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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
CRATER DUG- OUTS (I34C.I.I.)	1/2/18		Battalion in support - Personnel employed on Working Parties	1
do	2/2/18		do. do. do.	
do	3/2/18		do. do. do.	
do	4/2/18		do. do. do.	
do	5/2/18		Relief of Pw. by 48th Pw. - Move to CURRAGH CAMP by Light Railway and road.	2.
CURRAGH CAMP	6/2/18		General Inspection and overhaul of clothes and equipment. Haircutting and feet inspection. Baths + issues of clean clothing.	
do	7/2/18		Working Parties - 2 officers + 50 O/R ^{ns} detached with 4th Field Coy. Lewis Gunners + Signallers on Specialist Training.	3.
do	8/2/18		Working Parties - General Training for remainder of battalion. Lewis Gunners on Specialist Training.	
do	9/2/18		Working Parties - Remainder of battalion on General and Specialist Training	
do	10/2/18		Working Parties - Remainder of Pw. Church Parade. Afternoon - Football Match 1st Pw. A.I.F. v 13th Pw. A.I.F. at METEREN near BAILLEUL.	

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CURRAGH CAMP LOCKRE	11.2.18		General + Specialist Training. Working Parties 6 officers and 250 Men engaged on work in forward area. 2 officers and 40 other ranks training for Raiding Party.	
do.	12.2.18		General + Specialist Training - Working Parties 6 officers and 250 men engaged on work in forward area.	
do	13.2.18		do do do do	
- do -	14.2.18		do do do do	
- do -	15.2.18		do do do do	
- do -	16.2.18		do do do do	
- do -	17.2.18		Church Parade. 7 Officers 250 men Working Party, forward area.	
- do -	18.2.18		Working party forward area 3 Officers 150 men. Remainder of Battalion: - Baths + clean clothes, overhaul of war equipment, clothes + boots. Specialist Training.	
do	19.2.18		Working Party forward area 3 Officers 150 men. Remainder of Battalion: - Preparation for move to forward area.	
do	20.2.18	2 pm	Embussed at CURRAGH CAMP - Move to front line in relief of 48th Pw. - Hot meal served at VOORNEZEELE - Relief Complete at 8.15 pm.	H

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Front Line	21/2/18		Very quiet throughout the day - See Appendix 5.	5
do	22/2/18		Very quiet throughout the day - Major H. W. Murray, V.C., D.S.O., D.C.M. rejoined from leave - 2 Officers and 3 G/R's from schools rejoined. - See Appendix 6.	6
do	23/2/18		Quiet throughout the day - See Appendix	7
do	do	7.30pm	"A" Company relieved "D" Coy. in front line - "D" Coy. took over Support Line.	
do	24/2/18		Quiet throughout the day - See Intelligence Summary	8
do	25/2/18		Reconnoitering parties from 10th Pn. A.I.F. visited sector - Quiet throughout the day - See Summary	9.
do	26/2/18		Quiet throughout the day.	
do	do	7 pm	"C" Coy. relieved "A" Coy. in front line - "A" Coy. moved to reserve at WHITE CHATEAU.	
			Summary of Work completed for week ending 26/2/18	10
			See Intelligence Summary - Appendix 11.	11
do	27/2/18		Quiet throughout the day - British "stove" shown See Intelligence Summary.	12.

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Front line	28/2/18	2 AM.	Battalion "stood to" from 2 AM till 6.30 AM. - Expected attack from Besche: Brigade reserves and supports brought up into position.	
-	6.30 AM.		All quiet. - Quiet throughout the day. See Intelligence Summary.	13.
			Summary of evacuations, rejoining, strength of PW. etc.	14.
			H. Murray A.C.O. 13th Pom. A.I.F.	Major

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OF

13th BATTALION, A.I.F.

FOR

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LIST OF SALVAGE.

Brake Blocks	-	12
Blankets (unservicable)		2
Cart Springs	-	1
Cart Axle	-	1
Endless Chain with blocks complete))	1
Greatcoat (unservicable)		1
Mess Tins	-	4
Petrol Cans	-	20
Puttees pre (unservicable)		2
P.H. Helmets	-	4
Rubber Piping, lengths		5
Rubber Rollers	-	5
Rum Jars	-	1
Stokes Shells	-	13
Steel Helmets	-	8
Sheepskin Jacket	-	1
Tank, 500 gals.	-	1
Windless	-	5



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WORKING PARTIES.

TO BE SUPPLIED DAILY UNTIL FURTHER ORDERS.

Party No.	Strength	Coy.	When, Where & to Whom to Report	Nature of Work	Remarks
4	2 Off. 90 O/Rs.	"D"	6 p.m. RAILWAY DUMP I.35.d.9.8. Sapper 13th Field Coy. Engineers	Pushing stores from RODNEY R.E. Dump.	Daily
5	2 Off. 50 O/Rs.	"C"	4 p.m. RODNEY DUMP I.32.b.57. Sapper 13th Field Coy. Engineers	Pushing stores from RODNEY R.E. Dump	Daily.
6	2 Off. 50 O/Rs.	"A"	6 p.m. FUSILIER DUGOUTS. IMPERIAL AVENUE I.36.d.18. Sapper, 13th Field Coy.	Revetting, etc., front line	Daily. 30 shovels
9	1 N.C.O. 8 O/Rs.	"A"	6 p.m. LONE TREE DUMP. Sapper Taylor O.4.a.6.3.	Camouflage	Same personnel daily
10.	1 N.C.O. 6 O/Rs.	"A"	8.45 a.m. LONE TREE DUMP O.4.a.6.3. Sapper, 13th Field Coy.	Laying Duckboards to O.5.a.7.3.	Daily
11.	1 N.C.O. 11 O/Rs.	"A"	8.45 a.m. LONE TREE DUMP O.4.a.6.3. Sapper 13th Field Coy.	Repairing and cleaning out Pill Boxes	Daily.
16	2 Off. 50 O/Rs.	"B"	5.30 p.m. Officer, 13th Fld. Coy. at 13th Bn. H'qrs.	Wiring Reserve Line.	Daily. Gum boots re- quired.
22	1 N.C.O. 11 O/Rs.	"A"	6 p.m. Where OLAF AVENUE crosses Rly. (I.36.c.22) Spr. 13th Field Coy.	Camouflage	Daily. Same personnel report each day.

Parties Nos. 10, 11 to carry midday meal.
DRESS for all parties - Fighting order and
Waterproof sheet.

[Signature]
Adjutant, 13th Battalion, A.I.F.

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1. The Bn. will be relieved on 5/2/18 by 48th Bn.
2. Companies and H.Q. Units will move as follows:-

"A" Coy.	1 p.m.
"B" "	1.5 p.m.
H.Q. Details	1.10 p.m.
1 Platoon "D" Coy	1.15 p.m. (To pass Bn. H.Q.)
1 Platoon "E" "	1.20 p.m. do

The above personnel will entrain at SPOILBANK at 1.45 p.m. detraining at KILMARNOCK SIDING and then march under senior Officer to CURRAGH CAMP.

Balance of "C" and "D" personnel will leave for SPOILBANK as soon as relieving Unit arrives, and entrain at SPOILBANK at 2.45 p.m.

3. A.A. POSTS. and Guards will be relieved as soon as relieving Unit takes over.

Two men from each of Lewis Gun posts and ration guards will be withdrawn at 9 a.m. to-morrow by Companies concerned.

4. ROUTINE.

Breakfast	8 a.m.
Sick Parade	10 a.m.
Midday Meal	11.30 a.m.

5. BAGGAGE. All surplus baggage will be stacked at NORFOLK BRIDGE by 10 a.m.

Lewis Gun gear will be carried by personnel on the train and stacked at KILMARNOCK SIDING on arrival there. One Lewis Gunner per Company to be left with the gear. Q.M. will arrange to transport to CURRAGH CAMP.

6. COOKING UTENSILS ETC. All spare cooking utensils etc be stacked at NORFOLK BRIDGE by 10 a.m. One Cook per Company to accompany this gear.

Balance of cooking utensils will be dumped at the same place by 1.30 p.m. Q.M. will arrange to transport this gear to CURRAGH CAMP.

7. ENTRAINING. O.C. Companies and Officer 1/c H.Q. Details on arrival at SPOILBANK will report to Lieut. W. PARSONAGE M.C., who will entrain them. Senior Officer taking charge of train.

Special care must be taken to avoid congestion: men should be spread out taking advantage of cover.

Strict train discipline will be maintained throughout the journey. Lieut. L. CLELAND will remain until whole Bn. has been entrained and will then come on taking charge of any stragglers.

8. One Officer per Company will remain behind to hand over.

9. A return in duplicate showing Area and Trench Stores handed over will be forwarded to Bn. Headquarters by 8 p.m. on 5-2-1918.

10. Completion of relief will be wired to Bn. Headquarters by B.A.B. Code.

11. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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

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13th BATTALION WORKS REPORT

FOR PERIOD 6-2-1918 to 12-2-1918.

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(a) RESERVE LINE.

(a) Wiring. 400 yards double apron wire erected and thickened.

(b) Drainage, Revetting & Duckboarding.

65 Yards drains cleaned out.

85 Yards trench revetted

60 Yards trench duckboarded.

(c) New Work.

125 Yards trench constructed ready for revetting.

(d) Construction & Improvement of Accommodation.

(i) Construction of 6 strong points, sandbagged & revetted.

(ii) Cleaning out and draining old concrete dugouts for habitation.

(iii) Construction of 8 splinter proof dugouts, sandbagged, etc.

(e) Buried Cable.

Digging and filling in 350 Yards buried cable 6' x 3' from I.35.d.8.1. to I.36.c.30.75.

(2) GENERAL.

Improvement and Construction of Camps Shelters, etc.

CURRAGH CAMP M.17.b.20.

3 Grease traps constructed

Baths enlarged & shelved

Repairing duckboards & completing same.

Repairing and making new light shades for all windows.

20 Candle Shades for huts in the camp.

(3) Bomb proofing Camps.

4' x 2' Splinter proof shelters were erected at the following Camps:-

(i) KLONDYKE CAMP N.24.b.4.7. A.A.S.C. lines. Work completed

(ii) Artillery horse lines POMPIER CAMP N.14.a.3.3. - 8 Stables completed.

(iii) ALMA Lines, Div. Artillery, N.23.d.5.9. Work completed.

(iv) CURRAGH CAMP M.17.b.20; 50 Yards completed.

(4) Detached Parties.

2 Officers 50 O/Ranks assisting 4th Field Coy. on R.E. works in the back area.

(5) Carving Parties.

Carried from CARDIFF DUMP to BLUFF R.E. Stores for work on RESERVE LINE.

(6) SALVAGE. - See list attached.

[Signature] Lieut.
Works Officer, 13th Bn., A.I.F.

[Signature]

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19th February, 1918.

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- (1) The 13th Battalion will relieve the 48th Battalion in the front line on the night 20/21st February.
- (2) Disposition of Battalion will be as follows:-
Front Line: "D" Coy.
Support Line "A" Coy.
Reserve WHITE CHATEAU (O.4.d.30.50) "B" & "C" Coys.
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 inter-Battalion boundary will be a line running from O.6.d.90.35. to O.6.central.
- (5) Two Lewis Gun Crews "B" Coy. will relieve 2 Lewis Gun Crews 48th Bn. on anti-aircraft work at Battalion Headquarters.
- (6) The Battalion will embuss at CURRAGH CAMP at 2 p.m. on 20-2-18 and debuss about about 200 yards N.W. of BUS HOOSE.
Debussing Officer for 13th and 16th Bns. - Capt. N. WALLACH, M.C.
- (7) 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 haversack, mess tin hanging under the blanket, water bottles filled. Sand bags to be worn in lieu of puttees.
- (8) MOVEMENT. All movement in forward area to be by Sections.
- (9) GUIDES. Guides for front line posts will meet "D" Coy at SUPPORT LINE, except guides for posts on left, who will meet Coy. at SPOILBANK.
- (10) Completion of relief to be reported to Bn. Headquarters by Code word WORK.
- (11) Transport and Q.M's Store will be at BEDFORD CAMP.
- (12) ACKNOWLEDGE.

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


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ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS. Appendix 4(Issued in connection with 13th Bn. Order No. 70).

- (1) BAGGAGE. (a) Packs containing 1 blanket, felt hat and puttees, 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. heaps on parade ground (near Baths) by 8 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 and O/Ranks NOT going into the line will be dumped near Q.M.'s Store by 10 a.m.
- (2) ROUTINE 20-2-1918.
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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. -
Unconsumed portion of day's ration.
24 hours rations
Iron rations
Hot meal will be served to personnel on arrival at debussing point.
Q.M. will arrange for cooks to be taken for this purpose to a site to be selected at debussing point.
- (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 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. "B" Coy will detail 3 N.C.O.'s and 40 men as ration party to be in charge of Lieut. Smith.
Rations for front line and Support Coys. will be taken forward as follows:-
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|----------------------|---|
| <u>Front Line.</u> | 3 a.m., 4 p.m., and 11 p.m. daily |
| <u>Support Line.</u> | 4.45 a.m., 11.30 a.m., 4 p.m. and 11 p.m. |
- (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. Each man will take 3 pairs of socks into the line - 2 pairs in haversack and one pair to be worn.
- (6) SALVAGE. All salvage to be dumped at WHITE CHATEAU. This will be returned daily to Transport Lines.
Lieut. WHITE will act as Salvage Officer.
- (7) COFFEE SHACK. Has been established at WHITE CHATEAU.
- (8) Oil for Primus Stoves, Cocoa and Milk and Tommy Cookers will be sent forward daily to front line and Support Coys.
- (9) DRYING ROOM. To be established at WHITE CHATEAU.
- (10) WATER. Drinking water only 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 AND RATION STATE	8 a.m.
CASUALTY REPORT	9 a.m.
No. AVAILABLE FOR WORKING PARTY	6 p.m.
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY	5.30 a.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.

(12) TRANSPORT. The Transport Lines will remain as at present.

(13) CANTEEN. Brigade Canteen will be established at SPOILBANK.

(14) AMMUNITION AND AREA STORES. Lists of ammunition and Area Stores handed over will be sent to Bn. Headquarters by 8 a.m. on 21-2-18.

(15) RAIDING PARTY. Raiding Party in charge of Capt. N. WALLACH, M.C., will live at JOURNAL CAMP and will be attached to the 14th Bn. for rations and discipline.

(16) BOXING. Boxing personnel for forthcoming contest will live at 13th Bn. Transport Lines in charge of Lieut. MERIFIELD. Personnel will leave camp at 12 noon on 20-2-18. Packs and blankets not to be dumped.

(17) BOOTMAKERS. "B" & "C" Coy. Bootmakers, with gear, will go with their Coys. and establish a Store at WHITE CHATEAU.

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

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Liasion Patrols were maintained with Flank Posts of neighbouring Battalions every 2 hours throughout the night.

- (c) M.G's The usual harassing fire through the night.
- (d) T.M's Nil.
- (e) Aircraft. Owing to weather conditions no planes were observed.

ENEMY ACTIVITY.

- (a) Artillery. Very quiet throughout the night.
- (b) M.G%'s One enemy M.G. at or very near LOCK 6 was very active during the night. Would not ascertain the correct position.
- (c) T.M's. 5 Trench Mortar shells fell between our front line and Support Company H.Q. Position located as being along bank of Canal between LOCK 6 and LOCK 5.
- (d) Aircraft. Nil.
- (e) Movement. No observation during day.

(sgd) H. Bartlett Davis, Lieut.
Intelligence Officer, 13th Bn. A.I.F.

21-2-1918.

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DAILY PATROL LOG

To be entered by Officer on duty when Patrol returns
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Date18.

No.	Orders	Report recd. (Time)	Reports
S.	I Off & 10. Leave No.1.0 12 at 10.30 p.m. Objct. - Enemy Post on H. Road at O.12 a 50.60. at corner of hedge running North. near where old trench runs into hedge. Return to No.4.0.12 post by old trench running N.W. from H. Road.	12.30 a.m.	Condition of No Mans Land very bad. Found enemy wire loosely scattered across Hollebeke Road. Two enemy M.G's were firing from about LOCK 6. A Trench Mortar fired 5 shots from a position near the Canal between LOCK 6 and LOCK 5. Flares put up from LOCK 6.
1	1 N.C.O. & 4. 8.30-10.30p.m. From No.1.0.12 to Enemy wire across H. Road, thence along wire in N. direction for 30 yards and return through No. 1.0.6 Post. To act as listening patrol at selected position in front of No.4.0.12 Post till 10.15p.m. and return to Coy. Headquarters at 10.30p.m.	10.30 p.m.	Found everything very quiet, no sign of enemy movement.
2	1 N.C.O. & 4. 1030p.m.-12.30 From 5.0.6 along Canal past 2nd mound to enemy wire and then back along S. side of mound and cross over hedge running S.W. to 4.0.12. Listening Patrol at corner of hedge till midnight.	12.30 a.m.	Objective not reached due to M.G. fire from post near LOCK 6. Otherwise all quiet.
3	1 N.C.O. & 4. 12.30-2.30a.m. 4.0.6 through hedge to enemy wire and act as Listening Patrol till 1.30a.m. Then move S.W. across old trench & H. Road. Return along H. Road to 1.0.12 post	2.30 a.m.	Enemy M.G. near LOCK 6 prevented patrol from arriving at objective.
4	1 N.C.O. & 4. 2.30-4.30 a.m. 1.0.12 proceed along H. Road to enemy wire then N. to enemy post at corner of hedge & act as L.P. till 4. Then N.W. through hedge to 3.0.6.	4.30 a.m.	Objective arrived at, nothing to report.
5	(No.1 2nd trip) 4.30 - 2.0.6 pass through hedge past enemy post at O.12 a 50.70 then along old T. to H. Road back 1.0.12	5.15 a.m.	Everything quiet, nothing to report.
5	1 N.C.O & 3. 10.30 - 6.0.6 R.Line to E.Wire N. to Left En.Flank return D.Hun Farm	2.45 a.m.	Found no enemy wire. 3 Huns ran out of position between LOCK 6 and -
7	Repeat 6 at 2.30 a.m.		

1 Officer & 10 O.R. stand-by in Support Line at daylight to move out if conditions favourable.
(I.O. responsible for warning all concerned)

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Disposition Report.

FRONT LINE.

Post No.	Location	Remarks.
1.0.12	0.12.a.05.67.	1. Lewis Gun Ptn H.Q.
2.0.12	0.12.a.15.78.	
3.0.12	0.12.a.24.79.	1. Lewis Gun
4.0.12	0.12.a.40.90	
1.0.6.	0.6.c. 45.05.	1. Lewis Gun
2.0.6.	0.6.c. 30.20.	Platoon H.Q.
3.0.6.	0.6.c.45.30	
4.0.6.	0.6.c.58.36	
5.0.6.	0.6.c.69.37.	1.Lewis Gun
6.0.6	0.6.c.75.47	1.Lewis Gun
7.0.6.	0.6.c.70.59	
8.0.6	0.6.c.65.65.	Platoon H.Q.
<u>Coy H.Q. 0.12.a.25.95.</u>		

SUPPORT LINE.

Lewis gun Posts at (1). 0.11.b.30.90.
 (2). 0.5.d.65.10.
 (3). 0.5.d.70.40.
 (4). 0.5.d.65.60.

Coy. H.Q. 0.5.d.35.50.

RESERVE COMPANIES.

Two Companies stationed at WHITE CHATEAU 0.4.d.10.70.

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(Sgd) H.B. DAVIS, Lieut.
Intelligence Officer.
13th Battalion, A.I.F.

21-2-18.

From 6 a.m. 21-2-18 To 6 a.m. 22-2-18.

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OUR OPERATIONS.

(a) ARTILLERY. Our Heavies were very active throughout the day. Special attention was paid to dugouts and Pillboxes at O.9.a.9.0. ; P.8.c.5.5. ; P.13.b.3.7.; O.12.b.

(b) PATROLS. (See Daily Patrol Log attached).
Liaison Patrols were maintained with Flank Posts of neighbouring Battalions every 2 hours throughout the night.

(c) M.G's. Normal activity.

(d) T.M's NIL.

(e) Aircraft. Very active during the day, patrolling our lines and crossing behind enemy lines. Our planes were fired at by three enemy T.M's from WOOD at O.6.d.25.10.

ENEMY ACTIVITY.

(a) Artillery. Enemy artillery opened fire on our front and Support Lines at 7.15 a.m. and ~~then shelled back areas~~ continued with light shelling until 9.30 a.m. and then shelled back areas lightly throughout the day.

(b) M.G's. Unusual activity, especially between 6.30 p.m. and 9.30 p.m. and 11 p.m. and 2.30 a.m., possibly due to night of 21st/22nd being the normal 16 day relief night.

(c) T.M's. Normal activity. Three Medium T.M's located in WOOD at O.6.d.25.10. T.M's falling in vicinity of Company Headquarters, O.12.a.20.90.

(d) Aircraft. Active behind enemy lines. At 2 p.m. three enemy planes crossed our lines and were fired on by A.A's and A.A. M.G's. At 5 p.m. two enemy planes flew over our sector.

(e) Movement. At 8 a.m. small enemy party observed to leave PILLBOX at O.6.d.20.00. and proceed along railway embankment - distance of about 40 yards, and disappeared near LOCK 6.

At 3 p.m. party of enemy were observed carrying material, believed to be duckboards, from near COMINES to position P.13.b.3.7. Artillery opened on target and dump was blown up at 4 p.m.

(f) Miscellaneous. At 7 a.m. Lamp Signals were observed from PILLBOX near PUMP FARM about O.12.b.40.00, hostile fire opened from direction of ZANVOORDE and was apparently directed by these lamp signals. This battery fired on ~~LEFT~~ Battalion sector.

Trains were observed passing through WERVICQ between 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. Train travelling NORTH stopped about P.11.c.75.60 at 10.50 a.m. Another train travelling SOUTH also stopped at this position about 12 noon.

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DAILY PATROL LOG.

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Orders	Report recd. (Time)	Reports
1 Off. 10 O/R. 2 a.m. to 4 a.m. Leave No.5.O.6. along Canal past second mound to enemy wire and then back along S. side of mound and cross over hedge running S.W. to 4.O.12.	Dep. 2 a.m. Arr. 4 a.m.	Enemy encountered about 100 yards from 5.O.6 POST. Fire was opened on them and they immediately hurried back to vicinity of LOCK 6. Could not be followed.
1 N.C.O. and 4. 6.30p.m. to 8.30 p.m. from 4.O.6. through hedge to enemy wire and act as listening patrol till 7.30 p.m. Then move S.W. across old trench & M. Road. Return along H. Road to 1.O.12 post.	Dep. 8 a.m. Arr. 4 a.m. Dep. 6.30 p.m. Arr. 8.30 p.m.	Moved along railway for distance of 150 yards. Observed enemy retiring after being fired on. Enemy M.G. Active from 8:12 a.m. to 6:70.
1 N.C.O. and 4. 8.30 p.m. to 10.30 p.m. from 1.O.12. proceed along H. Road to enemy wire then N. to enemy post at corner of hedge and act as L.P. till 10 p.m. Then N.W. through hedge to 3.O.6.	Dep. 8.30 p.m. Arr. 10.30 p.m.	Reported everything quiet.
1 N.C.O. & 4. 10.30 p.m. to 12-20 a.m. From 1.O.12. to enemy wire across H. Road thence along wire in N. direction for 30 yards and return through No.106 Post. to act as L.P. at selected position in front of No.4.O.12 Post. till 12.15 a.m. and then return to Coy. H.Q. at 12.30 a.m.	Dep. 10.30 p.m. Arr. 12.30 a.m.	Enemy M.G.'s very active from position near LOCK 6 and 4.O.12 a.m. to 6:70.
1 N.C.O. & 4. 12.30 a.m. to 2.30 a.m. From 5.O.6. along Canal past 2nd mound to enemy wire and then back along mound to hedge running S.W. then to 4.O.12. L.P. at corner of hedge till midnight.	Dep. 12.30 a.m. Arr. 2.30 a.m.	M.G. at LOCK 6 active
1 N.C.O. & 4. 2.30a.m. to 4.30a.m. From 1.O.12. proceed along H. road to enemy wire then N. to enemy post at corner of hedge and act as L.P. till 4 a.m. then N.W. through hedge to 3.O.6.	Dep. 2.30a.m. Arr. 4.30a.m.	Nothing of importance to report.
1 N.C.O. & 4. 4.30a.m. to 5.30a.m. From 2.O.6. proceed through hedge past enemy post at 0.12.a.60.70. then across old trench to H. Road back by 1.O.12.	Dep. 4.30a.m. Arr. 5.45 a.m.	Everything quiet
1 Off. 4 O.R. 2 a.m. to 4 a.m. Along Railway on left bank Canal to LOCK 6 to work in conjunction with special patrol on right bank.	Dep. 2 a.m. Arr. 4 a.m.	Moved along railway for distance of 150 yds. Observed enemy retiring after being fired on by patrol on right bank of Canal. Fired rifle grenade into working party along railway line in rear of LOCK 6. Did not observe result.

1 Officer & 10 O.R. stand-by in Support Line at daylight to move out if conditions favourable.

(I.O. responsible for warning all concerned)

6 a.m. 22-2-18

6 a.m. 23-2-18.

OUR OPERATIONS.

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(a) Artillery. From 11 a.m. to 11.15 a.m. positions at P.13.b.0.7. were shelled with heavies (shrapnel and incendiary shells) good results being observed. A fire was seen shortly afterwards. These positions were again shelled at 1.30 p.m. and 2 p.m. LOCK 4 was shelled at 2 p.m. and 3.30 p.m. with 4.5's. Could not observe results. Pill boxes in vicinity of O.6.c.8.8. were shelled between 9.40 a.m. and 10.10 a.m.

(b) (See daily patrol log attached).

(c) M.Gs. Normal activity.

(d) T.Ms. N I L.

(e) Aircraft.

ENEMY ACTIVITY.

(a) Artillery. Opened fire on O.5.a.9.2. between 11.20 a.m. and 11.40 a.m. At 8.15 p.m. fire was opened on our outposts and support line for five minutes. This was followed by double red flares being sent up along the line. Firing ceased immediately.

(b) M.Gs. Fairly active throughout the night.

(c) T.Ms. Observed T.M. flashes from position near LOCK 6 and LOCK 5.

(d) Aircraft. At 7.30 a.m. one enemy plane flew over our outposts Lewis Gun at No.5.O.6. Post opened fire; plane returned over its own lines.

(e) Movement. At 9.30 a.m. six Huns were noticed crossing from P.7.a.0.0.35 to P.7.b. where they disappeared. At 10 a.m. three Huns were noticed crossing to O.12.b.6.5. At 12 noon seven Huns left positions at O.12.b.5.5. with full packs. At 12.30 p.m. two Huns left same position, could not follow them owing to bad visibility. At 12.45 p.m. one Hun left position at O.6.c.9.0.4.0. and crossed to BASSEVILLE FARM P.7.a. - He was walking across what appeared to be newly laid duckboards. Between 3 p.m. and 4 p.m. several Huns were observed between LOCK 6 and LOCK 5, with full packs but no rifles.

(f) Miscellaneous. Lamp signals were observed from vicinity of ZANDVOORDE at 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.

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No.	Orders	Report recd (Time)	Reports.
3.	1 Off. 10 O/Rs. XXXXXXXXXX 2 a.m. to 4 a.m. Dep. 2 a.m. Leave 5.0.6. Arr. 4 a.m. along Canal past second mound to enemy wire and then back along S. side of mound & cross over hedge running S.W. to 4.0.12		3.30 a.m. enemy party of 6 observed approaching from LOCK 6. Party halted and we lay in wait for them thinking they were a patrol. Shortly afterwards our patrol on the other side of Canal opened fire and enemy retired hurriedly. Flash of T.M's seen near LOCK 5. 3 M.G's were constantly firing from 3.30 a.m. to 4.30 a.m. One LOCK 6 and other two between LOCK 6 & LOCK 5.
3.	1 Off. 4 O/R. 2 a.m. to 4 a.m. Dep. 2 a.m. Along railway on left bank Canal to LOCK 6 to work in conjunction with special patrol on right bank. Arr. 4.45am.		Moved along railway line for distance of 150 yds. to position about O.6.c.9.5.2.0. and acted as listening patrol in cutting in railway. At 3.30 a.m. enemy party of about 30 strong came out of pillbox at O.6.d.2.1. and moved over to LOCK 6. They then took up position about 30 yds. in front of LOCK 6 and appeared to be wiring across the Canal and over the Southern bank. A covering party of 6 was posted about 100 yds. in advance of working party on S. bank of Canal. Our patrol on the S. bank was visible to us and appeared to be waiting for the covering party to go forward. The working party bunched together and fearing they may return to their strong posts our patrols reinforced by 3 men, opened fire on them. The working party immediately broke up and hurried back into pillboxes at O.6.d.2.1. rifle fire being kept up until party were under cover. It is believed that certain casualties were inflicted as calls were heard coming from the spot as though from wounded men.
1.	1 N.C.O. & 4 6.30 p.m. - 8.30 p.m. from No. 1.0.12 to enemy wire across H. Road thence along wire in N. direction for 30 yards and return through No. 1.0.6. Post. To act as List- ening patrol at selected position in front of No. 4.0.12 Post till 10.15 p.m. & return to Coy. H.Q. at 10.30 p.m.	Dep. 6.30 p.m. Arr. 8.30 p.m.	Nothing of interest to report.

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<p>2. 1 N.C.O. & 4. 8.30p.m.-10.30 p.m. From 5.O.6 along Canal 2nd mound to enemy wire and then back along S. side of mound & cross over hedge running S.W. to 4.O.12. Listening Patrol at corner of hedge till midnight.</p>	<p>Dep. 8.30pm. Arr. 10.30pm.</p>	<p>Enemy patrol of 8 observed moving South along enemy wire. Enemy light M.G. was active from position about 60 yds. due S. of LOCK 6. T.M. fired from near LOCK 6 and also near LOCK 5</p>
<p>3. 1 N.C.O. & 4. 10.30p.m.-12.30 a.m. 4.O.6 through hedge to enemy wire & act as Listening Patrol till 1.30 a.m. Then move S.W. across old trench & H. Road. Return along H. road to 1.O.12 Post.</p>	<p>Dep. 10.30pm Arr. 12.30am</p>	<p>M.G. from LOCK 6 very active; also M.G. from O.12.a.6.7.</p>
<p>4. 1 N.C.O. & 4. 12.30-2.30 a.m. 1.O.12 proceed along H. road to enemy wire then N. to enemy post at corner of hedge & act as L.P. till 4. Then N.W. through hedge to 3.O.6.</p>	<p>Dep. 12.30 a.m. Arr. 2.30 a.m.</p>	<p>Nothing of interest to report.</p>
<p>5. 1 N.C.O. & 4. 2.30-4.30 a.m. From 1.O.12. proceed along H. road to enemy wire then N. to enemy post at corner of hedge & act as L.P. till 4 a.m. then N.W. through hedge to 3.O.6.</p>	<p>Dep. 2.30a.m. Arr. 4.30a.m.</p>	<p>Heard shots fired near LOCK 6. No sign of enemy.</p>
<p>6. (No. 1 2nd trip) 4.30 - 2.O.6 pass through hedge past enemy post at O.12 a 60.70 then along old T. to H. Road back 1.O.12.</p>	<p>Dep. 4.30am. Arr. 5.45a.m.</p>	<p>Nothing to report.</p>

Liasion Patrols were maintained with flank posts of neighbouring Battalions every two hours throughout the night,

1 Officer & 10 O/R. stand-by in Support Line at daylight to move out if conditions favourable.
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6 a.m. 23-2-18 to 6 a.m. 24-2-18.

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OUR OPERATIONS.

- (a) Aircraft. Our artillery was active during the day, considerable attention being paid to LOCK 4 and LOCK 5.
- (b) PATROLS. See Daily Patrol Log attached.
- (c) M.Gs. Normal activity.
- (d) T.Ms. At 4 p.m. medium T.Ms. carried out a shoot on T.M. positions near LOCK 6. Results satisfactory. At 4.30 p.m. Stokes Mortars carried out a shoot at T.M. positions near LOCK 6. Similar results.
- (e) Aircraft. Active throughout the day.

ENEMY ACTIVITY.

- (a) Artillery. Shelled FUSILIER WOOD at 1.30 p.m. with H.E. and 77's. From 1.45 to 2.30 p.m. shelled BUFF POINT and BATTLE WOOD with Mustard Gas shells.
- (b) M.Gs. Very active throughout the night.
- (c) T.Ms. Normal activity. Medium T.M. located on S. side of Railway embankment at O.12.b.20.85.
- (d) Aircraft. Enemy aircraft was active between 7.30 a.m. and 2 p.m. At times crossing our lines, when they were fired on by our A.A. and A.A.M.G's., and returned over their own lines.
- (e) Movement. At 10.30 a.m. three Huns were observed to leave Pill box at P.7.a.80.05. They crossed CHATEAU FARM to BASSEVILLE FARM.
 At 11.30 a.m. six Huns left P.7.b.80.80. and walked towards COMINES.

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S.	2 Off. 3 O/Rs.	Dep. 5 p.m. Arr. 5.45 p.m.	Moved along N. bank of Canal to position where good observation of enemy wire was obtained. Wire of new pattern and very strong; runs on both sides of Canal and on S. side shreds of clothing were visible on the wire at spot where we fired on enemy party previous night. Movement along Canal bank did not draw fire and I believe a forward Post at LOCK 6 is only occupied at night. M.G. on left of LOCK 6 is dug low down into Railway embankment. T.M. was seen to fire from position between Rly. embankment and Canal, about O.12.4.2.0.8.5.
S.	1 Off. 10 O/rs. 10.30 p.m. to 12.30 a.m. Leave 5.O.6. along Canal past 2nd mound to enemy wire and then back along S. side of mound & cross over hedge running S.W. to 4.O.12.	Dep. 10.30 p.m. Arr. 12.30 a.m.	Moved out from 5.O.6. along Canal bank. Old enemy positions were examined and patrol was held up by M.G. fire when about 50 yds. from LOCK 6. One Hun was observed to leave a Post on our side of the LOCK and returned shortly afterwards. Rifle fire and M.G. fire were directed at the patrol immediately on his return. Movement was observed behind enemy wire and a party of 4 or 5 was seen walking to Post at O.12.a.60.70.
1.	1 N.C.O. & 4. p.m. - 8.30 p.m. From No. 1.O.12 to enemy wire across H. Road, thence along wire xxxxxx xxxxxx in N. dir- ection for 30 yds. & return through No. 1.O.6 Post to act as Listening Patrol at selected position in front of No. 4.O.12 Post till 8.15 p.m. and return to Coy. H.Q. at 10.30 p.m.	Dep. 6.30 p.m. Arr. 10.30 p.m.	Nothing to report.
2.	1 N.C.O. & 4. to 10.30 p.m. from 5.O.6. along Canal post second mound to enemy wire & then back along S. side of the mound & cross over hedge running S.W. to 4.O.12. L.P. at corner of hedge till midnight.	Dep. 6.30 p.m. Arr. 10.30 p.m.	Sniper from N. bank of Canal fairly active; otherwise all quiet.

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3.	1 N.C.O. & 4. 10.30 p.m. 12.30 a.m. 4.0.6. through hedge to enemy wire and act as listening patrol till 11.30 p.m. Then move S.W. across old trench and H. road. Return along H. Road to 1.0.12 Post.	Dep. 10.30 p.m. Arr. 12.30 a.m.	Usual M.G. fire. Sniper active near LOCK 6.
4.	1 N.C.O. & 4. 12.30 p.m. to 2.30 a.m. 1.0.12 proceed along H. Road to enemy wire then N. to enemy Post at corner of hedge and act as L.P. till 2 a.m. Then N.W. through hedge to 3.0.6.	Dep. 12.30 a.m. Arr. 2.30 a.m.	Enemy working party heard a long way behind enemy wire in vicinity of LOCK 5.
5.	1 N.C.O. & 4. 2.30 a.m. to 4.30 a.m. From 1.0.12 proceed along H. Road to enemy wire then N. to enemy post at corner of hedge and act as L.P. till 4 a.m. then N.W. through hedge to 3.0.6.	Dep. 2.30 a.m. Arr. 4.30 a.m.	Nothing to report.
6.	1 N.C.O. 4 O/Rs. (No. 1, 2nd trip) 4.30 a.m. 2.0.6 pass through hedge past enemy post at 0.12.a. 60.70. then along old T. to H. Road back to 1.0.12.	Dep. 4.30 a.m. Arr. 5.40 a.m.	Everything quiet.
8.	1 Off. 6 O/Rs.	Dep. 10.45 p.m. Arr. 1.30 a.m.	Moved along railway embankment to within 10 yds. of enemy wire. no could see light in LOCK 6 and heard enemy talking there. Several Huns were observed working on their wire on the inside

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From 6 a.m. 24-2-18 to 6 a.m. 25-2-18.

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OUR OPERATIONS.

(a) Artillery. Our artillery was generally active throughout the day. At 2 p.m. several direct hits were observed on old buildings on COMINES. At 4 p.m. a direct hit on an old building on right of COMINES caused a fire which lasted till 4.45 p.m.

(b) PATROLS. See daily Patrol Log attached.

(c) M.Gs. Very active during early part of night.

(d) T.Ms. At 4.30 p.m. medium T.Ms. carried out a successful shoot near LOCK 6. At 5 p.m. Stokes Mortars registered on enemy positions along Canal bank with good results.

(e) Aircraft. Very active throughout the day.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

(a) Artillery. Enemy artillery was active during the day. Considerable attention was paid to our Support lines, 4.2's were chiefly used. At 6.45 p.m. enemy opened fire on our back area with gas shells. From 2.45 a.m. till 3.30 a.m. enemy barrage on N. side of Canal.

(b) M.Gs. Quiet throughout the night.

(c) T.Ms. Very quiet.

(d) Aircraft. Active behind their own lines, but did not pass our Support line.

(e) Movement. No movement observed.

25-2-18.

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o. Orders	Report recd. (Time)	Reports.
1. Off. 10 O/Rs.	Dep. 6.30 p.m. Arr. 10 p.m.	Moved along Canal bank to within 70 yds of LOCK 6. Two Huns were seen to move into LOCK 6. Nothing else to report due to remarkable visibility.
1 Off. 14 O/Rs.	Dep. 6 p.m. xx Arr. 10.15 pm.	Occasional movement behind enemy wire was observed, Small wiring party came out on S. bank of Canal but retired without doing any work when fired upon.
1 N.C.O. & 4. 6.30 p.m. - 8.30 p.m. From 5.0.6 along Canal past second mound to enemy wire & then back along S. side of mound and cross over hedge running S.W. to 4.0.12. L.P. at corner of hedge till 8 p.m.	Dep. 6.30 p.m. Arr. 8.30 p.m.	Light gun firing near LOCK 5.
1 N.C.O. & 4. 8.30 p.m. - 10.30 p.m. From 1.0.12 to enemy wire across H. Road thence along wire in N. direction for 30 yds and return through 1.0.6 post. To act as L.P. at selected positions in front of 4.0.12 till 10.15 p.m. and return to Coy. H.Q. at 10.30 p.m.	Dep. 8.30 p.m. Arr. 10.30 p.m.	Very quiet.
1 N.C.O. & 4. 10.30 to 12.30 a.m. From 1.0.12 proceed along H. road to enemy wire then N. to enemy post at corner of hedge and act as L.P. till midnight then N.W. through hedge to 3.0.6.	Dep. 10.30 p.m. Arr. 12.30 a.m.	Very quiet. No enemy seen.
1 N.C.O. & 4. 12.30 a.m. - 2.30 a.m. 4.0.6. through hedge to enemy wire & act as L.P. till 1.30 a.m. Then move S.W. across old trench and H. road. Return along H. Road to 1.0.12 Post.	Dep. 12-30 a.m. Arr. 2.30 a.m.	Night unushally quiet.
1 N.C.O. 4. 2.30 a.m. - 4.30 a.m. 1.0.12 proceed along H. Road to enemy wire then N. to enemy Post at corner of hedge and act as L.P. till 4 a.m. then N.W. through hedge to 3.0.6.	Dep. 2.30 a.m. Arr. 4.30 a.m.	Very heavy enemy barrage on N.s side of Canal from 2.45 a.m. till 3.30 a.m.
(No. 1. 2nd trip). 4.30 a.m. - 2.0.6 pass through hedge past enemy post at 0.12.a.60.70. then along old P. to H. Road back to 1.0.12.	Dep. 4.30 a.m. Arr. 5.30 a.m.	Very quiet.

Liasion patrols were maintained with flank posts of neighbouring Battalions every two hours throughout the night.

WORKS REPORT for period 19-2-18 to 26-2-18.

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1. POSTS.

- (a) Wiring. 130 Yards double apron interlaced with French wire from right of Post No. 1.0.12 to left of Post 3.0.12. Map Ref. 0.12.a.2.6. 50 yards of existing wire in front of Post 4.0.12 thickened with barbed wire. 40 Yds. double apron interlaced with French wire (inner belt) in front of Post 5.0.6 - Map Ref. 0.6.75.30. 100 Yards double apron interlaced with French wire in front of Posts 6.0.6 and 7.0.6. - Map Ref. - 0.6.d.85.40.
- (b) General. All Posts drained and all gaps in wire caused by hostile fire, repaired.

2. SUPPORT LINE.

- (a) Wiring. 450 Yards double apron from (Map Ref.) 0.11.a.90.55 to 0.5.d.4.2. 150 Yards double apron 10 yards in front of existing wire from 0.5.b.8.2. to Canal.
- (b) Eight men on daily on draining Support Line.
- (c) Revetting. - Strong Point - Map Ref. 0.5.d.75.60: 80 yards of parapet revetted with sandbags. Support Trench: 40 yards parapet revetted with sandbags. Strong Point - Map Ref. 0.11.a.9.6. - 35 yards parapet revetted with sandbags and revetting frames.
- (d) Duckboarding. Two men daily on maintenance of duckboards.

3. NEW WORK.

- (a) Strong Point - Map Ref. 0.11.a.9.6. 30 Yards new trench excavated, 4'6" deep and 4'6" wide at bottom, and 12 "A" frames placed in position; work covered with canvas. Lags constructed.
- (b) Two new shelters, each capable of accommodating 3 men.

4. RESERVE LINE.

- (a) Improvement of sleeping accommodation. Two new bunks erected and 10 repaired at WHITE CHATEAU - Map Ref. 0.4.d.10.70. Eight new bunks constructed at Bn. H.Q. - Map Ref. 0.5.a.15.05.
- (b) General. Two men daily on maintenance of duckboard walks.

5. COMMUNICATIONS.

- (a) Duckboard walk from Bn. H.Q. across ROW Bridge strengthened and duplicated where necessary, also hand rail guides erected. About 100 yds. duckboards laid and 200 yds. hand rail guides completed. 50 Yards duckboard walk constructed 0.4.b.8.6. Two men on maintenance of duckboards OAK AVENUE, daily.

6. GENERAL. Signal Dugout - Map Ref. 0.4.b.3.5. A party of 1 Off. 15 O/Ranks employed on the construction of roof of signal dugout 15' x 30' - Roof consists of iron girders, brushwood, paving stones and earth. All material carried to work by party.

Detached parties (Tunnellers) 1 Off. 10 O/Rs. attached to End Canadian Tunnelling Coy.

Nine O/Rs. attached to 184th Tunnelling Coy.

Carrying Parties. 1 Off. 30 O/Rs. carrying from LONETREE DUMP to SUPPORT LINE on 21st inst.

Salvage - See list herewith.

Sketch showing amount of work done attached.

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SALVAGE.

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Boxes for 3" Stokes Shells	8	Pickheads	2
Bayonets	14	Machine Gun Belt German	1
Bayonet Frogs Brass Parts	48 lbs.	Rifles	39
Box Respirators	4	" German	1
Basket for 18 pdr. shells	1	Recoil Springs	2
Cable drum	1	Rum Jars 2 gal.	6
Charger Cases for 4.5 How.	450	" 1 "	3
(brass)		" Barrels 6 gal.	2
Carriers (Mule) for 18 pdr.	8	Rubber	28 lbs
shells		Shell cases	1910
Camp Kettles	2	" " 4.5	70
" " (Lids)	5	Steel Helmets	7
Drag rope 2"	15 feet	Saw Case Leather	2
Entrenching Tools	7	Spray pump Brass	1
Entrenching Tool Covers	6	S.A.A.	4.500 rds.
Equipment parts	14	" Boxes	12
Gun Mat	1	" Chargers	3.210.
Grenades Mills No.5	2 Boxes	" Bandoliers	150
" Hales No.24	1 "	" German	200 rds
Gun Lanyards	8	Thermos Container	1
Fuze caps for How. Shells	248	Underpants	2 prs.
Horse rugs	1	Web Equipment Complete	1
Hand saw	1	Water bottles	3
Machine Gun Stand	1	Bayonet Frogs	4
Oakum	20 lbs.		
Panniers L.G.	21		

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6 a.m. 26-2-18

OUR OPERATIONS.

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- (a) Artillery. Our Artillery was active throughout the day. From 11.30 a.m. to 12 noon LOCK 4 received attention and direct hits were observed on dugouts and buildings. Enemy positions in vicinity of KORTWILDE were shelled at intervals during the afternoon.
- (b) PATROLS - See Daily Patrol Log attached.
- (c) M.Gs. Normal activity.
- (d) T.Ms. Medium T.Ms. at BUFF POINT fired 10 shots at LOCK 6. Four direct hits on enemy posts.
- (e) Aircraft. Normal.

ENEMY ACTIVITY.

- (a) Artillery. Enemy artillery was quiet throughout the day. From 8 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. enemy artillery fired on our front line and Support line.
- (b) M.Gs. Quieter than usual.
- (c) T.Ms. Active intervals throughout the night. Medium T.Ms. fired on Working Party near No.6.O.6 Post at 9.15 p.m. Between 10. and 10.30 p.m. they fired on No.3.O.12 and 4.O.12 Posts.
- (d) Aircraft Nil.
- (e) Movement. Movement observed between KORTWILDE and COMINES. At 11.45 a.m. ration party left LOCK 5. Moved towards COMINES. At 4.40 p.m. a dog crossed P.7.c. to LOCK 6. At 4.45 p.m. four Huns moved across P.7.c. to Pillbox at LOCK 6. At 9.55 a.m. train left COMINES and passed through WERVECO. At 10.15 a.m. two trains were shunting in WERVECO. A train was again seen leaving COMINES at 10.55 a.m. travelling East. At 11.10 a.m. a train was seen standing at COMINES station. At 3.45 p.m. a train left COMINES and when between COMINES and WERVECO turned and travelled S.E.

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(b)	Orders	Report Recd. (Time)	Reports.
S.	2 Off. 14 O/Rs.	Dep 6.30 p.m. Arr 10 p.m.	Movement observed in LOCK 6. T.Ms. observed firing along Canal bank about LOCK 5.
S.	1 Off. 10 O/Rs.	Dep. 6.30 p.m. Arr. 10.30 p.m.	Enemy M.G. active from C.12.a.60.70.
1.	1 N.C.O. & 4. 6.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. From 5.0.6 along Canal past 2nd mound to enemy wire and then back along S. side of mound and cross over hedge running S.W. to 4.0.12. L.P. at corner of hedge till 8 p.m.	Dep. 6.30 p.m. Arr. 8.30 p.m.	Exceptionally quiet.
2.	1 N.C.O. & 4. 8.30 p.m. to 10.30 p.m. From 1.0.12 to enemy wire across H. Road thence along wire in N. direction for 30 yards and return through 1.0.6. past. To act as L.P. at selected positions in front of 4.0.12 till 10.15 p.m. and return to Coy. H.Q. at 10.30 p.m.	Dep. 8.30 p.m. Arr. 10.30 p.m.	Light and heavy T.M's active in vicinity of No. 3.0.12 & 4.0.12 Posts. Apparently were fired from Canal bank near LOCK 5
3.	1 N.C.O. & 4. 10.30 p.m. to 12.30 a.m. From 1.0.12 proceed along H. Road to enemy wire then N. to enemy post at corner of hedge and act as L.P. till midnight then N.W. through hedge to 3.0.6.	Dep. 10.30 p.m. Arr. 12.30 a.m.	Nothing of interest to report.
4.	1 N.C.O. & 4. 12.30 a.m. to 2.30 a.m. 4.0.6 through hedge to enemy wire and act as L.P. till 1.30 a.m. Then move S.W. across old trench & H. Road. Return along H. Road to 1.0.12 Post.	Dep. 12.30 a.m. Arr. 2.30 a.m.	Everything quiet.
5.	1 N.C.O. & 4. 2.30 a.m. to 4.30 a.m. 1.0.12. proceed along H. Road to enemy wire then N. to enemy post at corner of hedge and act as L.P. till 4 a.m. Then N.W. through hedge to 3.0.6.	Dep. 2.30 a.m. Arr. 4.30 a.m.	Working Party heard in vicinity of Canal; could not be seen.
6.	(No. 1, 2nd trip) 4.30 a.m. 2.0.6 pass through hedge past enemy post at 0.12.a.60.70. then along old T. to H. Road back to 1.0.12.	Dep. 4.30 a.m. Arr. 5.30 a.m.	Everything quiet.

Liasion Patrols were maintained with flank posts of neighbouring Battalions every two hours throughout the night.

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OUR OPERATIONS.

(a) Artillery. Enemy back areas were shelled with heavies throughout the day, and Pill boxes in the vicinity of LOCK 4 were shelled during the afternoon.

(b) Patrols. See Daily Patrol Log attached.

(c) M.Gs. Normal activity.

(d) T.Ms. Medium T.Ms. at BUFF POINT fired 12 shots at LOCK 6 with good results. Stokes Mortars replied to enemy's light T.Ms. at 9 p.m. and caused them to desist.

(e) Aircraft. Active throughout the day crossing and re-crossing enemy's lines.

ENEMY ACTIVITY.

(a) Artillery. Generally quiet. From 8 p.m. to 10.30 p.m. became more active, shelling out back areas.

(b) M.Gs. Very quiet.

(c) T.Ms. Active at intervals throughout the night. Light T.Ms. were quietened by counter fire from Stokes Mortars.

(d) Aircraft. Normal activity.

(e) Movement. At 9.10 p.m. a slowly moving light was seen along the canal bank in vicinity of LOCK 5, apparently someone walking along bank with lantern. At 5 p.m. a dog was observed to leave P.7.a.60.40. & proceed to Pill box at O.6.d.40.3 O.

Miscellaneous. At 6.25 p.m. a signal lamp was seen in WIRVECQ Church tower for 35 minutes; unable to get message. Many lamp signals were observed during the night behind enemy lines.

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DAILY PATROL LOG.

To be entered by Officer on duty when Patrol returns (write clearly.)

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Orders	Report read (Time)	Reports
1 Off 10 O/Rs. 3 a.m. - 5 a.m. 4.0.12 to enemy wire then S. along hedge to H ₀ Road back to 1.0.12 Post.	Dep. 3 a.m. Arr. 5 a.m.	Nothing to report
1 Off. 10 O/Rs. 3.30 a.m. - 5.30 a.m. 1.0.6. through hedge then N. to Canal bank, back through 5.0.6.	Dep. 3.30 Arr. 5.30	Wiring Party in vicinity of LOCK 6. Nothing else to report
1 Off. 4 O/Rs. 3.0.6. along Rly embankment to LOCK 6, then back along Canal bank. 12 mid-night to 2 a.m.	Dep. Mid-night Arr. 2 a.m.	Everything quiet.
1 N.C.C. 4 O/Rs. 6.30 p.m. - 8.30 p.m. 5.0.6 along Canal to enemy wire, then S. to enemy post at 0.12.a.60.70. Act as L.P. till 8 p.m. at corner of hedge.	Dep. 6.30 p.m. Arr. 8.30	Reported everything quiet
1 N.C.C. 2 4. 8.30 p.m. to 10.30 p.m. From 1.0.12. along H. Road to enemy wire, then N. along old trench back through 4.0.6. Act as L.P. till 10.15 p.m.	Dep. 8.30 p.m. Arr. 10.30	Enemy working party seen about 0.12.a.65.60
1 N.C.C. 2 4. 10.30 p.m. to 12.30 a.m. 4.0.6. through hedge to enemy wire. Act as L.P. till 1.30 a.m. then move S.W. across old trench, return along H. Road to 1.0.12.	Dep. 10.30 Arr. 12.30 a.m.	No enemy seen. Trench Mortar firing from vicinity of LOCK 5.
1 N.C.C. 2 4. 12.30 a.m. to 2.30 a.m. 1.0.12. to enemy wire then N. through hedge to 2.0.6. Act as L.P. corner of hedge.	Dep. 12.30 a.m. Arr. 2.30 a.m.	Everything quiet
1 N.C.C. 2 4. 2.30 a.m. to 4.30 a.m. 4.0.6. through hedge to enemy wire, then S.W. across old trench and H. Road, return 1.0.12. Act as L.P. in front 3.0.12.	Dep. 2.30 a.m. Arr. 4.30 a.m.	Everything quiet
1 N.C.C. 2 4. 4.30 a.m. to 5.30 a.m. Through hedge 2.0.6 past enemy post at 0.12.a.60.70. then along old trench back to 2.0.12.	Dep. 4.40 Arr. 5.30 a.m.	Nothing of interest to report.

1 Officer and 10 O/Rs. stand by in Support Line at daylight to move out if conditions favourable.
 I.O. responsible for warning all concerned.

6 a.m. 27-2-18 - 6 a.m. 28-2-18.

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- (a) Artillery From 2.30 p.m. to 3 p.m. heavies on LOCK 4 and also buildings in vicinity of LOCK 4, with good results.
From 3 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. heavies shelled area between COMINES and WERVECQ; observed direct hits on buildings.
- (b) Patrols. (See daily Patrol Log attached).
- (c) M.Gs. Normal activity.
- (d) T.Ms. At 2 p.m. medium T.Ms. strafed enemy posts at 0.12.a.60.70. several direct hits being observed. At 12.20 a.m. Stokes Mortars fired with good results at enemy wiring party near LOCK 6.
- (e) Aircraft. Very active throughout the day.

ENEMY ACTIVITY.

- (a) Artillery. Active throughout the day registering on front and Support line, C.Ts., strong points, and Bn.H.Q.
- (b) M.Gs. Very quiet throughout the night.
- (c) T.Ms. Registered on front line at 6.25 a.m. and again at 9 p.m..
- (d) Aircraft. Two enemy planes attempted to cross our lines at 9.15 a.m. but were driven back by our A.A. L.G. fire.
- (e) Movement. Enemy working party of about 30 men seen retiring at 7 a.m. under cover of smoke about BASSEVILLE FARM. During the shelling of LOCK 4 in KORTEWILDE many Huns were observed scattering from buildings. A despatch dog was again seen, as on three previous days, to enter dugout at 0.6.d.10.90.
- (d) General. At 5.45a.m. enemy fired numerous red flares and green flares during our bombardment.

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DAILY PATROL LOG

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Orders	Report recd. (Time)	Reports.
1 Off 10 O/Rs. 3 a.m. to 5 a.m. From 4.O.12 to enemy wire then S. along hedge to HOLEBANK Road. Back through 1.O.12 Post.	Dep. 3 a.m. Arr. 5 a.m.	Nothing to report
1 Off. 10 O/Rs. 3 a.m. to 5.30 a.m. From 5.O.6. along Canal bank to enemy wire, then S. to enemy Post at 0.12.a.60.70. Back through 1.O.6.	Dep	Enemy wiring party working on N. bank of Canal about 10 yards in front of LOCK 6. Drove them away with Stokes Mortars.
1 Off. & 4 O/Rs. 9 p.m. to 11 p.m. From 6.O.6. along Canal bank to LOCK 6, then back along Rly embankment.	Dep 9 p.m. Arr. 11 p.m.	
1 N. C.O. & 4 O/Rs. 6.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. 5.O.6. along Canal to enemy wire, then S. to enemy Post at 0.12.a.60.70. Act as Listening Patrol till 8 p.m. at corner of hedge.	Dep. 6.30 Arr. 8.30 p.m.	Everything quiet
1 N.C.O. & 4. 8.30 p.m. to 10.30 p.m. From 1.O.12 along H. Road to enemy wire, then N. along old trench back through 1.O.6. Act as L.P. till 10.15 p.m.	Dep. 8.30 Arr. 10.30 p.m.	Saw 2 Huns 50 yards in front of our wire. They managed to evade us, and retired to Post at 0.12.a.60.70.
1 N.C.O. & 4. 10.30 p.m. to 12.30 a.m. 4.O.6. through hedge to enemy wire. Act as L.P. till 1.30 a.m. then move S.W. across old trench along H. Road to 1.O.12	Dep. 10.30 p.m. Arr. 12.30 a.m.	Enemy seen in hedge at 0.12.a.60.60.
1 N.C.O. & 4. 12.30 a.m. to 2.30 a.m. 1.O.12 to enemy wire then N. through hedge to 2.O.6. Act as L.P. at corner of hedge.	Dep. 12.30 Arr. 2.30 a.m.	Nothing of interest to report.
1 N.C.O. & 4. 2.30 a.m. to 4.30 a.m. 4.O.6. through hedge to enemy wire, then S, W. across old trench and H. Road, return 1.O.12. Act as L.P. in front 3.O.12.	Dep. 2.30 Arr. 4.30 a.m.	Very quiet on our sector.
1 N.C.O. & 4. 4.30 a.m. to 5.30 a.m. Through hedge 2.O.6 past enemy post at 0.12.a.60.70. then along old trench back to 2.O.12	Dep. 4.30 Arr. 5.30 a.m.	Nothing to report.

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Appendix No..... to WAR DIARY for February, 1918

Strength as at 1st Feb., 1918	44 off.	701 O/Rs.	-	795
Attached	3 "	5 "	-	3
Ration Strength	40 "	603 "	-	643

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Date	OUT						IN						
	To 12th T.B.	Hosp.	Wid.	F.P.Com-pound	Transfd.	Aust. O.C.	From Fld. Prison	On Trans.	From Sec.	Reinf.	From F.P. Compound	From Base	From Hosp.
Feb 1.	NIL			Capt. W.S. Bone M.C.									1
2.	1			1 Off. 17									
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Date	OUT			IN				
	Hosp	Wounded	Aust.	From Fld. Prison	On Transfr.	Reinf.	From Base	From Hosp.
24	1	1						2
25	3	1						4
26	1		1	1	1			1
27						1		
28	3						3	1

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Strength as at	28th Feb., 1918	43 Off.	750 O/Rs.	793
Attached	do	3	5	8
Native Strength		40	592	632
Detached on other Duties		6	163	169

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