

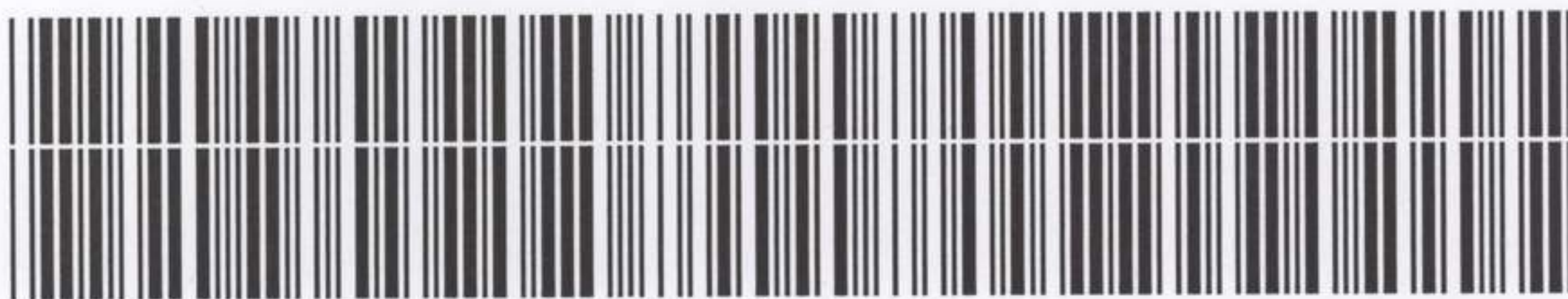
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Title: 38th Infantry Battalion

August 1918 Appendices



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At		From	
To		By	
By		(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	
TO { <u>Co 28th Bn</u> }			
Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* <u>CJW 20</u>	<u>30th</u>		
<u>from A.J.M. / 25th / 25th of and</u> <u>recused at 5.25 am A.A.A.</u> <u>37th Bn</u> <u>Passed through our</u> <u>about 3.15 am A.A.A.</u> <u>well</u> <u>the Battalion of Mond Div</u> <u>was</u> <u>heavy</u> <u>10:00 am</u> <u>very</u> <u>from</u> <u>artillery and H.Q.</u> <u>file</u> <u>4.30 am</u> <u>and moved</u> <u>but</u> <u>did down a few minutes ago. H.A.</u> <u>just</u> <u>main</u> <u>Barakana</u> <u>wounded</u> <u>by</u> <u>machine</u> <u>or</u> <u>the</u> <u>bullet</u> <u>at</u> <u>came</u> <u>A.A.A.</u> <u>support</u> <u>dump</u> <u>800</u> <u>+ 200</u> <u>small</u> <u>and</u> <u>trifles</u> <u>he</u> <u>made</u> <u>here.</u>			
From	J. Collins		
Place	B. 45 am		
Time	B. 45 am		
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750,000. W 2186-MSC9. H. W. & V., Ltd. 6/16.

to son as I am very short of Runners
and the trip takes a long time.
The runners are under fire getting
in my headquarters
We are getting shelled occasionally
with light field artillery.

M. Sandford
a/c. B. Log.

Time 7.20. A.M.

B. Platoon report being seen
on S.O.S. east of CLERBY at
about 7 o'clock

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C Coy Day 30-1918
Hourly Int Report

5 am M.G. & H.V. Artillery fire
to 6.15 intense

6.15. Slackened from 6.15 and
by 7 am had except for
an occasional shot
almost ceased.

8 am. Conditions Quiet
B 29 d 30-30. Officers 4 Capt

C.O. ^{received P/M}
38th Battalion

30-8-18

Enemy has returned ~~to~~
to east end of CLERY
land is troubling us with
sniping a a a. He has apparently
retired for a while a a a present

There is no machine gun fire at
all. Boyle reports that his patrol was
kept from action by enemy artillery.
There was a heavy shoot & counter shoot about
the time it was to go out.

I have not seen any of the 37th Batt.
I have not seen any of the 2nd
Division

The opposite side of the Somme is
evidently in their hands but I
cannot see any of them.

I find it very hard to
keep up a regular information

(NO 4) 30-8-18
C.O.
38th Battalion

Situation here is unchanged since my last message. There are occasional rifle shots and machine gun fire from about H.12.8.5.4.

My posts are located at H.6.C.8.5.
H.6.C.8.2. - H.6.C.8.2. - H.6.C.8.0. and
H.12.2.7.8 with Company Headquarters
with the last post.

I cannot see anything of
the 2nd Division across the river.

Handy for
of ab. B. log.

Time: ~~8.45 AM~~
8.15 A.M.
DUSK
DARK

August 30 1918.
To C.O. 38th Bn A.I.F.

Reference to Report. Would it
be possible for you to establish
a forward Report Station,
where messages from various
Cops could be collected & carried
back at hourly intervals.

It would I'm sure be worth
each Cop spending two men
for the station if it was
kept pushed sufficiently
forward.

I can send you as one of the
two men a Lt Col for running
the station of forward Report
Larsen.

B29d 3030
Runner

8.20 am

After Capt
C Coy

8.20 am
A.I.F.

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

TO { Transport Off and On.

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. A A A
* AA 89 30

RE RATIONS. AAA Bring rations to same point on Road tonight as last night (near railway crossing - C 3 rd 1.5) at 6pm AAA If necessary wait here until you hear from me but I shall endeavour to have either Guides to take you on to wherever we may be or the ration parties themselves present at the crossing at 6pm AAA I shall let you know then (per VCO in charge of wagons) when & where to bring morning rations. AAA We are probably moving on

From 38th Bn
Place
Time

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

TO { To & B.M. (Continued)

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. A A A
* AA 89 30

behind the 37th 40th & 39th Bns as Brigade reserve AAA. We are pushing on towards PERONNE but resistance is very stiff. We are indeed & may do it. AAA. ~~Am sure~~ ensure that WATER for all days and nights (but not too much) comes up with rations - we can get none here at all. Am enclosing a list of stores required by the sign acting officer AAA. These must come up tonight. AAA. Transport

From
Place
Time

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To C.O. 38th Bn A.I.F. Camp 30-1918

Reference 8.5 PM,

Your memos, I received this morning.

Ref A.I.M. 257.

- (1) Report herewith,
- (2) Yes
- (3) See Report
- (4) 37th Bn, A Coy Capt CLARE BOWEN visited me at 3.45 am this evening, tonight with other coys he stood in front of us I was not aware of time he moved off.

Reference Your Memos re CLERY these reached me after advance had commenced & were put into operation as soon as possible were difficult to decipher to carry out in darkness, tanks here are in the darkness almost impossible to distinguish from shellholes & sandbags like wood have sometimes disappeared.

Yours faithfully
D. Bowen Capt
37th Bn A.I.F.

B 29 of 30.30. 8⁵⁰ AM 30-8-18

To C.O. 38th Bn A.I.F.

Dispositions report.

Left flank at B 29. d. central
Right — — H 5 to 20.50

In touch on Left with No 12 Platoon

To Coy 34th Bn A.I.F.

(Reserve coy to that Bn who
has advanced)

In touch on Right with 'D' Coy
38th Bn (Capt Collins)

Dispositions

No 10 Platoon	Left Lt Mallock
— 11 —	Centre Lt Baxter
— 12 —	Right Lt Greenwood

These platoons are occupying
line with exception of the
Centre platoon which has pushed
forward & dig in now about
1200 Y of BUCKLANDS ALLEY.

(3)

Roll just checked & all present
with the exception of
C. S. M. Long W. I. A.
29-1-17

Company H. Q. in HENNEQUIN
TRENCH. LOCATION.

B. 29 & 30. 30 landmark vicinity
of Cape 5.

Peter Capt
© Coy 30th Bn.
A. I. F

Re our No 10 Platoon.
(Lt Mallock) discovered in the
correct position when day broke
he not being able to recognize
the trench & they had occupied
shell holes. When returning we
must have passed through them
after

Peter Capt

To	By	(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	By
TO { C.O. 38 th Bn			

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* C.F.W.20	30 th		

Nothing to report re position
 AAA Shelling much lighter than
 previously. AAA no further casualties.

From	Place	Time
Sleng	45965.50.	10.15 AM

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30-8-18

C.O. 38th Battalion

B. Company HQ Bn have
 passed through my sector and are
 now slightly in advance. They
 are held up by machine gun fire
 from east of CLER.

[Signature]
 C.O. 38th Batt.

Time 10.35 A.M.

12 30^{pm}

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870
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38th Battalion

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C.O. 38th Battalion

Intelligence

Light shelling during the
last hour but nothing
else to report.

10.30 AM Olddison Unit

Re order AJM 252
29/30

C.O. 37th Batt has
been H.Q. here and part
of his battalion had to
withdraw slightly so
he saw me and said
that he had the Brigadier's
permission to support
with the nearest troops,
who happen to be a H.Q.
He gave me order to move
but at the psychological
moment the company of 40th
Batt appeared up gully
and order was withdrawn.

10.30 AM Olddison Unit

"C" Coy 38th Bn A.I.F. Intelligence Report. to 10:45 am

Intermittent Shelling continues at rate of about 400 per minute in our vicinity. Calibre mainly 4.2 some 5.9's all H.V. Guns.

Direction of Shelling mainly from EAST & N.EAST.

M.G. Gun has ceased entirely.

Attack cannot be observed from here though Australians have been noticed on top ground in 11 a.m. going up French Hill.

Officers 7/8 Capt
C Coy 38th A.I.F.

B29 d 30-30
Runner.
11 am

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

TO { TO. 4 Q M 38th Contd.

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. AAA
* AA-84 30.

Officers will please arrange for 8 (eight) boxes of No. 56 Rifle grenades (for each attachment) to come up with rations tonight and an additional 10000 rounds of ammunition to make good today's issue to Companies. The grenades we have here are No 23's & are of little use. Officer on N.C.O. in charge of wagons to report at Bn H.Q. tonight if possible. Our present location is H3 d 00.50 hrs we expect to move on.

From 38th Bn

Place

Time 11.10 AM

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C.O. 380 Ballalid

Particulars of Gun

at H 5 b. 90.05

Calibre, inside of barrel at
mouth 5.2 inches.

Numbers. H 16
14607

Date 1918 FEVER.

Special Identification.

Pergbergian

Gun has been marked
as ordered

Oldison Hunt
a/c. H by

11 AM.

30-8-18

Paper found by gun forwarded
herewith. Oldison Hunt

INTELLIGENCE

Our guns very active on
high ground N.E. of this position

11.30 AM. Oldison Hunt
a/c. H by

Communication correct
at 11.30 AM.

No 9

30-8-18

G. C. 38th Battalion

Lieut Davis is WELL.

Corporal Paton has just returned from reconnaissance of Bridge east of CLERY. He reports that there are three gaps therein in three separate places and states that he considers that with very little work the track could be made available for foot traffic.

Rifle grenades have arrived.

Am sending party for 2 boxes of ammunition.

B. Company 40th Batt are in strongpoint at H. 12. G. 3.8. The officer in charge reported informed Corporal Paton that the enemy had counterattacked but had been stopped. Also he stated that the Pioneers are working about 150 yards ahead of him and have captured prisoners.

Time 2.15 PM

W. M. M.

M. M. M. 8. 10.



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

TO { D Coy

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
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* AA 96 30

Regret inform you
 Runner FFFF your
 Coy Killed this afternoon
 near R.A.P. (H5d 65.30)
 while delivering your
 CTW 21 which was brought
 on by A.B. Coy runner
 who also collected his
 personal belongings which
 I now have.

From	38th Bn
Place	
Time	2.40 pm

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By	(Signature of "Franking Officer")			By

TO { 48 10th Aust Inf Bde

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
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AA 97 30

Beaters No. 2832 Pte
 J.P. LAWRIE & 2366 Pte
 W. FALCONBRIDGE have
 authority to search for
 and collect the M.C.s which
 were captured by the 38th
 Bn AIF on the 28th Aug.
 and deliver them. Staff
 Captain 10th Brigade H.Q.
 from whom you will
 get receipts.

If there are 39 M.C.s one to
 go to SHEPPARTON (Mayor) or
 to UNDERBOUL (Vic) and one
 to ARARAT (Vic)

From	38th Bn AIF
Place	
Time	

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At		Service.	
To		From	
By		(Signature of "Franking Officer") By	
TO { <u>Amv. 38th Bn</u> }			
Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
<u>AA 97</u>	<u>30</u>		
Runner FVFFE of D Coy has just been killed near your R.A.P. while on his way here AAA His personal effects are here AAA Could you get his body in & leave it at your R.A.P. till D Coy & B's are able to carry it out AAA I have notified D Coy			
From			
Place			
Time			
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By		(Signature of "Franking Officer") By	
TO { <u>ASC Corps</u> }			
Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
<u>AA 98</u>	<u>30</u>		
Each Company will send out ration parties tonight to be at place where the rations were delivered last night (close to Br. H. Str.) by 6pm at which hour the rations will arrive AAA Arrangements regarding morning rations will be notified later AAA Each party to move in small groups & is to be warned against crowding together at the dump AAA All empty tins must be brought out.			
From			
Place			
Time			
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No 10 30-8-18
 80 38th Batt.

A Company of 40th Batt have just gone forward through their B Company and can be seen working eastward from end of CLERY. There is a little machine gun fire on them but not a great deal.

Handwritten
 of O.G. B. Lay.

Time - 3.15 pm
 rec'd 4.30 pm

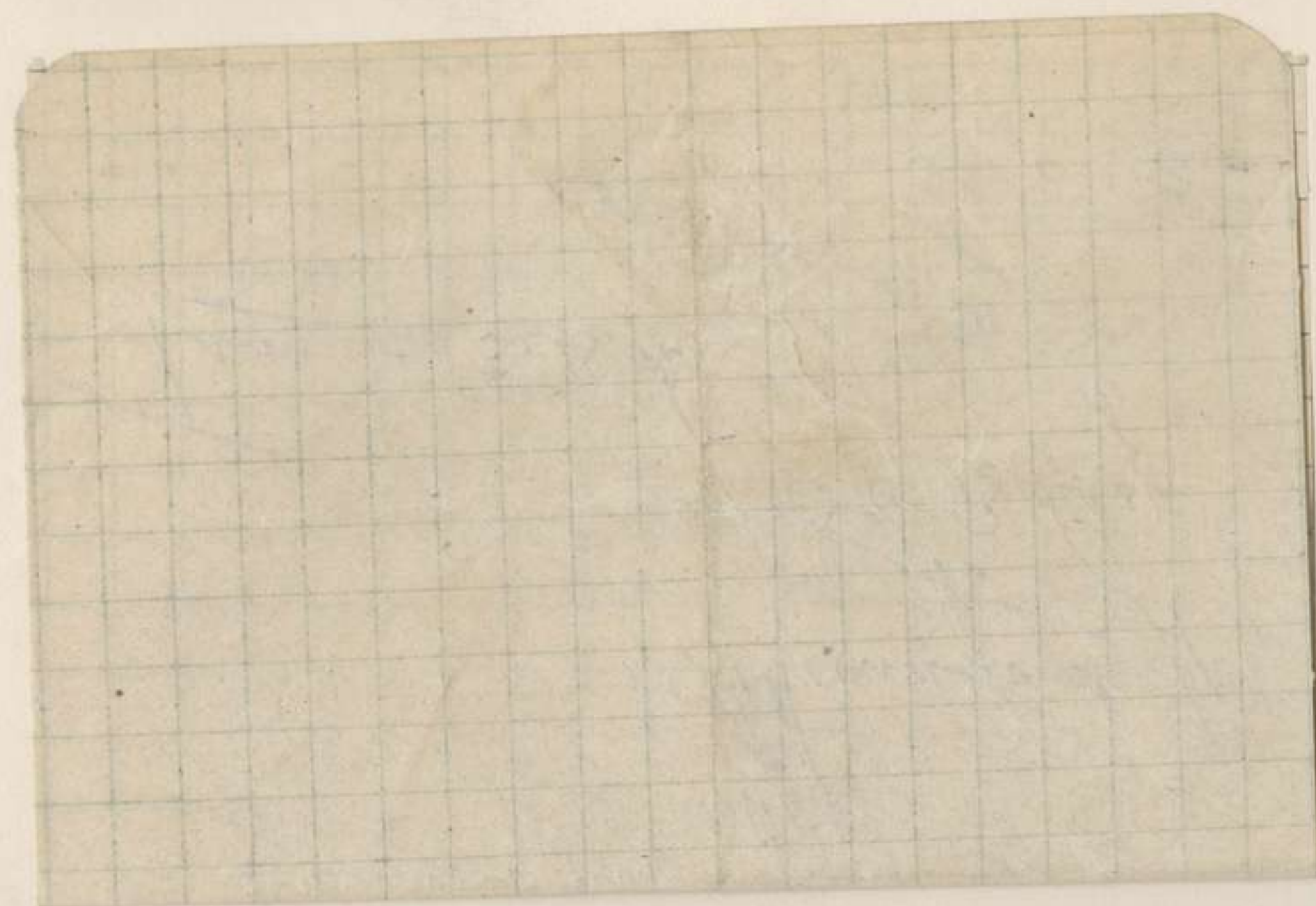
To		From	
By		(Signature of "Franking Officer") By	
TO { OSC Corp			
Sender's Number. 77 99.	Day of Month. 30	In reply to Number.	AAA
28 th Bn 2 nd Coy Company standing by ready to support forward troops in case of counter attack from CLERY COPSE AAA 39 th Bn are in support vicinity of H 6 a central AAA ammunition coming up by carrying parties			
From 38 th Bn			
Place			
Time 4.40 pm			
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H5C 6.1.

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By (Signature of "Franking Officer.") By

TO { Leo 38th Bata

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

* C. J. W. 23 30th
Continuous shelling of area occupied
by 38th Bata for last
30 hours. Consider about 2
Batteries engaged in this shooting.
5.9 AM. A.A.A. One shell fell in
trench. H.A.A. One man suffering from
effects of gassing gas continued in this
shell which fell close to him.
He was hit. R.A.A.
One man has slight cut
on face from fragment of A.A.
No other casualties other than
runner. FyFFE A.A.A. sent. Handled -
ground has reported in duty A.A.A.
Fresh block Army Form C2121
required.

From D Coy
Place 145 d 6750
Time 5 PM

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753,000. W 2186 - M.C.C. H. W. & V., Ltd. 6/16.

Intelligence

"C" Coy 5pm 30/8/18

Shelling continues in our area
at rate of approx 2 per minute.
Mainly H.V. 4.2 some 5.9.
Shrapnel, H.E. & Gas are being
used.

Gas shell is Blue X & only two have
been noticed. One man passed. He
was near burst & the first shell
got him. Another case also
sent out suspected passed.

H.G. Fire renewed from 11 am till
2 pm now entirely ceased.

Runner

5.5 pm

B 29 d 3030

Reference Rations ? Time & Dump.

Is there any news of the
advanced places.

REQUISITION

8 Ground Flares to replace
those used yesterday
on C.C. Water tank

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E.O.

30. 8. 18.

38th Batt.

Situation here is unchanged.

I have company standing
by as instructed.
Casualties for today
are Pte Brotherton killed
and Sgt Walsh wounded.

Recd 6.25 AM
and for Lt
at 06.30 by
mine 5.20 PM.



C.O. 38th Battalion

Enemy still shelling
fairly heavily.

About 4.15 P.M. he used
gas shells (sneezing).

Occasional MG fire
heard over noise in H.G.

N.E. CLERY.

5.5 P.M.

36-8-18

Oldman's

9.16.18

Adj.

Could you inform me
as to time to expect
patrol tonight.

Oldman's

10th Bde Communal Post
30.8.18

C.O. 38th Battalion
The G.O.C. desires you to report
at these Head Qrs at 7 p.m. tonight

Ronald Hemmings Capt
10th AIB

Run
5.30 p.m.

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

TO { 55 C Corp

Sender's Number. HA100	Day of Month. 30	In reply to Number.	AAA
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Each OC is to meet
Major MANDSLEY AIB
at Forward Brigade
HQ. immediately - map
reference H 5 C 61. AAA
Get there as quickly as
ever you can to attend
a Conference - Urgent
Bring map & note books

From 38 th Bn	
Place 6.10 p.m.	
Time	

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

TO { OSC Corp

Sender's Number. AA 100 Day of Month. 30 In reply to Number. AAA

Each OC to meet
Major THAUDSLEY AJA at
forward Brigade Hq
immediately - map
H 5 C 6.1. AAA. Get
here as quickly as
you can to attend
a conference - urgent
AAA. Bring maps and
notebooks.

From 38th Bn
Place
Time 6.10 pm

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21/9/16
Adpt 38th Bn A.I.F.
Your memo AA 99 recd
6.10 pm. Sorry my party
will be somewhat late.
Can we have water please with
the morning potatoes.
Officer Capt
C Coy 38th Bn
S.O.S. pockets
Regiment for are not yet
to hand.
Two more men out with
has he put on right on
to their bunk today
6.15 pm Situation Unchanged
Runner Smart Recd 6.45 pm
B 29 d 30 30.

At	To	From
By	(Signature of "Franking Officer") By	
TO	Lt Telford Transport Officer	
Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.
AA101	30	AAA

Tomorrow's morning meal is to be delivered at same place as tonight's meals at 11.30 pm. AAA Arrange accordingly AAA if possible. Call in at Box H.Q. when the rations are delivered and get the latest information as to tomorrow.

From 38th Bn
Place
Time 8.50 pm

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At	To	From
By	(Signature of "Franking Officer") By	
TO	O.C. boys	
Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.
AA102	30	AAA

Ration parties from each company are to be at same ration dump (near present Box H.Q.) by 11.30 pm tonight to take forward morning rations AAA Send out all units this - This is most important as the meals depend upon the tins being returned

From 38th Bn
Place
Time 9.10 pm

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30.8.18.

Intelligence
C Coy 38th Bn.
 10.30 am 6 platoons 40th Bn passed
 along valley in H5d
 11.30 am Heavy artillery bombardment
 of our communications in H5
 a & c. Barrage mainly
 of heavies but some 7th Art
 noticed 77's.
 B29 d 30.30
 12.15 pm
Runner. 12.53
 pm

After 7 Capt
 C Coy
 38th A.I.F.

31st

From 4.00 B Coy
 L. A. d.

Litulation order.

Heavy shelling in district
 4.15 pm to 8.15 pm good position
 gas, situation at present unaltered.

M. Boyle

31-8-18.

C.O.
38th Batt.

No 5 Platoon has had
~~two~~ ¹² Lewis gun magazines
 and three (3) Rifles destroyed
 by a shell.

Can you arrange to have
 these replaced.

Possibly we can salvage
 Rifles but the magazines are
 urgently required.

Mandamus Lt

W.O. B. Coy

Time 3.35 AM.

31-8-18.

C.O.
38th Batt.

I have taken up
 position as instructed in
 St Jona Trench.

My Company Headquarters
 are at about H.C.D. 7.6.

Mandamus Lt

O.C. B. Coy

Time - 3.35 AM.

By.....		(Signature of "Franking Officer.")		By.....	
TO {		C.O. Buss		3rd Apr 9/1113de	
				5 H 113de	
Sender's Number.		Day of Month.		In reply to Number.	
* 1015		31		A A A	
1. In continuation of instructions issued telegraph on 30 inst the capture of the Red Line (Inferno trench) to be made on morning of 31 inst under cover of Artillery Barrage and at the same time Brigades N + S will capture their objectives. 2. There will be 6 am 30 inst any 3. Half an hour before zero all troops must have been withdrawn to GOND Trench between H 12 7 8 and B 30 d 9.5 am 4. Artillery will open on start line (G N + S line through E corner CERRY Copse) for 6 min + will lift 100 yds every 6 min till zero + 96 min 5. On account of differences in start lines					
From					
Place					
Time					
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By.....		(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	
TO {		2	
Sender's Number.		Day of Month.	
* 1015		31	
In reply to Number.		A A A	
The barrages of flank brigade will not start at the same time as that of this Bde - that for Lw on N. is 5.5 am and for Bde on S. is 5 am 6. Attack will be carried out by 38 min on right 39 on left with 40 right supply and 37 left supply 7. Watches will be synchronized by wire 8. Ack by wire			
From		10 11 12 de	
Place		Franking Captain	
Time		10 11 12 de	
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To
By (Signature of "Franking Officer") By

TO { All boys

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

AA103 3/24
Instead of forming up as
instructed companies will
form up in BOND
TRENCH running through
H 6 band a up as far
as CODE ALLEY AAA
Barrage will open at
6 (six) AM and will
follow on the start line
for 6 (six) minutes AAA
It will then advance
by lifts of one hundred
yards every six minutes
AAA artillery start line
will be NORTH and
SOUTH through EAST corner
of CLERY COPSE AAA

From
Place
Time

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To
By (Signature of "Franking Officer") By

TO { All companies

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

AA103 3/24
Order of Companies in
COND TRENCH will be
"A" Coy on right
"D" Coy centre
"C" Coy left Company
AAA Company frontages will
be as already detailed
AAA "B" Company will
follow in close support.
AAA Object - to capture
the RED LINE (INFERNO
TRENCH - ZOMBOTRENCH)
as detailed at
Conference this evening
under cover of barrage AAA
At same time our earlier Brigade
on North and South will

From
Place
Time

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

TO { All Corps. }

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

AP 103 31st
Capture their objective AAA
ZERO - 6 AM 13th August AAA
Half an hour before
ZERO troops must be
in GOND TRENCH AAA
Artillery barrage lasts till
ZERO plus 16 minutes AAA
On account of differences in
the start time the barrages
of each Brigade will
not start at the same
time as ours. AAA. Division
on North starts at 5.5 AM
and Brigade on South
at 5 AM. AAA. Other orders
are as issued verbally.
@ ~~sent to you this evening~~

From 38th Bn
Place H 60 cent
Time 4.30 AM

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

TO { Note }

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

Order re Barrage received at
2.35 AM 31/8/18.
Sent CRISPE to Brigade re
limits of Barrage at 2.40
AM 31/8/18.
Received orders P.23 and
P.24 on road to new Bn
H. Qtrs. Could not head
on account of shell fire and
darkness.
On arrival at new H. Qtrs
wrote orders for the attack
and sent CRISPE at
4.40 AM to withdraw
our 3 coys (AC+D) to
GOND TRENCH. At
4.55 AM sent Chubb Hill

From
Place
Time

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To	From
By	By
(Signature of "Franking Officer")	
TO {	
Sender's Number.	Day of Month.
In reply to Number.	AAA

with message no. AA103.
(detailed orders)
At 5.10 AM sent 2 runners
(Luker & Smart) with 37th
runner to A.C. & D Coys

(Signature)

From	
Place	
Time	
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To	From
By	By
(Signature of "Franking Officer")	
TO {	
Sender's Number.	Day of Month.
In reply to Number.	AAA

Take the position in
COND TRENCH about 300
yards to your rear AAA
Barrage opens at 6 AM
AAA Your attack forward
under cover of barrage
AAA Detailed orders
have already been
forwarded to you AAA
Companies have reported
as detailed at Company
AAA Objective now RED
LINE I 2 A and C

From	
Place	
Time	
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Aug 31st

The C.O.
38th Bn A.I.F.

GOND TRENCH occupied
by 40th Bn,

May I use an excellent
Deep Dugout in my
lines two entrances
30 ft down

Will hold 100 men

5-10 am

Walter
C. Coy

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

TO { 38th Bn

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

Occupy GOND TRENCH.
AAA Read my orders
for attack already
sent you per Lts
BRISPE and CHURCHILL
AAA Plenty of room
in Gond trench.

From 38th Bn
Place 555 AM.
Time

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(NWS.1)

To CO 38th Batt 81-8-18

B Company is in position to right of BERLIN WOOD at I.I.D. 4.4.

Other Companies are on their objectives.

I have received a very slight wound and a shelling. I can carry on at present but would like a relief if it can possibly be arranged.

M and J

Time 7.20 A.M. a/c. B. Co.

By		(Signature of "Franking Officer")		By	
TO		O S C A & B Corp		38th Bn	
Sender's Number.		Day of Month.		In reply to Number.	
AA 126		1st		AAA	
withdraw your companies immediately to H1 in vicinity of CURU as already ordered in my HA 120 of 31st inst. AAA Report to me on way put at old 37th H & Strs H6 a cent and acknowledge this order					
From		38th Bn			
Place		7.25 AM			
Time		(Z) <u>Obvious</u>			
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Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name		* This line should be erased if not required.			
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Very Urgent
 At
 To
 By (Signature of "Franking Officer") By

TO { 10th Brigade
 Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. AAA
 27 100 31st

and LT. MAJOR
 Major MAUD SLEY, Killed
 AAA R.M.O. wounded AAA
 Am carrying on AAA
 Right Company reports
 reached RED LINE at
 6.57 AM AAA. Prisoners
 surrounded easily AAA
 would like instructions
 re Command of Battalion
 AAA. Capt COLLINS very
 senior but forward with
 centre company AAA
 Can you replace R.M.O.
 immediately. App. Casualties
 passed through Aid post
 approximately 140 OR

From 38th Bn
 Place 4000 ft
 Time 7.40 AM
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7.30 AM
 C O 38 15

Am on first objective.
 Casualties appear considerable
 Yrs of M.G. on Left flank
 very troublesome at approx
 H 2. a Central.

Our Artillery falling here.
 Touch with 39th Co

Two out of 4 with a
 M.G. other two run
 than I did

H 2 a Central Officer Capt
 7.45 prisoners

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1.14.2/1919
Mr. Control
Mr. J. J. J.
Mr. J. J. J.
Mr. J. J. J.

B

31/8/18

C. O. 38th

Have now met ~~at~~
 Lt. Arthur 39
 & 18 men he is out
 of touch with his
 left flank.

Our flank appears
 open to M. G. forces in
 ambushed from.

I met four hours & M. G. flight
 two men but convinced
 have sent prisoners with message
 to you duplicate herewith.

Apparent I was only Arthur
 in 20 m 180 but have not

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

TO B.O. 38th Batt

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
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40th Batt report left
flank in air 2
have sent 6 Platoon to
I. 1. 8.5 to guard flank. The other
two platoon are 300 yards
in advance of my position
at MERLIN WOOD in support of
the Battalion which has gone
forward about 600 yards.
I can see a company of one
of our units coming up towards
left rear and will
keep in Platoon there unless
this unit is taking up
a position there. There is no
fire from front but a little machine
gun fire from left flank.

From B. Company
Place MERLIN WOOD
Time 8.30 AM

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B.O. 38th Battalion

I am in RED LINE at
I 7 b.

Front line disposition

Pos 1. LG I 7 b 40.55.

" 2. LG I 7 b 75.75.

" 3 LG I 7 b 75.95.

Coy H.Q. LG I 7 b 20.5.5.

Support. I 7 b 20.60.

I am in touch with B Coy
I am not yet in touch
with 'D' but have sent
a patrol along RED LINE
to obtain their instructions.

I hear that they are about 600 yards
away from here.

8.35 AM a/Ob R by

31-8-18.

LIEUT MAJOR wounded
2518 SGT. BROOKS FW "

L.O. 285 Battalion
Per B Company

C.O. DORO

It is reported that the enemy is preparing to counter-attack on left.

Could you send forward 5000 SAA to some point at which it would be easily available if necessary

Oh Adiscom-Lent
of O.G. H. Company

I have asked Lieut Sanderson for one up datum to place along northern extension of NICH TRENCH to road.

Oh Adiscom-Lent

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

TO

10th Brigade H.Q.

Sender's Number.

Day of Month.

In reply to Number.

AAA

B. Clay (support) reports
is in position to right
of BERLIN WOOD at I d 4:4
al 720 and that other Companies
are on their objectives (presumably
RED LINE) AAA. O.C. slightly
wounded but carrying on
AAA. Have sent isolated an
officer to ascertain present
location of Companies
and general situation AAA
Prisoners total from 150 to
200

From

Place

Time

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(Z)

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

TO { 10th Brigade.

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

AA108 31st.

Left Company reports on
first objective at I 2. A cent
at 7.45 AM AAA Touch
with 37th Lost AAA Casualties
considerable AAA no further
information regarding either
company or right flank
MC³ firing from I 2 d. ch. very
troublesome

From 38th Bn.
Place
Time 8.57 AM.

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

TO { 10th AIB.

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

AA109 31

Following message received from
B Coy (Support) timed 8.30 AM
AAA 40th Bn. reports
left flank in air AAA
sent one platoon I 1.8.5 to
protect flank AAA other two
 platoons 300 yds advance
of BERLIN WOOD AAA can
see company of our own
units approaching from
left near AAA will keep one
platoon in position on left
unless this unit takes up
position then AAA to
protect front AAA M.C. fire
from left flank message
received

From 38th Bn.
Place 38th Bn. cent
Time 9.15 AM

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

TO { 10th A.I.B. }

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

LEFT Company ("C") reports that at 8.30 AM men Lieut MCARTHUR 39th Bn and 18 men AAA are out of touch with his left flank AAA. Our left flank appears in air and enfilade M.C. fire coming from left AAA. Have 39th guarding left flank in FAURE ALLEY AAA. Rear area being mopped up. AAA. Nothing seen of right 9th Bde.

From 38th Bn
Place Hb a cent
Time 9.30 AM.

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

TO { 10th A.I.B. }

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

Am now located with 39th Hbtrs at Hb a 7.7. AAA Lieut MAJOR EWH previously reported killed now reported dangerously wounded

From 38th Bn
Place
Time 10.50 AM.

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To		From	
By		(Signature of "Franking Officer")	By
TO	10th A.I.B.		

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
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at 8.35 AM
 Disposition 38th Bn
 front line right Company
 AAA. Four posts established
 INFERNO TRENCH. approx
 I 7 to 70.55 I 7 to 75.75
 I 9 to 75.95 AAA In close
 support of I 7 to 20.55 AAA
 B Coy (support) in position
 to right of BERLIN WOOD
 I 1 to 44 (approx) at 9.30
 AM B Coy (Support) were
 in trench just in
 advance of BERLIN WOOD
 AAA C Coy (left Coy)
 has left flank on
 objective in line with
 FAURE TRENCH and are
 ALLEY

From	
Place	
Time	

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

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To		From	
By		(Signature of "Franking Officer")	By
TO	10th A.I.B.		

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
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in touch with 39th
 on left in FAURE ALLEY
 AAA. The centre company
 (D) is on objective and
 in touch with A Coy on
 its right. AAA nothing
 further known about
 2nd Division on
 right. except that a 28th
 Bn wounded man
 passed to rear through
 Centre Company

From	
Place	
Time	

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

TO { Lt Langley & Lt Lister

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

AA114 31st
Would you please arrange to have tonight's rations at forward Bde H.Q. (H 50 6.1) by 6 or 7 pm tonight. Don't know whether we will be able to get them up or not. But will have a try to get ration parties at Bde H.Q. by about 7 pm. But it is doubtful. We are at present right outside the trench under MG. & shell fire somewhere about IIC 70.50 AAA impossible to get any back to you today - none brought by Coy. Major Manda killed early this

From mbrms - our casualties
Place have been pretty heavy
Time 11.45 am

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

TO { 10th A.I.B.

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

OC Centre company reports (timed 10.10 AM) LIEUT BAXTER with 8 men and Lewis gun reached second objective AAA found it strongly held with MGs particularly left flank. AAA also 2 MGs using open sight. AAA One gun crew wiped out. AAA MG attacking on left flank forced Lieut BAXTER to retire. AAA MGs and snipers firing on our left flank. AAA "B" company (left flank) now joining up in INFIERNO TRENCH AAA. There are some

From
Place
Time

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L.O. DORO.

100 enemy men presumably
seen moving from
PARK WOOD from
western side

11.55 AM Addition Serial
318-18

By		(Signature of "Franking Officer")		By
TO {				
Sender's Number.		Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
AA 115		31st		
40th Bn. with this Company AAA. Second Division appear from observation to be attacking MONT ST QUENTIN AAA. Battalion H.B. now located IIC 70.50 (approx)				
From 38th Bn				
Place 1.35pm				
Time				
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Service Instructions

To.....

By.....

Handed in at.....Office.....m. Received.....m.

TO

DORO (all Bns)

* Sender's Number.

GB9.

Day of Month.

30

In reply to Number.

AAA

~~TO DORO~~ AAA French report
that prisoners taken
yesterday stated delay
action mines were buried
beneath the soil of cellars
in LABNY AAA
yellow type explode after
8 days AAA
Blue types after a
longer period

FROM

3rd Aust Div

PLACE & TIME

2.10 PM

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Service Instructions

To.....

31.8.18

By.....

Handed in at RUCAR Office.....m. Received 2.55 PM

TO

all Bns

* Sender's Number

P23

Day of Month.

31

In reply to Number

AAA

Instead of farming up
on hill as mentioned
in wire p 22 infantry
will farm up in
GONDO TRENCH up to
its junction with
ALNEY B30D9's aaa
start line will be
N and S line through
east corner of
CORSE

FROM

10th AIB

PLACE & TIME

CP 2 am

* This line should be erased if not required.

6110—W.14833—200,000—2/17—E.P.Co.—(E930.)

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Service Instructions		To.....	30-1-18
		By.....	
Handed in at.....		Office.....m.	Received.....m.
TO		All Batteries	
* Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
P24	31 st		
Barrage will open at			
6 am and will follow			
on the start line			
for six minutes			
it will then advance			
by lifts of 100 yards			
every six minutes			
FROM	10th HVB		
PLACE & TIME	C.P. 2-15 am		
* This line should be erased if not required.			
Wt523/M1970. 300,000 Pads. 4/17. M.C. & Co., Ltd. (E1213).			



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To.....		From.....	
By.....		(Signature of "Franking Officer.") By.....	
TO {		38 ^{TR} - 39 B	
Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* P-22	31		
Be prepared to carry out advance to red line at 5.43 am This morning 31st inst. aaa Troops must be cleared 400 yds to the West of the Artillery start line which is N + S line through B 30 to 8.0 to H 60 8.0 aaa This clearing must be done by 5 am			
received A 2.20 PM			
From	10 TH Bde		
Place	C.P.		
Time			
The above may be forwarded as now corrected.		(Z)	WS Philp
Censor.	Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.		
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(3796.) Wt. W 492/M1647. 650 000 Pads. 5/17. H.W. & V., Ltd. (E. 1187.) Hunt			

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

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

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

Arrived on the 39th day of
 the 1st AAA. The
 The 37th and 40th Bns
 are co-operating under
 special instructions. AAA
 Battalion HQs will remain
 in present location.
 The 37th AAA Operation
 to be started further at
 AAA. 40th Bn has 2 companies
 already in vicinity of same
 road junction in Chab d. W.
 The Battalion will be relieved
 tonight & this movement
 to the road should facilitate

From
 Place
 Time

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TO {

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

Relieving
 unit not yet known
 as soon as we
 have made new position
 9000 send in two guides
 per company to guide
 in relieving companies.
 AAA. Ensure that a company
 runner who knows
 where headquarters is
 accompanies guides AAA
 Rations will be issued
 after relief at our new
 location. AAA Forward
 progress reports frequently
 and dispositions in new
 positions when there.

From 38 100

Place 5.25 pm

Time

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To The Adjutant
38th Bn A.I.F.

Reference my Daily States.

I left my Company clerk
at the Depot in Ila
central to finish preparation
of these states.

Please accept these
states resigned. I am
while waiting here endeavoring
to make out an idea of
the present state, enclosed

Runner
3.10 pm

Officer Capt
C 38 A.I.F.

150
Lieut Barton, St. John
about 18th Nov 1918 a few of
38th in GARNIER
TRENCH.

Have 39th holding Honk. in
~~GARNIER~~ FAURE
I am organizing GARNIER
TRENCH.

The whole area has been
insufficiently mapped up
to the trap King's
Cyclists Grenadier Guards
are a cheeky lot.

I'd like to hear about the
9th Bde on Right.

Will proceed with
mapping up Officer Capt
I 1 to 96 00.

Runner

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

TO { 39th Bn.
CO¹ 1st Bns.

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* Bm 8	31		

Relief will be carried out tonight by 11th A.I. Bde. The 11th Bde under cover of a barrage, will move through our troops to the approx. line of BOUCHAVESNES ME ST. QUENTIN road. Our troops this Bde. will be withdrawn as 11th Bde troops pass them and will withdraw to night positions chosen in advance by the command in such locations that journey may be continued in daylight tomorrow to vicinity of A.V. & wood and further particulars later

From 10th A.I. Bde
Place
Time 3.35 pm

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) W. L. Lamberton
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Wt. W 3253/P511. 500,000 Pads. 1/18. B. & S. Ltd. (E2389.)

Mr O. DORO.

I would like to bring to your notice the condition of the men of this company.

Due to want of sleep and rest men who are generally looked upon as amongst the bravest are nervous and haggard, and this of course has its effect on the others.

Addressed
5.15 p.m. of 31.8.18.
31-8-18.

TO { O.C. A Coy

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

Bn HQ now located
at approx. FIC 7.5
(XAN TRENCH) AAA
Ammunition is being
brought to Ado. Brigade
Hdqs. as soon as
possible.

From 38th Bn
Place 2250m
Time 2250m
The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) R. Robinson
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By (Signature of "Franking Officer") By

TO { D. W. & Transport Officer

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

The Battalion has to go
forward to its second
objective tonight before
relief. AAA This means
we will not be able to
bother about rations so
please cancel my previous
instructions and keep meal
at lines until Battalion comes
out. We move to Square
H1 & the B.M. assures me
Relief will come tonight. Lt
Churchill is going out now
with ^{food} to select positions for the
Battn & guide us in.
We will be quite close to you

From 38th Bn
Place 6 pm
Time 6 pm
The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) R. Robinson

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By		(Signature of "Franking Officer") By	
TO	OSC Corps - Urgent.		
Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
AA 120	31		
Relief will be carried out tonight by 11th A.I. Bde AAA. The 11th Bde under cover of a barrage will move through our troops to the approximate line of BOUCHAVESNES - MT. ST. QUENTIN Road AAA. Troops of this Brigade will be withdrawn as 11th Bde ^{troops} pass them AAA. Each company commander will withdraw his men separately and independently as soon as the 11th Bde passes through his company and proceed with it to square H 1 along main			
From			
Place			
Time			
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Censor. <i>R. Robbins Lt</i>			
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By		(Signature of "Franking Officer") By	
TO	(2)		
Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
AA 120	31		
road to CUR LU AAA. Lieut CHURCHILL has gone forward with guides (one per company drawn from H. & T's) who will meet each company along main road leading to CUR LU and direct it to its position in the square H 1 AAA. A hot meal will be provided on arrival AAA. Each company commander must report to Sergt SHUTTLEWOOD personally at old 37th Bn H. & T's near forward Brigade H. & T's that Relief is complete AAA.			
From			
Place			
Time			
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Handed in at.....		By.....	
Office.....		m. Received <u>6.40 P</u> m.	
TO <u>39TH.</u>			
*Sender's Number <u>BM 15</u>	Day of Month <u>31st</u>	In reply to Number	<u>AAA</u>
On relief Bns. will move to squares H 1. H 2. Positions should be chosen at once AAA Positions of Bn Hqs & QM stores should be notified this office as soon as chosen H 1 H 2. Road from 98 B 4.7 to 93 D 5.9 closed to all traffic except H.F.C. from midnight 31st.			
FROM <u>10 A 1 B 0 E 6.40 PM</u>			
TIME & PLACE			

*This line should be erased if not required.

C 5 B 7300 Wt W14852/M1696 100,000 5/17 (E230) Forms C/2125

L. O. 38th Battalion

Have reached RED LINE and holding.

Germans surrendered easily.

6.57 P.M. Oldham Lieut
31-8-18 of 1st Bty

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TO		By (3)		By	
		(Signature of "Franking Officer")			
Sender's Number.		Day of Month.		In reply to Number.	
AA120		31		AAA	
Companies proceed direct to new location AAA. I shall if possible be at 37th Bde to receive reports AAA. Companies are to be ready tomorrow to move back to VALX WOOD AAA. Cancel instructions by guides reporting for 11th Brigade Companies when you make good your new position as under these conditions they are unnecessary. — LATER It is quite possible that relief will take place without barrage - exact time not yet known					
From		Place		Time	
38th Bn		7.30 pm			
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TO		By		By	
		(Signature of "Franking Officer")			
Sender's Number.		Day of Month.		In reply to Number.	
AA121		31		AAA	
RELIEF — The instructions contained in my AA119 regarding the sending back of 2 guides per company for the 11th Bde after you were established on your new position is now cancelled by my last memo. AA120. — The 11th Bde moves through you					
From		Place		Time	
38th Bn		7.35 pm			
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To		By	
Handed in at		Office	
Received		m.	
TO <u>C/O Battr</u>			
*Sender's Number	Day of Month	In reply to Number	AAA
BM 19	31	10 th H 1 Bde	
11th Bde will relieve on night 31 Aug: 1st Sept. as under mm 842nd Battr take over line of road from 7th Bde to C20D14.2 mm 41st Battr from C20D42 to C26D80 mm 43rd Bn from C26D80 to canal 13C22 mm 39th Bn will be responsible for the handing over to 41st Bn. mm C/O 40th Bn will be responsible for handing over to 43rd Bn mm One guide per Coy in front line will report to Bde Hqrs H 5C before midnight mm Rehearsal troops will arrive probably about 2 AM at the time mm			
FROM <u>10 H 1 Bde 10 PM</u>			
TIME & PLACE			
*This line should be erased if not required.			
C & R 7300 Wt W14832/M1526 100,000 8/17 (E380) Forms C/2122			



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ATTN

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

TO 4 Bns TMB 11th A.1 Bde
3rd Aust Bn

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

* Bn 19 31
11th Bde will relieve 10th A.1 Bde
on night 31st Aug/1st Sept. at
undef. am 42nd Bn takes over
line of road from 9th Bde to C20d 4.2
aaa 41st Bn from C20d 4.2 to
C26d 8.0 and 43rd Bn from C26d
8.0 to Canal T3c 2.2 am
C.O. 39th Bn will be responsible for
the handing over to 41st Bn and
C.O. 40th Bn for handing over to 43rd
Bn am one guide per Coy in front
line will report to Bde Hqs H5c
before midnight am Relieving
troops will arrive probably about
2am at the line am On relief
all unit will withdraw to square
H 1 + 2

From 10th A.1 Bde

Place

Time 10 pm

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(3796.) Wt. W 492/M1647. 650,000 Pads. 5/17. H.W. & V., Ltd. (E. 1187.)

R Lambert Captain

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

TO	80-38 ^A 19/10/40		
Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* 05W2	31		

AAA	Shows	still	remains
for organized	in	over	to
movement	has	AAA	well
above	has	as	soon
as	organization	complete	AAA
Second	Division	appears	from
observation	at	the	attacking
main-st-	VENTIN	AAA	ENT
19/10/40			

From	DCM
Place	1202520
Time	10-10 AM

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(3198.) Wt. W 12952/M1294. 375,000 Pads. 1/17. H.W. & V., Ltd. (E. 818.)

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

TO	80-38 ^A 19/10/40		
Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* AA122	31		

AAA	Shows	still	remains
for organized	in	over	to
movement	has	AAA	well
above	has	as	soon
as	organization	complete	AAA
Second	Division	appears	from
observation	at	the	attacking
main-st-	VENTIN	AAA	ENT
19/10/40			

From	DCM
Place	1202520
Time	10-10 AM

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To	From		
By	By		
(Signature of "Franking Officer.")			
TO {			
Sender's Number	Day of Month	In reply to Number	AAA
* 85 W 2	31st		
Reported	breaking	Chintan	a Hacking
on	our	left	flank
A.A.A.	'C'	Cor	now
forming	up	with	me
on	In.erno	Trench	A.A.A.
getting	into	rough	with
whole	of 'H'	Company	A.A.A.
There	is	no	appearance
at	of	39th	happened
110th	and	about	5 men
A.A.A.	The	situation	was
quite what	obscure	but	is
chattering	out	A.A.A.	There
is	still	Red. Fire	left
Surfing	from	our	left
flank	A.A.A.	There	are
the	some-40	Bath	with
From	D Coy		
Place	I 2 C 2540		
Time	11.50 am		
The above may be forwarded as now corrected.			
(Z) <i>[Signature]</i>			
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(3198.) Wt. W 12952/M1294. 375,000 Pads. 1/17. H.W. & V., Ltd. (E 818.)			

To	From		
By	By		
(Signature of "Franking Officer.")			
TO {			
Sender's Number	Day of Month	In reply to Number	AAA
* 85 W 2	31st		
Left	T. Sater	with	8
man	and	Lean	leather
acoma	elypeine	but	A.A.A.
Young	it	strongly	held
with	Machine	from	rainwater
left	flank	also	2
77 AM	moving	off	right
on	Oron	wiped	ant
1st	Home	with	with
from	a Hacking	on	own
left	flank	forced	hand
Boston	to	retire	ft. A
in	and	making	gring
on	own	left	flank
A.A.A.	The	39th	Baton
do	not	appear	from
this	to home	reached	Subsistence
From			
Place			
Time			
The above may be forwarded as now corrected.			
(Z) <i>[Signature]</i>			
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To From
By (Signature of "Franking Officer.") By

TO { 838 m/m

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

Numbers unknown AAA
There is considerable enemy
Heavy Gun fire on
some position to right-
of this position also
occasional shots by 17 m/m
on gun trencher AAA
re B9 m Adoring me

From DCm
Place
Time 11.50

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

* This line should be erased if not required.
(3198.) Wt. W12952/M1294. 375,000 Pads. 1/17. H.W.&V., Ltd. (E. 818.)

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

TO { A B C & D Corps

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

Re Relief AAA The 43rd
Batt 11th AIB will relieve the
38th Bn tonight - night 31st Augt-
1st Sept. Guides are taking
relieving companies forward
with this message AAA.
It is just possible you will
be relieved by the 41st Bn
but in case proceed
direct to H 1 (near CURU)
reporting at 37th Bn H. En route
AAA Relief should commence
about 2 AM

From 38th Bn
Place 11.55 AM

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

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By		(Signature of "Franking Officer")		By	
TO	OC C Coy.				
Sender's Number.		Day of Month.		In reply to Number.	
AA125		12		AAA	
What is the present position of your Coy AAA are you in touch with 39th Bn on your left AAA Reply by bearer AAA No reports any description from you tonight AAA Urgent AAA A and D Coy's 38th still on RED LINE					
38th Bn					
From					
Place					
Time		1.20 AM			
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By		(Signature of "Franking Officer")		By	
TO	10th AIB				
Sender's Number.		Day of Month.		In reply to Number.	
AA128		12		AAA	
Reference	Location	In	AA127		
10	20 days	date	AAK		
Delete	171877	add	G6d88		
38th Bn					
From					
Place					
Time		12.10 PM			
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Sent		Reed. at.....m.	
At.....m.		Date.....	
To.....		From.....	
By.....		By.....	

TO { 050 H.B.C. & D Coys 38th

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
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As general advance by
to 13th & 38th Battalion
knowing on the cross road
C 20 d 30.10 will take
place to gradually swing
line forward until at
the right flank of
the right Battalion (38th)
rests on the CANAL and
POINSON TREF VCH in T3a
and B the Brigade front
extending along main
road through 26 box
26 and 30 consolidating
if possible in trenches on
eastern side of road
AAA. The 38th will

From		
Place		
Time		

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

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Sent		Reed. at.....m.	
At.....m.		Date.....	
To.....		From.....	
By.....		By.....	

TO { 050 H.B.C. & D Coys 38th

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
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* 050 H.B.C. & D Coys 38th

Advancing instructions
To use a line AAA
There are some of our
troops beyond objective
cannot stay what unit
AAA. Main part 28th Battalion
Can break from wood beyond
wood in front of objective.

From		
Place		
Time		

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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(3193.) Wt. W 12952/M1294. 375,000 Pads. 1/17. H. W. & V. Ltd. (E. 818.)

Aug. 31 - 1918

To G. W. 38th & 39th Bns A.I.F.

My position near
 INFERNO TRENCH
 from I 2 a 60'40"
 to I 2 c 50'80"

My strength about 36
 had approx 30 casualties
 not possible to define until
 check for there have been
 noticeable cases of straggling
 in fact since arrival in this
 system much time has been
 spent in collection of stragglers
 around trenches.

In touch with 39th Bn A.I.F.
 on Left who report touch
 with 9th Bde. Coy Commanded
 by Capt Anderson.
 Their position LA FAYA Sch.
 approx I 2 a 35'99" to
 I 2 a 35'40".

Land on Right with 38th Bn
 38th Bn Commanded by Capt [unclear]



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Service.		Date.....
Signature of "Franking Officer."		By.....
TO <i>240.38 PW</i>		
Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.
* <i>CJN1</i>	<i>31</i>	<i>AAA</i>
<i>Have reached objective</i> <i>Red line position</i> <i>through AAA. Handled</i> <i>with Coy. but down to</i> <i>all I.P. AAA. Machine</i> <i>gun fire (merry) in</i> <i>left. Work AAA. Can't</i> <i>as far as known one</i> <i>killed. AAA</i> <i>out</i>		
From		
Place		
Time		
The above may be forwarded as now corrected.		(Z)
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t. W 12952/M1294. 375,000 Pads. 1/17. H.W. & V., Ltd. (E 818.)		



30th Bn.

31.8.18

To Capt PETERS M.C.

Re left flank - am moving 39th B.H.Q. to find situation - B Churchill has gone forward on a recon. and will probably see you - he might have a look as he is coming back - ^{9th Bn.} Shall forward situation at once when received.

Major Handley killed by shell. Col Anderson commanding 39th and 38th Bns. These H.Q.s joining
Time 9.30 AM

Chas Curke C. with 2nd Bn
H 6a 77.

30th Bn.

31.8.18

To Lt Sandiford

"Major Handley" killed - Col Anderson commanding 38th + 39th Bns. Watch left flank as from the crest line it appears scrubby affording good cover from view - Can you get in touch with the 2nd Division on the right - and send on location

Chas Curke Lt

"2nd Lt Wilson" saw 39th Bn at for 40th + 38th Bns. Colson - this I myself saw about noon - they were Coy + command by Capt Anderson. Their duty was to push up into position this they were endeavouring to do

Capt Peters M.C. Re 39th Bn Lt McArthur ordered to take a flank in FAURE TRENCH.

Capt Anderson his Coy then in LATAY TRENCH ahead of Capt Anderson.

40th Capt McArthur moved out towards Road but under Lt Col Handley's orders returned to INFERNAL TRENCH owing to that time