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# WAR DIARY

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## OR INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY. — Sheet No 1 —

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
<p>In billets at SELLES. MAP CALAIS. No 13 1/100000.</p>	1.	3.18.	<p>Wet miserable day. Lectures in billets by specialist officers and NCOs. The final of the A.R.A. Competition was run off at BLENQUIN and won by No 9 Platoon C Coy 22nd Bn. Final results 22nd Bn 379 pts 1st 20th Bn 375 pts 2nd 28th Bn 316 pts 3rd.</p>	
	2.	3.18.	<p>Cold miserable day with snow at intervals. A Coy fatigue work. Filling in benches used for bombing instruction. B, C, D Coys route march. Afternoon half holiday.</p>	
	3.	3.18.	<p>Dull day with keen wind blowing. Divine Service held in barn at SELLES. Padre Smith preached his first sermon with this Battalion. A, C Coys bathed during the morning. Transport moved out, travelling by road to ROMRAIN AREA.</p>	
	4.	3.18.	<p>Dull day. B, D Coys bathed during the morning. A, C Coys route march. Finals of the Bn Sports run off in the afternoon. B Coy won the Battalion Cup.</p>	
	5.	3.18.	<p>Fine day. Companies cleaning up vicinity of billets prior to move. Advance party of 6 officers &amp; 20 ranks moved forward by train to KORTEPYR AREA.</p>	
	6.	3.18.	<p>The Battalion left SELLES at 4.30am marched to LOTTINGHEM STATION and entrained. Detrained at STEENWERCK at 2.30pm &amp; marched to KORTEPYR CAMP. N.Y. Party of 1 officer and 3 NCOs per Coy proceeded to front line. (Move order attached)</p>	Move order <u>app I</u>
	7.	3.18.	<p>Bright sunny day. Battalion moved from KORTEPYR Camp and entrained at ROMRAIN SIDING at 5.30pm on Light Railway train, detraining at RACINE DUMP at 6pm. Bn relieved 38 Bn A.I.F. on front line by 10pm without incident.</p>	operation order for relief <u>app II</u>
	8.	3.18.	<p>18th Bn A.I.F. on our right flank. 24th Bn A.I.F. on left flank. RIVER LYS protects the right flank of our Bn sector. Left sector faces HARNETON. NO MAN'S LAND lying between LA BASSE VILLE and the out-works of HARNETON. The line is held by a system of posts. Two Coy occupy the front line. One Coy in support the other in reserve. Disposition: A Coy Right Bn sector. C Coy Left Bn sector. D Coy in support. B Coy in reserve. In HARS at ST VES. Ground is dry &amp; trenches in good order. Intelligence summary &amp; patrol report attached.</p>	See map attached <u>app III</u> also see plane photos.  Intelligence summary & patrol report <u>app IV</u>

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Front Line	9. 3. 18.	Day	Same day. Quiet during the day. Artillery activity increased on both sides towards and during the night. MAJOR. J.S. DOOLEY took charge of LA BASSE VILLE defenses. Intelligence summary & patrol report attached. Casualties 1 officer & 2 ranks K.I.A. 2 other ranks wounded.	Intelligence summary & patrol report aff. V.
	10. 3. 18.	Day	Foggy in the morning with sun later in the day. Enemy T.M.'s active during the day but quiet during the night. E. Artillery active during fog. Casualties 3 other ranks wounded. Intelligence summary & patrol report attached.	Intelligence summary & patrol report aff. VI.
	11. 3. 18.	Day	Fine sunny day. Our 18 pdrs active on front and support lines. Retaliation on enemy T.M.'s. Later company relief carried out. B moving into right sector. D. Coy left for sector. A Coy moved back to supports at ULTIMO CRATER and C Coy to reserve at IRON GATE. Casualties 1 officer 12 other ranks wounded. Intelligence summary and patrol report attached.	Intelligence summary & patrol report aff. VII.
	12. 3. 18.	Day	Fine weather continues. Our artillery active. 18 pdrs firing on E. front & support lines. Heavens further back. Mine was put out in front of LA BASSE VILLE defenses. Fairly quiet during the night and work carried out without interruptions. During the day enemy artillery was active, harassing fire along front ULTIMO AVENUE & in the vicinity of IRON GATE. Casualties NIL. Intelligence summary & patrol report attached.	Intelligence summary & patrol report aff. VIII.
	13. 3. 18.	Day	Fine day. Enemy T.M.'s active but were effectively silenced by our 18 pdrs. <del>Some</del> other-wise fairly quiet. Casualties 1 other rank wounded. Intelligence summary and patrol report attached.	Intelligence summary & patrol report aff. IX.
	14. 3. 18.	Day	Rained during the night but little damage was done to the trenches & water soon drained away. Sun at intervals during the afternoon. Enemy balloon broke away and was shot down by our airguns after crossing our line. Intelligence summary and patrol report attached.	Intelligence summary & patrol report aff. X.
	15. 3. 18.	Day	Fine sunny day. Battalion was successfully relieved from the front line by the 21 <sup>st</sup> Bn A.I.F. at 4pm and moved back to supports where a hot meal was awaiting them. H.Q.R.S. and A Coy billeted at RED LODGE. B.C. & D Coys at the CATACOMBS. Quarters are very comfortable and every one had a good night's rest.	operation order aff. XI.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Support RED LODGE & CATACOMBS. T18d74	16.3.18.	18.	Genl sunny day. 180 men bathed at RED LODGE baths during the afternoon, and issued with clean clothes. Fatigue work during the night. A fatigue party of 50 officers and 125 men under LT. N. McC BRAITHWAITE MC reported to MAJOR REID (21 <sup>st</sup> BN) at LA BASSEVILLE for work on defences. Good work was done and party returned at 1 am. 50 men from B Coy on RE fatigue.	App I
T19 & 37	17.3.18.	18.	Fine day. 240 men bathed at RED LODGE during the morning. Clean clothes issued. 100 men under CAPT. J. MON MAIN working on LA BASSEVILLE defences. 50 men on RE fatigue. PADRE SMITH held communion service at RED LODGE.	
	18.3.18	18	Dull wet. Working Parties were detailed consisting of 7 officers and 200 men. Capt J. MON MAIN had a permanent party of 100 for wiring UNEVEN SUPPORT.	App II
	19.3.18	18	Wet and misty. The Band played selections in their hut all day. 6 officers + 200 men were working on UNEVEN SUPPORT wiring + cleaning.	App III
	20.3.18	18	Still wet & misty, but towards mid-day weather gradually improved. 224 men were bathed during the day. Both the banters at Red Lodge + Catacomb did a roaring trade. 8 officers + 200 men went out on night work in connection with strengthening Uneven SP. Untidy SP + Uneven Support. D. company are given a permanent wiring task under Capt Bunker + 50 men on Uneven Support.	App IV including Works Report
	21.3.18	18	Warm spring weather with a mist early in the morning. 9 officers + 225 men were working on Uneven Support Untidy SP trucking forward from RACINE + bunking La Basseville. These bunks will be occupied by the Battalion when we go forward again.	App V
	22.3.18.	18.	It is decided that we go into the Right Sector Left Brigade; weather is again fine & clear & officers + NCOs make the preliminary reconnaissance before taking over the sector. Advance parties of 1 officer + NCO + Lewis Gun from each Platoon go forward from each of the front-line companies. Owing to the 24th Bn losing 150 men	App VI



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to  
T17b69

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	22-3-18		by gas we have extra works in strengthening the line. 9 officers + 250 men are working at night.	
	23-3-18		Another warm day. The Battalion prepares to move forward packs + valises are carried back to the Q.M. Store at Warrington Lines. At 7-15 pm the Reserve Coy (under Capt L.A. Kennedy) + the Support Coy (under Capt MacKinnon) having got in position the Right front line Coy (A under Capt H. Rodda Mc.) + the left front line Coy to move forward. Major J. Dorby Mc becomes O.C. La Basseville + Lieut. M. McCraith takes his company in. The Battalion is in the same sector as it occupied previously HQ at St YVES. Post office R.P.P. in Ulrmo Avenue. Intelligence summaries + patrol reports attached. Lieut. J. Fulton slightly gassed while with 10th AFA Bty is evacuated.	See <del>Map</del> Map App VII App VIII
	24-3-18		Slightly misty observation bad. During the early morning the forward companies are troubled by Minenwerfers. A Coy having two men slightly wounded. Owing to the German offensive all schools + leave are cancelled Lieut. H.M.M. Wall + J.P. Grant are returned from battle. The enemy opposite us in the Warrington sector has become very quiet. He has ceased shelling + is not sending out flares.	App IX
	25-3-18		Glorious weather very good for the observers. Guns still quiet. The band who have been with the Reserve Coy are put on to carrying water as the wells at RACINE DUMP have become foul. The "Flying Pig" (9.45 Molar) is in position by the "Support Coy" and will register on known Minenwerfer positions as soon as ammunition is available.	App X
	26-3-18		The good weather still continues. The observers direct the 18 pounders on to several good targets. Hostile activity again below normal. Reserve + Support Coys supply patrols + working parties for repairing line in front of Nos 6, 7, 8 + 9 posts. Intelligence summaries + Patrol reports attached.	App XI

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	27-3-18		<p>Clear weather. During early hours of the morning an encounter took place between one of our patrols and an enemy party outside No 9 Post. An enemy barrage was put down on our Posts; 1 officer &amp; 3 O.R.s killed &amp; 1 officer &amp; 9 O.R.s wounded. During the morning 'D' &amp; 'B' boys made their reconnaissance before relieving the front line boys. The relief was carried out at night &amp; completed by 9-30 pm; the dispositions after this relief were slightly different from those we had previously been making. 'D' &amp; 'B' boys Right &amp; Left front line boys respectively, both have their H.Q.s in La Basseville &amp; boy in support has its H.Q.s situated at AUCHASSEUR-CABARET. This boy nightly sends two platoons to stand to in LA BASSEVILLE one platoon on patrol &amp; one platoon on warning in front of the posts. A boy the reserve &amp; ration-carrying boy has its H.Q.s at IRONGATE.</p>	<p>App XII App XIII</p>
	28-3-18		<p>Weather is cold &amp; shows signs of breaking. Enemy 5.9 Batteries are very active in carrying out an area-shoot ULTIMO AVENUE particularly suffers. They appear to be searching for the two 9.45 mortars emplaced near IRONGATE, because of their activity in retaliating against active mine-warfare.</p>	<p>App XIV</p>
	29-3-18		<p>Wet &amp; cold with a strong wind blowing. Enemy trench mortars very active. No 8 post called for &amp; received support from the battery of 6 inch Newton Medium Trench Mortars situated near WALLY. SUPPORT. Defence Scheme was issued.</p>	<p>App XV App XVI</p>
	30-3-18		<p>Weather dull &amp; showery. Preparations are being made for a Gas attack on a large scale by 4" Stokes Mortars &amp; LEVINS Projectors. Post Nos 9/4 will have to be evacuated while Post 2 &amp; 3 men in LABASSEVILLE &amp; the Support boy will need to wear their gas respirators.</p>	<p>App XVII App XVIII</p>
	31-3-18		<p>Punctually at 1 o'clock the gas attack takes place. From the enemy lines, Red Green &amp; Yellow flares are fired in great numbers but the barrage put down is very weak. The day, although cold is very clear &amp; observation is good. The observers see the gassed Germans being carried out of WARNETON in continuous streams during the morning. At 10-30 am an E.A. is brought down by A.A. fire near 26th Bn HQ (Left Bn Right Bde). The 10th Bty A.F.F. which has been carrying out a lot of retaliation for us is bitterly shelled by enemy 8" Batteries.</p>	<p>App XIX</p>



# WAR DIARY

OF

22nd Battalion, A.I.F.

FOR

MARCH,

1918.

## LIST OF APPENDICES.

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6.	" " 10.3.18.
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8.	" " 12.3.18.
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32.	Daily Strength.



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APPENDIX <sup>1-7</sup>  
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22ND BATTALION A.I.F. - OPERATION ORDER NO. 5/18.

REF. MAPS HAZEBROUCK, 5a, 1/100,000.  
CALAIS, 13, 1/100,000.  
SHEET 28, 1/40,000.

5th MARCH, 1918.

1. 22nd Battn. will move to KORTEPYP Area on 6th Inst., entraining at LOTTINGHEM Station at 6.3 a.m.
2. The Battalion will be formed up ready to move off at 4.15 a.m., head of Column to be opposite SELLES CHURCH.  
Order of March - H.Q., "A", "B", "C", & "D" Coys.
3. DRESS.- Full Marching Order. Personnel will carry one Blanket.  
K.S. ANDERSON.
4. Lieut. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~, will act as Entraining Officer, and will report to Lieut. R.K. BAZLEY, M.C. at LOTTINGHEM Station at 5.30 a.m. on 6th Inst.
5. The following distances will be maintained during the march -  
Between Battalions - 500 yards.  
" Companies - 100 "
6. Marching portion of Transport and Baggage, with accompanying Personnel, will entrain at DESVRES at 5.43 a.m. on 6th Inst.
7. BAGGAGE.- Officers' Valises, and 1 Blanket per man will be ready for Transport at 3.30 p.m. on 5th Inst.
8. MARCHING OUT STATES & Certificates re damage to Billets to reach Battalion Office by 3.30 a.m. on 6th Inst.
9. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*Edward*  
Capt. & Adjt.

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| 6.          | "B" "         |
| 7.          | "C" "         |
| 8.          | "D" "         |
| 9.          | Q.M.          |
| 10.         | Spare.        |

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**CORRIGENDA (c).**

TO

**LIST No. 1 OF DEATHS.**(Issued with Memoranda No. 1 of 10<sup>th</sup> November, 1915.)

Regl. No.	Rank.	Name.	Correction.
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Brigade Headquarters.</b>			
9	Private.	Cooke S. S.	Should read Killed in Action, 9/5/15.
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Battalion.</b>			
180	Corporal.	Willison R. E.	Should read Killed in Action, 25-29/4/15.
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion.</b>			
136	Private.	Burgin W.	Should read Died of wounds, 21/5/15.
<b>7<sup>th</sup> Battalion.</b>			
233	Private. Lieut. Colonel.	Ennis J. A. Gartside R.	Should read, Killed in Action, 8-16/5/15. Insert. Killed in Action, date not stated.
<b>8<sup>th</sup> Battalion.</b>			
—	Lieut. Colonel.	Gartside R.	Delete. Should read 7th Battalion.
<b>11<sup>th</sup> Battalion.</b>			
115 528 974	Private. » »	Dines T. E. Daebritz W. McConnell J. R.	Should read Died of wounds, 5/5/15. »    »    »    »    »    14/8/15. Delete. Shown correctly in List No. 2 of Deaths, issued with Memoranda No. 2 of 24/11/15.
<b>14<sup>th</sup> Battalion.</b>			
303 515	Private. L. Corporal.	Cowan R. Wilson W.	Should read Died of wounds, 13/5/15. »    »    Killed in Action, 27/4/15.
<b>16<sup>th</sup> Battalion.</b>			
54 032 276 269 294 402	Private. » » » » »	Clyde F. Davis H. H. Guilfoyle J. P. Hall P. Lambert W. Spratt J. C.	Should read Killed in Action, 27/4/15. »    »    Died of wounds, 5/6/15. »    »    Killed in Action, 1/5/15. »    »    Died of wounds, 16/5/15. »    »    Killed in Action, 2/5/15. »    »    »    »    25/1/15.



## 22ND BATTALION - OPERATION ORDER NO. 6/18.

REF. MAP SHEET 28, 1/40,000.  
" 36, 1/40,000.

6.3.18.

1. The 22nd Battalion will relieve the 33rd Battalion in the Front Line on night of 7th/8th Inst.
2. DISPOSITIONS.

"C" COY. will relieve the right Company in Front Line.  
 "A" " " " " " Left " " " "  
 "D" " " " Company in Support.  
 "B" " " " " " Reserve.
3. O's. C. Coys. will arrange mutually any details not covered by this Order.
4. All Defence Schemes, Maps, Sketches, Air Photos, Log Books, Dumps etc. will be taken over and receipts given - duplicates being sent to Battalion Office by noon, 8th Inst.
5. Capt. W.R. HUNTER will take over and continue Works Policy for defence of LA BASSEVILLE. He will arrange direct with the Officer of the 33rd Battalion at present in charge.
6. GUIDES.- One Guide per Platoon will be met at RACINE DUMP (HOPE HOUSE) and will guide Platoon to respective Company H.Q., where Post Guides will be picked up.
7. O's. C., "B" & "D" Coys., will each detail one Officer and one N.C.O. to proceed to Forward Area on morning of 7th Inst., to take over Stores and arrange details of Relief for their respective Companies.
8. R.A.P. is established at ULTIMO AVENUE, U.16.a.5.2.
9. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*Edwards*  
Capt. & Adjt.

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7.	"C" "
8.	"D" "
9.	33rd Battn.
10.	Q.M.



O.P. Report. 4 AM 8/3/18

An Enemy plane. flew over our line from South West direction  
was engaged by A.A.

Geo Coltham J. Cpl

Appendix III



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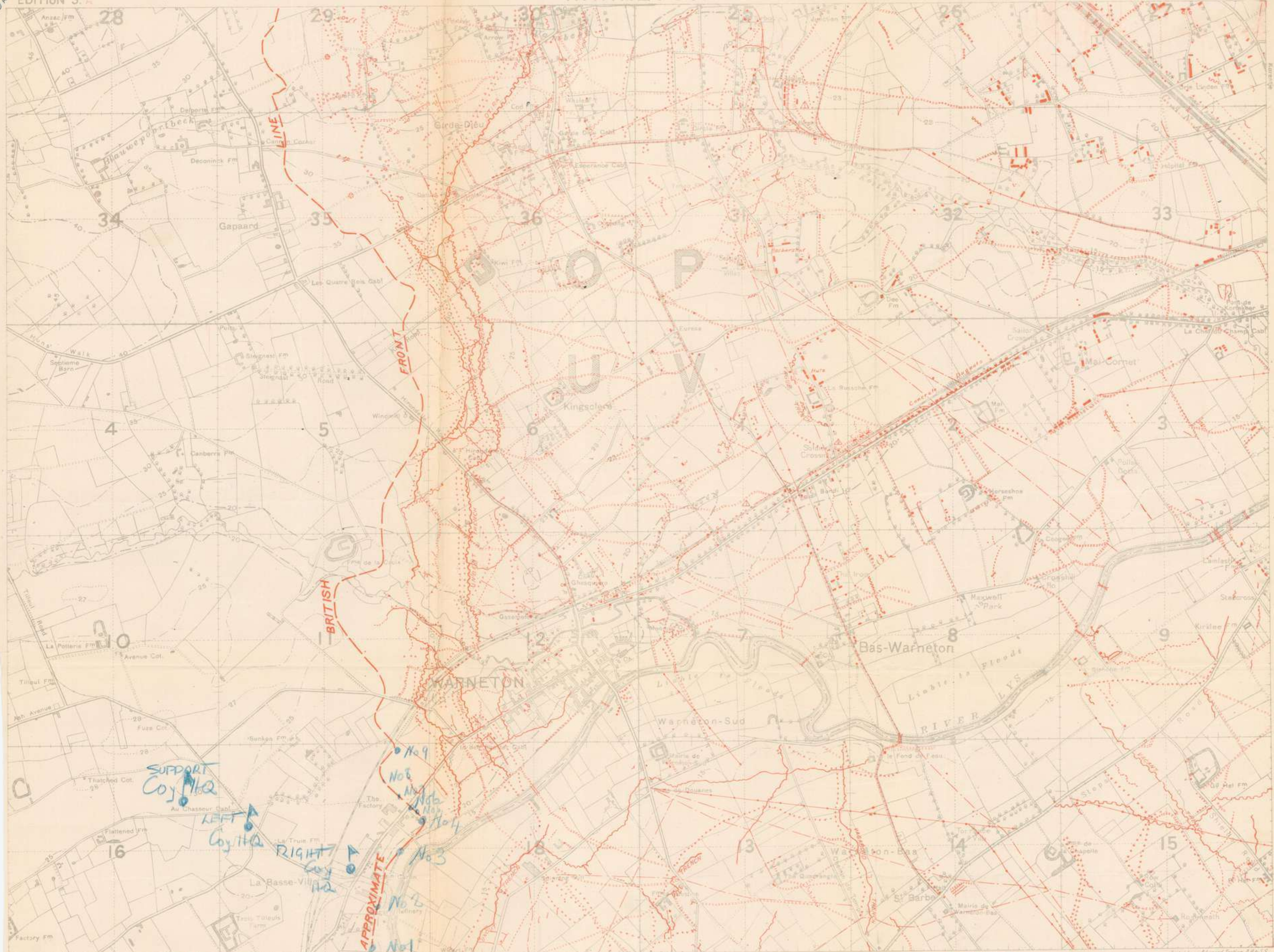
# WARNETON

German Trenches corrected to 7-10-17.

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EDITION 3



F.S.C. 1250 5-10-17  
 Battery Positions (main components)  
 Probably Timber or Camouflage  
 Probably Concrete

Scale 1:10,000

Concrete Structures in Original Sheet No. 26

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MORNING INTELLIGENCE REPORT.

FROM 6 A.M. / / 1916, TO 6 A.M. / / 1916.

4-5 Hours

OUR OPERATIONS:

1. Artillery.

Quiet generally. 13 shells from many front & support lines at intervals. Many artillery on targets in area of WARREN TOWER

2. Patrolling.

General patrolling. Inspection of our own lines. Patrol officers report attached.

3. Machine Guns: Bombing: T.M.'s. and Sniping.

2.65. general front positions of their posts fired 600 rounds in enemy front line during the night.

4. Works.

movements in rear.

5. Miscellaneous.

The 22nd A.I.B. relieved the 33rd A.I.B. at 9.20.

ENEMY'S ACTIVITY:

1. Artillery.

Quiet. 1 pm to 7 pm at intervals of 10-15 minutes from directions of DEVLAMONT. Miscellaneous. 2.65. general front positions of their posts fired 600 rounds in enemy front line during the night.

P. T. O.



2. Bombing: T.M.: Machine Guns and Sniping.

*FROM 6 A.M. TO 8 A.M. ... T.M. quiet ... fired into La Base ... usual ... 9am to 11am 15 ... 2.30pm 5 ... 7pm to 8pm 15 ... fired from direction U18a 2/4.*

3. Patrolling.

*No enemy patrols seen or heard.*

4. Front and Support Lines.

*Visibility low most part of the day.*

5. Movements in Rear.

*2.29pm 1 man at U18c 93 40  
1.30pm 2 men leave dugout at U12b 10 16  
dugout at U12b 40.16*

6. Observation and Listening Posts.

7. Aircraft.

*At 4 am one enemy plane came over our lines ... was engaged by our ...*

8. Miscellaneous.

*8.3.18*

*[Signature]*  
Intelligence Officer,  
Bn.  
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7/3/18.

The following PATROLS will leave this Front tonight :-

TIME.	STRENGTH OF PATROL.	LEAVING AT.	RETURNING AT.	INSTRUCTIONS.
10 p.m.	1 Officer 5 O.R.	No. 9. at 10 p.m.	No. 6. At 12 m.n.	General reconnaissance of Left Company Front. Report on our Wire.
12.30 a.m.	1 Officer. 9 O.R. With L.G.	No. 4. 12.30 a.m.	No. 7. 2.30 a.m.	General reconnaissance of front between Posts 4 & 7. Report on our Wire.

ACKNOWLEDGE - Please advise all concerned.

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*[Signature]*  
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*Officer boy*22nd Pattn. H.Q.  
8/3/18.

The following PATROLS will leave this front tonight :-

TIME.	STRENGTH OF PATROL.	LEAVING AT.	RETURNING AT.	INSTRUCTIONS.
9 p.m. to midnight.	1 Officer 7 O.R.'s. Supplied by O.C. "A" Coy.	N:9 Post.	N:4 Post.	To examine enemies wire & locate his Posts. Password - Whiting
1 a.m. to 3 a.m.	1 Officer + 6 O.R.'s. Supplied by O.C. "C" Coy.	N:3 Post.	N:5 Post.	To examine enemies wire & locate his Posts. Password - Whiting

Acknowledge. - Please advise all concerned.*Capt. T. J. J.*



MORNING INTELLIGENCE REPORT.

FROM 6 A.M. / /1916, TO 6 A.M. / /1916.

OUR OPERATIONS:

1. Artillery.

2. Patrolling.

3. Machine Guns: Bombing: T.M's. and Sniping.

4. Works.

5. Miscellaneous.

ENEMY'S ACTIVITY:

1. Artillery.



2. Bombing: T.M.: Machine Guns and Sniping.

*FROM 8 A.M. TO 10 A.M. OF 19/10/42*

3. Patrolling.

*near 2.30 pm. Retaliation on T.M. at 9 pm. Harassing fire carried out. 2 patrol reports herewith.*

4. Front and Support Lines.

*Lewis Guns fired 500 rounds on enemy lines.*

5. Movements in Rear.

6. Observation and Listening Posts.

7. Aircraft.

8. Miscellaneous.

*Rather more active. Intermittent bursts of shelling 1.15 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. Report on front area shelling 4.15 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. sent in special report at 8 p.m. About 40 gas shells in area 1.15 a.m. to about 9 p.m. Gas was used slightly in front area shelling about 6 p.m. Observers report herewith.*

Intelligence Officer,  
Bn.

P. I. O.



MORNING INTELLIGENCE REPORT.

FROM 6 A.M. / /1916, TO 6 A.M. / /1916.

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OUR OPERATIONS:

1. Artillery.

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4. Works.

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ENEMY'S ACTIVITY:

1. Artillery.

P. T. O.



2. Bombing: T.M.: Machine Guns and Sniping.

At 11.30 pm No 6 post U17 fired on with Pineapple bombs. Posts Nos 6 & 8 incessantly, with fire also intermittently with Minnie rifles. New T.M. position suspected at WICART FARM U18C 2.0. Minnie rifles from U18C fired throughout the night on LA BASSSE VILLE. Enemy MGs active all night from U18A + WARNETON.

3. Patrolling.

No patrols seen or heard

4. Front and Support Lines.

No movement.

5. Movements in Rear.

Train traffic appeared to be much less during the night than the previous night. Horse transport moves along road in U13 from POSTE de DOUANES to VRAUSTHAY shortly after dusk.

6. Observation and Listening Posts.

7. Aircraft. 1 E.A. flew over our lines about 4 pm. 4 or 5 machines crossed over about 9 am flying high in the haze.

8. Miscellaneous.

About 6 pm a large signal light observed near WICART FARM which was immediately answered by artillery fire on our forward positions.



22nd Battn. H.Q.  
9/3/18.

The following PATROLS will leave this Front tonight :-

TIME.	STRENGTH OF PATROL.	LEAVING AT.	RETURNING AT.	INSTRUCTIONS.
1 p.m. to 1 p.m.	Lt. Southwell & 5 O.R's. D. boy.	N: 4 Post. U 17.	N: 4 Post. U 17.	To act as covering party to winning party & examine enemies wire. Password HERRING.
10 p.m. to 2 M.N.	1 Officer & 5 O.R's. Supplied by O.C. "C" boy.	N: 4 Post. U 17.	N: 4 Post. U 17.	To examine enemies wire. Password HERRING.
3 a.m. to awn.	Lt. Southwell & 5 O.R's. D. boy.	N: 4 Post. U 17.	N: 4 Post. U 17.	To examine enemies wire & locate his Posts. Password HERRING.

Acknowledge - Please advise all concerned.

*Adman*  
Capt. & Adj.



MORNING INTELLIGENCE REPORT.

FROM 6 A.M. 10/3/1916, TO 6 A.M. 11/3/1916.

OUR OPERATIONS:

1. Artillery.

our 18 pdrs fired on enemy front support lines from MG position at U18a 20.55. On TM position at U18c 95.85. At 2.30 am on TM at U24 a 60.40. Heaps fired on targets well in place. at 12.10 am our 18 pdrs. opened on NO MANS LAND. Mine rounds fell very short mostly on wire - one falling in

2. Patrolling.

Team of 109 Post - two in rear of 109 Post.

Patrol reports attached.

3. Machine Guns: Bombing: T.M's. and Sniping.

Lewis Guns fired 750 rounds on to enemy wire & front line.

4. Works.

Mining from U176 65.95 to U176 55.75 100 yards. Report attached

5. Miscellaneous.

A dense fog is over the whole of the area.

ENEMY'S ACTIVITY:

1. Artillery.

Active during morning fog. U21a was shelled with 4.2 HE. About 1.30 shells were fired. Approx 150 shells & 2 HE were fired from U177 b+d.

Afternoon weather cleared a little and enemy artillery became very quiet. Heavy artillery actions can be heard about 1 mile on our right commencing about 5 am, and some distance on our left commencing about 6 am.

P. T. O.



2. Bombing: T.M.: Machine Guns and Sniping.

When one of our patrols was approaching the SPINNEY the enemy fired many flares from this position and threw three bombs into our own wire. The enemy T.M. fell near his post. The enemy ceased an retaliation for our artillery. About 60 T.M. fired during the night.

3. Patrolling.

Not any reconnaissance.

4. Front and Support Lines.

Disarmed.

5. Movements in Rear.

visibility poor.

6. Observation and Listening Posts.7. Aircraft.

Seven E.A. crossed our line at 7:30 am from S.W. direction. They were driven back by our AA + MG fire.

8. Miscellaneous.

one red flare went up on left of WARNETT. No action was noticed.

The enemy appears to be very much on the alert. They fire his to 500 yds the least sound, and use many flares.



## APPENDIX 6

22nd Battn. H.Q.  
13/18.

The following PATROLS will leave this Front tonight :-

TIME.	STRENGTH OF PATROL.	LEAVING AT.	RETURNING AT.	INSTRUCTIONS.
7 p.m. to 9 p.m.	Lt. Southwell & 5 O.R's. D. boy.	N: 4 Post. U 14.	N: 9 Post. U 14.	Examine enemies wire. Password GARFISH
9 p.m. to 11 p.m.	Lt. Westaway & 5 O.R's. B boy.	N: 4 Post. U 17.	N: 6 Post. U 17.	Reconnoitre spinneries Password GARFISH
12 M.N. to 2 a.m.	Lt. Southwell & 5 O.R's. D. boy.	N: 7 Post. U 17.	N: 9 Post. U 17.	Examine enemies wire Password GARFISH
3 a.m. to Dawn.	Lt. Westaway & 5 O.R's. B. boy.	N: 5 Post. U 17.	N: 5 Post. U 17.	Examine enemies wire Password GARFISH.

Knowledge - Please advise all concerned.

*[Signature]*  
Capt. & Coy.



MORNING INTELLIGENCE REPORT.

FROM 6 A.M. 11/3/1916, TO 6 A.M. 12/3/1916.

OUR OPERATIONS:

1. Artillery. Active. Retaliation fire on enemy T.M. 18 pdr. fired on enemy front & support lines. Heavies firing on rear targets all day.

2. Patrolling. Patrol reports. Inter company relief covered by a patrol. Plans R patrols maintain communication with Plans R units.

3. Machine Guns: Bombing: T.M.'s. and Sniping. Lewis Gun fired 250 rounds in enemy fire during the night.

4. Works. Front line positions on Right improved 500 sandbags made.

5. Miscellaneous. Inter company relief completed at 9.10 pm without incident. A dense fog settled over this area from dawn and did not clear off until after noon. Our airplanks were active in the afternoon.

ENEMY'S ACTIVITY:

1. Artillery. More active than usual. Support & forward area received more shelling than on previous days. Sharp 7mm fire on V16 km V17 a at 11.30 am. Heavy fog in very dark weather conditions. enemy harassing fire is more noticeable. Afternoon and night were less active. Artillery Report attached. In reply to enemy 2.5 in light barrage fell on our forward area but did not last long. mostly 77mm. No damage.

P. T. O.



2. Bombing: T.M.: Machine Guns and Sniping.

Enemy T.M. busy during morning fog  
and at 10.30 pm. but in the whole  
24 hours generally quiet. At 10 am  
a mortar shell fell on Stokes M. in  
trench and exploded. M.G. located  
firing from U154 T. (SPINNEY)

3. Patrolling.

Enemy patrol seen at U154 3.3  
covering a working party.

4. Front and Support Lines.

5. Movements in Rear.

6. Observation and Listening Posts.

7 am Gun flashes seen behind WARNETT  
in a tree bearing of 89° from this O.P.  
Cal. not known  
2.30 pm 10 men moving from Trench House U244 to  
support at U246. Leaving again 15 mins later  
works cemetery U244 - disappeared

7. Aircraft.

2 pm E.H. attempted to cross our lines but was  
driven back by A.A. & M.G. fire.  
6.30 am E.H. came very low through the fog way  
by 7A 7A 7A.

8. Miscellaneous.

Smoke seen issuing from enemy position  
between SPINNEY and WICART FARM.

Intelligence Officer  
Bn.



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PATROL REPORT

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>O.R's</u>
Personnel.-	1	8
Place of Departure.-	U 17 b. 80. 35 (No. 6 Post)	
Time of Departure.-	12.50 a.m.	
Place of Return.-	Patrol Map 1/10,000 U 17 b. 80 35	
Time of Return.-	3.5 a.m.	
Casualties.-	Nil	

Information obtained:- Fairly thick wire from No. 4 Post (U 17 b 95 80) so River made it impossible to move from right of this Post along River Bank. Dugouts at U 18 a. 1.2. are not occupied. There is a machine gun position at U 18 a. 1.7. Enemy wiring party and Patrol at U 18 a. 3.3. prevented further reconnaissance impossible.

Task set & instructions given to patrol.- Reconnoitre dugouts along River Bank.

(Signed)

*J. H. Westaway*  
Lieut.  
I/c Patrol.

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Headquarters  
6th Aust. Inf. Bde.

Forwarded.

Lt.-Col.,  
Commanding .....Battalion



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22nd Battn. H.Q.  
11/3/18.

The following PATROLS will leave this Front tonight :-

TIME.	STRENGTH OF PATROL.	LEAVING AT.	RETURNING AT.	INSTRUCTIONS.
8 p.m. to 10 p.m.	1 Officer + 6 O.R's A boy.	N: 4 Post. U 14.	N: 9 Post. U 14.	To cover relief Password LOBSTER
"	1 Officer + 6 O.R's C. boy.	N: 4 Post. U 14.	N: 6 Post. U 14.	To cover relief Password LOBSTER
11-30 p.m. to 1-30 a.m.	Lt. Westaway + 5 O.R's B. boy.	N: 4 Post. U 14.	N: 6 Post. U 14.	Reconnoitre dug outs along River Bank Password LOBSTER
3:30 a.m. to Dawn.	Lt. Southwell + 5 O.R's D. boy.	N: 4 Post. U 14.	N: 4 Post. U 14.	Reconnoitre Spinnery Password LOBSTER

Acknowledge. Please advise all concerned.

*[Signature]*  
Capt. & Adj.



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from 6 am 12/3/18 to 6 am 13/3/18.

Our Operations:

1. Artillery active all day. 18/24's fired on enemy front & support lines and on T.M. locations.  
In the afternoon heavy artillery did much shooting on targets in the vicinity MAIRIE DE WARNETON V 13a - QUADRANGLE V 13d and DUELEMONT.

Patrolling

M Gs. Bombing T.Ms.

Two L T Ms fired on WICART FARM on enemy T.M. position but with no result.

Notes

as per reports

App VIII

Miscellaneous:

5 pm a fire was started in DUELEMONT by our artillery

Enemy's Activity:

1 Artillery: During the morning most enemy artillery was active on SUPPORT lines. Harassing fire on whole length of ULTIMO AVENUE.

At about 5.30 pm an enemy battery commenced firing from direction of DUELEMONT. Enemy aeroplanes were over our lines at the time and the fire was at the rate of 1 round per 2 or 3 minutes. The shots were fired at ULTIMO AVENUE from an CHASSEUR CABARET to about 600 yards back past IRON GATE. Probably a registration shoot.

V21 shelled at intervals, at 10.15 pm to 10.45 pm heavily shelled with 5.9 HE & a few gas. from DUELEMONT.



Bombing. T.M.s. Machine Guns.  
Enemy T.M.s. quieter than day  
previous. T.M.s. from WICART FARM  
fired on LABASSEVILLE.

From 11 pm to 12 M.N. left of sector  
was lively with T.M.s. but they  
were not close to the posts.

P.M.G. fire seemed to have  
increased. A M.G. (not located)  
fired along the parapets &  
along LABASSEVILLE-WARNETON  
railway.

The M.G. at U18 a 2.9. was  
also active.

Aircraft. More active than  
usual. Report attached.

13.3.18

22nd Div

T.O.

Intelligence Summary  
Supplementary

Patrols report enemy wiring  
in several places opposite  
our front almost nightly.  
At 1 am when our wiring party  
had been withdrawn, a  
Lewis Gun fired bursts  
into enemy wire but while  
he was still at work.  
No results were ascertained.  
Our wire has been broken  
in places by enemy T.M.s.

Movement was noticed at the  
SPINNING MILL & at the SPINNEY.  
It was also reported that an  
emplacement like that of  
a Minirewerper was seen at  
the SPINNEY

Our standing patrol on the  
left reports that the marsh  
between 22nd Div & 24th Div  
is rapidly drying up &  
that it would be possible  
for the enemy to cross.



round either side.

J. W. Brown

13. 3. 18

22nd Bn

I.O.

Patrol reports here



War Report  
LABASSEVILLE Area  
Night 12/13 March 18.

21st Bn. 5 Gps. 100 O.Rs.  
Time worked 4 hours.

- 1 2 Platoons re-laying trench from U17d 6.7. to U17b 5.1. - 30 yards were completed & 30 additional 'A' frames put in position.
- 2 1 Platoon was employed completing trench leading to new dugouts at TANNERY
- 3 1 Platoon cleaning out dugouts, bunkers & subraging timber.
- 4 1 Platoon deepening front line trench between front posts No 6 & 7 - 60 yds trench was deepened. In addition to the above 16 sappers were employed supervising the work & in the case of bunkers assisting in the work.

22nd Bn. 2 Gps + 30 O.Rs. II  
5. Working front line between posts No 8 & 9. Some repairing was done to old wire & in addition 50 yards new wire was erected. The 30 men employed included carrying covering & wiring parties.

6 Better progress was made to night than on any previous night. There were no interruptions from enemy shell fire as on previous nights & the ground is in a drier condition.

400 sandbags sent to Pt Co for use in improving posts - work in progress.

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22nd Bn



# PATROL REPORT

10th Dec 55 RR  
Place of departure U 17 a B 27 B 20 20  
Time " " 5.45 p.m. 7.45 p.m.  
Place of Return U 17 B 20 40  
Time " " 11.15 p.m.  
Casualties NIL

Information obtained:— Patrol moved out at night of No 4 post, searching for gouts along river bank, one of which runs underground for a distance of 20 yards and opens into No FOUR post, the opening being wired at exit. From this position I observed the enemy (one man) climb up & over the river bank about 100x from our line & fire a flare, he immediately disappeared moving back over the bank; whilst the flare was burning the enemy opened fire with a M.G. from U 18 a 2025. The patrol then moved along & examined our wire to the left of No SIX post, which I found to be badly damaged by recent shell fire, only in a few places it being intact and adfg. The enemy could be heard wiring along about 100x of this sector.

with:— II

The enemy covering party must have detected our presence as his work seemed to cease & 3 M.G.s opened fire.

J. Greene Lt  
Off the Patrol

12/13/55

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Patrol Report

Sheet 28 SW 5A.

1 off 5 OR	
Place of Departure	V 17 h 70 30
Time	2 AM.
Place of Return	V 17 h 70 30
Time	4.15 AM.
Casualties	NIL

Information obtained:- The patrol moved out from No. 5 Post & proceeded to examine the Spinney at U18a 2050. The Enemy could be heard coughing & occasionally speaking and a m. G is emplaced there. Obstacles in the form of wire is in front on the flanks of this position. No movement could be observed or heard & patrol returned after 1 1/2 hrs observation through No 5 post.

J. Pyrene  
Off. of patrol

12/12/15  
S. J. C. H. /



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22nd Batta. H.Q.  
12/3/18.

The following PATROLS will leave this Front tonight :-

TIME.	STRENGTH OF PATROL.	LEAVING AT.	RETURNING AT.	INSTRUCTIONS.
9.30 7.30 p.m.	Lt. Greene 7 b. O.R.'s.	N: 4 Post. U 17.	N: 6 Post. U 17.	Reconnoitre dugouts along River Bank Password OYSTER.
9.30 p.m. 12 M.N.	"C" boy.			
10 p.m.	Lt. Anderson 7 b. O.R.'s.	N: 9 Post. U 17.	N: 4 Post. U 17.	Reconnoitre drain/crossing to Man's land to WARNETON RD. Password OYSTER.
12 M.N.	"A" boy.			
7 a.m.	Lt. Greene 7 b. O.R.'s.	N: 5 Post. U 14.	N: 5 Post. U 14.	Report on wire at SPINNEY Password OYSTER.
8 a.m.	"C" boy.			
3.30 a.m.	Lt. Anderson 7 b. O.R.'s.	N: 4 Post. U 14.	N: 9 Post. U 14.	Reconnoitre SPINNEY. Password OYSTER.
Down.	"A" boy.			

Acknowledge - Please advise all concerned

*[Signature]*  
Capt. & Staff



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Enemy operations  
Artillery - Gunstar. 18/300 + 4 500 lbs shells enemy front & support line during the day. Retaliation fire was given several times including a mortar concentration about 10.5 hrs which effectively closed the enemy T.M. fire.

M.B. French mortars  
When a gun fired on a party of women seen at U.S. 16.3.  
Our Stokes 3" T.M. at 2.15 am fired seven rounds at the SPINNEY a party of women were present later during the night.

Patrols  
Flank B patrol maintained during the night.  
Patrol leaders reports here  
1 late patrol report to follow

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Aircraft active in afternoon  
enemy mortar shells over  
planned to fire M.G.s.

Enemy operations  
Artillery - Gunstar than previous days. Selected targets were fired on in turn during the day  
Killing IRON GATE 7.17 a.m. U.S. 16 d  
shelled with 5.9 HE from  
direction of COMINES 11.15 am.  
At 9 pm about 50 shells 5.9 HE  
missed with a little loss, direction  
B.G.S. - WARWATER.  
Shelling report attached.

T.M. Machine guns  
Enemy T.M.s  
were particularly severe up  
to 11.15 am & only ceased  
after the artillery fired over  
100 U.S. shells. - Report sent  
in time, 12.30 pm.

APPENDIX 936







Enemy T.M. Activity  
Intelligence

12.30 pm

5 am T.M. at U12C 46.53

U12C 95.30

9.50 am Group at U12C were given  
trouble and fire was opened  
on three known positions  
U12C 44.25. U12C 95.30. U12C 80.70

10.5 am T.M. at U12C 46.53.

Fire opened on each occasion

10.20 am No report from MW much quieter.

10.30 am More shelling by MW Group on  
right of WARNETON Road in  
U12C. All shells in path.  
Heavier action as yet no.

11.30 am Except for an odd shell  
on left side front is quiet.

At irregular intervals harassing  
fire from left in rear area.  
W. 2 HE direction DEVELOPMENT.

13.3.18

22nd Lt

M. J. Groves  
I.O. #



PATROL REPORT Sheet 3  
1:10,000

Personnel		1 off 4 OR
Place of Departure	U 17 d	5030
Time		12 midnight
Place of Return	U 18 a	1505
Time		2 AM
Casualties		Nil

Information obtained:- Patrol moved out from No 2 & proceeded along the river to No 4 Post. I examined the wire which shows sign of heavy shell fire. There is no wire in front of the sugar refinery for about 60 x. A fire was active near No 4 Post from across the river otherwise no sound could be heard or enemy seen. Mine is badly needed in several places along the river

13/14/31

J. J. [Signature]  
off the Patrol



## PATROL Report

Sheet 3  
Scale 1:10,000

off to O.R.  
 back of camp U 17 b 8535  
 time 7.45 PM  
 place returned U 17 b 9525  
 time 10.0 PM  
 casualties Nil

Information obtained:— The patrol moved out from No 5 Post, through our wire for a distance of 100x. at this point an enemy patrol was observed outside his wire, they were coming in the direction of our line when they apparently heard or observed us. They took cover in shell holes and mks fire was brought to bear on the position in which we were in.

Thinking it inadvisable to proceed closer I moved ~~forward~~ to the right but could not get close enough to examine his wire.

No movement other than his patrol could be heard or seen & I returned from U 18 a 2040 to No 4 Post moving close to the river in doing so.

J. Green  
 off 2<sup>nd</sup> patrol

12/11/18



Work Report  
La Basse Ville  
Night 13/14<sup>th</sup> 3/1918

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Bn. 5 Officers 110 O.R.s  
Engineers 16
- 2 Platoons continued putting front line trench and finished 30 yards and placed 20 A frames in position
- 1 Platoon was employed on URALLA TRENCH and completed 60 yards.
- 1 Platoon on front line between posts 6 & 7 cleaning out & deepening. 50 yards were put in repair.
- 1 Platoon continued bunkering & pumping out & cleaning dugouts. Better progress is now being made with this work.

22<sup>nd</sup> Bn 10 Officers & 26 O.R.s  
Working in front of HQ post.  
50<sup>yards</sup> were completed & dug wire repair.  
10 men removed obstruction in ULTIMOLANE.

All parties were given tanks.  
Average working time 4 1/2 hours.

Ret of wire - Repairing trenches & mending gaps in wire.

W 3.18  
R 2.00  
J. D.

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WORKS REPORT  
LABASSEVILLE Area.

Night 13/14 March 18.

21<sup>st</sup> Batt. 5 Officers 110 O.P.  
Engineers 16

2 Platoons continued revetting front line trench and finished 30 yds & placed 20 "A" frames in position.

1 Platoon was employed on URALLA trench and completed 60 yds of same.

1 Platoon was engaged on front line trench between 6 & 7 posts. cleaning out & deepening it. 50 yds were put in repair.

1 Platoon continued bunking & pumping out & clearing dugouts. better progress is now being made with this work.

22<sup>nd</sup> Batt. 1 Officer & 26 men were employed wiring in front of No 9 post. 50 yds were completed and some old wire repaired.

10 men removed obstruction in ULTIMO LANE  
all parties were given tasks. Average time 4 1/2 hrs  
14. 3. 18.

J. S. Dooly, Major  
C. L. Marshall



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Patrol MAP Sheet 3 APPENDIX 9

TO BE FORWARDED TO BDE. HDQRS. BY FIRST MORNING D.R.

PATROL REPORT

Officers Other Ranks

Personnel

1 - 6

Place of Departure.-

No 5 Post

Time of Departure

4 AM

Task set & instructions given to patrol.-

Place of Return.-

No 6 Post

Time of Return.-

4.30 AM

Casualties.-

Nil

Information obtained.-  
 Left No 5 worked out to ruined house L176 9650 held up here by MG fire from direction of SPINNEY also from <sup>MG</sup> on our right. TMs were firing on our wire in front of Nos 5-6. Hosts also into No 6 area. We were probably heard fired on. His MG fire was also general. Enemy appeared to be nervous. This was caused in my opinion to 409 Artillery bombardment (small) which had just taken place before patrol went out

(Signed) J. W. ... I/c Patrol.

Headquarters 6th Aust. Inf. Bdo.

Forwarded.

Lieut.-Col, Commanding ..... Battalion



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25/18

22nd Battn. H.Q.  
13/13/18.

The following PATROLS will leave this Front tonight :-

TIME.	STRENGTH OF PATROL.	LEAVING AT.	RETURNING AT.	INSTRUCTIONS.
4-30pm to 7-30pm.	1 Officer & 6 O.R's "C" boy.	N <sup>o</sup> -5 Post U 17.	N <sup>o</sup> -4 Post U 17.	Examine report on enemies wire from opposite 5 Post & on the ground along River to 4 Post Password WATSON
10pm to 12 M.N.	1 Officer & 6 O.R's. "A" boy.	N <sup>o</sup> -9 Post U 17.	N <sup>o</sup> -9 Post U 17.	Examine & report on wire in U 11 d Password WATSON
12 M.N. to 2am	1 Officer & 6 O.R's. "C" boy.	N <sup>o</sup> -2 Post U 17.	N <sup>o</sup> -4 Post U 17.	Examine the ground between these posts & the River Password WATSON
5-30am to Dawn	1 Officer & 6 O.R's. "A" boy.	N <sup>o</sup> -5 Post U 17.	N <sup>o</sup> -6 Post U 17.	Reconnoitre & report - Report on the wire & effect of our T.M's (if fired) Password WATSON

Acknowledge - Please advise all concerned

W. H. ...



Intelligence Summary app X

Enemy Operations

Artillery. Retaliation fire on  
enemy TMs in WARNETON  
19 pds. At 9.40 am 100 rounds  
4.5 Hous were fired on these TM  
positions, and again at 10.30 pm  
In both cases our fire had the  
desired effect. Heavies fired  
on WARNETON - near targets.

Patrolling

Patrol leaders reports

Machine Guns, TMs.

No targets seen for direct MG  
fire. 3" TM fired a few  
rounds on VICART FARM, 1<sup>st</sup>  
result could not be seen.

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Enemy Activity

Artillery - Lively early in morning  
and just after dawn on  
selected targets. At 11.30 am  
2 Batteries were firing on  
U, O & d from direction of  
Bas - WARNETON. 8.30 pm  
forward area was shelled  
generally with 5.9 from Cassin WE 8

TMs, Machine Guns - M.V activity  
again troublesome particularly  
on the dull morning and  
again at 9.30 pm. No damage  
reported.

Between 8.0 & 9.0 MW fell in  
U11 d - U17 b from 7.50 am to 9.30 am.  
About 30 fell in U17 b from  
9.45 pm to 10.20 pm. In both  
cases strong artillery action  
was effective.

Patrolling Left patrol post  
report evening patrol party  
in vicinity of Tr 9



Aircraft III  
No enemy machines  
were seen.

6:25 Pm A small enemy  
balloon crossed our line  
& came down in vicinity  
of Catacombs.

Flares 5 white flares followed  
by 4 double flares were  
observed at 4:25 am.  
No action observed.

15.3.1918

22nd Bde *M. Brown*  
I.O.



Work Report  
LABASSEVILLE AREA

2nd Bn. 4 Officers 105 ORs.

2 Platoons continued widening and placing 17 frames in trench leading to No 1 post from No 3

1 Platoon digging trench from ULTIMO LAKE to TANNERS groups of dumps.

This completes trench from front line to ULTIMO LAKE. 30 yards were completed.

1 Platoon continued bunking 19 bunkers are now completed & a good deal of timber salvaged & cut for remainder.

1 Platoon on front line trench between No 6 & 7 posts about 30 yds completed. There is about 20 yards required to connect these posts.

16 sappers were employed supervising work in addition to above.

Average time worked 4 hours.

22nd Bn. 1 Officer + 26 men <sup>II</sup>  
were employed from No 9 post to LAGOON 80 yards new wire was erected & the left flank is now secure.

250 men of the 2nd Pioneers were working on front line trench tonight, and succeeded in cleaning out the trench from junction with ULTIMO LAKE to No 1 Post & from here to connect up with the RIGHT BRIGADE.

10/3/18

22nd Bn I.O.  
J. O.



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22nd Battn. H.Q.  
14/3/18.

31/8.

The following PATROLS will leave this Front tonight :-

TIME.	STRENGTH OF PATROL.	LEAVING AT.	RETURNING AT.	INSTRUCTIONS.
8.30pm to 10.30pm	1 Officer 18 O.P.'s. IN.C.O. & 3 L. Summers "C" boy.	N:5 Post U 17.	N:5 Post U 17.	Take up position midway between building U17 to 88.35. & SPINNEY. Wait for & engage enemy patrols & working parties. Pass word TIGER
11pm to 1.30 am.	IN.C.O. & 6 men "A" boy.	N:4 Post U 17.	N:4 Post U 17.	Reconnoitre left flank of SPINNEY. Locate posts & report on enemy wire Pass word TIGER.
2am to 4am	IN.C.O. & 6 men "C" boy.	N:4 Post U 17.	N:5 Post U 17.	Reconnoitre dugouts along River & then examine Right of SPINNEY. Report on wire there. Pass word TIGER

Acknowledge Please advise all concerned.

Capt. & Adjt.



22<sup>nd</sup> Battalion Operations Order N. 8/48.

Map. Sheet 28. 140000

14.3.15.

1. The 22<sup>nd</sup> Batta. will be relieved in the front line by 21<sup>st</sup> Batta. on night of 15/16<sup>th</sup> inst.  

A. Coy. 21 <sup>st</sup> Batta. will relieve	B. Coy. 22 <sup>nd</sup> Batta.
C. " " " " " " " " " " " "	D. " " " " " " " " " " " "
D. " " " " " " " " " " " "	A. " " " " " " " " " " " "
B. " " " " " " " " " " " "	C. " " " " " " " " " " " "
2. On completion of relief boys will move as follows -  

A. Coy. to	<u>RED LODGE.</u>
B. " " "	<u>CATACOMBS.</u>
C. " " "	"
D. " " "	"
3. All Defence Schemes, Maps, Sketches, Air Photos, Log Books, trench stabs, Dumps <sup>will be handled over</sup> & receipts obtained. Receipts in duplicate will be forwarded to Batta. H.Q. by noon 16<sup>th</sup> inst.
4. Major A.F. REED 21<sup>st</sup> Batta. will relieve Major J.S. DOOLEY M.C. as O.C. LA BASSEVILLE.
5. No trench, post or emplacement to be vacated until relieved by incoming unit.
6. GUIDES. O.C. A, B. & D. Coy. will each detail one guide per post to report to Lieut. B.J. Fulton at D. Coy. H.Q. at 7.30 p.m. on 15<sup>th</sup> inst. O.C. C Coy will detail one guide per platoon under a Sgt. to report to RACINE DUMP at 7 p.m. on 15<sup>th</sup> inst.
7. GUM BOOTS will not be handed over to incoming unit but will be carried out by individual men. They will be collected by platoons on 15<sup>th</sup> inst. & note made of men short. All boots to be returned to R.S.M. by noon on 16<sup>th</sup> inst.
8. SUPPORTING POINT & RESERVE RATIONS, will be handed over & Guards relieved by incoming unit.
9. Any details not covered by this order will be mutually arranged between O.C. concerned.
10. Completion of relief will be wired to Batta. H.Q. in code.
11. On completion of relief Batta. H.Q. will move to RED LODGE.
12. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Adman

Capt & Adj.



Appendix

22nd Battn. N.G.  
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The following PATROLS will leave this front tonight :-

TIME.	STRENGTH OF PATROL.	LEAVING AT.	RETURNING AT.	INSTRUCTIONS.
7-30 pm until relief is complete.	1 Officer & 10 O.R's. "C" boy.	Nº 4 Post U 17	Nº 5 Post. U 17	Push forward & establish listening posts well in advance of Nos 4 & 5 Post, & keep No. 4's land clear of the enemy in view of relief Pass word. WOLF.
7-30 pm until relief is complete.	1 Officer & 10 O.R's. "A" boy.	Nº 4 Post U 17	Nº 9 Post. U 17	Push forward & establish listening posts well in advance of Nos 4 & 9 Posts & on Railway line to the left of Nº 9 Post. Pass word. WOLF.

Acknowledge. Please advise all concerned.

*[Signature]*  
Capt. & etc.



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22nd Battn. H.Q.

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O's. C., ALL COYS.

The following Working Parties will be supplied tonight,  
18th/19th Inst.-

"A" COY.- 1 Officer & 50 O.R's., to report to Capt. H.T. LANYON at  
Right Coy. H.Q. at 7.45 p.m.  
(No Tools)

"C" COY.- 2 Officers & 50 O.R's., to report to Capt. H.T. LANYON  
at Right Coy. H.Q. at 7.45 p.m.  
(No Tools)

Capt. H.T. LANYON will be in charge of the above Parties, and will  
report to Lieut. GILLESPIE at Right Coy. H.Q. at 7.45 p.m.

"B" COY.- 1 Officer & 25 O.R's., to report to Lieut. ELSUM at  
7 a.m. at RACINE DUMP. (No Tools)

"B" COY.- 1 Officer & 25 O.R's., to report to Lieut. HILL at  
UNTIDY at 9 a.m. SHOVELS and  
midday Meal to be carried.

"D" COY. 2 Officers & 50 O.R's., to report to Lieut. RENSHAW at  
7 p.m. at PROUSE POINT, to work  
in UNEVEN SUPPORT.  
(No Tools - Gum Boots to be worn)

"B" COY.- 1 Officer & 25 O.R's., to report to Lieut. ELSUM at  
6 a.m. at PROUSE POINT.  
(No Tools)

18.3.18.

*Adman*  
Capt. & Adjt.



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22nd Batta. H.Q.

O.C., ALL COYS.

Working Parties as under are required for night of 19th/20th.

"A" COY.- 1 Officer and 50 men to meet the R.S.M. at RED LODGE at 6.30 p.m., carrying Gun Boots forward to 23rd Battalion.

"C" COY.- 1 Officer and 25 men to report to Lieut. GILLESPIE at Night Coy. H.Q. at 7.45 p.m. No Tools.

"D" COY.- Lieut. J. HORN, S.C., and 1 Officer and 50 men to report at PROUSE POINT at 7 p.m., for work in UNREEL SUPPORT. GUN Boots to be worn. No Tools.

Men will wear Leather Jerkins or Sheepskin Jackets, and carry V.P. Sheet, Rifle, Bayonet, and 50 rounds S.A.A.

Pass-word for tonight - "WASHOUT"

"B" COY.- 1 Officer & 25 men to report to Lieut. ELSUM at 7.45 p.m. at RACINE DUMP.

19.3.16.

*Keith Sutherland*  
Lieut. & Adjt.



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22nd Battn. H.Q.

C's. C., ALL COYS.

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The following Working Parties are required for tonight, 20th/21st.

1. "A" COY.- 1 Officer and 25 men to report to Lieut. GILLESPIE at RIGHT Company H.Q. at 7.45 p.m. for bunking.
2. "B" COY.- 1 Officer and 25 men to report to Lieut. RENSHAW at PROWSE POINT at 7 p.m., for work in UNEVEN SUPPORT. Gum Boots to be worn - No tools.
3. "B" COY.- 1 Officer and 25 men }  
"C" COY.- 1 Officer and 25 men } to report to Lieut. ELSUM at RIGHT Battalion R.A.P. at 8 p.m., for wiring UMPIRE S.P.
4. "D" COY.- 2 Officers and 50 men to report to Sapper W.C.O. at PROWSE POINT at 7 p.m. Wire-Cutters required.
5. "A" COY.- 1 Officer and 25 men to report to Lieut. ELSUM at RACINE DUMP at 7 a.m., for work at UMPIRE S.P.
6. "A" COY.- 1 Officer and 25 men to report to Lieut. HILL at UNTIDY S.P. at 9 a.m. Shovels and midday meal to be carried.

NOTE.- Officers in charge of Wiring Parties are responsible that work is carried out.

PASS-WORD for tonight - "WRETCH"

*Keith Sutherland*

Lieut. & A/Adjt.

20.3.18.



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22nd Battn. H.Q.

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WORKS REPORT - WIRING UNEVEN SUPPORT.

REF. MAP SHEET 28 S.W. 4, 1/10,000.

50 men.- Thickened and strengthened old Double Apron Belt in front of UNEVEN SUPPORT at U.17.a.40.50. Material was carried from DUMP on Railway, and 40 coils and 40 Long Screw Pickets were used. The part of the task completed is now in excellent condition.

21.3.18.

Lieut.-Colonel,  
C.O., 22nd Battn., A.I.F.



App IV

22nd Battn. H.Q.

O's. C., ALL COYS.

The following Working Parties are required for tonight, 21st/22nd.-

- 1. "A" COY.- 1 Officer and 25 men to report to Sapper Guide at 7 p.m. at HYDE PARK CORNER, for Bunking in LA BASSEVILLE.
- 2. "B" COY.- 2 Officers and 50 men to report to Lieut. RENSHAW at 7 p.m. at PROWSE POINT, for work on UNEVEN. Gum Boots to be worn.
- 3. "C" COY.- 1 Officer and 30 men )  
"A" COY.- 1 Officer and 20 men ) to report to Sgt. COHEN at 7 p.m. at RACINE DUMP, for trucking forward.
- 4. "B" COY.- 10 men )  
"D" COY.- 2 Officers and 40 men ) to report to Lieut. ELSUM at 8 p.m. at RIGHT BATTN. R.A.P., for wiring UNITY S.P.
- 5. "C" COY.- Capt. J. McN. MAIN, and 1 Officer and 50 men to report to Lieut. RENSHAW at 4 a.m. at PROWSE POINT, for work on UNEVEN. Gum Boots required.

PASS-WORD - "WISTFUL"

21.3.18.

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
 CAPT. & ADJT.



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App XVI

22nd Battn. H.Q.

O's. C., ALL COYS.

WORKING PARTIES FOR NIGHT OF 22nd/23rd MARCH 1918.

The Permanent Wiring Party supplied by "D" Coy. for wiring UNEVEN SUPPORT is cancelled from and including tonight.

1. "C" COY.- 1 Officer and 70 men }  
    "D" COY.- 1 Officer and 30 men } to report to Lieut. GILLESPIE at  
                   RACINE DUMP at 7.15 p.m., for work on VIC. WAY, with Shovels.  
                   50 men of this party will wear Gum Boots.
2. "B" COY.- 1 Officer and 25 men to report to Lieut. GILLESPIE at RIGHT  
                   Coy. H.Q., RIGHT BATTN., at 7.45 p.m., for bunking cellars.
3. "B" COY.- 1 Officer and 25 men to report to Lieut. GILLESPIE at RIGHT  
                   Coy. H.Q., RIGHT BATTN., at 7.45 p.m., for Front Line work.
4. "D" COY.- 1 Officer and 50 men to report to Sgt. COHEN at 7 p.m. at  
                   RACINE DUMP, for trucking forward.

PASSWORD - "WISER"

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*W. Sutherland*

Lieut. & A/Adjt.

22.3.18.

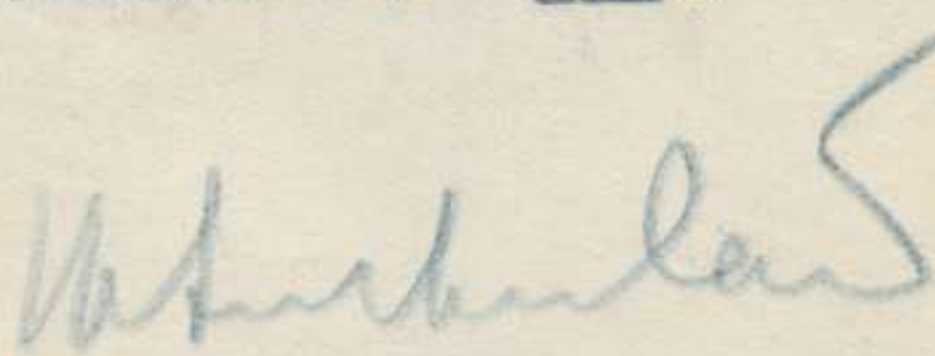


O.C., "A" COY. *Mpp* ~~XVI~~

22nd Battn. H.Q.

Please supply the following Working Party :-

1 Officer and 50 men, to report to Lieut. RENSHAW at 4 a.m., 23rd.  
at PROUSE POINT, for work on UNEVEN.  
Gum Boots to be worn.



Lieut. &amp; A/Adjt.

22.3.18.



22ND BATTALION - OPERATION ORDER NO. 9/18.

REF. MAP SHEET 28, 1/40,000.

22.3.18.

1. The 22nd Battalion will relieve the 21st Battalion on the night of 23rd/24th March.
2. DISPOSITIONS.-  
 "A" COY., 22nd Battn., will relieve RIGHT Front Line Coy.  
 ("D" COY., 21st Battn.)  
 "C" COY., 22nd Battn., will relieve LEFT Front Line Coy.  
 ("B" COY., 21st Battn.)  
 "B" COY., 22nd Battn., will relieve SUPPORT COY.  
 ("A" COY., 21st Battn.)  
 "D" COY., 22nd Battn., will relieve RESERVE COY.  
 ("C" COY., 21st Battn.)
3. All Trench and Area Stores, Dumps, Log-Books, Maps, Aeroplane Photos and Defence Schemes will be taken over on relief.  
Two copies of receipts will reach Battn. H.Q. by noon, 24th Inst.
4. GUIDES.- One Guide per Post for the two Front Line Coys. will be picked up at Junction of Tramway and Road at U.17.a.4.2.  
SUPPORT & RESERVE Coys will each send one N.C.O. per Platoon forward on the morning of the 23rd. These N.C.O.'s. will act as Guides to the Platoons at night.
5. Major J.S. DOOLEY, M.C. will relieve Major A.E. REED, 21st Battn., as O.C. LA BASSEVILLE, on night of 23rd/24th Inst.
6. GUM BOOTS.- Instructions re Gum Boots will be issued separately.
7. Officers' Valises, Packs, Blankets (In rolls of 10) Coy Boxes, Hats ~~xx Puttees xx Knives xx Sandbags~~ by Coys., will be ready for Transport at noon 23rd Inst., as under :-  
 H.Q. & "A" COY.- At RED LODGE.  
 "B" "C" & "D" COYS. At CATACOMBS.
8. Completion of Relief will be wired to Battn. H.Q. in Code.
9. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*J. Stewart*  
CAPT. & ADJT.

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	6.	"B" "
	7.	"C" "
	8.	"D" "
	9.	21st Battn.
	10.	Q.M. & T.O.
	11.	Major DOOLEY, M.C.
	12.	23rd Battn.
	13.	Lefty Battn, 5th Bde.



18 A Coy APP 8 VIB  
 Intelligence Report - 24/3/18  
 H. A. M.

Enemy Operations

T.M.<sup>2</sup> Medium & Light Minnies from  
 WARNETON & Pineapples in rear  
 of SPINNEY firing in front of No 4 & 5  
 Posts & on main road in rear of these  
 Posts bet. 10 p.m. & 1.30 A.M.

~~At 1.40 AM~~ At 1.40 AM. Three Minnies  
 Skipped burst right over No 4 Post.

At 1.45 AM large Minney - landed on No 2  
 Post - wounded one man.

It is unusual for enemy to minney this flank.

M.G.<sup>2</sup> - a MG active from SPINNEY

Otherwise normal night - thick fog  
 coming up.

HP 2 odd  
 CC A Coy



C. Coy Intelligence Report

From 9.50 h. m 23/3/18 to 2. a. m 24/3/18

Our Operations.

Artillery fired in retaliation to  
Minesweepers activity at 11.45 h. m.  
They failed to silence enemy T. M.

Aircraft Numbers of our aeroplanes  
appeared to be bombing back  
areas of enemy from 10 pm to  
midnight

Enemy Activity

Artillery On this sector nil

T. M. From 9.50 p. m to 2. a. m.

— 12 T. M.'s fell in this Coy sector  
fired from direction of WARNETON.

M. S. activity below normal.

C. Coy Intelligence Report (cont).

Enemy's Activity

Miscellaneous From Moq post (listening  
post) noise of stakes being  
hit into ground and talking  
could be heard from about  
VII d 80.40.  
Enemy flares of all colours  
very active this evening.

W. H. Chatterton  
S/C. C. Coy

2.30 a. m  
24/3/18.



Intelligence Summary

Enemy activity

In vicinity of Support  
Coy at Iron Gate.

NIL

A large TM was in  
action between 10 PM and  
11 PM. As far as could be  
ascertained from Support it  
was fired from direction of  
W direction.

Flares pale green flares  
in string from one to seven  
lights were put up at intervals  
of 5 minutes between the  
hours of 8 PM & 1 AM NO

2  
enemy action followed

our activity

Quiet

Patrol report attached

3 AM

24/3/18

W. Macpherson  
Capt  
D. B. Coy



# Intelligence Report

## Our Operations

Nil

## Enemy Activity

### Artillery

During the night about 12 shells mostly shrapnel have fallen in the vicinity of EGGER HOUSE. One Gas shell ~~was reported~~ was reported + appears to be somewhat different to the usual type sent over by the enemy.

The explosion of this shell was similar to that of H.E. + quite as loud as it was thought to be H.E. + earth was thrown on top of the dug-outs, no particular notice was taken at the time

a few moments later several men detected gas + the alarm was given but two or three men had already taken a few breaths + are a bit sick.

As there was no other shell at or about that time there is no doubt about this particular one containing gas which I ~~do~~ consider was phosgene.

24/3/18

L. Kennedy Capt  
of D Coy



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PATROL REPORT

Officers O.R.'s

Personnel.-

5  
CSM. 4CPL. MEN<sup>3</sup>

Place of Departure.- U11.D. 65.05.

Time of Departure.- 12.30 AM

Place of Return.- U17.B. 85.50

Time of Return.- 3.AM.

Casualties.- NIL.

Information obtained.-

That wire is in a very poor state especially in front of Nos. 8-9 posts there has been several minimums burst right in the wire and left large gaps. The wire in front of No. 6-7 posts also has been cut about by minimum fire and in my opinion the whole sector over which I traveled tonight needs repairing very badly.

Task set: instructions given to patrol.- at U.17.B. 85.50. While I was out his S.F. fired short over our line and he immediately sent up from his front line a white flare which burst into two greens.

Task set  
Careful examine our wire & No mens land. in front of above sector

(Signed) J.S. Bartles, CSM.  
I/c Patrol.

Headquarters  
6th Aust. Inf. Bde.

Forwarded.

..... Lt.-Col.,  
Commanding ..... Battalion.



Baitn. H.Q. 18.

The following PATROLS will leave this Front tonight :-

PASS WORD - WATCHFUL

TIME.	STRENGTH OF PATROL.	LEAVE BY.	RETURN BY.	INSTRUCTIONS.
8pm to 12 MN	1 off + 18 ORS	No 5	No 5	Standing Patrol boys in front as per special order issued.
8pm to 12 MN	1 off + 18 ORS	No 8	No 8	Standing Patrol boys in front as per special order issued.
12:30am to 3am	1 N/O + 4 men + 1 boy	No 9	No 6	Carefully examine our work + NO MAN'S LAND for 80 yards in front.
3am to Dawn	1 N/O + 4 men + 1 boy	No 4	No 6	Carefully examine our work + NO MAN'S LAND for 80 yards in front.

Please advise all concerned  
Acknowledge

Rt. Lt.

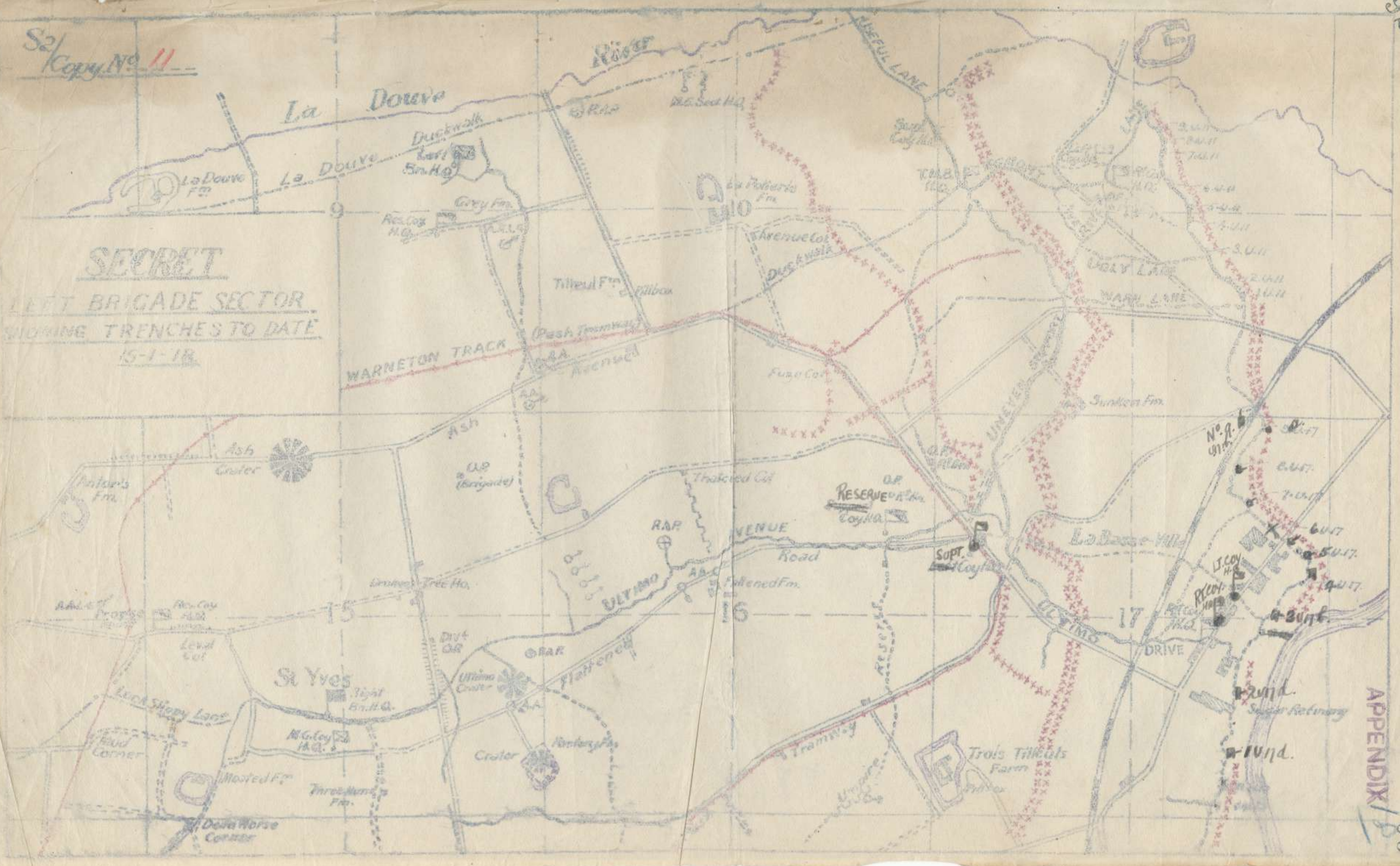
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22nd Div.



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LEFT BRIGADE SECTOR  
SHOWING TRENCHES TO DATE  
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APPENDIX

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Intelligence Summary  
From 24/3/18 to 25/3/18

### Our Operations

Artillery Quiet. 18 pdrs. shelled targets in WARNETON during the day. At 10.30am fired on active M.Ws. At 6.30pm bursts of covering fire for our HTMs. Throughout the night, at intervals M.W. positions were fired on. At 12.30pm our heavies silenced an enemy battery of 15cm which was firing on LABASSEVILLE. At 9.50pm a working party on wire at U 11 d 9520 was scattered with 18 pdr. shrapnel.

Trench Mortars. 6 rounds HTMs fired in front of WARNETON at 6.30pm. L.T.Ms fired 50 rounds on the SPINNEY no results ascertained; after each burst enemy replied with a few "pineapple" bombs.

Patrols as per reports attached.

Aircraft. Bombing machines very active during the night. At 9.21pm 4 bombs were dropped in vicinity of DEULEMONT.

### Enemy Activity.

Artillery. Quiet particularly during the night. During the morning intermittent shelling of U 17 d with 5.9 HE direction of BAS-WARNETON. This shelling increased at noon but was silenced by our heavies.

Trench Mortars, MGs. Below usual activity and mostly light mortars. At 12.30pm 8 HTMs were fired on LABASSEVILLE. MG fire was normal.

Movement. Between 4am & dawn on 24th inst. enemy were active in NO MAIVSLAND between No 4 & 6 posts. Movement was heard & several figures seen 100 yards in front of No 6 post. A L.G. was pushed out & 3 magazines fired. Enemy were heard to call out after L.G. fired but cannot definitely say if casualties were inflicted. Post No 4 report sound of working on his wire during this time as though snipping at it - whether repairing or cutting it is impossible to say.



Miscellaneous Enemy balloon  
 3 pm to 4.10 pm about direction  
 VSC 25.40 from U16 to 75.41.  
 A signal lamp from about  
 1000 yards behind FME WAUSTINE  
 was observed from 8 pm to 8.15 pm.  
 Some letters read were: R R S H A  
 T I H R H E S O R U T R U T C.  
 Flares. Pale green streamers  
 were again fired from enemy  
 lines. The usual white  
 flare was not used very  
 much during the night.

25.3.18

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*[Signature]*  
 I.O.



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TO BE FORWARDED TO BDE. HDQRS. BY FIRST MORNING D.R.

PATROL REPORT

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>O.R's</u>
Personnel.-	1	5
Place of Departure.-	No 8 post U.17.6.53.55.	
Time of Departure.-	9.30 P.M. 24/3/18	
Place of Return.-	No 8 post U.17.6.53.55	
Time of Return.-	11.0 M. 24/3/18	
Casualties.-	nil	

Information obtained.- No-mans land is muddy & much  
 torn up by shell fire. Bar wire from No 7. No 8 post is  
 cut in pieces & would offer no resistance to the  
 enemy. The sector between U.18. A.10.55. &  
 O.11. d. 80.35 was extremely quiet, no flares & very  
 few bursts of M.G. fire. A M.G. fired several times  
 from a position about U.11. d. 90.40 & from U.11. d. 80.70

Task set & instructions given to patrol.-  
 To go out of No 8 post & return by No 8 post &  
 remain as a stonewalling patrol between No 8 & 9 post

(Signed) *P. R. ...*  
 I/c Patrol.

Headquarters  
 6th Aust. Inf. Bde.

Forwarded.

Commanding ..... Lt.-Col.,  
 Battalion.



TO BE FORWARDED TO BDE. HDQRS. BY FIRST MORNING D.R.

PATROL REPORT

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>O.R.'s</u>
Personnel.-	1	5
Place of Departure.-	U. 17. B. 8.5	
Time of Departure.-	3.15 AM.	
Place of Return.-	U. 17. B. 8.5	
Time of Return.-	4.45 AM.	
Casualties.-	Nil	

Information obtained.- That old ruin in front of Post at U. 17. B. 8.5. is not occupied. Small Enemy working party about 50 yds in rear of Spinnery one man only observed moving about Enemy M.C. activity at U. 18. a. 2.4.

Task set & instructions given to patrol.-

House in front. Work towards SPINNEY and watch for Enemy movement then Reconnoitre ruined

(Signed).....  
I/c Patrol.

Headquarters  
6th Aust. Inf. Bde.

Forwarded.

.....  
Lt.-Col.,  
Commanding .....Battalion.



TO BE FORWARDED TO BDE. HDQRS. BY FIRST MORNING D.R.

PATROL REPORT

Personnel.-	<u>Officers</u> 1 Sgt	<u>O.R.'s</u> 5
Place of Departure.-	No 4 Post	
Time of Departure.-	1.30 A.M.	
Place of Return.-	No 4 Post	
Time of Return.-	3.15 A.M.	
Casualties.-	Nil.	

Information obtained.- Inspected Dugouts found them vacant. 60 yds to right rear of tank located Machine Gun position about 150 yds from Dugout Mound located ~~at this position but owing to visibility could not locate what appeared to be a bridge across river.~~ Whilst listening on Dugout mound heard Germans talking across river.

Task set & instructions given to patrol.- To inspect Dugouts & search ground to the River.

(Signed) *A.H. Grey* Sgt  
I/c Patrol.

Headquarters  
6th Aust. Inf. Bde.

Forwarded.

Commanding ..... Lt.-Col.,  
Battalion.



Battn. H.Q.

24/3/18.

The following PATROLS will leave this Front tonight.-

PASS-WORD. - PEN

TIME.	STRENGTH OF PATROL.	LEAVE BY.	RETURN BY.	INSTRUCTIONS.
8:30 pm to 11 pm	1 Officer & 5 O.R's. D. boy.	N: 8 Post. U 17	N: 8 Post. U 17	Standing Patrol. Take up a position between 8. & 9 Posts & forward near the drain
1:30 am to 3:15 am	1 N.C.O. & 5 men B. boy.	N: 4 Post. U 17	N: 4 Post. U 17.	Examine dugouts along River bank & the ground between banks of the River
4:15 am to 4:55 am	1 Officer & 5 O.R's. B. boy.	N: 6 Post. U 17.	N: 6 Post. U 17.	Reconnoitre ruined house in front woods to SPINNEY watch for enemy movement there.

acknowledge - Please advise all concerned

Capt. G. Adj.



~~Intelligence Summary~~  
From 6 a.m. 26/3/18 to 6 a.m. 27/3/18

Operations APR 20  
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Generally quiet. Very little shelling during the day. At night harassing fire was maintained by 18 pds on M.W. positions.

Trench Mortars & M.G.'s Sniping.

Between 12 midnight & 1:30 a.m. L.T.M's fired 50 rounds intermittently on selected targets. Post near bound & towards telegraph post about 150' in front of No 4 post and SPINNEY. Mortars registered on these targets during the afternoon. One German was sniped about U.H. d. 80.35 about 6 p.m. from No 8 post.

Patrols

As per reports attached  
Aircraft  
Our machines were patrolling all day & crossed enemy lines. They were engaged by enemy A.A. & M.G.'s

Enemy Activity  
Below normal  
U 17 F.S.D. received very little attention.  
At 9 a.m. 10 rounds H. 2. H.E. were fired at SUGAR REFINERY. U 17 d.  
At 9:30 p.m. 20 gas shells were fired in the vicinity of U. 15. C.D.  
At 9:30 p.m. a few gas shells in U. 17 a trench mortars M.G.'s.

Again Below normal  
& mostly L.T.M's & pineapple bombs. At 11:30 p.m. 2 H.T.M's fell on railway line about U. 17 d. 3.5. Machine Gun was active, but with no alert on the least sign of movement. Enemy snipers were in evidence but not troublesome. M.G. sniper in vicinity of U.H. d. 20.35 were active during early part of night but were silenced by our shells.

Government. At 12:30 a.m. patrol of 6 men sighted about U.H. d. 95.10.  
Flare below normal

26.3.18 22nd Bn. *[Signature]*  
I.O.

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PATROL REPORT

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>O.R.'s</u>
Personnel.-	1	12
Place of Departure.-	<i>No 8 Post. U 17</i>	
Time of Departure.-	<i>8-30 PM</i>	
Place of Return.-	<i>No 9 Post. U 17</i>	
Time of Return.-	<i>11.25 PM</i>	
Casualties.-	<i>NIL</i>	

Information obtained.-

*Enemy wire slightly cut. Working Party repairing at 10 pm. at 10.45 pm <sup>wire</sup> our artillery opened on line during Party in. Enemy has sweeping post along Railway at abt U 11 D80-10, only M.G. in action during my time in no mans land being one at U 18 A 10-85*

Task set & instructions given to patrol.-

*Standing Patrol in position between No 8 & 9 Posts abt 60' in front of that position. Small party to reconnoitre enemy wire at U 11 D95-15*

(Signed)..... *[Signature]*  
I/c Patrol.

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..... Lt.-Col.,  
Commanding ..... Battalion.



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PATROL REPORT

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>O.R.'s</u>
Personnel.-	1	12
Place of Departure.-	No 5 Post U 17	
Time of Departure.-	3 am	
Place of Return.-	No 5 Post U 17	
Time of Return.-	5.15 am	
Casualties.-	Nil	

Information obtained:-

Very quiet  
 Working party of 2000 observed at U 18 a 2.5. + dispersed by T.M.

Task set & instructions given to patrol.-

Standing Patrol  
 box in front of trench +  
 tonight of road

(Signed) .....

I/c Patrol.

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PATROL REPORT

Officers      O.R.'s

Personnel.-

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Place of Departure.-

No 4 Post

Time of Departure.-

1-30 A.M.

Place of Return.-

No 4 Post

Time of Return.-

2 A.M.

Casualties.-

Nil

Information obtained:-

Wire in places in good condition in place blown to pieces, small working party of 4 working on parapet. Wire at about 118a 25.45

Task set & instructions given to patrol.-

reconnoitre wire

(Signed)

H. J. Nichols Sgt.  
I/c Patrol.

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The following PATROLS will leave this front tonight.

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TIME.	STRENGTH OF PATROL.	LEAVE BY.	RETURN BY.	INSTRUCTIONS.
8.30pm to 3.30pm	1 Officer 12 O.R.'s L.G. D boy.	N:8 Post U 17	N:8 Post U 17	Standing Patrol in position between posts 7+9 + 60 yds in front. While there push out small party to reconnoitre enemy wire at U 11 & 95-15.
a.m. to a.m.	1 N.C.O. + 4 men. B boy.	N:4 Post U 17	N:4 Post U 17	Reconnoitre enemy wire at U 18 on 2.4.
a.m. to a.m.	1 Officer 12 O.R.'s. L.G. D boy.	N:5 Post U 17	N:5 Post U 17.	Standing Patrol in position 60 yds. in front + on right of road.

Acknowledge Please advise all concerned

*[Signature]*  
Lieut.



Supplementary Intelligence Report

Case operations  
French Artillery: Over Newtons M.T.M. fired thirty rounds between 12.30 a.m. & 1.30 a.m. on junction of enemy front line & WARWELTON road. U.18. & U.13. & U.12. result has not yet been ascertained

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E. H. Shewell, Lieut  
M.T.D. 22nd Bn

Enemy Activity:-

Artillery: Quiet, except that at about 6.42 a.m. fired 50 rounds 75 c.m. in front of NUP 142 posts U.17. Shells fell between posts & river bank. This was repeated at 11.30 a.m. when shells (75 c.m.) fell in & around NUP 142 posts & round pill box in rear of posts. Between 10.20 a.m. & 11.50 a.m. 17.4.2 H.E were fired in U.16 a. & b. in the vicinity of ULTIMO AVENUE. At 1.20 a.m. 17.5.9 Shrap were fired in the same vicinity.

French Artillery & H. G. M. W's quiet. Pineapple bombs used slightly around NUP 1 post U.17. d. Machine Guns quiet during daylight but active after 10 p.m. to be active than usual in this sector.

Movement: Between 3.45 p.m. & 4.20 p.m. small parties of enemy (approx 150 in all) were observed along camouflaged track running from U.24 to U.19.00.35. Moving towards DEULEMONT. At dawn four enemy were observed near the post opposite NUP 142 post & disappeared in direction of river rear. Enemy observed wiring at Low Lee about NUP 5 post

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Intelligence Summary  
From 6 a.m. 26<sup>th</sup> to 6 a.m. 27/3/18  
Our Operations

Artillery

Generally  
quiet. 18 pdrs were active at intervals  
maintaining harassing fire on  
M.W. positions. Heavy battery fired  
with good effect on new works in  
rear of the South of SPINNING MILL  
at 3:30 p.m. + 4:30 p.m.

Trench Mortars to G's Sniping

Between  
12 midnight + 4 a.m. L.T. M's fired  
80 rounds. Between 12:30 + 1:30 a.m.  
60 rounds were fired on selected  
targets. 20 rounds were fired at a  
working party, who were observed  
working at L'NETREE opposite N<sup>o</sup> 5 post  
& dispersed them.

10 mg. grenades were fired on enemy by  
machine gun. Enemy moving along  
camouflaged track V 24 to 80 at  
V 19.00.35.

Patrols: As per reports attached

Aircraft: Our machines were patrolling

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during the day & crossed enemy  
lines. They were engaged by  
H.A. & M.G's at 7.5 p.m. one of  
our planes flying low fired on  
enemy positions. It was engaged by  
M.G. fire!



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ARTILLERY REPORT

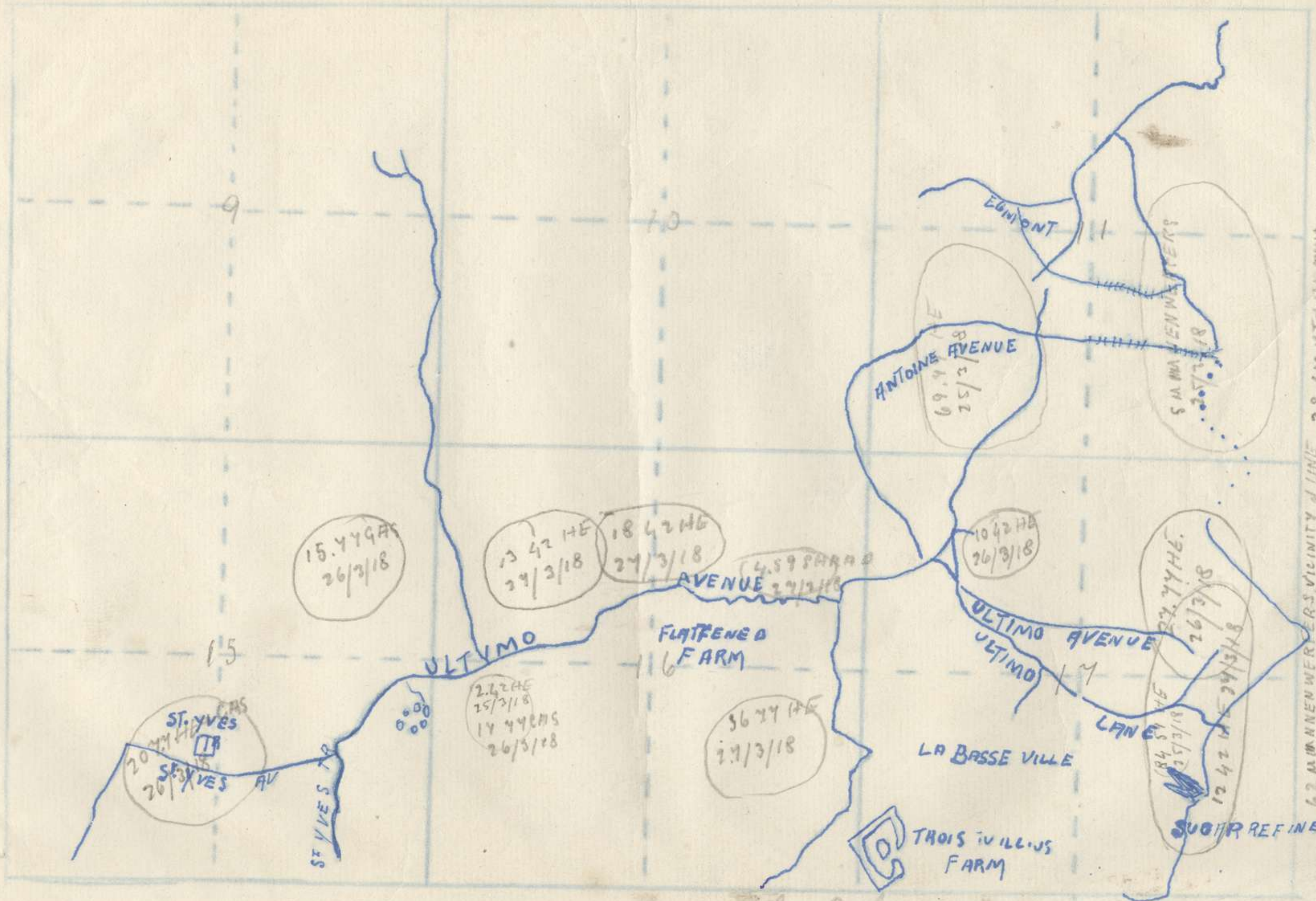
Enemy

Area shelled.-	Observed from.-	Time commenced		Time ended		No. Rounds	Calibre.-	Bearing (if any)	Flash ? Sound ?
		Hr.	Min.	Hr.	Min.				
U 16 B 2.2.	AP support Coy Hlns U 16 B 7540	8	15 Am			13	5.9's		
Fuze Cottage U 10052	do	10	30 PM	11	5 PM	24	5.9's		
U 16 B 7.3	do	2	40	2	50	6	5.9's		
In & around support Coy Hlns		11	15	11	30	Heavily shelled with 5.9's			

(Signed) Y. F. Riddan

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62 MANNENWEIFERS, VICINITY OF LINE 25 LIGHT 4 HE 44 AV 44 MANNENWEIFERS  
 U 14 d. 50 14 B. 25/3/18  
 56 H 44 AV. 31 44 M. MANNENWEIFERS.  
 U 14 b. d. 26/3/18  
 42. Light of Heavy Mannenweifers, fell in U 14 d 24/3/18

Geo. Colman



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PATROL REPORT

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>O.R's</u>
Personnel.-	1	12
Place of Departure.-		1 L.G.
Time of Departure.-	9 P.M.	
Place of Return.-	No 9 post U.17	
Time of Return.-	12 midnight	
Casualties.-	1 / Rank wounded	

Information obtained:- About 15 mins after taking up position several enemy were seen to go singly across railway line at a place where the hedgerows (which ran along for about 70' from us on either side of Rly line) ended. Rifle fire was brought to bear on them & the movement ceased. At about 10pm more movement was observed in the same place & between 21 & 30 of the enemy moving about largely getting into groups on each side of the Rly. The G.S. was put in action against them & they took cover. Some later supported by a M.G. about 100' from us on our left of the Rly. & other M.G.'s on our right from his position the enemy advanced the hedgerows. The patrol supported by the G.S. & M.G.'s took up position on the Rly. & the enemy still maintained a heavy M.G. fire. The patrol took up position on L of No 9 post.

Task set & instructions given to patrol:-  
 Handing patrol to take up a position on left of Rly. 60' in adv. of No 9 post.  
 To engage enemy patrol & work in patches.

After firing quietened down. During above it was noticed that the enemy sent up a flare by which we saw 2 reds after which enemy activity ceased for the distance would be difficult to see.

(Signed) .....  
 I/c Patrol.

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PATROL REPORT

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>O.R's</u>
Personnel.-	1	12
Place of Departure.-	Patrol map Sheet 3. U17 No. 6 Post.	
Time of Departure.-	3.30 a.m.	
Place of Return.-	U17 No. 6 Post.	
Time of Return.-	5.40 a.m.	
Casualties.-	Nil.	

Information obtained:- No sign of enemy could be seen in the main land. One heavy trench mortar was firing on the Spinney and also on the enemy trench in front of 4, 5, & 6 Posts. No voices could be heard and no enemy machine guns fired while Patrol was out.

Task set & instructions given to patrol.- Standing Patrol take up position 60 yds. in advance of ruined house in front of No. 6 Post and 50 yards on right of WARNETON - LA BASSE VILLE Road approx U18 a. 02.52. Engage enemy working party or patrol that may be seen.

(Signed) J. W. Westaway. Lieut.  
I/c Patrol.

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PATROL REPORT

Officers O.R's 5.

Personnel.- 1 Sgt & 4 other ranks

Place of Departure.- No 4 post. U.17.

Time of Departure.- 2.5 A.M.

Place of Return.- No 5 post. U.17.

Time of Return.- 3.30 A.M.

Casualties.- Nil

Information obtained:-

Moved out from No 4 post in front of dugouts and areplane. Talking and coughing was heard in trench behind dugouts. Worked along front and out close to right corner of Shenny. Coughing was heard from Shenny. No M.G.s were fired  
Task set & instructions given to patrol.

Locate and report on enemy dispositions opposite our posts No 4 and 5.

(Signed) *W. Lindstrom* Sgt.  
I/c Patrol.

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PATROL REPORT

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>O.R.'s</u>
Personnel.-	1	12 1 LMG
Place of Departure.-	No 9 Post U.17.	
Time of Departure.-	9 P.M.	
Place of Return.-	No 9 Post U.17.	
Time of Return.-	12 Midnight	
Casualties.-	1 O/Rank wounded	

Information obtained.- about 15 minutes after taking up position several enemy were seen to go singly across railway line where the hedges (which ran along for about 70 yds from us on each side of the railway line) ended. Rifle fire was brought to bear on them and the movement ceased. At about 10 P.M. more movement was observed in the same place and between 20 and 30 of the enemy were seen moving about finally getting into groups on each side of the railway. The Lewis Gun was put in action against them and they took cover. 15 minutes later supported by a machine Gun 100 yards from us on our left of the railway and other M. Guns on our right in his front line, the enemy advanced down the hedges. The patrol supported by No 9 post drove him back with L.M.G. and Rifle fire and bombs. The enemy got within about 20 yards of the patrol. The enemy still maintained rather heavy machine Gun fire and patrol took up position on left of No 9 post till things quieted. It was noticed that the enemy sent up a flare bursting into 2 reds after which enemy artillery fire opened. It would be very difficult to observe task set & instructions given to patrol.

Standing patrol take up position on left of Railway 60 yards in advance of No 9 post and engage any enemy patrol or working party which may be seen

enemy movement in this place on a dark night as the hedges afford excellent cover

(Signed) *A.R. Barker* Lieut  
I/c Patrol.

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Latn. H.Q.  
26/13/18.

The following PATROLS will leave this Front tonight.-

FACE-WORD - PAPER

TIME.	STRENGTH OF PATROL.	LEAVE BY.	RETURN BY.	INSTRUCTIONS.
1 pm	1 Officer	N: 9 Post	N: 9 Post	Standing patrol. Take up position on left of railway 50 yds. forward from post. Engage any enemy working party or patrol that may be seen.
to	12 O.R's.	V 17	V 17.	
2 M.N.	2 L.G. D boy			
2 am	IN.C.O.	N: 4 Post	N: 5 Post	Locate report on enemy disposition opposite posts 4 & 5
to	9 men	V 17	V 17.	
3-30 am	B boy			
3:30 am	1 Officer	N: 6 Post	N: 6 Post	Standing patrol. Take up position 50 yds in front of ruined house & 50 yds on right of Road. Engage any enemy working party or patrol that may be seen.
to	12 O.R's	V 17	V 17.	
Dawn.	2 L.G. B boy.			

U18a 02.52

At knowledge.  
Please advise all concerned

*[Signature]*  
Lieut. I. O.







Intelligence Report XXII

6 a.m. 27/3/18 to 6 a.m. 28/3/18

General Situation

Artillery - Generally quiet  
No shells played on enemy front line  
Systems operating the day. No shells  
fired on rear targets at different  
intervals. Usual harassment fire  
was maintained on known M.W. positions.

Trench Mortars M.G. & Sniping: LT M's  
fired 70 rounds on selected targets  
in an sector during the night.  
H.T.M.'s fired 2 rounds in the vicinity  
of WARRANTON. Between 9.30 p.m. & 10 p.m.  
10 rounds were fired on enemy working  
party at U.18 a. 2530 & high burst party  
M.T.M.'s fired during gas attack.

Rockets - No new attached reports.

Aircraft - Our planes were busy during  
the latter part of the day, particularly  
the enemy front line. Engaged by  
R.A.F. & M.G.

Enemy Activity

Artillery

Generally  
quiet. At about 10.20 p.m. & to 11.10 p.m.  
distributed 5.95 & 7.4 m.m. along  
front line & supports. There was a  
light barrage only in reply to our gas  
preparation attack.

At 9.45 p.m. enemy commenced light  
shelling in U.15, U.16 & d. U.10 etc.  
mostly 4.25 & 7.7 m.m. with a  
little gas. This shell continued  
at intervals.

Trench Mortars M.G. & Sniping: During gas  
attack M.W.'s fired considerable number  
of rounds in the vicinity LABASSEVILLE.  
During the night remainder of night  
23 H.T.M.'s & 22 M.T.M.'s were distributed  
along front line posts, being slightly  
more active at 3.15 a.m.

Machine Guns were particularly active,  
being over posted occupied by our  
H.M.S. Paid attention to front line posts  
skimming the parapet. M.G.'s at  
U.18 a. 3050 (approx.) vicinity of SPINNEY  
& U.18 d. 90.40 being particularly active.

Movement: A working party (small)  
was seen digging at U.18 a. 2530

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10 rounds were fired at them by our T.M.'s & party dispersed.

Flare: At 10.30 p.m. 2 reds were fired apparent the making for artillery support in a few minutes response answered with 59's & 77 m.m. ~~that apparently~~ ~~was not the case~~. 2 reds were fired frequently while the bombardment lasted. It was also noticed that when shells fell short in NO. MAN'S LAND 2 greens were fired, & when range increased ~~again~~ & shells fell over our line 1 green was fired.

Miscellaneous: What appears to be a box of explosives was picked up in NO. MAN'S LAND. Being forwarded from Bdy. Hd. Qrs.

28/3/18

R. O. Heathy Capt  
T.O. 22nd Bn



Initial 1 Sep 20th left No 8  
 Post 1 AM. Moved out 100 yds in front.  
 Covered ground in front of No 19  
 Post 15 No 6 Post returning at  
 3 AM to No 6 Post. During that  
 time no M.G. played across our  
 front, no flares sent up -

No hostile parties or movement  
to report.

Enemy heard at left end of SPINNEY  
 Now in front of 9. 8-7 posts  
 practically useless, owing to  
 recent bombardment

25/3/18.

T. F. Rowden  
 Blip

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PATROL REPORT

Officers O.R's

Personnel.-

1 6

Place of Departure.-

No 6 Post U. 17. 6. 8. 4

Time of Departure.-

9. P.M. & 11. 20. P.M.

Place of Return.-

No 6 Post. U. 17. 6. 8. 4

Time of Return.-

10. 20. P.M. & 12. 15. midnigh

Casualties.-

nil

Information obtained:-

our position was taken up as ordered. Very quiet. One two figures were observed at a spot about U. 17 a. 25. 30, but when the L.G. was brought on then they had vanished. The gas attack on our left brought a lot of m.g. fire & shells & mementos. afterwards we went forward again to the same spot & worked to the right. From here we observed a slight movement, as the occasional appearance of the top of mens heads. they were apparently digging a trench at this spot - U. 18. a. 25. 30. about 12. midnigh we were observed & m.g. were very active until we withdrew

Task set & instructions given to patrol.-

Standing patrol, to take a position 30 yds beyond Ruins at U. 17. 6. 85. 55. & 50 yards to the right.

(Signed)

*Robertson*  
I/c Patrol.

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Headquarters  
6th Aust. Inf. Bde.

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Lt.-Col.,  
Commanding ..... Battalion



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PATROL REPORT

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>O.R's</u>
Personnel.-	1	6
Place of Departure.-	Post 9 U.14.	
Time of Departure.-	3 A M	
Place of Return.-	Post 9 U.14.	
Time of Return.-	5-15 A M	
Casualties.-	NIL	
Information obtained:-		

The enemy is very quiet in front line  
Patrol observed no movement on part of enemy  
during hour of duty

Task set & instructions given to patrol.-

Standing Patrol in front of Post 9  
on left of railway approx U.11. d. 62.10

(Signed) P. G. Chalmer Lt  
I/c Patrol.

28-3-18

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6th Aust. Inf. Bde.

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Commanding ..... Battalion



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Patrol Report  
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22nd Battn. H.Q.

The following PATROLS will leave this Front tonight :

27/3/18.

PASS-WORD - PENCIL

TIME.	STRENGTH OF PATROL.	LEAVE BY.	RETURN BY.	INSTRUCTIONS.
12 M. N.	1 Officer + 6 O.R.'s including L.G. D bag	N: 6 Post U 17	N: 6 Post U 17	Standing Patrol. 30 yds. in advance of nearest house in front of N: 5 Post. 40 yds. on right of WARRINGTON - LA BRASS- EVILLE Road approx U 18 to 98-52.
2 M. N.	1 N.C.O. + 5 men B. bag	N: 8 Post U 17	N: 8 Post U 17	Push out 100 yds. in front of about U 17 to 80-85. + local enemy posts + M.G.'s
3 a.m.	1 Officer + 6 O.R.'s including L.G. C. bag	N: 9 Post U 17	N: 9 Post U 17	Standing Patrol. Take up position 30 yds in front of post N: 9 a road the left of Railway approx U 11 a 62-10

C. bag are responsible for the necessary covering parties for the inter bag relief.  
Acknowledge - Please advise all concerned

*[Signature]*  
Lieut. T.O.







Intelligence Summary

From 6 a.m. 28/3/18 to 6 p.m. 28/3/18  
Operations: **APPO + IV**

Shillery generally quiet  
Intermittent bursts of 18 pds on enemy  
forward area & M.W. positions.  
Beams were used for counter battery  
work & selected targets on rear line  
M.W. position was fired on with good  
effect as it never fired again. Enemy  
working party near GASOMETER was dispersed.  
Trench mortars: M.G.'s & sniping: - L.T.M.'s  
fired a few rounds on to enemy forward  
positions during the night. At 3 a.m.  
M.T.M.'s fired 5 rounds into WARNETON  
on M.W. position.  
M.G.'s quieter than usual very little  
being done.

Patrols: As per attached reports.

Aircraft: - Aeroplane activity below  
normal. A few of our planes patrolled  
enemy lines & were engaged by M.G.'s & A.P.

Enemy Summary

Shillery generally quiet. Shelled front line & supports  
occasionally throughout daylight.  
5.9's & 7.7 m.m. being used. At 9.45 p.m.  
a salvo of gas shells fell between  
RUC HAISSEUR (CRABET) & LA BASSEVILLE.  
About 5 p.m. 5.9's were fired from  
direction just N. of WARNETON in  
the vicinity of ULTIMO AVENUE U.I.S.D.  
This was kept up until 7 p.m. along  
ULTIMO AVENUE from U.I.S.D. 3.5 to  
U.I.S.D. 5.1 some direct hits being falling  
right in ULTIMO AVENUE in U.I.S.D.  
About 100 shells were fired with  
destructive results.

Trench Mortars M.G.'s & Sniping: M.W.'s  
much quieter than usual several  
fell behind N° 3 post U.I.S.D. 6.83 & behind  
THE FACTORY U.I.S.D. M.G.'s much quieter  
than usual very little being done.

At 1 p.m. 12 pineapple bombs were  
fired from direction of WARNETON toward  
N° 8 post U.I.S.D. 5.50 but without effect.

Government: A considerable amount of  
~~movement~~ <sup>2 HUNS</sup> were observed about & to  
the rear of aeroplane in NO MAN'S LAND  
approx U.I.S.D. 2.3.



in front of N4 post 0176 early in the  
night. Several rifle grenades were fired  
& enemy dispersed.

Flares: Below normal.

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E. H. Shewell Lt.  
I.O. 22<sup>nd</sup> Bn



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PATROL REPORT

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>O.R.'s</u>
Personnel.-	1	15 (with Lewis Gun)
Place of Departure.-	N°6 Pat - U17681.38	
Time of Departure.-	3.30 AM	
Place of Return.-	N°6 Pat - U17681.38	
Time of Return.-	5.25 AM	
Casualties.-	Nil	

Information obtained.- Took up position as per instructions. No patrols or working parties observed. Front quiet. Saw dead Germans in ruined house. No ~~re~~replacements.

Task set & instructions given to patrol.-  
Standing Patrol in advance of ruined house in front of  
6. Pat 740 yds on right of WARNETON-LA BASSEVILLE Rte.  
approx U1769852

(Signed) *J. Lennon* Lieut.  
I/c Patrol. 838  
29.3.18

Headquarters  
6th Aust. Inf. Bde.

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Commanding ..... Lt.-Col.,  
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	<u>Officers</u>	<u>O.R's</u>
Personnel.-	1	1570.L.G.
Place of Departure.-	U17 b 5696	
Time of Departure.-	8 p.m.	
Place of Return.-	U17 b 5696	
Time of Return.-	12.M. Night	
Casualties.-	NIL	

Information obtained:- The patrol left at No 9 post. & proceeded along the Rly line for about 400 yds, taking up a position along the hedge on both sides of Rly.

No movement of the enemy was observed and a good view of his wire was obtained whilst his flares was up from a point approx from U11 d 7835 to U12 c 0510. The wire appeared to be in fair condition & very thick.

Task set & instructions given to patrol.-

Enemy's Artillery was quiet opposite our sector; one heavy Minnewerfer firing from a position approx U12 c 1965, this gun fired 10 rounds to the rear of No 8 post.

A Battery of (3) Light T. Mortars was firing on LEFT Battn's sector from a position at U12 c 4520

Enemy's M. G. fire was very quiet

(Signed) J.P. Greenwell  
I/c Patrol.

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PATROL REPORT

Officers O.R's

1 N.C.O. 6 O.R's

Personnel.-

Place of Departure.- U17. B96.15 N<sup>o</sup> 4 Pat

Time of Departure.- 12 Mid.

Place of Return.- U17. B81.38 N<sup>o</sup> 6 Pat

Time of Return.- 2 a.m.

Casualties.- Nil.

Information obtained:- Moving out from N<sup>o</sup> 4 Pat in direction of River a good view was obtained both up and down same - finding everything very quiet and no movement of enemy in the direction. On reaching dugouts of German sand and found them to be unoccupied. The moving along in direction of Spinney passing the tank & discovered shell hole containing enemy cylindrical stick bombs - shell hole having been improved by shovel work. From here I observed exp enemy moving in opposite direction, about 100 yds away. The ground is in a very broken condition and should afford great cover for troops.

Task set & instructions given to patrol.-

Reconnaissance Patrol. Reconnoitre German dugouts along River bank work toward Spinney.

(Signed) W.D. Fraser Sgt., I/c Patrol.

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Headquarters 6th Aust. Inf. Bde.

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22<sup>nd</sup> Batta. 5.9.18.

The following PATROLS will leave this front tonight.-

PASS-ROAD RULER

TIME.	STRENGTH OF PATROL.	LEAVE BY.	RETURN BY.	INSTRUCTIONS.
Dusk to 12 M.N.	1 Officer 15 D.R's including L.G. C. boy	N: 9 Post U 176 56.96	N: 9 Post U 176 56.96	Standing Patrol - take up position of posts in advance of N: 9 Post outside Railway. Observe enemy movement in front of post. cover gap until midnight.
12 M.N. to 2 a.m.	1 N.C.O. + 3 men C # boy	N: 4 Post U 176 96.15.	N: 6 Post U 176 81.38.	Reconnoitering Patrol - Reconnoiter disused plug-out along River bank work towards SPINNEY
2.30 a.m. to Dawn.	1 Officer 15 D.R's. including L.G. H boy	N: 6 Post U 176 81.38.	N: 6 Post U 176 81.38.	Standing Patrol in advance of ruined house in front of 6 Post 240 yds on right of WARNETON LA BASSEVILLE Road. approx U 176 98.52.

sledge

E. H. Hewitt Lieut.  
I. O. C. P. 12th



24/3/18 to 30/3/18  
Operations

Artillery: Generally quiet. 18 pdr fired in intermittent bursts towards area. Particular attention was paid to the vicinity of GASONETER U12a. 18 pdr fired 5 shells on FARM-WAY STINE V.13 c between 5.15 pm + 5.30 pm consisting of H.E. + shrap. mixed. After second salvo was fired a black column of smoke rose into the air which looked as though a dump had been exploded. 8 shells fired on selected targets in rear of our MAN. position U.12c, U.12s, U.12c 8070, U.12d 2030, U.12c 4653.

Machine Gunners M.G.'s + Sniping

L.T.M.'s fired 10 rounds in vicinity of U18a 2040 at 2.20 am. At 2.30 am 10 rounds were fired on WICART FARM U21a 1090. Between 2.45 am + 3.15 am 20 rounds were distributed in vicinity of SPINNEY by L.T.M.'s.

M.G.'s quiet except for occasional bursts. Snipers fired at enemy moving about in vicinity of aeroplanes U18a 1514. Shot fired on party of 6 moving about SPINNING MILK W. dawn. One Boche was shot. At 7.30 p.m. 1 Boche was sniped.

27/3/18  
Patrols: As per attached reports aircraft's search line activities below normal. 2 enemy planes crossed the sector from enemy lines at 10.15 pm.

Patrol. 1 Coy 2 Coy moved out from No 4 Post at 8.15 pm. + examined shell hole in NO MANS LAND. U18a 1213 previously reported as having been improved to contain about 1 doz. cylindrical bombs. No movement observed. Then went to aeroplane U18a 1218 where movement had been seen + occupants of No 5 post claimed to have sniped a pt. No trace of body could be seen. Several cartridges discovered each large enough to conceal a man.



Enemy activity  
"Shelling" quiet along  
sector. Between 10:25 to 10:50 p.m. 50  
M.G. & 59 sharp burst in vicinity of  
ULTIMO AVENUE. At 11:15 U16C shot  
77 gas shells in same locality  
between 11:40 p.m. & 12:15 A.M.

French losses M.G.'s & striping  
M.W.'s

quiet generally. At 11:15 p.m. 12 shells  
were fired in vicinity of 105 7 & 8  
posts from direction U17C. Artillery  
retaliation had good effect as no more  
shots were fired from this direction.

M.G.'s quiet on left of sector. From U17d  
M.G. was firing at 142 posts. Shells  
had 10 rounds in position with apparently  
good results as there has been no more  
trouble from this direction.

Movement:  
Party of 6 enemy retiring  
into SPINNING MILL at dawn, fired  
on from 143 post. At 10 a.m. 3 men were  
seen same place & appeared to be  
dragging small truck from rear  
of mine. About 1/2 p.m. 3 enemy were  
seen to leave Boche lines & make  
their way towards M.G. position  
U.17 d goal at 9:45 a.m. Enemy train  
seen at U16C moving in southerly

direction at V.22E. At 11:25 enemy train  
seen at U16C moving in direction of  
COMINES at 1:15 p.m. train from  
direction of V.22a & stopped at U21a 4.5

Flares: Below normal.

at midnight

Movement: Listening post at U18a 1.5  
noticed small party of enemy  
emerge a short distance from within  
in front of SPINNEY then a few  
shots & hurry back to trench.

30/3/18

E. H. Hewitt, Lieut.  
10.22<sup>nd</sup> Bn.

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PATROL REPORT

Officers O.R's 14

Personnel.-

Place of Departure.- No 6 Post

Time of Departure.- 3.31 am.

Place of Return.- No 6 Post

Time of Return.- 5.30 am.

Casualties.- Nil.

Information obtained:- No movement detected on sector. No Flares fired. Machine gun in front of sector behind spunney fired 3 short bursts during this time

Task set & instructions given to patrol.- Standing Patrol 40 yards in front of ruined building and 40 yard to right of same.

(Signed) P. Abernethy Lt. I/c Patrol. 30/3/18

Headquarters 6th Aust. Inf. Bde.

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Lt.-Col., Commanding ..... Battalion



A. Coy.



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PATROL REPORT

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>O.R's</u>
Personnel.-	1	12
Place of Departure.-	No 9 Post	
Time of Departure.-	8 pm	
Place of Return.-	No 9 Post	
Time of Return.-	12 pm	
Casualties.-	nil	

Information obtained:- Whole front quiet. MG's fired on us from approx 100 yds to right of Rly line. Intermittent sniping & MG fire were detected at our wiring party. The enemy threw 3 hand grenades into his own position at 11 pm & later fired 2 flares into his own wire. MG fired on us when we were returning.

Task set & instructions given to patrol.-

Standing patrol to take up position 50 yds in front of No 9 post on Rly line.

(Signed) *C. J. Sutton*  
I/c Patrol. *Lieut*

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6th Aust. Inf. Bde.

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PATROL REPORT

Officers      O.R's

Personnel.-

4.

Place of Departure.- U17670.95. N<sup>o</sup>6 Post.

Time of Departure.- 3.35. AM.

Place of Return.- U17670.95 N<sup>o</sup>6 Post.

Time of Return.- 5.20. AM

Casualties.- Nil.

Information obtained:- We traveled past ruined house at U176.80.50. into drain which runs in direction of N<sup>o</sup>9 Post and which is supposed to be a M.G. position but we found nothing there and my opinion is that he used it on the night of the raid. From there we worked along up the left side of the road crossing it at U176.98.65 working in a circle round to N<sup>o</sup>9

Task set & instructions given to patrol.-

no M.G. fired while we were out and no M.G. fired. We saw three men being relieved from foot of tree at V.18.A.10.42

Reconnaissance drain from U17670.95 to U17695.80

(Signed) J.S. Burt      I/c Patrol.

Headquarters  
6th Aust. Inf. Bde.

Forwarded.

..... Lt.-Col.,  
Commanding ..... Battalion



The following PATROLS will leave this front tonight : Battn. H.Q.  
29/3/18.

PASS-WORD - **BLACK**

TIME.	STRENGTH OF PATROL.	LEAVE BY.	RETURN BY.	INSTRUCTIONS.
Dark to M.N.	1 Officer 15 D.R's. including L.G. C. boy	N:9 Post U 176 56.96.	N:9 Post U 176 56.96.	Standing Patrol - Take up position 50 yds. in advance of N:9 Post beside Railway. Observe enemy movement in front of post across gap until midnight.
2 M.N. to a.m.	1 N.L.O.T 3 men C. boy	N:9 Post U 176 56.96.	N:6 Post U 176 81.38.	Reconnoitering Patrol - Reconnoiter train from U 176 40.95 to U 176 95.80
-30 a.m. to dawn.	1 Officer 15 D.R's. including L.G. A. boy	N:6 Post U 176 81.38	N:6 Post U 176 81.38.	Standing Patrol in advance of ruined house in front of N:6 Post 40 yds on right of WARNETON-LABASSE-VILLE Road approx U 176 98.52.

Acknowledge - Please advise all concerned.

29/3/18

*[Signature]*



# Local Defence Scheme

## "A" Battalion - Centre Brigade

1. Front line consists of a scheme of posts, only partly connected, numbered from 1 to 9, running from V17d 50.02 along bank of River to V17b 90.30 thence N.W. to V17b 50.80. thence to V17d 65.05 at which is situated a listening post (9a) pushed out at night.
2. Right Coy. garrison posts 1 to 5 inclusive.  
 Left " " " 6 to 9  
 Right Coy. H.Q. situated at V17d 33.85.  
 Left Coy. H.Q. " " V17d 39.90.  
 Counter Attack Coy. H.Q. V17a 22.37.

### 4 Platoons at IRON GATE + UNEVEN SUPPORT.

By day - 1 Platoon at IRON GATE V16d.  
 1 " " UNITY STRONG POST V17a  
 2 Platoons near AVCHASSEUR GABARET V17a 15.50. to V17a 05.55.  
By night: Half an hour before evening "stand to arms" 2 Platoons of the counter attack Coy. move to LA BASSEVILLE & remain there under the orders of O.C. LA BASSEVILLE until morning "stand down".  
 Remainder of counter attack Coy. as by day.  
 This Coy. will not be employed on work which will take it away from the immediate vicinity of its present position and must be held in readiness for immediate action.

- Reserve Coy. H.Q. V16b 75.45.  
 2 Platoons at IRON GATE  
 1 " " UNITY STRONG POST  
 1 " " ULTIMO CRATER

### 3. Action in event of Enemy Attack.

- (a) Posts will hold out at all costs. Officers & N.C.O's in charge must be ready to mutually support each other by vigorous counter attacks.
- (b) All counter attack Coy. in event of enemy breaking through chain of posts, will immediately counter attack & re-establish line of posts.

Reserve Coy. - In the event of the counter attack Coy. having to push forward any of its platoons, the positions vacated will be immediately occupied by corresponding number of platoons from Reserve Coy. The rear platoons of Reserve Coy. moving up accordingly taking up their positions.  
 Although the order "Precautionary Action" may be given by Higher Authority, Platoon commanders may be the first to receive indication of suspected enemy assault, and, if the situation demands it, may have to act on their own initiative as to ordering the whole or any part of the "Precautionary Action" provided for in their Defence Schemes.  
 Coy. commanders will be responsible that these plans are known to all, & that routes are reconnoitred by Officers & N.C.O's.

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 W. H. ...



In the afternoon...  
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 App IV  
 day 18 p.m. first...  
 worked to...  
 at night...  
 the...  
 with the gas attack...  
 for...  
 out by the...  
 at some...  
 line...  
 At 7 p.m. one...  
 from...  
 was...  
 in...  
 at 1 a.m. LTM's  
 in...  
 50  
 into WARNETON. One...  
 were...  
 only...  
 at...  
 of...  
 M.W. positions  
 were...  
 with...  
 effect

Patrols...  
 Gas: At 1 a.m. gas projectors were  
 fired into WARNETON a good cloud  
 effect being observed. At 1.15 a.m. a  
 cloud...  
 the same effect being observed.  
 aircraft...  
 was forced down  
 in...  
 in about...  
 Two...  
 planes...  
 over WARNETON 6.45. Engaged by...

recovery...  
 shells...  
 than usual on the...  
 day, a considerable number of 77 mm  
 H.E. 5.9 H.E. were fired on...  
 support system...  
 vicinity of THE FACTORY + LABASSEVILLE  
 for the most part it seemed to be area  
 shooting. At 4 p.m. registering...  
 works in vicinity of LABASSEVILLE.  
 YORK WAY receiving direct hits with 5.9 H.E.  
 firing from direction of DEULEMONT +  
 F... WHUSTINE V13C. From 3.45 p.m. to  
 5.30 p.m. 3.9 H.E. at rate of about 1 shell  
 per minute in vicinity of U16C + U15C + d.  
 This was very scattered & appeared to be  
 ranging. At 5 p.m. a light barrage  
 fell on forward area 77 mm. + 4.2 H.E.  
 in reply to twin redflares fired at home  
 of gas attack. The bombardment which  
 was very light ceased at 1.30 a.m.

Patrols...  
 M.W.'s  
 were busy on support line vicinity of  
 SUGAR REFINERY + THE FACTORY between  
 8 a.m. + 9 a.m. 20 rounds being fired  
 in this area. At 6 p.m. 20 more were fired  
 in LABASSEVILLE. These were all  
 fired from direction of SPINNING MILL  
 O.A.G.'s fairly quiet except for occasional  
 bursts until gas attack at 1 a.m. when

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When became active night along sector  
 Flares: When gas attack was launched  
 at 1 a.m. the flare quest was with  
 followed by twin reds, reds with white  
 & white flash on top. ~~Some of the large~~  
~~flares were light in colour~~  
 5 minutes after first flare was fired a  
 very light bombardment came down  
 on forward systems. From 1 a.m. to 1.20 a.m.  
 a good number of flares were fired namely  
 Twin Reds, Twin Greens, Red Greens,  
 White, Golden clusters, & Golden showers  
 movement. At dawn to HUNG were seen  
 returning towards SPINNING MILL. They  
 were fired on by our snipers.  
 11.10 a.m. Enemy from stationary at VIC 9025  
 moving on at 11.20 a.m. southerly direction  
 11.35 a.m. Four of enemy seen walking across  
 VIC from DEUL E.M.O.F. disappearing behind  
 Between 10.45 a.m. & 11 a.m. a good deal of movement  
 was seen in vicinity of GASSOMETER.

31/3/18

 P. H. Theobald Lieut  
 I.O. 22<sup>nd</sup> Bn



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I have to report that at 8:45 pm accompanied by 2 men I left 11<sup>th</sup> post 517.896/5 covered along river bank & examined disused dugouts & found them unoccupied. We camped along river bank towards mound. Reconnoitred vicinity then along to spot where shell hole is that has been previously reported as. It was reported that it appeared to have been occupied & that it contained about a dozen cylindrical sticky bombs. There are four shell holes at this spot V18. a 20.25. & all have had a certain amount of work done on them. The surface nearest our line has been steepened & the top surface levelled off. Sceptacles have been dug apparently to hold bombs. There were no bombs in any of the shell holes. The ground in the vicinity is broken & would afford excellent cover. From there worked along towards SPINNEY where a MG. was firing occasional bursts towards 11<sup>th</sup> & 6 posts. A MG. was also firing from direction of SPINNINGMILL. Remained here for about half an hour then moved back in direction of 11<sup>th</sup> post. Passed along in front of mound house in front of 11<sup>th</sup> post & worked back to 11<sup>th</sup> post arriving there at 11:15 pm.

No enemy movement was seen nor sounds of working parties heard. NO MANS. LAND is very muddy & in places very broken. Lumber is very thin in places & does not provide much of an obstacle. Very few planes were fired by the enemy.

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C. H. Sheehy, Sgt  
I. O. 77<sup>th</sup> Bn

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TO BE FORWARDED TO BDE. HDQRS. BY FIRST MORNING D.R.

PATROL REPORT

Personnel.- Officers 1. O.R's 15 *Lewis Guns*

Place of Departure.- No 9 Post U 17 6 56 96

Time of Departure.- 8.45 pm

Place of Return.- No 9 Post U 17 6 56 96

Time of Return.- 11.45 pm

Casualties.- Nil

Information obtained:- The ground was in a very wet condition and the night was dark which made it difficult to observe any distance ahead. No movement was detected until 11.30 pm when a German patrol of eight men was seen moving along the railway line under cover of a hedge in the direction of No 9 Post. The patrol was allowed to come within 30 yds and was then engaged by the Lewis Guns. Groans were heard for a few seconds only. In my opinion the whole of the hostile patrol were either killed or wounded. Owing to the close proximity of our patrol to the German line, and the volume of M.G. fire which was brought to bear on us, we were unable to obtain identification, and it was after some difficulty we regained our line. The encounter took place approx 50 yds from enemy wire. The Lewis gunner fired 4 magazines. Two of these were used in searching the ground when flares were fired.

Task set & instructions given to patrol:  
 Standing Patrol take up position 50 yds from in advance of No 9 Post, astride railway line. Observe enemy movement in front of post and cover gap until midnight.

(Signed) *W. Harnick* Lieut  
 I/c Patrol.

Headquarters  
 6th Aust. Inf. Bde.

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Lt.-Col.,  
 Commanding ..... Battalion



TO BE FORWARDED TO BDE. HDQRS. BY FIRST MORNING D.R.

PATROL REPORT

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>O.R's</u>
Personnel.-	1	15 including L.C.
Place of Departure.-	No 6. Post, U17 b. 21.38	
Time of Departure.-	3.30 a.m.	
Place of Return.-	No 6. Post, U17 b. 21.38.	
Time of Return.-	5.30 a.m.	
Casualties.-	Nil	

Information obtained:-

Enemy Strong Post <sup>Via a. 20,32</sup> opposite  
 No 5 Post. This post was vacuated  
 by enemy at 4.30 a.m. I have  
 previously noticed <sup>vacuation</sup> of this post at 4.30 a.m.  
 The Stokes Gun at cellar by No 3. Post has  
 previously <sup>noticed</sup> ~~noticed~~ on ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~strong~~ <sup>strong</sup> Post.  
 Task set & instructions given to patrol.

Standing Patrol in advance No 6. Post.  
 from ~~ruined~~ <sup>ruined</sup> House to 40' on right  
 La Baseville Road (approx) U17 b 98.52.

(Signed) K.S. Anderson H.  
 I/c Patrol.

Headquarters  
 6th Aust. Inf. Bde.

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 Commanding .....Battalion



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22<sup>nd</sup> Batt. H.Q.

30-3-18.

The following Patrols will leave this front to-night

Password WHITE

Time	Strength of Patrol	Leave by	Return by	Instructions
Dusk to 2 M.N.	1 Officer 15 O.R's including L.G. C. boy.	N:9 Post V176 56.96.	N:9 Post V176 56.96.	Standing Patrol - Take up position 50 yds. in advance of N:9 Post outside Railway. Observe enemy movement in front of Post & cover gap until midnight.
12 M.N. to 2 a.m.	1 N.C.O. & T 3 men C. boy.	N:9 Post V176 56.96.	N:6 Post V176 81.38.	Reconnoitring patrol - Reconnoitre drain from V176 70.95 to V176 95.80.
3.30 a.m. to Dawn.	1 Officer 15 O.R's including L.G. A boy.	N:6 Post V176 81.38.	N:6 Post V176 81.38.	Standing Patrol in advance of ruined house in front of N:6 Post & 40 yds. on right of WARNETON - LA BASSEVILLE Road (approx) V176 98.57.

Acknowledge - Please advise all concerned.

W. H. H. H. H.  
Lieut. & Adj.



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22<sup>nd</sup> Battalion Operation Order No. 11/18.

Maps. BAS-WARNETON 1/10000 + Drawing attached.

1. With Artillery + M.G. co. operation LEVIN'S projectors will be fired on WARNETON on night 30/31<sup>st</sup> March 1918. if conditions are favorable.

2. Weather conditions will decide which of the following programmes will be carried out.

Programme 1. (Good wind probable all night)  
 First fire Groups A, B, + C. will be fired  
 Second fire Groups D + E. will be fired.  
 (about 4 hours later)

Programme 2. (Good wind not likely to last over 4 hours.)  
 fire Groups A, B, + C. will be fired.  
 fire plus 30 mins. Groups D + E. will be fired.

3. (a) The danger area (shown on the attached sketch) will be evacuated by all troops other than those of or attached to L. Special Coy. R.E. by zero - 20 minutes.

(b) Posts 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, + 9. will be withdrawn into cellars in that portion of LA BASSEVILLE, not contained in the danger area shown on attached sketch.

Posts Nos. 1, 2, + 3 will remain in position.

Dispositions of counter attack by Reserve Coy will remain as at present.

(c) The danger area will not be re-occupied before zero plus 40 mins. for each fire of programme 1 + zero plus 70 mins for programme 2.

(d) Box respirators will be worn <sup>at times</sup> as under by posts 2 + 3, all troops in LA BASSEVILLE by the <sup>counter</sup> ~~support~~ <sup>attack</sup> Coy. from zero - 10 to zero + 30 for each fire of programme 1 is fired.

from zero - 10 to zero + 60 if programme 2 is fired.

(e) Trenches + Pill boxes in the danger zone are to be inspected for Gas before re-occupation.



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4. For the purpose of the operation, all Officers of "L" Special Coy. R.E. will have urgent priority rights over the whole of the communication in the Brigade area.
5. Watches will be synchronised with Coy. H.Q. later.
6. The following code words will be used for notifying the programme to be fired.
 

SHAMROCK	NOUGHT	-	projection postponed indefinitely.
SHAMROCK	ONE	-	Programme one will be fired tonight
SHAMROCK	TWO	-	" two " " "
7. Two hour will be advised later.
8. Acknowledge.

  
 Capt. & Adj.

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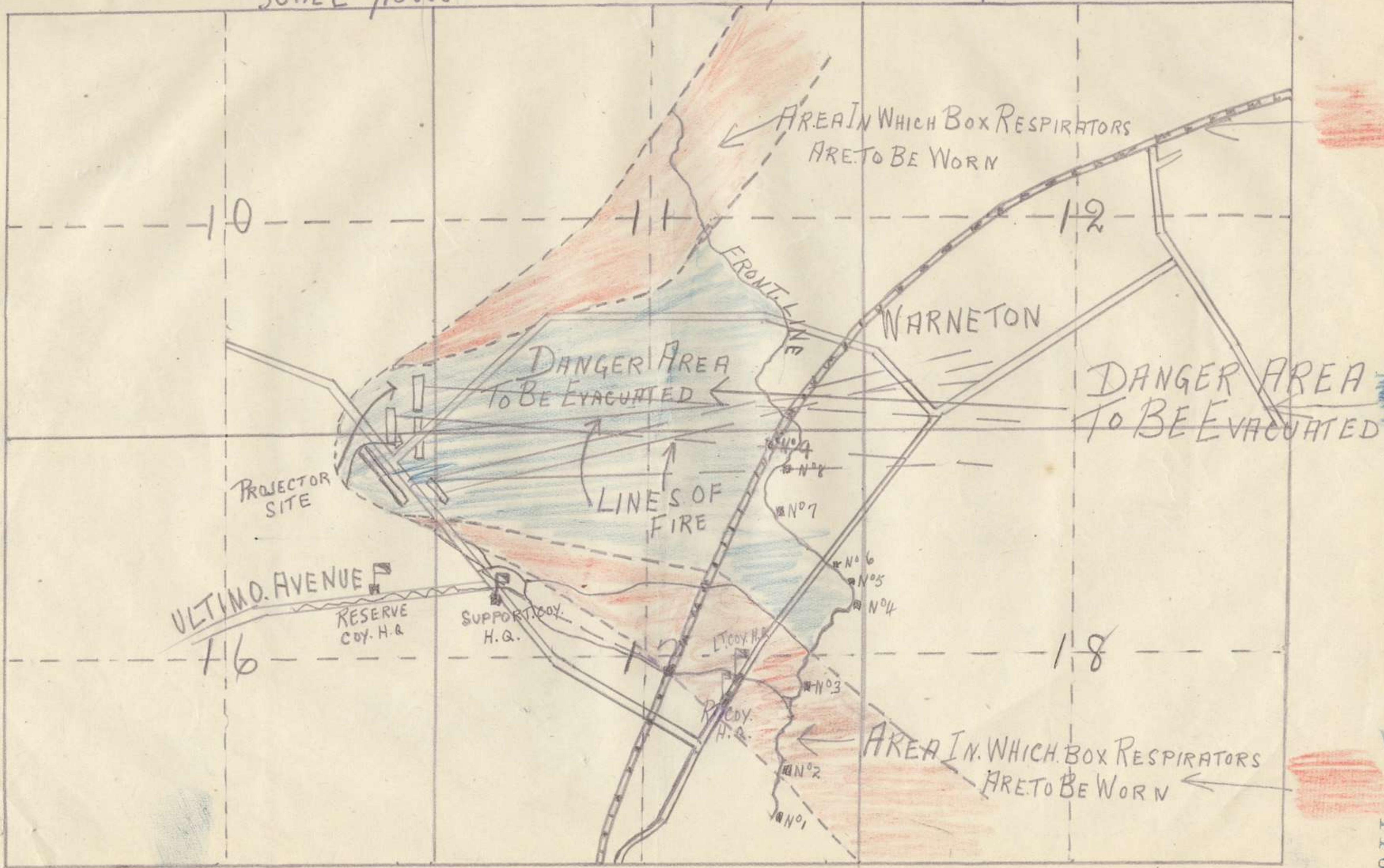
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REF. MAP SHEET. BAS WARNETON  
SCALE 1/10000

U/10.11.12.16.17.18.

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22<sup>nd</sup> Battalion Operation Order No. 12/18.

Ref. Map. BAS-WARNETON 1/10000 31-3-18.

1. With Artillery & M.G. co-operation, about 300 projectors which did not go off in last night's discharge, will be fired to-night by "L" Special Coy. R.E., should conditions be favourable. Arrangements made for last night's discharge, with, subject to the terms of this order, apply to to-night's.
2. No. 2. Special Coy. R.E. will not co-operate in this operation.
3. The projectors will be fired simultaneously at zero hour. Any that fail to go off then may be fired between zero & zero + 25 minutes.
4. Arrangements for clearing the danger zone will be identical with those made last night, & it will not be re-occupied before zero + 40 minutes.
5. No. 9 Post V 17. will not be re-occupied before zero + 3 hours.
6. Unless otherwise notified zero time will be 11 p.m.
7. Postponement if necessary will be notified by wiring the word FRI GHTEUL.
7. Acknowledgements.

*[Signature]*  
Capt. & Adj.

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" " 6	D "		M.C.



Stables house summary

From 6.00 am 3/11/48 to 6.00 am 4/11/48

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Patrols were made into WINDMILL at various times, also a few communications. Messages were sent to M.W. position with good effect at SPINNING MILL. Also carried out counter battery work.

Launch boats M.G. & J. fishing

H.T.M.

fired 8 rounds vicinity U18A 051 + U12.C 4010 between 1.00 am + 2.30 am U.T.M's fired 6 rounds between 1.00 am + 2.30 am SPINNEY vicinity U18A 20.32 where S.P. was located on night of 30/31/48.

M.G. quiet except for occasional bursts. Patrols; all new attached reports.

Aircraft. German machines were fairly active constantly patrolling nearby lines + firing M.G. on incoming forward positions.

A.A. very poor. German planes flying very high came over our lines at 2.30 pm but quickly returned.

Enemy Activities

1. Artillery. No more active than usual. 3.9.48 #2's active in vicinity of U16C. #16 possibly searching for positions of gas structures. Between 12.30 pm + 3.30 pm 8.7.7 mm + 6.2-5.9 H.E. ammunition some duds were fired in vicinity of U16C 7545 + along ULTIMO AVENUE to U16C. No direct hits on ULTIMO AVENUE. Between 7 pm + 8 pm.

2. H.E. fired in vicinity of THE FACTORY 3.9.48 distributed vicinity of U13.C 7045 at rate of 1 per min. between 6.30 + 7.30 pm Launch boats M.G. + J. fishing.

M.W. 's more

active than usual. From U. 12.5 8070 one was firing on #6 post until silenced by our Artillery. Has from vicinity of SPINNEY 6.40 am to 9 pm 9.11.48 in vicinity of THE FACTORY 2.13 was active in SIGHEMELINERY 20.20 am. U11A was through full on L.A. BASSEVILLE during the day. near U17A 83.85

M.G. quieter than usual.

Movement

2 HUNS were seen moving about at SPINNING MILL at dawn 3.20 pm. G.S. was or has seen moving in southerly direction U15A 30.40 U22.C 10.95 moving towards WINDMILL U18A 75.95

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I have been all  
 the while thinking what appeared to  
 be some gas cylinder or some  
 sort of  
 gas shell  
 It was some time during  
 the night about 10 gas shells  
 were fired or supposed to be fired

1/1/18  
 P. H. Hewitt  
 10 22<sup>nd</sup> Bn



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TO BE FORWARDED TO BDE. HDQRS. BY FIRST MORNING D.R.

PATROL REPORT

Officers O.R.'s

Personnel.-

1 15

Place of Departure.-

11<sup>o</sup> 9 post.

Time of Departure.-

8.15 p.m.

Place of Return.-

11<sup>o</sup> 9 post.

Time of Return.-

11.45 p.m.

Casualties.-

Nil

Information obtained:-

Left post 9a at 8.15 p.m. and worked out to a point on the railway at approx U 11. d. 90.15. Prior to going out our detachment post 9a advised us that they had just seen an enemy patrol along the railway but our patrol could find no trace of them. While out we found magazines and cartridges lost by last night's patrol were found. Two of the patrol pushed out from this point in search of identification but no bodies were seen. Enemy T.M.s were active but the only one located was fired from approx U 11. d 95.10. There were active on the left Brv sector but on our sector only few were fired and it

Task set & instructions given to patrol.-

Standing patrol.

Take up position say 50 yards advance of 11<sup>o</sup> 9 post at the Railway. Watch for enemy movement in front of post and cover gap.

(Signed) [Signature] I/c Patrol.

Headquarters 6th Aust. Inf. Bde.

Forwarded. 31. 3. 19.

Lt.-Col., Commanding ..... Battalion

\* Observed as if one man was roaming over NO MAN'S LAND and firing from different points. Enemy post just left of the railway was carefully watched but no movement was seen. NO MAN'S LAND is boggy and difficult. About 25 yds. out from 11<sup>o</sup> 9 post we passed a small shell hole giving off gas which strongly affected our eyes and throat. This is evidently from one of our bombs fired last night.



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PATROL REPORT

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>O.R's</u>
Personnel.-		#
Place of Departure.-	No. 4	Post
Time of Departure.-	2.30 A.M.	
Place of Return.-	No 6	Post
Time of Return.-	4.30 A.M.	
Casualties.-	Nil	

Information obtained:-

I left No 4 Post myself & three other ranks proceeded to the bank of river, went along about two hundred yards, dug out sall blown in, could not possible put men in them. Heard a lot of work been carried on the other side of the river & then proceeded along in front of 5 & 6 Post to the Spinnie. I found everything very quiet in my belief, changing task set & instructions given to patrol. - No alarms were fired over from the Spinnie

(Signed) *Robert Day*  
I/c Patrol.

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PATROL REPORT

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>O.R's</u>
Personnel.-	1	15
Place of Departure.-	U 17 B 8.4.	
Time of Departure.-	8.35 PM	
Place of Return.-	U 17 B 8.4.	
Time of Return.-	Midnight	
Casualties.-	Nil	

Information obtained:- Front extremely quiet. Flares fired occasionally from U 18 A 20.55 and U 18 A 10.60. Machine gun bursts from <sup>direction of</sup> U 18 A. 20.55. Minareweipers and pineapples were fired from direction of U 12 50.15. No. Man's Land fairly dry and good walking. No enemy patrol seen.

Task set & instructions given to patrol.- Standing patrol from dusk till midnight in advance of ruined house in front of No 6 Post and 40 yards on right of Warneton La Bassée Ville Rd. U 17 B 98.52

(Signed) *G. Hughes Lt.*  
I/c Patrol.

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The following Patrols will leave this front to-night

Forward STARFISH

Time	Strength of Patrol	Leave by	Return by	Instructions
Dusk to 2 M.N.	10 Officers 15 D.R.'s including L.G. C. boy.	N: 9 Post U176-56.96.	N: 9 Post U176-56.96.	Standing Patrol. Take up position 50 yds. in advance of N: 9 Post outside Railway. Observe enemy movement in front of post & cover gap until midnight.
3:30 am to Dawn.	1 N.L.O.T 3 men C. boy.	N: 9 Post U176-56.96.	N: 6 Post U176-81.38.	Reconnoitring Patrol - Reconnoitre drain from U176-70.95 to U176-95.80.
Dusk to 2 M.N.	10 Officers 15 D.R.'s including L.G. A boy.	N: 6 Post U176-81.38.	N: 6 Post U176-81.38.	Standing Patrol in advance of ruined house in front of N: 6 Post. 40 yds. on right of WARMETON-LA BASSEVILLE Road approx. U176-98.62.
2:30 am to 4 am.	1 N.L.O.T 3 men A boy.	N: 4 Post U176-96.15	N: 6 Post U176-81.38.	Reconnoitring Patrol. Reconnoitre dykes along River Bank. Work towards SPINNEY.

Acknowledge - Please advise all concerned.

Herb J. Sutherland  
Lieut. T. A. J.



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Quartermasters Report  
of work for month of March.

On 1<sup>st</sup> unit was still in post at SELLES.  
The Transport Section moved out on March  
4<sup>th</sup> for ROMARIN area, Baggage wagons  
accompanied Transport, on these wagons  
were loaded the Quartermasters stores &  
surplus Blankets.

The Battalion marched out on morning  
of 6<sup>th</sup> to LOTTINGHEM station where they  
embained for forward area.

Cookers, Water carts Supply Wagons loaded with  
supplies for 7<sup>th</sup> & Mess cart moved to  
DESURES where they embained on  
Omnibus train for same destination as  
Battalion. Officers Baggage Stationery  
Boxes & one Blanket per man were  
transported from SELLES to embaining  
station (LOTTINGHEM), for MOTOR transport  
& loaded on Troop train.

at STEENWERCK station Battalion debained  
and marched to KORTEPYP camp.

Cookers Supply Wagons, Water carts &  
Mess cart were unloaded at STEENWERCK  
station & moved to same camp  
as Battalion. Baggage, Blankets etc  
were unloaded at STEENWERCK station &  
transported to KORTEPYP camp for Motor  
transport.



On morning of 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion received orders to prepare to move into line (WARNEYON) sector) that night. During the day cooking utensils were sent forward along with wet rations in charge of (Sgt Cook) per light railway to RACINE dump where cooks were established.

Lewis guns & equipment along with signalling stores were sent forward per light railway from ROMARIN siding to RACINE dump. Battalion moved off from KORTEPYR camp with 48 Lewis rations & entrained at ROMARIN siding & moved per light railway to RACINE dump where they disembarked, packed up Lewis guns & signalling stores & moved forward to relieve Mr 33rd Battalion A.I.F. in front line.

Battalion were in the line for period of eight days. Rations were forwarded daily per light railway from ROMARIN siding to RACINE dump. All wet rations were sent forward in bulk & handed to Sgt Cook for preparation & distribution. Dry rations were placed in bags of seven & on being dumped at RACINE dump were taken over by Coy S.O.M. S. who in turn handed same on to carrying parties who carried same forward.



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Wet rations were sent forward in Thermos Tanks to support line where it was placed in petrol tins cut hilly fashion, & carried forward in these tins dusk, for the evening meal & before dawn for the morning breakfast.

On 15<sup>th</sup> Battalion were relieved by 21<sup>st</sup> Bn & on completion of relief moved to Catacombes. During afternoon of 15<sup>th</sup> Packs of blankets, Tents & Rations were transported per 1<sup>st</sup> line transport to Catacombes in readiness for troops on their return. A hot meal of stew & tea was prepared & served to troops as they marched in. On morning of 16<sup>th</sup> Gum Boots were collected & returned to Gum Boot store.

Battalion remained at CATACOMBES for eight days - during this period rations were sent forward to Lookus daily per 1<sup>st</sup> line transport.

Bootmaker Pyle & Tailor along with their respective assistants were established at CATACOMBES during units eight days there & were able during this period to replace & repair all worn boots & clothing.

On 23<sup>rd</sup> First Battalion moved forward



It relieved <sup>4</sup> 21st Battalion, same routine as previous tour being carried out.

On 27th a party from each company were sent to Red Lodge & were rationed separately.

On 19th a special issue of Rum was authorised for working parties while in CATACOMBES & a full issue authorised for troops in front line.

On 31st Battalion ~~was~~ were relieved by CHESHIRE REGIMENT, on completion of relief Battalion moved to RACINE (entrained to ROMARIN & moved from there to SHENKILL camp where hot meal was prepared for troops.

COMFORTS on 8th the following ~~comfats~~ comforts were drawn & issued to troops.

- 8 cases Cocoa & Milk, 2 cases Tommynooker Toffee,
- 2 " Tommynooker's, 2 Bags Oatmeal,
- 3 " Milk & Bag Sugar, 1 case Curry Powder,
- 2 " Cigarettes & 1 Packet Nove.

BLANKETS on 14th inst put 700 blankets through dumgator at 5th Field Ambulance. On 25th one blanket per man recalled, 1000 returned by this unit.

Winter clothing on 26th inst commenced to return this & completed return of same on morning of 31st.



SURPLUS KIT <sup>5</sup> In view of move South  
 all surplus equipment & Kit was  
 collected on 28<sup>TH</sup> & forwarded to  
 Bgdg Dump at MERRIS

FORAGE ON 10<sup>TH</sup> March forage was  
 reduced as under:

<u>HAY</u>	HEAVY DRAUGHT	FROM	15 <sup>lbs</sup>	TO	14 <sup>lbs</sup>
	LIGHT	"	12	"	10
	MULES	"	12	"	10

During month Rations were very good  
 also forage. Ordnance supplies were  
 good & no difficulty was experienced  
 in having demands satisfied

*M. J. [Signature]*

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Appendix XXXI  
Monthly report of 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion  
Transport Section.

MARCH.

From 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> preparations were made for leaving the back area where the Battalion had been resting. On the morning of the 4<sup>th</sup>, the transport section less the 4 cooks, 1 watercart & messcart & horses for drawing, same moved out from TRANSPORT FARM near SELLES & marched by road to ELNES where for the night of 4/5<sup>th</sup> the section was billeted. The following morning moved out with Bde. Group & Div. train camping for the night of 5/6<sup>th</sup> at RENESCURE. The following day journeyed to STRAZEELE where the night of 6/7<sup>th</sup> was spent. At 12 noon the following day arrived at WARRINGTON LINES near ROMARIN which was the destination of the section. The Battalion at this time being in KORTOPYP. CAMP. The 4 cooks

watercart & messcart & horses before mentioned were loaded on the omnibus train at DESVRES on the morning of the 6<sup>th</sup> from whence they proceeded to BAILLEUL WEST station, where they detrained & on the 7<sup>th</sup> rejoined the section. As the Bn. were moving into the line on the night of 7/8<sup>th</sup>, the afternoon of the 7<sup>th</sup> was spent in carting cooks' dixies, rations & Lewis Guns & panniers to the ROMARIN siding, where it was loaded on the train & taken forward to RACINE DUMP in PLOEGSTEERT WOOD. From this time on until the 15<sup>th</sup> rations were drawn <sup>daily</sup> by 1<sup>st</sup> line transport at A.S.C. dump near ROMARIN taken to Q. No. 10 store WARRINGTON LINE, thence to ROMARIN siding. From 15<sup>th</sup> rations were drawn as usual, but instead of being delivered at ROMARIN were taken on to RED LODGE and



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CATACOMBS (where BN. were in reserve) & delivered to C. Q. No. 5.  
On the morning of the 9<sup>th</sup> two teams consisting of 2 H. DTTs in each team & two Dors reported to CORPS FARM near NEUVE EGLISE for agricultural work & are still detached from unit. The work for Bde. has been as usual. The vehicles are in a good state of repair having been all overhauled, & repairs attended to where necessary. The horses are in good condition, & there have been no cases of sickness. The fodder ration is good although the hay ration shows a slight decrease, but this is made up by an issue of carrots at intervals. The hay is chaffed up with the chaff cutter or issue to Bde., & the carrots chopped up into cubes & mixed with the chaff.

Horses returned from Corps Farm 24<sup>th</sup> inst. from 23<sup>rd</sup>

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unit when teams of three horses each were sent to CORPS FARM on each alternate day.

The Batt. moved into the line on 25<sup>th</sup> inst. & limbers were engaged on shifting valvies etc. from the CATACOMBS to the G. M. stores at WARRINGTON LINES. From this date rations were sent to ROMARIN.

On 30<sup>th</sup> inst. 1 pack was evacuated to M. U. S.

Pending an early move, had whole Section overhauled, water carrying frames fitted to limbers & drew extra water tins & shovels to complete echelon.

R. J. Bourke. Lt.

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*Appendix XXXII*  
 22ND BATTALION A.I.F. - DAILY STRENGTH RETURN, MARCH 1918.

Date.	Actually with Unit.		On Command, Leave, &c.		STRUCK OFF STRENGTH.		TAKEN ON STRENGTH.	
	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Casualties.	Others.	Reinfts.	Details
MAR. 1.	31.	729.	20.	201.				
2.	31.	723.	20.	201.		6.		
3.	31.	724.	20.	201.		1.		2.
4.	31.	725.	20.	201.				1.
5.	31.	725.	20.	199.		2.		
6.	30.	731.	21.	194.				1.
7.	29.	735.	21.	190.				
8.	29.	742.	21.	183.				1.
9.	29.	743.	21.	183.				
10.	29.	743.	21.	183.				
11.	29.	743.	21.	183.				
12.	29.	743.	21.	183.				
13.	29.	736.	21.	190.				
14.	29.	734.	21.	198.				
15.	30.	728.	17.	204.		1.	22.	14.
16.	30.	734.	17.	183.	2.	23.	2.	22.
17.	30.	732.	17.	183.			3.	3.
18.	30.	733.	17.	183.				1.
19.	30.	726.	17.	183.			8.	1.
20.	30.	714.	17.	196.				1.
21.	30.	706.	17.	196.			8.	1.
22.	30.	678.	17.	217.				1.
23.	30.	677.	17.	218.				
24.	30.	677.	17.	218.				
25.	35.	697.	12.	198.				
26.	36.	722.	11.	173.				
27.	38.	722.	9.	173.				
28.	40.	752.	7.	123.	7.		28.	15.
29.	40.	759.	6.	123.				7.
30.	40.	759.	6.	123.				
31.	40.	762.	6.	120.				