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BAYENGHEM.	1 March		The Day broke badly and snow fell heavily during the morning and made conditions generally very bad, this was unfortunate, for owing to this ⁱⁿ element state of the weather the 5th Brigade Sports, which were to have been held on the 19th Battalion Sports Ground, had to be cancelled. Much time had been given and a good deal of money had been spent to make the event a huge success, so naturally there was some disappointment. The day was spent indoors so to relieve any monotony and to alleviate the disappointment. Lectures were given during the afternoon. During the day, Lieut C.E. Clarke returned from England and Lieut M. Blair returned from Paris. The Army Rifle Association Competition for the 2nd Australian Division was held. The Battalion Platoon represented the Brigade and were runners up in the Competition. 3 o.r.'s were evacuated to Hospital and 1 o.r. rejoined Unit from Hospital.	
	2 March.		A Divisional Tactical Scheme was carried out during the morning in which the Battalion acted as counter attacking troops. This manoeuvre took place in LUMBRES area and was watched by Divisional and Brigade Staff. The weather was fine, but a bitterly cold wind made things unpleasant. Being Saturday the afternoon was a half holiday. Major R.M. Sadler M.C of the 18th Battalion came to take charge of the Battalion. Lieut C.E. Clarke proceeded to the 5th Training Battalion, England for a tour of duty.	Appen. 1.
	3 March.		Voluntary Church Parades and Communion Services were the order of the morning. During men were inspected in full marching order and the billets and camp well cleaned in preparation for projected move. During the parade all men were warned for the line. Tattoo was one hour earlier so as to enable men to get reset in view of the early move on the morrow. Battalion order No 13 was issued. 2/Lieut S.S. Burgess returned from Paris leave and Lieut E.P. Blyth, D.C.M proceeded to School. 3 o.r.'s were evacuated to Hospital and 1 o.r. rejoined Unit from Hospital.	Appen 2.
	4 March		Reveille was at 3.45 a.m and after an early breakfast and a final clean up, the Battalion left BAYENGHEM at 5.30 a.m for LUMBRES where they entrained for STEENWERCK. One Officer and about 20 men remained behind the Battalion to see everything cleaned up and to hand over billets to the incoming Battalion. This was completed by 6.30 a.m and the party then moved to LUMBRES to join up the Battalion. at STEENWERCK was reached at noon on same day. The Battalion detrained at this spot and then marched to ROMARIN CAMP. During the afternoon the C.O., Coy Commanders, Adjutant, Bombing Officer and Intelligence Officer visited 41st Battalion H'Qrs in LE TOUQUET Trench System. 2/Lieut M.K. Morgan marched in from O.C.B and 3 o.r.'s rejoined Unit from Hospital. Battalion order No 14 was issued.	Appen. 4.

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ROMARIN CAMP	5 March.		The Battalion relieved the 41st Battalion.A.I.F in the LE TOUQUET Sector. The relief was carried out without interference from the enemy. "A" Coy occupied the Right Sector of Front line System and "B" Coy took over left Sector of front. "C" and "D" Coy's took the Support positions, "C" on Right, "D" on left. One Platoon of "D" Coy took up a position in LE BIZET as per appendix No 5. During the night patrols were out in No-Mans-Land, see appendix	Appen No 5
			The enemy was very quiet and we had no trouble from him. Intelligence Summary appendix attached	" " 6
			Lieut-Col A.W.Ralston, C.M.G; D.S.O marched out to take Command of Divisional Machine Gunners.	" " 7
LE TOUQUET SECTOR.	6 March.		Working parties were active during the day and night on Trench System improving and repairing them and carrying parties busy bringing up material for further work. Patrols were again busy in No-Mans-Land. The enemy was fairly quiet busy with his Trench Mortars on parts of the Front but his artillery was not very active. See Intelligence Summary attached.	Appen 8.
			Battalion working parties made satisfactory progress. 1 o.r was evacuated to Hospital and 1 o.r marched in to Unit from Escort.	Appen 9.
LE TOUQUET	7 March		Battalion working parties made satisfactory progress with work and our parties were also active carrying during the night., bringing up rations and new material. Patrols reconnoitred No-Mans-Land at intervals during the night, but the enemy was not encountered.	Appen.10.
			Enemy activity was normal.	" 11
			2/Lieut S.S.Burgess proceeded on special leave to England. 2 o.r's were evacuated to Hospital.	
LE TOUQUET.	8 March.		During the whole of the day, Enemy artillery was particularly active in many parts of the line, but the damage done was not very great, we had 2 men wounded. See appendix No 12.	Appen 12.
			6 o.r's marched in from Hospital. Lieut-Col A.J.Bennett, C.M.G; D.S.O; V.D took Command of the Battalion and Major R.M.Sadler M.C returned to the 18th Battalion. Lieut W.B.Chesher was accidentally wounded and was evacuated. 2/Lieut O.A.Beattie proceeded to School.	
			Our Patrols were again active in No-Mans-Land and some parts were particularly closely reconnoitred, but no signs of the enemy were seen. Not anything unusual happened. Our working parties did satisfactory work and our carrying parties carried out their part of the Programme	Appen 13.
			During the day, Lieut-Col A.W.Ralston, C.M.G, D.S.O returned to Unit in order to give the new C.O. the benefit of his knowledge of the Battalion.	

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LE TOUQUET.	11 March.		<p>The enemy artillery was active during the day registering, and making things in general uncomfortable. Patrol programme for coming night was issued to those concerned</p> <p>Intelligence summary covering period 24 hours was forwarded to Brigade.</p> <p>Our patrols were active during the night, and No-Mans-Land was xx well reconnoitred and vulnerable spots well watched. Damage done during the day necessitated large working parties. These were supplied and the trenches were put in order.</p> <p>Lieuts A.T.Day & K.E.Lohan returned from English Leave. Lieuts A.T.Day & D.H.Anthon M.C were wounded and evacuated. 4 o.rs rejoined Unit from Hospital.</p>	<p>Appen.No. 19</p> <p>" No.20</p>
LE TOUQUET	12 March.		<p>Enemy artillery activity was much below that of previous days.</p> <p>Our patrols and working parties were busy during the night and much work was done.</p> <p>Patrol arrangements were notified to all concerned.</p> <p>Battalion Defence Scheme was compiled and issued.</p> <p>Administrative Memo No.3 was issued</p> <p>Battalion Order No.14 distributed.</p> <p>Lieut W.E.S.Payne was evacuated to Hospital, ill.</p>	<p>" No.21</p> <p>" No.22</p> <p>"No. 23</p> <p>24</p> <p>25</p>
LE TOUQUET	13 March.		<p>Enemy Artillery and Machine Guns fairly active during the night.</p> <p>The 17th Battalion A.I.F relieved the 20th Batt lion during the day 12 March and night 12/13th March. The relief was carried out undisturbed by the enemy and was completed at 10 p.m.</p> <p>A programme of arrangements for a covering patrol was issued</p> <p>Three Companies, "B", "C" & "D", moved back to LE ROSSIGNOL CAMP, while "A" Coy took up a tactical position in LE BIZET.</p> <p>2/Lieut M.Blair proceeded to school. Lieut W.G.L.Bain ceased to be seconded to Aus . Corps School.</p> <p>Battalion disposition order was compiled and distributed.</p>	<p>26</p> <p>27</p> <p>28</p>
LE ROSSIGNOL	14 March.		<p>The morning was spent in resting and cleaning up. In the afternoon and night, large working parties left the camp for work in the forward area.</p> <p>6 o.rs marched in from Hospital.</p>	

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LE ROSSIGNOL.	15 March		Baths were allotted to the Battalion and about 160 men were put through. Fatigues of a very heavy nature were supplied for work in the forward area. About 300 men went forward. 2 men were evacuated wounded and 1 sick. Lieut E.P.Blyth, D.C.M. returned from School.	
do	16 March.		The General Commanding Australian Imperial Forces, Genl Sir W.R.Birdwood, highly commended the excellent state of which, on a surprise visit, he found all matters connected with Battalion Transport Section. He warmly congratulated the Transport Officer, Lieut Lindesay, on this satisfactory result. Orders re "Stand down" and "Stand to" were issued. See appendix.	App. No. 29
do	17 March.		Commanding Officer conferred with Brigadier re new organisation. Fatigues were sent again to work in forward area. 16 WERE men marched in from Hospital and 4 were evacuated sick. <u>WEATHER.</u> The weather was fine and clear. Lieut C.E.Cameron returned from School.	
do	18 March.		<u>RELIEFS.</u> "C" Coy relieved "A" Coy in LE BIZET. During the morning "C" Coy Officers' reconnoitred the positions. <u>CONFERENCES.</u> The C.O. played had a conference with all Battalion Officers in camp, re Battn policy and work. <u>WEATHER.</u> The day and night were again clear, 5 Reinforcements marched in to Unit and 2 men were evacuated	App.No.30.
do	19 March.		<u>FATIGUES.</u> Working Parties were supplied by Battalion and parties left at intervals during the morning and afternoon, for work in various parts of the Brigade Sector. <u>CONFERENCE.</u> The C.O. visited Brigade and again conferred with Brigadier. 11 men marchrd in from Hospital and 5 were evacuated sick.	
do	20 March.		<u>WEATHER.</u> During the morning rain set in, which continued throughout the day. <u>RECONNAISSANCE.</u> Lieuts Cameron & Bain reconnoitred Corps Reserve Line in Advanced PLOEGSTREERT, <u>MOVES.</u> "D" Coy moved up to RED LODGE, in PLOEGSTREERT, where they billeted and supplied working parties for Dugouts in the CATACOMBS. Brig.Genl.R.Smith, C.M.G, D.S.O, visited the Battalion and inspected Transport,	

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	20 March (Contd)		with which he was highly pleased, and complimented the Transport Officer on the excellent turnout.	
LE ROSSIGNOL	21 March.	<u>MOVES.</u>	A Neucleus Garrison of Battalion, consisting of 4 Officers and 67 o.rs, taken from each Company, moved forward and took over Corps Reserve Line in Advance of PLOEG-STREERT.	
			The Battalion moved from LE ROSSIGNOL CAMP to KORTEPYP "B" CAMP. Reveille was at 6.15 a.m. and after blankets had been loaded and camp cleaned and handed over to the 25th Battalion. A.I.F, the first Coy of the Battalion moved off at 9.15 a.m. headed by the band. Followed at intervals of 15 minutes, came the rest of the Battn.	
		<u>RELIEFS.</u>	"C" Coy at LE BIZET was relieved by one Coy of the 25th Battalion, and after relief moved under orders direct to KORTEPYP "B". A Battalion Officers Mess was inaugurated Lieut LEWINS, M.M. & Lieut TRIPP returned from Schools. 9 o.rs were evacuated sick.	
KORTEPYP.	22 March.		After a Battalion mass parade, large working parties marched off to do work in PLOEGSTREERT area. These entrained at CONNAUGHT SIDING and were taken to HYDE PARK CORNER, where they were allotted tasks, and carried on for the day.	
		<u>WEATHER.</u>	Fine weather prevailed.	
		<u>RECONNAISSANCE.</u>	Coy Commanders, Adjutant and Asst Adjutant and Intelligence Officer reconnoitred Nucleus Garrison position in Corps Line.	
		<u>CONFERENCE.</u>	The C.O attended a C.O's conference at Brigade Headquarters. 10 o.rs marched in from Hospital.	
KORTEPYP.	23 March.	<u>WORK.</u>	Fatigue parties were supplied for forward areas.	
		<u>CONFERENCE.</u>	The C.O. attended a Battalion Commanders conference at Brigade Headquarters.	

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KORTEPYP	24 NMarch		<p>The C.O visited and reconnoitred second zone MESSINES Sector.</p> <p>During the afternoon a Battalion Rugby football team played an Artillery team whom they beat by 30 points to nil.</p> <p>The new Organisation scheme came into vogue and a Headquarters Coy was formed.</p> <p>FOR-Mation. STRENGTH, 2 o.rs marched in from Hospital.</p>	
Kortepyp.	25 March.		<p><u>Billets.</u> 1 Officer and 4 N.C.O's per Coy went forward to obtain billets and camping ground at WULVERGHEM Camp "A".</p> <p><u>MOVE.</u> At 1.30.p.m. "B" Coy moved to Nucleus Garrison position the second zone, MESSINES Sector and relieved the 57th Battalion Coy in that position.</p> <p>The remainder of the Battalion moved to WULVERGHEM Camp "A" and took up positions according to Disposition Report.</p> <p>4 o.rs were evacuated to Hospital and 7 marched in from Hospital.</p>	<p>Appen. No.31.</p> <p>No.32.</p>
Wulverghem	26 March		<p>PROJECTED MOVE. In view of the fact of a possible move all surplus gear was dumped so that the Battalion could move quickly and lightly.</p> <p>WORKING PARTIES Our parties were forward improving existing defences and working on new work.</p> <p>RELIEFS. The remainder of "B" Coy which was at WULVERGHEM CAMP moved up to the second zone of the MESSINES SECTOR and relieved the GARRISONS of 4 Strong Points which were held by the 4th Battalion A.I.F. Dispositions as per appendix 33.</p> <p>STRENGTH. 4 men were evacuated sick and 11 marched in from Hospital. The following Officer returned from School. Lieuts A.H.B.Oliver, S.G.Burdus and 2/Lieuts L.C.Balmano and O.M.Shepherd.</p>	No.33.
Wulverghem	27 March		<p>WORKING PARTIES. During the day and night ou5 Parties were busy in the forward zone on consolidating and cleaning out .</p> <p>Major-General Smyth V.C. C.B. visited the Battalion and conferred with the Commanding Officer.</p> <p>MEETING. The C.O. met and conferred with all Coy Commanders.</p>	

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Wulverghem	28 March		<p><u>RECONNAISSANCE.</u></p> <p>The Coy Officers, Intelligence Officer and senior N.C.O's visited the Messines Sector and the position on which the Battalion would assemble on precautionary measures being taken. Disposition as per appendix 34 after due consideration, were decided upon.</p> <p><u>WORKING PARTIES.</u></p> <p>Our working parties were again forward, some were carrying materials and others working on defences.</p> <p><u>STRENGTH.</u></p> <p>2/Lieuts M.Blair and O.A.Beattie marched in from Schools. 3 o.rs were evacuated to Hospital.</p>	App. 34.
do	29 March		<p><u>LECTURE.</u></p> <p>The C.O. lectured all officers in camp on inter communications and reports. Salvage and working parties were supplied by the Battalion. These worked forward and did much good work.</p> <p><u>WORKING PARTIES.</u></p> <p>All Rifles and ammunition of the Battalion was inspected by Corps Armourer. Lieut G.B.Jenkins marched in from Aus Corps School. 8 o.rs rejoined Unit.</p> <p><u>INSPECTION.</u></p> <p><u>STRENGTH.</u></p>	
do	30 March		<p><u>WORKS.</u></p> <p>Capt Portman and Lieut Burdus went forward to Reconnoitre ground in which strong points are to be built later in the day. Working parties went forward and commenced work on these positions.</p> <p><u>MEETINGS.</u></p> <p>The C.O. Met all Officers in conference.</p> <p><u>WEATHER.</u></p> <p>The weather was unsettled and at intervals rain fell.</p> <p>1 Officer (Lieut Ayling) and 6 o.rs went on bicycles to STRAZEELE as guides to relieving English Battalions.</p> <p><u>STRENGTH.</u></p> <p>Two men marched in from Hospital and 2 were evacuated.</p>	
do	31 March		<p><u>WEATHER.</u></p> <p>Rain fell at intervals during the day but not heavily.</p> <p><u>MEETING.</u></p> <p>The C.O. met all Officers in camp and discussed Relief and probable future moves. A general discussion followed in which suggestions and opinions were given and discussed.</p> <p><u>STRENGTH.</u></p> <p>Two men were evacuated suffering from the effects of "anti-gas". 4 men re-joined Unit from Hospital. Advice was received of the following Officers return to Australia viz, Lieuts H.J.Bancroft and A.E.Rainey.</p> <p><u>RELIEF.</u></p> <p>The Battalion was relieved by the 8th Battalion, Staffs, and was complete by 10 p.m. The Battalion then moved back to KORTEPYP CAMP.</p>	35.

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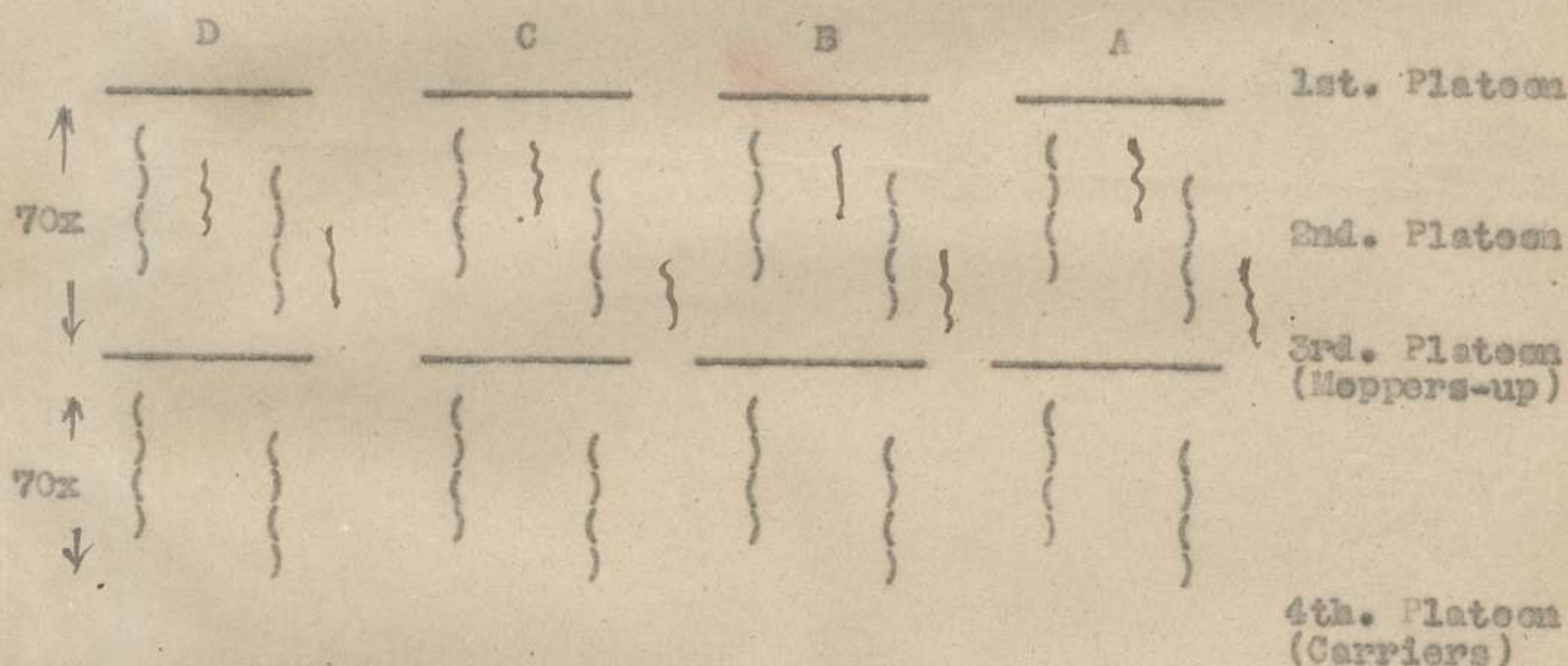
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1. Attached sketch gives all the information that is known of the enemy.
"B" Battalion is on our right, and "X" Australian Infantry Brigade is on our left. "D" Battalion is in reserve.
2. On the 2nd. March, 1918, the 20th. Battalion will attack on a four company frontage without artillery support.
A line from V.27.c.7.5. to V.26.b.90.65 will be captured and consolidated.
3. The Battalion Boundaries are:-
Right boundary - line running through V.28.a.0.7 to V.26.b.90.65.
Left boundary - line running through V.28.c.2.8 to V.27.c.75.55.

Inter-company boundaries are:-
Right inter-company boundary - line running through V.28.a.1.5 to V.27.a.25.35.
Left inter-company boundary - line running through V.28.a.25.00 to V.27.c.60.75.
4. Companies will form up in order from right to left - A. B. C. and D in the following formation:-



5. Trench Mortars.
The 5th. Aust. L.T.M. Battery will put up a smoke barrage to mask the strong points in V.27.b. from Zero to Zero plus 1½ minutes. Fifty rounds will be fired.
6. Machine Guns.
O.C. 5th. Aust. M.G. Company will detail 1 section to accompany each attacking Battalion as forward guns. The section with "A" Battalion will move and take up position as follows:-

	Move with	Position	Task
1 Gun	No. 1 Coy. in rear of 2nd Platoon	Vicinity V.27.a.2.3.	Cover right flank.
1 Gun	No. 2 Coy. " "	Vicinity V.27.a.5.1.	Fire along Northern edge of BOIS de BAYENGHEM.
1 Gun	No. 3 Coy. " "	Vicinity V.27.a.5.1.	do do
1 Gun	No. 4 Coy. " "	Vicinity V.27.d.3.0.	Cover left flank.

7. A jumping-off tape will be laid on a line passing through V.28.c.2.7 and will be divided into Coy. Sectors which will also give direction for the first 50 yards.
8. C. Coy. will detail a platoon to maintain contact with "X" Australian Infantry Brigade. They will meet a party from "X" Australian Infantry Brigade at V.28.c.1.8.
Flank Companies will maintain contact with Battalions on the X flanks.
9. Each of the fourth Platoons will carry:-
9 Picks, 14 Shovels, 4000 rounds S.A.A. in Boxes and 6 Boxes Bombs.
10. Zero hour will be 2 p.m.
11. Dress:- Battle Order; W.P. Sheets will be carried rolled up on back.
Each man will carry 120 rounds S.A.A. and 3 Sandbags.
Grenadier Sections will carry 3 dummy Grenades per section.
12. Companies will send an Officer to Battalion H.Q. at Zero minus 40 minutes to synchronise watches.
13. Battalion H.Q. will be situated in the support line at V.28.a.4.5. and, on the capture of final objective, will move forward to V.27.b.05.55.
14. Battalion Dump will be situated ~~in the support line at V.28~~ 50 yards in rear of Battalion H.Q. in the support line.
15. R.A.P. will be situated at V.28.a.2.3.
16. A C K N O W L E D G E .

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.....Lieut.
Adj. 20th. Battalion, A.I.F.

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2 p.m., 1st March, 1918.

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	2	O.C., A. Coy.
	3	O.C., B. Coy.
	4	O.C., C. Coy.
	5	O.C., D. Coy.
	6	5th. A. I. Brigade
	7	"X" Brigade
	8	"B" Battalion
	9	"D" Battalion
	10	5th. A.M.G. Coy.
	11	5th. A.L.T.M.Bty.
	12	Bomb Officer
	13	Sig. Officer
	14	Int. Officer
	15	Transport Officer
	16	R.M.O.
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Headquarters,
3rd. March, 1918.ORDER NO. 13.*appen No 2*

1. The 20th. Battalion, A.I.F., will move from present area on the 4th. March, 1918, by two trains, Personnel and Omnibus. The Personnel will travel by No. 1 Train leaving LUMBRES at 8.2 a.m. and the balance of Transport by Omnibus Train leaving WIZERNES at 10.50 a.m.
2. Transport will report to Capt. Wallach, M.C., at WIZERNES at 7.50 a.m.
3. Battalion will parade on road outside B.O.R. at **5.30** a.m. Dress:- Full Marching Order with one blanket. Mid-day meal to be carried.
4. Lieut. Anthon M.C. will act as Battalion Entraining Officer and will report to Major Fussell M.C. at LUMBRES Station at 6.30 a.m. with entraining states.
5. Lieut. Banfield, with 4 Intelligence Personnel, will remain behind to see that billets are left in a clean state, and also obtain receipts from relieving units to this effect.
6. Officers' Kits and Mess Gear, and one blanket per man to be rolled in short bundles of 10, to be handed into Q.M. by 5 a.m. D. Coy's to be stacked at Coy. billets.
7. Certificates. A certificate will be rendered by Coy. Commanders at 9 p.m. to-night that all men are in possession of 24 hours iron rations.

A certificate will be rendered by Coy. Commanders by 6 a.m. to-morrow that billets have been left in a clean and sanitary condition.

[Signature]
.....Lieut.
Adj. 20th. Battalion, A.I.F.

DISTRIBUTION, issued through Signals at 4 p.m.

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| 1 | C.O. |
| 2 | O.C., A. Coy. |
| 3 | O.C., B. Coy. |
| 4 | O.C., C. Coy. |
| 5 | O.C., D. Coy. |
| 6 | 5th. A.I. Brigade |
| 7 | Q.M. |
| 8 | Bn. Entraining Officer. |
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Headquarters,
4th. March, 1918.

1. The 20th. Battalion, A.I.F. will relieve the 41st. Battalion, A.I.F. in the LE TOUET Sector on the 5th, and on the night of the 5/6th. inst.
2. Companies' positions are:-
A. Coy. - Right Front. B. Coy. - Left Front.
C. Coy. - Right Support. D. Coy. - Left Support.
Details of reliefs will be carried out as arranged mutually by
Co. C. Coys. to-day.
3. All Defence Schemes, Maps, Aeroplane Photos etc. will be taken over and copies of receipts given forwarded to Bn. H.Q. by 6 a.m. on the 6th. inst.
4. Advance Party. 1 Officer per Company, and 1 H.Q.O. per Platoon, will leave camp for their respective Sectors at 10 a.m.
5. Works Platoon. D. Coy. will detail a platoon complete, with cooking utensils, to report to Capt. Finlay, 17th. Battalion, at 2 p.m. on the 5th. inst. at LE ROSSIGNOL Camp. They will then move to LE BIST and remain under this Officer's orders. This party will be rationed by Brigade from and including March 7th.
6. Companies will prepare to move out of present Camp at 4 p.m. Dress:- Battle Order with one blanket.
7. All packs and Officers' surplus gear, also second blanket per man rolled in short bundles of 10, will be stacked in spare Armstrong Hut by 11 a.m.
8. Officers' Gear for the line, Mess Gear and Orderly Room Boxes will be stacked outside B.O.H. by 2 p.m.
9. A C K N O W L E D G E .

[Signature]
.....Lieut.
Adj. 20th. Battalion, A.I.F.

DISTRIBUTION, issued through Signals at 9 p.m.

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| No. 1. | C.O. |
| 2. | O.C., A. Coy. |
| 3. | O.C., B. Coy. |
| 4. | O.C., C. Coy. |
| 5. | O.C., D. Coy. |
| 6. | 5th. A.I. Brigade. |
| 7. | 41st. Battalion. |
| 8. | Transport Officer. |
| 9. | Quartermaster. |
| 10. | Pilo. |
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20th. Battalion, A. I. F.Headquarters,
6th. March, 1918.DISPOSITION REPORT.Reference PONT ROUGE 1/10000.

The 20th. Battalion, A.I.F. relieved the 41st. Battalion, A.I.F. in the LE TOUQUET TRENCHES on the night of 5th/6th. March, 1918.
The following are the dispositions:-

BATTALION HEADQUARTERS.

C.3.c.8.4.	7 Off.	69 O.Rs.
<u>BATTALION AID POST.</u>		
C.9.d.40.20.	1 Off.	3 O.Rs.
	Total 8 Off.	72 O.Rs.

"A" COMPANY - RIGHT.

Post C.16.1. - C.16.a.85.	Lewis Gun	12 O.Rs.
Post C.101. - C.10.d.2.3.	Lewis Gun, 1 Off.	15 O.Rs.
Post C.102. - C.10.d.1.7.	1 Off.	13 O.Rs.
Post C.103. - C.10.d.20.85.	Lewis Gun	11 O.Rs.
Post C.104. - C.10.b.85.05.	Lewis Gun	16 O.Rs.
Post C.105. - C.10.b.75.35.		11 O.Rs.
Post C.106. - C.10.b.90.55.	Lewis Gun, 1 Off.	15 O.Rs.
Post C.103a. - C.10.b.20.20.		12 O.Rs.
Gas Guard. C.10.c.0.7.		3 O.Rs.
Coy. Headquarters - C.15.b.1.5.	2 Off.	34 O.Rs.
	Total 5 Off.	142 O.Rs.

"B" COMPANY - LEFT.

Post C.10.7. - C.10.b.80.90.	Lewis Gun	10 O.Rs.
Post C.4.1. - C.4.d.80.25.		12 O.Rs.
Trench Patrol.	1 Off.	2 O.Rs.
Post C.4.2. - C.4.d.8.7.		7 O.Rs.
Post C.4.3. - C.4.d.35.85.	Lewis Gun	8 O.Rs.
Post C.4.4. - C.4.d.90.95.		7 O.Rs.
Trench Patrol.	1 Off.	4 O.Rs.
Post C.4.5. - C.4.b.48.18.		6 O.Rs.
Post C.4.6. - C.4.b.55.	Lewis Gun	8 O.Rs.
Trench Patrol.	1 Off.	2 O.Rs.
Post C.4.8. - C.4.b.68.78.		13 O.Rs.
Post C.5.1. - C.5.a.20.55.	Lewis Gun	15 O.Rs.
Trench Patrol.	1 Off.	2 O.Rs.
Coy. Headquarters. - C.4.a.80.82.	1 Off.	31 O.Rs.
	Total 5 Off.	127 O.Rs.

"C" COMPANY - RIGHT SUPPORTS.

LYS FARM C.15.d.22.70.	1 Off.	24 O.Rs.
WIDOWS HOUSE C.9.d.55.42.		26 O.Rs.
SUBSIDIARY LINE)		
TANCREZ FARM) C.9.d.20.20.		31 O.Rs.
TANCREZ FARM)		30 O.Rs.
Coy. Headquarters. C.9.d.10.15.	5 Off.	12 O.Rs.
	Total 6 Off.	123 O.Rs.

MACHINE GUNS - LEWIS.

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NIGHT.

(1) HORE KAU C.10.a.61.
 (2) BARKENHAM AVENUE C.10.c.1.5.
 (3) LONG AVENUE C.10.a.35.
 (4) LYS FARM C.15.d.22.70.

DAY.

TANCREZ FARM C.9.d.20.20.
 TANCREZ FARM C.9.d.20.20.
 LONG AVENUE C.10.a.3.5.
 LYS FARM C.15.d.22.70.

SUPPORTING POINTS.

(1) LYS FARM C.15.d.22.70.
 (2) WIDOWS HOUSE C.9.d.55.42.
 (3) JUNCTION HORE KAU
 AND LONG AVENUE. C.10.a.12.22.
 (4) JUNCTION MONMOUTH
 TRENCH and LONG AVENUE C.4.c.75.32.

"D" COMPANY - LEFT SUPPORTS.

MONMOUTH TRENCH	C.4.d.35.15.	1 Off.	32 O.Rs.
	C.4.c.8.5.		
MONMOUTH TRENCH	C.4.a.2.2.		
	C.4.d.35.15.	1 Off.	30 O.Rs.
FLAX ALLEY	U.28.c.42.		
	U.28.c.24.	1 Off.	40 O.Rs.
Coy. Headquarters	C.3.b.90.25.	1 Off.	10 O.Rs.
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Total			4 Off. 112 O.R.

SUPPORTING SUPPORTS.

U.28.c.35.25.	Rifles.
U.28.c.5.2.	Lewis Gun.
C.4.c.3.9.	Lewis Gun.
C.4.a.1.3.	Lewis Gun.
C.4.c.3.9.	Bombing.

This Company has also 1 Officer and 33 men in LE BIZET.

..... Lieut.
 A/Int. Off. 20th. Bn., A. I. F.

PATROL ARRANGEMENTS FOR NIGHT 5TH/6TH. MARCH, 1918.

Strength of Patrol.	Time & place of departure.	Time & place of return.	Instructions.	Password.
1 Off., 15 O.Rs. and Lewis Gun. No. 1 Patrol "D" Coy.	WHITE FARM. C.5.a.30.50. 10.30.p.m.	Post C.10.5. C.10.b.32.30.	This Patrol will visit TRAMWAY BRIDGE C.5.a.30.35., and will examine Trip Wire and Mills' Bomb, and if necessary replace Bomb. Will move on and work down River bank to FREELINGHAM ROAD.	SCHNAPPER.
1 Off., 15 O.Rs. and Lewis Gun. No. 2 Patrol "C" Coy.	Post C.16.1. C.16.a.30.50. 2.30.a.m.	Post C.10.4. C.10.b.30.05.	This Patrol will patrol ground from place of departure to FREELINGHAM ROAD.	SCHNAPPER.

Above Patrol arrangements will be notified to all posts and others concerned, and all necessary precautions taken. Patrol Officers will report of Patrol to Battalion Headquarters by code wire "INSQI". "Stand To" will be at 5.30.a.m. "Stand Down" will be at 6.30.a.m. When Companies have "Stood down" the word DAILY MAIL will be wired through to Battalion Headquarters. On completion of Patrol each Patrol Officer will report to Battalion Hqs. where he will write his report.

..... Major.
T/Commanding 20th. Battalion, A.I.F.

DISTRIBUTION, issued through Signals at 2.p.m.

Copy No. 1 to G.O.	No. 6 to 5th. A.I. Brigade.
2 O.C. "A" Coy.	7 Left Battalion.
3 O.C. "B" Coy.	8 Machine Gun Coy.
4 O.C. "C" Coy.	9 File.
5 O.C. "D" Coy.	10/12 War Diary.

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Headquarters,
6th. March, 1916.

INTELLIGENCE REPORT.

OPERATIONS.

The Battalion relieved the 41st. A.I.F. Battalion in the LE TOUQUET TRENCH SYSTEM, "A" Coy. in Front Line on RIGHT, "B" Coy. in Front Line on LEFT, while "C" Coy. took up RIGHT SUPPORT position and "D" Coy. LEFT SUPPORT.

The relief was carried out quietly and was complete by 10.p.m.

PATROLS. Two Patrols were sent out by 41st. Battalion to cover the relief of the Battalion.

No. 1 Patrol.

LEFT AT C.10.7. - C.10.b.82.90. at 7.p.m.

RETURNED C.10.5. - C.10.b.80.30.

PURPOSE To cover relief and reconnoitre ground.

CASUALTIES Nil.

INFORMATION. Everything quiet and enemy was not seen.

No. 2 Patrol - Consisting of 2 Hqrs. Scouts and 9 men.

LEFT AT C.48. - C.4.b.68.75. at 7.p.m.

RETURNED C.4.4. - C.4.d.90.95. at 9.30.p.m.

PURPOSE To cover relief and to reconnoitre.

CASUALTIES Nil.

INFORMATION Patrol left C.48. and proceeded to WHITE FARM and then along River Bank, rested at one spot and listened. Sounds were heard in the vicinity of UNKNOWN FARM U.29.c.42.10., SCREEN FARM C.5.b.50.40. Voices were heard frequently and a challenge (Halt, Wer da)

There was considerable Aeroplane activity. Sausage Lights and Search lights very prominent.

No. 3 Patrol. - Consisting of 1 Officer (Lt. Beattie) 15 O.Rs. and Lewis Gun.

LEFT AT WHITE FARM C.5.a.20.50. at 10.30.p.m.

RETURNED C.10.6. - C.10.b.82.50. at 1.30.a.m.

PURPOSE Patrol to visit TRAMWAY BRIDGE C.5.a.30.35. and to examine TRIP WIRE and MILLS' BOMB and if necessary to replace Bomb, will then work down to FRELINGHEIN ROAD.

CASUALTIES Nil

INFORMATION. The Patrol left WHITE FARM and visited BRIDGE and replaced TRIP WIRE and GRENADE across the approach, and then followed river to FRELINGHEIN ROAD, then came in at C.10.6. at 1.30.a.m.

No. 4 Patrol. - Consisting of 1 Officer (Lt. Anthon) 15 O.Rs. and Lewis Gun.

LEFT AT 1.C.16 - C.16.a.80.50. at 2.30.a.m.

RETURNED 5.C.10. - C.10.b.80.30. at 4.15.a.m.

CASUALTIES Nil.

INFORMATION The River was patrolled and everything quiet. The ground was found to be in a swampy condition. A small enemy party was working at C.11.d.9.4. with picks and shovels. Much coughing was heard at this point. At C.11.d.2.6. Coughing and talking was heard. At 4.a.m. an Aeroplane fired on FRELINGHEIN and two enemy M.G.'s. opened fire, one at C.11.d.7.5., and one at C.11.d.4.5.

TRENCH MORTARS. At 11.15.a.m. our 6" Mortars fired 10 shots on DURIEZ FARM C.5.d.20.95.

ENEMY ACTIVITY. During the night the following areas were shelled by 4.2., and 77.m.m. MOREKAU AVENUE, RESERVE FARM, KIWI STREET, MONMOUTH TRENCH, NORTH BLOCK, C.10.c.42.80., HALFWAY HOUSE, C.10.c.6.8., between 10.30.p.m. and 1.30.a.m. from the fire direction of UNKNOWN FARM and DURIEZ FARM.

MINEWERFERS. From UNKNOWN FARM U.29.c.42.10. a Mortar fired 20 shells on Post C.4.6. and 4 shells were fired from the direction of THE ARCHES C.11.a.55.20. on the MILK RUN. About 12.30.p.m. 12 Mine-erfer Bombs fell on KIWI STREET these came from the direction of the LAUNDRY.

ENEMY AEROSPLANE Were active over our lines during the following times:-
PLANES 10.30.a.m., 3.p.m. and 4.p.m. and were each time driven off by M.G. and A.A. fire.
ENEMY AEROSPLANE Were active during the night U.29.c.42.10., and at C.5.b.50.
MACHINE GUNS. 40.

ENEMY NEW WORK. Observed at C.11.b.17., and C.11.b.18. on CERTIFIED TRENCH.

WEATHER. Good weather prevalent and visibility high.

PATROL ARRANGEMENTS FOR NIGHT 6TH/7TH. MARCH, 1918.

Strength of Patrol.	Time and place of Departure.	Time and place of Return.	Instructions.	Password.
No. 1. Patrol. "C" Coy. 1 Off. 15 O.Rs. and Lewis Gun.	Post C.16.1. C.5.a.30.50. 6.p.m.	Post C.10.5. C.10.b.80.30. 9.p.m.	To patrol and reconnoitre ground thoroughly between places of departure and return.	SALMON.
No. 2 Patrol. "C" Coy. 1 Sergt., and 9 O.Rs.	Post C.10.7. C.10.b.8.9. 10.p.m.	Post C.10.3. C.10.d.25.85. 12.p.m.	To reconnoitre ground between places of departure and return.	SALMON.
No. 3 Patrol. "D" Coy. 1 Off. 15 O.Rs. and Lewis Gun.	WHITE FARM C.5.a.20.50. 2.30.a.m.	Post C.104. C.10.b.80.05. 4.30.a.m.	To reconnoitre ground between places of departure and return.	SALMON.

Above Patrol arrangements will be notified to all posts and others concerned before the departure of first Patrol. On completion of Patrol the Company will wire "DOROTHY". Patrol leaders will report to Battalion Hqrs. after return where they will write their reports. "STAND TO" will be at 5.30.a.m. "STAND DOWN" will be at 6.30.a.m. When Companies have "STOOD DOWN" the word "DAISY" will be wired to Battalion Hqrs.

R.M. Sade
..... Major.
T/Commanding 20th. Battalion, A. I. F.

DISTRIBUTION issued through Signals at 12 noon.

Copy No. 1 to C.O.	Copy No. 7 to Left Battalion.
2 O.C. "A" Coy.	8 5th. M.G. Coy.
3 O.C. "B" Coy.	9 Divisional M.G. Coy.
4 O.C. "C" Coy.	10/12 War Diary.
5 O.C. "D" Coy.	13 File.
6 5th. A.I. Brigade.	

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20th. Battalion, A. I. F.

Ref. Map. PONT ROGUE
1/10,000

Headquarters,
7th. March, 1918.

INTELLIGENCE REPORTPatrols.

No. 1 Patrol - Consisting of 1 Off. (2/Lt. Blair) 15 O.Rs. and L.G.

LEFT Post C.16.1 - C.16.a.80.50. at 6.p.m.

RETURNED Post C.10.5 - C.10.b.80.30. at 9.30.p.m.

PURPOSE To patrol and reconnoitre ground between points of going out and coming in.

CASUALTIES Nil

INFORMATION Nothing of note to report although the ground was thoroughly reconnoitred.

No. 2 Patrol - Consisting of 1 Sergt. (Sgt. Maynard) and 9 O.Rs.

LEFT Post C.10.4. - C.10.b.85.05. at 10.p.m.

RETURNED Post C.10.3. - C.10.d.20.35. at 12.p.m.

PURPOSE To patrol and reconnoitre ground thoroughly between points of departure and return.

CASUALTIES Nil

INFORMATION The patrol was carried out without hindrance and nothing was seen of the enemy.

No. 3 Patrol - Consisting of 1 Off. (Lt. Sharp) 15 O.Rs. and L.G.

LEFT WHITE FARM - C.15.a.20.50. at 2.50.a.m.

RETURNED C.11.b.92.68 at 4.50.a.m.

PURPOSE To patrol and reconnoitre ground between points of departure and return.

CASUALTIES Nil

INFORMATION Ground between the points was patrolled and enemy laughing and talking could be distinctly heard. Working parties were also heard. Brick fields are in a swampy condition, but the ground beyond, except for shell holes, is in fair order.

MORTARS. Our mortars were active at 2.45.p.m., 3.30.p.m. and 4.p.m. and did excellent shooting on LAUNDRY and T.M. Position at C.11.b.35.95. In all probability this T.M. was blown out as a direct hit was obtained and the piece has not been in action since.

WORKS. Working parties were active last night and the improvements as per works report were carried out on various parts of our sector.

AEROPLANES. Our 'planes were very active during the whole of the day and the enemies lines were continually patrolled and observed. At 4.p.m. one of our machines engaged a target in FRELINGHEIN with M.G.

ENEMY ACTIVITY.

ARTILLERY. Morning. - DESPIERRE FARM C.3.c.8.6. and NICHOLSON AVENUE in the vicinity of Farm were shelled by 77 m.m. between 10.15. a.m. and 10.35.a.m. True bearing 112 deg. from C.10.d.3.9. Between 10.10.a.m. and 10.25.a.m. KIMI STREET was shelled by 77 m.m. from the direction of TWIN FARM.

Afternoon. - Between 12.35 and 1.15.p.m. LE TOUQUET STATION was shelled by 4.2. True bearing of gun 93 deg. from TANCRES FARM C.9.c.12.12. At 1.45.p.m. LONG AVENUE was shelled by 4.2. True bearing 129 deg. from C.10.d.3.9. At 2.p.m. the same Gun again shelled LONG AVENUE. Between 3.30. and 5.p.m. LONG AVENUE, R.A.P., SURREY FARM were intermittently shelled by 4.2. True bearing 93 deg. from C.9.c.20.20.

ENEMY T.M.'s.

At 9.15., 10.25., 11.35.a.m. 11.40.a.m. Pineapple bombs were fired on various parts of our Left Sector from the direction of the LAUNDRY C.5.c.68.50. At 11.15.a.m. Light T.M. was active from C.5.b.20.25. At 11.40.a.m. 2 heavy Minenwerfer bombs fell near KIWI STREET fired from the direction of C.5.d.5.1. At 1.p.m. KIWI STREET was blown in by T.M. firing from C.11.b.35.95. At 2.p.m. area C.10.d.3.9. was shelled by heavy Minenwerfer from C.5.d.5.1.

M.GUNS.

At 9.25.a.m. enemy M.G.'s. were active from the LAUNDRY C.5.c.68.50. and ~~at~~ C.11.b. 1.4. During the night enemy guns were active from the LAUNDRY, ARCHES and FRELINGHEIN.

ENEMY MOVEMENT.

At 10.a.m. enemy observers were seen at C.11.c.50.55. 2 Men were seen observing from Trench at C.5.d.1.1. at 12.45.p.m. At 5.a.m. enemy transport was active in FRELINGHEIN and also at intervals throughout the night.

ENEMY 'PLANES.

Enemy planes were active over lines at different times during the day and at about 3.p.m. 4 planes dropped about 10 bombs in the vicinity of SCREEN AVENUE. The bombs were small about 10 lbs.

WEATHER.

The day was clear with high visibility giving excellent observation.

B. Sanford
..... Lieut.
A/I.O. 20th. Bn., A. I. F.

PATROL PROGRAMME FOR NIGHT 7TH/8TH. MARCH, 1918.

Ref. PONT ROGUE 1/10,000

Strength of Patrol.	Time and Place of Departure.	Time and Place of Return.	Instructions.	Password.
No. 1 Patrol. "D" Coy. 1 Off., 15 O.Rs. and Lewis Gun.	WHITE FARM C.5.a.20.50. 6.p.m.	Post C.10.4. C.10.b.30.05. 9.p.m.	This Patrol will visit Bridge at C.5.a.35.50., and Bridge at C.5.a.30.30. Report state of same, then work down River to C.10.4.	TROUT.
No. 2 Patrol. "D" Coy. 1 Sergt. and 9 O.Rs.	Post C.10.7. C.10.b.8.9. 10.p.m.	Post C.10.3. C.10.d.25.35. 12 midnight.	This Patrol will reconnoitre ground and River bank between places of Departure and Return.	TROUT.
No. 3 Patrol. "C" Coy. 1 Sergt Off., 15 O.Rs. and Lewis Gun.	Post C.16.1. C.16.a.30.50. 2.30.a.m.	Post C.10.5. C.10.b.30.30. 4.30.a.m.	This Patrol will reconnoitre ground and River bank between places of Departure and Return.	TROUT.

Above Patrol arrangements will be notified to all posts and others concerned before the departure of the first Patrol. When Patrol returns Companies will wire the word "MARTHA" through to Battalion Hqrs. Patrol Leaders will report to Battalion Hqrs after return, where they will write their reports. "STAND TO" will be at 5.30. "STAND DOWN" will be at 6.30 a.m. When Companies have "STOOD DOWN" the word "MARY" will be wired through to Battalion Hqrs.

R.M. Sader
..... Major.
T/Commanding 20th. Bn., A.I.F.

DISTRIBUTION, issued through Signals at 12 noon.

Copy No. 1 to C.O.	Copy No. 7 to 18th. Battalion.
2 O.C. "A" Coy.	8 5th. M.G. Coy.
3 O.C. "B" Coy.	9 22nd. M.G. Coy.
4 O.C. "C" Coy.	10 File.
5 O.C. "D" Coy.	11/13 War Diary.
6 5th.A.I. Brigade.	

APPENDIX 10

Ref. Map PONT ROGUE 1/10,000

Headquarters,
8th. March, 1918.

INTELLIGENCE REPORT

PATROLS.

- No. 1 Patrol consisting of 1 Off. (Lt. Burdus) 15 O.Rs. and Lewis Gun.
LEFT WHITE FARM C.5.a.20.50. at 7.p.m.
RETURNED Post C.10.4. - C.10.b.80.05. at 10.30.p.m.
PURPOSE To visit Bridges at C.5.a.30.50., and C.5.a.3.3. and to work down River Bank to Post C.10.4.
CASUALTIES Nil.
INFORMATION The Bridge which is at C.5.a.30.50. was found to be non-existent and had apparently been washed away. Bridge at C.5.a.3.3. was there but it is impassable owing to a large gap of about 15 feet in the middle of it. As far as could be seen there were no enemy sentries immediately near it. After examining the Bridge the Patrol worked down the River to Post C.10.4. which was reached at 10.30.p.m. River is normal, and no enemy was seen, but movement was heard in the vicinity of DURIEZ FARM. C.5.d.20.95.
- No. 2 Patrol consisting of 1 Sergt (Sergt. Welch) and 9 O.Rs.
LEFT C.10.7. - C.10.b.8.8. at 10.30.p.m.
RETURNED Post C.10.3. - C.10.d.2.9. at 1.15.a.m.
PURPOSE To patrol and reconnoitre ground between points of departure and return.
CASUALTIES Nil
INFORMATION The Patrol found a deep ditch about a 100 yards in front of wire, this was crossed by the Patrol through the swamp to the River. Owing to water the Patrol could not proceed along the River at this point so returned to find a suitable crossing place which was found about 100 yards from the River bank. From here the Patrol crossed over the road and returned via NAPOO. Transport and movement was heard to left and right in rear of FRELINGHEIN. Enemy was not encountered.
- No. 3 Patrol consisting of 1 Off. (Lt. Anthon, M.C.) 15 O.Rs. and L.G.
LEFT Post C.16.1. - C.16.a.80.51. at 2.30.a.m.
RETURNED Post C.10.5. - C.10.b.82.30. at 4.45.a.m.
PURPOSE To patrol ground between places of departure and return, and to inspect moat at C.10.d.6.3. Report on ~~stake~~ depth of water in the moat and to examine ditch running from C.10.d.9.3. to C.11.c.3.1.
CASUALTIES Nil
INFORMATION Report not yet complete.
- MORTARS Our "Pigs" were in action during the afternoon on targets in FRELINGHEIN.
- NEW WORKS New work and improvement were carried out according to programme, works report show good results.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. Morning - At 9.30.a.m. 77.m.m's. were shelling Left Battalion front, T.B. of Gun 96 deg. from C.4.a.95.45. At 10.3.a.m. to 10.15.a.m. MONMOUTH TRENCH was shelled by 4.2. T.B. 85 deg. from C.4.a.95.45. At 11.45.a.m. 4.2. shelled MONMOUTH and SUFFOLK TRENCHES T.B. 124 deg. from C.4.a.95.45. Between 10 and 11.45.a.m. areas C.10.c. and C.9.d. were strafed with 4.2. from the rear of FRELINGHEIN. R.A.P. C.9.d.37.27. and front line were shelled between 11.20. and 11.40.a.m. by 77.m.m's. from the rear of FRELINGHEIN. The same Gun shelled BARKENHAM AVENUE and CARTERS SWITCH at 11.45.a.m.

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ENEMY OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY - Afternoon. About 1.15.p.m. 6 - 4.2. shells fell about BARKENHAM, T.B. 134 deg. from C.10.c.9.9. Towards 3.35.p.m. enemy batteries on a T.B. of 134 deg. from C.9.c.9.9. opened fire on TANCREZ FARM, C.9.c.20.15., MOTOR CAR CORNER and some other positions to rear and right of us. These batteries fired continually for about 15 minutes.

Night - There was no artillery activity on our Sector after about 4.p.m. although enemy did counter battery work in rear of our sector after this time.

ENEMY T.M's. From 8.45 to 9.15.a.m. a large Minenwerfer fired from the VATS onto the Right Brigade sector. Pineapple thrower was active at intervals during the day from C.11.a.00.55. Between 4.30. and 5.30.p.m. heavy Minenwerfer bombs fell about C.10.2., C.10.3. from near FRELINGHEIN CHURCH - C.11.c.70.68.

ENEMY M.G's. At intervals during the day M.G's. were active on our planes from LAUNDRY, C.11.c.70.42., ARCHES, C.11.a.5.2. and FRELINGHEIN. At 10.p.m. M.G. firing on tracks through area C.10.d. from C.11.a.7.8. approximately. At 12.30.a.m. traversing along railway from junction of BARKENHAM and LONG AVENUE to AID POST. At 3.a.m. M.G's. were active at the VATS, C.17.a.3.8. and C.11.c.52.85.

ENEMY MOVEMENT. At 10.18.a.m. a man was seen leaving UNKNOWN FARM, U.29. a.45.155 Movement was seen at this place at the following times 12.30.p.m. 2.15., 3.15.p.m. At 11.58.a.m. a man seen observing at C.5.d.10.95. At 12.30.p.m. 2 men were seen at C.11.c.6.2. About 8.p.m. sounds of unloading iron were heard in the vicinity of DURIEZ FARM C.5.d.20.95. At 8.30.p.m. Light railway trucks were heard between DURIEZ FARM and the rear of FRELINGHEIN.

PLANES. At 10.35.a.m. 5 planes crossed our lines. At 3.15.p.m. enemy planes patrolled our lines.

BALLOONS. Two enemy balloons were up at 3.p.m. observing artillery shoots.

FLARES. Flares have been observed some distance in rear of enemies lines.

WEATHER Weather was fine throughout the day, haze hung over the landscape during the morning but cleared during the afternoon when visibility was high.

W. Banfield
..... Lieut.
A/I.O. 20th. Bn., - I. F.

Ref. Map PONT ROUGE
1/10,000

Headquarters,
9th. March, 1918.

INTELLIGENCE REPORT.

PATROLS.

No. 1 Patrol consisting of 1 Off. (Lt. Ayling) 15 O.Rs. and Lewis Gun
LEFT C.16.1 - C.16.a.80.50. 6.45.p.m.
RETURNED Post C.10.5. - C.10.b.8.7. at 9.58.p.m.
PURPOSE To patrol ground between places of departure and return.
CASUALTIES Nil
INFORMATION From C.16.1. the ground was patrolled to a point approximately C.16.b.90.30., the ground ~~it~~ was then reconnoitred to a hedge at C.16.b.1.5. direct angle at this point was then examined. From here the Patrol moved in a N.W. direction to C.10.d.55.15., scouted the ground towards river at C.10.d.9.1 from this point Patrol was unable to proceed any further on account of marshy nature of ground. The patrol moved moved to point C.10.d.55.15. and from here to C.10.d.65.50. at which point the water course was crossed. The ground in the vicinity of C.10.d.9.5. was marshy. Machine Gun fired at 3 different times in the vicinity of C.17.a.1.6. and 1 fired from C.11.a.6.2. A light was observed at 9.15.p.m. coming from a building at C.11.c.5.6. Most of the ground traversed was wet and beginning to freeze.

No. 2 Patrol consisting of 1 Off. (Lt. McColl) and 9 O.Rs.
LEFT Post C.10.6. - at 9.30.p.m.
RETURNED C.10.3. - C.10.d.25.35. at midnight
PURPOSE To patrol and reconnoitre ground between places of departure and return.
CASUALTIES Nil
INFORMATION The ground was patrolled between Posts C.10.5. and C.10.4. to the river and from here the Patrol moved to C.10.d.7.3. and reconnoitred ground between this point and the river. The ground generally was wet and commencing to freeze.

No. 3 Patrol consisting of 1 Off., 15 O.Rs. and Lewis Gun.
LEFT WHITE FARM - C.5.a.20.50. at 2.30.a.m.
RETURNED C.10.4. - C.10.b.80.05. at 5.545.a.m.
PURPOSE This patrol will go to the river bank about C.5.a.3.4. and lie and wait and obtain information about a German Patrol on opposite side of river, and report whether Patrol is regular or standing and place of departure.
CASUALTIES
INFORMATION Patrol Report not yet to hand.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. At 3.50.p.m. on a true bearing of 128 from C.10.c.9.9. area C.10.b. was subject to a bombardment for about 1 hour. From 2.30. to 3.p.m. a 5.9. bombardment of BARKENHAM AVENUE, C.10.a., and C.15.a. from the direction of Armentieres. At 7.40.a.m. NICHOLSON AVENUE was shelled by 4.2. from UNKNOWN FARM. At 8.50.a.m. 5, 4.2. fell on C.10.d. T.B. 105 from C.10.c.9.9., the same area was again shelled at 9.15 a.m. From 11.55. to 12.30. HOURLINES was shelled, T.B. 76 deg. from C.10.c.9.9. At 1.10.p.m. C.10.c.9.9. was shelled, T.B. 112 from this point. At 1.20.p.m. from a T.B. of 125 from C.10.c.9.9. CARELESS AVENUE and HALFWAY HOUSE was shelled. From 2.30. to 3.p.m. the Posts C.10.3., C.10.4., and C.10.5. were shelled, T.B. 93 deg. from C.4.a. 90.95. The same gun was active on LONG AVENUE and MONMOUTH TRENCH at 10.a.m.

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ARTILLERY. 4.2. contd.

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Areas U.27.c. and C.3.a. were shelled by 4.2. between 3.30 and 5.p.m. from the direction of FRELINGHEIN. From 7 to 7.25.p.m. the posts C.10.2., C.10.3., C.10.4., and BARKENHAM AVENUE were shelled and the sap damaged in 4 places.

77.m.m. guns. From 10 to 10.30.a.m. on a T.B. of 118 from C.10.c.9.9. MONMOUTH TRENCH, LONG AVENUE and KIWI were shelled. The same gun fired 40 shells on HALFWAY HOUSE, NORTH BLOCK, in C.10.c. area at 10.20.a.m. From 1.55. to 2.p.m. the same gun shelled HALFWAY HOUSE and KIWI STREET. From 11.a.m. to 12.30.p.m. C.9.d. - C.10.c. were shelled from a T.B. of 114 deg. from C.4.a.95.45. From 10.30 to 11.30.a.m. Posts C.10.2, C.10.3., C.10.4., C10.5. and C.10.6., were shelled from the direction of TWIN FARMS, the same gun shelled C.10.b., and C.15.a. between 2.30. and 2.40.p.m. This battery was active between 3.20. and 3.30.p.m. on C.9.d., C.15.a. C10.b., and Posts C10.4. C.10.5. and C.10.6. from 3 to 3.30.p.m. From 7 to 7.25.p.m. C.10.2., C.10.3., C10.4. Posts were shelled and the sap was ~~damaged~~ damaged in 4 places.

MINENWERFERS. At 8.a.m. 10 Light T.M. Bombs fell about C.10.2. coming from C.17.a.4.8. A heavy Minenwerfer at C.17.a.6.9. was active at 8.15.a.m. At 9.a.m. 7 heavy Minenwerfer bombs fell near BARKENHAM AVENUE from FRELINGHEIN. At 10.a.m. 5 Pineapple bombs, from C.11a.5.2., fell near C.10.c.9.9. This mortar was again active at 11.30. on BARKENHAM AVENUE.

MACHINE GUNS. A Gun at C.17.a.3.3. was active on our planes at 8.30.a.m. At 1.p.m. M.G. at C.11.b.1.4. and C.17.a.6.9. was active on our planes. At 3.20.p.m. one of our planes was engaged by M.G's. from C.17.a.5.7. At 1.15.p.m. a M.G. was active at C.11.a.5.5. At 5.20.p.m. Guns at C.11.a.55.15. and C.11.c.55.85. were active. M.G's. in the vicinity of C.11.c.5.5. were active on Posts C.10.2. and C.10.3. from 10 to 12 midnight.

ENEMY MOVEMENT. Movement was noticed at U.29.d.45.15. at the following times:- 7.56.a.m. 8.30. and 11.30.a.m.

ENEMY PLANES. At 11.48.a.m. an enemy plane was over our lines.

ENEMY FLARES. During our Art. shoot at 9.p.m. the usual white flare fired by the enemy were followed by two red flares, then by a large green flare turning to golden clusters. His Art. opened immediately. This was repeated at the commencement of the midnight bombardment.

WEATHER. The day was fine and visibility was very high.

R. B. B. B. Lieut.
A/E.O. 20th. Bn., A.I.F.

Strength of Patrol.	Time and place of Departure.	Time and place of return.	Instructions.	Password.
No. 1 Patrol. "C" Coy. 1 Off. 15 O.Rs. and Lewis Gun.	C.16.1. C16.a.80.50. 6.p.m.	Post C.10.5. C.10.b.80.30. 9.p.m.	This Patrol will reconnoitre ground between points of Departure and return.	WHITING.
No. 2 Patrol. "C" Coy. 1 Sergt. and 9 O.Rs.	Post C.4.d.8.2. 9.30.p.m.	Post C.10.3. C.10.d.25.85. 12 midnight.	This Patrol will reconnoitre ground between points of Departure and Return.	WHITING.
No. 3 Patrol. "D" Coy. 1 Off. 15 O.Rs. and Lewis Gun.	WHITE FARM C.5.a.20.50. 2.30.a.m.	Post C.10.4. C.10.b.80.05. 4.30.a.m.	This Patrol will go to River Bank about C.5.a.3.4. and lie and wait and obtain information about German Patrol on opposite side of river. Place of departure, whether Regular or Standing Patrol.	WHITING

The above Patrol arrangements will be notified to all posts and others concerned before departure of first Patrol. When Patrol returns Companies will wire "MINNIE" through to Battalion Hqrs. Patrol Leaders will report to Battalion Hqrs. after return where they will write their reports. "STAND TO" will be at 5.5.m. "STAND DOWN" will be at 6.15.a.m. When Companies have "STOOD DOWN" the word "MABEL" will be wired through to Battalion Hqrs.

K.M. Sade
Major.
Commanding 20th. Battalion, A.I.F.

DISTRIBUTION, issued through Signals at 11.30.a.m.

Copy No. 1 to C.O.
2 O.C. "A" Coy.
3 O.C. "B" Coy.
4 O.C. "C" Coy.
5 O.C. "D" Coy.
6 5th. A. I. Brigade.

Copy No. 7 to 18th. Battalion.
8 5th. M.G. Coy.
9 22nd. M.G. Coy.
10 File.
11/13. Diary.

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PATROL PROGRAMME FOR NIGHT 9TH/10TH. MARCH, 1918.

Ref. Map. POST ROGUE 1/10,000

Strength of Patrol.	Time and place of Departure.	Time and place of Return.	Instructions.	Password.
No. 1 Patrol. "B" Coy. . Off. 15 O.Rs. and Lewis Gun.	Post C.4.d. C.4.d.98.99. 7.p.m.	Post C.10.5. C.10.b.82.39. 10.p.m.	This Patrol will reconnoitre ground thoroughly from point of Departure to BRIDGE at C.11.a. Central, and BRIDGE at C.11.a.50. and also the ground in the vicinity of this area, which is not to be left before 9.p.m. after which time the Patrol will return via Post C.10.5.	HERRING
No. 2 Patrol. "B" Coy. . Off. 15 O.Rs. and Lewis Gun.	FORD HOUSE C.10.b.82.10. 8.p.m.	C.10.1. C.10.a.80.50. 11.p.m.	This Patrol will work down FRIEDLAND ROAD to River Bank and will examine all ground in the LOCALITY. It will then work down to MOAT and DITCH in C.11.c. and C.10.d. and will remain in this LOCALITY until 10.p.m. returning via C.10.1.	HERRING
No. 3 Patrol. "A" Coy. . Off. 15 O.Rs. and Lewis Gun.	Post C.10.1. C.10.a.80.50. 8.30.a.m.	Post C.10.7. C.11.b.82.92. DAWN.	This Patrol will reconnoitre ground thoroughly between points of Departure and Return, watching very closely MOAT and DITCH in C.11.c. and C.10.d. and the BRIDGES at C.11.50. and C.11.a	HERRING

The above Patrol arrangements will be notified to all posts and others concerned before the departure of first Patrol. When Patrol returns Companies will wire the word "AGNES" through to Bn. Hqrs. "STAND TO" will be at 8.30.a.m. "STAND DOWN" will be at 6.15.a.m. When Companies have "STOOD DOWN" the word "AGNES" will be wired through to Bn. Hqrs.

James Donald Mack
Lieut-Col.
Commanding 20th. Battalion, A. I. F.

DISTRIBUTION, issued through Signals at 12 noon.

Copy No. 1 to C.O.	Copy No. 7 to 18th. Battalion.
2 C.O. "A" Coy.	8 5th. M.G. Coy.
3 C.O. "B" Coy.	9 22nd. M.G. Coy.
4 C.O. "C" Coy.	10 File.
5 C.O. "D" Coy.	11/13 War Diary.
6 5th. A.I. Brigade.	

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Map Ref. PONT ROUGE
1/10,000

Headquarters,
10th. March, 1918.

INTELLIGENCE REPORT.

PATROLS. OPERATIONS.

There was an inter-company relief on night of 9/10th inst. "C" Coy. relieved "A" Coy. in the Right Sector of front line, and "D" Coy. relieved "B" Coy. in the Left Sector. "A" and "B" Coys. moved back into supports. The relief was carried out without interruption and was complete by 9.p.m.

PATROLS.

No. 1 Patrol consisting of 1 Off. (Lt. McGill) 15 O.Rs. and Lewis Gun.

LEFT C.4.4. - C.4.d.95.90. at 7.p.m.

RETURNED C.10.5. - C.10.b.82.30. at 10.p.m.

PURPOSE To thoroughly reconnoitre ground from point of departure ~~xxxxxx~~ to Bridge at C.11.a. central and Bridge at C.11.a.50.20. and the ground in the vicinity.

CASUALTIES Nil

INFORMATION Patrol moved from C.4.4. at 7.p.m down to the River bank. It encountered an enemy patrol of about 6 men in the vicinity of C.5.c. central about 8.p.m. They seemed to be coming towards Post C.4.4. The patrol was challenged, they then made towards the River and fired 5 shots in our direction. Our patrol moved forward again but could not find any sign of them. Our patrol then examined the approaches to the Bridges and saw nothing, the rest of the time was quiet.

No. 2 Patrol consisting of 1 Off. (Lt. J.B.M. Smith) 15 O.Rs. and L.G.

LEFT POND HOUSE - C.10.b.82.10. at 3.p.m.

RETURNED C.16.a.80.50. at 12.30.a.m.

PURPOSE To work down FRELINGHEIN ROAD to River Bank and to examine ground in the vicinity, then to work down to Moat and Ditch at C.11.c. and C.10.d. returning via C.16.1.

CASUALTIES Nil

INFORMATION During the Patrol shots were heard on the left, the Patrol stood by for a time but nothing further was heard. ~~xxxxxxx~~ Enemy was not seen in either Moat or Ditch and everything in that locality was quite normal.

No. 3 Patrol consisting of 1 Off. (Lt. Treacher) 15 O.Rs. and L.G.

LEFT C.16.1. - C.16.a.80.50. at 5.30.a.m.

RETURNED Post C.10.7. - C.11.b.82.92. at 6.a.m.

PURPOSE. Patrol to reconnoitre ground thoroughly between points of departure and return, watching very closely ~~xxxx~~ moat and ditch at C.11.c. and C.10.d. and the bridges at C.11.a.50.20. and C.11.a. central.

CASUALTIES Nil

INFORMATION Report not yet to hand.

WORKS. Works were carried out as per works policy.

MORTARS. About 4.p.m. our Heavy Mortars were active on targets in FRELINGHEIN.

AEROPLANES. Our planes were over enemy lines patrolling and fighting during the day and several times beat off enemy machines trying to cross our lines.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY As per log.

ENEMY OPERATIONS. At intervals during the morning a Pineapple thrower
 T.MORTARS. at C.17.a.6.8. was active on Posts C.10.2., C.10.3.,
 C10.4., C10.5., and C.10.6.

GAS. There was some Gas shells fired during the night and at 8.30.
 p.m., 10.p.m. and 1.a.m. SURREY HOUSE, WIDOWS HOUSE and SCREEN
 AVENUE were shelled about 20 shells fell in all.

M.G's. At 9.5.a.m. M.G. at C.11.a.55.15. active on our planes. At
 9.42.a.m. our planes brought M.G. fire from C.11.a.55.15.,
 C.11.c.55.85. These guns were again active at 10.20.a.m. and
 also at 12.15.p.m. At 5.p.m. M.G. at C.11.c.55.8.5. active.
 Guns at SOAP HOUSE, LAUNDRY, ARCHES were active at intervals
 during the night.

MOVEMENT. At 7.50.a.m. 1 man seen at U.29.d.5.1. and 3 men again at 10.a.
 m. At 9.37.a.m. man seen at C.5.a.4.6. At 4.37.p.m. 3 men
 were seen at U.29.d.5.1. At 5.25.p.m. a man crawling through
 ruins at C.11.c.75.25. at 5.p.m. smoke rising from C.11.c.8.9.

PLANES. Between 1.5.p.m. and 1.30. .m. 10 enemy aeroplanes tried to
 cross our lines but they were driven off. At 1.25.p.m. 2
 enemy planes patrolling our lines dropping smoke signals.

MISCELLANEOUS. At C.5.a.35.50. there is a small boat about 8 feet long
 with a round bottom, ~~fix~~ in the water quite close to the bank
 on the Hun side of the river.

WEATHER. The day was clear and visibility was high.

W. Bonfield Lieut.
 A/Int. Off. 20th. Bn. A.I.F.

20th. Battalion, A.I.F.

Ref., Map PONT ROGUE
1/10,000.

Headquarters,
11th. March, 1918.

INTELLIGENCE REPORT.

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PATROLS.

No. 1 Patrol consisting of 1 Off. (Lt. Treacher) 20 O.Rs. and L.G.
LEFT Post C.10.6. CROWN PRINCE FARM at 7.p.m.
RETURNED Post C.10.1. - C.10.d.30.50. at 11.p.m.
PURPOSE Patrol to go out and lie in wait for the enemy near Bridge head and approaches at C.11.a. Central, C.11.a.50. and C.11.a.90. and if enemy ~~attempts~~ attempts to cross let him do so with view to capture.

CASUALTIES Nil

INFORMATION. No Man's Land was quiet and no enemy Patrol attempted to cross the river.

No. 2 Patrol consisting of 1 Off. (Lt. Elkington) 15 O.Rs. and L.G.

LEFT ~~C.4.a. - C.4.b.60.70. at midnight.~~
RETURNED C.10.5. - C.10.b.30.30. at 3.10.a.m.
PURPOSE This Patrol to visit WHITE FARM C.5.a.20.50. and advance post at C.5.a.2.2., then to move down the river bank to C.5.a. and try and discover enemy patrol on opposite bank. From here to work to FREILINGHEIN ROAD.

CASUALTIES Nil

INFORMATION The Patrol moved from C.4.a. to WHITE FARM and then on to Post at C.5.a.2.2. where it remained for 20 minutes, it then moved across the Brickfield to C.5.a.50. where it remained from 1.a.m. to 2.15.a.m. It then moved in a Southerly direction to C.11.a.6.3. where it turned and followed our own wire to Post C.10.7. The weather was very misty and the ground firm. No enemy M.G. fire was met with. Enemy traffic was heard at UNKNOWN FARM and in FREILINGHEIN. No enemy was seen but 2 were heard calling to one another on other side of river at C.5.a.5.4.

ENEMY FIRE Nil

No. 3 Patrol consisting of 1 Off. 15 O.Rs. and L.G.

LEFT C.16.1 - C.16.a.30.50. at 3.a.m.
RETURNED C.10.7.
PURPOSE To Patrol and reconnoitre ground thoroughly between points of departure and return, watching closely Moat and Ditch at C.11.c. and C.10.d. and Bridges at C.11.a.5.0. and C.11.c.45.90. and then to move to C.10.7.

CASUALTIES

INFORMATION. Patrol not yet returned.

WORKS. General improvement of trenches and Com. saps occupied most of the time of working parties. Works Report attached.

MORTARS. About 1.p.m. our 6" Mortars fired on targets in FREILINGHEIN, and about 3.p.m. the "Pig" was active on the same locality.

AEROPLANES. Our planes were very busy during daylight hours and worried the enemy very much, they were continually strafed by M.G's. and A.A.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. As per log.

MORTARS Pineapple thrower active from FREILINGHEIN, active on C.10.7., to C.4.2. during the morning. Minenwerfer at the VATS active at 8.30.a.m. from C.17.a.35.80.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

M.G'S.

At 7.45, 8.25., 8.50. and 10.10.a.m. M.G's. at C.11.c. 55.85., C.11.a.55.15., and C.11.c.5.4. were active. At 11.18.a.m. 2.10.p.m. M.G's. at C.11.c.8.7. and C.11.c. 5.4. were active on planes. At 4.50.p.m., 5.20.p.m. and 5.37.p.m. M.G's. at C.17.a.4.8., C.11.c.85.25., C.5.a.1.1., C.5.c.70.45., were active on our planes. At intervals during the night M.G's. at C.5.a.1.1. and C.5.c.70.45. were active on our front.

MOVEMENT.

~~Our~~ Enemy working parties in FRELINGHEIN were dispersed at 6.30.a.m. by Artillery fire. At 6.p.m. enemy were seen near CEYLON FARM carrying revetting or building material.

AEROPLANES.

Enemy planes were over during the day but were very high up.

WEATHER.

The day was fine but very hazy and in consequence of this visibility was not high.

R. B. B. B. Lieut.
A/Int. Off. 20th. Bn., A.I.F.

Enemy Artillery. At 4.45.a.m. this morning Enemy artillery bombarded our front line and support positions about BARKENHAM AVN., LONG AVN., WIDOWS HOUSE., SURREY FARM and Subsidiary Line using 77.m.m's., 4.2's., 5.9's. and Gas shells. Heavy Minenwerfers were also used on parts of the front line. Bombardment lasted until 5.30.a.m.

HOSTILE SHELLING.

11th. March, 1918.

Duration	Direction	Calibre	Locality and what area in that locality.	Nature e.g. barrage destructive etc.	Results.	Remarks as to effect, etc.
8.30. to 9.a.m.	85 deg T.B. from C.4.a. 95.45.	4.2's.	C.15.b.	Harrassing.		
9 to 9.20.a.m.	DURIEZ FARM	77.m.m.	KIWI STREET	do		
10 to 10.45.a.m.	94 deg T.B. from C.10.d. 1.7.	4.2's.	CARTERS FARM C.10.d.	Destructive.		About 46 shells fell
10.30. to 10.45 a.m.	83 deg. T.B. from C.10.2.	do	NAPPOO and LONG AVENUE.	do		
10.a.m. to 11 p.m.	PRELINGHEIN	77.m.m.	C.15.a. and C.15.b.	Harrassing.		
11 to 11.5.p.m.	TWIN FARM.	do	C.15.b. central.	do		
2.25 to 2.40.p.m.	94 deg T.B. from C.4.d.1. 7.	4.2's.	CARTERS FARM.	Destructive.		
2 to 2.15.p.m.	TWIN FARMS.	77.m.m.	MOTOR CAR CORNER C.14.b.	Harrassing.		Apparantly registering for Barrage fire.
3.54 to 4.10 p.m.	94 deg. T.B. from C.10.d. 1.7.	4.2's.	C.10.1. and C.10.d.	Destructive.	Post C.10. 1 blown in.	Apparently preparing for barrage fire.
3.55.p.m.	114 deg. T.B. from C.10.d. 20.95.	77.m.m.	Post C.10.1.		Post damaged	
6.3. to 6.58.p.m.	94 deg. T.B. from C.10.d. 1.7.	4.2's.	CARTERS FARM C.10.d.	Destructive.		
6.15 to 6.50.p.m.	East of Armentieres.	5.9's.	BARKENHAM AVN.	do	Trench blown in.	Apparently preparing for barrage fire.
8.p.m. to 8.20.	do	do	do	do	do	About 40 shells.

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Strength of Patrol.	Time and Place of departure.	Time and place of return.	I NSTRUCTIONS.	Password.
No 1 Patrol "A" Coy. 1 Off (Lt Treacher) 20 o.r's and Lewis Gun.	C.10.6 CROWN PRINCE FARM. 7 p.m.	C.10.1. C.10.d.20.30.	The Patrol to go out and to lie and wait near BRIDGE HEADS and approaches at C.11.a. central C.11.a.50 C.11.c.45.90 and if enemy attempts to cross, let them do so and then open on them. Time of Return at discretion of Officer after 11 p.m.	"GARFISH".
No 2 Patrol. "B" Coy. 1 Off 15 O.R's and Lewis Gun.	C.4.8. C.4.b.60.70 at 12 p.m.	C.10.5. C.10.b.80.30 3 a.m.	This Patrol to visit WHITE FARM and ADVANCED POST at C.5.a.2.2. then to move to RIVER BANK at C.5.a.50 and to wait and try and discover enemy Patrol on opposite BANK. The Patrol then to move down RIVER to FRELENGHEIN ROAD and return by POST C.10.5.	"GARFISH".
No 3 Patrol. "A" Coy. 1 Off 15 o.r's and Lewis Gun.	C.16.1. C.16.a.80.50 at 3 a.m.	C.10.7 C.10.b.82.92. Dawn.	Patrol to reconnoitre ground thoroughly between points of departure and return, closely watching MOAT & DITCH in C.10.d. & C.11.c. and Bridges at C.11.a central C.11.a.50. C.11.c.45.90 and then to move to C.10.7.	"GARFISH".

and others

The Patrol arrangements will be notified to all POSTS/concerned before the departure of first Patrol. When Patrol returns, Coy's will wire the word "ALICE" to B.H.Q. NOTE. Written reports to be furnished by O.C Patrol checked and forwarded through O.C. Coy to B.H.Q immediately on completion of Patrol. "STAND TO" will be at 5.15 a.m "STAND DOWN " at 6.15 a.m.. Report code word "AMY".

DISTRIBUTION, issued through Signals at 1 p.m.
Copy No 1 to C.O. Copy No 7 to 18th Battn
2 O.C "A" Coy 8 5th M.G.Coy
3 O.C "B" Coy 9 22nd M.G.Coy
4 O.C "C" Coy 10/12 War Diary.
5 O.C "D" Coy
6 5th A.I.Bde.

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.....Lieut-Col.,
Commanding 20th Battalion.A.I.F.

PATROL PROGRAMME FOR NIGHT 11/12TH. MARCH, 1918.

Ref. Map PORT ROGUE 1/10,000

APPENDIX 19

Strength of Patrol.	Time and place of Departure.	Time and place of Return.	Instructions.	Password.
No. 1 Patrol. 1 Off. 15 O.Ss. and Lewis Gun. B "A" Coy.	C.4.4. C.4.d.98.80. 7.p.m.	C.10.4. C.10.b.80.85. 10.p.m.	This Patrol will visit Bridges at C.11.a. Central, C.11.a.50., and C.11.c.45.90., and will reconnoitre ground between point of Departure and Return.	LOBSTER.
No. 2 Patrol. 1 Off. 15 O.Ss. and Lewis Gun. H "B" Coy.	C.4.8. C.4.b.63.80. 12 midnight.	C.10.7. C.10.b.8.9. 5.a.m.	This Patrol will make a thorough reconnaissance of ground between points of Departure and return.	LOBSTER.
No. 3 Patrol. 1 Off. 15 O.Ss. and Lewis Gun. B "C" Coy.	C.16.1. C.16.a.8.8. 5.a.m.	C.10.6. C.10.b.85.55. DAWN.	This Patrol will reconnoitre ground between points of Departure and return, closely watching MOAT and DITCH in C.10.d. & C.11.c. & C.11.e. and bridges at C.11.c.40.80., C.11.a.80. and C.11.a. Central returning via C.10.6.	LOBSTER.

The Patrol arrangements will be notified to all Posts and others concerned before the departure of first Patrol. On return of Patrol Companies will wire the word "ALICE" to Battalion Hqs. NOTE. Written reports to be furnished by O.C. Patrol, checked and forwarded through O.C. Company, to Battalion Hqs. Immediately on completion of Patrol. "STAND TO" will be at 8.15.a.m. "STAND DOWN" at 6.15.a.m. Report to Battn. Hqs in code word "AMY".

..... Lieut. Col.
Commanding 20th. Battalion, A. I. F.

DISTRIBUTION, issued through Signals at 12 noon.

Copy No. 1 to C.O.	Copy No. 7 to 18th. Battalion.
2 O.C. "A" Coy.	8 5th. B.C. Coy.
3 O.C. "B" Coy.	9 22nd. B.C. Coy.
4 O.C. "C" Coy.	10/12 War Diary.
5 O.C. "D" Coy.	
6 5th. A.I. Brigade.	

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Headquarters,
12th. March, 1918.

INTELLIGENCE REPORT.

PATROLS.

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No. 1 Patrol (Special) consisting of 1 Off. (Lt. Winkworth), 1 Sgt, and 12 O.Rs. left

LEFT C.15.b.10.45. at 6.20.a.m.

RETURNED C.15.b.10.45. at 8.55.a.m.

PURPOSE To inspect bridges on Right flank in 21 C. and D. and to get into touch with the Battalion on right.

CASUALTIES. Nil

INFORMATION The Railway Bridge and other bridges in 21 C. and D. are in good condition. The patrol got into touch with the Right Battalion which had lost one of its forward Posts but everything otherwise was correct. They were subjected to a heavy bombardment and all telephonic communication was broken. Their most forward Left Post is at C.17.c.30.85. and they desire our Platoon at LYS FARM to fire across this flank if S.O.S. is fired from HOUPLINES.

No. 1 Patrol consisting of 1 Off. (Lt. Elkington) 15 O.Rs. and L.G.

LEFT C.4.4. - C.4.d.95.90. at 7.30.p.m.

RETURNED C.10.4. - C.10.b.80.05. at 10.15.p.m.

PURPOSE. This Patrol to visit Bridges at C.11.a. central, C.11.a. 50. and C.11.c.45.90. and to reconnoitre ground between points of departure and return.

CASUALTIES. Nil.

INFORMATION. The Patrol left trench at Post C.4.4. and moved Southward to C.11.a.7.3., it then moved to the vicinity of Post C.10.6. where most of the Patrol remained. From here the Officer and 3 others went to Bridge at C.11.a. Central, whilst at this point they heard sounds of coughing about the N.W. corner of THE ARCHES. The Patrol then moved to FRELINGHEIM ROAD C.11.a.15.10. & from there to Post C.10.4. It then worked down the FRELINGHEIM ROAD to C.11.d.35.90. and viewed the Bridge by the light of an enemy flare. The stonework appeared to have been destroyed and the Bridge useless for traffic. Enemy M.G. fire frequent from the direction of DURIEZ FARM and FRELINGHEIM. Sounds of Light vehicles and handling of iron were heard at C.11.d.8.9.

No. 2 Patrol consisting of 1 Off. (Lt. McGill) 15 O.Rs. and L.G.

LEFT C.4.8. - C.4.b.68.80. at 12 midnight.

RETURNED C.10.7. - C.10.b.8.9. at 3.a.m.

PURPOSE. To thoroughly reconnoitre ground between points of departure and return.

CASUALTIES Nil

INFORMATION The Patrol left C.4.8. and patrolled down to Post C.10.7. nothing unusual occurred during the Patrol and it returned to C.10.7. at 3.a.m.

No. 3 Patrol consisting of 1 Off., 15 O.Rs. and L.G.

LEFT C.16.1. - C.16.a.8.5. at 3.a.m.

RETURNED C.10.6. - C.10.b.85.55. at 6.30.a.m.

PURPOSE This Patrol will reconnoitre ground between points of departure and return closely watching Moat and Ditches in C.10.d. and C.11.c., and the Bridges at C.11.c.40.90. C.11.a.50., and C.11.a. central.

CASUALTIES.

INFORMATION. Patrol reports not yet to hand.

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WORKS. During the past 24 hours work of rebuilding the trenches and clearing blocks in them has been carried out.

ENEMY OPERATIONS. At 4.45.a.m. the enemy put down a heavy Artillery barrage on Right Brigade sector, and on our Right Sector. Our trenches in C.10.d. were badly damaged and the support positions and communication saps were also subjected to bombardment, LONG AVENUE and BARKENHAM AVENUE being blown in in a few places. During the bombardment the enemy raided No. 6 Post of the 15th. Welsh, at C.17.c.45.10. and the Support Post at 24.C.22.b.99. at 4.50.a.m. with the result that 1 M.G. and 4 men are missing, 10 wounded and 3 killed. Artillery of 77 m.m., 4.2., and 5.9. calibre and Minenwerfers of all calibres were used in the bombardment.

ENEMY ARTILLERY - as per Log.

MORTARS. Heavy Minenwerfers situated at C.11.c.70.85. (first house east of FRELINGHEIN CHURCH), THE VATS, and C.11.d. Central were active on C.10.d. and Posts in this area from 4.45 to 6.p.m. Light Minenwerfers were active at the same time on the same area from FRELINGHEIN.

ENEMY M.G's. At 7.50 and 8.35.a.m. M.G's. at C.11.a.55.15. and C.17.a.4.8. were active. At 9.15, 9.22., and 11.a.m. M.G's. at C.11.a.55.85. and C.17.a.4.8. were active. At 5.5.p.m. enemy M.G's at C.11.c.8.3. and C.11.a.4.8. were active on our planes. Guns at DURIEZ FARM and FRELINGHEIN were active at intervals during the night.

GAS. Between 8 and 9.p.m. enemy put Gas shells on 18th Battalion sector, and on batteries to rear of our position. A light wind carried some of this gas on to our sector.

ENEMY AEROPLANES. Enemy planes were over our lines at 1.50., 3.30., and 5.5.p.m.

ENEMY MOVEMENT. At C.11.c. constant hammering was heard during the day, this was reported from two sources. At 5p.m. a man seen walking at U.29.d.5.1. Enemy working parties were seen at UNKNOWN FARM, THE ARCHES and FRELINGHEIN.

FLARES. It is reported from 2 sources that Red, green and golden flares were used on our left about 10.40.p.m.

MISCELLANEOUS. ~~ENEMY~~ Camouflage observed at U.29.d.45.25.

H. Sanfield
..... Lieut.
A/ Int. Officer 20th. Bn., A.I.F.

HOSTILE SHELLING.

12th. March, 1918.

Duration	Direction	Calibre	Locality, and what area in that locality.	Nature e.g, barrage destructive etc,	Results.	Remarks as to effect, etc.
4.55. to 6.30.a.m.	East of Armentieres	5.9's.	C.10.d. - Posts	Barrage and destructive.	Saps blown in.	Enemy raid on right.
do	FRELINGHEIN & DEULMEMONT	4.2's.	C.10.1./C.10.3. C.10.d. Posts C.10.1. to C.10.3. BARKENHAM, LONG AVN., SURREY FARM, TANCREZ FM., & STATION.	do	60 yards of Barkenham Avenue blown in, and Long Avenue blown in in 2 places.	
do	FRELINGHEIN.	77.m.m.	do	do		
2.8. to 2.45.p.m.	DEULMEMONT.	4.2.	Station, Barkenham Avn.	Destructive.	2 yards of	Barkenham Avenue damaged.
9.25.p.m.	do	4.2.	Suffolk Avenue, near Fridham.			1 Shell.
10.30.p.m.	East of Armentieres.	5.9's.	Long Avenue, C.15.b.			

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PONT ROGUE 1/40,000

Headquarters,
13th. March, 1918.

INTELLIGENCE REPORT.

PATROLS.

No. 1 Patrol. ----- Cancelled.

No. 2 Patrol consisting of 1 Off. (Lt. Oliver) 15 O.Rs. and Lewis Gun.
LEFT C.10.1. - C.10.d.20.20. at 12 midnight.
RETURNED C.10.6. - C.10.b.35.55. at 3.10.a.m.
PURPOSE To patrol between points of Departure and Return and to watch Bridges at C.11.a. Central and C.11.a.50.

CASUALTIES

INFORMATION

Nil.
Enemy M.Gun was firing from C.11.a.30.65. Talking was also heard from the same quarter.

WIRE. Wire in front of Post C.10.5. has been cut by shell fire and is very thin in places.

No movement was seen on or near the Bridges.

No. 3 Patrol consisting of 1 Off. 15 O.Rs. and Lewis Gun.

LEFT

C.4.3. - C.4.b.65.80. at 3.a.m.

RETURNED

C.10.4. - C.10.b.80.05. at 6.35.a.m.

PURPOSE

To visit WHITE FARM and Post at C.5.a.2.2., from there moving to River Bank at C.5.a.50. and try and discover strength of enemy patrol on opposite bank of River. Returning by Post C.10.4. watching closely the vicinity of Bridges.

CASUALTIES.

INFORMATION.

This Report not yet to hand.

N.B. Owing to Projector Gas attack at 8.30.p.m. No. 1 Patrol was not sent out.

MACHINE GUNS. Our Vickers Guns, which were firing on FRELINGHEIM during the night interfered with working parties in that village, for frequently, when the guns opened fire work ceased immediately.

WORKS.

Work of rebuilding and re-making Trenches was carried out during the past 24 hours. Works report attached.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

Artillery and Mortars have been dropping a number of shells and bombs in No Man's Land in front of Post C.10.1 and C.10.2., Artillery activity as per log.

MORTARS.

From 10. to 10.50.a.m. a Light T.M. near C.11.a.75.75. was firing on Posts C.10.1. and C.10.2. Heavy Minenwerfers fired from C.11.c.86.80., C.11.c.90.50. on C.10.d. and HALFWAY HOUSE - C.10.c.6.8. from 2.30. to 3.30.p.m.

M.GUNS.

At C.11.a.60.16., C.11.c.50.85., and C.11.a.60. Machine Guns were active at 9.5., 9.30., 10.10., and 11.a.m. At 2.15.p.m. Machine Gun at C.17.a.4.5. was active. At 3., 4.50., and 6.p.m., 7.10.p.m. Machine Guns at C.17.a.4.5 C.11.a.85.15. and C.11.a.3.7. were active.

GAS.

From 7.30 to 10.p.m. Sneezing Gas shells and Lachrymatory Gas were fired on the front line from the direction of DURLEY FARM and FRELINGHEIM.

AEROPLANES.

During the afternoon, about 5.p.m., a patrol of seven enemy planes tried to pass over our lines but they were turned back by A.A. and M.G. fire.

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ENEMY OPERATIONS:

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BALLOONS. An enemy captured balloon broke from its moorings about 4.p.m. and drifted into our lines where it was brought down by one of our planes.

FLARES. On our right flares were fired frequently about 7.30.p.m. Single Very lights, star shells, and chain lights were used. Nothing unusual followed.

MISCELLANEOUS. Gas Rattlers were heard in enemy lines between 4 and 5. a.m. when our Artillery was shelling. One of the missing men from the Right Battalion who was captured in the raid on the 11th. inst, returned yesterday. He was lost for a day in No Man's Land and states that the Hun raiding party was between 2 and 3 hundred strong.

WEATHER. Weather was fine and excellent for observation.

W. B. D. D.
..... Lieut.
A/Int. Officer 20th. Bn., A.I.F.

HOSTILE SHELLING.

13th. March, 1918.

Duration	Direction	Calibre	Locality and what area in that locality.	Nature e.g. barrage destructive etc.	Results.	Remarks as to effect, etc.
10 a.m. 10.30 a.m. to 10.35 a.m.	T.B. 115 from C.15.b. 1.5.	77 m.m. 4.2 1/2 s.	SUFFOLK AVENUE - C.3.b. C.15.a.	Registering.		
10.30 a.m.	E. of Armentieres	5.9.	C.B. control.	Destructive.		
11.30. to 12.15. 12.35 p.m.	PERLINGHEIM. T.B. 122. C.4.a.95.42.	77 m.m. 4.2.	C.3.c. RODMOUTH TRENCH.	Registering. do		
3.15. to 3.45 p.m. 4.15 p.m.	E. of Arm. T.B. 133 C.4.a.45.	5.9. 77 m.m. 4.2.	Batteries. do BARKENHAM AVN.	Destructive. Harassing. Destructive.		
3.40 p.m.	T.B. 93 C.10.c.3.6.					Tramline broken in 2 places.
4 p.m.	FARM DU CHASTEL.	77 m.m. 4.2.	C.22.a.			
6.35 p.m. 7 p.m.	do UNKNOWN FARM	do do (Gas)	LE TOUQUET STATION. FLAX ALLEY.	Harassing. Registering.		Telephone wire cut.

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20th. Battalion, A.I.F.

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PATROL PROGRAMME FOR NIGHT 12/13TH. MARCH, 1918.

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Strength of Patrol.	Time and place of Departure.	Time and place of Return.	Instructions.	Password.
No. 1 Patrol. "A" Coy. 1 Off. 15 O.Rs. and Lewis Gun.	C.16.1. C.16.a.8.5. 7.30.p.m.	C.10.7. C.10.b.8.9. 10.30.p.m.	To patrol ground between C.16.1. and C.10.7. and report on state of wire in vicinity of forward Posts C.10.4., C.10.5., and C.10.6.	OYSTER.
No. 2 Patrol. "A" Coy. 1 Off. 15 O.Rs. and Lewis Gun.	C.10.1. 12 midnight.	C.10.6. C.10.b.35.55. 3.a.m.	To patrol ground between points of Departure and Return, watching closely the Bridges at C.11.a. central and C.11.a50.	OYSTER.
No. 3 Patrol. "B" Coy. 1 Off. 15 O.Rs. and Lewis Gun.	C.4.8. C.4.b.65.80. 3.a.m.	C.10.4. C.10.b.80.05. DAWN.	This Patrol will visit WHITE FARM and Post C.5.a.2.2., and from there will move to River Bank at C.5.a.50. and try and discover strength of enemy patrol on opposite bank of River, returning by Post C.10.4., keeping a good watch on ground in the vicinity of Bridges.	OYSTER.

Above Patrol arrangements will be notified to all Posts and others concerned before the departure of first Patrol. On return of Patrol Companies will wire word "ADELAIDE" through to Battalion Hqrs.

NOTE. Written reports to be furnished by O.C. Patrol, checked and forwarded through O.C. Company., to Battn. Hqrs. Immediately on completion of Patrol.

"STAND TO" will be at 5.30.a.m. "STAND DOWN" at 6.30.a.m. Stand down will be reported to Bn. Hqrs. by code word "SYDNEY".

This programme is SECRET, AND IS NOT TO BE TAKEN BEYOND COY. HQRS.

..... *A. R. Smith* Lieut. Col.
Commanding 20th. Battalion, A.I.F.

DISTRIBUTION, issued through Signals at 12 noon.

Copy No. 1 to C.O.	Copy 4 to "C" Coy.	Copy 7 to 18th. Battn.
2 O.C. "A" Coy.	5 "D" Coy.	8 5th. M.G. Coy.
3 O.C. "B" Coy.	6 5th. A.I. Bgde.	9 22nd. M.G. Coy.
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DEFENCE SCHEME.

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12 March 1918.

THE TOUQUET SECTOR.

1. The Battalion boundaries of the Right Battalion are, from FARM DE LYS on the South at C.15.d.00.30 to C.5.a.3.9. on the North.
2. The front line system is divided in to 2 sectors, each held by 1 Company in the front line and a Company in Supports in rear. Inter-Company boundary is from C.10.b.9.7. to the junction of MONMOUTH TRENCH and LONG AVENUE, at C.4.c.7.3.
3. The front line is held by a number of posts, most of which are connected and which are to consist of not less than 15 men. Posts are as follows:
 - Post C.16.1. at C.16.a.30.50. Lewis Gun.
 - Post C.10.1. at C.10.d.12.43. Lewis Gun.
 - Post C.10.2. at C.10.d.10.30.
 - Post C.10.3. at C.10.d.25.95. Lewis Gun.
 - Post C.10.3a at C.10.4.20.20.
 - Post C.10.4. at C.10.b.30.10. Lewis Gun.
 - Post C.10.5 at C.10.b.7.5.
 - Post C.10.6. at C.20.b.35.55. Lewis Gun.
 - Post C.10.7. at C.10.b.6.9. Lewis Gun.
 - Post C.4.1. at C.4.d.30.30.
 - Post C.4.2. at C.4.d.73.72.
 - Post C.4.3. at C.4.d.80.36. Lewis Gun.
 - Post C.4.4. at C.4.d.82.92.
 - Post C.4.5. at C.4.b.40.35. Listening Post at night.
Moves to C.5.a.2.2.
 - Post C.4.6. at C.4.b.7.5. Lewis Gun.
 - Post C.4.8. at C.4.b.65.86.
 - WHITE FARM C.5.a.20.55. Lewis Gun.
4. The Support Line ^{of a number of Supporting} consists of points which are shown on the accompanying sketch. These points are manned by a section from each Platoon with the exception LYS FARM which is manned by a full Platoon. In the case of a Counter Attack being ordered by the Support Companies, the Garrison of the Support position will remain in their position and act as rallying points. The Supporting points are:-

No.1. LYS FARM	C.15.d.25.75	1 Platoon with Lewis Gun.
2. Junction LONG AV & BARKENHAM AVENUE	C.9.d.62.40	1 Section Riflemen.
3. Between HORSE KAU and NAPOO	C.10.a.30.40 C.10.a.30.60	1 Section Lewis Gun.
4. Tactical Reserve WIDOW'S SWITCH	C.9.d.47.15 to C.9.d.70.36	1 Platoon Lewis Gun.
5. MONMOUTH & LONG AV	C.4.c.77.35	1 Section Lewis Gun. Riflemen.
6. MONMOUTH TRENCH T	C.4.a.18.80	1 Section Lewis Gun.
7. FORT PAUL	C.4.a.22.66.	1 Section Lewis Gun.
8. FLAX ALLEY	U.23.c.40.37	1 Section Riflemen.
5. In the event of a raid on one of the Posts of the front line, an immediate Counter Attack will be delivered by Posts on the flank, preferably from No-Mans-Land.
6. Companies in Support will be prepared to Counter attack immediately any portion of the front line is occupied by the enemy.
7. 1 Officer from each of the Support Companies will be detailed permanently to take command of four Company Supporting points. He will be responsible in conjunction with the N.C.O in charge of Supporting point for the collection of all men coming from the front line and to organise the defence of the Support line in the case of an attack, also for its upkeep.

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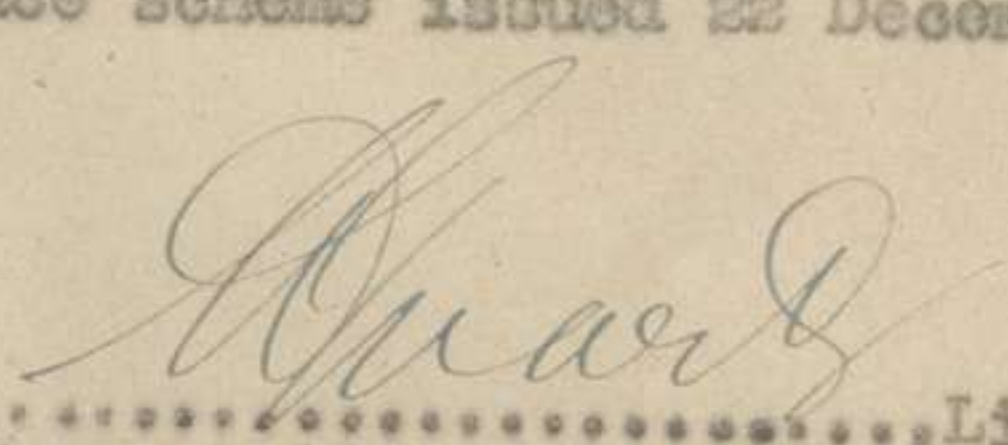
8. Active patrolling of the River Bank by battle Patrols is to be carried out after dusk and before dawn. Each portion of the front is to be covered by a Patrol twice during the night.
9. The Corps Front has been extended.
In the event of ARMENTIERES being threatened or taken, Right Support Company will send out Battle Patrols to guard Bridge Heads at C.21.c.14.20: C.21.c.11.96: C.21.d.40.50 until Company of "C" Battalion stationed at LE BIZET is able to take up its position.
10. "C" Battalion will send out 3 Platoons and Lewis Guns and take up positions guarding Bridges at C.21.c.14.20: C.21.c.11.96: C.21.d.40.50.
"C" Battalions Company at LE BIZET will supply these Platoons.
11. LYS FARM Platoon will then be withdrawn and will take up a position in STRONG POINT on high ground at C.15.c.8.9.
12. All men on duty in Trenches at night will wear greatcoats over their equipment.
13. Each Post will store in adry place a complement of 5 bombs per man.
14. Company Headquarters are situated:-

Right Front Line Coy	C.10.c.3.6.
Right Support Coy	C.15.b.1.5.
Left Front Line Coy	C.4.a.9.6.
Left Support Coy	C.3.b.90.25.
Left Coy Adv H ¹ Qrs	C.4.d.7.8.
15. Dumps are situated at:-

<u>Rations.</u>	1. SURREY FARM	C.9.d.20.40
	2. LONG AVENUE	C.10.a.22.40
	3. MONMOUTH & LONG Av	C.4.c.76.40
	4. GUNNERS FARM	C.2.d.25.20
<u>Ammunition Dumps.</u>		
	1. 4 Company H ¹ Qrs.	
	SURREY FARM	C.9.d.20.40
	SEVEN TREES AV	C3.c.50.55
	Brigade Dump at	
	TANGREZ FARM	C.9.c.10.15.

This order cancels previous defence scheme issued 22 December 1917.

ACKNOWLEDGE.


.....Lieut & Adjt,
20th Battalion, A.I.F.

DISTRIBUTION issued through signals at 6 p.m.

Copy No.1. to C.O.
2 O.C, "A" Coy.
3 O.C, "B" Coy.
4 O.C, "C" Coy.
5 O.C, "D" Coy.
6 17th Battalion.
7 5th A.I.Bde.
8 File.
9/11 War Diary.

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Headquarters. 12th. March, 1918.

ADMINISTRATIVE MEMO NO.3.

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1. BILLETS. 1 N.C.O. from Headquarters, "C", "B" and "D" Coys. will report to Lieut. K.E. LOHAN at 12 noon on 13th. inst. at 20th. Battalion Transport Lines, Le ROSSIGNOL Camp, to act as Billeting Party.
2. RATIONS. Battalion Quartermaster will arrange to have a hot meal ready for the men on arrival at Billeets.
3. TRANSPORT. Transport Officer will arrange for a Limber to collect Lewis Guns at 9.30.p.m. at junction of Gunners ~~Road~~ Farm Road and Rabaque Avenue, where they will be dumped in charge of Sgt. Clark and No. 1 of each Gun.
Transport Officer will also arrange to collect Officers' Kits, Mess Gear, Orderly Room, Camp Kettles (other than "A" Coys.) which will be dumped at the following points by 6.30.p.m.
Headquarters. At Headquarters' Ration Dump.
Left Coys. At RESERVE FARM.
Right Coys. At SURREY FARM.
4. GUM BOOTS. Gum Boots are on charge to the Battalion and will NOT be handed over to the incoming Unit, but will be taken out by the men. On arrival at new billeets, Gum Boots will be washed and handed over to Coy. Q.M.S.
A return showing number of Gum Boots on hand will be submitted to B.O.R. by 9.a.m. on 14th. inst., and in the event of any shortage those responsible will be required to pay for same.
5. REPORT. Arrival at new billeets will be advised to Battalion Headquarters by runner.
6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

..... Lieut.
Adj. 20th. Battalion, A. I. F.

DISTRIBUTION, issued through Signals
at 11.p.m.

Copy No. 1 to C.O.
2 O.C. "A" Coy.
3 O.C. "B" Coy.
4 O.C. "C" Coy.
5 O.C. "D" Coy.
6 Quartermaster.
7 Transport Officer.
8 File.
9/11 War Diary.

30TH. BATTALION, A.I.F.SECRET.Reference Maps:-

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ORDER NO. 14.

Headquarters, 13th March, 1918.

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- RELIEF.** 1. (a) The 30th. Battalion, A.I.F. will be relieved by the 17th. Battalion, A.I.F. in the right sub-sector of the line on 13th. and night of the 13/14th. March, 1918.
- (b) On relief the Battalion will occupy billets previously occupied by 17th. Battalion at LE ROSIER Camp, Sheet 36., B.18.d.8.9. (Excepting "A" Company.)
- (c) "A" Company will, on relief, proceed to LE BIST and take over the orders of the Company of the 17th. Battalion, at present quartered there for the defence of the Armentieres Bridges. O.C. "A" Company, together with 1 Officer or Sergeant per Platoon, will reconnoitre the position on the morning of the 13th. inst. Ammunition Dumps will be taken over and O.C. "A" Company will make mutual arrangements concerning tools.
- GUIDES.** 2. Post Guides will be provided for the relieving Companies at Company Headquarters. O.C. "A" Company and reconnoitring party will meet Guides from 17th. Battalion LE BIST Company at MOTOR CAR CORNER at 9.a.m.
- RECEIPTS.** 3. Receipts will be prepared in quadruplicate of all trench stores, Maps, Defence Schemes and Works Policies, one copy of which will be handed to the relieving Unit and three copies to Battalion Headquarters by 10.a.m. on the 14th. inst.
- REPORT.** 4. Completion of relief will be wired to Battalion Headquarters in code.
- COMMAND.** 5. On completion of relief command will pass to O.C., 17th. Battalion, A.I.F.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

Charles
 Lieut.
 Adj. 30th. Bn., A. I. F.

DISTRIBUTION, issued through Signals at 11.p.m.

Copy No.	1 to	O.C.
3		O.C. "A" Coy.
3		O.C. "B" Coy.
4		O.C. "C" Coy.
5		O.C. "D" Coy.
6		17th. Battalion.
7		13th. Battalion.
8		5th. A.I. Brigade.
10/12.		War Diary.
9		File.

20TH. BATTALION, A.I.F.

PATROL ARRANGEMENTS FOR NIGHT 13/14.1918. MARCH, 1918.

COPY NO. 5

Ref. Map WEST ROAD 1/40,000

APP 27

Strength of patrol.	Time and place of departure.	Time and place of return.	Instructions.	Assessment.
No. 1 Patrol. "A" Coy. 1 Off., 15 Mts. LG	Post C.10.1. C.10.1.8.5. 7.50.p.m.	Post C.10.6. 8.30.p.m.	To patrol No. 1's land and cover relief of Battalion.	L1014
No. 2 Patrol. "B" Coy. 1 Off., 15 Mts. LG	Post C.10.5. 7.50.p.m.	Post C.4.8. 8.30.p.m.	To patrol No. 2's land and cover relief of Battalion.	L1014

Above patrol arrangements will be notified to all Posts and others concerned before the departure of first patrol. Patrol leaders will hand their reports in at 17th. Battalion Headquarters en route to billets.

NOTE. SECRET NOT TO BE TALKED BEYOND COMPANY HEADQUARTERS.

A. Dennis
..... Lieut. Col.
Commanding 20th. Battalion, A. I. F.

DISTRIBUTION, issued through Signals at 8.p.m.

- Copy No. 1 to C.O.
2 C.O. "A" Coy.
3 C.O. "B" Coy.
4 C.O. "C" Coy.
5 C.O. "D" Coy.
6 5th. A.I. Brigade.
7 17th. Battalion.
8 18th. Battalion.
9 5th. M.G. Coy.
10 22nd. M.G. Coy.
11/13 War Diary.

APPENDIX

20th. Battalion, A.I.F.

DISPOSITION REPORT.

Ref. HOURLINES
36.2.2. 1/10,000.

Headquarters, 13th. March, 1918

APP 28

RIGHT FRONT LINE COMPANY.

Post C.16.1. at C.16.a.23.50.	Lewis Gun.	9 O.Rs.
C.10.1. C.10.d.12.42.	Lewis Gun.	9
C.10.2. C.10.d.10.30.		9
C.10.3. C.10.d.25.95.	Lewis Gun.	10
C.10.3a. C.10.b.23.20.		7
C.10.4. C.10.b.30.10.	Lewis Gun.	10
C.10.5. C.10.b.73.30.		10
C.10.6. C.10.b.65.55.	Lewis Gun. 1 off	13
COY. HQRS. C.10.c.3.6.	4 off	14
HALFWAY HOUSE C.10.c.3.8.		20
	Total	5 off. 117 O.Rs.

LEFT FRONT LINE COMPANY.

Post C.10.7. C.10.b.93.90.	Lewis Gun.	11 O.Rs.
C.4.1. C.4.d.33.30.		10
C.4.2. C.4.d.73.72.		11
C.4.3. C.4.d.80.86.	Lewis Gun.	11
C.4.4. C.4.d.82.92.		8
C.4.5. C.4.b.40.15.		
(Listening Post. At night this Post moves out (to C.5.a.2.2.)		
C.4.6. C.4.b.73.50.	Lewis Gun	13
C.4.3. C.4.b.33.30.		9
C.5.1. WHITE FARM.		
C.5.a.20.55.	Lewis Gun.	16
COY. HQRS. C.4.a.9.6.	3 off	34
ADV. COY. HQRS. C.4.d.7.8.	2	12
	Total	4 144

RIGHT SUPPORT COMPANY.

SUPPORTING POINTS.

No. 1 LYS FARM.	C.15.d.25.75.	1 Platoon, Lewis Gun.
2 Junction of LONG & BARKENHAM AVENUES.	C.9.d.62.40.	1 Section of Riflemen.
3 LONG AVENUE, between HORE KAU & NAPOO.	C.10.a.30.60.	1 Section, Lewis Gun.
4 WIDOWS SWITCH.		
Tactical Reserve.	C.9.d.47.15. to C.9.d.50.36.	1 Platoon, Lewis Gun.

GARRISONS. - LEFT SUPPORT COY.

No. 1 LYS FARM.	C.15.d.25.75.	1 off. 26 O.Rs.
2 Junction of LONG AVN. with BARKENHAM AVENUE.	C.9.d.62.40.	1 off. 26 O.Rs.
3 LONG AVENUE, between HORE KAU & NAPOO.	C.10.a.10.20. to C.10.a.30.60.	1 off. 31 O.Rs.
4 WIDOWS SWITCH.	C.9.d.47.15. to	1 off. 38 O.Rs.
Tactical Reserve.	C.9.d.70.36.	
COY. HQRS. - BARKENHAM AVN.	C.15.b.1.5.	1 off. 22 O.Rs.
	Total	5 off. 143 O.Rs.

Disposition Report Contd. 2.

LEFT SUPPORT COMPANY.
SUPPORTING POINTS.

No. 5	LONG AVENUE & BONMOUTH TRENCH.	C.4.c.77.35.	1 Section of Bombers.
6	BONMOUTH TRENCH. T.3.	C.4.a.18.20.	1 Section, Lewis Gun.
7	BONMOUTH TRENCH, FORT PAUL.	C.4.a.22.60.	1 Section, Lewis Gun.
8	FLAX ALLEY.	U.28.c.40.37.	1 Section of Riflemen.

GARRISONS.

BONMOUTH TRENCH.	C.4.a.50. to C.4.c.35.95.	2 Offs. 64 O.Rs.
FLAX ALLEY.	U.28.c.30.12. to U.28.c.41.12.	1 Off. 35 O.Rs.
FRIDHAM AVENUE.	C.3.b.90.25.	2 Off. 10 O.Rs.
COY HQS.		
		<hr/> Total 5 Offs. 109 O.Rs.

P. Danfield
..... Lieut.
A/Int. Officer 20th. Bn., A.I.F.

20TH. BATTALION, A.I.F.LIST OF DUMPS IN THE BATTALION AREA.

Ref. Map PONT ROGUE
1/40,000.

Headquarters,
13th. March, 1918.

AMMUNITION DUMPS.RIGHT.

Right Coy. Headquarters.	C.10.c.3.6.
HOPE KAU.	C.10.a.30.20.
HORE KAU.	C.10.a.50.
HALFWAY HOUSE.	C.10.c.6.8.
Right Support Coy. Hqrs.	C.15.b.1.5.
BRIGADE DUMP.	
TANCRED FARM.	C.9.c.10.15.
SURREY FARM.	C.9.d.20.40.

LEFT.

Left Coy. Headquarters.	C.4.a.90.60.
Left Coy. Adv. Hqrs.	C.4.d.7.8.
Left Support Coy. Hqrs.	C.3.b.90.25.
FLAX ALLEY.	U.28.d.45.20.
SEVEN TREES AVENUE,	C 3 c 50 55
GUNNERS FARM.	C.3.c.50.55. C 2 d 25 20

RATION DUMPS.

SURREY FARM.	C.9.d.20.40.
LONG AVENUE.	C.10.a.22.40.
MONMOUTH & LONG AVENUES.	C.4.c.76.40.
GUNNERS FARM.	C.2.d.25.20.

APPENDIX 29

20th. Battalion, A.I.F.

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Headquarters,
16th. March, 1918.

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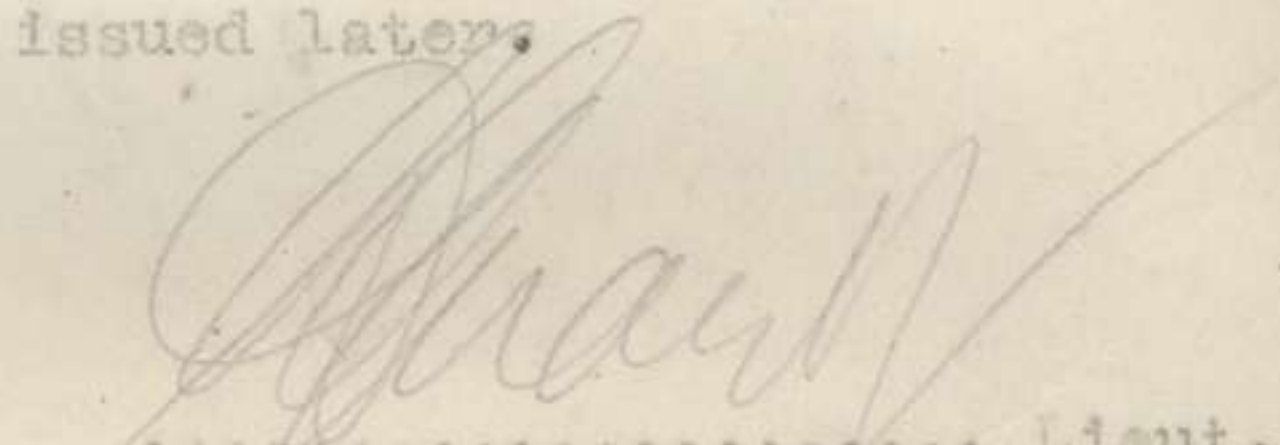
"A" Company.

APP 29

"A" Company will move each night at dusk to SEVEN TREES AVENUE where it will be under the immediate orders of the C.O., "A" Battalion as Counter-attacking troops, ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ and will remain there until "STAND DOWN" the following morning. "STAND DOWN" orders will be issued by O.C., "A" Battalion.

Relief order will be issued later.

ACKNOWLEDGE.


 Lieut.
 Adj. 20th. Bn., A. I. F.

DISTRIBUTION, issued through Signals
at 4.p.m.

Copy No. 1 to O.C. "A" Copy.
2/4 War Diary.

ORDER NO. 16.

Headquarters,
18th. March, 1918.*Apr 30*

1. "C" Company, 20th. Battalion, A.I.F. will relieve "A" Company, 20th. Battalion, A.I.F. in LE BIZET on the night 18/19th. March, 1918.
2. "C" Company will move from Le ROSSIGNOL Camp, at dusk, to SEVEN TREES AVENUE, by shortest route, where it will be under the immediate orders of C.O., "A" Battalion as counter-attacking troops, and will remain there until "STAND DOWN" the following morning. "STAND DOWN" orders will be issued by the C.O., "A" Battalion, after which "C" Company will move to the billets vacated by "A" Company in LE BIZET.
3. Instructions as per para. 2 will be carried out nightly.
4. Officers' Kits, Mess gear and men's blankets (which are to be rolled in short bundles of 10) will be dumped on road in front of Battalion Canteen by 5.p.m., and will be conveyed to LE BIZET by Battalion Transport. Transport Officer will arrange for the return from LE BIZET of "A" Company's gear.
5. "A" Company will arrange for all Lewis Gun Panniers in their possession to be dumped at the Aust. Comforts Fund Coffee Stall, under an N.C.O., by 6.30.p.m. They will be handed over to "C" Company en route to SEVEN TREES AVENUE.
6. "A" Company will move from LE BIZET and return to billets at Le ROSSIGNOL Camp, when "C" Company has cleared the Coffee Stall Corner.
7. "A" and "C" Companies will each send an Officer to take over their respective new billets.

Quaid
 Lieut.
 Adj. 20th. Bn., A.I.F.

DISTRIBUTION, issued through signals
 at 12 noon.

Copy No. 1 to O.C. "A" Coy.
 2 "C" Coy.
 3 Transport Officer.
 4 File.
 5/7 War Diary.

20th. Battalion, A.I.F.ORDER NO. 17.COPY NO. *13*

Ref. Maps.

Sheet 28 SW 1/20,000
Sheet 36 NW 1/20,000Headquarters,
19th. March, 1918.

1. (a) The 20th. Battalion, A.I.F. will move from LE ROSSIGNOL CAMP by march route and relieve the 25th. Battalion, A.I.F. at KORTEPYP "B" on the 21st. March, 1918.
- (b) "A" Company will pass the starting point (O.C.'s. billet) at 9.15.a.m. followed by "B" Company with an interval of 10 minutes.
- (c) "C" Company immediately on the "STAND DOWN" order being received from O.C., "A" Battalion, on the morning of the 21st. March, 1918 will proceed by march route direct to KORTEPYP "B".
- (d) "D" Company will relieve by 9.30.a.m. on the 20th. March, 1918 the Working Party of the 27th. Battalion, A.I.F. attached to the 184th. Tunnelling Company and will be engaged in the construction of dugouts and billeted in the CATACOMBS.
Details of relief will be mutually arranged by O.C.'s. concerned.
- (e) No. 1 Platoon of the Brigade Works Company will proceed direct to the CATACOMBS and rejoin "D" Company on the morning of the 21st. March, 1918 clearing TANGHEZ FARM by 5.30.a.m., moving in small parties via PLOEGSTEERT.
- (f) The following nucleus garrisons at present manned by the 25th. Battalion, A.I.F. on the Left Sector of the Corps Line will be relieved by the personnel detailed below who will report to O.C., Nucleus Garrison (Lieut. Cameron) with all gear at 8.30.p.m. on the 21st. March, 1918 in "D" Coy's. late lines.

No. 11 Post U.21.d.55.30.	1 N.C.O., 4 men., 1 L.Gun.	"A" Coy.
12 Post U.21.b.60.40.	1 Off., 1 N.C.O., 4 men., 1 L.Gun.	"A" Coy.
13 Post U.16.c.05.50.	1 N.C.O., 4 men., 1 L.Gun.	"A" Coy.
14 Post U.16.a.00.40.	1 N.C.O., 4 men., 1 L.Gun.	"A" Coy.
15 Post U.15.d.15.40.	1 N.C.O., 4 men., 1 L.Gun.	"B" Coy.
16 Post U.14.c.90.60.	1 N.C.O., 4 men., 1 L.Gun.	"B" Coy.
17 Post U. 9.d.20.70.	1 N.C.O., 4 men., 1 L.Gun.	"B" Coy.
18 Post U.15.d.70.80.	1 N.C.O., 4 men., 1 L.Gun.	"D" Coy.
19 Post U. 9.c.70.65.	1 N.C.O., 4 men., 1 L.Gun.	"D" Coy.
20 Post U.14.a.70.60.	1 Off., 1 N.C.O., 5 men., 1 L.Gun.	"D" Coy.
21 Post U. 8.c.50.60.	1 N.C.O., 4 men., 1 L.Gun.	"D" Coy.

Left Section

Hqrs.	U.16.a.00.40.	1 Off., 1 N.C.O., 9 men., and	"D" Coy.
		Sn. Lewis Gun Offr.	

Parties for the nucleus garrisons will consist of Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4 of Lewis Gun teams, and will remain in camp from the time the Battalion moves in the morning until time to move into the Corps Line. Relief will be carried out by daylight as far as possible and will be completed by 7.p.m.

The establishment of Ammunition to be maintained at each of the above Posts is:-

S.A.A.	12,000 rounds.	Grenades No 5.	60.
Grenades No 23.	60.		

This ammunition will be taken over from the 25th. Battalion, A.I.F.

2.

The Battalion Transport will clear lines at present occupied by them by 9.45.a.m. on the 21st. March, 1918 and will occupy lines in the new camp.

3.

Trench stores, Maps, Defence Schemes, Aeroplane photographs and Works Policies, will be handed over and receipts obtained; copies will be forwarded to Battalion Hqrs. by noon on the 22nd. March, 1918.

4. Administrative arrangements will be issued separately.
5. Completion of respective reliefs will be reported to Battalion Headquarters.
6. ACKNOWLEDGE.



..... Lieut.
 Lt. 25th. Battalion, A.I.F.


DISTRIBUTION, issued through Signals
 at 8 p.m.

Copy No.	1	to	C.O.
	2		O.C. "A" Coy.
	3		O.C. "B" Coy.
	4		O.C. "C" Coy.
	5		O.C. "D" Coy.
	6		5th. A.I. Brigade.
	7		25th. Battalion,
	8		Transport Officer.
	9		Quartermaster.
	10		Lieut. Cameron.
	11		2/Lieut. Morgan.
	12		File.
	13/15		War Diary.

Headquarters,
20th. March, 1918.

ADMINISTRATIVE MEMO. No. 16.
Issued in conjunction with Order No. 17.

1. BILLETS. Lieut. K.I. McMillan, 2 N.C.O.'s. from Hqrs (one of whom will billet for "C" Coy.) and 1 N.C.O. each from "A" and "B" Coy. will proceed to the new camp by 7.30.a.m. on the 21st. March, 1918 as Billeting Party. Lieut. McMillan will report to Major J.H. McDonald, M.C. before the arrival of the Battalion.
2. BLANKETS. All blankets will be neatly rolled in short bundles of 10, securely labelled and placed ~~outside~~ inside Cooks' hut at the entrance to Battalion Hqrs. by 8.45.a.m. Officers' Mess gear and baggage will be packed by 8.45.a.m. Hqr. Officers gear will be dumped at B.O.R.
3. TRANSPORT. Transport Officer will arrange for the following:-
To return Cooker, all Officer's Kit, Mess gear and men's blankets of "C" Company from LE BIZET on the night 20/21st. March, 1918 and convey same direct to the new camp. One limber will be available at 6.30.a.m. on 21st. March, 1918 at COFFEE STALL CORNER, LE BIZET to collect "C" Coys. Lewis Guns and Panniers. One limber will report to O.C., Brigade Works Company at TANCREZ FARM at 4.30.a.m. on 21st. March, 1918 and collect blankets and Officer's gear of the 20th. and 17th. Battalions Works' Platoons. The former Platoon's gear will be conveyed to "D" Coy. at the CATACOMBS, the latter platoons to KORTEPYP "A".
4. QUARTER-MASTER. Arrangements will be made for a hot meal for "C" Coy. on arrival at the new camp, also for conveyance of "C" Coys. packs.
5. CERTIFICATES. Certificates will be rendered to B.O.R. by 9.a.m. on 21st. March, 1918 that all Billets in the camp area have been left in a clean and sanitary condition.
6. A C K N O W L E D G E.


..... Lieut.
Adjt. 20th. Battalion, A.I.F.

DISTRIBUTION, issued through Signals
at 12 noon.

Copy No. 1 to C.O.
2 O.C. "A" Coy.
3 O.C. "B" Coy.
4 O.C. "C" Coy.
5 O.C. "D" Coy.
6 Transport Officer.
7 Quartermaster.
8 File.
9/11 War Diary.

20TH. BATTALION, A.I.F.

APPENDIX

31

ORDER NO. 18.

COPY NO. 10

Apr 31

Headquarters,
24th. March, 1918.

1. The 20th. Battalion, A.I.F. will relieve the Nucleus Garrisons of the 57th. Battalion, A.I.F. in the 2nd. Zone of the MESSINES Sector on the night 25/26th. March, 1918.
This relief will be carried out by "B" Company, and will be completed by 4.a.m. on 26th. March, 1918.
2. "A", "C" and "D" Companies will occupy WULVERGHEM Camp, Block "A".
3. Transport and Q.M. arrangements will be as per Brigade Administrative Memo. No. 36 issued.
4. The Nucleus Garrisons referred to are at present manned by one complete Company, and consist of the following Supporting Points:-

<u>Name of Post.</u>		<u>Garrison.</u>
S.P.	1.U.9.	1 N.C.O. and 8 men.
"	1.U.3.	do
"	2.U.3.	do
"	3.U.3.	do
"	4.U.3.	do
"	5.U.3.	Not occupied.
"	1.O.33.	1 N.C.O. and 8 men.
"	2.O.33.	do
"	3.O.33.	do
"	4.O.33.	do

Coy. Headquarters is at O.32.d.7.3.

5. Guides will meet the incoming Garrisons at 7.45.p.m. on the 25th. inst. at 8th. Aust. Inf. Bgde. Hqrs. - T.O.c.6.3.
6. For Administrative arrangements see Battalion Routine Orders of even date.
7. Completion of relief will be reported to Battalion Hqrs. by wire.
8. ACKNOWLEDGE.

..... Lieut.
Adj. 20th. Bn., A. I. F.

DISTRIBUTION, issued through Signals at 10.30.p.m.

Copy No. 1 to C.O.
 2 O.C. "A" Coy.
 3 O.C. "B" Coy.
 4 O.C. "C" Coy.
 5 O.C. "D" Coy.
 6 Transport Officer.
 7 Quartermaster.
 8 5th. A.I. Brigade,
 9 57th. Battalion.
 10 File.
 11/13 War Diary.

20TH BATTALION A.I.F. APPENDIX 32

DISPOSITION REPORT.

26 March 1918.

Reference Sheet 28 S.W. & S.E.

APP 32

The 20TH BATTALION relieved the NUCLEUS GARRISON of the 57th Battalion A.I.F. in the second zone of the HESSINES SECTOR on the night of 25/26 March 1918. The relief was carried out by "B" Coy and was complete by 9.30 p.m.

The following are the complete dispositions of the Battalion.

"B" Coy in NUCLEUS position.		O. O.R.
S.P. 1.u.9.	U.9.b.66.83 Bayonet and Rifle	8
1.u.3.	U.3.d.93.10. Lewis Gun	8
2.u.3.	U.3.c.90.60 Bayonets and Rifles	8
3.u.3.	U.3.b.05.25 Bayonets and Rifles	8
4.u.3.	U.3.b.12.60 Lewis Gun	8
5.u.3.	U.3.b.21.90 Bayonet and Rifles	8
1.o.33	0.33.d.35.28 Lewis Gun	8
2.o.33	0.33.d.34.60 Bayonet and Rifles.	8
3.o.33	0.33.d.05.88 Lewis Gun	8
4.o.33	0.33.b.73.12. Unoccupied.	
Coy H'Qrs.	0.33.d.70.30	3 11
	T.5.d.90.80	1 60
		<u>4.134.</u>
"A" Coy, WULVERGEM CAMP.		
	T.5.d.28.70 and locality	3 166
"C" Coy, WULVERGEM CAMP.		
	T.5.d.9.8.	4 143
"D" Coy, WULVERGEM CAMP.		
	T.5.d.90.80 and locality	4 155
Headquarters WULVERGEM CAMP		
	T.5.d.90.30	9 61
Transport and Quartermaster Store.		
		2 33
Reinforcement Camp.		
		<u>5 131</u>

.....Lieut.,
I.O. 20th Battalion A.I.F.

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20TH BATTALION.A.I.F.

Ref MapSheet
28 S.W. & S.E.

AMENDED DISPOSITION REPORT.

27th January 1918.

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The remainder of "B" Coy which was stationed at WULVERGHEM Camp at T.5.d.90.80, moved up to the second zone, MESSINES Sector and relieved the Garrisons of 4 posts which were held by the 4th Battrn. A.I.F. The relief was carried out on the night 26/27th March 1918. The following are the dispositions:-

Post 1.0.26.	at 0.26.d.8.1.	Riflemen.	0.	c.rs.
2.0.26	0.26.d.5.5.	do		7
3.0.26	0.26.b.2.1.	do		7
4.0.26	0.26.b.5.2.	do		7
Left Half Coy H'Qrs.	0.26.a.7.8.			7
			2	12
			2.	40.

Posts 1.0.26 and 2.0.26 return at dawn to Coy H'Qrs.
Posts 3.0.26 and 4.0.26 return at dawn to dugouts at 0.26.a.35.78.

Blanchfield
.....Lieut.,
I.O. 20th Battalion.A.I.F.

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APP. 32

Headquarters,
30th. March, 1918.

- Lieut.
Adj. 20th. En., A. I. F.

Copy No. 1 to C.O.
2 ✓ "A" Coy.
3 ✓ "B" Coy.
4 ✓ "C" Coy.
5 ✓ "D" Coy.
6 ✓ Relieving Unit.
7 ✓ 5th. A.I. Bgde.
8 ✓ Lieut. McMillan.
9 File.
10/12 War Diary.

20TH. BATTALION, A.I.F.NUCLEUS GARRISONS - TABLE "A".

<u>Post and Location.</u>	<u>Strength.</u>	
	<u>O.</u>	<u>O.Rs.</u>
Post 1.0.26. - 0.26.d.8.1.		7
Post 2.0.26. - 0.26.d.5.5.		7
Post 3.0.26. - 0.26.b.2.1.		7
Post 4.0.26. - 0.26.b.5.2.		7
Left Half Coy.		
Headquarters. 0.26.a.7.8.	2	12
Posts 1.0.26 and 2.0.26 return at dawn to Coy. Headquarters.		
Posts 3.0.26 and 4.0.26 return at dawn to dugouts at 0.26.a.35.75.		
S.P. 1.U.9. - U.9.b.06.83.		8
S.P. 1.U.3. - U.3.d.03.10.		8
S.P. 2.U.3. - U.3.c.90.60.		8
S.P. 3.U.3. - U.3.b.05.25.		8
S.P. 4.U.3. - U.3.b.12.60.		8
S.P. 5.U.3. - U.3.b.21.90.		8
S.P. 1.0.33 - 0.33.d.35.28.		8
S.P. 2.0.33 - 0.33.d.34.60.		8
S.P. 3.0.33.- 0.33.d.05.88.		8
S.P. 4.0.33.- 0.33.b.73.12.		8
Coy. Headquarters. - 0.32.d.70.30.	3	11
T.5.d.90.80.	1	50
	Unoccupied.	

1st March.

Weather very cold. Snow. Usual Stable Routine for the day. Received word from Capt. Ronald. Sports Meeting 5th Inf Brigade. That owing to state of the weather the C.O.C. inspection & Sports meeting was cancelled. Afternoon devoted to loading of Wagons etc ready for move following day. Battalion Rations drawn from Rail Road & delivered to Engrs. G.M. Staff & Section paid at 3rd office.

2nd March.

Left Bagnone at 9 am with the following transport 9 Limbs, 1 Water Cart & 2 Supply Wagons. Also 4 Pack Horses on Route for Penrose. Halted for lunch at 12 noon for 1 hour. Arrived at Penrose at about 4 pm. Comfortable Bldgs for men. No accommodation for Horses or Vehicles at Bldgs. Wagons & Horses parked in Road for the night. Weather exceptionally cold & very strong wind. Snow fell heavily late in the afternoon, a very heavy trip for both men & Horses.

3rd March.

Weather cold & foggy. Horses fed, watered, & groomed. Section moved off at 9 am en route for Strazelle area. Section inspected on Road by Lt. Col. Manning D.S.O. 2nd Divisional Train Commander. Spent Sat. with transport in General. Halted for 1 hour at 12 noon for lunch near Haydock. Arrived at Strazelle area about 4.30 pm. Accommodation good all round.

4th March.

Weather cold but bright. Horses watered, fed & groomed. moved off at 9 am on Route for forward area. Arrived at Viccars Lines about 1.30 pm. which Camp was found to have been left in a pretty condition, by a Battalion of the 3rd Division. Several hours spent cleaning Huts & Lines, before they were in a fit condition for transport to be accommodated for the night. Several Battalion jobs completed with, Remainder of Transport consisting of 4 Water Carts, 1 Water Cart, 1 Malten & 1 other Cart. which travelled for Railway from Hammers to Strazelle arriving about 4 pm & joining Section. Now completed without any casualties. Condition of roads very good considering state of weather (5th March.)

Usual Stable Routine weather cold & bright. Left Viccars Lines at 8 am & moved into Le Rossignol a distance of about 400 Yds. Took over from 1st Battalion 3rd Division Lines & Bldgs in a very unsatisfactory condition. Saw Relics of last Line Transport from Dump, moved Gear required by 1 Battalion to Nation Dumps in forward area. Collected 1st Battalion Gear from Line & returned same to Le Rossignol Camp Lines. Roads in good condition all things nil.

6th March.

Weather fine. Usual Stable Routine for day. Battalion Rations drawn by 1st Line Transport from Dump. Other Battalion jobs completed with. Day spent in cleaning up Bldgs & Camp in general & in repairing Stables at 5.30 pm. Rations delivered to Battalion in Line. Shelling on Road nil.

7 March.

Weather Bright. Usual Stable Routine for day. Rations drawn by First Line Transport. numerous Brigade work completed with General cleaning up of Lines. Harness Wagon etc. Rations delivered to Battalion in the afternoon. Two loads of Salvage brought back. Shelling on Roads Nth.

8 March.

Weather very fine. Usual Stable Routine. Several Brigade other completed with. Rations drawn from Dump by First Line Transport. Two teams on Ploughing returned as they had been relieved by another unit. Mess Cart despatched to Castle for Officer's Gear. Water & Wood drawn for Comforts from Depot in Forward Area. Rations delivered to Battalion in Line. Little Shelling on Right of Road to Caswell's.

9 March.

Weather continues to be exceptionally Bright. Usual Stable Routine for day. Several Brigade & Battalion jobs completed with. Rations drawn by First Line Transport from Dump. Usual Wagon & Harness Cleaning. Rations delivered to Battalion in Line. Shelling on Roads Nth.

10 March.

Usual Stable Routine. Weather continues to be Bright. Rations drawn by First Line Transport. Several Brigade & Battalion jobs completed with. A Horse Line erected in field for the purpose of getting Horses out of the Stable into the Sun. Start was made to rebuild floor of Stable. Harness Cleaning & Rations delivered to Battalion in the Line. Wagon loaded with Salvage on return journey. Shelling on Roads Nth.

11 March.

Weather continues to be fine. Usual Stable routine for day. Rations drawn by First Line Transport. Brigade & Battalion jobs completed with. Continuation of Stable Repair & start made to line the outside of Stable. & other buildings. Recd order from Brigade for Transport Officer & M.O. to reconnoitre alternative routes to Battalion Dump in the forward area in the event of Roads being shelled by enemy. Rations delivered to Battalion in the Line. Two Loads of Salvage collected on return journey. Roads in good condition & slight Shelling on back area.

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12th March

Weather still continues to be fine. Continuation of stable repairs, whitewashing, harness & wagon cleaning etc. Rations drawn by 1st Line Transport Brigade & Battalion jobs completed with about 11 AM. Enemy bombarded Battery positions about half a mile from Station, with shells containing a gas, which caused fits of sneezing & coughing appeared to have no effect on horses. But was irritating to men. Rations delivered to Battalion in line. Salvage collected on return journey. Light shelling near Road & Back area.

13th March

Weather continues to be bright. Usual stable routine. Completion of whitewashing stables & billets. Continuation of slaughtering of sheep. Harness cleaning. Horses inspected by V.O. Complimented on general condition of same. Wagon employed on removing rubbish & lime from sections area left by the last unit. Brigade & numerous Battalion jobs completed with. Two Limbers dispatched to forward area to collect machine gun gear. Battalion completing its tour in the line. 17th Battalion Transport kindly consented to collect all stores etc in the forward area, which meant a saving in transport.

14th March

Sudden change, in the weather wet & drizzly. Usual stable routine for the day. Brigade & Battalion jobs completed with. Rations drawn by 1st Line Transport Battalion. Blankets conveyed to Tammigator returned after being disinfectant. As Battalion being out of the line no transport required for forward area.

15th March

Weather bright & fine. Usual stable routine for day. Rations drawn from 1st Line Transport. Usual harness & wagon cleaning. Iron staff & Transport Section taken in afternoon.

16th March

Weather continues to be fine. Usual stable routine. Rations drawn by 1st Line Transport Brigade & Battalion jobs completed with. Wagons despatched to forward area to collect salvage. Paid Transport Section a surprise visit. warmly congratulated Section on high state of efficiency which was duly published in Battalion Order No. Section attended. Bath & received new shoes. Clothing etc.

17th March

Weather continues to be fine. Usual Stable routine for day. Rations drawn by First Line Transport. Brigade & Battalion orders complied with. Two Wagons dispatched to Boullens for horse gear. New C.O. Lieut Colonel. Bennett. CMC. DSO. VD inspected Transport on line & expressed great pleasure in finding the Transport Section in such a satisfactory condition, on taking over Command of the Unit. Wagons dispatched on Brigade work during the evening. Shelled heavily on Leizat road but suffered few casualties.

18th March

Weather continues to be fine. Usual Stable routine for day. Rations drawn by 1st Line Transport. Brigade & Battalion jobs complied with. Usual Rifle & Kit inspection carried out. H Coy relieved by C Coy in the Subsidiary Line. Necessary Transport of Kitchen etc supplied. Horses inspected by Major Macmillan. A.D.C. 2nd Div. Expresses satisfaction as to condition of Horses etc.

19th March

Weather Wet & roads muddy. Usual Stable routine for day. ~~Line~~ Rations drawn by First Line Transport. Numerous Battalion & Bde jobs complied with. Preparations made for move to Corapic area. Comm. Line. But orders were received in the afternoon of move being cancelled until 21st 3.18

20th March

Weather inclined to clear up. Usual Stable routine for day. Part of Transport gear removed to Crumlin Line. Equipment etc & Kitchen of C Coy transferred back to Rossignol Line from the Subsidiary Line. Rations drawn by 1st Line Transport. Brigade & other Battalion jobs complied with.

21st March

Weather a little brighter. Usual Stable routine for morning. Two Limbs dispatched at 11 am to Collet. Machine Gun Gear & Blankets from Labisset Section moved from Le Rossignol Camp. A few Lines in Brigade Reserve area. Lines in fair condition. Building accommodation for men. P Coy. Brigade & numerous Battalion jobs complied with. Commencement made to improve & repair new Lines.

22nd March

Weather fine. Usual Stable routine for day. Continuation of repairing & cleaning Lines. Harness shed erected. Harness & Wagon cleaning pressed with. Numerous Officers Chargers supplied for Officers visiting Defence Schemes in Forward area. Rations drawn by 1st Line Transport. Numerous Battalion & Bde jobs complied with.

23rd March

Weather exceptionally fine & bright.
Usual stable routine for day. Continuation of
Horness & Wagon Cleaning. Rations drawn by
1st Line Transport. Horse line erected on Plot of ground
near Stable, to enable Horses to be put out during
the day. Orders received cancelling all Brigade
work pending forthcoming move.

24th March

Weather continues to be fine. Usual
Stable routine for day. Rations drawn by
1st Line Transport. Usual Horness Cleaning etc.
Orders received re move Transport Officer visited
new Camp. Winter issue of Sheep Skin Vest, gloves
& mounted Boots withdrawn from men & returned
to R.Q.M. Wagons supplied at 4.30 am to
collect all D Coy Packs, Blankets, Machine Gun
Gear etc from forward area. & returns to 1 Camp.

25th March

Weather fine. 7 am. Stables. General
clean up of Camp. B Coyi Blankets & Gear
transported to Trenches Garrison area. Mulhargh
Battalion Transport moved to new Line at Trenance
evacuated by 29th Battalion. Horse Lines & Billies
very fair. At night Rations & other gear transported
to Battalion in forward area. Move completed under
first class conditions. Roads good & Casualties nil.

26th March

Weather fine but cold. Usual Stable
Routine for day. Repairs & alterations to new line.
General clean up of Transport after move.
Rations drawn by 1st Line Transport from
Dump. Conveyed to R.Q.M. & later transported
to Battalion in reserve in forward area.
Several Battalion jobs completed with
6 similar supplies for special transport of
Gas Cylinders to forward area.
Smiles despatched to Castle, to collect Officers kits
for units for 5th Brigade.
Roads in first class condition in forward area.
The above transport of Gas Cylinders carried out
successfully without any Casualties or enemy.
Shelling nil on roads. A little indirect machine
gun fire from enemy on roads at intervals.

27th March

Weather still fine but cold wind blowing.
Several Wagon supplies to R.Q.M. to deliver baggage
& collect gear etc. Continuation of Horness & Wagon
Cleaning. Rations drawn by 1st Line Transport
delivered to R.Q.M. & later transported to Battalion.
Several Brigade & Battalion jobs completed with
Two similar supplies for special transport of
Gas Cylinders to forward area, indirect M.G. fire
on roads by enemy. Casualties nil.

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28 March.

Weather fine. Usual stable routine for day. Wagon supplied for conveying spare equipment, etc. to Harris Divisional Camps. Rations drawn by 1st Line Transport, delivered to R2 M. & later to Battalion and Reserve. Several Battalion jobs completed with, including Mess Cart dispatched at 12.30am to find missing Officers' Valises. Valises were recovered & delivered to Battalion.

29 March.

Weather Showy & Cold. Usual stable routine for day. Usual Ration Wagon supplied. Nothing of any importance to note.

30 March.

Weather still Showy & Cold. Usual stable routine. Harness & Wagon cleaning. Wagon supplied to draw Bomb & Sackage for Battalion. Rations etc. drawn & delivered as usual. Order received from Brigade for Unit to manufacture their own Water tin Carriers on Limbers.

31 March.

Weather fine. Usual stable routine for day. Orders received to stand by for move. Kitchen & Battalion gear removed from forward area to rest Camps at Crumlin Camp. Baggage Wagon etc. reported to Section. Representative from 15th A.S.C. fitted Wagon with Water tin frame. Preparations made for move Wagon loaded with Machine Gun Gear etc. Section & 2 M. Staff were paid. Requisitions for the month were fairly light. Majority of men fitted out with new Boots in lieu of Field Boots handed in, also issued with Juniors, Buckles, Socks etc. A good supply of stable equipment etc. was also received during the month.

2nd Battalion Commandant
2.4.19.

J. Lindsay

Review of work

done by

Regimental Quartermaster.

20th Battalion A.I.F.

March 1918

Salvage

During the month the following salvage was returned to 2nd Div. Salvage Coy Receipt obtained -

1-3-18	15	Empty SAA Boxes	10-3-18	1	French Pump
	12	1 st Grenade - in		2	Bag SAA Clips
2-3-18	16	Cartridge Carriers Right		7	Bandoliers full SAA
	18	1 st Left.		4	Lengths 2" Rubber Suction Hose
	2	Carriers W.B.		1	" 1 1/2" " " "
	6	Belts wrist		1	Wheelbarrow.
9-3-18	3	Cases Molts Grenades		21	Rifle Grenades Rods attached
	1	Thermal Sprayer	12-3-18	136	18PR Shellcases
	4	Stokes Grenades		77	18PR Shells
	2	French Pumps		8	4.5 Shells
	3	Boxes S.A.A		5	60lb Bombs
	5	Bag - in		1	Aerial Torpedo
	42	4.5 How Shell Cases		1	Anti Gas Fan
	7	18PR Shellcases		2	Box 6" How Charges
	2	1 st Shells		1	Knocker Gas Alarm
	4	Lengths 2" Rubber Suction Hose (couplings attached)		3	18PR Imm. Boxes
	3	Steel Helmets		1	Rifle Shot M.L.E
	9	Lengths 2" Ryd. Hose	13-3-18	200	18PR Shellcases
	1	Box 4.5 Charges		305	4.5 How Cases
	4	18PR Shells		15	60lb Bombs
	1	Periscope Theodolite		10	18PR Shells
	1	18PR Shell Case		27	18PR damaged Shells
10-3-18	125	" Shellcases		20	Brassier Nose Caps
	74	4.5 - in		5	Rifles Shot M.L.E
	6	4.5 Shells		1	Bill Hook
	9	18PR Shellcases		2	Bag Nose Cap protectors
				2	Brakes Bicycle

Salvage Continued

17-3-18	28 4.5 How Shells	28-3-18	1 Sand Bag Flares & Detonators
	1 18PR Shell		5 Bags SAA clips & Cases
	36 " Shellcases		41 SAA
	1 Case SAA		5 Tucker Amm Belts full
	673 4.5 Shellcases		1 Belt Case Tucker - m
	124 4.5 Charge tins		8 18PR Shell Cases
15-3-18	264 4.5 How Shellcases		2 Carriers Amm
	70 4.5 Charge tins		1 Spanner Wagon Limbed
	14 Boxes 4.5 How Charges		1 Washer " "
16-3-18	18 Brass Caps Petrol tins		1 Case SAA
	78 Boxes Stokes Grenades		1 Tarpaulin
17-3-18	2 Rifle Short M L E		2 Petrol Cases Signalling gear
	1 Bag Rubber		2 Oat Sacks Horse Shoes
	1 " 4.5 How Charges		1 Box Horse Shoes
	1 " Percussion fuses caps	29-3-18	1 Large Curious Stone
	200 4.5 How Shellcases		5 Box Gun Boots
	1 18PR Shellcase		3 ft Lead Piping
	10 4.5 Charges		1 Bag Insulation tape
	1 Box Assorted Grenades		2 Mt Packs
	5 Mt Packs		15 lb Solder
18-3-18	2 Rifle Short M L E		15 " Lead
	25 Brass Caps Petrol tins		2 Screw Drivers
	510 18PR Shellcases		3 Soldering irons
	2x 18 " Shells		1 Kit Bag
	200 ft Lead Piping		11 Brass Caps Petrol tin
	10 4.5 Shell Cases		11 Shovels
	1 Bag SAA		
19-3-18	20 Cases 4.5 How Charges		
	74 4.5 How Shellcases		
	5 Paint Bottles		
	10 Dubbing tins		
	3 Shovels G.S.		
20-3-18	5 Mt Packs		
	1 Rifle		
	2 Bags SAA		
	2 Gas Rattlers		
24-3-18	1 Yokoni Pack		
	1 Rubber Motor Cycle Belt		
	1 Oat Bag SAA		
	1 Chaff " SAA		
	2 Boxes SAA		
	4 Bags " "		
	1 Box 1" Signal Lights		
	4 Oat Bags Sand Bag		

Waste Paper & Cardboard. The following paper & cardboard was returned to 15th Hdb Co & receipts obtained

1-3-18	32	Cardboard
	25	Paper
8-3-18	33	- " -
11-3-18	50	- " -
	40	- " -
	25	Cardboard
12-3-18	85	Paper
	20	Cardboard
19-3-18	18	Paper
	36	Cardboard
27-3-18	32	Paper
	17	Cardboard
25-3-18	17	- " -

Total Paper returned 283 lbs

Total Cardboard returned 147 lbs

Baths.

Bugadi Baths were used freely throughout the month. The following surplus ^{unusable} underclothing & woollen articles were returned

7-3-18	23	Shirts	20-3-18	14	Drawers
	10	Singlets		5	Abdominal Belts
	26	Drawers		4	Towels
	21	Mufflers		18	Mufflers
	8	Abdominal Belts		7	Cardigan Jackets
	7	Mittens	22-3-18	67	Sox
8-3-18	35	Shirts		2	Towels
	10	Singlets		10	Shirts
	34	Drawers		8	Drawers
	17	Abdominal Belts		8	Cardigans
	28	Mufflers		40	Cap. Comforters
20-3-18	330	Sox	25-3-18	82	Sox
	8	Singlets		6	Drawers
	21	Shirts		6	Shirts
				2	Singlet

Baths continued

25-3-18	3	cardigan Jackets
	11	cap comforters
	93	Sox
	17	Singlets
	20	Shirts
	31	Cap comforters
	5	Abdominal Belts
	7	Towels
	1	cardigan Jacket
6-3-18	2	Sox
	1	Towel
	1	Drawers
	1	Shirt
	1	Cap comforter
	3	cardigan Jackets
	1	Abdominal Belt

27-3-18	50	Shirts
	32	Singlets
	29	Drawers
	110	Sox
	13	Abdominal Belts
	14	Cap comforters
	29	Towels
	21	cardigan Jacket
29-3-18	609	Sox
	9	Drawers
	4	Shirts
	30	Tendupants
	78	Cap comforters
	1	Towel
	1	Abdominal Belt
	10	Modern Vest
	15	Sox
	5	Shirts
	7	Drawers
	2	cardigan Jacket
	1	Cap comforter
	2	Abdominal Belts
	1	Modern Vest
	1	Towel

Blankets Two Thousand Blankets (per man of the strength of the Battalion) were sent to 5th Field Ambulance where they were passed through Tamegator & returned.

On the 23rd of the month one blanket per man was recalled & returned to 2nd Div D.A.D.O.S.

Winter Clothing - Vests Sheepskin, Jerkins Leather, Gloves Woisted, Gloves Fingerless, one blanket per man of total strength of Btr, Boots Field Service & Coats Sheepskin lined for long run duties were recalled & returned to 2nd Div D.A.D.O.S. as follows:

23-3-18 = 11 S/S Vests
5 Leather Jerkins
25/3/18 = 100 Blankets
287 Gloves Woisted
438 Gloves Fingerless
325 Leather Jerkins
270 S/S Vests
4 Coats S/S lined
8 Pairs F.S. Boots
25/3/18 890 Blankets
11 Leather Jerkins
16 S/S Vests
11 Gloves Woisted
17 " " Fingerless
1 Pair Boots F.S.

27/3/18 = 50 S/S Vests
35 Leather Jerkins
50 " Gloves Fingerless
28 " " Woisted
26-3-18 = 40 Blankets
10 S/S Vests
4 Leather Jerkins
14 " Gloves Fingerless
3 " " Woisted
28-3-18 = 3 S/S Vests
24 " " Woisted
1 " " Fingerless
1 " Boots F.S.
30-3-18 = 3 Leather Jerkins
2 S/S Vests Fingerless
32 " " Fingerless

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Comforts

During the month 16 Cases of sweetened Milk was received from 20th Battalion Comforts Committee of Sydney. 2 Bags Oatmeal, 8 C/s Cocoa & Milk 2 C/s Tommy Cooker Refills were received from Australian Comforts Fund, 2nd Australian Div Branch. Four packages of reading matter was also received from the London branch of the same Fund. Four Cases of Tommy Cooker Refills were received from Tommy Cooker Co. of England in accordance to Contract made direct with them by the Regiment. For the month approximately 700 Francs were spent out of Regimental Trust Funds for the purchase of supplies as under, for the benefit of the troops -
Potatoes, Baking Powder, Herbs, Milk & Candles.

Rations

Rations for the month were very satisfactory.

Meat

The issue throughout the month was principally Beef, & the weights were satisfactory, the issue being approximately 10 oz per man per day.

Bread

Two pounds between three men was the average issue throughout the month, which was quite satisfactory.

Vegetables

Potatoes & Onions were the only Vegetables issued with the exception of those ~~issued~~ contained in M & V rations.

During the month 800 Kilos of potatoes were purchased with Regimental Funds.

Cooking.

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During the month the meals consisted chiefly of Roasts, Rissols, Gilled steaks & puddings. A large quantity of biscuits ^{16 cases = 800 lb} were ground into flour & consumed in puddings & Rissols.

Travelling Kitchens.

The Kitchens were inspected by 2nd Australian Divisional Cooks Inspector & the following report was submitted, —

"Visited each Kitchen in company with Staff"
 "Sgt Thompson. Owing to movement of camp"
 "things are more or less chaotic."
 "Meals were in course of preparation under the"
 "cleanest & best conditions. Cooks in charge of each"
 "kitchen are capable of dealing satisfactorily with"
 "meals according to daily issue of rations."
 "The interchangeability of meals obtained by the utilisation"
 "of fresh & preserved rations alternatively."
 "Extra fresh vegetables, milk, flour, & well ground biscuit"
 "herbs etc. are purchased & out of Regimental funds."
 "thus enabling the Master Cooks to utilise to the"
 "full, accumulated spare parts of rations."
 "The production of fats for sale are a little below"
 "the average. The large quantities being used in"
 "the production of sweet & savoury dishes for the troops"
 "Rations are equitably distributed & every assistance"
 "is given by Capt. Quartermaster. Satisfaction"
 "& efficiency obtain. The Cooks & Cookers are A class"
 "standard."

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Fat

The return of Best quality Fat to 15th R.S.B. amounted to 945 lb. for the month. Receipts were obtained for same.

Large quantities of dripping was used in cooking ~~roasts~~ Rissoles & in the making of pudding for the men.

Horse Fodder

The supply of oats & Hay were very satisfactory. The Bugadi chaff cutter was fully used for cutting Hay & Straw into chaff.

D.A.D.O.S.

The demands on Ordnance for expendable stores etc were normal. Sawd new Lewis Guns were issued for Anti Aircraft work as a new Establishment. The usual weekly orders for Rifle Oil, Flannellette, Soap & Dabbing were received & issued.

Regimental Shoemakers

Three in number were continually busy on repairs. The demand on new boots was not so heavy as in February owing to the men not doing so much marching on the hard roads.

Regimental Tailors

Three in number were working under normal conditions during the month. Repairs were not so heavy as in February owing to the men not handling & coming in contact with so much Barbed wire.

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Gum Boots. During the Battalion tour in the front line 452 pairs of Gum Boots were drawn from Brigade Drying Room + 470 pairs were returned, thus showing a credit of 18 prs.

Empty Returns The following empties were returned to 15th A.S.B. & receipts obtained

479	Oat Sacks
229	Bread Sacks
76	Rum Jars
9	" Kegs
48	Oil Drums
25	Pork & Bean Cans
6	Rum Cans
168	Brass Caps for Petrol tins

Battalion Q.M. Staff:— Reg Q.M.S. Dickson proceeded on leave to England on 9/3/18, returning on 26/3/18. During his absence Pte O'Flaherty & Pte Jenkins (Battalion Q.M. Storemen) rendered valuable assistance

[Signature] Capt
20th Battalion
A.I.F.

March 1918.

At the beginning of the month, the battalion was still resting at Bezinghem-les-Senninghem near Lumbres. News had been received that movement back to relieve the 3rd. Aust. Division around Ploegsteert would commence about the 4th. March. The battalion hospital was there fore cleared out and timber, barrels, etc., borrowed from the farmer to raise stretchers off the ground, were returned to him. We left this spot early on the morning of the 4th. March and entrained to STEENWERCK, then marched to LE ROMARIN CAMP. We are to move into front line tomorrow evening so a foot washing parade with dusting of feet with talc powder was carried out. Large numbers of Tommy cookers were obtained for the men whilst in the trenches. Two A.M.C. details, batman and self moved into SURREY FARM R.A.P. on the evening of 5th. March. The water supply for the kitchens was obtained from pumps alongside kitchens and taken up on light railways in 50 gallon tanks. The water was chlorinated in these tanks of which there was one for each kitchen. Two water details were employed in looking to the chlorination of water etc. and lived at the R.A.P. Whiz-bang and 4.2 shelling occasionally occurred near R.A.P. and on one occasion one landed on the corner of the R.A.P. As a general rule the surroundings were very quiet. Casualties were slight, weather, warm and very pleasant with cold frosty nights. One morning an enemy bombardment opened up, though fairly heavy on half of the battalion sector it was quiet on the left half. The casualties were only 6 but of this number three were officers. Latrines in trenches in this sector were bucket type, with box covering. Urine tubs were plentiful. On the 1st. and 2nd. March all blankets of the Battalion were put through the Thresher Lorry at BEZINGHEM. On the 6th. a man was evacuated with a large inflammatory swelling around knee joint, which on incision at C.C.S. turned out to be caused by petrol which appeared to have been injected under the skin. The trenches and outposts were well duckboarded and dry. No trench feet occurred during the stay in the trenches. The battalion moved out of trenches on evening of the 13th. March, being relieved by the 17th. Battn. We moved back to Le ROSSIGNOL CAMP and next morning the mens blankets were exchanged for clean ones from the 5th. Aust. Fld. Amb. The men were bathed during the next few days. The Battalion moved from LE ROSSIGNOL CAMP to KORTEPYP 'B' CAMP on the 21st. March. The usual routine work went on here. during the third week of the month, a fair number of cases of scabies developed, diarrhoea subsided and P.U.O. cases were rare.

25.3.18.

The battalion moved to WULVERGHEM as support Battalion of the Brigade, the other three being in the front line. We took over a rather dirty camp and buried the prisoners with digging pits for urinals and a large grease trap. Two ablution benches with soakage pits were also dug. We had small sick parades and few evacuations whilst here. One company was on MESSINES RIDGE. Water from this company was sent up in petrol tins at night, after being chlorinated on ration limbers. On the evening of the 31st. March we were relieved by a battn. of the 19th. English Division who had just come out of the Somme fighting. The M.O. had lost the greater part of his gear on the Somme near LE TRANSLOY? and now only had his Maltese cart and No. 2 Medical pannier. Our battn. moved back to the KORTEPYP 'B' Camp in the evening. During the past week the weather was cold and rainy but at the end of the month became a little warmer and fine weather seems likely for our move southwards to the SOMME fighting.

Sgd. C.D. Bateman Capt.
R.M.O. 20th. Aust Inf. Battn.