

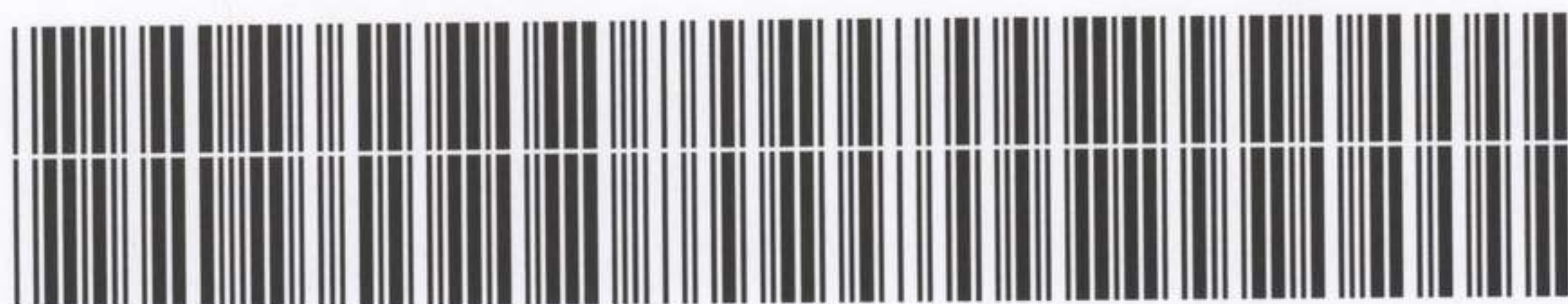
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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

Divisional Headquarters,
15th. February, 1918.

Appendix 5
HEADQUARTERS
G.45/348
16 FEB 1918
No. 36/120
THE AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY

- C.R.A.
- C.R.E.
- 9th. Aust. Inf. Bde.
- 10th. -do-
- 11th. -do-
- A.D.M.S.
- 3rd. Aust. Div. Train.

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War Diaries.

The following copy of Aust. Corps letter G.64/69 of 14/2/1918 is forwarded for information :-

With reference to A.I.F. Order No. 758 dated 13/7/17.

"I am to say that the corps commander desires unit diaries normally to be sent direct to the Australian War Records Section and not necessarily through higher formations. This does not preclude higher commanders from taking such steps as they consider necessary to inspect and supervise the preparation of subordinate diaries. Whenever higher commanders wish to correct matter contained in the diaries they should do so by attaching memos. thereto instead of returning the diaries for correction. The object in view is to allow unit commanders to record situations, etc., as they appear to them from the information available and to encourage a certain individuality."

By Fraser

Robert R
Major.
General Staff.

PWP.

44th Batta

Patrols for night 7/8-4-18 Appendix 5

No	Patrol leaves Place Time	Patrol returns Place Time	Object	Details
1	J29d 12pm Dusk.	J29d 12pm	Secure Identification	1 officer 20 other ranks (including 4 H.Q. scouts) supplied by 'A' Coy. Patrol left 'B' boy front
2	J25a 9pm	J25a 12pm	Recon ^{ce}	11 men + 6 men (including 2 H.Q. scouts) supplied by 'B' boy. Patrol 'B' boy front.

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O.C. 'B' boy will ~~provide~~ arrange for patrolling his front and right flanks.

Liason to be maintained between Piquet line posts.
Patrolling will be taken over by 12th Batta from mid night
Password - MOORA.

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11TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Brigade Headquarters.
9th. April, 1918.

- C.O.
- 41st Battalion.
 - 42nd Battalion.
 - 43rd Battalion.
 - 44th Battalion.
 - 11th Machine Gun Coy.
 - 11th Trench Mortar Battery.
 - 10th Machine Gun Coy.
 - 10th Trench Mortar Battery.
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The following instructions received from Third Australian Division explains the new system of sending in Intelligence. Please give this matter your careful attention.

SITUATION REPORTS AND INTELLIGENCE WIRES.

1. - The morning situation wire should reach Divisional Headquarters by 5 a.m. - the evening situation wire by 5 p.m. These wires should contain statement as to the general situation on the front, and should also specify any events of importance appertaining to the period covered.
2. Intelligence wires should be sent through to Division as a constant stream throughout the day; they should contain details of any information concerning the enemy and will be founded mainly on the reports of observers.

A final intelligence wire for the 24 hours will be sent to reach Divisional Headquarters by 5-30 p.m. This wire is intended to take the place of the Intelligence Summary ordinarily submitted and it should be compiled on the same lines as that summary.

The intelligence wires forwarded during the day will deal mainly with movement; this final wire should therefore give some account of :-

- (a) OUR OPERATIONS:
 - (i) Artillery. *Cut-out*
 - (ii) Machine Guns. *brief note. locations*
 - (iii) Trench Mortars.
 - (iv) Snipers.
 - (v) Patrols.
 - (vi) Aeroplanes.
 - (vii) Identifications.
- (b) ENEMY OPERATIONS.
 - (i) Brief summary of main areas affected by hostile shelling, with approximate times and direction.
 - (ii) Machine Gun activity and M.G. located.
 - (iii) Minenwerfer.
 - (iv) Snipers.
 - (v) Hostile aerial activity.
 - (vi) Work; and
 - (vii) any movement not previously reported.

This final intelligence wire will necessarily be of some length.

3. Both Situation and Intelligence wires should be sent "Priority".

H. J. Pearce Lieut.
For Major.
Brigade Major 11th Inf. Bde. A.I.F.

Appendix 5.

Appendix 5
36/15911TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.Brigade Headquarters.
10th. April, 1918.C.O.
41/42/43/44th Battalions.
10th Machine Gun Coy.
11th Trench Mortar Battery.

Referring to the new instructions regarding the method of sending in Intelligence to Brigade and on to Division.

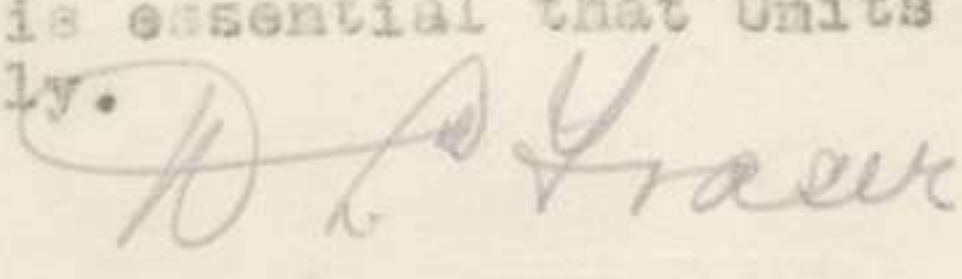
The object aimed at is to supply Division with all important information as soon as possible after it is acquired by Units, and all the less important matter to be embodied in a telegram leaving Brigade at 5-30 p.m. daily, so that a Divisional Summary can be compiled and sent out again by 8 p.m., which will contain all the matter worth reporting that has occurred on the Divisional Front right up to 5 p.m.

It is therefore necessary for I.O.'s of Units to arrange their collection of information to be in their hands not later than 5 p.m., then quickly summarise it, and wire it on to Brigade at once.

The enclosed is a copy of my wire to Division to-night which G.S.C.3. states is what he requires.

You will therefore please arrange that the information required for such a wire will in future be supplied by telegram to B.I.O. at B.G.Q. (Rear Brigade H/Qs) daily not later than 5-15 p.m.

As time is the essence of value for this Divisional Summary, it is essential that Units reports will be despatched punctually.


LIEUT.
for MAJOR.

A.J.M.

Brigade Major 11th Infantry Brigade A.I.F.

11th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Brigade Headquarters

18th. April, 1918.

Appendix 5



The following contribution to AUSTRALIAN WAR MUSEUM
41st Battalion 9/4/18.

- 2 German Packs.
- 1 French Shot Gun.
- 1 Helmet and Snipers Plate.
- 2 Ammunition Carriers.
- Pom Pom Cartridges.
- Coal Scuttle made of shell case.
- French Pistol.
- British Cavalry Sword.
- German Cap.
- German Respirator.

Contributed by Brigade Gas Officer. Mr. BIRKS.

Set of Gas Masks showing evolution of.

D. P. Grauer LIENY.
for MAJOR.

Brigade Major 11th Infantry Brigade A.I.F.

A.J.H.



11TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Brigade Headquarters.
16th. April, 1918.

C.O.

41st Battalion.
42nd Battalion.
43rd Battalion.
44th Battalion.

The general procedure for the handling and treatment of prisoners secured is well known to Intelligence Officers, but the following main points will be of service.

The first object is of course to secure and forward to Brigade, identification at earliest possible moment.

The second, if a good German speaker is available, to secure information for Battalion C.O. as regards enemy disposition, intentions, assembly positions, orders for Counter attacks etc. If a good German speaker is not available it is advisable not to try and question the prisoner.

Searching of prisoners. Prisoners thoroughly searched as soon as possible after capture by a responsible Officer or N.C.O. and all documents taken off them and sent to Brigade for despatch to Divisional Intelligence Officer at once. All ranks should understand that a prisoner's Paybook, Identity Disc and personal belongings should not be taken from him.

Escorts should be specially warned to prevent prisoners from destroying papers.

Separation of Officers, N.C.Os. and Men. Care will be taken that, Officers, N.C.Os. and Privates are separated from one another at once, and are not allowed to communicate with one another.

Prisoners who have been interrogated should not be allowed to mix with those who have not been interrogated.

Information as to the locality of capture should be forwarded to Brigade at once.

Only authorised persons should be allowed to communicate or converse with prisoners.

Prisoners should be forwarded back to the Divisional Cage through Brigade Headquarters as soon as possible after capture.

W. Fraser

LIEUT.
for MAJOR.

A.J.M.

Brigade Major 11th Infantry Brigade A.I.F.

11TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.Brigade Headquarters.
20th. April, 1918.An examination of a prisoner captured this morning about
4 p.m. by Lieut. WILES, H.J. of the 41st Battalion. A.I.F.

NAME. CLAUS. ROSENBROCK.

UNIT. 85th I.R. 18th Division.

Joined this Unit on 14th instant from 75th Ersatz
Battalion in BREMEN.

BATTLE ORDER.

31. I.R. South.
85. I.R. Centre.
86. I.R. North.

He has heard of no preparation for an attack in this
Area.

Has only been four days in the line.

Does not know the Divisions at Rear or South but he
believes the 234.I.R. are holding the line directly North
as he saw soldiers with that number on their shoulder straps
passing back and forward during the past two days.

Prisoner sent to FRANVILLERS Cage.

D. H. Fraser

LIEUT.
for MAJOR.

A.J.M.

Brigade Major 11th Infantry Brigade A.I.F.

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11TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Report No. 47.

Summary of operations and Intelligence Reports from 6 a.m.
1st to 6 a.m., 2nd April 1918.

No 1. OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY.

Our Artillery was active firing on all targets that showed any movement or could in any way inflict damage on the enemy. Number of rounds unknown, but particulars of this firing will in future be reported in this Brigade summary.

MACHINE GUNS.

The 11th Machine Gun Company fired 9,000 rounds harrasing fire at irregular intervals on the following targets,
4,000 rounds along Valley in K.31.
1,000 rounds on Cross Roads in Q.7.a.
1,000 rounds on Bridge in Q.1.c.
1,000 rounds Road in K.13.d.
2,000 rounds Ground between Village and Marsh in P.8.b.

SNIPERS.

Our men of 41st Battalion claim 3 hits during the period.

PATROLS.

Six Patrols traversed our front during the night:-
41st Battalion report sounds of work opposite posts 7 & 8. They also report Valley opposite No.6 post N.M.L. as being a danger spot and suitable for massing a large number of enemy troops without being observed by our disposition:- (This matter is receiving attention)
44th Battalion Patrol report all quiet on their frontage.

AIRCRAFT.

Our Planes very active during the day.

OUR DEFENCES.

All available men were used in improving our Defences during the period.

HOSTILE SHELLING.

Fairly active during the period. Shelling SAILLY le SAC and VAUX SUR SOMME at irregular intervals during the night. About 25 rds., 10.5 cm fired from direction of MOULANCOURT into J.21.c., about 4 p.m., and 10 or 15 rds., 5.9 thrown into HAMEL.

ENEMY ATTITUDE.

quiet.

ENEMY DEFENCES.

N.G., quiet.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT.

Three Baloons were seen which would enable observers to look down Valley of SOMME and over our Roads. No planes are reported.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Some activity from SAILLY LAURETTE North to top of Ridge above CEMETARY also on Road leading North East over hill. Searchlight seen in direction of MOULANCOURT at 11 p.m.

S. L. Fraser

Lieutenant.
For Major.

Brigade Major, 11th Inf. Bde. A. I. F.

E.J.R.

CONFIDENTIAL.11TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.Appendix *b*Report No. 48.

Summary of operations and Intelligence Report from 6 a.m.
2nd to 6 a.m., 3rd April 1918.

OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. Our 18 pdrs. and How. 5.9 Batteries fairly active during the day.

50 rounds 18 pdrs. fired at enemy movement in vicinity of Red House K.10.b.50.00., and many casualties were caused. 18 pdrs. also fired at single vehicles and small parties in Q.9.Central and Q.7.a. About 6.30 to 7 p.m., our 5.9 How. Battery fired about 150 rounds H.E., and Gas at Enemy Battery position in Q.8.d.60.60., which was active. The shooting was good - enemy battery discontinued shooting.

MACHINE GUNS. Our Machine Gun Company fired 4,000 rounds harrassing fire at irregular intervals at following targets, where movement had been observed:-

- 1,000 rds. on Cross Roads in Q.7.a.
- 2,000 " on Bridge in Q.1.c.
- 1,000 " on Roads in Q.1.c.

AIRCRAFT. Our planes were active and several bombs were dropped on enemy's back areas.

IDENTIFICATION. Three identifications secured.

- (1) A dead German examined in N.H.L., on night of 1st/2nd by an Officer of 41st Battalion proved to belong to 31st I.R.
- (2) A prisoner captured at 9 p.m., last night strayed into our lines was severely wounded. Identification 13th Inf. Regiment.
- (3) A prisoner belonging to 1st Battery Bav. Reserve, Foot Artillery, 3rd Regiment, captured about 10 p.m., last night belongs to Mobile Battery.

PATROLS. Our front was covered by 8 patrols, 44th Battalion supplying 4. They report examination of River bank in P.6.a., and they suspect an enemy post in P.6.b. Location in J.30., J.35., J.36., P.6.a., J.24., and vicinity of Cemetery were traversed on right Battalion frontage. Liaison was maintained between posts during night and with our right flank Brigade every two hours. 41st Battalion patrols report a H.G., post at J.30.b.80.80 approx., which is used as O.P.

Enemy in strengthening his trenches on hill behind North extremity of cemetery

HOSTILE SHELLING. More active than usual. Apparently carrying out registration shoots. About 210 shells of all calibres, principally H 4.2 and 5.9 cm were fired. 170 of these landed in village of SAILLY LE SEC doing a lot of damage and fired between 9 a.m., and 12 Noon, and 9.30 p.m., to 10 p.m.

The direction of shooting was from K.19 and 20, TREUX and K.12 At 7 p.m., a practice barrage was put down between BOIS DE HAMEL and River SOMME, this was repeated at 5 a.m. this morning and lasted 30 minutes. At 4.15 p.m., a Pom Pom gun fired 16 rounds from J.23.b. into wood K.25.d.

MACHINE GUNS. Were less active than usual.

AEROPLANES. Came over in strength at intervals during the day but they were driven back by our A.A., Guns.

ENEMY ATTITUDE. Quiet.

ENEMY DEFENCES. Enemy improving his positions. He appear to have a series of posts in front of position on the ridge in K. 2.a.2.5., and a line of pot holes back into which runners get protection.

MISCELLANEOUS. At different points in enemy back area 8 columns of black smoke seen, but they only lasted a few minutes. A battery of three guns fired from 83 degrees T.B. from J.14.d.40.80. Enemy apparently using captured 18 pdrs., at times.

E. J. R.
Lieutenant.

For Major

E. J. R.

Brigade Major, 11th Inf. Bde. A.I.F.

Report No. 49.

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Summary of operations and intelligence report from 6 a.m. end
to 6 a.m., 4th April 1918.

OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. Fired on all movement. Reported - at 8.30 p.m., 100 rds., 18 pdrs., fired on transport in K.3.d., 1 Transport Wagon hit and remainder turned back. At 10.15 a.m., 25 rds., fired at party of 25 men at J.20 Camp, casualties caused. Occasional rds., of 18 pdrs., fired at enemy trenches in neighbourhood of cemetery in J.24.d., appeared to be good.

Heavies fired at intervals on road between MORLANCOURT and SAILLY LAURETTE dispersing Transport.

at 10.15 a.m., our 18 pdrs. shelled enemy trench in K.19, and enemy were seen to leave to get other cover. Our Lewis Guns fired on them.

MACHINE GUNS. 9,500 rds, were fired by 11th M.G. Coy., at irregular intervals during the night on the following targets:-

- 1,000 rds. on roads in P.6.b.
- 2,000 " on Bridge Q.1.c.
- 1,000 " on Road and Track in Q.1.Central.
- 5,000 " Valley in K.31.
- 500 " on Road K.13.a.

SNIPERS. Nil.

AIRCRAFT. Our planes again active throughout daylight - At 11.15 a.m. one of our planes dropped 5 bombs in enemy lines. About 11 a.m. two machines came in contact with 3 enemy planes - One of ours forced to land in south of River SOMME apparently behind our lines - enemy anti-aircraft fire very active and accurate.

HOSTILE SHELLING. Very active. At 10 a.m., 9 rds 4.2 fell near our front line in J.35.a and b. Post at J.23.a.50.75 report the following shelling in all about 280 rds., principally 4.2 cm and 77 mm, and coming from a T.B. of 112 degrees, 103 degrees, 88 degrees, most of the shells fell in vicinity of J Squares 23, 21, 29.b. 28.b., 17.a., 18.a., 22.c and b, and 18.d. Anti-aircraft firing from bearing of 112 degrees and 82 degrees. The latter gun was not firing yesterday - his shelling of our planes was very accurate. No damage reported to personnel or trenches.

ENEMY ATTITUDE. Artillery very accurate and aggressive throughout the day. M.G.'s also active during the night.

ENEMY DEFENCES. M.G.'s - none definitely located.

ENEMY AEROPLANES. At 10 a.m. 8 machines flew near our lines, at 3 p.m. 3 enemy planes flew low over our trenches and were engaged by our L.G.'s - Observer could be seen leaning over the side.

MOVEMENT IN AND BEHIND ENEMY LINES. Considerable activity in enemy lines. Improvements made to earth works during the night. At 3-30 p.m., enemy Transport seen going towards MORLANCOURT. At 5 p.m., Battery of 77 mm observed on road in K.21.b., also going towards MORLANCOURT. Heavy traffic on this road all day, and Artillery advised and did some shooting. Flashes observed from J.17.d.6.8., at following T.B.'s - 5.40 p.m., 82 degrees, 6.30 p.m., 76 degrees, 12.45 p.m., 75 degrees, 4.20 p.m., in J.22 and 23. Transport on road about K.34.d., going to and from CHIPILLY seen throughout the day, much movement of men and Transport on road CHIPILLY MORLANCOURT K.21.a. and C, also in paddocks K.20.b. and d. and K.21.a. and c.,

ISCELLANEOUS. Heavy enemy bombardment commenced at 5.40 a.m., 2 miles South of SOMME River.

PATROLS. Our front was covered by 6 patrols during the night, 4 of these provided by right Battalion. They report working through wood as far as the bend in Canal P.3.a., about 500 yards in front of our picquet line - a C.T., has been dug in direction of River from SAILLY LAURETTE. This C.T. is narrow and situated in P.6.a. - The patrol crossed trench and continued on to Canal bank at P.6.a.30.05., when 2 Very Lights were fired from point to right rear in P.5.d. Liaison was maintained throughout the night between posts, and also with right Brigade on South of River. Left Battalion report maintaining liaison with left Brigade and between posts. Their front was covered by constant patrolling and efforts made to fix positions of M.G., firing into Cross Road and wood in J.24.b. at close range. A working party heard about 100 yards E of J.24.d.80.20, using picks and shovels. A M.G., fired at patrol from approx. J.24.b.9.2. This patrol report Gas in wood J.24.b., causing men to cough a good deal.

IDENTIFICATION. Nil.

D. L. Y. G. G. G. Lieutenant.
For Major.
Brigade Major, 11th Inf. Bde.

E.J.R.

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11TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Appendix, b

Report No. 50.

Summary of Operations and Intelligence Report from 6 a.m. 4th. to 6 a.m., 5th. April, 1918.

OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. Very active during the day shelling enemy positions in K.19., J.24. and K.25.d., also heavily shelling enemy during his advance on South of SOMME through HAMEL. At 10 p.m. heavies fired into enemy's position slightly EAST of SAILLY-LAURETTE.

MACHINE GUNS. 11th M.G. Coy. report firing 7,500 rounds as follows:-

- 1,000 rounds into SAILLY-LAURETTE.
- 5,000 rounds into valley in K.31.
- 1,500 rounds into valley in K.19.

At 10.30 rounds were fired into a large enemy party in P.1.c. (making enquiry possibly should be P.11.c.) This party immediately dispersed and retaliated with his machine gun.

Enemy threw a large number of Minnies into vicinity of our M.G. Positions about 3 p.m. yesterday. Two Officers were wounded but no damage caused to guns.

SNIPERS. Two hits claimed by 41st Battalion.

TRENCH MORTARS. At 12.30 p.m. our Stokes Gun fired 20 rounds on enemy advanced post at J.35.d.30.90. This post was destroyed and garrison of three men sniped as they retreated. One killed.

At 6.30 p.m. 20 rounds were fired into enemy trench at J.35.d.60.60. About 10 Bosche ran out and a shell killed most of them.

PATROLS. 3 patrols operated on our front and report everything very quiet, no machine gun fire or Very Lights being used and no sound of working parties. There does not appear to be any enemy posts West of road running through J.24.b and d.

AIRCRAFT. Our planes not active during the period. Two planes collided during the afternoon South of SO ME River and crashed, it is believed one belongs to enemy.

IDENTIFICATIONS. A prisoner captured by the 44th Battalion proved to belong to first Minnenwerfer Company, 1st Division. He was captured near SAILLY-le-SEC. Particulars of his interrogation found in part two of 3rd Aus. Div. Intelligence Summary, No. 85. of 3rd/4th April. A dead Bosche killed yesterday belonged to H.G.S.S.Abtg. No. 2 KOMP.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY. Very active on South bank of the SOMME; indications point to some of his guns having been moved close up forward during the night opposite the sector South of River. 41st Battalion report the following shelling observed from O.P. at J.23.a.50.75. during which 372 shells fell on our sector. Only a few casualties caused. Direction of shelling 100°, 112°, and 88° all T.B.

142 rounds fired into J.27.a. apparently after battery positions. J.23.a., J.29.d., J.21.b. and J.22.a. were also shelled.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT. Aggressive during day, quiet at night.

ENEMY REFUGES. Two M.G.'s observed being placed in position at K.25.a. S.E. approx. and within 50 yards of each other.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT. Active over Area South of SO ME River.

MOVEMENT IN REAR BEHIND ENEMY LINES. Visibility bad owing to rain. Small parties seen in K.19. At 2.45 p.m. 2 enemy on cycles came along canal through SAILLY-le-SEC. 1 taken prisoner the other wounded afterwards dying. Reported in identifications.

MISCELLANEOUS. Enemy has advanced his right flank and now occupies BOUZENCOURT and HAMEL and the Wood in P.14 and 15.

D. P. Haas Lieut. For Major

Brigade Major 11th Infantry Brigade A.I.F.

A. J. H.

Report No. 51.

Summary of Operations and Intelligence Report from 6 a.m. 5th.
to 6 a.m. 6th, April, 1918.

OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. Very active during the period. Ridge in K.19 and K.25 was shelled. Heavies fired at irregular intervals on MORLANCOURT. Artillery South of SOMME was shelling vicinity of HAMEL.

MACHINE GUNS. 11th L.G. Coy report having fired 3,000 rounds during the period into valley in J.31.

SNIPERS. Two teams of snipers secured positions opposite left Battalion front ahead of Outpost. 3 ~~hits~~ hits claimed on Brigade front.

AIRCRAFT. Inactive, weather conditions unsuitable.

TRENCH MORTARS. No firing took place.

PATROLS. Our front was patrolled by seven patrols during the hours of darkness. Left Battalion report enemy machine gun firing into J.24. from road in K.13.c. Patrol fired on by snipers who were located near cemetery in J.24.d. An enemy patrol was seen N.E. of cemetery about 11.30 p.m. but he hurriedly retreated and disappeared without showing fight after sighting our patrol. Liason was maintained between picquet posts and flanking Brigades throughout the night.

HOSTILE SHELLING. Very heavy, consisting of area shoots which indicated that Boche expected an attack from us and his targets were expected routes where supports would be sent up, such as sunken roads in J.23.a & c., Gulley in J.22 and 28., and all woods in J.22 and 27. At 7.20 p.m. Left Front line Company reported that a light barrage of about 120 shells 77mm and 10.5 cm was dropped in J.23.b and d., about 150° in rear of line of resistance. Barrage lasted 16 minutes.

About 740 shells of 77mm and 10.5 cm were fired in all. Particulars as under:-

Time. a.m.	Calibre.	Place.	From direction of	No shells.	Where observed from
7 to 8.30	77.10.5	Wood J.26.b	MORLANCOURT & SAILLY LAURETTE.	150	O.P. J.23.a.50 75.
All day.	77 mm	Road J.23.a.	120° T.B from O.P.	57	do.
9.35 a.m.	77 mm	J.29.b & d	112° do.	11	do.
10.10 a.m.	10.5 cm	J.23.a.	112° do.	16	do.
11 a.m.	10.5 cm	J.23.a.	112° do.	15	do.
11 a.m.	77 mm	J.23.a. &	88° do.	13	do.
2.45 p.m.	10.5 cm	28.d.			
3.40 p.m.	10.5 cm	J.27.b.	117° do.	23	O.P. J.23.d.65 10.
2.30 p.m.	10.5 cm	J.17.c.6.2.	117° do.	42	do.
2.30 p.m.	10.5 cm	J.23.a.	117° do.	81	do.
4. p.m.	15 cm.	J.22.b & c.	88° do.	10	do.
4 p.m.	10.5 cm.	J.21.b & d.	117° do.	47	do.
5.15 p.m.	10.5 cm.	J.22.b.	112° do.	33	do.
All day.	77 mm & 10.5 cm	Valley J.22.	MORLANCOURT & SAILLY LAURETTE.	120	do.
7.20 p.m.	do.	Barrage.	Unknown.	120	Front Line,

ENEMY DEFENCES. Machine Gun at J.24.d.8.2. fired into J.23.d. throughout the day and machine gun South of SOMME enfiladed sunken road J.23.a. & c. Machine Guns located at J.24.d.8.0. and J.30.d.6.2. Enemy vigorously wiring his line in J.23.d.

HOSTILE AIRCRAFT. At 3.25 p.m. an enemy plane flew very low over our lines in J.24. and was engaged by L.G. and rifle fire and driven off. Whilst over posts it fired three white Very Lights which were replied to by One Red and Two White lights from enemy trenches.

ENEMY ATTITUDE. Nervous, apparently expecting an attack. A Platoon was sent forward to man his posts in front near sunken road in J.24.b & d. about 11.30 a.m. Our posts opened heavy fire with Lewis Guns and rifle and caused them to withdraw.

P.T.O.

MOVEMENT IN AND BEHIND ENEMY LINES. Right Battalion observers report at 4 p.m. seeing 6 tanks on road between CERISY and WARFUSEE-ADANCOURT going towards latter town.

Much infantry movement between 1p a.m. and 6.30 p.m. along same road. No transport with them. Movement going both Northorly and Southerly and indicated a relief in progress.

MISCELLANEOUS. 11th Machine Gun Company report that map reference where enemy was fired on during attack on 4th inst and reported in our yesterday's summary as P.1.c. should read P.11.c.

D. L. Fraser

LIEUT

for MAJOR.

Brigade Major 11th Infantry Brigade A.I.F.

A.J.M.

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11TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

Appendix b

Report No. 52.

Summary of Operations and Intelligence Report from 4 a.m. 6th. to 6 a.m. 7th. April, 1918.

OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. - Throughout the period our guns were very active and frequently fired on targets advised by our Infantry. Much transport and movement of men on straight road in P.30. and Q.35. during the day and our heavy battery fired, inflicting damage. The shooting was good, many shells landing amongst the Transport. This road was to be kept under harassing fire during the night. At 7 p.m. our 18 pounders shelled woods and approaches in P.14. and P.15. with shrapnel.

MACHINE GUNS. 11th M.G. Company fired 7,000 rounds on the following targets:-

1,000 rounds on enemy post in P.11.a., where two active M.G.'s are located.

4,000 rounds harassing fire in K.31.

1,000 rounds on Bridge and Road in Q.1.c.

1,000 rounds on Road in K.13.d. and K.14.c.

TRENCH MORTARS. Nil.

AIRCRAFT. Aeroplanes were very active and much aerial fighting with enemy planes took place within view of our sector. Two hostile planes were seen to crash. At least four other planes (Nationality unknown) crashed or came down in flames during the afternoon.

Our airmen maintained air superiority in spite of strong enemy formations attacking them.

About 11.30 a.m. our planes dropped bombs in HAMEL. It was observed that Triplanes were frequently employed by enemy in fighting encounters.

SNIPERS. No hits claimed.

PATROLS. Usual patrols covered our Brigade front and maintained liason between our posts and flanking Brigade. Two enemy patrols were seen close to their lines in K.19. but they did not venture far into N.M.L. An enemy snipers position under course of construction situated only 75 yards in front of our line (Map reference being obtained) was found. A box of German ammunition was found in it.

IDENTIFICATIONS. Nil.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

HOSTILE SHELLING. Much less active than yesterday, about 250 shells reported as having fallen within our area, particulars as under:-

Time.	Place shelled.	No of rounds.	Calibre.	From direction of	Compass bearing taken from
7.20 a.m.	J.29.c.	5	77 mm	SAILLY LAURETTE	---
10.45	J.28.a.	10	77 mm	do.	
11.30 "	J.30.a.& c.	22	77 mm	do.	
1 p.m.	J.27.b.	24	77 mm	88° T.B.	J.23.a.50.75.
2.15 p.m.	J.22.b.	15	10.5 cm	112° T.B.	do.
2.20 "	J.28.b.	13	QFC.5 cm	SAILLY LAURETTE	---
2.25 "	J.17.c.8.2.	22	77 mm	88° T.B.	J.23.a.50.75.
2.45 "	J.23.a.	26	77 mm	112° T.B.	do.
3.45 "	J.27.b.	21	77 mm	do.	do.
6 p.m.	J.27.a.	22	77 mm	do.	do.
5.10 "	J.17.c.	28	77 mm	88° T.B.	do.
5.20 "	J.22.b.	14	77 mm	do.	do.
9 a.m.	J.23.a.	23	10.5 cm	MORLANCOURT.	

No damage reported.

ENEMY DEFENCES. A machine gun was active from K.19.c. firing across our areas, also a gun firing from South of River SORTE into to J.23.c. A machine gun was located at J.36.c.2,6, approx.

HOSTILE AIRCRAFT. Enemy very active flying large formations of fighting planes which included a number of triplanes. Frequent fighting with our planes took place generally resulting in our favour. At least two enemy planes brought down, one in J.7. and another behind enemy lines in SAILLY LAURETTE.

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HOSTILE AIRCRAFT (continued)

Artillery fired on damaged plane in P.12.a.00.40. at 2 p.m. Several enemy planes flew over our lines during the day and were engaged by rifle and M.G. fire without apparent results. Some bombs were dropped in vicinity of CORBIE, BONNAY and HEILLY. One of these bombing planes brought down by A.A. fire. in J.7. approx.

MOVEMENT IN AND BEHIND ENEMY LINES. Great transport activity observed on straight road in P.30. and Q.35. from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. on which artillery fired. Small parties seen on skyline in K.19. and engaged by L.G. fire. Parties of men and cavalry seen on road East of LA MOTTE. At 12.15 p.m. 3 Transport waggons leaving HAMEL at P.11.a.00.70. At 3 p.m. motor car stood on Road at P.12.a.10.90. A number of small parties of men moving towards and into HAMEL, also some cavalry. All targets of value fired on by Artillery.

MISCELLANEOUS. Heavy Artillery action to North between BUIRE-SUR-L'ANCRE and ALBERT, from 6.30 p.m. to 10.30 p.m., also heavy action to South about same time.

D. L. Fraser

LIEUT.

for MAJOR.

Brigade Major 11th Infantry Brigade A.I.F.

A.J.E.

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 Dear Woolcock, ~~Parrell~~

British official of
 operations in North reads
 as usual "Favoured by thick
 mist enemy penetrated
 our lines etc". Apparently
 no patrols, no resistance
 no alarms, always "surprise"

Prisoners of 204 R.F.R. - 228 Div.
 taken South of Bois de Vaire on
 9/4/18 states Germans intend take
 AMIENS at all costs by 12 April. Not
 on this point I hope you much
 interested

COPIES OF INTELLIGENCE WIRES FORWARDED TO THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

8th. April, 1918. Artillery fired on established targets AAA visibility too bad see by movement AAA M.G. fired four thousand five hundred rounds on selected places K.31 and in vicinity villages in J.36.d. AAA No air activity AAA Usual patrolling of front nothing unusual to report except occupation of BOUZENCOURT by 5th Australian Division last night AAA No identifications AAA Enemy shelling very lightly principally battery positions in J.13 J.15.21.22. No damage reported. Enemy attitude quiet. No M.G. located.

9th. April, 1918. Our artillery active during day. M.G. fired 1000 rounds E.trench in P.4.b and d. Patrols covered Brigade front during night nothing unusual. Snipers claim four hits. Enemy artillery shelled heavily at intervals all day as already reported principally coming from 85° T.B. observed from J.27.a.5.3.

Areas shelled J.21.c -Canal from Sailly, le Sec to Vaux where 250 rounds fell during day. Heilly and J.20.30 and 14 also lightly shelled. Some gas. No new enemy M.G. locations reported. Gun fired from trenches in K.19.a. Enemy attitude. Party of 30 enemy attacked post in J.24.b. this morning about 8-30 a.m. Driven off with rifle fire, retired into wood J.24.b.6.7. Our casualties Nil. Enemy losses unknown. Visibility very poor. No enemy movement reported.

10th. April, 1918. Owing poor visibility our artillery activity below normal. M.Guns fired 500 rounds at cross roads K.13.b and d. Valley in K.7.b and c. Works in K.19.c and d. and Sailly Laurette. Usual patrols covering front and liason maintained. Enemy patrol of about 8 men met on road J.34.a.5.3. about 8.30 p.m. Were fired on but escaped. Much movement and talking in enemy lines opposite J.18.d. between 8 p.m. and midnight (relief suspected) Snipers three hits claimed. Our aeroplanes inactive. Identifications Thirty first I.R. secured from German shot by Lieut Peterson at 9.30 last night in J.24.a. where he had wandered already reported. Enemy shelling below normal but Vaux shelled at 2.15 p.m. 100 rounds from direction of MERICOURT. Bouzencourt Post occupied by 31st Battalion at J.34.a. severely shelled with 21 rounds 5.9 from direction MERICOURT about 1.45 p.m. necessitating temporary evacuation of the post. Hamel shelled at 12.30 p.m. from direction WARFUSEE. Enemy machine guns inactive. Hostile aeroplane flew low over J.26.27 and 38 at 2 p.m. 19 enemy planes flying about our area at 10.30 a.m. Much movement seen about 3 p.m. including transport on road in P.16 central to P.23.a.6.2. Hamel to Warfusee

11th April, 1918. Our artillery very active throughout period. Enemy working party dispersed with casualties 5.30 a.m. at K.19.c. 50.60 Sailly Laurette and wood in P.5. M.G. fired 6250 rounds on valleys in K.7.b. and K.31.a. and c. Movement in K.19.b. During day small enemy parties dispersed. Our front covered by patrols liason maintained. Report sounds resembling motor launch in P.6.c. ceased and heavy material being handled shortly after. A tractor heard in vicinity. Much movement Sailly Laurette heard. No enemy encountered. Our planes became active after 2 p.m. when visibility improved. Hostile artillery fired 40 rounds 77 mm on J.22.a.b and d. between 5.30 and 6.30 p.m. last night from direction Sailly Laurette. 10.5 cm also fired from Laurette on J.21. apparently new battery position. Little damage front line trenches with 5.9 shells. M.G. quiet generally. New positions J.24.b.65.35 and J.30.b.60.75. Gun firing from J.24.d. Enemy planes active in groups of two to five after 2 p.m. Movement seen at K.19 near enemy trenches also on P.18.a.9.8. Enemy post located at J.35.c.90.80. Snipers scored five hits in J.36.d. Enemy attitude quiet and alert but working hard on defences. Some Minnies and Pineapples thrown at our front line trenches.

Bgen D. P. Fraser
Bgen L. O.

11TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.Appendix *b*COPY OF WIRE (INTELLIGENCE) FORWARDED TO THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

12th. April, 1918. Machine guns fired 9000 rounds roads and valleys and in conjunction with artillery on movement in K.19. Patrols investigated suspected tanks unable to confirm. Dead Bosche examined in J.24.b. shoulder strap 31 Regiment. No other information on him; apparently dead 7 days. Snipers 4 hits. Our planes very active. Ove 20 in air at one time. Patrolled enemy line behind. Hostile shelling active in SOMME Valley 9 a.m. to Noon. Welcome Wood and Valley P.21 and 27 heavily shelled from direction Morlancourt and Bray between 1 p.m. and 4 with 100 15 cm shells. Enemy defences. M.G. generally quiet. One fired occasionally from J.24.b.8.8. Aeroplanes very active 5 to 8 p.m. last night and all day. Eleven triplanes led by one painted deep red apparently fighting section.

Miscellaneous. Posts located at K.13.c.55.10, K.13.c.05.15., K.13.c.15.20., K.13.c.10.45., K.13.c.10.65., K.19.a.2.2. Movement seen in P.4.a.8.8. at 2.30 p.m. and P.16.b.4.4. at 4 p.m. 8 enemy balloons seen. Much movement at P.18.c.45.10. Apparently light railway in use from R.21.a.80.30. to W.18.a.6.9. Horses grazing in Q.7.b. and 8.a. 7.25 p.m. 6 flashes from a gun T.B. b146° from J.27.b.50.40. 5 p.m. Movement observed apparently a post P.16.b.3.4. Constant movement between Laurette and trench at P.18.c.45.10.

Movement last evening in Bois-de-Hamel at 6 p.m. At 6.30 p.m. balloon hauled down approx Q.28.d. At 7.45 p.m. 10 enemy planes one coloured dark red flew over our area one flying very low. To-day. 6 men seen at P.8.a.4.6. at 7 a.m. apparently a post at this place. Movement at P.11.a.2.3. at 7.45 a.m. and at Q.9.c.4.6. at 10 a.m. 4 transport waggens seen 1.30 p.m. at K.31.a.8.4. Battalion Intelligence yet to come. Not yet delivered.

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11TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Appendix, b

COPY OF INTELLIGENCE WIRE TO THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION 13th April '18.

Artillery barraged enemy defences 9.15 p.m. yesterday. 4.35 a.m. this morning much shouting heard directly afterwards in enemy trenches. Gun position in P.11.c.9.1. located; heavily shelled, explosion caused.

Machine Guns expended 8,000 rounds mostly in co-operating in artillery shoots. Roads and trenches in K.19 engaged.

Snipers claim 4 hits to-day.

Following unreported yesterday at 9 a.m. two enemy parties one of 12 other of 6 men engaged by Lewis Gun fire when endeavouring to reach their posts; all fell. A few minutes later only 8 got up and were again fired on. Only four eventually reached Post remaining 14 presumed casualties. At 8.15 p.m. Lewis Gun again inflicted casualties on enemy party of 10 men.

Aeroplanes active during evening of 12th. SAILLY LAURETTE bombed at dusk. Little activity to-day. Small reconnaissance patrol saw enemy patrol of 15 men at J.30.b.2.5. about midnight. Subsequent parties at 2 a.m. failed to see any enemy but working party heard in J.30.b.2.5..

Enemy artillery mostly inactive. VAIRE shelled 100 rounds at 10.50 Direction T.B. 141° from J.27.a.4.9. Wood in J.27. shelled by 77 mm from SAILLY LAURETTE. Hostile shelling mostly from S.E. direction.

Enemy attitude. Alert and working hard with defences. Keen observation.

Enemy Defences. No M.G.'s located little activity. Much wiring being done in J.36.central. Field Gun located in P.11.c.9.1. (heavily shelled) Enemy planes very slightly active flying high.

Movement seen on ~~KANREXTERXMA~~ LAMOTTE Road and many independent vehicles yesterday evening. Our artillery shoot 9.15 caused great acceleration of traffic behind SAILLY LAURETTE both of mechanical and horse. Heard transport roads South of SOMME at 10 p.m. Heavy tractor heard moving W. direction in P.4.d. at 11 p.m. Some movement in LAMOTTE P.30.c.4.4. in daylight. An enemy balloon destroyed.

Observers suspect the following for enemy M.G. positions.

K.19.c.00.50., K.19.d.5.5., J.24.a.75.50., P.21.b.8.8. and P.16.b.3.4. Much movement seen in vicinity.

Movement about 6.30 yesterday about 2 companies men moving S at Q.9.c.4.2. Artillery informed at once but no shooting observed.

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The attached for Brian
The parts marked by the
Gen. for intelligence

12/4/18

W. H. C.

Original report has
gone to Brian



Enemy Dispositions. 1

Enemy are holding a line of posts ~~running~~ from K13.c.10.10 North of BRAY CORBIE Rd and running through K13.c in a NE. direction to Cross Rds in K13.a.3.3.

This line of posts is protected by a row of concertina wire running along the whole length.

A Machine Gun is situated in K13.c.30.80. Another M.G. is at K19.a.90.90 which fires down the CORBIE Rd.

A Post with M.G. is situated at K19.a.32.50

Enemy appears to have no wire on South Side of Road and is not holding copse in J.18.d.

Intention 2

It is intended to raid enemy post at K13.c.10.10 and secure prisoners

Party

2. 10ff (Lt Hoff Green) and 20 O.P.s divided into (a) L.G. Party 11 Co. 13 (b) Covering Party 11 Co. 15 (c) Assault Party 10ff 11 Co. 13 3 S.B.s attached

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Action 4 Party will assemble in low ground South of BRAY CORRIE Rd about ~~I.B.C. 10.00~~ I.B.C. 10.00 15 minutes before Zero.

At Zero the Artillery will bombard enemy front line posts for 3 minutes paying special attention to M.G.s. & posts mentioned in Para 1

At Zero + 3. Artillery will lift on to line running through K 13 + 19. Central

The Raiding party ^{will move} along South side of the road. Covering Party (b) will take up a position on road at K 13. C. 10.00 and guard against attacks from the south.

(a) Lewis Gun party (a) will move across to North Side of road at about I.B.C. 10.05 and be prepared to deal with any enemy coming up from rear of post.

Raiders will enter trench from rear if possible

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Protection 5 Serial platoon in Post J. 18 d. 7. 2
will arrange to patrol No Man's
Land up till 3.30 am.

A party of 14 Co and 5 men
will ~~be~~ secure low ground
where raiding will be up, at least
two (2) hours before Zero.

Equipment 6. A party Not carry Lewis Gun
+ 1 magazine. No 2 will carry
4 magazines. Remains of
raiding party will carry
1. Rifle + Bayonet with 5 rounds
magazine + 1 Bandolier
2. Every man will carry two (2)

Hill Bombs

Zero. J. 3.45 am on 14/4/18

E. Collins Capt

Adjutant

4th Bn A.I.F.

Note. Details of Artillery will be arranged
with Base Major after conference

Report of Raid by 43rd Bn A.I.F.
night 13/14 April 1918.

According to plan submitted Lt GREEN & party
raided enemy posts N. of CORBIE-BRAY Road and
secured 1 Prisoner.

There was found to be wire across the road 30th W. of the
post; this was reported to the party by a patrol shortly before
zero. Wire was French concertina about 4^{ft} wide 3
ft high. There was no wire immediately S of Road.
The party were able to work round this wire and approach
the post from the Southern flank. The post intended to
be raided was found to be unoccupied - 4^{ft} square
with wooden floor. This is possibly intended to be a
M.G. or m.w. emplacement.

The party continued N and discovered another
post - 100^x N of Road - 30 yds long - one man was seen
seized and immediately removed from the trench.
A prisoner having been captured the party returned
to our lines.

While the operation was in progress, no enemy
action took place - neither artillery M.G. or rifle
fire being encountered. One very light was fired.

Our casualties were 4 wounded, caused by
our own artillery firing shot into the position of
assembly.

Examination of prisoner attached.

B.H. Richards Lt for Co.
43rd Bn.

Identification 31st I.R.
Order of Battle North 86^a centre 31st believes 85^a are holding
South to R. SOMME.

Prisoner states he was in a post with another man about
20 yds away - remainder of his section was in rear.

Knows nothing whatever of any attack on this front.
Business has been in the line since 21st March - has heard
nothing of relief. Knows of no troops behind - Has only
been in the line here 2 days himself.

Did not know the Australians were opposite him - thought
that perhaps the Officer knew. - Our artillery shots evening
& morning had been causing casualties - His Coy
had had no patrols out at night to his knowledge.

Heard nothing of Northern advance.

Brigade Headquarters,
14th. April, 1918.REPORT OF RAID BY 43rd. BATTALION, A.I.F. NIGHT 13th/14th
APRIL, 1918.

According to plan submitted Lieut. GREEN and party raided enemy posts N. of CORBIE-BRAY Road and secured 1 prisoner.

There was found to be wire across the road 30 yards West of the K.b.c.l.l. Post., this was reported to the party by a patrol shortly before Zero. Wire was French concertina about 4 feet wide 3 feet high. There was no wire immediately South of road.

The party were able to work round this wire and approach the Post from the Southern flank. The Post intended to be raided was found to be unoccupied. 4 feet square with wooden floor. This is possibly intended to be a Machine Gun or Minenwerfer emplacement.

The party continued North and discovered another Post 100 yards North of Road - 30 yards long. One man was seen, seized and immediately removed from the trench.

A prisoner having been captured the party returned to our lines.

While the operation was in progress, no enemy action took place - neither Artillery, Machine Gun or rifle fire being encountered. One Very Light was fired.

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Sgd. B.H.Richards. Lieut. for C.O.
43rd Battalion.

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Did not know the Australians were opposite him. Thought that perhaps the Officers knew. Our Artillery shoots evening and morning had been causing casualties. His Company has had no patrols out at night to his knowledge. Heard nothing of Northern advance.

11TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Appendix, 6

INTELLIGENCE WIRE SENT TO THIRD AUST. DIVISION.14th April, 1918.

Our Artillery fired on enemy front line and back areas at intervals. M.G.'s 13,750 rounds on roads SAILLY LAURETTE Cross Roads K.13.b. and d. Valleys K.7.b., K.31.b. and c. Co-operated with Artillery during raid. Snipers - Two hits Right Battalion. Usual patrols - Nothing encountered. Aeroplanes inactive only three seen. Hostile shelling below normal. Salvoes of 77 mm. on Front Line and back areas. Occasional gas shells along canal. 63 rounds on J.23.a., J.29.a. and b., and J.17.c. from direction 88° T.B. Observed from J.22.d.5.7. Enemy quiet in Front line but considerable activity on roads in rear. Defences. A.A. M.G. located P.20.d.8.5.

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COPIES OF INTELLIGENCE WIRES SENT TO THIRD AUST. DIVISION.

14th April, 1918. No enemy planes report. Three enemy horsemen rode into BOUZENCOURT 11 a.m. Motor Car on road Q.20.d.4.5. at 12-30 p.m. Visibility bad. Identification. 31st I.R. particulars forwarded.

15th. April, 1918. M.G.s fired 9,500 rounds Cross Roads K.31.c. 15.55. and vicinity SAILLY LAURETTE also supported raid barraging roads in J.30.b., K.25. and K.31. Only five planes reported. Patrols normal. Identification 31st and 85th R.I. Four prisoners. Particulars wired. Enemy shelled J.29.b and d. with 77 mm and 4.2" at intervals during morning. 30 rounds. J.22.b and d., J.17.c. J.23.c. 24 rounds all from direction of 88° T.B. from J.22.d.30.25. Midday 21 shells 4.2" from 112° T.B. same O.P. vicinity of J.19.b. M.G's located at J.30.b.9.8., K.19.a.32.32., K.25.a.55.65. No enemy planes. Movement. 8 limbers 6 horses each on road P.24.a.5.8. going South 7.30 a.m. returned 8.30 a.m. 8.25 a.m. 12 men vicinity HAMEL. Frequent movement transport, horsement and men Q.9.c. and Q.15.a. and c. Gun flashes at K.31.b.1.8. and K.28.c.0.8. A 10.5 cm battery fires from this direction. How Battery located Q.1.c.7.5. Right Battalion advises 6 shells 8" (estimated) fired into SAILLY-le-SEC from direction of Q.15.and Q.21.

16th. April, 1918. Herewith correspondence found by patrol of 41st Battalion in a pack at approx J.24.b.45.20. and patrol report dealing with same. This is apparently a listening Post the men of whom on seeing our Patrol approaching decamped. The Patrol Officer is of opinion that the concertina wire runs along the whole front crossing Road and passing behind cemetery J.24.a. 70.30. He reconnoitred from J.24.b.68.30. to J.24.b.68.00. This wire has been erected within the last week as our ~~xxx~~ patrols on last tour of trenches patrolled East of the road in J.24.b. The wire is about 40 to 50 yards West of sunken road and was not seen until patrol was right up to it and apparently cannot be seen in daylight.

Artillery shelled K.25. Enemy observed crawling away from several Posts. Machine Gun report not received. Forward later. 6" T.M. fired 14 rounds on sunken road J.36.c.5.5. to J.36.c.6.9. at 11.30 a.m. Excellent shooting. Our planes active after 3 p.m. patrolled East of enemy line. Enemy shelled WELCOME WOOD and locality J.21.d. all morning with 4.2" and 77 mm from direction of SAILLY LAURETTE. 170 rounds. 26 rounds 4.2" and 77 mm on J.33. from direction P.11. Heavy shelling South of SOMME at intervals. Church SAILLY-le-SEC hit with 5.9" or 8" from direction MORCOURT Q.16. At 3 p.m. enemy plane flew low over J.22. and 23. Horse and Motor transport and small parties of men frequently moving in Q.26.c.2.3. Appears to be hutments here. Apparently O.P. at P.16.b.55.70. Moving at Q.25. Concrete dugout along contour in P.14.c. and d. House at J.36.d.2.4. occupied. Gun seen to fire at P.12.a.2.9. at 8.25 p.m. Tractor seen at Q.13.d.4.5. at 11 a.m. M.G's expended 1000 rounds at Cross Roads K.13.d. Valley in K.7.b., Road Junction K.19.Central.

17th. April, 1918. Our Artillery active during period particularly night. BOIS-de-VAIRE Wood and HAMEL Wood shelled. At 3.45 p.m. Dump North East MORLANCOURT exploded. M.G.s fired on K.7.c., Cross Roads, K.13.d., SAILLY LAURETTE. No of rounds later. Patrols separate wire. Our planes active dropped 5 bombs on enemy at P.14.b. causing casualties. Two stretcher cases seen. 10 enemy shells on J.18.a. from S.E.MORLANCOURT. 81 rounds 77 mm. on J.23.a. and J.27.a. from direction 102° T.B., 29 rounds 77 mm. on J.22.d. and J.27.d. from 135° T.B. bearings taken at O.P.J.28.b.2.2. How. Battery seen in action about 8 p.m. firing West at P.5.d.7.0. Heavy shelling of SAILLY-le-SEC and J.29.a. about 7.30 p.m. of 16th. About 240 shells 5.9" falling from direction South East towards MORCOURT. M.Gs. Located at J.24.b.98.30., and J.24.d. 99.98. Three enemy planes over J.28. at 12.45 p.m. Enemy occupies house P.9.b.3.4. Dugout at P.14.d.2.8. Movement in trenches P.10.b. On road J.36.b. and d. at 7.45 p.m. (suspected this is night post garrison) Transport heard J.36.b. at 3 a.m. 20 men working at P.14.b. 3.1. 50 men passing wood in P.22. in small

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parties during morning going both North and South. 41st Battalion patrol left at 11 p.m. returning at 3 a.m. report finding enemy concertina wire at J.24.b.5.1. Wire apparently crosses road at J.24.b.7.4. Wire cut and two sentries posted to guard outlet. Patrol continued 100 yards East when two enemy M.Gs. opened firing high. They rushed the posts and six enemy ran. Two killed with bombs and rifle fire but M.G. fire too intense to collect identification. Four of our patrol wounded carried in. Other casualties may have been inflicted on enemy but two men known to have been killed. M.Gs. firing from J.24.b.98.30. and J.24.d.99.88.

18th. April, 1918.

When our Artillery strafing enemy lines Right Battalion frontage several shrieks heard as of wounded men. M.Gs. fired 3,500 rounds on usual targets and valley in K.31.c. and active battery in P.5.d.7.0. Patrol examined enemy posts on SAILLY-le-SEC - SAILLY LAURETTE road - unoccupied. Very recently located. Suspected Post at J.35.d.3.2. No aeroplane activity. Enemy shelling 12 rounds 77 mm. into J.22.c. from 90° T.B. observed at J.28.b.4.1. ~~WYR~~. 64 rounds 77 mm. into J.27.b. from 140° T.B. same O.P. 10 rounds on SAILLY-le-SEC 77 mm. from 135° T.B. 6 rounds 10.5 cm. on VAIRE from 140° and 7 rounds 77 mm. on J.22.c. (Gully) from 90° T.B. All taken from J.28.b.4.1. O&P& Visibility bad. Movement in P.14.b.3.1. (M.G. position) and at P.10.d.1.7. also in trench P.10.b.9.3.

Appendix 6

"C" Form
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS. No. of Message.....
Army Form C. 2125
(In books of 100.)

Prefix.....	Co. ie.....	Words..... l s. d.	Received From <i>DD</i>	Sent, or sent out At.....m.	Office Stamp. <i>BOR</i> <i>18/4</i>
Charges to collect			By.....	To.....	
Service Instructions.			By.....		

Handed in at..... Office.....m. Received *6:45* m.

TO *BOR*

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Dear Frank

The attached message was picked up last night by some of the Sigs of 44th FB^g

18.11.18

L.A. Young

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This message was picked up by Sigs of Coy from a German camp signalling immediately to their front and was sent up here by runner to HQ

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"A" Form. MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

Army Form C. 2121. (In pads of 100.)

Prefix.....Cod.....m Words. Charge. No. of Message.....

Office of Origin and Service Instructions. This message is on a/c of: Recd. at.....m.

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At.....m. To..... From.....

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



TO { A. G. Q. b

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

Two prisoners HERMANN ROBE and GEORG BUNTE were taken by 41st Bn this morning. Identification of Coy. 229 HANOVERIAN Regt. 50th Div. Relieved last night. aaa Both men had just left Field Hospital on 16th inst and marched for 2 hours into line yesterday arriving at dark. Could therefore give no valuable information. Know nothing of an attack and had seen no preparations for one. Attached is copy of report from 41st Bn

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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Brigade Headquarters.

18th. April, 1918.

PATROL REPORT.

Lieut. C.O. BUTLER arranged to carry out a minor enterprise on an enemy Post in K.13.c. in the early hours of the morning 18/4/18.

To detract his attention and at the same time to not overdo it a 4.5 Hov. Battery fired one round per gun per minute on known enemy machine gun positions in K.13.a. At 1 a.m. the party consisting of 14 men and 2 headquarters Scouts together with a Lewis Gun and three under Lieut. Butler, left cross roads at J.13.d. They proceeded along road to enemy wire. Lieut Butler and five crawled up to the enemy wire leaving the rest of the party under cover. A carrying party came along the wire and as they were on the other side, the five withdrew to the road. At 2.15 a.m. as arranged the Artillery fired on K.13.a. and under cover of the noise Lieut. Butler and Pte W.S. Murray cut a gap in the wire on the road at K.13.c.20.05, and after waiting some 20 minutes, the whole party crawled through, leaving the Lewis Gun and team on the bank, covering the exposed flank. The patrol lay along the bank parallel to road and crawled North-East. A great deal of noise of digging coughing and orders being given were heard but the patrol kept on. Two posts were examined and found deserted. At K.13.c.20.20. the Patrol could tell by coughing and the smell of tobacco that the Post was occupied. Crawling carefully from the rear they managed to get to within 15 yards of the Post without being challenged. On being challenged Lieut. Butler said "At them" and although about a dozen shots were fired the Post was rushed and two prisoners pulled out by the scruff of their necks. The men state that they killed 9. Pte. E. DIXON is said to have killed or wounded 3, but Lieut Butler gives the number as 6. Immediately there were Machine Guns and rifle shots from Posts to the North and East and party withdrew to the road, and took shelter under the Bank 100 yards West of the gap. As arranged as soon as Machine Guns from the North of the raided Post fired our Post on the Road in J.13.d. engaged it. A roll call was made all being present, the party retreated to our lines under Machine Gun fire at 4 a.m. No casualties were sustained by our party. The 3 prisoners belonged to the 229th Hanoverian Regt. 50th Division, and stated they had just come into the line that night. The Artillery in K.13.a. must have interfered with the relief.

(sgd) F.W. MacGibbon. Lieut.
I.O. "Aerial"

6 a.m.
18/4/18.

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COPY OF INTELLIGENCE WIRES SENT TO THIRD DIVISIONAL HEADQUARTERS

19th. April, 1918.- At Infantry request at 7.30 a.m. 18 pounders shelled enemy trenches P.14.b. getting on to target stopping movement. 8 a.m. White Light burning two minutes apparently from one of our planes seen North of ANCRE. S.O.S. Signal seen well south of SOMME about 3 a.m. Patrol killed five enemy Identification 162nd Regt. Enemy Posts at J.30.b.7.7., J.20.b.70.75. J.30.b.70.40. Machine Gun post J.24.a.9.5. Enemy active East of Road in J.30.b. going North and South since daylight. Enemy shelled with 25 rounds 77 MM. in J.27.a. and 23 rounds on VAUX from South Easterly direction. 12 rounds 10.5 cm. from direction SAILLY-LAURETTE and 8 rounds on J.22.c.

Machine Guns fired 1500 rounds on Roads K.36.b.95.20. and Valley K.31.c. Snipers claim two hits in J.24.d. Two of our planes tried to cross enemy lines 9 a.m., met heavy A.A.Fire. Several others patrolled front. Enemy heavily shelled wood J.22.b. and J.22.c. with 400 rounds 10.5 cm. and 15 cm. from P.5.d. during morning to Noon. Source of this shelling differs, Armour reports it P.14.d. Admiral reports HAMEL. Enemy Machine Gun in J.24.a.9.5., J.24.d. 9.5. Enemy Posts in J.30.b.7.7., J.30.b.80.75. and J.30.b.70.40. 6 enemy planes flew over our area between 7 and 8 p.m. last night. Movement 7 a.m. Much wheel traffic including limbers going East on road to LA MOTTE, Q.26., 27, 28. others returning West. 10 a.m. 3 four horse transports fully loaded going N.E. P.23. and 18. from ABANCOURT. Approx. 200 horses grazing during morning in Q.9. and Q.15. 20 men carrying boxes of S.A.A. went into BOIS d'ARQUARIE from Valley Q.13.a.4.3. at 7.40 p.m. 18th inst. 21 men in file walked into HAMEL between 7 and 8 p.m. All movement reported to Artillery. 10 a.m. 2 transport wagons at Q.25.c. moving to LA MOTTE at various times during morning. 20 Transport wagons 3 Steam Wagons on Road Q.15.a. and c., Q.20.b and d. Red Cross flag on building Q.15.c.2.2.

20th. April, 1918.

Identification prisoner captured this morning by 41st Battalion, 85th. I.R. 18th Division. Name. CLAUS ROSENBROCK. Joined this Unit 14th inst., from 75th. ERSATZ Battalion in BREMEN. Battle Order. 31st I.R. South. 85th. I.R. Centre. 86th. I.R. North. Has heard of no preparations for attack in this Area. Has been four days in the line. Does not know Division at Rear or South of his Unit, but he saw Soldiers with 234th.I.R. on shoulder straps passing to the North. He thinks they hold the line directly North of his Division. No further information available. Prisoner sent to FRANVILLERS Cage.

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Brigade Headquarters.
19th. April, 1918.

PATROL REPORT.

I beg to report on Patrol enterprise carried out night 18th/19th April, 1918. Lieut. H.J.WILES with party of 20 men (including 2 Headquarters Scouts) left our Right Post J.30.a. at 2 a.m. and patrolled on to sunken road in J.30.b. The night was very bright and made approach on enemy positions very difficult. At J.30.b.6.7. on the road an enemy post was seen at J.30.b.7.7. and patrol lay up. Patrol leaders and Headquarters Scouts crawled to within 50 yards of cross roads in J.24.d. Another poste was discovered at J.30.b.80.75. and apparently 1 at J.30.b.70.40. A Machine Gun position was at J.24.d.90.50. The whole time enemy in twos and threes patrolled the road running through J.30.b. from North to South, between cross roads and junction in K.25.c. (this is an excellent target for harassing fire at night by Artillery.) Fully 60 of the enemy were seen by the patrol laying up waiting for an opportunity. There was too much enemy activity to carry out original plan of capturing Post in J.24.d.90.50. After laying up for two hours 8 enemy came over from a Southerly direction and when about 50 yards of and by their direction would not come nearer, the patrol fired and four were seen to fall. Lieut. Wiles chased one and as he could not catch him shot the Bosche. Our patrol at this time was spread along sunken road from J.30.b.5.7. to J.30.b.3.6. As word was passed along to patrol leader that they had "one" he ordered a withdrawal and patrol retired about 400 yards when it was found that the sender referred to killed not to a prisoner. By this time enemy was thoroughly disturbed and was sending up Very Lights and sweeping the sunken road with M.G. and rifle fire. Determined to get identification, the patrol worked their way back to the bodies in spite of machine guns and the growing light, it being after 4 a.m. The extreme brightness was the most serious factor to content with. Lieut. Wiles and Scout C.Dixon, "Souvenired" the nearest body, there being five dead, and patrol in good order withdrew to our lines without suffering casualties just at daylight.

Papers are forwarded herewith which please hand to War Records on our account when finished with. From identity disc, man belonged to 162nd Regt. which is evidently reinforcing 18th. Division.

sgd. F.W.MacGibbon. Lieut.
41st Bn.

INTELLIGENCE WIRES SENT TO THRID AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

20th. April, 1918.

Machine Guns fired 5,500 rounds on roads and valley in K.31.c. K.13. and K.31. Our planes active at daybreak, again at 11 a.m. over enemy lines. 8.30 a.m. enemy shelled J.29.3. with 14 rounds 10.5 cm. from direction of SAILLY LAURETTE. 10.18 a.m. J.29.c. 31 rounds, 77 mm. 137° from O.P. at J.27.a.6.2. SAILLY-le-SEC 38 rounds 10.5 cm. from P.5.d. 12.10 a.m. J.27.a. shelled with 9 rounds 77 mm. 32° from O.P. 1.40 a.m. VAIRE, 30 rounds 77 mm. 132° from O.P. 8 p.m. J.27.a. 75 rounds 77 mm. and 10.5 cm. from MORLANCOURT direction. 9 p.m. J.10.b. 20 rounds 10.5 cm. from CERISY. Salvoes of 77 mm. from direction K.27. during the night. VAUX, HAMLET, J.33.c., J.21.c. and CORBIE also shelled at intervals. Direction unknown.

M.G. firing from J.30.b.9.1., J.24.d.7.3., J.30.b.6.7.

10 enemy planes over our lines between Noon and 1 p.m. Gun firing from Q.19.a.1.8. at 11.30 a.m. Enemy movement at Q.14.d. on South of Wood and P.30.a. Transport wagon on road Q.7.d. at 4.10 p.m. From about 4.30 p.m. 19th. transport was continually moving both ways on Road Q.15.c. When our artillery shelled BAYONVILLERS at 6.30 p.m. transport stopped and 50 waggons of all kinds counted. From 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. 50 men moved from Q.14.c.9.8. towards LA MOTTE walking in pairs some carrying S.A.A.W and others apparently M.G. Artillery advised. At 11.30 a.m. to-day a plane with British markings reported by Lieut. FREEMAN 41st Battalion to fly low over 60 pounder battery near Cemetery near I.17.c. and dropped streamer coloured Red, White and Black. He found message to Royal Flying Corps and gave it to Battery Officers who found German typewriter message which translated was request from German Flying Corps for information regarding two German Flying Officers missing. Message forwarded to Artillery Brigade Headquarters. 114th Heavy Battery, R.G.A.

Brigade Headquarters.
20th. April, 1918.

PATROL REPORT.

As instructed a minor enterprise was carried out night 19th/20th April, 1918. The party consisting of 2 Officers (Lt. H.J. Wiles and Lt. F.J. Burtenshaw) and 22 Other ranks, including 2 Headquarters Scouts, left our Right Post in J.30.a. at 11 p.m. and reconnoitred towards the cemetery J.24.d.7.3. The night was far too bright for patrol purposes, and it was necessary to crawl within a few minutes of leaving our parapet. Patrol lay up 150 yards West of a Post about J.24.d.7.3. and the Officers and Scouts reconnoitred forward within 100 yards of the Post which is at the foot of a lone tree. Owing to good visibility it was impossible to get the patrol forward, so a return was made to our lines. At 2.30 a.m. the visibility was not so good so another attempt was made to secure a Bosche. The patrol in two parties, one each side of the road J.30.b.3.6. Every few minutes patrol halted and a man crawled up the bank and observed the flanks at J.30.b.50.70. The patrol was halted by what afterwards turned out to be an enemy standing patrol of six men under 2nd/Lieut. Bombs were thrown and our patrol fired on by rifles and revolvers. They immediately closed with the enemy who after employing their rifles and revolvers turned and ran leaving two dead on the road. Lieut. Wiles chased one along the road for thirty yards. The Bosche climbed the Bank on the right and made for a post located the previous night at J.30.b.6.7. When within 30 yards of the enemy Post, which was seen to be occupied by two men, Lt. Wiles, who was practically unarmed, his revolver being empty, caught the Bosche who was armed with rifle and bayonet. He closed with the enemy and dragged him back to the remainder of the patrol in the sunken road. Lieut. Burtenshaw had mean-while reorganised the party and the wounded (one stretcher case and 4 very slight) were sent back. The enemy Machine Gun at J.24.d.7.3. and two others, one on each flank, swept the sunken road and vicinity. At the same time dozens of Very Lights were sent up. Withdrawal was then attempted and successfully carried out under heavy machine gun fire without loss, the casualties being inflicted by bombs. A curve in the road was reached which gave protection. As already stated the brightness of the night made the undertaking both difficult and hazardous.

The prisoner belonged to the 85th I.R. 18th Division.

Papers and documents have been forwarded, which, when finished with, please hand over to the War Records Section on our account.

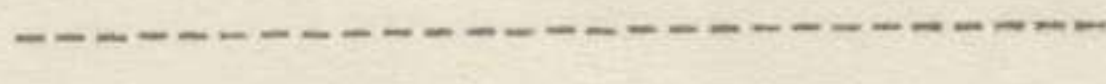
Sgd. F.W. MacGIBBON. Lieut.
I.O. "Aerial."

21st. April, 1918.

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Our Artillery very active particularly during night, fired on enemy movement in P.15.b. between 4 and 7 p.m. M.G's fired 5,500 rounds on usual targets roads and valleys J.36.d., K.7.b. K.13.a. 50 rounds at enemy plane at 5.30 p.m. Patrols report hearing digging 12.30 a.m. near J.30 central. Located posts at J.35.d.4.3., J.36.a.20.05, J.36.a.3.5. Enemy patrol seen about 1 a.m. at J.35.d. going towards SAILLY LAURETTE. Enemy working between J.36.c.5.5. and Cemetery. Our planes active heavily engaged by A.A.fire when in range. Enemy shelled Front Line in J.23.with 5.9" and 77 mm. 20 rounds from S.E. At 9 p.m. 4 lachrymatory shells fell in gulley J.22.c. Between 9 and 10 p.m. gas shells reported near canal at VAUX. 10. 10.5. cm fell in J.22.b. and d. from direction CERISY. 9 p.m. 20 Gas 77 mm. in J.22.b. from direction SAILLY LAURETTE. 2 to 6 a.m. heavy salvoes of 77 mm. fell South of SOMME (direction unknown) 12 Light M.W. fell on Front Line J.30.a. at U.45 p.m. yesterday. Enemy M.G.located at K.13.c.5.0. and One firing from J.24.c. Enemy planes active over our line and engaged by our airmen and A.A.fire. One Red enemy plane brought down in J.19.b.4.4. by A.A.Machine Gun fire at 10.45 a.m. Airman killed. (reported) XXXX (M. Von. RICHTHOFEN) SAILLY -le-SEC and VAIRE bombed at 11.30 p.m. last night. Movement on road Q.35.c.and d. active all day. Much traffic on road all day Q.15.a.andc. and Q.36. going towards BAYONVILLERS. Artillery advised. Enemy gun believed to be at Q.17.a.2.1. 20 men seen at dugout at P.14.bz 2.2. 12.15 p.m. train seen at W.8.d.3.1.

Gas Intelligence, - At 9 p.m. on 20th inst. enemy sent 3 Gas shells of lachrymatory nature into Gulley at J.22.c. near "Anvil" Battalion headquarters. Owing to little air movement gas hung about gulley all night. Unable to secure sample having no vacuum bulb. Strong Pineapple smell. Runners on duty and those in vicinity of gas complain of soreness of eyes and back of the throat. Shells probably 77 mm. Some Gas shells fell outside our locality on Canal near VAUX. 6,p.m. 21st inst.



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Reference Sheet 62D.N.E. 1/20,000.

Description of the shooting down of Cavalry Captain Baron von RICHTHOFEN, the famous German Aviator at 10.45 a.m. on 21st April, 1918.

At about 10.45 a.m. 21st instant I was in the wood at J.19.c.75.65. and saw two aeroplanes approaching flying Westward directly towards the wood, at a height of about 400 feet above level of River SOMME over which they were flying.

I had noticed that the leading Machine had British markings just as it reach edge of wood and immediately afterwards heard a strong burst of M.G. fire coming from direction of South East corner of the wood.

Immediately afterwards the red painted enemy machine appeared overhead flying very low and unsteadily and probably not more than 200 feet from the ground.

I lost sight of the British machine as my attention was concentrated on the enemy plane which was flying as if not under complete control, being webby and irregular in flight, it swerved North, then Eastwards reeking a great deal and suddenly dived out of my sight, the engine still running full open.

I ran out of the wood and over to where it had fallen about 200 yards away along side BRAY-CORBIE Road in J.19.b.40.30. About six men reached the wrecked plane before me.

I immediately undid the airman's safety belt and got assistance to pull him from the wreckage but he was quite dead, and was considerably cut about the face and was apparently shot through the chest and body.

As a large number of men were collecting I requested Captain Adams of 44th Battalion A.I.F. to place a guard over the plane to prevent looting and to disperse the crowd, as the spot was open to the enemy observation and I feared we would be shelled.

A guard was duly placed over the machine and the crowd dispersed

I searched the dead airman taking his papers and personal effects which consisted of a few papers, a silver watch, gold chain with a medallion attached, and a pair of fur lined gloves. I gave them to Captain Hilliary of 11th Brigade Staff who took them down to our German speaker, Corporal Peters, who on investigation gave the identification of the famous German airman Baron von Richthofen.

I ~~also~~ reported this to General Cannan and Third Australian Division promptly.

On General Cannan's direction I went out to get particulars of the machine gunners who had brought the plane down, and found Sergeant Popkin, of 24th Aust. M.G. Company at his anti-aircraft M.G. at J.25.b.3.7. (approx) (SOMME Valley)

At this time I was not aware that any other M.G. had been firing at this plane. I congratulated Sergeant Popkin on his successful shoot, but afterwards found out that two A.A. Lewis Guns belonging to the 53rd Battery A.F.A. had also fired at this plane when it was directly over my head, but the noise of engine prevently my hearing the shooting.

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The 53rd Battery Lewis Gunners probably assisted in sealing the fate of this airman, as he apparently flew right into their line of fire. However, I am strongly of opinion that he was first hit by Sergeant Popkins' shooting as he was unsteady from the moment of that first burst of fire.

The airman's body was afterwards taken in charge by Officers of the A.P.C. and the wrecked plane salvaged by them after dark.

D. P. Fraser

Brigade Intelligence
Officer .

11th Australian Infantry Brigade A.I.F.

BONNAY.

21st April, 1918.

Map Reference. Sheet 82D.N.E. 1/20,000.

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April 23rd 1918.

52nd Battalion A.I.F.

Herewith report on Captain Von RICHTHOEEN's plane which was brought down on the 21st April 1918. at about 11.45 a.m. and landed at (Map Reference, Sheet 62.D.) J.19.b.3.4. and was hit directly over ~~Map Reference~~ J.19.c.8.5.

On the 21st April I was instructed to report to 11th Brigade Headquarters as liaison Officer, situated at J.19.c.8.5. At about 11.45 a.m. I was lying on the ground ~~accompanied by~~ my runner, about 50 yards from Brigade Headquarters, setting my map and having a general look round with my glasses. I heard a plane "or planes" coming at a tremendous pace from the direction of 26 Central. A Vickers gun was firing from a spot situated at J.25.a.8.9. The first plane which came into view was one of our own and less than 20 paces behind was an enemy plane painted "RED". The red plane was overhauling our plane fast and both were flying so low that they almost crashed into the trees at top of hill. Almost directly over the spot where I was laying, the enemy plane swerved to the right so suddenly that it seemed almost to turn over. Our plane went straight on from that moment. The enemy plane was quite out of control and did a wild circle and dashed towards J.19.b.3.4. where it crashed. I went over with other Officers and had a look at the plane and also the driver who was dead, a machine gun bullet had passed from the left side of his face and near bottom of jaw and came out just behind his right eye. His description would be :-

Height about 6 feet.

Age 26 or 28 years.

Eyes- very light blue.

Closely cropped fair hair.

Clear complexion, clean shaven.

The Vickers gun mentioned was the only gun firing at the time the driver first lost control of his machine.

I made enquiries and found the gun was handled by No.424 Sgt POPKIN CEDRIC BASSETT, 24th. Aust. M.G. Company.

(Sgnd) Geo. M. TRAVERS, Lieut.
52nd BATTALION A.I.F.

Date 23.4.1918.

Time 2.10 p.m.

H.Q. 11th A.I. B'de

above report, which was asked for by 24th Aust. M.G. Coy is submitted for your information please. 23.4.18 J. L. Whitham / C.O. 52nd Bn AIF

Hd. Qrs
3rd Aust. Div

~~Wh. Div~~

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Re Enemy aeroplane brought
down in T19b.

About 10.45 a.m. an enemy triplane chasing
a Scout plane of ours flew about 100 feet
above these Hd. Qrs. Our plane was not firing
at the enemy though the latter was firing at
ours.

Just as the plane was overhead a vickers
gun of the 24th M.G. Coy located at about
T25 a 69. opened fire on the enemy plane
and it immediately swooped to its right
and to ground observers appeared to be hit.

After it turned the A.A. Lewis Guns of 53rd
Bty Aust F.A. opened on it. It then appeared
to turn round in the air and crashed
at about T19 central.

On examination it was found the pilot
was dead having been shot in the head and
chest. The plane had crashed badly and
was considerably damaged.

The A.F.C. are removing + burying the
body tonight and are also taking away
the plane itself.

The identification and all personal effects
found on the body have already been forwarded
Ado. HQ.
21.4.18.

W. H. Murray Brig Genl
100. 11th Aust Inf Bde

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Brigade Headquarters.
22nd. April, 1918.

Report on Plane which dropped a German Message in I.17.c. on
20th instant.

At 11.30 a.m. on the 20th instant I, in company of two Officers of 41st Battalion, was standing on the road in rear of a 60 pounder belonging to 114th Heavy Battery, R.G.A., situated near the Cemetery in I.17.c.

My attention was suddenly drawn from the gun by a Red, White and Black streamer which fell on the Road about 10 yards from me.

I looked up, and the only plane I could see was one of British type bearing British markings which was flying at a height of about 300 feet above the Battery.

I picked up the streamer, and found a message contained in an envelope addressed "Royal Flying Corps" Thinking it to be directions for a Battery Shoot, I gave it to one of the Battery Officers, who, on opening it, found it contained a typewritten message in German.

As far as we could translate, it was an enquiry for particulars regarding two missing German Airmen.

The Battery Officer said that he would forward the message to his own Brigade Headquarters.

On talking with the other two Officers who accompanied me, we were absolutely confident that the plane was of British type, and bore British markings, and to make absolutely certain, we asked the Anti-Aircraft Lewis Gunner on duty with the Battery. He also was confident of the type and markings of the Plane.

The Officers who accompanied me were Lieut. Cripps and Lieut. McCULLOUGH, both of 41st Battalion.

Sgd. E.B.FREEMAN, Lieut.
41st Battalion. A.I.F.

P.S. I am unable to state what particular type of plane it was, owing to my lack of knowledge on this subject, but I can distinguish a British plane from a German plane.

I did not notice what direction the plane took after leaving the Battery as I was busy with the message.

sgd. E.B.FREEMAN, Lieut.

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Brigade Headquarters.
22nd. April, 1918.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

OPERATIONS.- Machine Guns. Fired 5,500 rounds on Valley K.7.b. Cross Roads K.13.b. and d. SAILLY LAURETTE Valley K.31. These targets are localities of enemy movement.
Trench Mortars. No firing; established on S.O.S. Lines.
Aircraft. Active on our front all day.
Patrols. Usual patrolling on our front and liason maintained. Hostile patrol seen in vicinity of M.G. located at J.18.d.9.9. Owing to the activity of this M.G. which was using tracer bullets, unable to approach them. An effort to decoy this patrol by three enemy showing themselves on a flank of the M.G. position, but did not succeed.
ENEMY OPERATIONS.- Defences. M.G.'s very active after 10 p.m. One located at J.18.d.9.9. firing on J.18.b. between 11 p.m. and 2 a.m. Another in J.30. fired on J.23.a. at 10 p.m. M.G.'s at J.24.d. and K.19.a.5.9.
Aircraft. 7 to 8.30 p.m. 10 enemy planes active over our line. At 6 a.m. one enemy plane brought down in J.26.b.9.4. by four of our planes. The two occupants killed. Unable secure identification as our airmen landed and searched him before our arrival.
Movement. Last night between 6 p.m. and dark much movement of enemy parties (over 40 men in all) proceeding from P.17. towards BAYONVILLERS. Movement about suspected Machine Gun post at P.17.d. At 4 a.m. enemy working party digging in outpost line K.13.c.2.2. to K.19.a.5.8. Fired on by our Lewis Guns and dispersed. Post located at K.19.c.9.9. 9 a.m. much movement seen in P.14.a. and vicinity of HAMEL. Two planes seen to crash at 10.30 a.m. in vicinity of HAMEL, Nationality unknown.

Hostile shelling report attached.

D. P. Grace

LIEUT.
for MAJOR.

A.J.M.

Brigade Major 11th Infantry Brigade A.I.F.

11TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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25th. April, 1918.

Our artillery fired 1036 rounds 18 Pdrs and 260 rds. 4.5" Hows. harassing fire during 24 hours ending 3 p.m.

Machine Guns fired 2000 rounds harassing roads valleys K.13.d, 7.d. and K.19.

20 rounds Stokes at Post J.19.b.7.5. Shooting only fair.

Three planes patrolled our Area last evening. None reported to-day. Heavy mist. Usual patrol. No enemy seen. Enemy attitude quite since his shoot yesterday.

Hostile shelling. A study of yesterdays shoot shows - At 3.45 a.m. Light straff with 4.2" on our front line lasting 10 minutes, then lifted to West of line J.11.17.23 Central and heavy area shoot over whole of J.Squares, West of above line. Much gas, shrapnel, and H.E. directed at Woods, valley, Battery positions and Horse lines, Valeys of ANCRE and gulleys, CORBIE and BONNAY and new trench system. This lasted in intensity to 8 a.m. afterwards in heavy salvos and bursts to 6 p.m., afterwards quiet. Most shelling from West. Last night and to-day quiet, only 63 shells reported, 77 mm. and 4.2" principally from 112° T.B. from O.P. at J.27.a.5.1.

Enemy plane brought down at BONNAY with two occupants at 11 a.m. with Lewis Gun fire.

Enemy defences. - Patrols located Post at K.18.b.7.5. and M.G. at K.7.c.10.25. Enemy wired his Front Line from J.12.d.95.40 to J.18.b.9.7. with waist high French wire.

Visibility too bad for observation.

Reference enemy plane shot down by Lewis Guns 11.20 a.m. to-day. Markings said to be :-

C.V. 9676 on rudder.

X3 on fuselage.

Carried pilot and observer, both burnt. White and black streamers flying from lower tips of plane.

26th. April, 1918.

Our Artillery action opposite BRETONEAUX at 7.15 p.m. to 9. Quiet since. M.G. fired 5000 rounds on K.13 square at enemy line and cross roads and travelling routes.

Trench Mortars fired 150 rounds on Enemy positions from K.13.c.1.2. to J.18.d.9.9. Many duds reported.

One plane patrolled our front all afternoon to dusk.

Right Battalion patrol report enemy Machine Gun very active, one man killed enemy patrol of 20 men seen in K.19.c. at midnight and fired on by Lewis Gun.

Wiring heard in K.7.c.

Hostile shelling between 2.30 and 6.35 p.m. yesterday - 155 shells 77 mm fell in J.22.a. & d., 23.a., 28.b & a., 29.b. & d. and SAILLY LE SEC, mostly from direction of SAILLY LAURETTE.

About 100 gas and H.E. fell in HEILLY and locality. A few also in BONNAY. Enemy very quiet to-day.

Five enemy planes flew high over our Support line at 6.30 p.m. 25th.

Defences. M.G. at K.13.c.10.15. and J.18.d.9.7. - Batteries reported at P.15.b.8.2., P.16.b.5.2., P.11.d.5.3. also on T.B. 161° and 170° from J.27.b.4.5. (will endeavour to confirm these locations)

Movement seen 11 a.m. near trench J.24.d.3.3. Two transport waggons last evening moving East near BAYONVILLERS at 5 p.m. At 5.30 p.m. 4 limbers in Q.25. LAURETTE ROAD going East.

27th. April, 1918.

Artillery harassed enemy during period on roads and woods.

Machine Guns fired 5000 rounds enemy works K.13.&.19.

Our planes patrolled line during morning.

Left Battalion patrols found enemy equipment in funk holes near post J.18.b.3.3. - line of such holes leading towards our trenches from this Post. - Enemy talking at K.7.a.10.35. - dog seen here 9.30 p.m. - Enemy patrol seen 11 p.m. 20 strong at J.18.b. going towards J.13.Central - Work heard at K.13.c.

Enemy quiet - Artillery occasionally active searching for our heavy guns around CORBIE and BONNAY. About 330 enemy shells 5.9" 4.2" and 77 mm. principally on J.23.a.&.c., 22.a., 28.c.&.d. 20, 27, and 29, of which 60 came from direction of SAILLY LAURETTE on to J.22., - 58 from due East over cemetery J.24.d. onto J.23.&.28., remainder mostly from MALARD WOOD.

Between 5 and 6 p.m. yesterday 12 heavy 9.2" landed in wood J.22.b. from direction of WARFUSEE.

Enemy Machine Gun fired from J.18.b.8.3., K.7.a.2.2., J.18.d.88.98. J.18.b.78.15., K.13.c.1.2.

Six enemy planes seen over WARFUSEE this morning.

Enemy working party heard in K.19.a. - dispersed by Lewis Gun.

Ten men seen at noon K.19.a. - Fired on.

Working party at K.7.a.10.35. at 2.30 a.m.

11th Aust. Inf. Brigade

Intelligence Report for 24 hours ending 2 P.M.

28. 7. 18

Our Operations. Artillery active throughout the day principally on Back Area Targets.

Between 5 & 7 p.m., some shrapnel burst in vicinity of CEMETERY J. 29. d.

At 2.10 p.m. Batteries shelled HAMEL WOOD

At 5.10 p.m. our guns shelled BOIS de VAIRE

18 Pdrs. and 7.5 Hows. gave good barrage for 4th Bn raid on J. 13. d. at 4.35 p.m.

Machine Guns expended 11,500 rounds on following targets: - Six guns supported the raid on Enemy Post by 4th Bn. at 9.45 p.m.

Enemy tracks, roads and assembly places in K. 13. d. 19.50 to K. 19. c. 30.70 (specially engaged by request of Infantry).

Eight Trench Mortars, Stokes guns fired 50 rds. on M.G. at K. 13. c. 1.2 at midnight, by request of Right Bn. in expectation of conflicting casualties on enemy repairing damage done by artillery during shoot 2 hours earlier.

Aircraft - 5 planes patrolled our front last evening and one active all this morning.

Patrols Right Bn. usual patrolling. Liaison front and liaison maintained between posts, Battalion and flanking units.

At 9.45 p.m. our Right Bn. sent out one officer and 16 men with artillery and M.G. co-operation and raided Enemy Post J. 18. d. 33.93 and secured one prisoner killing and wounding 3 of enemy. Our casualties one killed and two wounded. Left Bn. patrols report 2 enemy seen in post at J. 13. b. 70.45 but owing to heavy shelling of this post by our artillery they were unable to approach them.

Identification 223 R. I. R. - 50th Division.

Enemy attitude Quiet

Enemy shelling see attached report.

Enemy Aircraft No enemy planes reported.

Trench Mortars Nil.

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Aircraft - No enemy planes reported

I.M. - Nil

Enemy Defenses - M.G. fired from K. 7. a. 7. 8.

Remained at K. 2. a. 2. and J. 18. b. 4. 1.

Gun flashes seen 90° T. B. from J. 25. 7. 13. and

95° T. B. from D. P. - At 2.15 pm. flashes from gun

145° T. B. from J. 27. b. 4. 5.

Movements etc. - 2.30 pm. yesterday Ammunition

limbers seen on road Q. 25.

7.50 am. - Movement at layout P. 14. d.

8. am. - Train going East on road Q. 25.

Load E. via an K. 19. a.

Train smoke seen at 3 pm. between K. 4 and 5.

4.50 pm. 27th. Q. 25. c. and a gun drawn by 6
horses moving towards L. 10. 10. - reported too late
to advise Artillery.

Sed. D. L. FRASER Lt

Intelligence Officer.

11th Aust. Inf. Bde.

Hostile Shellings Report.

2 1/2 hours ending 1 pm. 28/12/18.

Time	No of Shells	Calibre	Area Shelled	From direction of	Observed from
1 to 1.15 pm.	45	15 cm	Vaire	K. 33	Welcome Wood
1-15 pm.	45	10.5	J. 27. b.	"	"
2-30 pm.	40	"	J. 27.	P. 17. c.	"
2-30 pm.	15	"	J. 26. a.	K. 27.	J. 21. c.
3-9 pm.	40	10.5 & 77	J. 19. 20. 21.	Nalard Wood.	
10-30 pm.	20.	10.5	J. 19.		
5-30 am.	20	10.5	J. 20. a. and b.	Partly Lavette	
12-15 am.	10	7.7	J. 20 and 21	80° T.D.	J. 25. b. 1. 3.
1-45 am.	60	4.2	J. 27. b.	Salle Lavette	
2-30 am.	12	77	J. 25. d.	80° T.D.	
3-11 am.	31	77	J. 17. c.	"	
4 am.	11	"	"	"	
5 to 6 am.	52	77 and 7.2	J. 22. d. and 27.	95° T.D.	
10-40 am.	18	7.9	J. 27. b.	150°	

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11th Australian Infantry Brigade Intelligence Summary for 24 hours ending

2 P.M. 29.11.18.

Our Operations Artillery.

Time	Target	Ads.	Ak.	BX	Ses.
6 pm.	Tracks K. 19. b.				
9-15 pm	K. 14. b. 2. 2. along road to K. 14. b. 50. 99.			17	35.
10-20 "					
9-10 "	K. 13. d. K. 17. c.		10	10	
9-30 "					
5:0. am	K. 19. a. K. 19. b. K. 19. d. K. 19. e.	81	53		
10:0. pm	K. 13. b. c. d. K. 13. b. K. 7. d. J. 12. d.				
10-10 pm.	(special shoot)	320			100
10-30 pm.	Morlanecourt				100
9-20 pm.	K. 19. (benches).				
10-45 pm.	Rd. K. 19. d.	10	10		
12-0. mid.	X. Ads. K. 20. b.	15	15		
2-45 am	Bray - Corbie Rd. K. 20. b. & 21. a.	35			
3-18 am	Intense harass Bray - Corbie Rd.				
3-23 am.	K. 20. b. & 21. a.	123	117		
	K. 19. b. 19. c. & d. 20. 2. & b.				
1:0. am.	Bray Corbie Rd. K. 20. b.	13	12.		
6-0. am.	and 21. a.				100
11-30 am.	Battery K. 7. d. 5. 8.				
2-0. pm.	"				

M.G. - Fired 12,600 rounds harassing fire at following points:-

Enemy works trenches at K. 13. and 19. Road junction at ... and also in conjunction with Artillery in supporting a minor enterprise conducted by Left Batt. on enemy post at J. 18. & 68. 35.

L.T.M. - fired 50 rounds on to enemy positions in J. 24. d. 8. 1. and vicinity.

Aeroplanes - Only one observation plane patrolled our front

29th April 1918

Hostile Shelling Report.

11th Aust. Inf. Bde

Time	Number of shells	Calibre	Area Shelled	From direction of.	Observed from	Remarks Damage etc
29th 9-10 ^{am} 7-9 ^{am} 20	6 rds	10.5 cm	J17 d 20.10	Marlard Wood	J17 a. 70.95	Not visible
9.45 am	10 rds	"	March Wood	H20 a.	"	Nil.
9.50 am	8 rds	"	J12 c.	Marlard Wood	"	"
10. am.	20 rds	77 mm	J18 a. & b.	Mortancourt	J18 a. 50.40	"
"	25 rds	"	J22 d.	Sailly-Laurette	J28 b 1.3	"
10.5 am	9 rds	"	J12 c.	H20 a.	J17 a 70.95	This shooting was continued but not heavily at 10.45 am
10.50 am	5 rds	10.5 cm.	J21 c.	Sailly-Laurette	J28 b 1.3.	"
12 noon	7 rds	10.5 cm. H.E. & shrap	J11 d. 50.2.	Mortancourt	J11 d. 50.50	No damage
28th 1.30 pm	20 rds	77.12 mm.	March Wood.	"	J18 a. 50.40	"
2.15 pm	46 rds	10.5 cm.	J27 a. & b W. March Wood	160° T.B. from Mortancourt	J28 b 1.3 J18 a 50.40.	"
3.00 pm	30 rds	10.5 cm.	"	"	"	"
3.35 pm	3 rds	"	J22 d.	Sailly-Laurette	J28 b. 1.3.	"
4.35 pm.	10 rds	"	Sailly to See	"	"	"
4.40 pm	6 rds	"	J23 a.	"	"	"
6.40 pm	35 rds	"	J20 d.	"	"	"

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11th Australian Infantry Brigade.

Intelligence Summary

For Period - 2 p.m. 29/4/18 to 2 p.m. 30/4/18.

Operations - Artillery.

Our artillery very active on harassing fire in heavy bursts during the night & morning firing in back areas and on roads tracks and probable battery positions. (See report attached)

M.G. - Active on usual targets cross roads and near enemy works - fired 5,500 rounds.

T.M. - Stokes guns fired 56 rounds at 10 p.m. on enemy trenches in vicinity of J.18. b. 80.00

Aeroplanes - Our planes very active flying over enemy lines during day, and large formations flying West of HENLY and BONNAY. - One enemy plane driven down and captured at 7 p.m. West of BONNAY by 5 of our planes. - Identification unknown here.

Patrols. - Usual interpost Battn. and flank patrol worked throughout the night. At 10 p.m. a fighting patrol of 1 Officer and 11 O.R. raided post at J.30. b. 60. 85. under cover of Artillery and M.G. fire but found it unoccupied. Left Ren. report a red. Very Light being fired directly on artillery opened on his line. A stick bomb barrage was immediately put down by enemy on the road about J.18. b. 65. 80. - E M.G. also became very active and many Very Lights were fired. Enemy appears to have a listening post at J.18. b. 75.00

Hostile Shelling. - Enemy artillery much more active during the period. Over 700 rounds of all calibres fired principally on area J.22. and J.22. WELCOME WOOD MARETT WOOD and SALLY-LE-SEC. (Report attached)

Instructions regarding War Diary and Intelligence

will be prepared in minutes and the Staff Journal kept. Summaries are contained in

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Place Date Hour

Intelligence Summary (Pages)

Enemy Attitude. - Con. hear. of artillery strakes apparently roused enemy artillery into activity. front line how. is not harassed much

E. Defences. - Sounds of digging and talking in M. G. firing from J. 18. b. 8.4. & K. 13 a. 00.00. - A M. G. also reported from K. 13. c.

Aeroplanes. - Five enemy planes flew over our lines about 4 pm. returning shortly after and going with one plane flying high over HELLY and BONNAY at 6 pm. 1 of was driven down by 5 of our planes and captured.

T. M. - Nil.

Movement. - Visibility very low. Movement seen in P. M. d - men shaking blankets. A train heard about 9-30 am direction M. Movement at shed in J. 10. b. 30.00 probably. At 6-30 pm 1st night flashes from guns seen 152° T.B. and 93° T.B. observed from Brigade O.P. J. 1. d. 00.50

D. P. Fresco
Intelligence Officer.
11th Australian Inf. Brigade

WAR DIARY
or
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Summary of Events and Information

Remarks and references to Appendices

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11th ~~Aug.~~ ^{or} ~~INTELLIGENCE~~ ^{Base} SUMMARY.

30th April 1918.

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Place	Time	Nb. of Shells	Calibre	Area Shelled	From direction Summary of Events and Information	Observed from	Remarks.	Remarks and references to Appendices
	8.15 am.	14	77 mm.	J. 23. b.	Malard Wood	J. 18. a. 75. 35	Nil.	
	8.50 "	23	"	J. 12. a & c.	"	J. 17. a. 70. 90.	"	
	9.15 "	6	10.5 cm.	J. 12. a.	"	"	"	
	11.0 "	165	15 cm.	J. 21. b.	105° T. B.	J. 28. b. 1. 3.	"	
	11.40 "	61	77 mm.	J. 28. a & c.	CEMETERY	"	"	
	2.0 P.M.	12	"	J. 28. d.	98° T. B.	"	"	
	2.10 "	15	10.5 cm.	J. 27. a.	Genisy	"	"	
	2 to 3 P.M.	20	77 mm. Shrap.	MARETTWOOD.	BRAY	J. 18. a. 75. 35	"	
	"	30	15 cm.	Locality HEILLY Btys.	"	"	"	
	12.40-2 pm.	30	10.5 cm.	SAILLY-LE-SEC.	SAILLY-LAURETTE	J. 28. b. 1. 3.	"	
	{ 2.20-3 pm.	100-150	15 cm	J. 20. d & J. 21. c.	K. 33.	WELCOME WOOD	"	
	{ 2.30-3.15 pm.	140	10.5 cm.	J. 21. c.	97° T. B.	J. 28. b. 1. 3.	Salvoes of 3 each.)*	
	3.0 pm.	12	77 mm.	J. 29. a	(Gully) P. 11.	"		Nil.
	3.15 pm.	12	"	SAILLY-LE-SEC.	88° T. B.	"	"	
	3.20 "	28	"	J. 17. c & J. 16. d.	"	"	"	
	3.40 "	8	"	J. 28. b. 5. 2	(Gully) P. 11.	"	"	
	5 to 6 P.M.	15	10.5 cm. Shrap.	MARETTWOOD	Morlancovert	J. 17. a. 40. 50	"	
	5.30 pm.	10	77 mm	J. 11. d.	Malard Wood	J. 18. a. 75. 35	"	
	5.45 pm.	42	10.5 cm	J. 26.	90° T. B.	J. 28. b. 1. 3	"	
	5.45-5.55"	8	"	J. 28. b. 5. 2.	P. 11 Gully.	"	"	
	6.10-6.30 pm.	11	"	J. 22. d.	Sailly-Laurette.	"	"	
	8 P.M.	20	"	J. 17. a.	Bray.	J. 18. a. 75. 35	"	
	8-9 am.	56	"	J. 23 a.	88° T. B.	J. 28. b. 1. 3.	"	

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Note:- * Probably the same shoot.

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Our Artillery Report

Harassing fire during night on Cross Roads
K. 13. b. 30, 70 and K. 13. d. 70, 22.

Tracks - K. 7. c. 75, 80. K. 2. c. 45, 10. K. 2. a. 50, 00.
in K. 19. b. and d. K. 13. a.

Roads - K. 8. c. 6, 6. K. 8. d. 72, 38. K. 2. c. 95, 45. K. 1. b. 53, 20.

10pm. - Area shoots K. 25. a. and K. 19. c. to cover
fighting patrol.

10am. - 2 rounds per gun test L.O.S. 100 yards
beyond L.O.S. line.

11th Australian Infantry Bde

May 3: 1918.

War Diary - April 1918.Anti-Gas Defence.Refc Map, 62D

For the whole of the month, the Brigade has occupied the line. Minor enemy gas shelling has taken place practically all through the month, either on suspected battery positions or on scattered areas.

Owing to the hilly nature of the ground, these attacks have been purely local in effect, but persistent, in that the gas hung for long periods in woods & valleys.

On the evening of the 23rd forward Brigade H.Q. was shelled from 5-6 pm with yellow cross & phosgene; mustard gas persisted for many hours. (J. 19. C.)

On the morning of the 24th concerted heavy bombardments took place on Brigade H.Q. (J. 19. C.), the Support Battalions (J. 27. C. & J. 13. C.) & BONNAY.

At Brigade H.Q. the shelling was heavy from 3.45 am to 6 am., then easing off but continuing to noon, with yellow cross 1. (Mustard, newtype) From then to 6 p.m. shelling continued with blue cross. Casualties, 3 Signallers evacuated & others affected temporarily.

Support Battalion at J. 27. C. was shelled from 3.45 am., decreasing but continuing to noon with blue cross & green cross. Unit at J. 13. C. similarly, except that H.E. was largely used.

BONNAY was heavily shelled from 3.45 am to about 7 am. (then decreasing) H.E. falling on exit roads & phosgene in the town. By pre-arrangement, most of the transport had already moved out, & on commencement of shelling the town was evacuated, & remained so. (Consequently a repetition shoot on two days following was without result.)

At the same time, gas shells of

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various types were used on the river valley running NE to HEILLY; phosgene, yellow cross, blue cross, K Stoff + T Stoff were all detected.

Consequent upon the heavy shelling of Brigade H.Q. during the operation, + the loss of all line signal communication, Brigade was instructed to move to HEILLY + took up quarters in the town on the night 24/25. Here again, between 7 + 8 pm. on the 25th, mixed salvos of HE + 6 inch Phosgene shells were fired at intervals on battery positions + exit roads running NE + NW.

Practically everyday, minor hostile gas shelling took place in the Brigade area. In many cases, this was on suspected battery positions, where our units were not affected + did not report.

Protected Dug Outs.

Coming into a virgin district, dug out accommodation was nil, + consequently every available man was put on construction work, (trenches, shelters etc.) Several small moves upset the work of gas-proofing; dug outs built to accommodate two Battalion H.Q. were finally only occupied by one, + forward Brigade H.Q. was located in four places in succession, at each of which gas-proofing was accomplished.

Owing to the heavy demands upon the Engineers, gas-proofing was undertaken by the battalion + brigade anti-gas personnel. On relief, altho starting with nothing, the following gas proof dugouts + cellars were handed over.

Unit.	Location	Dug outs or Cellars	Accomodate	Notes.
Bde H.Q.	HEILLY	8	70	Cellars; dry + gas proof
Right Bn	J. 28. a.	4	(100)	Constructing; expect to hold up to 100 men
Left Bn	J. # 17. b.	1	---	Constructing.
Right Support	J. 27. a.	2	(100)	still excavating; hope hold 100.
Left Support	J. 13. c.	1	---	Constructing.
<u>Evacuated.</u>				
late Bde H.Q.	J. 19. c.	1	100	Still excavating; incomplete

Alarms. Strombos Horns + Rattle alarms not yet installed as sector still unsettled. Lateral alarms (Shell cases) were well distributed in the area. Every unit had gas guards on duty at night.

Training. Every unit in the line; consequently no training except the practical.

Inspections of Respirators. As far as possible, conducted daily. Many forward positions were only approachable in darkness, when an inspection was practically impossible. Details then inspected on relief.

Gas Casualties. Up to April 23 ----- N 12.

24 hours ending 9 am 25.4.18. --- Total of 32

Total per month 5 Officers + 40 O.R.

Some of these cases are traceable to shells bursting on or in shelters occupied by the men

Horse Respirators. 30% of horse establishment these were not used

Anti-Gas Personnel. Each Battalion has a Bn H.Q. Gas N.C.O. + 4 Company Gas N.C.O.'s + a reserve of 9 to 13 trained N.C.O.'s per Battalion.

Damage to Respirators Wet weather conditions caused rust + corrosion in some of the canisters. defects replaced.

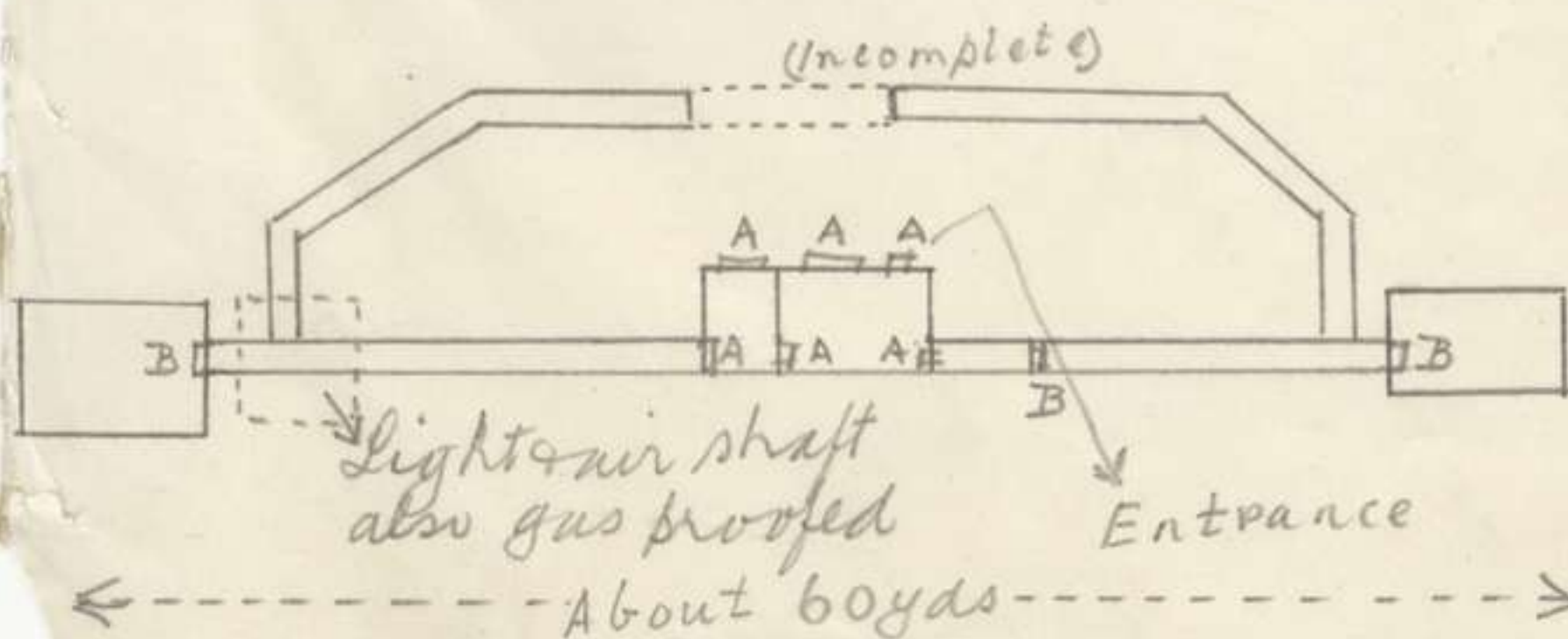
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Brigade Gas Officer, 11th A. I. B.

Rough Sketch (ground plan)

Bde H.Q. Dug-Out (evacuated)

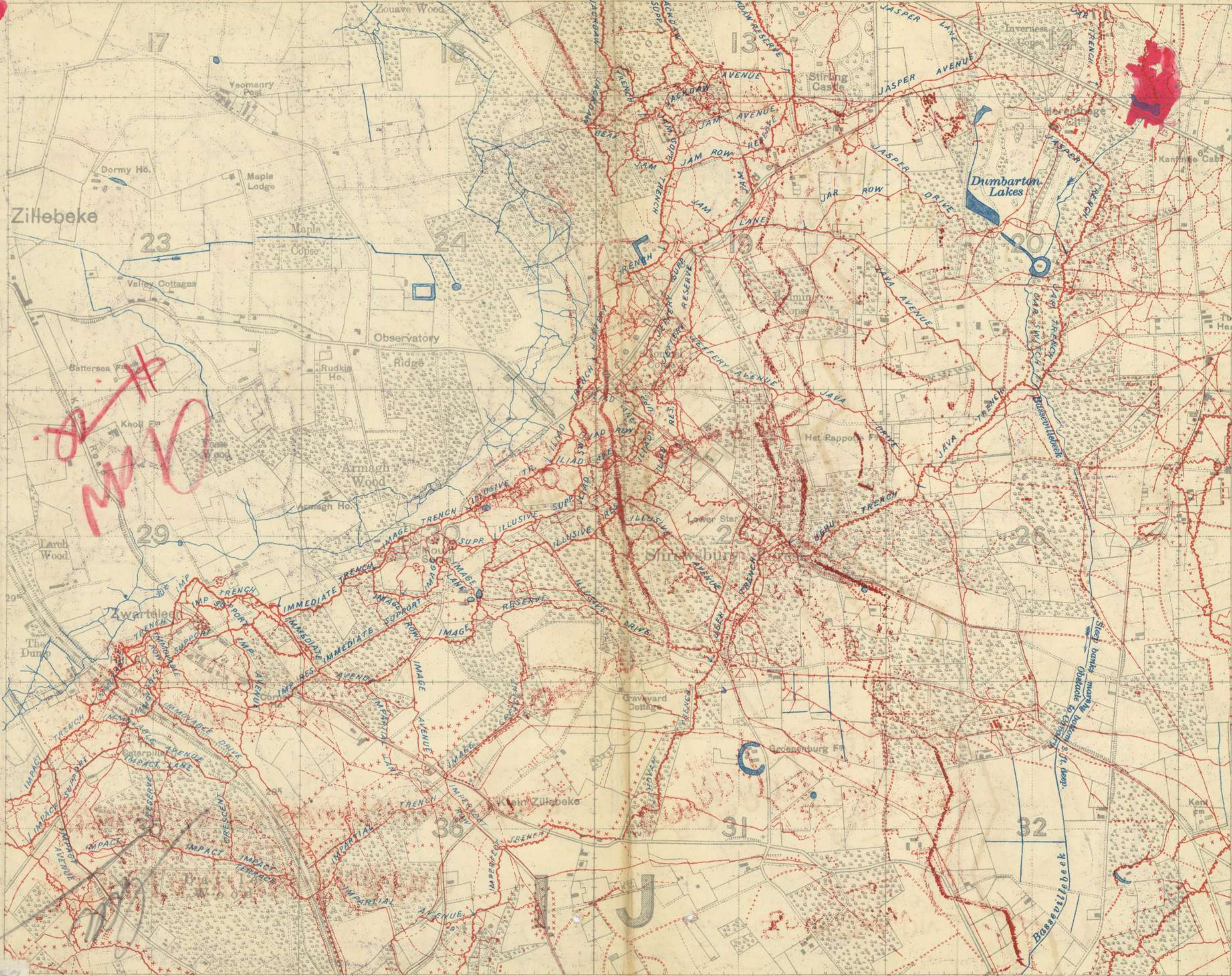
A. Entrances temporarily gasproofed
B. ----- permanently -----



Key to Gas Shells

- Yellow Cross --- Mustard gas
- Blue Cross -- Sneezing mixture in 4.2" x 5.9" H.E. Shells.
- Green Cross -- Phosgene, diphosgene + combinations
- K Stof } --- Lachrymatory (or tear) gas
- T Stof }

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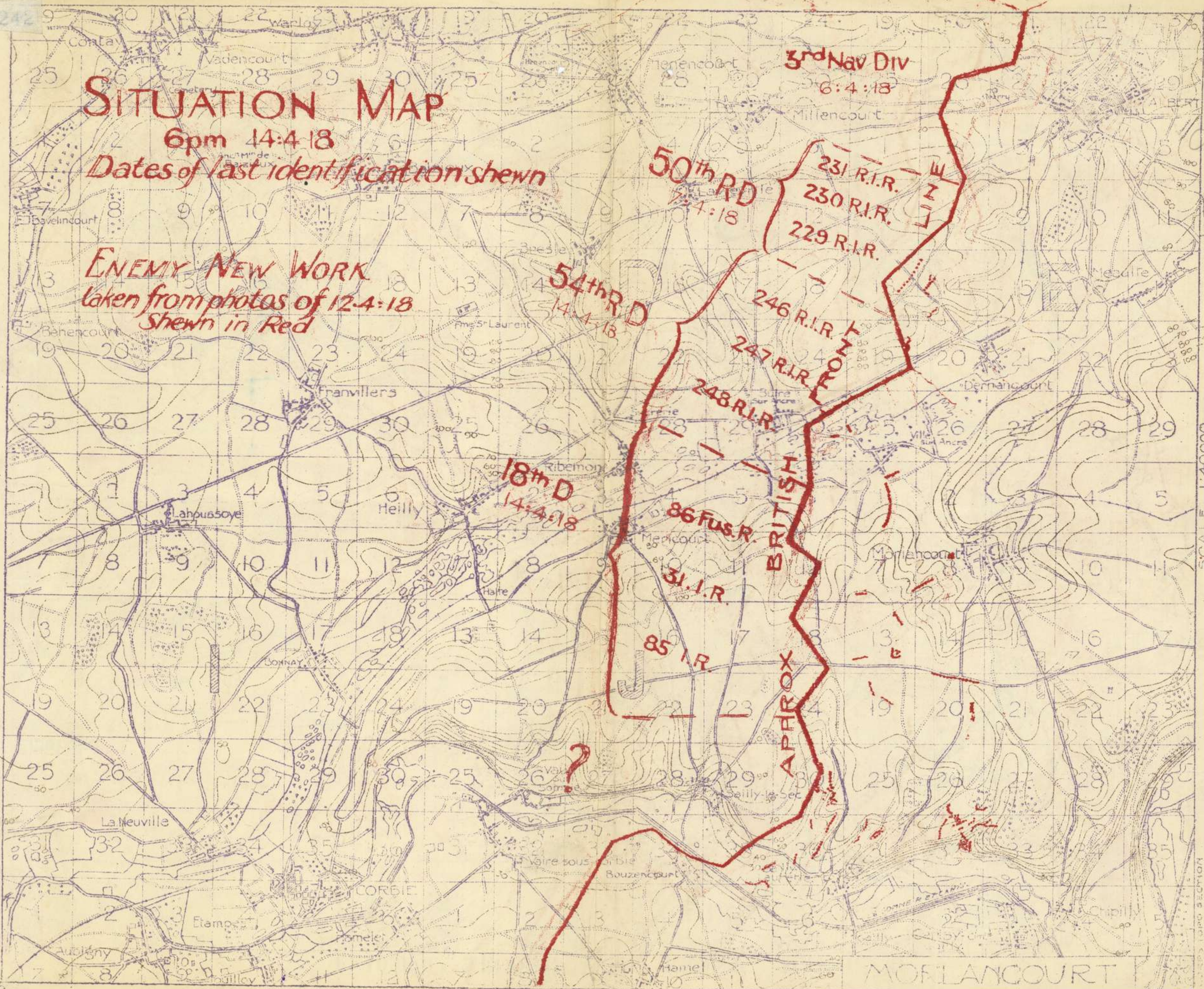


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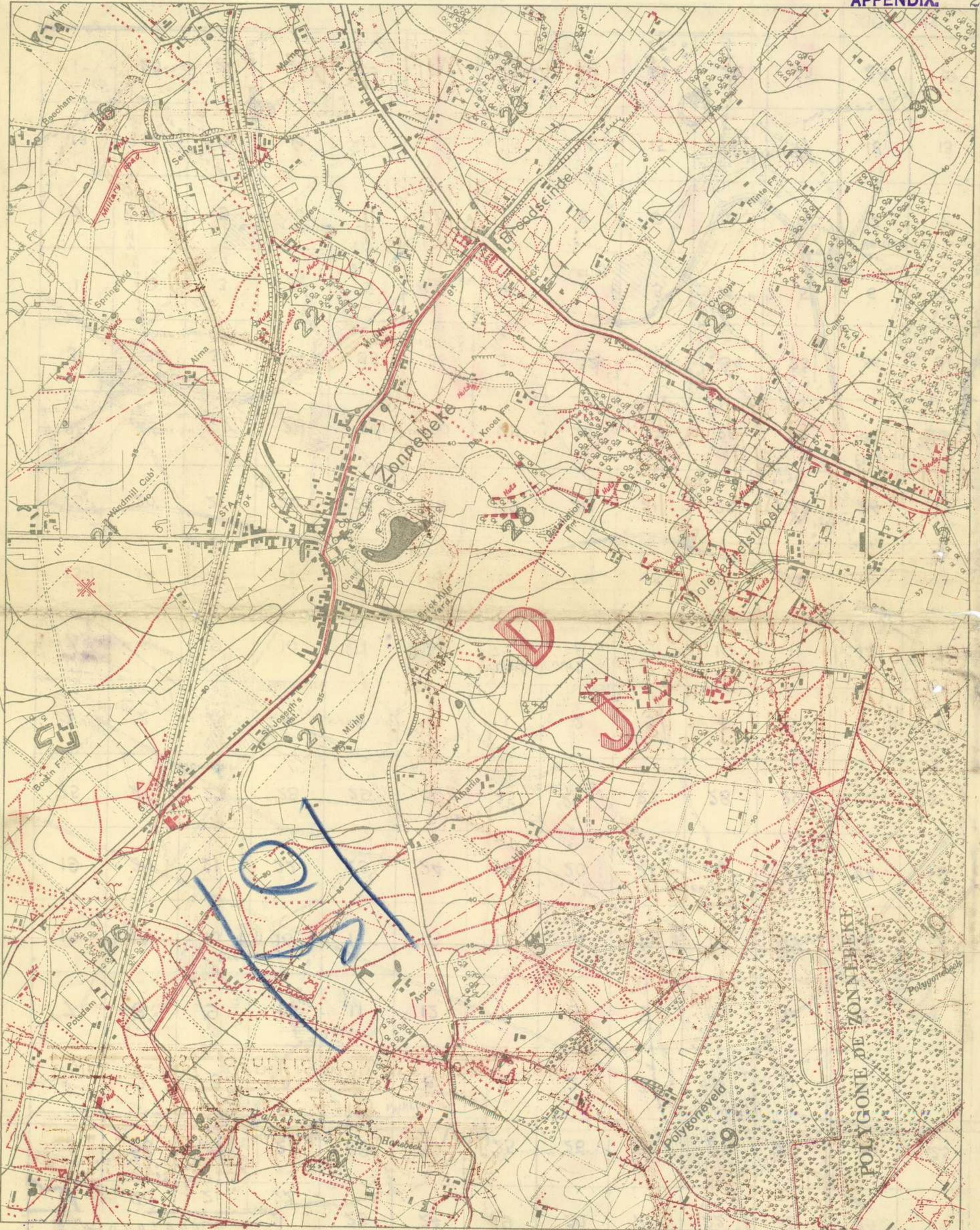
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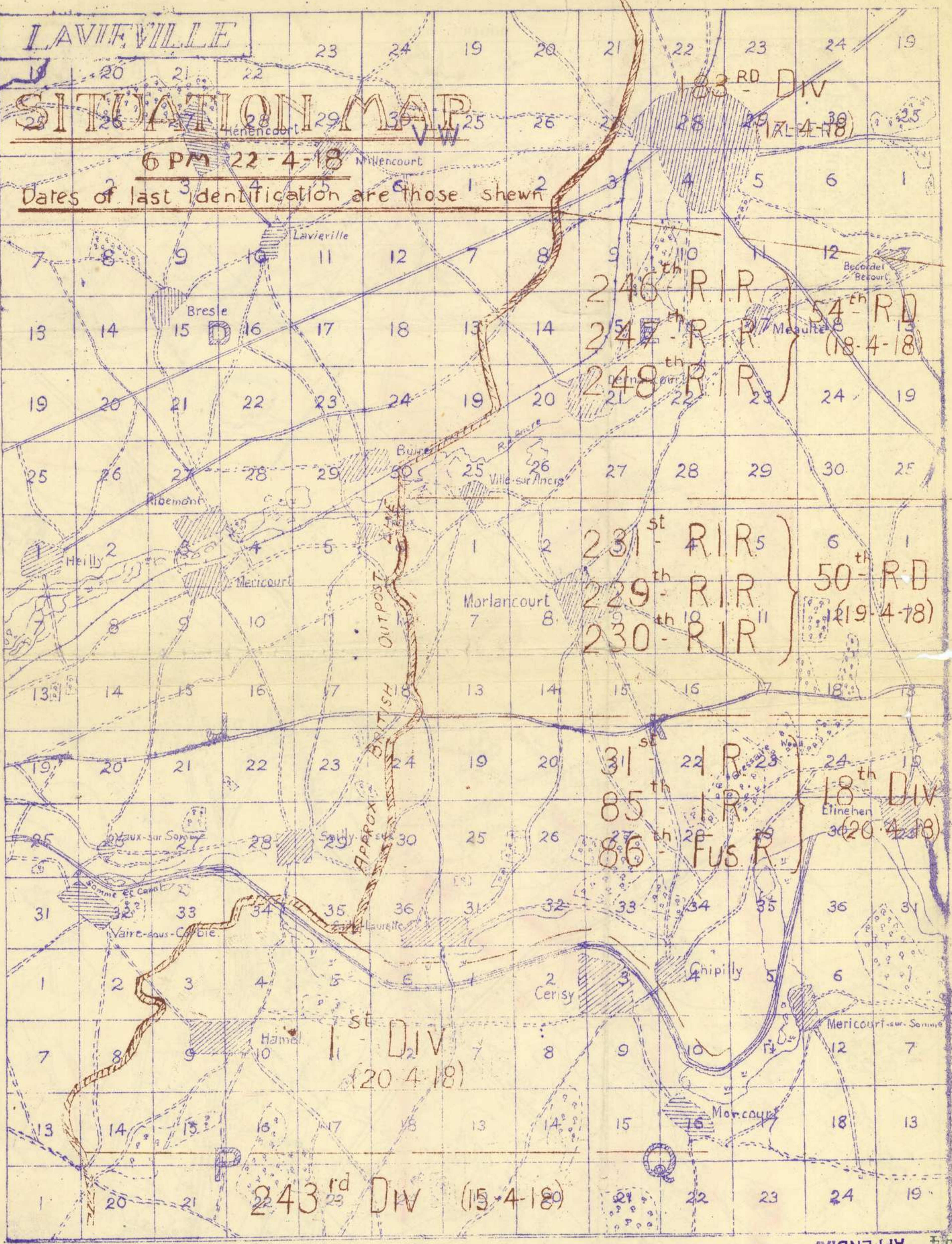
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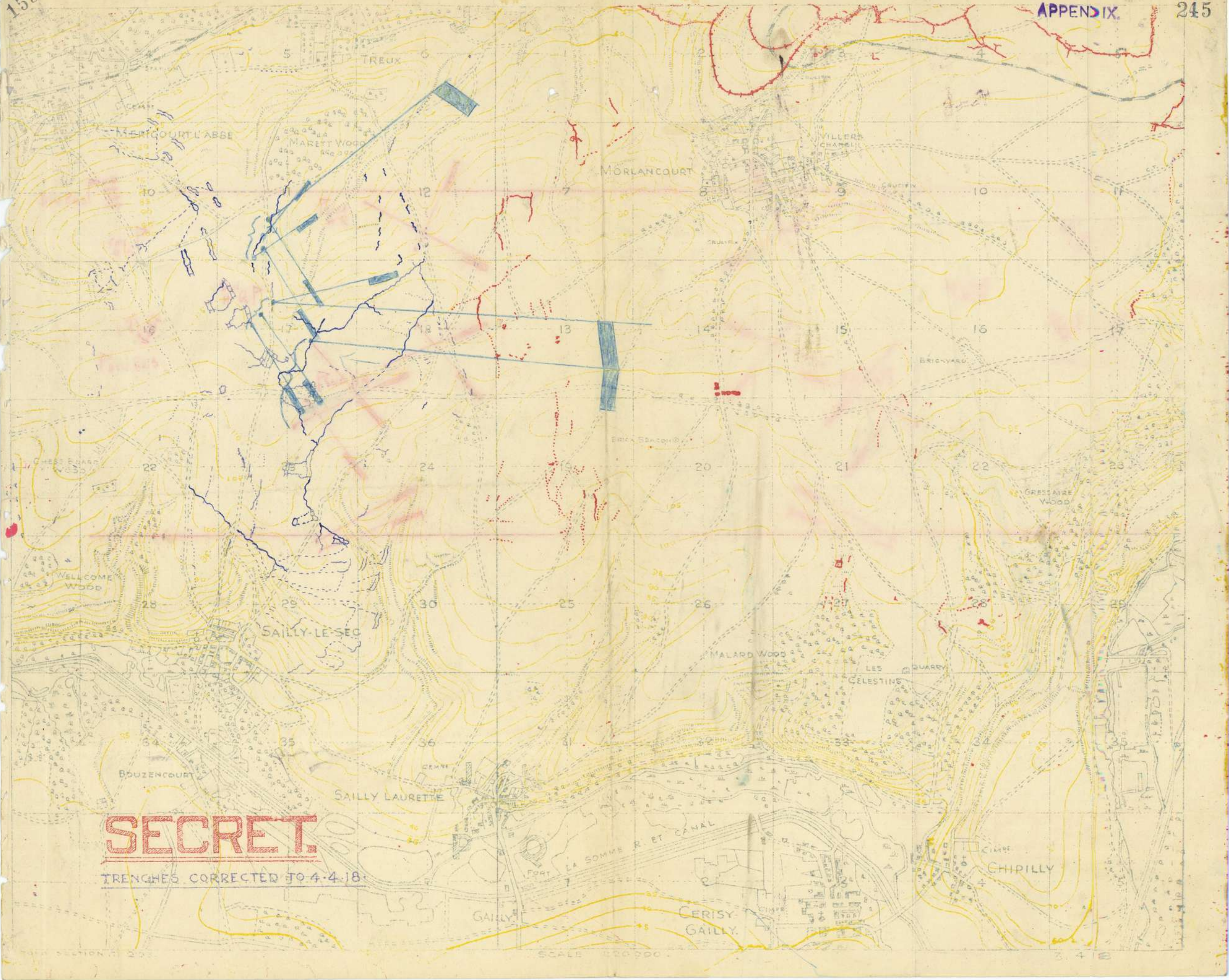
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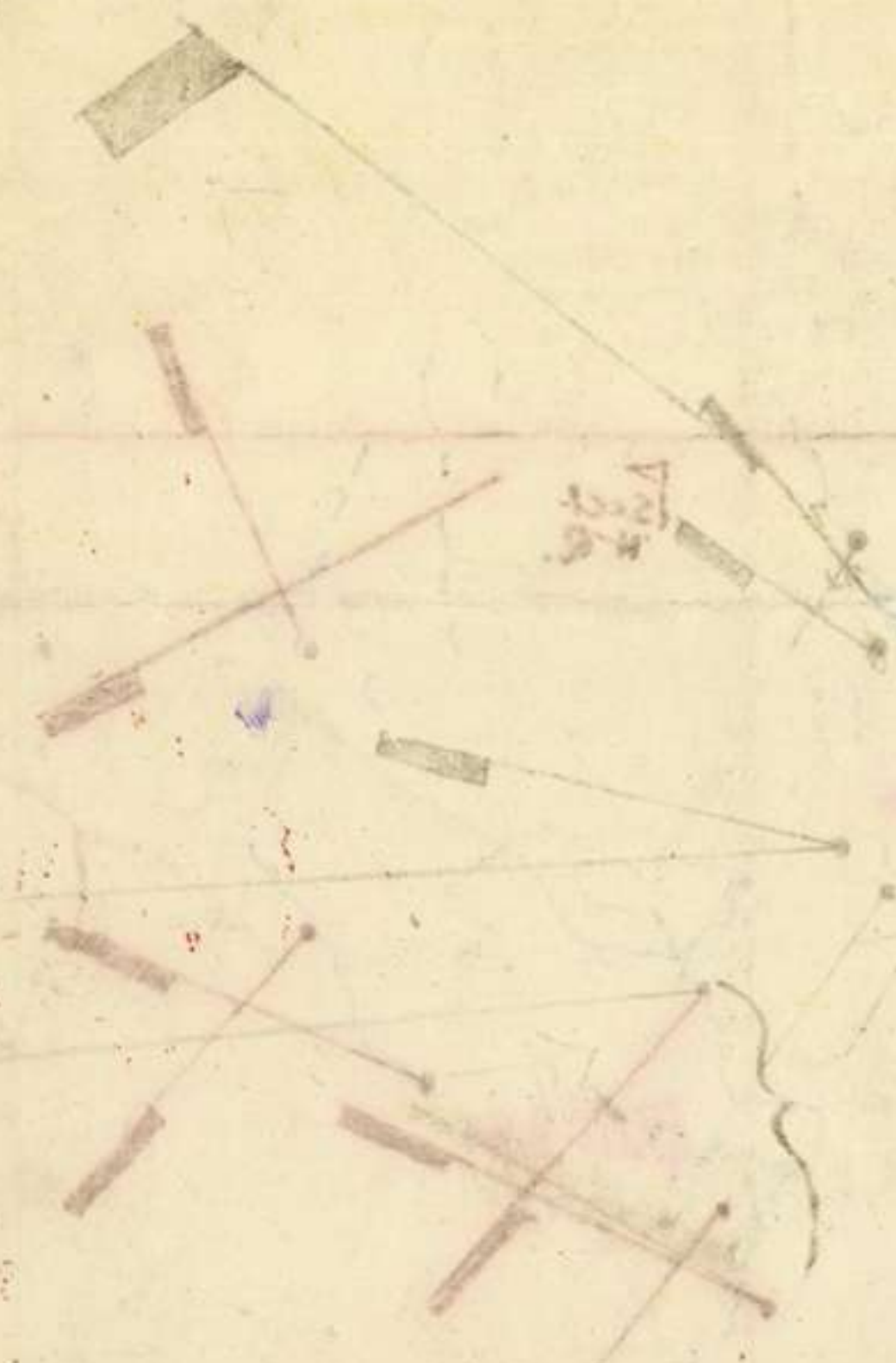
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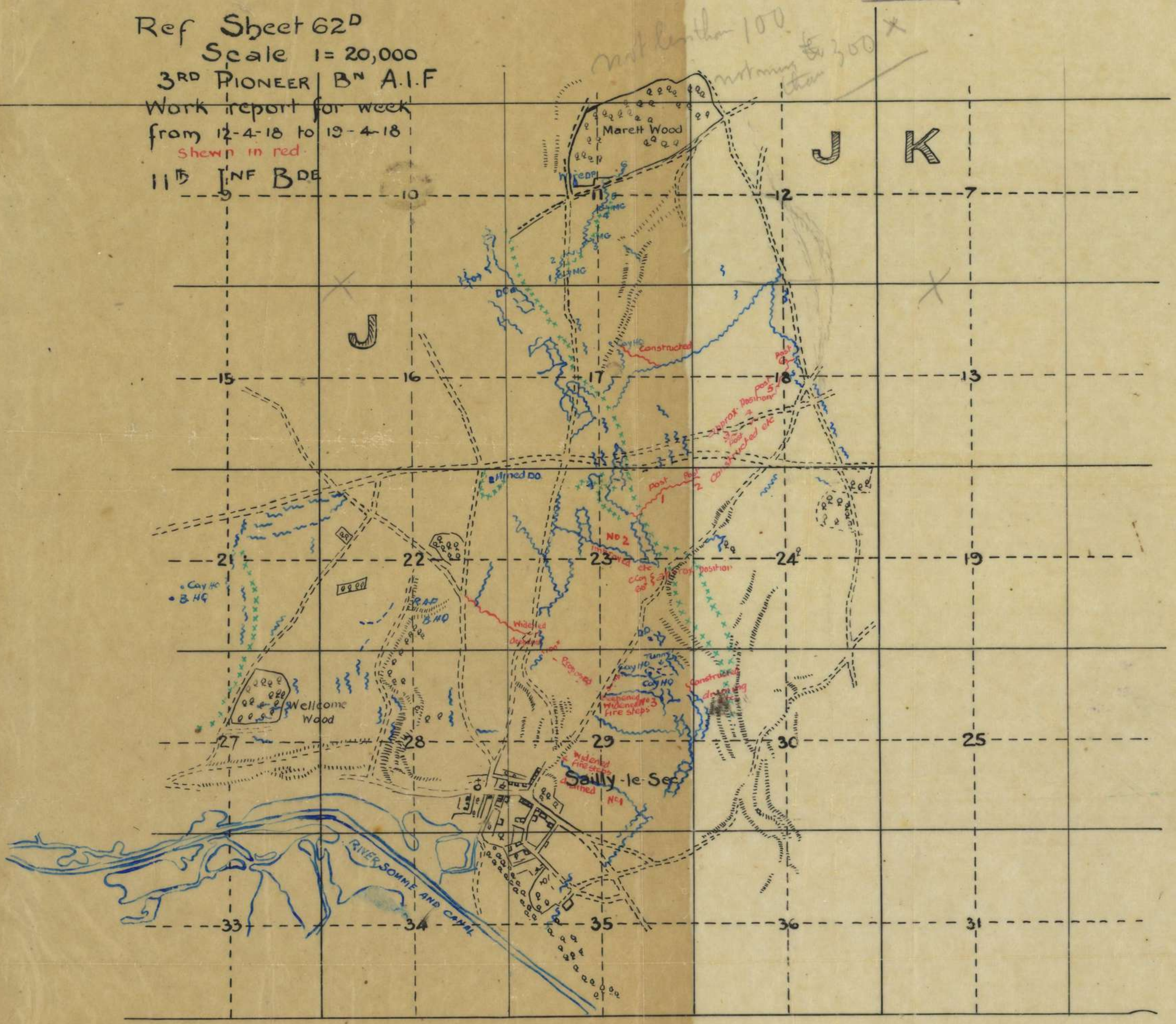
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 3RD PIONEER BN A.I.F
 Work report for week
 from 12-4-18 to 19-4-18
 shown in red.
 11th INF BDE

11th Bde
 HQ



In the Field
4. 5. 18

To

11th Aus Inf Bde

Herewith 2 Prints (one
for war diary & one for
Regimental Journal banner) of
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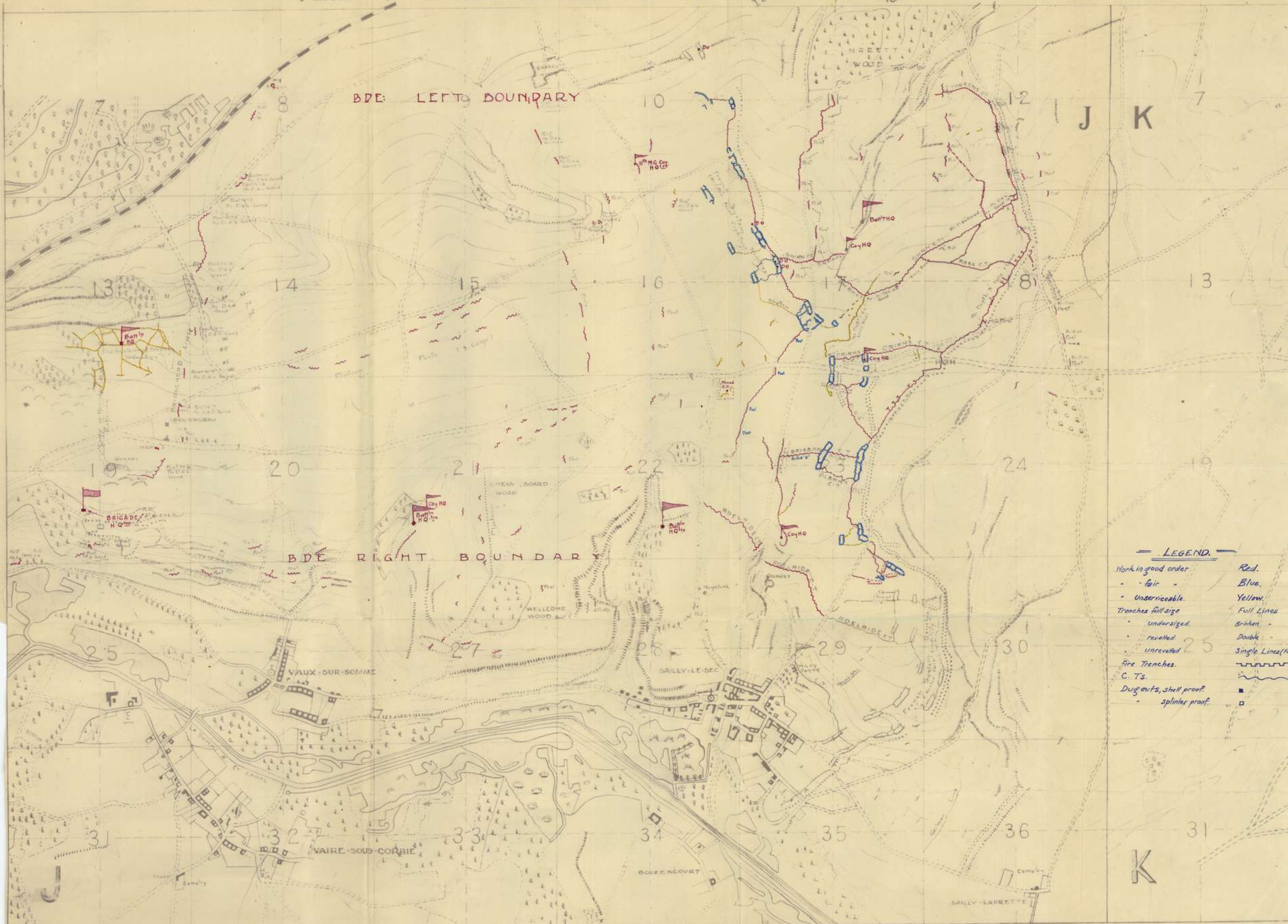
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Work in good order	Red.
fair	Blue.
Unserviceable	Yellow.
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Fire Trenches.	~~~~~
C. T.s.	~~~~~
Dugouts, shell proof.	■
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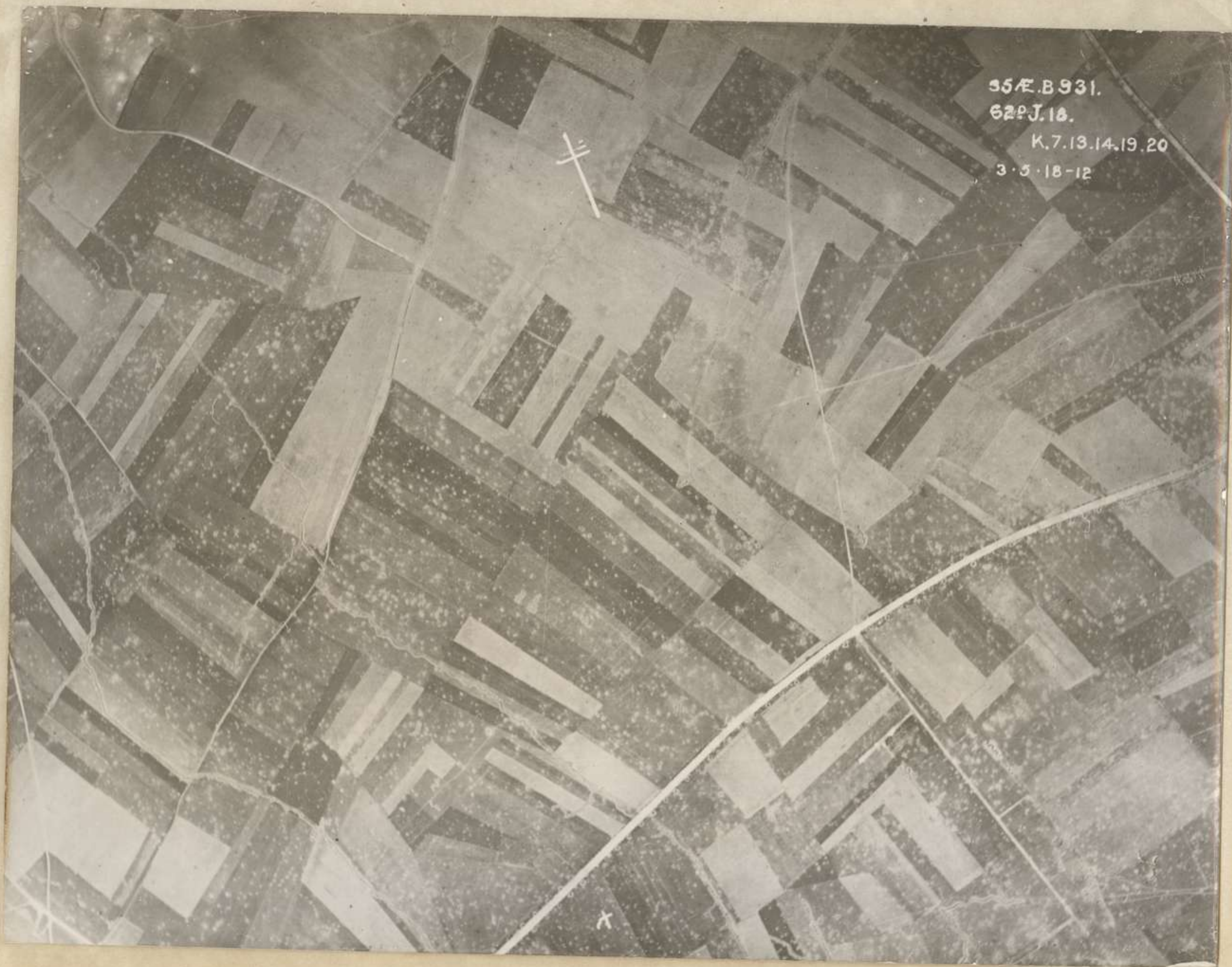
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OR
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	1/4/18 to 1/4/18 30/4/18		<p>This Unit was billeted in Heilly, under a large stone stair-case leading into chateau. This position rendered them secure from heavy shell fire. The place was also rendered secure against Gas by the brigade Gas Officer. The Officers were billeted in a French Restaurant, which before this last offensive had been specially conducted for the benefit of Officers.</p> <p>In this billet the Officers of this Unit came closely in touch with the Officers of the 10th Field Engineers under Major W. Gormack. A joint mess was run and as sleeping accommodation was excellent quite a pleasant time was spent here. The rations during for men during this period was satisfactory and was further augmented by scavenged goods. As the W.ortars had not been brought forward the whole of the Battery were engaged for several days on salvage work and several hundred francs worth of goods were salvaged and handed over to Brigade. A small detail also assisted as a burying party, as the casualties had occurred amongst the battalions. On the 3/4/18 the Guns having arrived 4 Guns were sent into line. Three (3) to occupy S. O.S. positions and cover dead ground in the vicinity of our front line at Dailly le Sec. On the 4th it was decided to bomb a post in front of the right battalion at S. 35 D. 80. 90. to S. 35 D. 90. 90. The 44th battalion were then holding this front. The shoot was carried out, at 11 a.m. - by Lt. Ashton 3 Boche were raised from the post, of whom 2 were despatched by Rifle fire.</p> <p>In the evening at 6.30 on the same date, another post S. 35 D 60. 60. to S. 26 C. 20. 30 received attention. About 10 Boche ran from this position. Majority were destroyed by a bursting shell; and rifle fire dealt effectively with the balance.</p> <p>For the next few days no opportunity was afforded for carrying out any shoots.</p> <p>On the 9th inst. Lieut Peterson who was in charge of the guns on the "left sector" was proceeding to the Head Quarters of "Admiral" came in contact with one of the enemy who had strayed through our front line; when challenged by this Officer, the straggler promptly announced "Allemand" but demurred about putting up his hands upon which the Officer shot him with his revolver. For the next 4 or 5 days nothing of importance occurred. The Gun Teams keeping careful watch on their S.O.S. positions.</p>	

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			<p>Two (2) Guns detailed with 6 pack animals & drivers to be in readiness to move out at 10 mts notice to assist at any point of attack on the front. Fifty (50) rounds of Ammunition per gun was carried. On the 14th inst one Warton was totally destroyed by enemy shell fire, but fortunately no casualties occurred. On the 15th inst another gun was put out of action by the same means, ^{but} as in the former case we were again fortunate in having no casualties. Rear Brigade Headquarters decided about this time to move to the adjacent village "Bonney". It was thought by the O.C. of the Battery that it would be better if this Unit moved, so as to keep in closer touch with Brigade. Accordingly on 17th inst the whole moved to new quarters at Bonney. These latter quarters both with regard to Officers and men, "being not nearly so comfortable as our former home" the entire unit however immediately proceeded to make themselves as comfortable as possible, as far as circumstances would allow. We lived here till the 22nd inst when opportunity to move into better quarters occurred. Rear Brigade who had evidently got the "winds up" having decided to move back into the wood "B. Escondonvuse". We at once took over their billet on the night of the 22nd inst. From the 17th to 22nd inst no shoots was carried out by the Wartons. The Mobile Gun standing to at 4.0 a.m daily. In the early morning hours of the 24th inst. the enemy opened an intense bombardment on the village of Bonney; this was expected as warnings had been obtained by the Brigade from an "Alsatian" deserter that an attack was to take place south of the Somme. Anticipating that this front might also be attacked 4 Wartons under the direction of Lieut. J.W. Howie were instructed to report to "Hivit" at 4 a.m.; these Wartons moved out between 3 a.m & 4 a.m. The enemy opened a heavy barrage of H.E and Gas.</p>	

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			<p>on the village. The Battery took shelter in the cellars of their new billets and were comparatively safe. The 4 Teams detailed for duty had previously moved out under Sgt. Distant to a place of rendezvous appointed by Lieut. Howie. As Lt. Howie failed to keep his appointment Sgt Distant took charge and reported to C.O. "Arnold". About an hour afterwards when the C.O. visited these teams and found Lt. Howie absent ^{absent}, he immediately detailed Lt. Ashton to take charge. Later in the day Lt. Howie reported himself "Gassed" and went to Hospital. As the village of Bonway had been well saturated by Gas, the C.O.C. issued instructions that all 11th Brigade troops should vacate that area. The balance of the Battery then moved into second line trenches of Bonway defence. In the forward areas on the 25th inst a post at J.18 D. was strafed, also on the 26th inst a post K.13.C. to K.13.A was fired upon with varying results. As some positions were beyond the range of our gun, - 2 Mortars under Lieut Petersen ^{on the night of the 28th} would put under a strong patrol and expended 57 rounds on machine gun posts at K.13.C. 10.20. - this position was near an old cemetery. The shooting was satisfactory. Again on the 28th under the direction of the same Officer, a shoot was carried out on the cross roads near the cemetery, at K.24.D. 70.00. The following posts were bombarded on the nights of the 29th & 30th. Post K.18.B. 80.00 on which 56 rounds were expended and direct hits were obtained on the objective. Posts on the 1st Brig. barbed road at J.18.D. & K.13.C. also at J.24.B. 80.85 were also fired upon, in the latter position casualties were inflicted. During the night of the 30th a reconnaissance was made by Officers & N.C.O.'s of the 9th A.L.I. Coy (reappointed) preparatory to a relief.</p>	

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 O.C. A.L.I. Coy

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