charge of the Post believes there were about twelve. He waited till they were about 50 yards away and then opened a burst of rifle fire. One of the enemy party is known to have been killed and it is thought that at least six were wounded. It was very misty at the time and the party immediately took to their heels and escaped behind a dip in the canal bank.

Papers etc. obtained from the dead man show him to have belonged to the 8th Coy. 93rd Regiment.

MOVEMENT. Enemy movement was observed at 0.12.a.60.80. - Sounds as though enemy ~~party~~ party was at work on M.G. posts. at 0.12.a.60.80. Our Lewis Guns opened fire on working party, result not known. At 4.45 p.m. one Hun ran across our front for about 100 yards at 0.12.a.55.60.

Owing to heavy fog, observation was very difficult during the day.

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Strength	Time of departure.	From	Time of return	Route	Objective.	Remarks
1 Off. 4 O/Rs.	6 p.m.	0.6.c. 70.45.	8.30 p.m.	Along Right bank of Canal.	To obtain identification of troops on our Sector.	Pushed out to within 40 yards of Lock 6 and was fired on by M.G. then returned through No.9 Post Located new enemy M.G. at 0.6 c.95.60.
1 Off. 3 O/Rs.	12 mid.	0.6.c. 4.20.	2 a.m.	Along front line.	Protective patrol & to obtain information regarding No-Man's Land	Found every-thing quiet, no sign of enemy move-ment.

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Strength	Time of departure	de-	From	Time of return	Route	Objective	Remarks
1 N.C.O.	6 p.m.		A.1	8 p.m.	Along	Protective	One dead Fritz found near A.9 post (O.6.c.70.40) Identification obtained. Everything quiet.
3 O/Rs.	8.15 p.m.		A.9	10 p.m.	Front	Patrol	
	10 p.m.		A.1	11.45 p.m.	line		
	2 a.m.		A.9	4 a.m.			
	4 a.m.		A.1	6 a.m.			
1 N.C.O.	7.50 p.m.		O.6.c.	8.20 p.m.	Along	Protective	Everything quiet No enemy movement observed.
3 O/Rs.			80.50		No-mans Land	Patrol	
	11.50 p.m.		do	1 a.m.	to right post of 15th Bn.	Liasion with Unit of Left flank	
	4 a.m.		do	6 a.m.			

From 6 a.m. 27th January, 1918 to 6 a.m. 28th January, 1918.

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OUR OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY Our Artillery was very quiet during the day. A few shots were fired by the 18 pounders at 4.45 a.m. At intervals throughout the night our Artillery opened fire on enemy positions in forward area. At 1.45 a.m. our heavies opened up for 15 minutes.

MORTARS Activity normal.

MACHINE GUNS Activity normal

AIRCRAFT Activity practically NIL.

PATROLS See under.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY Enemy artillery was very quiet until 7.45 p.m. when they opened fire with 4.2 on WHITE CHATEAU. At 1 a.m. they continued firing with 4.2s and 5.9's. These shells fell in the vicinity of Bn. H'qrs.

MORTARS Activity normal. A few medium mortars were fired at our outpost line.

MACHINE GUNS Very active during early part of night. Towards morning activity increased - every gun on our sector was apparently firing occasional bursts.

AIRCRAFT Activity Nil.

PATROLS No enemy patrols were observed either this side or the other side of enemy posts.

GENERAL Observation was impossible owing to heavy mist which lasted all day.

PATROL REPORTS.

Strength	Time of departure	Time of From	Time of return	Route	Objective	Remarks
1 Off 6 O/Rs.	5.45 p.m.	0.6.c.	8.30 p.m.	Along bank of Canal & back same way	To obtain identification of troops on our sector	Patrol pushed out to within 50 yards of enemy M.G. position at Lock 6. When attempting to get through enemy wire in order to meet one of his liaison patrols we were fired on from Lock 6. Patrol then moved back along mound on Southern side of Canal. At 7.30 p.m. an enemy wiring party came out & commenced wiring the top of the mound nearest Lock 6. A Lewis Gun was taken out with a view to firing on working party, but party had then evidently been withdrawn. An enemy protective

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Strength	Time of departure.	From	Time of return	Route	Objective	Remarks
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1 Off.
6 O/Rs
(Contd)

machine gun was active from O.6.c.95.40.

N/C.O. O/Rs.	8 p.m. & then every two hours	O.6.c. 70.40.	10 p.m. & then every two hours	Along front line & out to Bn. on Right	Liaison & Protective patrol	In touch with Unit on Right flank. Found everything quiet.
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N.C.O. O/Rs.	6 p.m. and then every two hours	O.6.c. 50.80.	8 p.m. & then every two hours	Along front & out to Bn. on left.	Liaison & line protect- ive patrol	In touch with Unit on left flank. Everything quiet.
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Headquarters FACT

26/1/18

- ① RELIEF "B" boy will relieve "D" boy in front line on night 27/28th January 1918.
"D" boy will come back into reserve at WHITE CHATEAU
- ② SPECIALISTS "D" boy specialists as under will be relieved by a corresponding number from "B" boy on night 26/27th. List:-
 - 1 man per L G Post.
 - 1 N.C.O per platoon
 - 1 Lewis Gun Sgt
- ③ LEWIS GUNS O.C "B" boy will take over the three (3) Lewis guns belonging to "B" boy now in the line, and one (1) gun belonging to "D" boy. All magazines and parts to be taken over or exchanged.
- ④ TIME Relief to move as soon as dusk permits. Route as indicated to company commanders concerned.
- ⑤ GUIDES O.C "D" boy to detail one guide per post from Posts 1 to 12 inclusive to meet "B" boy at SUPPORT LINE.
- ⑥ RECONCILIATION OF WORKING PARTIES
 - (a) All duties supplied by "B" and "D" boys will be exchanged.
 - (b) Parties No 4 & 8 will NOT be required to commence work until 8 PM 27/1/18
- ⑦ TRENCH STORES All trench stores, Bombs, S.A.A, Division stores, surplus Tommy cookers, refills, surplus cocoa & milk to be handed over and receipt obtained in duplicate.
One copy to be forwarded to Bn Hqrs by 6 AM 28/1/18.

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⑧ completion of relief will be reported to Br Hgro by B.A.B code

⑨ Acknowledge

[Signature]

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Adjutant FACT

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From 6 a.m. 28th January, 1918 to 29th January, 1918.

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OUR OPERATIONS

ARTILLERY Our Artillery was fairly active through/out the day. At 12 noon the heavies opened fire on enemy pill boxes at O.12.b.40.70 and continued firing for 10 minutes. At 3.30 p.m. they again opened fire, this time shooting at pill boxes at O.17.b.90.50. This shoot lasted till 5 p.m.

MORTARS Normal activity.

MACHINE GUNS Activity above normal.

AIRCRAFT. Our Aircraft displayed great activity from 10 a.m. to 4.45 p.m. crossing and re-crossing enemy lines amidst A.A. and A.A.M.G. fire. All planes returned safely. Our planes were also active throughout the night.

ENEMY OPERATIONS

ARTILLERY The enemy artillery was active throughout the day with counter battery work. From 12.45 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. a 5.9 battery distributed shells over our forward area. Between 9.30 p.m. and 11.15 p.m. enemy battery was searching for our 18 pounder battery that had been shelling Lock 5.

MORTARS Activity normal.

MACHINE GUNS Very active during the night.

AIRCRAFT. Normal activity.

PATROLS Nil.

PATROL REPORTS

28th/29th Jany. 1918.

Strength	Time of departure.	From	Time of return	Route	Objective	Remarks.
Off. O/Rs.	10.30 p.m.	O.12.a	12.30 a.m.	Along line of posts to O.6.c.70.40	General Observat-ion.	Everything quiet. Visibility too good for patrol work.
W.C.O. O/Rs.	8 p.m.	O.12.a	10 pm.	do	Protect-ive patrol	Machine guns active whenever patrols endeavoured to push out far into No-man's land.
	10. "	O.60.	12 mid.	do		
	12 mid.	"	2 a.m.	do		
	2 a.m.	"	4 a.m.	do		
	4 a.m.	"	6 a.m.	do		

NOTE.- Owing to good visibility, patrols were unable to get forward of our own wire.

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H.Q.
 28/1/18.

① RELIEF. The Bn will be relieved on 29th January and night 29th/30th January by 16th Battalion.

On completion of relief, companies will move to

CRATER DUGOUTS. THE BLUFF (134 C II)

Battalion H'qrs.

"A" + "B" boys

GASPUS DUGOUTS.

"D" company

CANAL DUGOUTS. 05 b H.O. 60.

"C" company

② ROUTE. OAK AVENUE. SANDBAG BRIDGE. THE BLUFF.
 OLAF AVENUE

③ (a) D boy 13th Bn will leave for GASPUS DUGOUTS at 9 AM 29/1/18 and will be relieved by B boy 16th Bn.

(b) C boy 13th Bn will leave for CANAL DUGOUTS at 1 PM 29/1/18 and will be relieved by C boy 16th Bn.

(c) A boy 13th Bn will be relieved by A boy 16th Bn which will commence to move at 3.30 PM by Platoons at half hour intervals.

(d) B boy 13th Bn will be relieved by D boy 16th Bn. First Platoon of D boy 16th Bn will pass WHITE CHATEAU at 5.20 PM.

④ GUIDES. O.C. B boy 13th Bn will detail 1 guide per post (1 to 12 inclusive) to meet D boy 16th Bn at SUPPORT LINE from 5.30 PM on.

⑤ O.C. C + D boy will detail 1 officer and 1 NCO per company to take over trench stores etc from companies they are relieving at CANAL and GASPUS DUGOUTS and also to act as guides.

Lieut. Ireland will take over for Bn H'qrs and A + B boys at CRATER DUGOUTS THE BLUFF.

⑥ ANTI AIRCRAFT GUNS boys will relieve anti aircraft guns as under:

D boy. 3 Lewis Guns (with crews of 1 NCO + 3 men each) at 16th Bn H'qrs CRATER DUGOUTS at 1.30 PM, under an officer who will report to Bn H'qrs on completion of relief.

D boy will arrange to ration these crews.

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C bay 2 guns (with crews of 1 NCO + 3 men each.

"A" bay do do do

B bay 3 guns do do

will report to Hunt, ^{at} new Bn Hqs BLUFF SIDE of Sandbag Bridge at 6.30 PM, where they will be met by guides at 7 PM. 29/1/18

Hunt Davis to arrange all details of mounting these guns + relief.

- ⑦ O.C. "C" + "D" bay will each detail 1 runner to live at 14th Bn Hqs (136 C 95.50) to report at 5.30 PM 29/1/18 with all gear.

14th Bn will be asked to ration these men.

- ⑧ WORKS. The Bn will take over all working parties now supplied by 16th Bn. Full particulars later.
- ⑨ MOVEMENT. All movement by daylight to be in sections at 60 yds interval.
- ⑩ RATIONS. Q.M. will arrange for rations for consumption on 30/1/18 to be dumped at NORFOLK BRIDGE. Hunt White to arrange the transfer of present guard at OAK DUMP to NORFOLK BRIDGE and also the transfer of discripts to CRATER DUGOUTS.
- ⑪ TRENCH STORES. All Trench Stores (with exception of Bn Ammunition Stores and flare pots) to be handed over and receipt in quadruplicate to be obtained. Two copies to be handed over to relieving companies.
- ⑫ Completion of relief will be reported to Bn Hqs by BAB code.
- ⑬ Acknowledge.

Capt

Adjut. 13th Bn A.I.F.

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A. Company

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B. Company

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C. Company

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D. Company

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16 Bn.

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Hunt White

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H.Q. Officers

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b.O. + File.

Duplicate Confidential Working Parties

To be supplied daily until further orders.

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Party No	STRENGTH	COY.	WHEN, WHERE & TO WHOM TO REPORT.	NATURE OF WORK.	REMARKS.
4	2 off	900 R D	6 PM. RAILWAY DUMP I 35 d 98 Sapper 13 th Field Coy Engrs.	Pushing stores from RODNEY R.E. DUMP.	Daily
5	2 off	400 R C	4 PM. RODNEY DUMP I 32 b 57 Sapper 13 th Field Coy Engrs.	Pushing stores from RODNEY R.E. DUMP	Daily
6	1 off	300 R A	6 PM. FUSILIER. DUGOUTS. IMPERIAL AVENUE. I 26 d 18 Sapper 13 th Field Coy	Revetting etc Short line	Daily. 30 shovels.
9	1 INC.	180 R A	6 PM. LONE TREE DUMP Spr Taylor (04 a 63)	camouflage	Same personnel daily
10	1 INC	60 R A	8-45 AM. LONE TREE DUMP (04 a 63) Sapper 13 th Field Coy	Laying duckboards to 05 a 73	Daily.
11	1 INC	110 R A	8-45 AM. LONE TREE DUMP (04 a 63) Sapper 13 th Field Coy	Repairing & cleaning out pill boxes.	Daily
16	2 off	500 R B	5-30 PM. Office 13 th Field Coy at 13 th Bn H'qrs	Wiring Reserve line.	Daily. Turn boots required.
22	1 INC.	0-110 R A	6 PM. Where OLAF AVENUE. CROSS RAILWAY. (I 36 C 22) Spr. 13 th Field Coy	camouflage.	Daily. Same personnel report each day.
1(a)	1 INC.	100 R A	11 AM. Ration dump. NORFOLK BRIDGE.	Ration & water carrying	Daily
1(b)	do	B	do do do	do	do
1(c)	do	D	do do do	do	do
1(d)	do	C	do Ration Dump I 35 a 10-84	do	do

Parties Nos 10, 11 ~~and 22~~ to carry midday meal.
DRESS for all parties (with exception of ration carriers)
Fighting Order & waterproof sheet.

Capt.
Edjt. FACT.

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APPENDIX No..... to WAR DIARY for month ending 31st January, 1918

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	Off.	O/Ranks	Total
Strength as at 1st January, 1918	45	745	790
Attached	22	6	8
Ration Strength	41	677	718

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DATE	Rejd from Base	Reinf. From Wnd.	Hos. 12th T.B.	45th B.N. Prison	O.T.C. Reinf.	F.P. Comp-und.	To Aust.	Hosp	Field Prison	A.L.T. Ill. M.B.	A.I.F. Absent. H.Q.	Wnd.
1st.	4							1	3			
2nd	~					5		4				
3rd	5	1						2				
4th							1 Off.					
5th	3		1 Off 1				Capt. J.D. Henry	1				
6th	6	2	Maj. H.D. Pulling	1				3		1 Off Lt. L.C. Waterford		
7th												
8th				3				4				
9th	5	1										
10th	NIL											
11th	NIL										1 Off.	
12th										Lt. R.B. Withers		
13th				1 Off Lt. J.G. Geary								
14th						1		3				
15th								2			2	
16th								3				
17th								2				
18th	6		1		2 Off			2			1 Off	
			1 Off		2/Lt. L.M.K. Nolan						Maj. H.D. Pulling	
			Lt. R.L. Gowing		" J.O'M. Jones							
19th								4				

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Date	Repd. From Base	Reinf.	Hosp.	Prison	F.P. pound	Com- To Aust.	Hosp.	To. Tng. Bn.	A.F.C.	Wnd.	O.T.C.
20th			1				7				
21st	NIL										
22nd							3				
23rd										1	
24th			2				1		1 Off.	1	
									Lt. J.P. Trim.		
25th			4								
26th	8	2		4			1				1
27th							3				
28th					1	1	5				
29th	12	13	1				1				
30th							3		1 Off.	Lt. G. Nugent	
									4 O/Rs.		
31st							3				

Particulars of Attached.

7th 1 Off. from 45th Bn. (Capt. J. Johnstone)
 29th 1 Other rank to Hospital

	Off.	O/Rs.	Total
Strength as at 31-1-18	44	751	795
Attached	3	5	8
Ration Strength	36	601	637

NOTE.- Reinforcements for the month are of average physique and training. Seven specialists (Signallers) were included in the reinforcements.

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German Trenches corrected to 19-10-17.

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EDITION 3.A



F.S. 1322 20-10-17. Battery Positions. Probably Timber or Camouflage

Scale 1:10,000

Concrete Structures = c
Overhead Staff Lines = s

NOTE: A feed-water canal exists along the western side of the canal from P. 26 b 7.4 northward to O. 12 d 9.6, and from O. 12 b 2.5 to O. 6 c 9.1, and is conducted in tunnels at three points indicated. (Vide also HOUTHEN Sheet)