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1914-18 War

Infantry

Item number: 23/30/42 PART 2

Title: 13th Infantry Battalion

April 1918 Appendices



AWM4-23/30/42PART2

Prefix Code m. Received Sent Office Stamp.
 Office of Origin and Service Instructions. Words. At m. At m.
 From To
 By By

TO { Lt. Aust Dir

Sender's Number D. M. 1 Day of Month 26th In reply to Number AAA

Am ~~the~~ Passing through HUMBERCAMP.
 and will take up line originally
 ordered

✓

From 13th 10th
 Place
 Time 1.53 pm

* This line should be erased if not required.
 J. M. as per [unclear]

Prefix Code m. Received Office of Origin and Service Instructions. Words. At m. At m.
 From To
 By By

TO { Lieut White

Sender's Number D. M. 2 Day of Month 25th In reply to Number AAA

There are dumps in HUMBERCOURT
 including Lewis Guns and
 Investigate. We go to line
 originally arranged

J. M. as per [unclear]

7 pm

From
 Place
 Time

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To: all units By: [Signature] 2.50 pm

Sender's Number: * 419 Day of Month: 26 In reply to Number: AAA

4th Bde has been given
 the task of driving
 the BROSCHES out of
 HE BUTERNE and an
 Brigade will assist
 Concentrate near Windmill
 the BIENVILLERS and Bois -
 road. ~~to~~ soon
 Receipt of the message
 and send orders
 towards HE BUTERNE and
 all Brigades at 400
 then move to the place
 of Brigade Concentration and
 Brigade will operate on our
 right and left

From: FAIR Place: 2.15 pm Time: [initials]

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Office of Origin and Service Instructions. Words. At: _____ m. At: _____ m.
 From: _____ To: _____
 By: _____

TO: Capt. Plucknett

Sender's Number: D 1 Day of Month: 26 In reply to Number: AAA

We have been given a
 task to drive the BROSCHES out
 of HE BUTERNE. We
 concentrate near Windmill
 road BIENVILLERS and BOIS -
 N. QUEVILLERS

Will let you have further
 and later

From: [Signature] Place: [Signature] Time: [Signature]
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 Office of Origin and Service Instructions. Words. At m. At m.
 From To
 By By

TO Magent
 Lt Blythman

Sender's Number Day of Month In reply to Number
 ADH 26 AAA

① Cooks & cooks are to be sent up at once also water carts (full). Meal to be cooked on the way up.

② Send Swainson & Hall along also

③ Signallers & great & picks & shovels wanted at once
 Send timber straight away

④ We are to drive the Bosche + of HEBUTERE

From
 Place
 Time
 H 10 pm
 J. Davis Capt

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Prefix Code m. Received Sent Office Stamp.
 Office of Origin and Service Instructions. Words. At m. At m.
 From To
 By By

TO Lt Blythman

Sender's Number Day of Month In reply to Number
 ADS 26 AAA

① Send pack mules along at once loaded with ammunition if you have any.

② I also want Vessell to bring along my coat & woollen caps.

③ Send Smith & the waiters along with some tucker.

④ Runner will guide all the above back here

From
 Place
 Time
 J. Davis Capt

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APPENDIX 48.

4th
26/3/18
5:07h

9-13' A

located in front
of road leading
from HEBUTERNE
by E 7 C.

This is the
centre of the road
admission by the 4th

Command

Road 5/15/18

20 CO 13th Bn 26/3/18
6:55pm (BI)

HEBUTERNE is in our
hands. 4th Bde will fill the
gap between 62nd Div on our left
(strength about 2000) and 19th Div
on the right (strength about 500)
as order.

15th Bn occupies a south line
by K16a & holds its flank
through to Contour 140 near the last
E in HEBUTERNE. Its right will be
at X rds to K16a

13th Bn with its left on the
latter point running through Contour
to ~~15~~ X roads to K15a

16th Bn with its left on the
latter point & its right at
Pd junction K14a

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Prefix	Code	m.	Received	sent	Office Stamp
Office of Origin and Service Instructions, Words.			At	m.	At
			From		To
			By		By

TO { 4th A.I. Bde.

Sender's Number	Day of Month	In reply to Number	AAA
A. J. 5	26		

① Tommy troops returning say that enemy patrols have entered village. One company has gone ahead as advance guard and to mop up if necessary. Adv. Am. NOT delaying my march on this account. Adv. Hqrs. still moving.

From: HCT 9.15 pm
 Place: [Signature]
 Time: [Signature]

* This line should be erased if not required.

②

Units will be dispersed in depth -

14 Bn in position in K3C
Bde HQ in position in K3D

Units will be in position before midnight tonight

Pass word tonight "DINKUM"

[Signature] Major
Brigade Major

Bde HQ 26/3/19
6.50 PM

APPENDIX 650

Prefix	Code	m.	Words	Charge	This message is on a/c of:	Recd. at.....m
Office of Origin and Service Instructions:						
Sent				Service	From.....
At.....m.						By.....
To.....						(Signature of "Franking Officer.")
By.....						

TO { FACT }

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* S.M.1	26	-	

coy. H 9 AF
 K 15.
 Building church
 sheet 57 D.
 All platoons in position
 Baker met with the
 enemy. 2 in trench
 1 ran and the other ran
 into Simpson. Otherwise
 everything O.K.

From S. Major
 Place (church)
 Time 10-10
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Office of Origin and Service Instructions	Sent	Service.	Date.....
	At.....m.		From.....
	To.....		By.....
	By.....	(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	

TO { 4th A.I. Bde }

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* A.D.6.	26		

Received from 3th Poo
 A.I.F. one prisoner belonging
 to 49th Regt. captured at
 K 16 a. 1.6. at 19.45 hrs
 Aaa Please acknowledge
 A. Dungey
 10/17

From FACT
 Place 10.15 hr
 Time
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Sent		Service		Date
At	m.			
To				From
By	(Signature of "Franking Officer.")			By

TO { A.D.M.S. DAB }

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* <u>A.P.S.</u>	<u>26</u>		

R.A.P. established at K9 & 6.1

From FACT 10.30

Place

Time

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Sent		Service		Date
At	m.			
To				From
By	(Signature of "Franking Officer.")			By

TO { Lt. A. I. Bode }

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* <u>A.D.7.</u>	<u>26</u>		

10m. Headquarters at K9 & 2.8 aaa R.A.P at K9 & 6.1.

From FACT 10.20

Place

Time

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Prefix Code m
 Office of Origin and Service Instructions
 This message is on file of Recd. at M.
 Sent
 At m.
 To
 By (Signature of "Franking Officer.") By

TO { FACT }

Sender's Number * CDI Day of Month 26 In reply to Number AAA

Have taken up position
 from K15B2.9 to K9D9.9
Sheet 57D. Gy H.Q. K9D6.8

~~Recd. 10.30 pm~~

From C. J. Irvine Lt.
 Place
 Time 10.20 pm.

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 (5700) Wt. W492/M1647 110,000 Pads 5/17 C. & R. Ltd (E. 1187.)

Recd. 10.35 pm
 Fired from the
 front engaged
 as one further details
 list ✓

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APPENDIX
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Code of Order and Service Instructions.

Sent _____ Date _____
 At _____ m. Service _____ From _____
 To _____ By _____
 (Signature of "Franking Officer.") By _____

TO { *General*
Dear General

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. **AAA**
 * *A.P.10.* *26*

Two front line companies
 have entered the *SE*
 end of village where
 the *SE* end of a few
 houses to clear up
AAA One company in
 position in close support
 and one company in
 position in reserve in
 northern part of village
AAA Am I just reporting
 a team and will report
 when front line are ~~up~~
 up in position & linked up.

From _____
 Place _____
 Time _____

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Recd 11.40 pm

On way through village saw
 patrol of 2 Germans about 30 yards
 away & 2 more further on who ran
 chased them with exact party capture
 the open & further straight back
 think shot the other but not certain.
 The officer told us he had got separated
 from his company. Further on on
 further outbreak of village at 15.54.5.2
 heard party shouting and called out
 'who there' & was immediately
 fired on. Had several casualties but
 would see a details later. Had established
 connection with B by a light but
 as found with B in our sight.
 As we held up at at some position
 Am endeavouring to get into bank with
 with B in the meantime am
 using a bank position and will
 report

Recd 11.40 pm

APPENDIX

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Sent				At		m. Service.		Date	
At				To		By		(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	
TO {				Dear General					
Sender's Number.			Day of Month.		In reply to Number.			AAA	
* A.D.12			26						

① Position now is B Co (Moreley) holding roughly ~~at~~ ^{behind} X road in K 16 a distance with "C" Co (McKillop) only touch with flight plank across X Road K 15 as previously stated I have one company (A) in close support and B Co in reserve & both constructing strong points and barbed wire

② The 15th Bn I rest moving into position & they will be in touch with us

④ Have NOT had touch with 16th Bn. so have temporarily posted a report

From

Place

Time

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Sent				At		m. Service.		Date	
At				To		By		(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	
TO {				2					
Sender's Number.			Day of Month.		In reply to Number.			AAA	
*	

at X Roads at K 15 off.

⑤ Have had one or two this should patrol reports and have sent back two prisoners

⑥ Patrols have gone about 600 yards out from right of company that machine guns are firing very close to left company

⑦ Troubled with a great deal of sniping and machine gun fire in village some of which was from British on our right

From

Place

Time

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3 for D
1 for M
1 for C

1001

Sent	Service	Date
At . . . m.		
To	From	
By	(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	By

TO {

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. **AAA**

⑧ Casualties - 2 officers
wounded and 3 ~~officers~~
wounded.

FACT
11/10/19
Yours sincerely
J. M. [Signature]

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. **(Z)**

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(3796.) Wt. W 492/M1647. 650,000 Pads. 1/17. H.W. & V. Ld. (E. 1187.)

To S.M.2 Prod. 11.50pm. Sheet 54.D.
C.O. Edition 2
FACT.

1. [unclear] placed as follows. Approx.

no 1. L. G. near Church. K. 15. B. 9. 9.

2. " " " " K. 16 A 1. 9.
Reserve gun ↑

3. L. G. covering Rock Rd at K. 16. A. 1. 6.

4. " " In the Bush at K. 15. B. 9. 8.

5. " " covering Rd at also K. 16. A. 9. 9
in Bush.

H. M. [Signature] H.A. or A.
11-45pm. Coy. K. 9. K. 15. B. 9. 7.

11. 11. 20. 4. Oct. 11. 0. 12. 0. 0. 1.

2 ...
11 ...
3 ...
5 ...
101 ...

FACT

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Office of Origin and Service Instructions.	Sent			Date.....
	At..... m.	Service.		From.....
	To.....	(Signature of "Franking Officer.")		By.....
	By.....			

TO { *Gen Mac* }

Sender's Number. * <i>H.D. 13</i>	Day of Month. <i>26</i>	In reply to Number.	AAA
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① Jones to land Mated 16th are in position I will leave a picket at X roads K15 aft. Jones position is still very vague in its description and I hope that very shortly you will report that Jones left in at cemetery and R.A.F. K15 d. And if there is opposition to Jones forward more I want to know what it is so that I can assist you

Jones sincerely

From *F.A.C.T.*
Place *F.A.C.T.*
Time *11:50 AM*

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Office of Origin and Service Instructions.	Sent			Date.....
	At..... m.	Service.		From.....
	To.....	(Signature of "Franking Officer.")		By.....
	By.....			

TO { *O.C. "D" Coy* }

Sender's Number. * <i>H.D. 13</i>	Day of Month. <i>26</i>	In reply to Number.	AAA
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- ① Post a picket at daylight at end of village road R.A.F. (K9 to B.1) to prevent vehicles from entering village.
- ② Picket 1 officer and 4 men to search the lower end village for snipers.
- ③ Sentry groups to be posted at X Roads K15 aft.

From *F.A.C.T.*
Place *F.A.C.T.*
Time *12 noon*

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Office of Origin and Service Instructions.			Sent			Services.	Date.....
.....			At.....m.		(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	From.....	
.....			To.....			By.....	
.....			By.....				
TO {		Leah Hall					
Sender's Number.		Day of Month.		In reply to Number.		AAA	
* A P 16		26					
<p>In view of pending a section to relieve your men who will then move south, I report to Capt Crossley as arranged.</p> <p>Yours sincerely Davis</p>							
From		F.A.T. [unclear]					
Place		[unclear]					
Time		[unclear]					
The above may be forwarded as now corrected.				(Z)			
Censor.				Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.			
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CONFIDENTIAL.

Fourth Australian Infantry Brigade.
HEADQUARTERS.
26th March, 1918.

~~XXXXXX~~ Dear*Marks.*

1.p.m.

6th Corps under which we are now working have the situation in hand.

The following points are to be kept in mind -

- (a) Get plenty of information by patrols etc.
- (b) Let me have that information and how you are distributed.
- (c) Don't spread out your Battalion.
- (d) Be Mobile and ready to move whenever wanted.
- (e) Conserve your men. Feed them, don't worry Officers.
- (f) You ought to be able to cook where you are now, make your own arrangements for getting cookers up.

Transport at present will be under regimental arrangements. Just heard that there are a lot of vickers and Lewis guns at HUMBER CAMP, an Officer said in case of the Bosch coming on they will be abandoned if not removed before. These guns are 6th Corps Reserve. You can be your own D.A.D.O.S!

Yours sincerely,

C. W. Brand

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 Sent Date
 At m. Service. From
 To
 By (Signature of "Franking Officer.") By

TO { **FACT** }

Sender's Number. **E 111** Day of Month. **27** In reply to Number. **AAA**

15th in touch with
 on left and
 on right also
 with M. G. Corp.
 Every thing O.K.

Recd. 12.50 pm

From **B**
 Place
 Time **12.30 am**

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 Sent Date
 At m. Service. From
 To
 By (Signature of "Franking Officer.") By

TO { **BC & D Coy**
FILE }

Sender's Number. **H. D 19** Day of Month. **27** In reply to Number. **AAA**

(1) 13th Bn now holds the line approx. K 15 to 3.2 to K 15 d 9.9 to K 16 a 5.4. It is in touch with 15th Bn on left and 16th Bn on right but has thus far been unable to attain its objective owing to strong opposition in the Cemetery.

(2) On receipt of certain information this will be attacked by a party from D Coy which strength will be notified later.

From
 Place
 Time

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Office of Origin and Service Instructions.	Sent			Date.....
	At..... m.	Service.	From.....
	To.....	(Signature of "Franking Officer.")		By.....
	By.....			

TO { 2 }

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
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*
 (3) Attack to take place at
 4 am under cover of
 T.M. Barrage
 (4) ACKNOWLEDGE
 J. Davis Capt
 2.20 am
 Capt F.A.C.T.

From	
Place	
Time	

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Office of Origin and Service Instructions.	Sent			Date.....
	At..... m.	Service.	From.....
	To.....	(Signature of "Franking Officer.")		By.....
	By.....			

TO { A.C. Coy. }

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
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*
 A.D. 24 29
 (K27 com. + Q4 com.)
 The 3rd N.Z. Bde have
 had a base on with Borsche
 at K28 and 29.
 3rd N.Z. Bde. have been
 ordered to extend up to
 K21 and 16th Pmt. will
 swing up right flank to
 meet N.Z.

From	
Place	
Time	

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To
FACT.
 Each Platoon has been
 improving the benches
 and making shelters.
 I have nothing else to
 Report.
 All is quiet on A. Coy.
 position.
 G. Harper
 5-20 AM
 27/3/18
A. Coy.

Prefix.....Code.....m.	Words.	Charge.	This message is on a/c of:	Recd. at.....m.
Office of Origin and Service Instructions	10			
	Sent		N	Date.....
	At.....m.		T	From.....
	To.....		A	By.....
	By.....		(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	
TO { <u>Fact</u>				
Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA	
* <u>EMR</u>	<u>27th</u>			
<u>all</u>	<u>OK.</u>			
From	<u>B Coy.</u>			
Place	<u>5:25 AM.</u>			
Time				
I he above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z)				
Censor. Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.				
* This line should be erased if not required.				
(9981) Wt. W492/M1647 130,000 Pads 5/17 D. D. & L. E1187				

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Prefix..... Code..... m Words. Charge.
Office of Origin and Service Instructions. This message is on a/c of: Recd. at m.
Sent Date.....
At m. Service.
To From
By (Signature of "Franking Officer.") By

TO { *OC "C" Coy*
Pass to B Coy

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. **AAA**
* *27*

Enemy reported by
airplane to be moving
now Squads K 23 and 24
and Keep sharp lookout
and Pass to B Coy

From *FACT*
Place *11:20 am*
Time
The above may be forwarded as now corrected. **(Z)** *[Signature]* *Capt*
Censor. Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.

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Sent Date.....
At m. Service.
To From
By (Signature of "Franking Officer.") By

TO { *FACE*

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. **AAA**
* *A.D. 29* *27*

(1) We have discovered in
vicinity of Pm Hqs (interview)
certificates (which are)
capable of accommodation
a Battalion of men comfortably

(2) Location of Pm Hqs K 7 & 38

From *FACT*
Place *11:35 am*
Time
The above may be forwarded as now corrected. **(Z)** *[Signature]* *Capt*
Censor. Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.

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MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

NO. OF MESSAGE.....

Prefix..... Code..... m Words. Charge.
 Office of Origin and Service Instructions. This message is on a/c of: Recd. at m.
 Sent
 At m. Service. Date.....
 To..... From.....
 By..... (Signature of "Franking Officer.") By.....

TO { *Planned*
Dear General

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. AAA
 * *4.2.33* *20/2* AAA

We are in touch with 15th by phone
 am looking for their new HQ. which
 is not far from here
 The 15th has reached the end of
 his tether and conditions will be
 very bad if we have any more
 casualties. Our stretcher have
 NOT been returned & at this time
 only TWO Our next post has
 cleared & 15th men & 1 16th
 will be rushed if the shelling
 starts again. The extra carry
 to Gungah means a lot to the
 small squad of men who must
 collect & carry from the front line
 We have no blankets for casualties

③ No further details about recent attack
 Coy on right saw nothing of it but on
 coming back from 15th confirm
 Moody's statement. I.D. investigating

From..... Place..... Time.....
 The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) *J.P. Park*
 Censor. Signature of Addressee or person authorised to telegraph in his name.

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 Sent
 At m. Service. Date.....
 To..... From.....
 By..... (Signature of "Franking Officer.") By.....

TO { *Verbal message to Bde.*

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. AAA
 * *4.2.33* *20/3/18.* AAA

1.45 PM.
 Bosche attacked towards
 us from K23 and 24 in
 twelve waves in direction
 of SALLY - attacked right
 across our front. 13th &
 15th got into them from
 flanks. Driven back but
 they are now massing
 again in same spot / K23 &
 K24 - They say he is
 coming more to the right
 this time towards us.

From..... Place..... Time.....
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<i>Urgent</i>			Sent		Service.	Date.....	
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			To.....			By.....	
			(Signature of "Franking Officer.")				

TO { *Leut. Plytheas.*

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* <i>A.D. 33.</i>	<i>27</i>		

1) Capt. Roseley wounded in morning
 2) Capt. Henderson is to come for at once.
 3) Boche attacked twice this morning but was knocked back.

From *FACT 24*
 Place
 Time

[Signature]
 Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.

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			To.....			By.....	
			(Signature of "Franking Officer.")				

TO { *21/3/18*

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
*			

Verbal from Bde.
 K30 a - K29 d - K34 b
 boche reinforcements seen.
 Our shells falling on ridge J22 and 23 -
 enemy NOT yet reached there

[Signature] 3.5 pm

From
 Place
 Time

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TO { Gen General

Sender's Number	Day of Month	In reply to Number	AAA
<u>A.D. 35</u>	<u>27</u>		

New Zealanders hold a line in front of 16th Ath running approx as follows:-
 LA SIGNY FM. along road through 21 central to just in rear of QUARRIES thence along road to near FORK in Road at K. 15 d 75 + thrown back to about K 15 to 30. 16th are therefore quite behind N. 35.

- ② Enemy were in road K 15 d 77 to to 33 until this morning.
- ③ It is essential that we should occupy whole of ridge from Cemetery across to FORK ROAD 15 d 75.
- ④ With your approval I shall bridge this gap with a Platoon this evening.

From _____
 Place _____
 Time _____

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TO { ②

Sender's Number	Day of Month	In reply to Number	AAA

- ⑤ Officers are out reconnoitering now.
- ⑥ New Zealanders say they are in close touch with enemy + that 12th Div are in BEAUMONT HAMEL

3:20pm
 Yours etc
[Signature]

From _____
 Place _____
 Time _____

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TO { 29/8/18 Verbal from B Coy 4 pm
 Sender's Number Day of Month In reply to Number
 * AAA

- ① Smoke screen K.22 - K.17
- ② 3.27 PM 4 enemy - full packs up left corner of Cemetery
- ③ M.G. fire on left - nothing else observed.

From
 Place
 Time

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					To	By	
					By	(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	

TO { NO FACT
 Sender's Number Day of Month In reply to Number
 * 10 1 24 AAA

Reference your AD 35 the 16th Battalion have made arrangements to place one company in the front line CEMETERY to FORT ROAD 15th 15th this evening.

From FICD
 Place
 Time 4 pm
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W. 2 | East | 27 | Revd 4.31P

During the barrage just before 3:40 pm the 18-pounders did good work bursting well in valley from K 22 a/b towards K 17 central

aaa-

About thirty (30) enemy seen at 3:48 pm from K 24 c towards K 29

central (aaa) These were passed at MATTHEW COPSE by eight going in opposite direction

at 4:10 pm about sixty (60) enemy in file were seen moving from MATTHEW COPSE towards MARK COPSE (K 29). aaa Am troubled a great deal by enemy m.g. in South East corner of Cemetery J & White 4:15 pm

SECRET

H. U

FACT

27-3-18

① 16th Pm. have been ordered to connect with N. 2nd at FORK ROAD K15 d. 7.5 and link up with 13th Pm at the CEMETRY

② "C" Coy working in conjunction with 16th Pm. Company concerned will clear the SOUTH EASTERN edge of the CEMETRY and place one platoon in trench from SOUTH EASTERN corner of CEMETRY to K16 a. 0.0 with a strong point in commanding position in front of CEMETRY. Remainder of "C" Company may remain disposed as at present.

Approved

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(3) One Platoon of "D" Company under Lieut Swinbourne will be available at discretion of O.C. "C" Company to be used if opposition is met with and Stokes Mortars are ready to co-operate.

(4) As soon as this position has been occupied B Coy will swing their lines forward into trench from road junction K.16.a Central to CEMETRY joining with "C" Company at that point. Supports remaining in trench at present occupied.

(5) Working of new position to be commenced immediately after it has been occupied.

(6) Acknowledge.

Issued at 4.30pm

Copies to
16th Bn
HQ
4th Stokes Mortars
B & C Coy

W. Davis Cpl.
Adj. F.A.C.T.

Battalion Order No 74

(1) New Zealanders hold a line in front of 16th Pw. running approximately as follows:-

LA SIGNEY FARM along road through 21 central to east in rear of QUARRIES thence along road to near FORK in Road at K15 d 7.5 and thrown back to about K15 b 3.0.

(2) Enemy were in road K15 d 7.7 to b 3.3 until this morning.

(3) It is essential that we should occupy whole of ridge from CEMETRY across to FORK ROAD 15 d 7.5.

(4) At dusk this evening 1 ^{Company} ~~Platoon~~

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		By.....	By.....	

TO { N.T.A. }

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<u>A.D. 37</u>	<u>28 27</u>		

① During the barrage just before 3.40 p.m. the 18-pounders did good work bursting well in valley from K22 left towards K17 Central.

② About thirty (30) enemy seen at 3.48 pm from K24 towards K29 central area. These were passed at MATTHEW COPSE by eight men going in opposite direction. At 4.10 pm about sixty (60) enemy in file were seen moving from MATTHEW COPSE towards MARK

From	COPSE (K29).
Place	
Time	

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TO { (2) }

Sender's Number	Day of Month	In reply to Number	AAA

③ The B Coy are troubled a great deal by enemy M.G. near South East corner of CEMETRY. To-nights start will fix this.

④ I note that 16th Pans. will follow our line to N. 21° and will merely swing forward in conformity with them.

From	<u>N.T.A.</u>
Place	<u>H. 50</u>
Time	

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EW 4 | FACT | 27 |

In touch with 15th ~~and~~ aaa.
Things quiet.

I & M
4:50 pm

Retd. 5:5 pm

FACT

Retd. 5:30 pm

18/11 1918 A.D.C.

I have a post on both cemetery in
right of road in my sector.

The cemetery proper on the left
of the road is in B Coy's sector &
the last was hit very strongly
by Fritz last night.

At 11:00 I was with me
when I first went into my part of
cemetery and it was so that told
me it extended on both sides of the
road & that I was in the front part.

Will send out a platoon as
ordered but B Coy must come
forward & connect up with my
left.

I understand the 16th went forward
last late this morning before daybreak
& shall move my right forward
to uniform. I do not know anything
about their forward movement till they

The 16th think I'll likely find my column &
attach them tonight. No 19th Coy here
very quiet since my last message

Dear Dave,

27/3/18.

- ① We are at BIENVILLERS, camped in the open, all well.
- ② Sent your coat + skull cap yesterday, books + envelopes sent by runner.
- ③ Lost 7 mules + 9 horses last night by shell-fire.
- ④ Sorry about Edgar + Helen, will try + get cattle away somehow.
- ⑤ Left Henderson + has gone back to our last position to bring up the tank, the latter was left behind to bury the horses + mules.
- ⑥ Glad you are comfortable, + have plenty tuckers, I cannot do anything in the way of food from here, it's a God-forsaken spot.
- ⑦ Henry + has coming up as soon as possible, we have only 100 lbs left recently.
- ⑧ Heard from Staff Capt. that you gave the Boche particularly hell, everybody very backed.

Cherrie
Whitely

Road. 5.30 pm

I W 4 | Fact | 27

at long column ^{about 150} enemy advancing from MARK COPSE (K 29 a) towards K 23 a 5.5. A.M.A. -

I got Viars on to them + they are now stopped advancing but moving about in groups ^{reason} at the "V" in TOUVENT FARM K 23 (40,000) a.m. Would suggest ~~that~~ a few shells while I observe.

I + White 5.40 pm

Road. 5.55 pm
Artillery asked
H. W.

FACT
28/12/28

Recd 5.50pm

A misconception seems to have arisen over the part of the cemetery on the left of the road. This was very strongly held last night and appears to be still strongly held by 7th. I would have been no easy matter making this last night and will be no easy matter but as orders will attempt it. ~~to be done~~ The 18th Jde got into the cemetery on the left of the road well today and ought to make things a bit better. We have kept him well down on our sector, firing on him whenever he showed himself. As soon as dusk patrols will go out + reconnoitre. If much opposition shown I would suggest a bombardment of wood stakes before the platoon goes over.
5.20 PM.

Secret

5.55pm 4 Bde
27/12/18
130h

To all units

The situation demands that the line of 5th Army be maintained at all costs. There must be no withdrawal. If retreat occurs the line must be linked up again on the general line of our present position with the aid of such fresh troops as can be made available and which are now beginning to arrive.

Any local withdrawal owing to enemy incursions will be in the general direction EAST to WEST and must be temporary only pending restoration of the line.

New boundaries between Divisions will be issued shortly.

The following line of defence will be proposed.

Brigade in Line

(a) The line running WEST of the PUISIERES-PUCQUOY Road from about L.8.C.O.O. to Northern boundary of Division

(b) Switch line back to ROSIGNOL WOOD

BRIGADE IN RESERVE

(a) Line from about K.12 central - L.I.d. 5.3. (250 yards S.E. corner of BIEZ WOOD - in front of EAST edge of BIEZ WOOD to F.26.C.O.6

(b) Switch line from ROSIGNOL WOOD to connect with S.E. corner of defences round HERBUTERNE (K.17.A.O.5.)

4TH AUSTRALIAN BRIGADE
The defences round HERBUTERNE

(OVER)

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C.R.E. with two Cops. R.E.
Wing HERBUTERNE - GOMMECOURT -
BRAYELLE FARM line

All these lines will be wired. New
wire and posts are not available.
Salvaged wire and posts and
old German entanglements in
the neighborhood will be used.
Work must be pushed on as
fast as possible.

27-3-18

The Army No. G. 14/512
IV. CORPS No. 46/14 G.

IV. CORPS

The enemy has shown a disposition to
attempt to penetrate the line at
nightfall by local attacks on strong
points, and then to exploit
any success obtained.

Divisions must be instructed
to guard against this danger.
Should hostile parties succeed
in penetrating, every effort must
be made to close the line
behind them and to dispose
of the enemy thus cut off

Information and
necessary action

Recd 5-55 pm

Mr

For the
To the

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APPENDIX 74

R.F.A. }
Group }

Artillery.

15 hours. + 36 18 pdr.
3 F.A. Brigades. 104th (Col. Ward)
112th (Col. Sarson)
235th

Distribution.

104 takes STAR WOOD to 24 a 00

235 " 24 a 00 to 23 c 40

(3 hours from this brigade are
superimposed on 104th area, making
6 hours, as 104th have only 3 hours.)

112 takes ~~between~~ 23 c 40 to 28 central.

(3 hours superimposed on 235th Bde.)

235 have remaining 3 hours on

MARK LUKE and JOHN CORSES.

The 18 pdr. barrage is from OBSERVATION
WOOD to STAR WOOD.

S.O.S. rocket - red over green over yellow.

Barrage line of 112th Bde.

A+C Batteries. K 23 c 12 to 28 6 13.

D Battery (hours) on JOHN, LUKE, MARK,
STAFF, OBSERVATION, MATTHEW CORSES.

FACT
27/2
At White reports 30 F.A. pdr.
have dribbled in SE corner of
cemetery. Horse as if working
hardly in scrub. T.M.s are
putting over 5 shells.
F.A. has given with T.M. on
left of B Coy & fired 2 shots.
Is a hot meal coming up
and a hot meal for carrying on
K.M. Hill 2 p.m.
8:30 p.m. 27/2

Rowd 8.45 p.m.

Sent		Service.		Date
At.....m.				
To.....		From.....		
By.....		(Signature of "Franking Officer.")		By.....

TO { 14 Bn, 4 AMB Coy - 411LTMBn

Sender's Number. * B14 100 Day of Month. 27 In reply to Number. A A A

1. Front of 1st NZ Bde. Brigade runs from Q4690 road junction K34a 20. - K27c70 - K26 central.
2. 3rd NZ Bde arrived at COLLINGWOODS at about 3 AM today & has orders to extend its northwards to join up with 62nd Bw at HERBUTERNE.
3. 4th Aust Brigade will arrange to cooperate with 3rd NZ Bde & will if necessary extend its flank southward to join up with the Bde.
4. An report timed 2.30 PM & 5.45 PM yesterday states enemy to be in squares K28, K29 K23 & K24 and occupying shell holes NW of PUISIEUX-MAILLY ROAD.
5. 16 Bn will push forward its right flank to join up with 3rd NZ Brigade

From 4th A I Bde
Place
Time

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(Z)

Rowell Mayn

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Rowell Mayn

Capt
Third Army Wire

27-3-18

It is to be distinctly understood that no retirement from our present position is permissible. All ranks officers and ranks are to be made to understand this. Spot strong orders must be issued to all commanders to this effect and officers who fail to observe this order are to be relieved of their commands.

Rowell Mayn
Brigade Major
4th Aust Inf Bde.

JWS - Feb 27

1. Brown ^{am} Hall myself

have made good

the forward trench

except a piece 50 yds

long near Cemetery

This part depends upon the taking of Cemetery.

We have patrolled ahead

to 100 yds & found plenty

of enemy working behind very heavy barbed wire.

No identification can be found. I am still trying for it.

3. J. White

To

F A C T.

29/3/18

Intelligence Report.

Enemy aircraft very active during the day.
 Also registering for Enemy Artillery.
 Between the hours of 11.4 m to about 1-30 pm
 and 3-30 pm to about 5-30 pm.
 Enemy airmen were using green flares
 as signals to his artillery.
 Enemy shelled all along main Rd through
 the village, and ~~on~~ on two occasions
 directed his fire on to Coy. H. G and all
 around the platoons also upon the
 church at Cross Roads. K.15. b. g. g. Sheet 57. D.
 Enemy m. g. fire was directed down the
 main Rd at intervals during the whole day.

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By.....			

TO { OC, 13 K AIF Bath

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
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Following on ~~the~~ ^{own} conversation
 after of this afternoon regarding
 going up ^{of} my
 left flank at K 15 D 52
 I have to report
 that I personally reconnoitred
 this area this evening
 at approx 11 pm and

From	
Place	
Time	

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TO {

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there was no sign
 of any linking up
 on my left and
 that however but that
 on the contrary I
 was fired on by
 a machine gun (evidently
 mobile) at R 15d 30.5

From: [Signature]
 Place: [Signature]
 Time: [Signature]

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TO {

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acknowledged dispatch
 DM 58

[Large circular stamp]

From: [Signature]
 Place: [Signature]
 Time: [Signature]

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Intelligence 28 August 1918

Archie, Fritz 130 PM Fritz 5.9.2 on
left side + shelling of HEBUTERNE
on Archie at 12.30 due to gun short in
coming by 11. PM 2 shells fell short of
our line but no damage done

Plains Fritz

8.10 AM 4 tanks over flying fairly low
+ firing both white + blue shells
8.20 Tanks over our line for some time
flying backwards + forwards

Our Plains Very active all day at

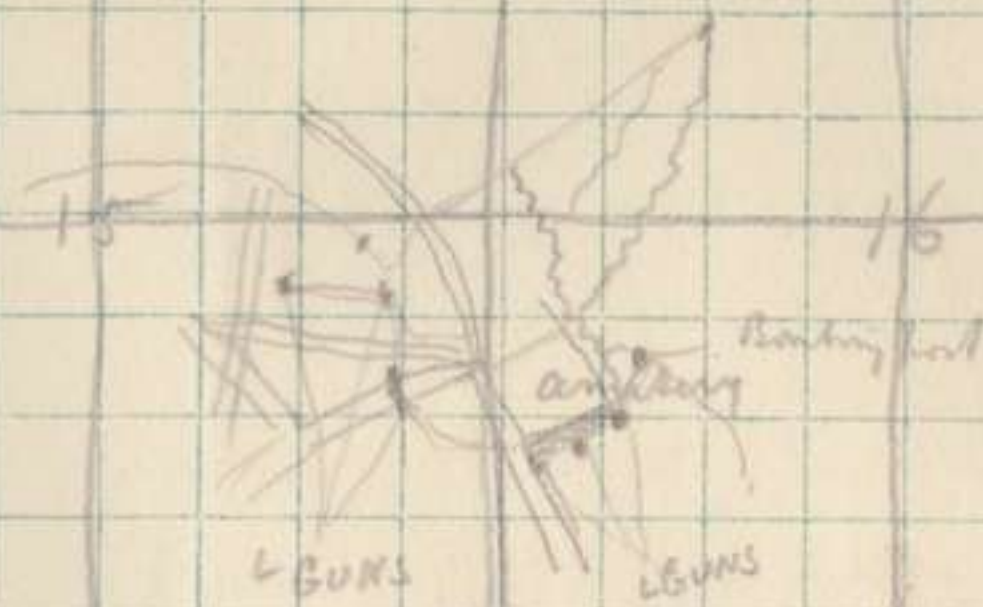
8.25 AM 22 planes flew over in one
swarm.

M. Guns (Enemy) active all day but
by retiring on line + shelling very soon
he showed himself in left-hand party
quite in late afternoon.

Patrol to 16th on right is usual Fritz

shows movement in area Plain killed in
in part of us. 9c 8.10

K



Rough Map showing position of Gun jam

Plain killed in
on 10/8

29/12/18

In the woods on both sides of the road signs of consolidation were evident & a dump of wire & equipment is on the road about N 15 degs

After daylight much movement & small bodies were observed on our front and provided excellent spots for our gunners & snipers

One ~~is~~ ^{is} ~~casualty~~ ^{casualty} killed ~~was~~ ^{was} ~~observed~~ ^{observed}. Skulls that numerous casualties were inflicted a party was in retreating & took away his dead & wounded. We only found 3 bodies.

After we had got our objectives B Coy more of two platoons occupied trench running from N 16 deg 28' N.E.

I now have one ^{strong} platoon with 3 L guns in front of cemetery and two platoons in posts from S corner cemetery to 15th Bobs. Skulls collected

RAN ^{sketch} ^{etc} ^{etc} 24/3/18

Special Intelligence report

Ref MAP 1/20000 on night 28/19. hand 1511 After a preliminary bomb bombardment of the Cemetery at N 16 deg by Stokes mortar shell two platoons headed by bombers & including 3 L GUNS starting from junction at N 16 05 05 proceeded up bank running N. ~~WEST~~ ^{EAST} to S.E. corner of Cemetery with assistance of Bobs & L GUNS proceed along front of cemetery from E corner to SOUTH corner establishing a bombing post along CT runway off S.E. through M in Cemetery. a L GUN post at East corner of Cemetery. a L GUN post half way between E & S corners & a L GUN at S corner with a bombing post about 60 yards along CT runway SE from S corner. Patrols in extended order then move through woods

cemetery on both right & left of
 road running from S corner of
 cemetery back through HEBUTERNE
 to N 15 9.0. When this was
 cleared under cover of a covering party -
 I pushed out two posts on the right
 of the above road to forward edge of
 wood, and one wire as shown on
 sketch appended. Saw holding a position of
 very good, deep & containing excellent
 dugouts and machine gun positions. A
 short way on front of trench is excellent
 but gone. On right of road our post
 to the 16th has good fields of fire.

Owing to shortage of bombs holding us
 up for awhile & the deep communication
 trench leading to the rear most of the
 enemy got away. 3 bodies were found
 6 prisoners & 1 wounded only taken
 including several identification

in jumping of trench
 to log as support

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 From To
 By By

TO

Jean White

Sender's Number **H.D.42** Day of Month **28** In reply to Number **AAA**

- ① Good man. Mac has rung me up since you wrote your note & tells me he is past the wire so that things seem to be ok.
- ② You must man the new trench with posts and use your present line as your support
- ③ Try & obtain more definite information about the Fritz working party.

4.5 am

Yours etc
 J. Marks

From
 Place
 Time

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 At m. Service From
 To By
 (Signature of "Franking Officer.")

TO { FACT }

Sender's Number * CD 4 Day of Month 28 In reply to Number AAA

Artillery fire
 Enemy shelled our position during the day with high bombs and 14.2" bombs 6.30 pm to 7 pm the shelling increased and the left sector of trench was hit five times.
 Enemy machine guns fired at intervals during the day.

From C. J. M. Lt.
 Place H 30
 Time H 30

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 From To
 By By

TO { News General
(Rey 579 N.E.) }

Sender's Number A.D. 43 Day of Month 28th In reply to Number AAA

① At 1.20 am the Light T. Ms. fired 20 rounds into Cemetery + Bombing Sections commencing to Bomb Forward along Trench K 16 a 05.05 in direction of Cemetery. Simultaneously other sections worked from Road K 16 a 54 along two trenches leading to Cemetery.
 ② At completion of three trenches near C in Cemetery a light machine gun had to be dealt with. Two enemy were killed but the gun was able to escape along third trench. At this point there are a number deep dugouts ~~and~~ ^{and} it was necessary to detail a special party to clear them.

From ③ Later, the Bombing Party cleared round as far as K ~~16~~ 16 c 10.55. and a Platoon mopped up the Cemetery. at K 15 d 9570
 Place
 Time

* This line should be erased if not required.

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			By.....	By.....	

TO { 2 }

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There was evidence of an enemy M.G. having recently desamped leaving one of its crew, though the latter was probably sniped by N.Zs. on the right.

④ Blocks have been established at K16 d 15.55 and 16 d 3550 and trench 16 a. 5040 to 'C' in Cemetery has been "cleared" and occupied. This latter trench has a good belt of wire in front of it.

⑤ 1 man of "moppers-up" was killed by a sniper from approx K 16 d 5.6.

⑥ Papers from enemy dead are on the way down to me but McKillop phoned through that they are 29th Regt (same as last night).

From	Yours etc	
Place	D.P.M. [Signature]	
Time	5 AM	

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			By.....	By.....	

TO { Dear General }

Sender's Number	Day of Month	In reply to Number	AAA
A.D. 44	28 th		

① Patrol reports enemy holding a line roughly K 16 Central K 16 c 40 and is putting out makeshift wire of the concertina variety.

② McKillop has just caught a live Fritz at K 15 d 8.7. He belongs to 15th Coy 49th Regt and is on his way down to me now.

Yours etc
D.P.M. [Signature]

③ 16th Latched up with N.Zs + in touch with us now.

From	
Place	
Time	

* This line should be erased if not required.

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no. 2.

Enemy large trench mortar's fired about 20 rounds falling near church and along main Road. Our own aeroplanes were very active over the enemy lines constantly during the day. Riflemen and L. G. fired on enemy planes flying low at about 5 p.m.

Enemy observation balloon was up during the morning observing the village and straight down main Road.

Our own artillery very active during the day. Guns thought to be firing 18 pounders and 6 Howitz.

G. Harper Lieut
or A. Coy

5-15 A.M.
27/3/18

Dear ^{Woods} /

Recd 11:50 am

4th Bde

27/3/18

9th

Everything seems to be going well. You 62 Div. has since already expressed his pleasure at the work the Bde is doing, especially the quick transmission of information.

I am responsible now for the front K 15 c to K 11 b. The whole of the 14 Bn is now in, & I have pulled out 2 Coy 16 Bn as Reserve which is at the bridge K 3 d. Don't ask me for them unless as a last resource.

I can't get round to see you but I hope the feeding arrangements are good. 62 Div have promised to let me have bearings from a British Field Amb. The motor ambulance is always at our disposal for evacuating from the precipice.

Have seen the 4th Div. order which indicates that yesterday the 27th unit the 3rd & 4th Divs. are holding a line running N+S through our old RIBEMONT, the 4th Div. extending towards BRESLE

Yours &
C.A. Brown

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Words.	At	m.	At	m.	
	From		To		
	By		By		

TO { Dear Ted

Sender's Number: Day of Month: 28 In reply to Number: AAA

(1) Send up the Primer Stoves & oil if possible.

(2) Hooks also would be acceptable but I am also trying to find some in the Ordnance Stores here.

(3) Pistols for flares received but no flares - can you send some up - none here.

Yours sincerely

From: Place: 930 am Time: [Signature] Capt

* This line should be erased if not required.

To FACT Recd. 10.48 am

Just received a message from Baker that enemy is shelling around his position heavily. No casualties up to present. B. Coy have had about 5 cas. Baker reports Corp Jamieson has lost his L. Gun. Shell I send him another from here. 11.40 am. W. Marper Lieut

Office of Origin and Service Instructions.	Words.	At.....m.	At.....m.	Office Stamp.
		From.....	To.....	
		By.....	By.....	

TO { Dear General

Sender's Number D 17.60	Day of Month 25 th	In reply to Number	AAA
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① We have had a few casualties in front line but are OK.

② The village is being shelled to pieces & the main road is out of the question

③ Bde Telephone line can come through wood indicated to Bde Liaison by Falkner

④ All my lines are down

Yours etc
L. J. Marks

11.20 am

From	
Place	
Time	

* This line should be erased if not required.

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FACT
29/2 29.

For last few hours heavy T.M. bombardment on front line of Cassin's on support line. No damage so far but is pretty close.

Have advised you of our 28 Army corps of line preparing to attack.

R. J. Marks
D.C. Coy
2115417

11.45 am

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Code m. Office of Origin and Service Instructions, Words. At m. At m. Office Stamp. From To By

TO Dear General

Sender's Number D.M. 42 Day of Month 28 In reply to Number AAA

Received your note tired of an
 Front line has been heavily T.M'd particularly on that part in front of Cemetery. The Cemetery is vital & I intend to hold it very strongly. Not much damage so far but McKillop says the T.M's are falling very close all the time.
 The village will shortly cease to exist if he keeps up at this rate.
 Is there any hope of obtaining some telephone wire. All our wires are cut to pieces.

Yours etc
 J. Marks
 From 11:55 am
 Place
 Time

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Prefix Code m. Office of Origin and Service Instructions, Words. At m. At m. Office Stamp. From To By

TO Dear Mac.

Sender's Number D.M. 43 Day of Month 26 In reply to Number AAA

Yours to hand. Don't hesitate to ask me for another Platoon or section unless you require them. I agreed that the Cemetery is vital & want you to hold it strongly and at all costs. I have not heard much from White, you might keep in touch with him and let me know how he is getting on. How do you and B Coy stand for S.A.A. - You will need a lot as a Only send runners on important runs as the village is being shelled badly.

Yours sincerely
 J. Marks
 From
 Place
 Time

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Office of Origin and Service Instructions.	Words.	At m.	At m.	Office Stamp.
		From	To	
		By	By	

TO { R.M.O.

Sender's Number Day of Month In reply to Number **AAA**

Send the S.B. you have with you at R.A.P. up to report "B" Coy, at once.

28/3/18

[Signature]
 Capt
 Adjt. FACT.
 R.A.P.

I have sent up 4 beavers who have just returned from carrying to the relay post. Beavers are very scarce. I do not keep any beavers here.

[Signature]
 Plulton Crisp Major
 R.M.O.

From
 Place
 Time

* This line should be erased if not required.

R.A.P.
 28.3.18

Adjutant
 Fact.

I do not keep any beavers at the R.A.P. They are all with the Companies i.e. 4 Company Beavers & 4 Regimental Beavers with each company. Of the beavers with A.A.D. Coys are not needed, as perhaps they are not, now they are well understood, a couple of squads of Regimental Beavers for them could stop with you.

I sent a squad of beavers up to B. Coy according to your note about 15 minutes ago.

[Signature]
 Plulton Crisp Major
 R.M.O.

Office of Origin and Service Instructions. Words. At m. At m.
 From To
 By By

TO { Dear Capt Thomson.

Sender's Number D.M. 45. Day of Month 28. In reply to Number AAA

Reference attached - can you do anything to shake ambulances beavers along - also we want more stretchers

Yours sincerely
 Davis

From
 Place
 Time

* This line should be erased if not required.

Office of Origin and Service Instructions. Words. At m. At m.
 From To
 By By

TO { Dear "Doc"

Sender's Number D.M. 44. Day of Month 28. In reply to Number AAA

① We are NOT now with the 4th Div - they are all down at RIBEMONT near ALBERT.

② As I said in my previous note the 62nd Div - the people whom we are with now - are sending up ambulances beavers.

③ Endeavouring to get more stretchers

Yours sincerely

From Righto Dave I'll Dave
 Place leave it to m Dave
 Time Keith Craig Mayr
 Also

* This line should be erased if not required.

Recd. 1.5 pm
TW 10 | FACT | 28th

I have just returned from 15th Bⁿ aaa
to complete a secure connection between
myself & them. I propose to make a
strong point tonight at ~~15th Bⁿ~~

K 16a.5, 2 in the line joining S.E. of
Cemetery to fork roads at K 16a.8, 2
(Map 1/40000) aaa. This will cover a
deal of wavy ground and also enfilade
any frontal attack on us aaa

- ② There is a nasty Minenwerfer (heavy)
at K 18a.9, 3 as near as I can get it,
- ③ A column of 40 enemy moved ~~from~~
southwards from K 12d until they
disappeared in dead ground in K 18b aaa

②

This movement was observed at noon,
when I informed liaison, but his
'phone is not working' aaa.

④ These are only isolated cases of movement
by ones or twos in my front - nothing
that can't be dealt with by snipers
from us & 15th.

⑤ A Bosche carrying a Pineapple
thrower was shot near K 16c.9, 9.

J. J. White Lt.

12.30 pm

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			By.....	By.....	

TO { New General

Sender's Number <u>D.M.46</u>	Day of Month <u>28</u>	In reply to Number	AAA
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① We are now through to 15^B & expect to be through to Front line & Brigade very shortly.

② A heavy mine-sweeper is troubling us from about the QUARRY in K 18 d 5.9.

③ At noon a column of about 40 enemy moved Southward from K 12 d and disappeared behind ridge in K 18 t.

④ A Brooke carrying a Granatier for has been shot near K 16 c 99.

Yours etc
[Signature]

1.30pm

From I have NOT seen forward to-day but

Place think we need more T.M. ammunition

Time

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[Signature] for C.O.

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					To.....	By.....
					By.....	(Signature of "Franking Officer.")

TO { Dear White

* Sender's Number <u>D.M.47</u>	Day of Month <u>28</u>	In reply to Number	AAA
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① My order to you last night was to occupy the trench which you referred to in your notes, and hold the old trench as your support line. If you are pushed for space I can give you a section or two.

② Your observation reports are very good and go straight back to Regt HQ.

Yours sincerely
[Signature]

From [Signature]

Place 1.30pm

Time

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z)

Censor..... Signature of Addressee or person authorised to telegraph in his name.

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			By.....	By.....	

TO { N.D.A.

Sender's Number	Day of Month	In reply to Number	AAA
D.M. 47	25		

Number of guns captured to 12 noon 28/3/13
NIL

145 forms
Adjt FRAC

From			
Place			
Time			

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	By.....	By.....

TO { All Pms M/ly T/M B/ly

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* K600			

Please send disposition of Unit H/ly by return runner

See P.M. 50

From FRAC

Place			
Time			
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FACT

NDA
25/3/8

(D31)

12601

await reply

bb1

D. Coy. Disposition

	off	O. R.
Front line	1	32
Reserve line	-	18
Catcombs	2	35
Guard (Ration Dumps)		4
G.M.S. + Cooks		4
Brigade Runner		1

Total strength 94

Detail of men in Catcombs

C.S.M.	1	
Stretcher-bearers	8	
Signallers	4	
Runners	4	
Lewis Gun Cpl.	1	
No. of Reserve Gun crew	1	
Gas guard	3	
Ration carriers to F.L.	4	
Platoon Sgt	1	
Runner	1	
Total	28	
available for duty	7	

Oct. 13th

4 BDE

41st DIV is moving to occupy GOMMECOURT ~~LINE~~ LINE on a general line E 23 D 95 - E 29 Central - K. 5 central - K 10 B with 2 BDES and one in reserve. The line is to be held lightly with Lewis and M.G. posts and bulk of troops kept in hand to meet any threatened point.

2 p.m. 28th

H. Thomson (Capt)
Staff Capt
4 at Bde

2.45 p.m.

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 From _____ To _____
 By _____ By _____

TO { N. D. A. }

Sender's Number D.M. 50. Day of Month 28. In reply to Number R. 600 **AAA**

Pr. Headquarters at.
K 9 d 3. 8

From N. T. A. 2.15 pm
 Place _____
 Time _____

W. Davis Capt
OUT FACT.

* This line should be erased if not required.

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 From _____ To _____
 By _____ By _____

TO { Dear Doc. }

Sender's Number D.M. 52 Day of Month 28 In reply to Number _____ **AAA**

① 62nd Div. has faithfully
 promised to send up this
 afternoon papers by stretcher
 from Tommy Field Ambulance
 ② I will keep them up to
 the scratch - please let
 me know when they arrive.
 Yours sincerely
Davis

From _____
 Place _____
 Time _____

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			From	To	
			By	By	

TO { N.D.A.

Sender's Number	Day of Month	In reply to Number	AAA
D.M. 33	28		

① Enemy is shelling our support line from road at K15 d. 90.99 to K16 a. 4.4 with T.M.'s and 4.2's coming from direction K17 c. 05. Gas FADE reports 5.9 Battery firing from ROSSIGNOL WOOD and T.M. firing from about K18 c. 5.9

② Could 16th establish a relay post at Crucifix?

③ Any hope of a Power Buzzer?

From N.T.A.
 Place 435
 Time

J. Davis Capt
 Capt. PACT

* This line should be erased if not required.

FACT
 29/5. 29

Enemy has been shelling our support line from road at K15 d. 90.99 to K16 a. 4.4 with T.M.'s + 4.2's appear to be coming from direction of K16 c. 9.8. shells from slightly left of support line
 Can our artillery do something

Plan still in
 of c. 6.12
 6.12.07

~~D.M. 33~~

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At.....m.		Service.	From.....
To.....		(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	By.....
By.....			

TO: Adjut 235th H Bde

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. **AAA**

it has been reported that shells are falling short in about K16 H5.0 aaaa there cannot be our shells but is just for your information aaaa a 5.9 battery is firing from ROSSIGNOL Wood and another one true bearing 288 degrees shells dropping in this area & TM

From: Battery is also busy in K18C5.9
Place:
Time: Reason off

I he above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z)
Censor. Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.

* This line should be erased if not required.
(7981) Wt. W492/M1647 130,000 Pads 5/17. D. D. & L. E1187

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28/3/18

Dear Dave,
Sorry about HARPER, glad you got off though. Have been up all night on Camp picnic, damned silly idea + am naturally very tired. Lt. Murray asked me for 250 francs exp photo money, it was NOT in the box. There is no chance yet of getting a cable away, as Bde is out of touch with P.O, as soon as I can get a letter away I will get it sent through my people, to Mr. Brockley. All returns are Jacques. We are approached & asked tomorrow + tonight for a report - over, Major Dickinson was ~~an~~ informant. N.C.O for T.P. cancelled till this ~~is~~ report is over. Pins herewith. ~~Probably~~ ~~with~~ ~~has~~. Do you want any of Lt. staff with before up there.

Yours aye
B. J. [Signature]

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Capt. A. W. Davis
 Tract
 28-3-18

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(2)
Bombs galore coming up with the rations.

Can NOT supplement the letter, no canteen here worth talking about, but could get you a few cigarettes possibly.

On my way here a Major in 31st Div. Train at HUMBER CAMP. asked me to have returned to him at that place 3 limbers borrowed from them to take up Lewis or Vickers guns on the day you moved, do you know anything about it?

David 5 pm

SECRET
All Pm
T
FACE
8 pm
9 pm
B6
following will be 50's
lines - 18 pounders
from 5 AM - 8 pm
K 18 a 20.00 - K 17 Central - K 22 Central
from 8 pm - 5 am
K 18 a 0.6 - K 17 a 70.35 - K 22 a 6.9
4.5 Hows
from 5 am - 8 pm
K 17 c 2.2 - K 17 Central - K 18 a 2.0
from 8 pm - 5 am
K 17 c 0.9 - K 17 a 70.35 -
- K 18 a 00.60
Hows will search forward 300 yards
Any alteration to above will be notified you
B/M Sale
7 pm

(12) Road / 8.45 pm / 8.15 pm

FACT

Ref DMSB

- ① Artillery informed
- ② Cannot credit 5.9 battery in Rosignol wood as L. Wilson and Brigade positively assert British troops. I on K-12 C.
- ③ No hope of a runner relay post.
- ④ No hope of power buzzer
- ⑤ 14th is instructed to clear K 11 and then hold a line facing south along the Sanken Road at bottom of K 1191

Part 9

17/12/40
for B.M.

P.P.P.

Dear Dave,

- ① The bearers & stretchers you mentioned this afternoon have not yet arrived.
- ② My bearers say that there is not a relay post now between here & the next village, & they have to carry right through. The Corporal was down & could not find the 14th R.A.P. Perhaps they have moved away.
- ③ Things are right so far & I am clear here. Plenty gazumpers up the way today.

9.30
9.40
Time received

Phillipbraughy

P.M.S.

P.S. Ask Ted to call in twice me on his way back.

Adjutant
Fac



FACT

29/4 29.

Re prisoners - probably some mistake. My message was that I was making my headquarters with Allen (Bunker) as soon as wire (to wireless telephone to front line) was available. I can see them in support line on a job there. No more in front line.

Have pushed out my post along C.T. running from the left hand side of the cemetery to R 16 & central. Till it is now about 40 yards along the trench the post is now between the two belts of wire on ^{my} front. Am endeavouring to establish a second post on right of my sector.

I have sent out an officer patrol (Mr. Simons in charge) if there is anything of special interest to report on his return will send you down a special note.

Done
10:35 PM

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Have arranged to patrol front with constant patrols from dark till dawn.

At present all is quiet in front - our wire was cut in places this afternoon by the T.M. but if we can get into touch with Fritz, our patrols will watch him to prevent surprise.

Very heavy bombardment this evening for over an hour chiefly by T.M. & ^{soon after} our ^{own} ^{artillery} ^{is} ^{directed} ^{at} ^{the} ^{front} ^{line}. Knocked about a little but no one hurt. One man shell shocked on his gun's platoon on right of road.

Fritz stopped his bombardment when he was ready, introduction of our lot of bombardment on him.

Done

10:35 PM

R. M. Kelly

10 P 17

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			m.	m.	
From		To			
By		By			

TO { Dear "Mac"

Sender's Number	Day of Month	In reply to Number	AAA
D.M. 54.	28	29/14	

Re Pioneer - I fully understood your message re shifting your Headquarters but the Pioneers had left before I got the message. Add Mory ideas was to see what could be done to improve your old Headquarters Add Rations and water already left here Add I am sorry you did not make use of the Pioneers on the Support line

Yours sincerely
Davis

From
Place
Time

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	To		Date
	By	(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	From

TO { Adjutant
FACT

Sender's Number	Day of Month	In reply to Number	AAA
* BR2	28/3/18	-	

The Lucas lamp ~~has~~ been destroyed a shell bursting within a few yards of it. I have ordered the signaller (3) to transport back to you for orders. Meanwhile I shall go to the front line

The shell landed about five yards from myself in the trench.

From
Place
Time

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) *B. B. R. heart*
Censor. Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.

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(3796.) Wt W 49/M1647. 650,000 Pads. 5/17. H.W.&V., Ld. (E. 1187.)

17-45 pm

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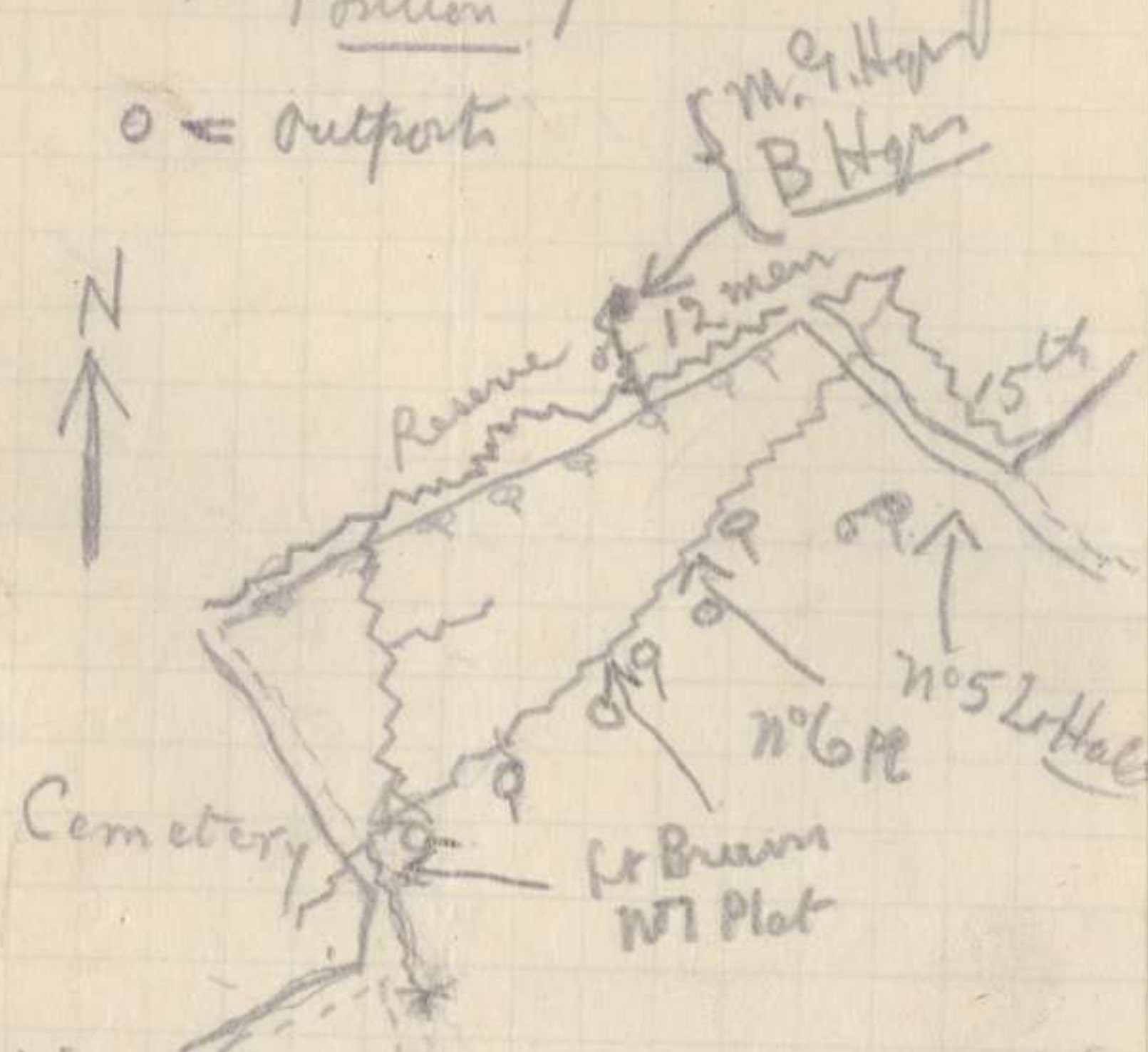
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Lt Cleland -

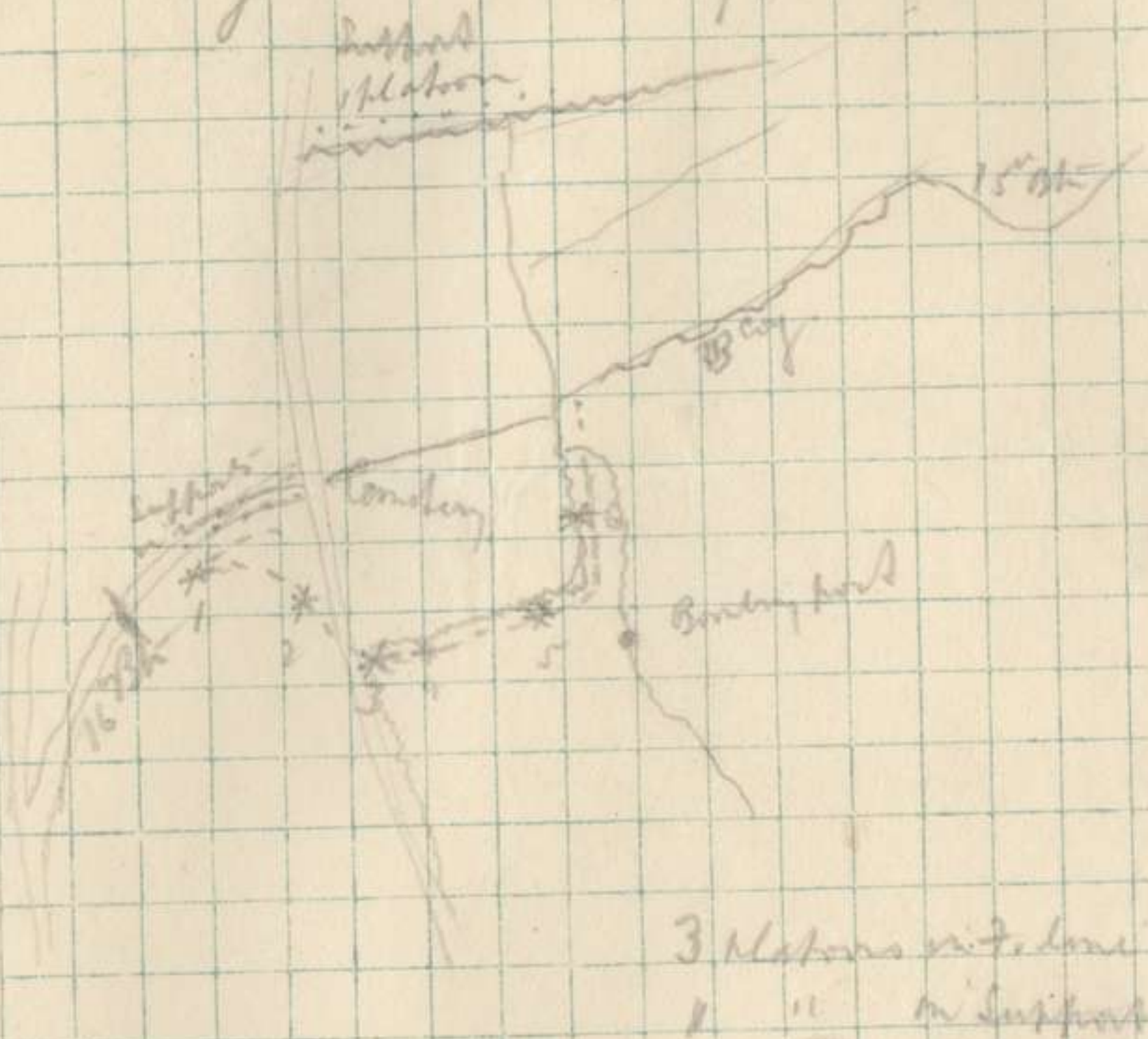
Rough Sketch of
Position

o = Outposts



This gives 8 outposts in front line
reduced to 5 by daylight - the
5 marked o of sketch

Rough sketch of my position



* = 4GUN
 - - - - my line of posts
 Support

3 platoons in line
 1 " in support

not to scale

Intelligence work

Account of patrol

A patrol block has been established
at 7570 along C.T. running
S.E. from E of cemetery.

Patrol block
N.E. C.T.

Intelligence work

Patrols

1st 8 AM 8.30 PM to 10.15 PM down road,
for about 300-350 yds running S from S
corner of cemetery. Then struck N.EAST
till through K 16 c central to curtain
road at K 16 C 90. ^{at 500 yds from gun post} then back again
over same route. We shot at when
nearing was running S from S corner of
cemetery.

When this patrol was out I was
running hard & little to nothing was seen
or heard. It apparently, judging by
the reference of following patrols, passed
700 yds that must have been shot down
from the rear & not keeping a lookout.

1st 2 AM 11.30 - 2.15 determined same,
from road at S corner of cemetery, running
N.E across my line to K 16 C 28.
This is a complete list of work but
is omitted about in place of

P. 1st Lt
in other line gaps through of apparently
made by checked vehicle having been
driven through it at some previous
time + broken it down. With
extra bay contents + wire it would be
piled up + thickened. One end is
A wonder. From a fine obstacle from
the front in daylight the wire mesh
looks good.

10/11 400 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM out on
front of our line on right, was running
5 feet 5 wires of camouflaging. all grass
erecting to report.

10/11 400 7:30 - 4:30 AM
down road 500 yards. till they
came across 7th foot cut 150 yds
down. Re. 1st Lt M. gun there it
was now fine + wires + camouflaging
could be heard in distance further on

10/11 400
behind wire and went out from
post on left of road. out on front
one wire to a post 200 yds on front
of our center. Order to listening post
them: heard voices + noise of outfit
heard in distance but nothing unusual
happening to create suspicion of an
imminent attack.

10/11 400 4:30 daylight. went out
with same instructions as above
+ to immediately report anything
unusual.

B Co on my left has established a
listening post through night along their
front to 15th Battalion. and have also
established a post out on front of their
wire in the center of their position.
they report all normal.

Intelligence Cont

Our camp was active during day.
M. guns being quiet on my sector both
by day & night.

Our M gun active as soon as target
presents itself. Had fair amount of
firing during morning up to 10 AM
quiet during night owing to our
patrols being out & lacking targets.

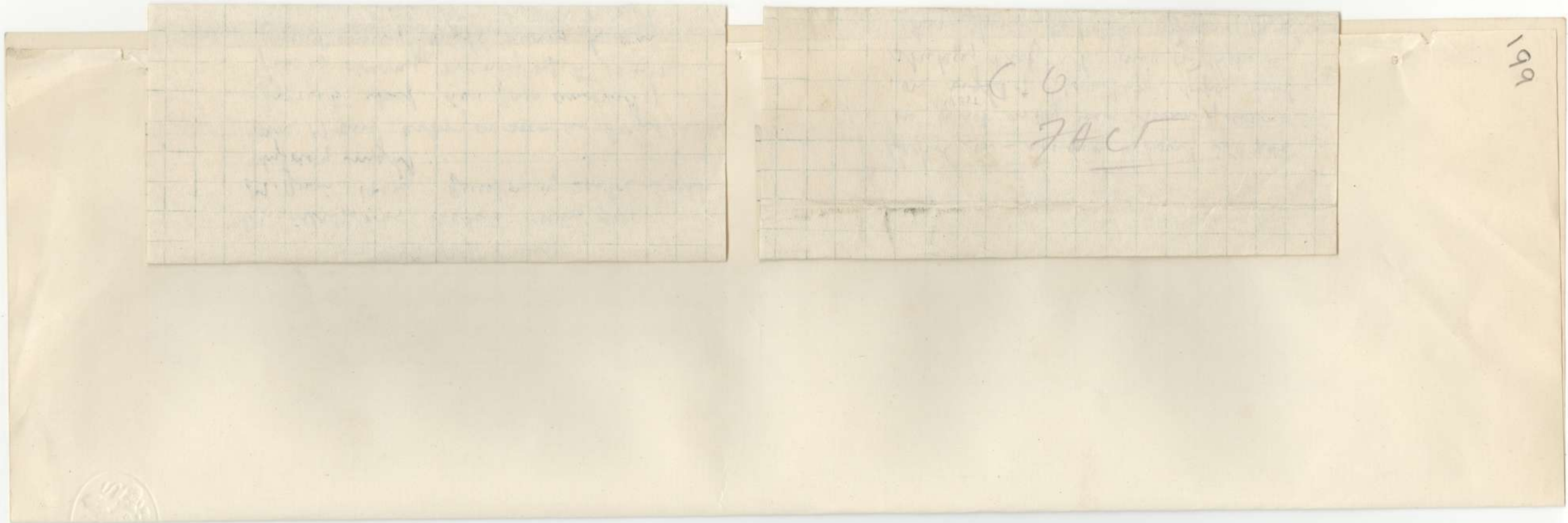
Enemy planes, odd plane from a post along
road running south from S corner of
cemetery and out about 150 yds from
our line. This post was passed by
my first patrol tonight who reported
no enemy within 300 yds along this
road. Am closely watching this post
with a view to getting it either tonight
or first thing tomorrow night. I fear with
identification additional business at hand
making that of line our sent in since
coming into the line 8.00.

FACT

29/5 29.

Patrol in - reached a point 350 yds
in front on my road running down
on ^{WEST} right of cemetery before
striking Futz who fired on them -
from there patrolled across front
& patrol information was out over
500 yds on left of my position struck
nothing a lot - nothing to report, all quiet and
no signs of movement by Futz.

Patrol
9.15
10.45 PM



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C. G.
FACT

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TO FACT Works Report. 29/3/18

no 2 Platoon? Trench on right of Road in
St. Baker. R. 16. at 1.7. Has had a
3. new shelters made also
about 50 yds of trench. Boards
and timber has been put
down to assist in keeping
- men's feet dry. -

no 1 Platoon. ? cleaned 2 cellars
St. Kelaker. out for men to sleep
in during the day.
Also repaired several
parts of trenches that were
blown in during the Enemy
Bombardment. during the day
28/3/18. by maple line

TO FACT. Intelligence Report. 29/3/18

Enemy artillery very quiet during the
night of 28/3/18
at about 5 A.M. He opened fire by
shelling very heavily the main Road
running through Village. Size of Shell
5"9. after 9 A.M. 28/3/18 he directed his
fire amongst the Village Buildings,
and put down in the afternoon a
heavy barrage along main Rd and
behind support line. He ceased
firing about 4.30 P.M.

His guns were firing from right
and left flanks of our Batt position.
He has been stripping along main
Rd at intervals during the day.

no. 2

Our own operations

Our artillery put down several Barrages during the day. Our planes flew very low over enemy lines during the morning.

Enemy M. Guns are very active during the day and night. They directed down main street and over support trenches.

Enemy plane was over our line between 7:30 to 8 A.M. and 2 planes over at 12:45 P.M. 28/3/18.

G. Harper, Lieut.

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To Lieut. A. Coy.

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One of our own batteries has just sent over half a dozen shells all of which fell inside our own lines. Three fell within a few yards of this support line close to the road. I think they were 18 lbs. H. K. K.

8 A.M.

Recd 8.30 am
Passed to Bde.

H. K. K.
29/3/18

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Result of 2nd shot - 1st
2nd NOT observed.

8.55 am - Short 18-pdr lobbed
at K16a7,4

J. H. White

To Bde. 9.5 am.
29/3/18.

Our own shells falling
in our own trench —
four of them at 8.10 to
8.12 am — at K16a3,5
slightly to right of junction of
2 roads

J. H. White

8.13 am

18 pads firing
 200 lbs N.E. Ammunition
 at 8 a.m.
 4 shots full short
 Verbal word 8.10 a.m. from
 B Coy.
 To Bde 8.12 a.m.
 [Signature]

Prefix.....Code.....M.
 Office of Origin and Service Instructions.
 Sent
 Atm.
 To
 By.....
 This message is on a/c of:
 Recd. at.....m.
 Date.....
 From...STONE
 By...20,000.
 REF SHEET

TO { Fact
 [Stamp: Recd. 30/3/18.]

Sender's Number * M. 9. 24
 Day of Month 29
 In reply to Number
 AAA

The following are the locations of
 the Vickers Guns in the Brigade
 Section

No 1 Gun	K 21 b 48 37	✓
" 2 "	K 16 c 23 67	✓
" 3 "	K 15 a 85 04	✓
" 4 "	K 15 b 28 28	✓
" 5 "	K 16 a 79 40	✓
" 6 "	K 16 a 85 50	✓
" 7 "	K 16 b 00 75	✓
" 8 "	K 10 c 95 10	✓
" 9 "	K 8 d 63 55	✓
" 10 "	K 8 d 89 65	✓
" 11 "	K 3 c 40 20	✓
" 12 "	K 3 c 45 25	✓
" 13 "	K 3 c 98 65	✓
" 14 "	K 3 d 03 72	✓

From " 15 " K 10 a 50 96 ✓
 Place " 16 " K 10 a 68 88

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 [Signature: Paulbowl Capt.]
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 (7700) Wt. W492/M1647 110,000 Pads. 5/17 C. & R. Ltd. (E. 1187.)
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Prefix	Code	m.	Received	Sent	Office Stamp
Office of Origin and Service Instructions. Words.			At	At	
			m.	m.	
			From	To	
			By	By	

TO: N. D. A.

Sender's Number	Day of Month	In reply to Number	AAA
D.M. 55	29		

① Enemy Minnie positions were observed firing from direction of K22 d. 2.4 and K22 d. 5.5 killing in front line and support trenches etc. We would like to observe & shoot on these positions.

② Small enemy working parties are working at work intrenching approximated along a line from 'K28 b. 2.4' (OBSERVATION WOOD) to about 150 yds eastwards.

From	
Place	N.T.A.
Time	11.40 am

This line should be erased if not required.

[Handwritten signature]
W. J. F. A. C.

J.W. 15 | Fact | 29

Enemy Minnie positions as follows - I would like to observe & shoot on to them. -

~~K22 d. 2.4~~ K22 d. 2.4

~~K22 d. 5.5~~ K22 d. 5.5

Enemy working parties are at work intrenching approximately along a line from K28 b. 2.4 eastwards (Observation Wood eastwards)

(OBSERVATION WOOD eastwards)

D.M. 55
11 am J. A. White
~~11 am~~

Prefix..... Code..... m. Received Sent Office Stamp.
 Office of Origin and Service Instructions. Words. At..... m. At..... m.
 From..... To.....
 By..... By.....

TO { All Coy

Sender's Number D. 19.36 Day of Month 29 In reply to Number AAA

Password to-night is
 MELBOURNE
 Note promulgate and
 destroy this memo.

From N.T.A. [Signature]
 Place [Signature]
 Time 11.45am [Signature]

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B.M. 02 4th Aust. Inf Bde.
 CO 13th Bn HQ 29/3/8
 Please arrange for the officers and NCO's
 left out with your 33% to reconnoitre
 the routes to, and forward area in case
 it may be necessary to call them out
 at any time
 These should come up in small
 daily
 Copy to Major Dickenson DSO. [Signature] Major
 Brigade Major

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Office of Origin and Service Instructions. Words. At m. At m.
 From To
 By By

TO { Lieut. White & 116 Kellop

Sender's Number D.M.56. Day of Month 29 In reply to Number **AAA**

At 3 pm to-day 14th Bom will straighten out the position in K11 a and b a.s.a. At that hour (you will know when the stunt starts from the noise that is made) but we must try and synchronise the watches to be sure) I want you to give whatever covering fire you can with L.G.'s rifle and Vickers guns on to such of the following squares as you can observe a.s.a. 17 a and b, 18 a and in particular 12 c a.s.a. Be

From very careful as to direction and
 Place
 Time

* This line should be erased if not required.

Office of Origin and Service Instructions. Words. At m. At m.
 From To
 By By

TO { (2)

Sender's Number Day of Month In reply to Number **AAA**

don't do anything unless you can closely observe the fire a.s.a. Vickers in Cemetery might do some good. Adv. Acknowledge by wire and tell me how you are getting on.

From N.T.A. 2.45 pm
 Place
 Time

W. James Capt
Adjt FAET

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Dear Captain Mc Killip,

The C.O. wants you to clear up the mud in your trenches tonight

He also wants you to see that the wire in front of you is strengthened up if necessary

If you haven't wire & pickets ask for them

J.P. Williams Lt
for C.O. 13th Bn

Prefix.....	Code.....	m.	Received	sent	Office Stamp.
Office of Origin and Service Instructions, Words.			At.....m.	At.....m.	
			From.....	To.....	
			By.....	By.....	
TO {					
Sender's Number		Day of Month	In reply to Number		AAA
The bearer of this <i>Mme. BOUENNE</i>					
returned to <i>HEBUTERNE</i> via <i>SAILLY</i>					
and is now proceeding to <i>THIEVRES</i> .					
The papers appear to be in order					
<i>J.P. Williams</i>					
Lt					
29/3/18.					
4:25 pm					
From					
Place					
Time					

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Office of Origin and Service Instructions.

This message is on a/c of: Recd. at m.

Sent Date.....

At m. Service. From.....

To..... By.....

By..... (Signature of "Franking Officer.")

TO { Capt. Gray R.A.M.C. 2/2nd West Kings Buffs

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. A A A

* B M 410 29

As one of our R.M.O's
 has been wounded
 you will report to
 C.O. 13th B.N. at once
 and A.D.T.C. 62nd DIV
 has authorised this.
 Because of this note will
 guide you

From 4 Army Inf Bde
 Place
 Time 4.50 pm

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) H. Thompson

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O.C. R.A.P.
 Dear Sir

I have got a crack & am
 afraid I'd have to get out
 one in the night, a small piece
 in my nose.
 Doc Allen will do the exam for
 the 13th he is just opposite
 to me.
 I am letting him know.
 Am talking back with me as far
 as the C.C.K.
 Cheers etc for the present
 R. M. O. evacuated 29/3/18.
 R. M. O. evacuated 29/3/18.
 [Signature]

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Office of Origin and Service Instructions

Wt. 70 Charge. This message is on a/c of: Recd. at 7.50 p.m.

Sent Date 29/3/18

At m. Service. Date.

To From.

By (Signature of "Franking Officer.") By. Lane

TO { 4th Aust Bde
Repeated all Bus

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. AAA

* 9384 29/3

Following from	4 th Corps	begin	aaa
joined at	10 am	tomorrow	30 th
Aeroplanes of	59 th Squadron	fire	with
R.F.C	will	the	enemy
M.C.S	on	K11d	&
trenches in	K12d	&	
K17b	in	K12d	&
K18b	aaa	Buds	aaa
all troops	in	front	
system should	be	warmed	
about these	planes	to	
prevent any	chance	of	
them	being	on	them
aaa	addd	185	186
187	and	4 th Aust Bde	

From 62nd Div

Place 7.10 p.m.

Time 6 pm

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(2982) Wt. W492/M1647 130,000 Pads 5/17 D. D. & L. E1187

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Sent Date Service. Date

At m. From

To By (Signature of "Franking Officer.")

TO {

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. AAA

* 29/3/18

7.50 pm "C" Coy report heavy shelling on right flank. 16th Pm. moved slightly to the right. 16th Pm. say they are alright & if there was any shuffling just temporary.

From

Place

Time

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	Sent		Service.	Date
	At m.			From
	To		(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	By
	By			

TO: 7167

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* 29/11	29		

all quiet here now patrols out on right + left of road from S end of cemetery. have an officer out. and the left patrol shelling very heavy for 3 hours this evening salvo's of 5's + smaller guns also taking part only 1 casualty. little damage to trench + c.T. but have party out now repairing. ~~also~~ I also have a party in block on trench running out from S end of cemetery pushing it out another 20 yds to afford better protection to my line. will be unable to locate places where more bought exact places where urgently needed if any. Am sending a patrol along wire to investigate any damage done by today's bombardment.

From: [unclear]
 Place: [unclear]
 Time: by any means coming up [unclear] PM

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Revd. 10.10pm
 Dear Marks
 29/3/18

3 Platoons 16th are attacking enemy position in front of 14th position

Bombardment commences 10-30 P.M. and our fellows left in 10-45 P.M.

I have advised your people up in front and am just letting you know.

Don't allow any telephones talk suggest what is happening.

John McCarthy

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A Coy's
Intelligence Report. 30/3/18

Enemy Artillery.

Firing at intervals during the day on main Rd of Village, and around the church. Size of shells thought to be 5.9. also enemy shelled cross roads near the catacombs and around the catacombs, and about midnight he put over about 10 shells of heavy calibre.

Enemy M.G.

— very active during the day. Firing down main street also enfilade fire on Support trench in K. 16. A. 1. 7. He also fires his M. G. at the same time as he fires his field guns.

no 2

Enemy Planes

were over this Village about 10 a.m. 2. Planes. —

Our own Artillery.

Lieut. Baker reports that our artillery were firing short this morning, but range of guns he thought had been fixed after they were reported falling short. —
One of our planes believed to be over at midnight. —
J. Trauer Lieut.

So

Adj

30/3/18

Sir,

About 60 of A Coy's men managed to get ~~clean~~ shirts, underpants and a few pairs of socks. Some of them changed old boots for new ones.

No 1 & 2. Platoons feet are in good condition.

No 3. Platoon several complain of heels ~~beginning~~ beginning to feel sore. Could you hand me some socks please also some Salt Powder.

Y. M. A. P. Lt.

^{Post}
JW16 FACT 30th

Moderately shelled with "Minnies", 5.9s & British 18 pounders (fired by enemy) all day. Night to 1.30 am light shelling.

29th - From 4 to 6 pm we were heavily shelled by 18-pdrs, Minneweifes & 5.9s.

From 5.40 to 6.10 pm Minneweifes straffed us severely.

7 to 7.30 pm About 20 Gas shells were mixed with HE, apparently Phosgene Gas, but the area is unoccupied & no one was

allowed in it. Area is now free
of gas on account of wind

4:30pm - Enemy heavily shelled
area K22a and K22b & AAA.

Many other of enemy shells fell
in this area during the day.

2) CT. from K16a44 to
K16a4,2 was started.

Front line & Support were
cleaned of mud & remade
where shell broken.

J. Althet

Intelligence

Artillery Battery Direct on my sector
during morning and early part of
afternoon only moderate shelling
in part of our wire and over a few
over into cemetery. At 4.45 P.M.
he opened up with 5.9's & smaller
guns and heavily shelled the
sector on our right and ^{left} right
of adjoining Batis sector. Later
on that day changed his direction
to our supports on night. + on
road on W of cemetery + a few feet
over the front line. Shelling died
away about 8.30 P.M. The whole
was a severe bombardment
of our whole sector but was not
so heavy on my supports as yesterday.
Our artillery active at different
periods during the day.

+ M. only a few ^{very} enemy tanks over
us today

Intelligence

our T.M's inactive

M. guns Enemy very quiet during
last day night

our M. guns active during day
when targets presented themselves
also had a gun assaulting the
14th street by firing on ground
over which supports would move.
during night inactive

Flare one white flare seen
put up by 2nd on night of
my sector

Aeroplane one enemy plane seen
flying low

Aeroplane ours but nearly no
active as the previous two
days

Remarks during the day. Any
quantity of targets observed in
the distance about 3000 yards
or so off. These consisted

of transport, ammunition columns,
troops marching along the road
in four files + smaller formations,
also a battery of guns, not smaller
than G.2's observed before

ROSSIGNOL WOOD from K.12
to 7.3 to K.12 to 6.6

Suggestion
an artillery 700 to send up
as the observation was so good +
there had been so much to see
the two days we have been here, +

one arrow to night 29/30th

Patrol report on separate sheet

Report letter to
D.C. & Coy

5.5.41

Disposition Report

I made the following alterations in my posts on the left of the road W of Cemetery.

a ~~number of~~ ~~over the~~ ~~head~~ this part of the sector a one platoon sector with the addition of a L.G. and L.G. section; placing the other platoon in support. at + adjacent H 15 a 97.

b made the following new posts

① L.G. post at H 16.0 06
+ 3 rifle snatching post at intervals to my right L.G. post at about H 15 a 80.55

a Handled over to D Coy my portion of the line on the W of the cemetery. The remainder of my

sector is unaltered
R. H. Little
17.02

Patrols continued.
Unfortunately in getting over a bank the two leading men of the patrol saw two Japs approaching. They then fired on Japs who rushed at them throwing a bomb at the same time afterwards decamping. One two men wounded. The rest of the patrol came up & without trying to conceal their movements brought their two comrades in without any indication from Japs.

L.P.R. 4 AM - 6 AM. Patrol sent out to act as L.P.R. in front of my sector & afterwards to patrol up to the wire. Not yet returned.

R. H. Little
17.02

Patrol Report

1508 588
A bit C. ok
BC & D
further
Have gone up
for patrol
4.45

2 hrs + 4

1 am to 3.45 am

Route from K16c. 10.55 thence
along road for 175 yds north
a point about 15 yds from trench
at K16c. 10.25 road reached

A working party was observed
in a trench road which is
about 7 feet deep at about
K22.a. 30.85 & from the noise
they made it would appear that
they were picking the road with
the object of making an obstruction
across the road

At K16c. 10.25 the patrol
was fired on & it was followed
by a bomb which came from
approximately K16c. 15.15. Result
patrol leader wounded in head
A.M.C. was heard & the flashes
appeared to be but could not
be located.

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Patrol report - night 29/10/04

OR OR

173 - 8.30 - 10 PM out through wire on
left of my sector as a listening
post for some time & worked
to left. Everything normal

4 10 - 12 PM worked on night from
point S of Cemetery worked along
from Fritz's post out about
120 yds from our post & then in
an easterly direction returning
through K16 a. 4.7 - Light
too bright to get too close
to Fritz's posts. In returning
saw Fritz's patrol of 12 men
who got into trench about
K16 c. 5.6

7 12 AM - 4 AM Special HQ's patrol
went out on right of road
nearby S of Cemetery. Heard
lot of talking & saw a couple
down the road about 200 yards
from our post at K16 c. 1.6

TT. All BNS

7.0 a.m. / 30.4

Supplies.

AMMUNITION.

There are now about 1500
N^o 23 Rifle grenades and N^o 5
Mills in small dumps on
roadside between Crucifix and
entrance to Helbuterna.

There are several hundred N^o 36
Rifle grenades. These are ^{supplied} with
gas catch and special ballistite
cartridge and carry 300 yds.
They can be used with rods like the
23 - but in that case ordinary
cartridges must be used to avoid
accidents.

A few Tommy Cooks sent up
yesterday. Solidified alcohol is
being sent up with rations from
today onward. Rum is also being
supplied now - H. Thomson Capt

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					At..... m.	Service.
					To.....	From.....
					By.....	By.....

TO { All Bns

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* R929	30		

Extract from wire from 62 Bw.
Wire can be obtained at
FONQUEVILLERS a/c units working on
or occupying trenches must ensure
that all trenches running from
the enemy into their trench have
bomb stops - Unless it entails too
much work the trench will be
straightened for 60 yards so that
it can be commanded by rifle
or Lewis Gun fire from the trench -
Otherwise it must be stopped by
wire a/c. This work is of primary
importance and even though the
troops are very tired must be done.
a/c ends a/c for necessary action

From	<u>Jace</u>	<u>Red 6.10 PM</u>
Place	<u>11.40 A</u>	
Time		

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Office of Origin and Service Instructions.

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Date.....
From.....
By.....
(Signature of "Franking Officer.")

Sent
At.....m.
To.....
By.....

TO { FACT }

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. AAA
* Bm 421 30 30 76 AAA

Acknowledged

Received 11.50 am
During village
30/3/18
even shells
no other message

30/8/18

From A. A. J. Bde
Place
Time

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"A" Form
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

(in pads of 100).
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From.....
By.....
(Signature of "Franking Officer.")

Sent
At.....m.
To.....
By.....

TO { FACT repeated to FILE and FALL }

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. AAA
* 30th AAA

Reference proposed shift of
one bay to the left tonight
AAA.
No action to be taken
except preliminary
arrangement until
success of minor operation
of FADF is assured AAA

2.26pm

From FFICE
Place
Time 2.10pm

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By 30/4 30

The 3 British officers I sent down with Lt Simpson told me they had come down the front line from the T.3. Sector as they have no authority to be in the Aust. Sector and have not reported to you. I sent them down under escort to you

Part 5.15/4

Robt Campbell etc etc etc C.C.

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At				Date	
To				From	
By				(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	

TO { O.C. D. Coy

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.
* D. 19.71	30	AAA

There may be a possibility of some companies being relieved by 16th Bn. to-night and I'm going round to relieve the 15th Coy on whatever left. Add. See that some officers & N.C.O.'s reconnoitre line in anticipation. Add. You will get further details as to time later. Add. Acknowledge

From	N.T.A
Place	6.15/4
Time	
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Row 9.55 pm

4th Adv

20/3/18
7 pm

Dear Mark

On the night - 31st March
1st Div (No-mans ridge) the
37 Div will relieve the 62 Div
We are not being relieved
now and we likely to rejoin
the 4th Div until after the
minor operations by the N.Z.
Division in which we will
co-operate.

From what the Lt Col
① 62 Div the new the
N.Z. Div. has to construct
the line from VEBUTERNE
to BEHUMONT HAMEL at
an early date.

I have to see General
Purcell (N.Z. Div) at 10 am
to-morrow to arrange details
get a good supply of
bombs to be in hand.

Yours sincerely,
C. H. Frank

SECRET Battalion Order No 76

H.Q.
FACT.
20-3-18

(B7)

The following readjustment
of the front held by the
Battalion will take effect
from 4 a.m. 30/3/18.

(1) (a) 'D' Company will take
over from the junction with
the 16th Battalion at
approximately K15.d.8.6 to
K16.c.10.55 with one Platoon
in the front line and two
Platoons in trench from
K16.a.0.0 to K15.b.7.2.

(b) Two Lewis guns and
crews will be attached
to 'A' Company and remain
in catacombs. The remainder
will be disposed at discretion.

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of Company Commander but
it is suggested that there
be one in front line and
two in support

(2) "C" Company will hold
from left boundary above
above (block at K16 c 15.55
inclusive) to trench junction
at K16 c 25.80 (block and
junction inclusive)

"B" Company from K16 c 25.80
to Cross Roads K16 a 5.4

(3) "A" Company will now be
disposed as follows -

(1) One Platoon with three Lewis
guns holding a line approx-
imately K15 b 8.5 to
K16 a 2.6.

(4) Balance plus two Lewis guns
with crews from "D" Company
attached in catcombs

(3)

(c) "A" Company will be
responsible for all ration
parties until further orders.

(4) Acknowledge.

W. Davis Capt.
Adj. FACT

Issued at 2.30 am.

Copies to:-

"A" Coy. ✓

"B" Coy. ✓

"C" Coy. ✓

"D" Coy. ✓

4th A.I./Pde. ✓

File. ✓

D. Coy
 Intelligence North
 Enemy shelled our sector
 during the day at regular
 intervals with whiz-bangs
 and 5.9's. Most of the shells
 seem to be coming from
 our left. At 7.50 am a
 Lewis gun was put out of
 action by a 5.9.

At 3 am a working
 party was heard at approx
 K16 C 2.1. After they were
 located and before a Lewis
 gun could be brought to
 bear on them a shell
 landed near them and
 they dispersed. They had
 not returned to work ~~at~~
 at daylight.

C. Irvine Lt.

7.6 am.

FACT
 3/11 3031
 Intelligence

(Artillery Fritz's) During day very
 heavy bombardments of sectors
 on our right + left. Except a
 few 'shots' all the firing was
 over my trenches. Only had one
 casualty in line. V. Quiet after dark
 our artillery active during day on
 different targets

T. No. both sides quiet
 Artillery. Few hours observation but
 none of the enemy's

Flare. When a couple of 'shots' from
 enemy artillery fell on my line
 Fritz put up 2 green flares from
 post about 100 yds down road
 in front of my right

Two Fritz's shot boxes near the
 above post.

Photos on separate sheet
 M. Gun not quiet. P. 7.15 AM. C. 1
 4.15, 5.15 C. 1

Patrols night 30/31 Road
H. 4

4. OR 8.30-10.30 out on night was
post on left of Fuby post as the
leaf left across front to the left
leading from the left of my
sector. Fuby has a new MG gun
down this side about 500 yds
from our line. On returning
to our trench saw Fuby post
of 5. about 50 yards in front
of our ^{wire} ~~wire~~ on the line over towards
their post other everything normal

4. OR 10.30-12.30 same but all quiet

4. OR 12.30-2.30 out along the whole
front of wire then back on listening
post 50 yds in front. all normal

4. OR 2.30-4.30 same but as has 142
not yet returned.

A Fuby post was observed in night
of my sector but darkness was
prevalent

R. White Lt
4. 15/31

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* PW. 20	31		

Patrolled from K16a8.4 southwards
300 yards. ~~no~~ enemy ~~not~~
~~not~~ seen. Many new
enemy small positions suitable
for machine guns or snipers were
seen between K16a8.4 and K16c2.7
but these were unoccupied. ~~an~~
Enemy flare post, with most probably a
machine gun, at road junction K16a90.05.
No enemy working parties heard.

This patrol out from 11pm to 1am
The wire on my left front is a good deal
broken.

R. White Lt

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From	R. White Lt
Place	
Time	1.30 pm
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Sender's Number * <u>C 014</u>	Day of Month <u>31</u>	In reply to Number	AAA
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Am in position but the relieved Coy has not moved out yet as they are waiting for orders.
Am putting the whole Coy in the front line and men there are not as strong as relieved Coy.
Will send further information later.

Recd. 1.10 am
11/11/18
C. A. Wine to

From _____
Place _____
Time 12.45 am

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TO { Dear. { "Mac" White }
 { Irvine }

Sender's Number * <u>A.D. 80</u>	Day of Month <u>31st</u>	In reply to Number	AAA
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- ① Am afraid there is no hope of a relief for some days yet. Consequently you must go carefully into the question of exchanging tired men with 33% people. More especially as we may be called on to assist in a minor operation.
- ② I say may because I hope to do most of our share in the way we got the Cemetery.
- ③ Patrols have been down C.T. on left of Cemetery for 150 yds without striking Boerke. The one on the right of Cemetery has an enemy post near FORK ROAD.
- ④ Down / before two C.Ts. our posts must be nibbled forward immediately.

From _____
Place _____
Time _____

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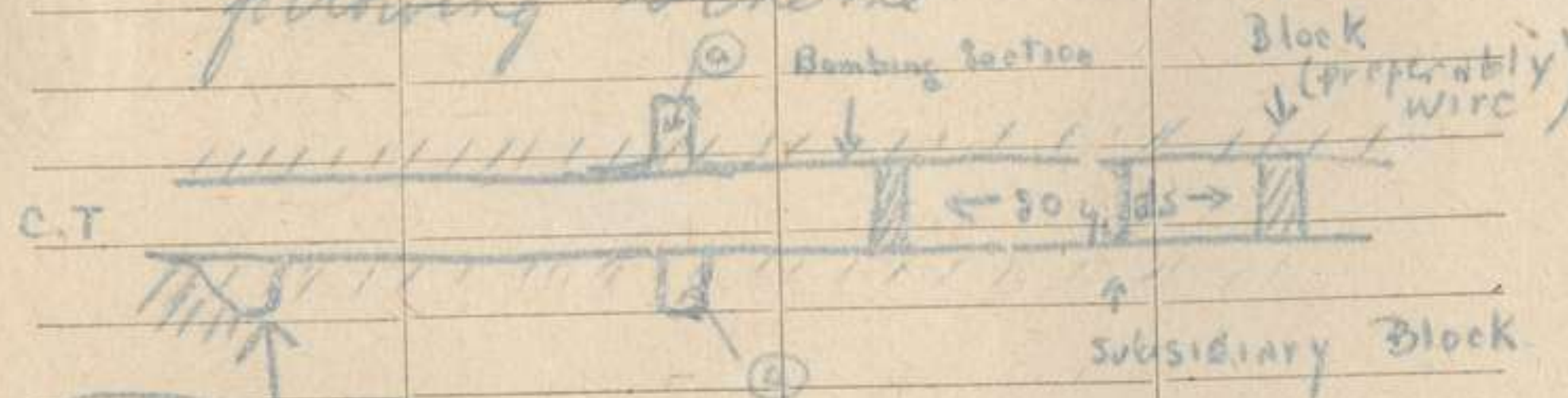
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 To _____
 By _____ (Signature of "Franking Officer.")

TO { _____ (2) _____

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. **AAA**

⑤ To-night "Mac" will endeavour to establish bombing posts at K 16 C 5.6. (i.e. a little over 150 yds down left C.T.) and at K 16 C 15.35. (i.e. 100 yds from junction with trench)

⑥ Blocks to be made according to following scheme



① = Rifle Grenadiers

From ① Block at present on right of Cemetery is no damn use?
 Place _____
 Time _____

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 To _____
 By _____ (Signature of "Franking Officer.")

TO { _____ (3) _____

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. **AAA**

⑤ Rations ~~will~~ have been rather short lately but we are assured of an improvement. You might explain to the men that there has been good cause for the trouble but that things should be better now.

⑥ You are coming forward + Trench Foot powder will be here soon. Set down onto Foot Inspections again

⑦ Don't let your rigorous patrol policy slacken. The success of any subsequent movement will depend largely upon the value of your patrol reports

⑧ Will get along to-night if I can. Yours etc

From ~~DESTROY THIS~~ _____
 Place _____
 Time _____

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H. D.D. 31/3/18
4/4/18
Perch. 6.35 pm

Dear ~~Wok~~ Socks On my return
Swadie told me 2000 pairs socks
had just been delivered by
Yuckitt at our transport lines, so
I assume your L.M. will send
up some tonight. Nevertheless
I have wired H² Div. to send
2500 & Talk powder on alternate
days.

Lewis Guns have wired
D.A.D.O.S. to have a small reserve
at our transport lines.

Lead have also wired
H² Div. to send "lead" people
to transport lines. Stated that
many were stranded at
Etaples.

Rations Walsh 7th A.S.C.
is alongside of me now & says
that the meat & bread is

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rather short. He says that
H² Corps is now drawing from
Railhead DOULERS and things
will improve hereafter.
Jagers for 11036 Bomb. Swadie
says that 8 were issued to
Pans by D.A.D.O.S. some time ago
& units should have them.
They are not issued with the
books or procurable at dumps.
Control of traffic on road
from Bde H² Div. to village of
HERUTERIE on my way home
I was sniped at by apparently
a 77 from R. or 2nd Hood!
The road is in full view
& am sure Bosch will
concentrate there if parties are
not kept well apart. I
have stationed a control just
past Bde H² Div. with orders
to make all units Australian
& British obey these instructions

and small parties at reasonable distance.
 Artillery OP for surprise gun. Major Clifton R.F. has situated a good O.P. in K.10.D. 5.3. to deal quickly with targets in front of 14th & 15th bn. The F.O.O. will be attached to 14th bn. The 15th bn to do its own observation & reporting of targets. This change starts tomorrow.

Yours Sincerely
 (Sp) C.A. Brown.

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TO { OC D Coy

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. A A A
 * A.D.81. 31

- ① Left Column takes place at 9 pm and you want north relieved by 16th bn and then move forward.
- ② If you have not much room for further supports let me know.
- ③ Send down dispositions immediately you are in position.
- ④ Acknowledge.

From V.T.H. 8 pm
 Place
 Time
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(B8)

Battalion Order No 78.

31/3/18.

① At ~~8 pm~~ ^{9 pm} ~~the~~ ~~relief~~ ~~order~~ ~~is~~ ~~given~~ ~~that~~ ~~D~~ ~~Co~~ will be relieved by a Company of 16th Bⁿ & will on relief move to the left of B Company & relieve a Company of 15th Bⁿ in Front line.

② Boundary with 15th Battalion will be K.16a 9.6. That Battalion ~~is~~ holding sap head inclusive

③ Apart from modification mentioned in para ② the line will be taken ~~over~~ ^{over} as now occupied.

④ Acknowledge.

W. J. Davis Capt.
Adj. 13th Bⁿ

Issued at 8 pm

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* CD 11	31	A. D. 81	

A. D. 80 and B. n. O. 78 acknowledged
 Will show O.C. of relieving
 Coy the former so that he
 will know our policy.
 Will you give O.C. Coy
 orders to send back control
 of six men to me.
 Can you supply phone
 at new position?
 16th sent word that they
 will be about 15 minutes
 late in relieving.

Recd 9.30 pm

W. J. Davis

From	
Place	
Time	8.47

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To From

By (Signature of "Franking Officer.") By

TO { I.D.A.

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. A A A

* A. 282. 31

Reference prisoner captured (wounded) at cemetery at 9 PM. Forwarded dispatches which he attempted to destroy. We should be interested to hear if there is anything of importance in them under separate cover.

From I.D.A. Place 9.20 PM Time

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P.S. Please send me some envelopes

FACT 31/11 31

11.30 AM

Herewith papers from 2nd wounded party. Think these must have been two runners who lost their way. Both were unarmed & one had two messages which he took up. All papers sent down to you 10.25 PM. J.C.C. Coy

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Narrative
Thoms. 31/3/18 to.

Date.	Serial no.	From	To	Time	Subject
31/3/18	Verbal	Bde.	H.H.	7pm	Orders received that left close to be gone on with - Coy. of 16th Pm. relieved "D" Coy on L. on "D" Coy. relieved Coy. of 15th Pm. on R.
do	1	-	D	8pm	Order re above - to commence at 9 pm.
do	Verbal	C	H.H.	9pm.	Two prisoners belonging to 8th Coy. 126th Regt. captured (wounded) near Cemetery - important documents found on them which they tried to destroy.
31/3/18	2	D.	H.H.	1.45am	Report move complete & in position.

Translation of German
Divisional Order of 30th March 1918,
captured by 13th Battalion A.I.F.
at HEBUTERNE - 8.30pm 31st March 18.

Sector of XIV Res Corps is now
divided into two Divisional Sectors.
Right Div Sector (119 Inf Div) from
LITTLE WOOD 125 inclusive to
100 m. N of FORT in road from
SUGAR FACTORY 400 m. S of HEBUTERNE.
The 119 I.D. will be strengthened by
1. Regt of H. I.D.
Left Div Sector (39 ID) in touch
with 119 ID as far as Corps
Boundary 200 m. S of Eastern Railway
Crossing on SERRE-MAILLY ROAD.
To the left of 39 ID. is 21 ID.

BATTLE ZONES.

Right limit - S. edge of PUISIEUX -
Junction of SERRE-HEBUTERNE RD. with
Railway K 30 a 3.9. - 100 m N of
FORT Road at S end of Fer de la
HAIE - S edge of SOUASTRE
Left - N edge of MIRAUMONT -
200 m S. of E. Railway Crossing on
SERRE-MAILLY Road - S end of
BERTINCOURT.

Boundaries in the enemy sector apply similarly for Artillery zones.

IR 172 with attached troops will be relieved on the 31st in the early hours of the morning by 46 R.R. of 119 I.D.

IR 126 will be relieved on the right flank on the night of 31st/1.4 by one Regt of 4. I.D. Regt will be named later - It will remain in position on right flank of Division.

In consequence of the battle now in progress particular attention must be paid during the relief to keeping touch on the N.E. of the line. Should an attack take place during the relief, all reliefs will be cancelled.

The reserves will hold on & take up connections with the nearest Regimental Battle HQ.

Regt Battle HQ as follows:-

92 IR	1315/5A	(K294 88).
77 IR	1316/16B	(K290 22).
79 IR	1415/7D	(K348 1.1).

Brigade Battle HQ will be notified by the Guide.

263 Aviation detachment and 20 Balloons.

Section remains attached to the Division.

The following light signals are in force from 12 midnight (or midday?) 31st March 1918.

RED - Barrage
GREEN - Destructive fire.
WHITE - New use here.

Div Battle Position will also be notified by bearer of this order.

C.I.B. from 31st 3.18 No 20 Battle HQ.

Additions to 39th I.D. 1.4 No 30

Boundaries between 126 and 132 I.R.

- N corner of LITTLE WOOD - LB
SIDNEY FAY - S corner of SERRE.

All 3 Regts of the Bgd
will be placed in the front line

126 Right - 17th Centre - 132 Left.