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VAUCHELLE	1st	43 1005	<p>All units carried out minute inspections of clothing and equipment, rifles and S.B.Rs. Physical Training &amp; Bayonet fighting. Practice in formations for attack, as carried out first to Ypres battles in 1917. Elementary Musketry, including bolt drill and rapid loading.</p> <p>Signallers and Lewis gunners carried out specialist training.</p> <p>As the Camp occupied by the Bn was an old Corps School every facility for training was available.</p>	<p>3 OR evacuated 1 n. taken on strength &amp; rems.</p>	
do	2nd	42 1005	<p>Training was carried on with on the same lines as the previous day, special attention being given to the practices in attack formations. Training was carried out from 9 to 12 noon and 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.</p> <p>Intelligence personnel also received special German phrases likely to be useful.</p>		<p>Shell Major a/c. 30th Batt A.I.F.</p>

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VAUCHELLE	3rd.	11		<p>Intensive training on the same basis as for previous days of the month carried on. During the morning the Divisional and Brigade Commanders watched the personnel at work. Wet weather interfered somewhat with the work. In accordance with instructions from Division all junior officers devoted their spare time to study of Field Service Regs. On instructions from Brigade one Coy was detailed as an Infantry Picquet for the defence of the Camp, ready to move at five minutes notice.</p>	
	4th.	43	1005	<p>Wet weather compelled training to be mostly indoor. At 3 p.m. orders received from Brigade to prepare to move at a moment's notice, and preparations were immediately put in hand. At 4.30 p.m. a message was received to the effect that Battalion would embark on the VAUCHELLE-LOUVEN-LEZ-TOURNAI at 7 p.m., and that.</p>	

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VAUCHELLE	4th (contd)			<p>the Transport was to be ready to move by road at once.</p> <p>At 6 p.m. the Transport moved out to join Bde Column at LOUVENCOURT en route to the wood at BUSSY-les-DAOURS where they were to bivouac the night. The Battalion left the camp at 6-15 p.m. for Embussing Point and embussed at 7 p.m. and journeyed to DAOURS which place it reached after a very tedious journey in the early hours of 5th inst.</p>	
BOIS-de-GENTELLES (SHEET 62D) (T. 16. b)	5th		42 1002	<p>The Battalion debussed at DAOURS and proceeded by route march to BOIS-de-GENTELLES, which place was reached at 11 a.m. Instructions received that Bn would bivouac here till further orders.</p> <p>The Transport moved by road from BUSSY-les-DAOURS to BOIS-de-GENTELLES, reaching there at 1 p.m. but later received orders to move to and bivouac in a wood situated at N. 34. c - about 2 Miles N.W. of Battalion.</p> <p>Orders received that Bn Commanders were to make a reconnaissance of the Corps Reinforcing line in sector E. of Gentelles and this was done.</p> <p>At 6 p.m. Bn received instructions to be prepared to move to Corps line at a moment's notice, but nothing developed and Battalion remained in bivouac.</p>	<p>S.O.R. evacuated.</p> <p>Shell High</p> <p>Shell a/c. 30th Battalion A.I.F.</p>

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BOIS-DE-GENTELLES	6th.	43	1001	The battalion remained bivouaced at Bois-de-Genelles during day. All packs and blankets were withdrawn from personnel and returned to transport lines. The day passed uneventful, but during afternoon Bn received instructions to "stand to" ready to move forward at a moment's notice, but nothing eventuated.	1 OR evacuated.	
do.	7th.	43	997	Weather conditions improved and enemy aircraft were active over the wood and kept our A.A. Lewis guns busy. The wood occupied by transport was bombed and three men on guard over packs killed; there was no loss amongst the animals. At 4 p.m. the C.O. proceeded on a reconnaissance of position of a Corps line the Battalion was to garrison that night, and the Bn prepared to move to new position leaving the wood at 6 p.m. and took up a line running approximately from O. 26 b. 6505 to O. 13. d. 39. relieving a garrison of troops from the The relief was completed by 11 p.m. without casualties.	3 OR. K.I.A. 1 .. wounded - evacuated.	

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CORPS LINE (Right Sector Bde front) BLANGY TRONVILLE	8th	43	994	Dispositions of Battalion holding Corps line shown in sketch. The posts were simply hastily dug lengths of trench, sited to give a good field of fire. No shelters of any description were available in the Coy posts, and as it rained heavily throughout the night, the conditions were miserable. During the day a supply of trench shelters were obtained and the conditions in the posts thereby improved. Beyond hostile shelling throughout night, nothing unusual occurred.	1 OR. K.I.A. 1. - evac. wounded 1. - evac. Sick	affadix 1.
do.	9th	43	989	Orders were received early in the morning that Bn would be relieved in Corps line by 29th Bn, but these were subsequently cancelled and orders were received during afternoon that the Bn would relieve the 59th Bn A.I.F. with other Bns of Bde. in the left sector of 5th Aust Divisional front	4 OR. K.I.A. 1. - evac Sick	

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CORPS LINE (Right Sector) B2 & FRONT BLANGY TRAVILLE	9th (contd)		No Unit relieved the Bn in Corps line, and it moved by route march to new position via AUBIGNY, FOUILLOY and HAMELET and relieved 59th Bn A.I.F. the relief being completed by 1 a.m. (10th inst) without casualties. The Transport Section established their lines in a factory near Railway Station, CORBIE.		
Centre Sector B2 & FRONT CORBIE SECTOR	10th	43 987	Defence Scheme of Sector taken over shown in Appendix. The dispositions taken over allowed of three boys in the front line, 'C' Coy Right, 'A' Coy Centre and 'D' Coy left, with 'B' Coy in Reserve. The line taken over consists of a series of posts, evidently dug and sited in a hurry for many had a poor field of fire. Our artillery were active all day and throughout the night. Our planes were active over enemy lines. Very little enemy shelling.	LOR. evacuated	Appendix 2.

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Centre Sector Bde FRONT CORBIÉ SECTOR	10th (contd)		and machine gun fire. Our patrols were active during night. (Reports - Appendix 3). Improvements and additions to posts carried out.		Appendix 3
do	11th	43 985	Our artillery and planes were very active opposite our sector all day. Enemy planes active during morning. Considerable enemy movement was observed throughout day on ridge behind HAMEL. Our patrols were active during night (Report - Appendix 4). Enemy attitude quiet on Bn Sector. Work on improvement and additions to posts carried on.	LoA. evacuated Sick	Appendix 4
do	12th	43 984	Our artillery very active during day and night, but several of our 16 pounders were firing short. Light trench mortar fired on suspected enemy post and groaning and cries were heard. Our aircraft were active and were heavily engaged by enemy m.g. fire.	10A evacuated wounded.	

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Centre Sector Bde Front CORBIE SECTOR	12th (contd)			A good deal of enemy movement was observed in vicinity of HAMEL. From observation enemy outpost line is just outside HAMEL. Enemy transport was distinctly heard during night. Enemy planes were rather active. A plane with out markings and numbered "13" dropped 4 bombs on our outpost line at 8-45 a.m. Our patrols were active during night (Reports - Appendix 5). A commencement of the tactical wiring of the front posts was made during the night.		Appendix 5
do	13th	44	983	During night "A" boy was withdrawn from Centre Sector of front line to Reserve and "B" boy moved back and man to centre of Ben Sector forming the support boy. Our artillery was quiet during day but very active	1 OR evacuated wounded 10 ft or 2 Secured lost taken on Strength	

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Centre Sector B to Front CORBIE SECTOR	13th (contd)			<p>at night. The day was very misty and enemy artillery, planes and machine guns were quiet. Our patrols were active during night. An officer and 2 O.Rs examined 2 trenches about P. 8.0. 3545; they searched forward post and found it unoccupied and from there bombed the other post but there was no reply. Several other patrols were out but beyond hearing enemy transport had nothing special to report.</p> <p>Working in front of posts continued and shelters erected in posts.</p>		
do	14th	44	998	<p>Our artillery was quiet during day, but enemy shelling increased on Ben Sector. Machine guns quiet and enemy attitude very quiet beyond shelling. Enemy seen in posts in P 9 B. Enemy movement in small parties seen during morning. Visibility was poor during most of day.</p>	<p>30R. evac. wounded 20R evac. Sick.</p>	<p><i>Steel</i> A/C. 30<sup>th</sup> Battalion Map 2. AIF</p>

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Centre Sector Bde Front CORBIE SECTOR	14th (contd)		Our patrols were active during the night, but heard or saw no enemy movement. It was noticeable that enemy used more flares than usual during night. Wiring in front of forward posts was continued.	(Reports - Appendix 5a)	Appendix 5a
do	15th	45 975	Our artillery was active throughout day and night paying particular attention to HAMEL and VAIRE WOOD. Enemy artillery rather active and medium Trench Mortar fired on posts of Right Coy. New enemy wire observed running straight from P 4.2.1.2 to P 10.2.5.3. Considerable movement of very small parties seen behind HAMEL. French Wheeler with 3 masts seen at approx P 10.2.7.8. At dusk an enemy appeared in front of our front posts. He was sniped and fell. Three others advanced and L.G. was turned on them - all appeared to fall. Later a patrol failed to find any bodies. Our patrols were active during night (Appendix 6 Reports) SW	2 OR evac. Wounded 1 OR evac. Sick 1 officer taken a Strength ex Secured list.	
				<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> <p>Shiel Maj A/S. 30th Battalion A.I.F.</p> </div>	Appendix 6

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		Hour	D.R.S			
Centre Sector Bde Front CORBIE SECTOR	16th	45	972	Artillery has been active on both sides during day. Late in afternoon enemy put a heavy concentration of H.E. and gas shells in HAMELET, but no casualties resulted. Other than shelling enemy attitude was quiet throughout. Less enemy movement of small parties seen. New enemy mine at P10 observed. Day patrols were active during night. (Reports - Appendix 7). Aeroplane photographs of HAMELET and position of our outpost line - Appendix 8.	2 OR K.I.A 1 OR wounded	
do	17th	45	973	An inter Coy Relief was carried out successfully without casualties (Special Operation Order 21). Liaison patrols and listening posts were out during night in addition to Dawn patrols (Reports attached). Day planes were active during day. Enemy attitude quiet except for artillery strafing nearby morning. New enemy trench along bridge at P 9.a. 90.20. observed.	1 OR taken on strength ex hospital.	Appendix 9 Appendix 10

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Centre Sector Bois de Front CORBIE SECTOR	16th	45	971	<p>Our artillery was very active, especially during the night. Our planes were very active during day. Enemy fairly quiet but apparently alert as his machine guns were very active against our patrols which were out during the night in addition to the usual liaison patrols and listening posts.</p> <p>At 7 p.m. an enemy transport waggon was seen on road in 917.a. Wheeled transport was heard in direction of BOIS DE HAMEL and BOIS DE VAIRE at 8 p.m. A NCO and 3 men from Cyclist Battalion reported and accompanied Lieut Wells on a fighting patrol for experience. Patrols Reports - Appendix 12.</p>	2 OK. evacuated Sick	
do.	19th	45	969	<p>Our artillery and planes were active during the day. Enemy artillery active but otherwise his attitude very quiet, though his mortars showed greater activity. A strong</p>	2 OK evac. Sick	Appendix 12.

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Centre Sector Blue Front CORBIE SECTOR	19th (contd)			enemy post at P.S. 2.7.7. located by a patrol. (Refer to - Appendix 12). The Bn co-operated with 8th L.T.M.B. in a shoot. (Appendix 13) Mining in front of outposts continued and improvements to posts carried out.		Appendix 12 " 13.
do	20th	45	96	Our artillery was active during day and night, but the eighteen pounders fired short, falling around our forward posts. Enemy artillery active, also snipers began to show activity especially on right company front. Our planes were active, also enemy's which were fired at by our Lewis guns. It was noticed that enemy evacuates his posts in front of HAMEL at dawn and retires into the village. Our patrols were active during night - Reports left.	5 O.R. evacuated wounded 1 O.R. K.I.A. 2 O.R. wae. Sick	Appendix 14

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Centre Sector Bde Front CORBIE SECTOR	20th (contd)		Shortly after midnight enemy fired approximately 50 green cross gas shells into rear of HAMELET. No one was in vicinity of area where shells landed. Work on wiring and posts continued.		
do	21st	45 959	Portion of Batta. Sector taken over by 53rd Battalion 14th Inf Bde on night 2/22nd. Boundary between 8th & 14th Inf Bdes. now runs P865.3 to OSC 7.7. (Ref. 62nd / 100000) (Special order 22 attached.) Relief of 'A' Coy 30th Bde holding the position taken over by 53rd Bde completed without casualties and after completion of relief 'A' Coy moved to RESERVE position in the VILLERS LINE on the N.E. edge of HAMELET. Dispositions of Battalion now changed and consist of one Coy holding the Battalion front line	20R sent to Base.	Appendix 15 (Special order 22.)

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Centre Sector Blk front CORBIE SECTOR	21 <sup>st</sup>			System, one Coy in Supports and two Cops in reserve in front of HAMLET. B <sup>n</sup> front now also becomes RIGHT SECTOR of Blk front. HAMLET shelled with GREEN CROSS Gas Shells during afternoon, no casualties caused and little discomfort caused. Enemy planes very active, one E.A. brought down and crashed about 7.20 Central. Patrol reports attached	(2 O.R. sent to Base.)	
RIGHT SECTOR Blk front CORBIE SECTOR	22 <sup>nd</sup>	45	948	<del>Enter Coy</del> <del>successfully carried out</del> <del>without any casualties.</del> Battn. right boundary again altered and now runs from P86 3.0. through OSC 7.7. accordingly 2 posts were taken over from 53 <sup>rd</sup> Battn. by people from SUPPORT Coy. Our artillery and aircraft very active during the day and night one E.A. being brought down on right bank of R. SOMME at 5.50 pm. Enemy machine guns rather more active than usual and indirect firing being done by them on YILLERS LINE. Enemy attempted raid report attached.	10 O.R. evacuated. 10 O.R. transferred.	appendix 16.

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RIGHT SECTOR Able front CORBIE SECTOR	23 <sup>rd</sup>	4.5	948	Infa Coy. relief carried out without casualties. Relief complete at 11.40 pm. HAMLET heavily shelled with 77mm. 4.2" HE and GREEN CROSS also YELLOW CROSS GAS from 5.50 pm to 7.20 pm. Gas hanging about the village and very plain. All details & men in the village left their billets and proceeded to outskirts of village as soon as gas shelling eased slightly. All Battn. H.Q. remained in gas proof cellars. SBRs were worn for 2 1/2 hours and when the gas had cleared the details were allowed to dribble back into the village. Our Stokes bombarded known M.G. post on outskirts of HAMLET during night 23/24 with incendiary shells with excellent effect. Position of clothing of occupants of post set on fire and post effectively silenced. Several small fires also caused which were not extinguished by the enemy for some little while afterwards. Our Patrols <del>was</del> were active during night owing to warning received that the Boche were expected to attack VILLERS BRETONNEAU and vicinity on morning of 24 <sup>th</sup> inst. Hostile planes very active all day. Large enemy dump ignited near Bois de HAMLET during night about 8 pm - and burnt for several hours. Patrol reports attached. all roads in front line blocked with wire obstacles.		Binder 127 (appendix 17)
"	24 <sup>th</sup>	4.5	917	At 3.45 am heavy bombardment was opened by the enemy on VILLERS BRETONNEAU and vicinity. All units "stood to" at once and awaited developments. at 4.30 am S.O.P. was reported having been put up by Bn on left of Able sectn 29 <sup>th</sup> Bn. Heavy firing took place in that direction at same time.	1 O.R. wounded 30 O.R. evacuated	appendix 18.

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RIGHT SECTOR BDE FRONT CORBIE SECTOR	24th	(Continued)	<p>Reports received that 8th Imperial Div. had fallen back under Boche barrage and that Bde on our right (14th Aust. Bde) had thrown back protective flank. Gap between 14th Bde and 8th Div being filled by 15th Aust. Bde. Liaison officer despatched to keep touch with movements of 53rd Batta on right flank. Enemy shelling only slight on our Batta sector during the day but heavier towards right Bde. All preparations made to meet enemy attack from front or right flank should same eventuate. Communication with Bde broken several times during the morning by shell fire but restored later on. Canal from HAMELET to CORBIE heavily shelled in early morning with HE. and gas. Enemy aircraft very active and flying extremely low over our line during day. Thick mist in and around HAMELET and vicinity rendering observation extremely difficult. No movement of enemy opposite our Bde sector was observed at all, and no man's land reported very quiet &amp; free from enemy patrols. Special patrol precautions taken all night, especially towards dawn when they were increased. No wiring carried out during night. Our artillery very active all day and particularly so at night. Medium barrage put down on our outpost line from 7.5 am to 7.30 am but no attack developed. At same time several medium munitions heavily shelled Bde on right sector on ridge. Munitions appeared to be firing from BOIS de HAMELET. Our own artillery (6 pounders) was reported firing shot about this time and the matter reported to Bde.</p>		
"	25th	45 989	<p>Medium barrage put down on our outpost line from 7.5 am to 7.30 am but no attack developed. At same time several medium munitions heavily shelled Bde on right sector on ridge. Munitions appeared to be firing from BOIS de HAMELET. Our own artillery (6 pounders) was reported firing shot about this time and the matter reported to Bde.</p>	30 OR. evacuated Sick - N.Y.D.N.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Strength	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks	Remarks and references to Appendices
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Right Sectn Bde front Corbe Sectn.	25th	(cont)		<p>During afternoon liaison officer with Bde on right reported enemy concentration in P14 and P9. as this was opposite position of our right post and also that of the Bde on the right Corps was immediately informed and preparations made to meet any impending attack. A sharp lookout was kept and also by Bde on left who had a better view of P9 than we did. Bde were advised and their artillery shortly afterwards heavily shelled these squares with the result that the hostile concentration was completely disorganised and broken up. No hostile attack at all developed. at 5pm report was received that a number of the enemy were seen moving towards HAMEL from CERISY. archief was suspected and artillery fire was brought to bear heavily on vicinity of HAMEL. Report received later show that 75th Aust. Bde have counter attacked and restored original British front line. Patrols sent out by our Bde were very active all night, particularly towards morning, no signs of enemy were seen in N.M.L.</p>		
"	26th	45	881	<p>Conditions now normal. Our artillery fire very active all day night harassing and searching likely concentration centres. Visibility poor owing to heavy mist. Enemy's artillery very quiet on Battn sectn, but very active on HAMEL - HAMELET road from CRUCIFIX to HAMELET. Enemy's attitude much quieter than usual. New trench reported dug by enemy at P8 &amp; P9. Patrol saw 8 Boche in this post behind their own wire but they did not venture into N.M.L. Our patrols kept N.M.L. under constant control all night.</p>	1 OK loose wounded 5 . . . sick	

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CORBIE SECTOR RIGHT SECTOR Rde. front.	27 <sup>th</sup>	45	878	Inter-Coy. relief carried out successfully without casualties - 'C' Coy relieving 'D' in front line. Enemy aircraft active over our lines during daytime but driven off by A.A. fire in all cases. Enemy's artillery not as active as usual, our own fired continuously during the night in bursts, harassing and searching all likely concentration points and areas. Very little movement seen in enemy lines, his attitude being quieter than usual. Strong patrols out during night - no enemy in N.M.L. Our artillery quiet during the day but extremely active all night. The protective barrage put down by us at 5.15 am was well placed, but at other times during the day shorts were reported.	2 OR evacuated.	Bth order 129 (appendix 19)
"	28 <sup>th</sup>	46	873		2 OR taken on strength of hospital. 1 OR transferred 5 OR evac. Sick. 1. K. I. A. 1 off. taken on strength 14 second Lieut.	

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Right Sector Bde Front CORBIE SECTOR	28th	(Cont'd)	<p>HAMELET was shelled with 4.2" several times during the day but no damage done. No movement seen than on previous days in enemy line and in rear areas. <sup>(Appendix 21)</sup> Hostile in guns very active firing on our fighting patrols and aeroplanes also placing indirect and direct fire on roads used by our transport to the front line. Pits dug across roads in vicinity of front line as obstacles to hostile armoured cars. Fighting patrols out as usual during the night. Keeping close watch on any hostile movement or work.</p>		(Appendix 21)

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Place	Date	Hour	Strength	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks	Remarks and references to Appendices
CORBIE SECTOR Right Sector Bte Front.	29th	47	894	<p>Enemy now seem to subject the village of HAMELET to a light bombardment every 2 hours commencing about midday and finishing at about 8pm. Targets seem to be the 4 corners of the village and vicinity of the Church. Very little damage ever caused as owing to the regularity of the 'straps' all movement ceases about that time. Hostile planes still continued to cross our line, frequently flying in fairly large squadrons. Anti-aircraft guns cause them to retire but not before they can get a very good view of the line and back areas. Hqs.</p> <p>Inspected in HAMELET near P10 d 7.8. Wireless station appears to be constructed near here.</p>	<p>30K taken on strength + F. Batten.</p> <p>120K " " + hospital</p> <p>10K " " + detailee</p> <p>30K " " + A. I. B. D.</p> <p>10K " " + Kemp. (Cadet.)</p>	

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CORBIE SECTOR Right Sector Blue front.	29 <sup>th</sup>	(Contd)	<p>The refs captured by fighting patrol of ours on morning of 29<sup>th</sup> unit were in a very neglected condition - having the appearance of not having received proper care and attention for some while. Our plane very active over enemy lines, dropping bombs on their posts, and harassing them with M. G. fire. Fighting patrol report no sign of enemy in N.M.L. He is sending up plenty of flares and seems very nervous and jumpy. Enemy aeroplane shot down by our M.G. fire and burst into flames on reaching the ground in P.W. 2.5. Coy were responsible for bringing this plane down with Lewis guns.</p>	
"	30 <sup>th</sup>	47 894	<p>Enemy's attitude quieter than usual, practically no movement at all being noticed in his line or behind them. Hostile M.G. fire fairly active on our approaches but not as annoying as usual. Usual daily snipe by enemy on HAMLET no damage done. Our patrols report enemy very quiet in his outpost line, apparently no work being carried out at all during the night. Visibility very poor during the whole day.</p>	

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General			<p>The sector taken over by the Bn from the 59th Bn was in a very weak and poor condition - no wire being in position and several of the posts being badly sited. Improvements were at once made by the Co. and where necessary fresh posts dug. A great deal of difficulty was also experienced as regards the correct boundaries between the battalions on either flank. It seemed as though the exact location of all the posts had never definitely been located. This was satisfactorily fixed up by exchange of posts in some cases and the digging and sighting of fresh posts in other cases. Wiring of the whole front was taken in hand at once and pushed on as rapidly as possible under Battalion arrangements with engineers and each night. Owing to a shortage of pickets and wire this wiring could not be done as rapidly as it might have been wished. The front is now completely protected with tactical wire, in some places 3 belts thick, in others 2 belts thick. It offers an excellent obstacle and should stop any hostile advance unless blown a piece by artillery fire previously. Pits have been dug across the roads near the front line to act as traps for any armoured cars. All roads are blocked with wire and gaps of 15ft are cut every 300 yds and screened with "fence" of wire to allow artillery to pass through if necessary. The Battalion was relieved of one Coy front by the 53rd Bn on 21st inst, thus making one Coy holding the front line one in support and 2 in reserve. This was a far more satisfactory arrangement than when the sector was</p>	

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			<p>originally taken over when 3 cos were in front line and 1 in support with no reserve at all in the hands of the B Co.</p> <p>All cellars occupied by N.F. details in HAMLET are now protected and made gas proof. all roads are protected to stop stragglers and to prevent any unauthorised people from wandering about the sector. Under B. arrangements a sock drying room has been established and working satisfactorily in HAMLET.</p> <p>The hot foot is brought up each night at 9 pm and in the early morning at 3 am by ladders to within a short distance of the front line and has been reaching the men in an excellent condition.</p> <p>The whole of the B Co Sector has been considerably improved during the past 2 weeks and is now in a fairly strong and satisfactory condition. Every thing possible for the comfort of the men has been done and there is no one who has not shelter in any part of the front line, support or reserve.</p>	
			<p>Sheet maps</p> <p>of Commanding Officer 30 April</p>	

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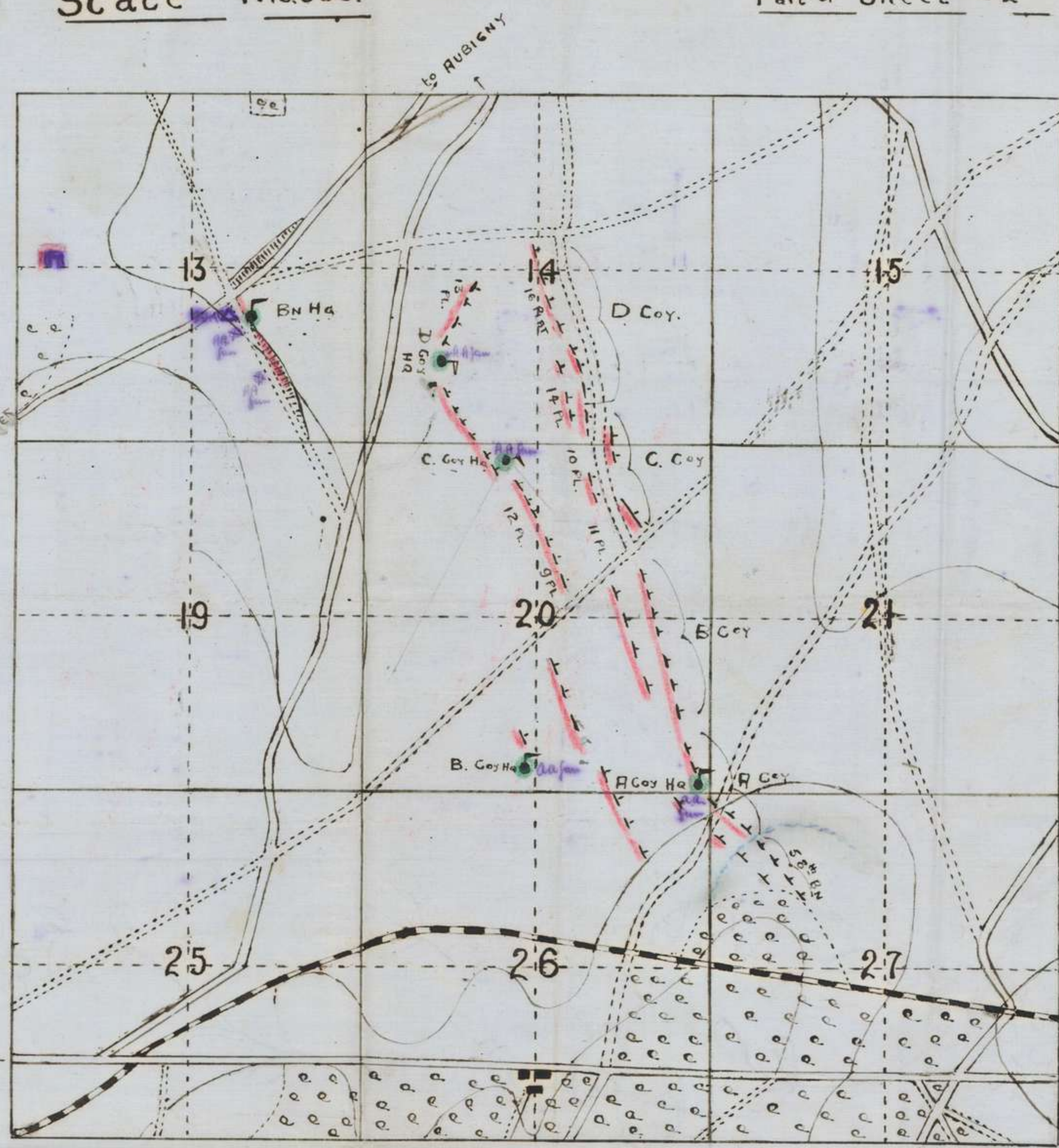
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Disposition  
MAP 30th Bn  
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BLANGY  
FROM TRONVILLET



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- Posts occupied 8/4/19
- Coy HQ
- From Aircraft posts Guns  
mounted at each Coy.  
HQ + 2 at  
Bn. H.Q.
- House in O3a Vill  
Hold 80 or. +
- Δ Dump at Bn HQ  
CONTAINING SHOES, RIFLES,  
SAA, FLARES + PEGS.

Quinn's Post  
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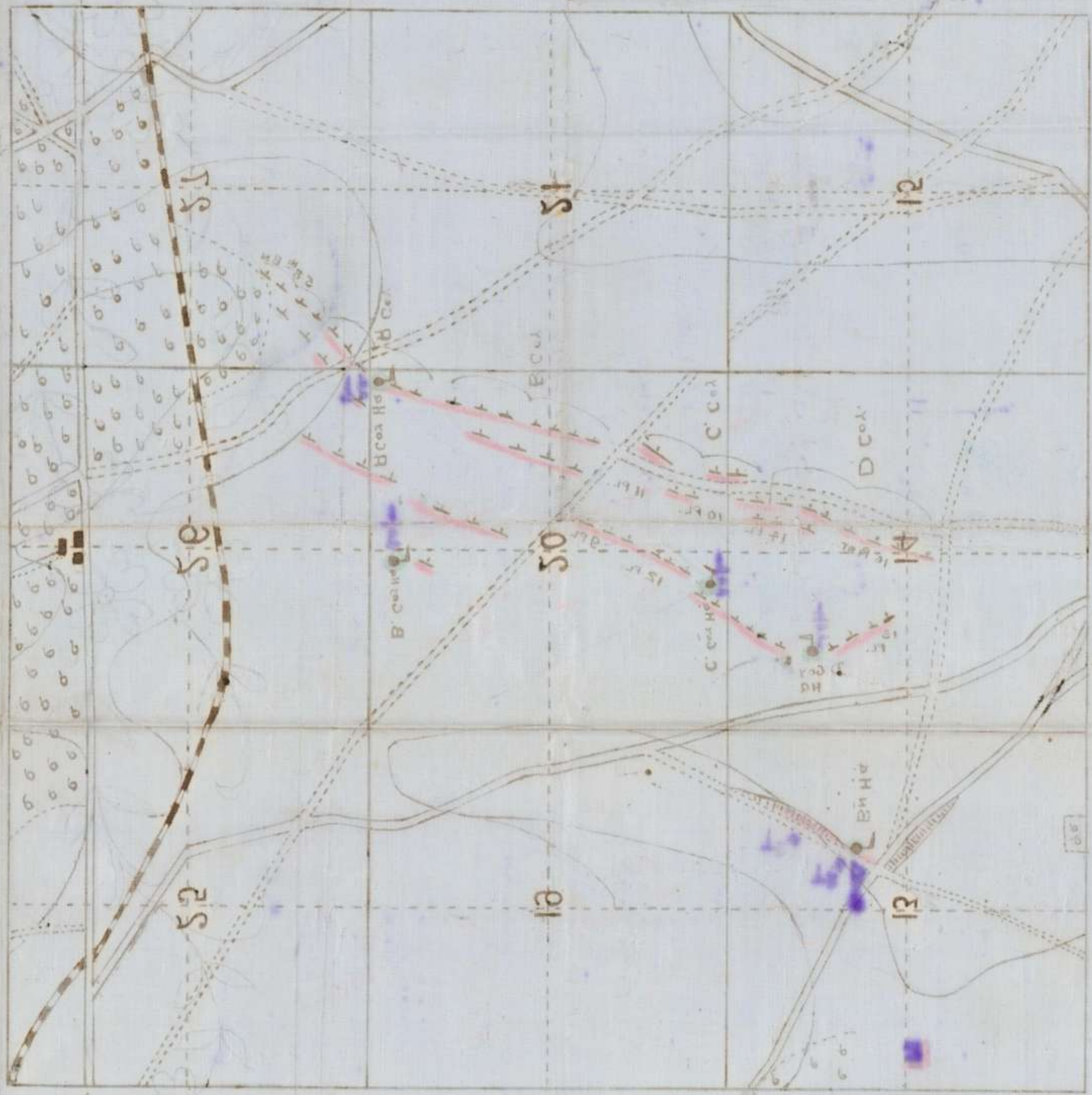
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DEFENCE SCHEME.

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1. The Battalion front extends from P.8.c.60.35 to P.3.a.00. (road exclusive). Inter-company boundary is P.8.c.25.25.
2. The Battalion is disposed in depth as follows:-  
 Right Front Coy from P.8.c.60.35. to P.8.c.25.25.  
 Left " " " P.8.c.25.25. to P.3.a.00.00.  
 The Support " is situated in P.2.c, P.8.a. and P.7.b.  
 The Reserve " " " " P.1.a. and P.1.b.
3. Action in Case of Attack.  
 (a) Against a raid - The posts on either flank of the raided post will endeavour to prevent the enemy returning to his lines by moving out into No-Man's-Land and bring enfilade fire to bear.  
 (b) Against general attack - All ranks will defend these positions to the utmost and there will be no retirement. The Support Coy. will be for immediate counter-attack in case the enemy gains a footing in any of our posts. This Coy. will move only on the initiation of the Coy. Comdr. who will inform B.H.Q. of the action taken by him. The Reserve Coy. will not move without orders from B.H.Q.
4. Communication. All Coys. are in telephonic communication with B.H.Q. A visual station is established at O.P. as well as telephonic communication.
5. S.O.S. - The S.O.S. is a rifle grenade bursting into RED over RED over RED. From noon 16th the S.O.S. will be changed to WHITE over WHITE over WHITE. This signal will be repeated by Support Coy. H.Q. The S.O.S. will be fired only on the authority of the Officer or N.C.O. in charge of the post attacked. S.O.S. will also be telephoned to B.H.Q.
6. Anti-aircraft Lewis Guns. - Six Lewis Guns are in position for use against E.A. at Coy. H.Q.s. and B.H.Q.s.
7. The improvement of the sector will be proceeded with at high pressure. A Guard Wire has been placed in front of the Outpost Line. Captain W. HIND is the Bn. works Officer and will keep in close touch with Coy. Comdrs. to assist in the work of improving the defences.
8. Headquarters - B.H.Q.s.  
 Right Front Coy. O.6.b.7.2.  
 Left " " P.8.a.25.20.  
 Support " " P.2.c.9.3.  
 Reserve " " P.2.c.2.8.  
 R.A.P. P.1.c.3.9.  
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1. AMMUNITION DUMPS.

(i) ~~Brigade~~ D.34.d.2.4.

(ii) Brigade Reserve P.1.a.4.5.

(iii) Battalion:-

(a) P.2.c.7.7. ( 30,000 S.A.A.  
( 20 Boxes Grenades.  
( 1 Box Egg "  
( 25 Tins Water  
( 500 Sand-bags

(b) O.6.d.98.50. 51000 S.A.A.

(c) O.6.b.85.05. ( 9000 S.A.A.  
( 20 boxes Grenades  
( 3 " Egg "  
( 60 " Hales "  
( 110 Shovels  
( 50 Picks  
( 4 Cases ground flares.  
( 25 Tins Water  
( 1000 Sand-bags  
( 4 S.O.S. Rockets.

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All ammunition required for the Forward Zone is drawn from Mobile Echelon which is immediately refilled from Bde. Dump. In the event of normal arrangements failing, ammunition may be drawn from Bde. Forward Dump at ~~O.11.d.5.4.~~ P1a45.

R.E.DUMP - in School-house next B.H.Q. O.6.d.75.95.  
SOCK DRYING ROOM - O.6.d.30.50. in HAMELET.  
TRANSPORT, Q.M. Store & REAR Bn. H.Q. - I.34.d.  
Cookers are at Q.M. Store.

2. SUPPLIES. - All rations, hot food and water, also S.A.A. are taken forward to P.2.c.2.6. by limbers and then carried to various companies.

3. MEDICAL ARRANGEMENTS. R.A.P. is situated at O.6.d.9.9., opposite the church. Evacuations are from there by F.A. Stretcher Bearers to Wagon Loading Point O.6.d.2.8. HAMELET. Walking Cases to collecting post N.6.d.0.1. DAOURS.

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Specimen books for making post in O.C.'s. D.V.O. 1.  
obscure the cipher. Enclosures are from the O.C.'s.  
MEDICAL ARRANGEMENTS. H.V. is attached at O.C.'s. D.V.O. 1.

3° to various companies.  
The paper formerly to B.S.C.'s. by the O.C.'s. and then carried  
SUBMITTER. - All letters, not food and water, also S.V.

Cookery also at O.C.'s. store.  
L.V.S. store of B.S.C. H.V. - I.S.C.  
SOCK MAKING ROOM - O.C.'s. D.V.O. 1. IN H.V. 1.  
H.V. D.V.O. 1. IN SCHOOL-ROOM next B.S.C. O.C.'s. D.V.O. 1.

be drawn from the O.C.'s. D.V.O. 1. IN H.V. 1.  
IN the event of normal circumstances, the O.C.'s. D.V.O. 1. IN H.V. 1.  
MORTAR SECTION must be immediately notified from the O.C.'s. D.V.O. 1. IN H.V. 1.  
ALL ammunition required for the O.C.'s. D.V.O. 1. IN H.V. 1. IN H.V. 1.

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5<sup>H</sup> Centre. Coy, Suback

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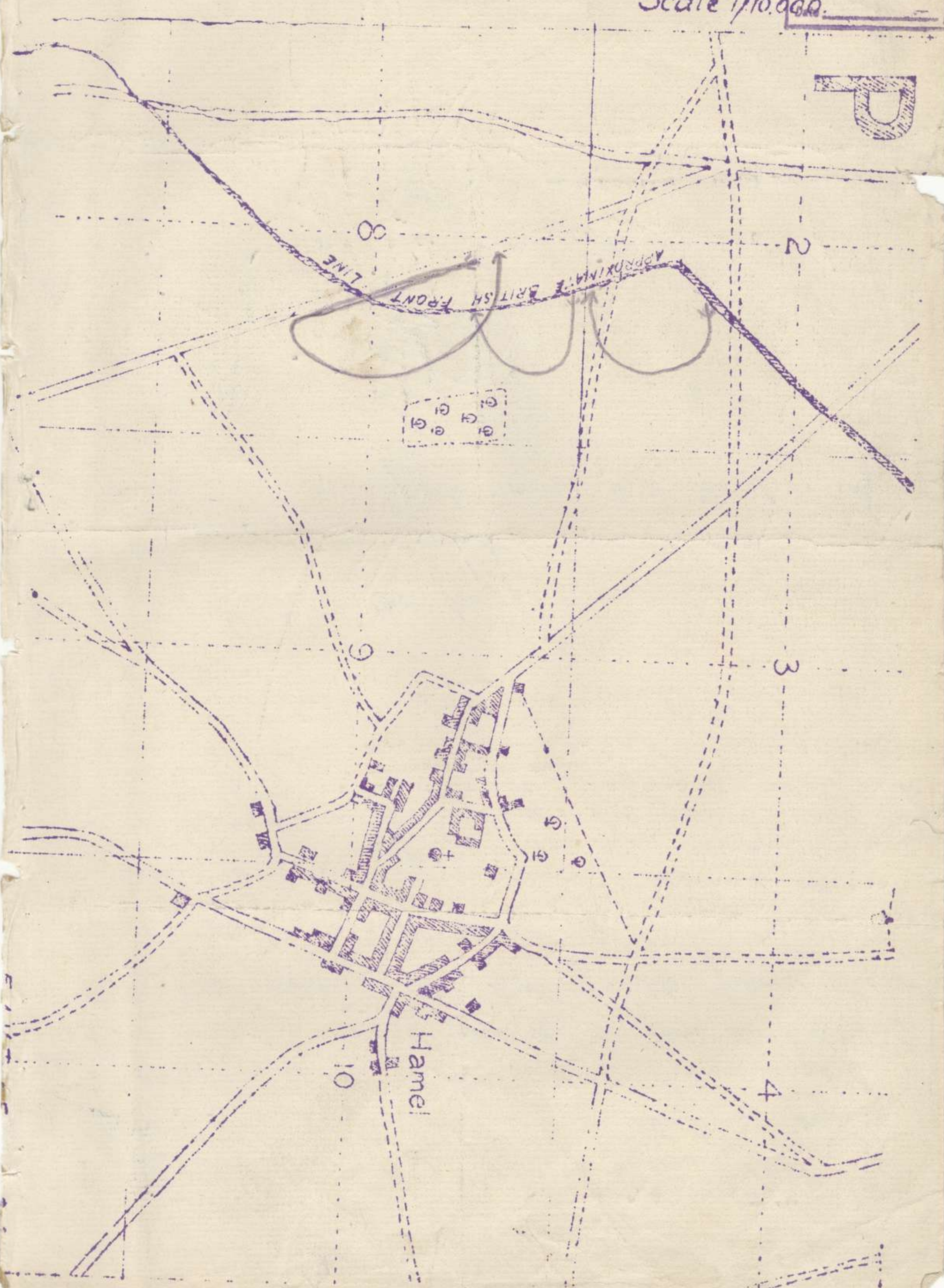
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# E.A.V. PATROL MAP

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30TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION

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Special Patrol to P.g.a. already reported

Special Patrol of 1 MCO & 6 men <sup>at 2.30 AM</sup> left

P. 2.5. and proceeded along sunken Road. in order to find if the enemy had a post there they moved along as far as P. 8.d. 3.7. they then observed a flare go up from about P. 9.c. and waited about 20 minutes to try and observe any movement. nothing was noted but the road is evidently occupied. a few yards past were they halted. the patrol could not get any closer as our MG was playing across the crest. Reason Patrols were maintained throughout the night between all posts and Cays in the flank.

Listening Posts were pushed out in front of each platoon. and report no enemy movement. These posts consisted of 1. MCO & 3 men —



Patrols were out in front of sector at Dawn & Dusk. but no enemy movement was observed —

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# Report of Special Patrol

1 NCO. & 6 men left P. 5. 2. 5. at 8.30 pm and patrolled towards P. 9. a. and searched for any enemy posts. They report that they got to within 50 yds of Hamel then turned to the left and returned back to our line at P. 8. 1. 9. They report they are no enemy in the vicinity patrolled and did not see or hear any movement. Had visibility been better they would have proceeded into the village. When returning they noticed a flare was fired from enemy lines from about P. 9. c. 5. 5. They report that the road leading into HAMMEL is a sunken one and is dotted with small trees. The patrol was out two & half hours.

A. Hest Carr



The C.O.  
30<sup>th</sup> Bn.



This morning patrols were sent out from 2.30 till daylight towards the line with instructions to note any ~~movements~~ & other local posts if possible. The first patrol was out from 2.30 a.m. till 3.30 a.m. & patrolled the ground between P. 3. c. 60-80 & P. 9. a. 80-90. This patrol reported no sign of the enemy. The second patrol was out till 4.50 a.m. & proceeded along the road marking our right boundary for within 100 yds of the village. There was no sign of the enemy.

At 8.30 this evening a further patrol was sent out with instructions to search the dead ground in P. 3. c. 80-90, as a party of a dozen Germans were seen to move in that direction from Hamel at dusk this evening. The patrol got lost, & returned at 10 o'clock without having discovered the post. Another party will be sent out during the night to look & secure this information.

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C. D. Savage Capt  
d/c

25.4

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Movement at 7.30 pm

~~Appendix~~

A party of about 12 of the  
Enemy seen to move into  
the dead ground about  
P3C 8.3 from the direction  
of HAMEL.



Considerable movement  
throughout the day, on ridge  
directly in rear of HAMEL.  
Men were moving about  
in twos and threes.

At dusk A Party of 5 Enemy were  
seen approaching the bodies  
of 2 dead Germans which  
are lying in front of our  
R. Post just as a party  
left the post to investigate  
the bodies. A L.G fired at  
the Enemy & one was seen  
to fall. A patrol after  
dark failed to locate  
the bodies or any wounded  
as the night was too dark.

The P.C. of the post was to  
investigate again at  
dawn but C.H.Q. cannot  
get in touch with the  
post now it is daylight.

Patrols

In addition to the reports attached,  
a patrol was sent out in front of  
the [unclear] post about 8D1.5 where  
noisy voices in road in 8D.



On account of extreme darkness  
Patrol could not give an  
exact location.

A strong fighting patrol (10ff  
M2) was sent out at  
3am to examine road  
in 8D and right of P3  
front to locate and  
attack any small  
forward Enemy Post  
This patrol did not  
return until daylight.  
A report on Salamonia  
be wired to you on  
receipt of wire from  
C.H.Q.

Visibility

The morning was clear  
and a man could be  
seen at 5.20 am

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30 km

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30th Bn

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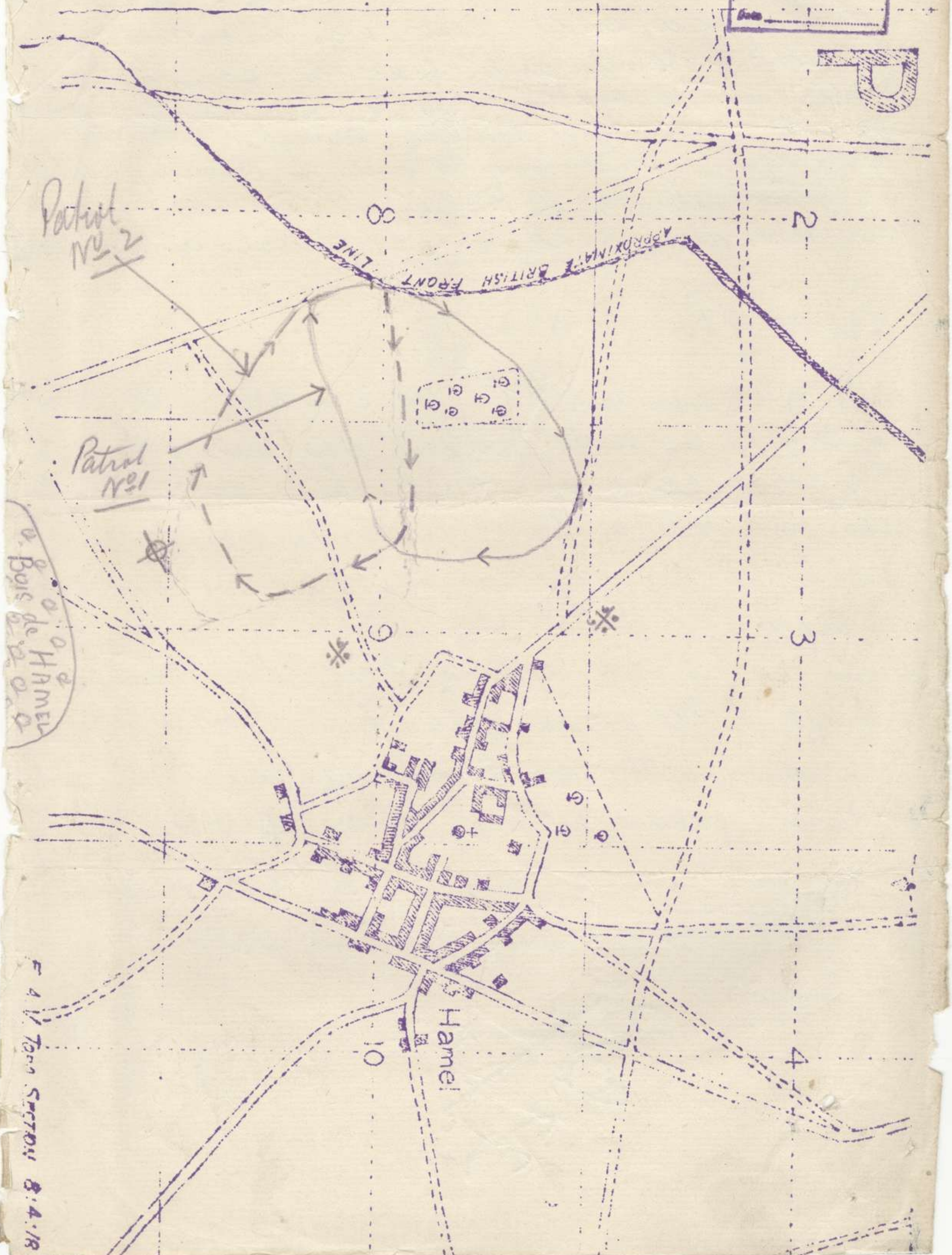
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# E.A.V. PATROL MAP

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E A V TOWN SECTION 8:4:18

## 35 Report of Patrol No 1 Centre Coy.

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1. NCO & 6 men left P.S.d. 3.9. at 11.30pm and patrolled as shown on map. They report that sounds like men walking in mud as shown by % on map. as approximately the direction it was coming from but nothing could be seen. no other movement could be seen or heard. The patrol report that a small light was showing from the right of Hamel and that as soon as the enemy started shelling VAIRE the light would go out and after shelling ceased would show again continuing to give a steady light. The patrol returned at P.S.d. 4.7. on sunken road then back along road to No 1 platoon. at 1.45 AM.

## Report of Patrol No 2

3.9.

1 NCO & 6 men left P.S.d. 3.9. at 3.45am add patrolled as shown in map. Nothing was met with until the wood came into view when voices which was evidently a listening of the enemy were heard at the approximate position marked % on map. the patrol was unable to go any closer as it was getting light they then returned to P.S.d. 4.7. at 4.50 AM. Our artillery was shelling the wood at the time but the shells were falling well in rear of where the voices were coming from. The NCO is certain that this is an enemy listening post.

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Approved Capt  
o/c AM

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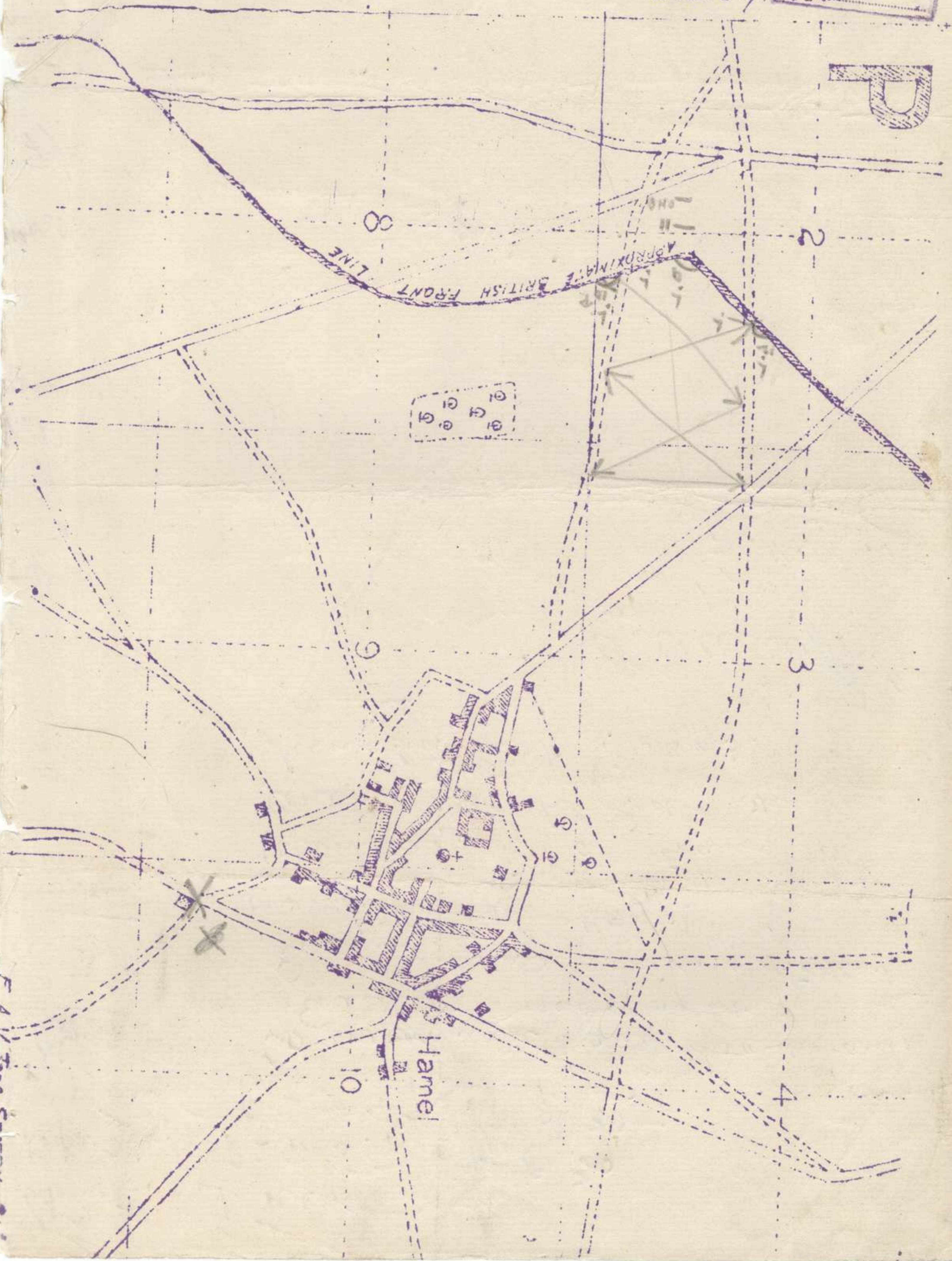
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Strength.

1 No 0 + 4

Departure.

P2D57 at 8 30

Return.

P2D57 at 9 30

Object

To reconnoitre and locate any  
Enemy movement

Report

Enemy heard driving stakes  
in part of HANDEL

Movement of transport  
Cones be heard on road  
junction at P10283.

~~By~~

Francis H

1-0

30th Row

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The CO  
30th Bn.

Patrols were sent out from Cay last night & this morning. The patrol last night moved out Cay. Patrols watching for enemy movement. The only thing heard was wheeled traffic on the night of Harnel & also stakes being driven in in front of the village.

30TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION  
No.           
        

This morning's patrol was out from 3.45 till 5 a.m., & moved forward to within 150 yards of the wood on the left of Harnel. Owing to the dark background no enemy posts could be observed, but the patrol was fired on by a sniper & as it was getting light the patrol returned to our lines.

C. D. Savage Capt  
I/C etc etc



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**"C" Form  
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.**

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Charges to Collect

By.....

To.....

Service Instructions

By.....

Handed in at..... Office.....

TO

\*Sender's Number      Day of Month      In reply to Num

FROM  
PLACE & TIME

\* This line should be erased if not required

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*30 R.P.*

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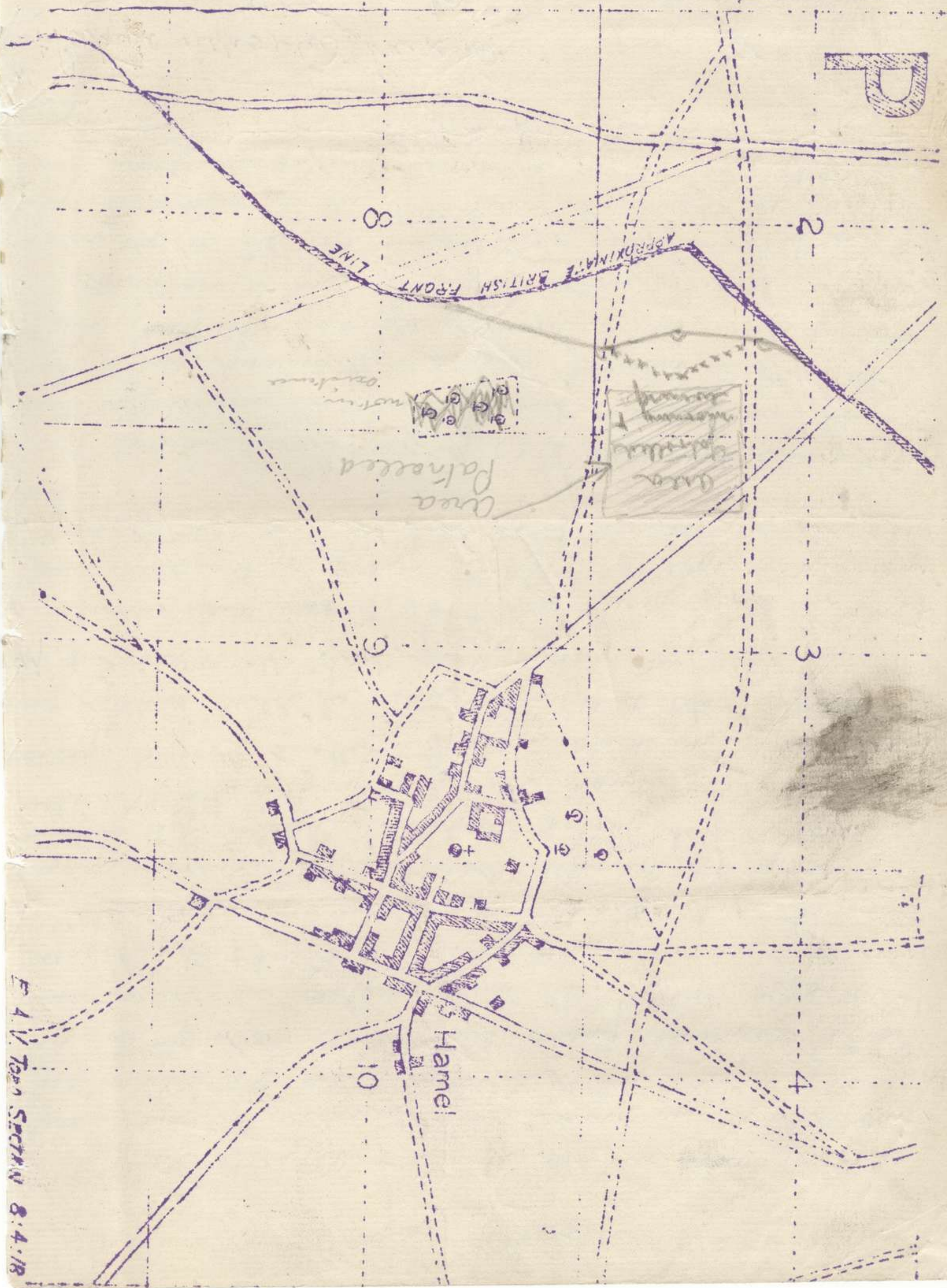
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E.A.V. Top Sheet 8:4:18

Patrol Report

12/13 - 4 - 18.

A patrol of 1 Lt. C.O. + 4 men left our line at 8.30 last evening to reconnoitre the ground in front of our post + note any enemy movement. On receipt of advice from B. Hq. that considerable enemy movement had been noted in certain parts this patrol was increased to 2 Lt. C.Os + 8 men, + instructed to move in diamond formation + be specially alert for any enemy movement. This patrol returned at 10.30 + reported that wheeled transport (probably half a dozen vehicles) had been heard in Hamel, + men calling loudly to one another. Our gun opened on the village, but nothing could be seen. The patrol also reported some of our shells fell short, just missing our posts.

Another party ~~was~~ of 2 + 10 was spread across our front from midnight to 5 a.m. to afford protection to a working party of 24 men. This party reported all quiet on the enemy side.

At 4 a.m. another party of 1 + 8 went out ~~at 4 a.m.~~ with instructions to patrol forward + across our front + note enemy movements; diamond formation to be kept. This party has not yet returned or sent back any report.

It appears to me that the approx. British line shown on the reverse side is incorrect + I have marked on your map what I consider to be this line. This might be verified. The wood shown in the centre of the map does not exist.

Patrol reported back at 5.10 a.m. - nothing to report.  
J. J. J. J. J.  
1.0

C.O. / O/C  
C. J. J. J. J.  
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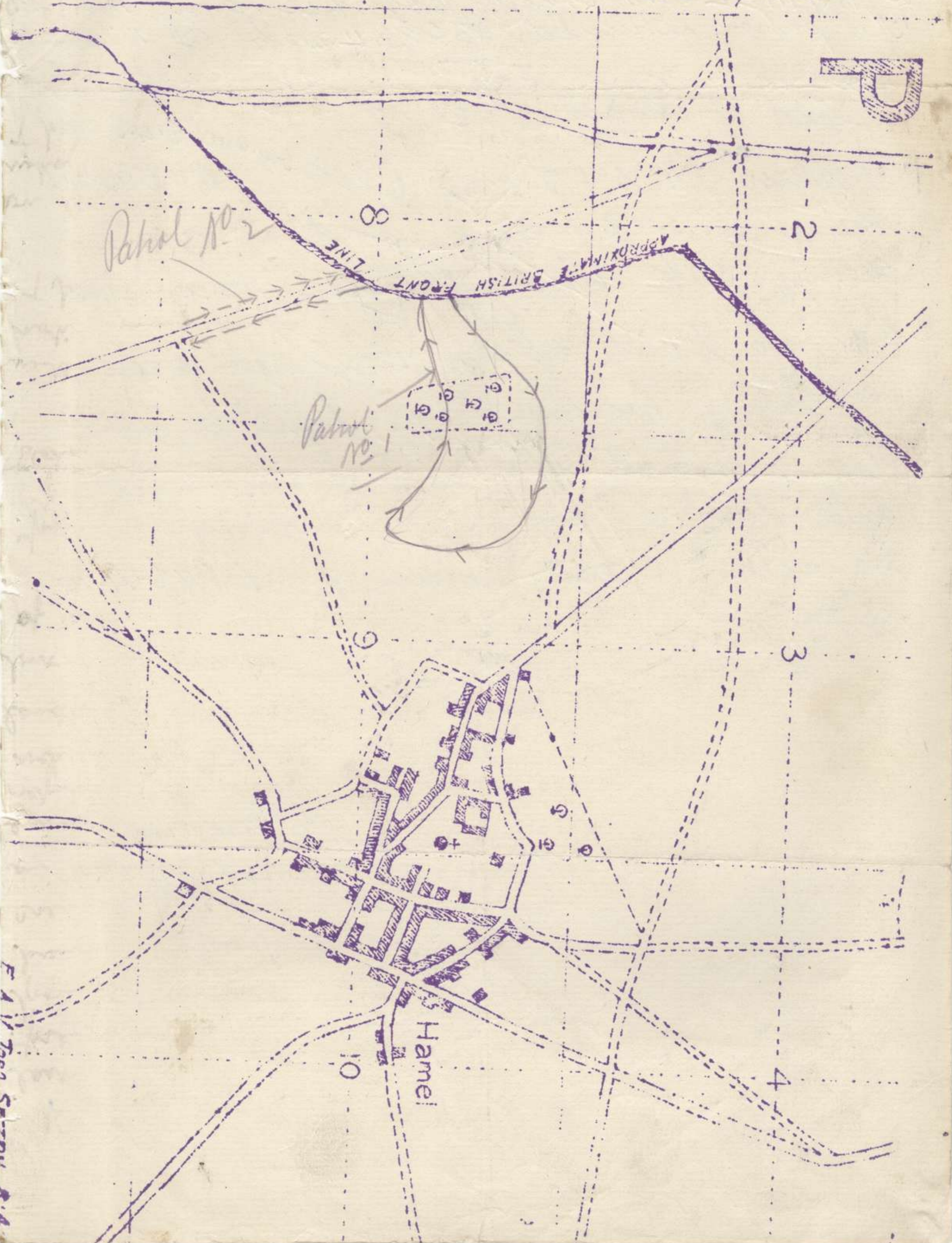
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42 Report of Patrol No 1

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Cpl C also APPENDIX 5

a Patrol of 1 NCO & 6 men left P.S. 4.4 at 9.30 p.m. and patrolled as shown on map. The patrol halted several times to try and hear any movement of enemy. They report that digging was heard in front of the village of HAMEL but could not see any movement. The patrol returned to P.S. 4.2 at 12 midnight.

Report of Patrol No 2

7 a.m. Officer 1 NCO & 6 men left P.S. 4.0 at 3.45 a.m. to patrol the roads to try and find if any enemy posts were up there. They report that no trench or post was met and no enemy movement was heard or seen. They reached the crest of the road and looked down but nothing could be seen. They returned to P.S. 4.0 at 5 a.m.

W. H. G. G. G.  
C. H. M.

*John Brown*

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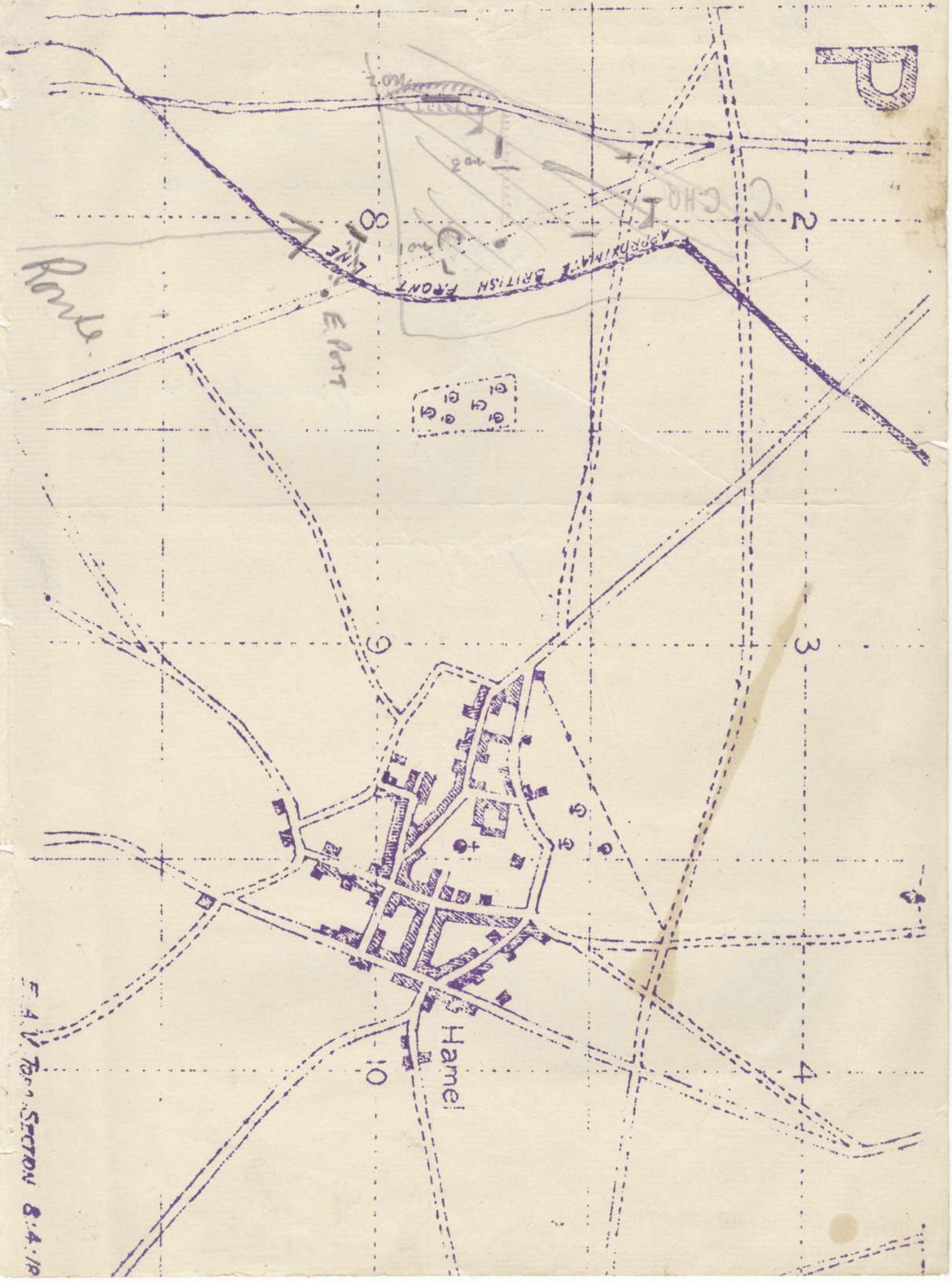
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E. A. V. SECTION 8:4:18



1. off 2 OK

10 pm from P8d 2 9

11 pm retc

To examine E Post at about  
P8d 3.8 on road.

Patrol found post damaged by  
over T.M fire and no  
Enemy garrison.

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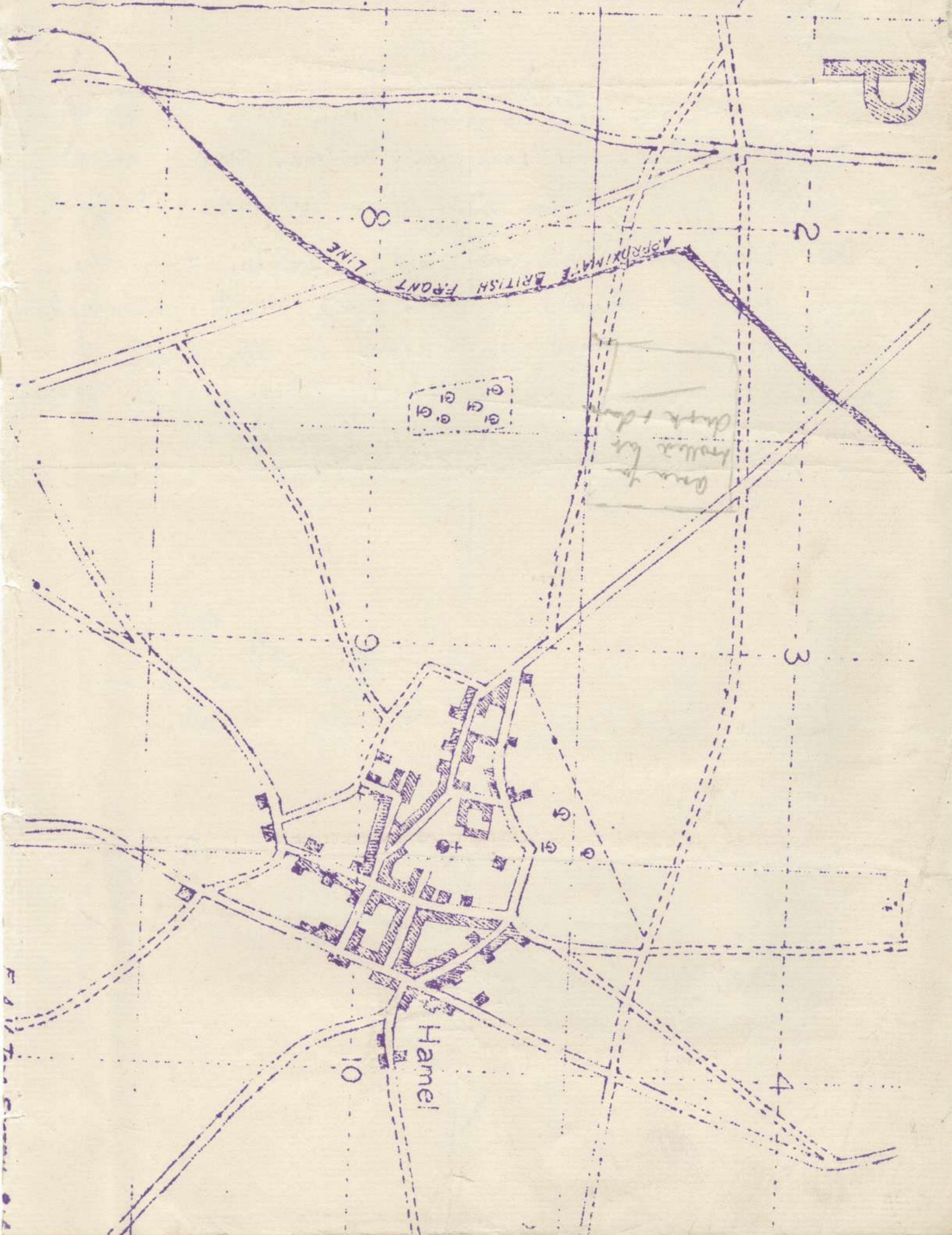
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Patrols Report

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at 8 45 p.m. last night a patrol of 1 P.C.O. (Sgt. Hogg) + five other patrolled the area in front of the Camp section as shown on the reverse side. They were on till 9.30, + reported no movement or sign of the enemy.

From 11 p.m. till 2 a.m. there was a covering party of 2 P.C.O.'s + 12 men in the main land protecting a working party. This party also reported all quiet.

At 3.30 this morning Sgt. Buckley + 6 others went out to patrol the main land, with instructions to get as far forward as possible to the village of Hamel + note any signs of activity there. This patrol has not yet returned. (4.45 a.m.)

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C. W. Savary Capt  
O/C C Coy  
30th Bn

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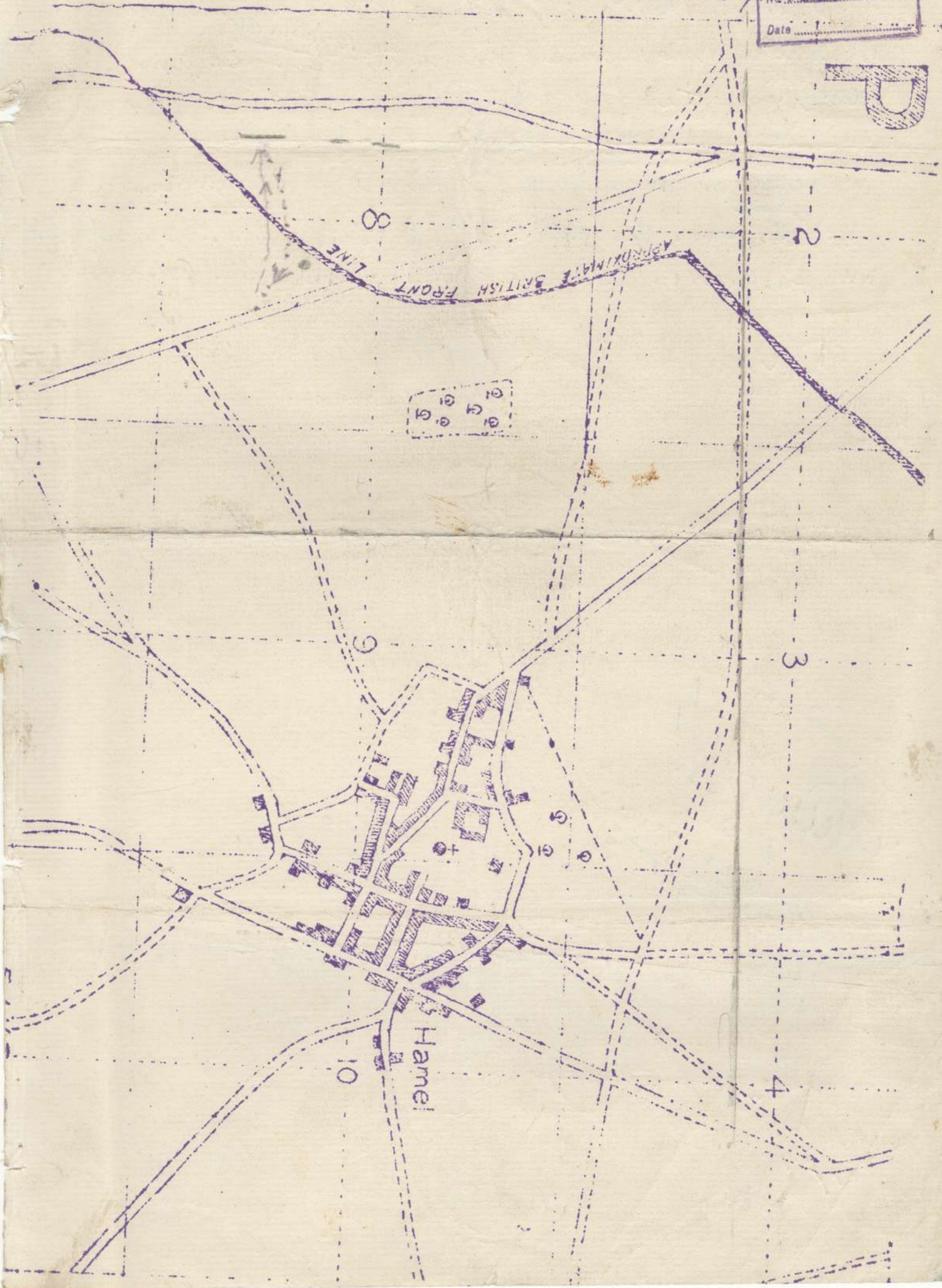
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13<sup>th</sup> April Patrol M Wells Sgt Ecclest

Cpl Shubb visited the enemy posts which they had previously visited during the night. <sup>12 moon set</sup> at 4.30 am. They reached the forward post finding it unoccupied and from there bomb a post in the vicinity. No reply or movement followed the bombing.

M Wells says the post is P 8 d. 35° 45'. This corresponds with Sgt Brown's estimate of it as near as possible.

Dawn Patrols report (also)

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approved from  
O/C D Coy.

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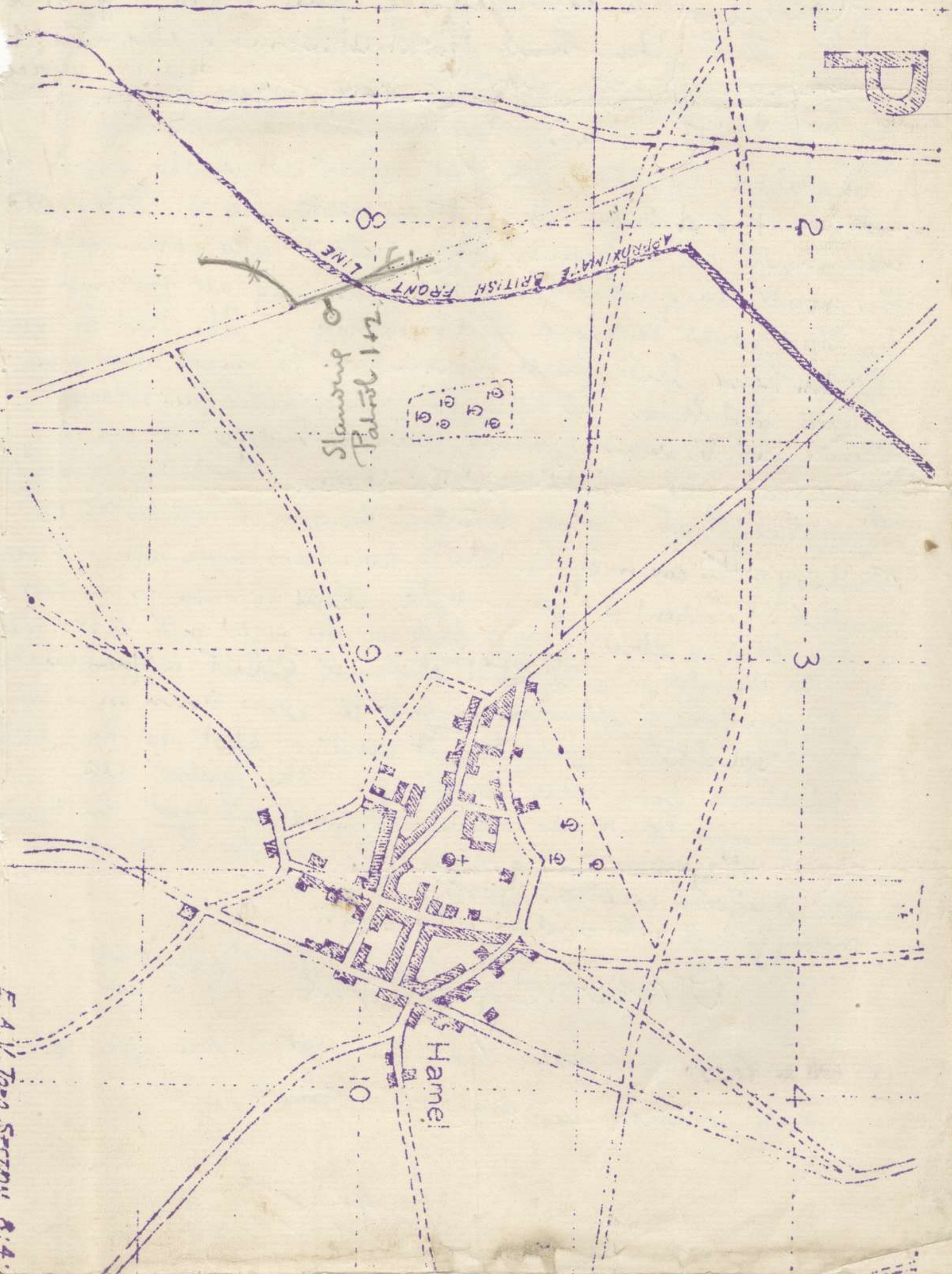
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E.A.V. Topo Section 8:4

Patrol Report at 10.15 pm

Volunteer patrol of 3 NCOs Sgt Curran  
Sgt Toding Cpl Stubbs + 2 men Ptes Kelly  
& Collins to investigate the report by HQ  
Sgt that they had fired at some of the enemy  
at 7.30 pm and believed some were hit. The  
Patrol was to obtain identification if possible.  
The patrol left the left post went along the road to  
about P 8 d 30.80. They then detoured to P 8 d 25.2  
examined all the ground there about and returned by  
the route they went out re-examining all ground.  
No trace could be found of anything. The patrol worked  
for an hour but found nothing. To make still more  
certain Cpl Stubbs Pte Kelly, Pte Collins asked for + obtained  
permission to wait another hour in hiding in waylay  
any enemy who might venture down. Nobody came.

Description of Road going out from Quarry towards P. 15  
about 50 yds. is an irregular lot of loose bark wire strung across  
the road for about 50 yds in depth. About 30 to 40 yds further  
on the bank is about 8-10 ft high on the right and 5 ft on  
left. On the right is a <sup>sort of roadway</sup> ~~reflex~~ in the bank. Chart apparently  
for the purpose of allowing a cart to come down on to the  
road. Cpl Stubbs considers it just a spot he himself  
would choose if he were sniping. The patrol is  
unanimous that the machine gunner did not hit any  
one. It appears as if this post is a duck sniping  
post. It affords excellent cover.

Main patrol returned at 11.30 am.

Own Patrol goes out

Heard a rumour that 32 patrol bumped a  
Fritz patrol and had some trouble.

*[Signature]*

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Johnston 14/15 April

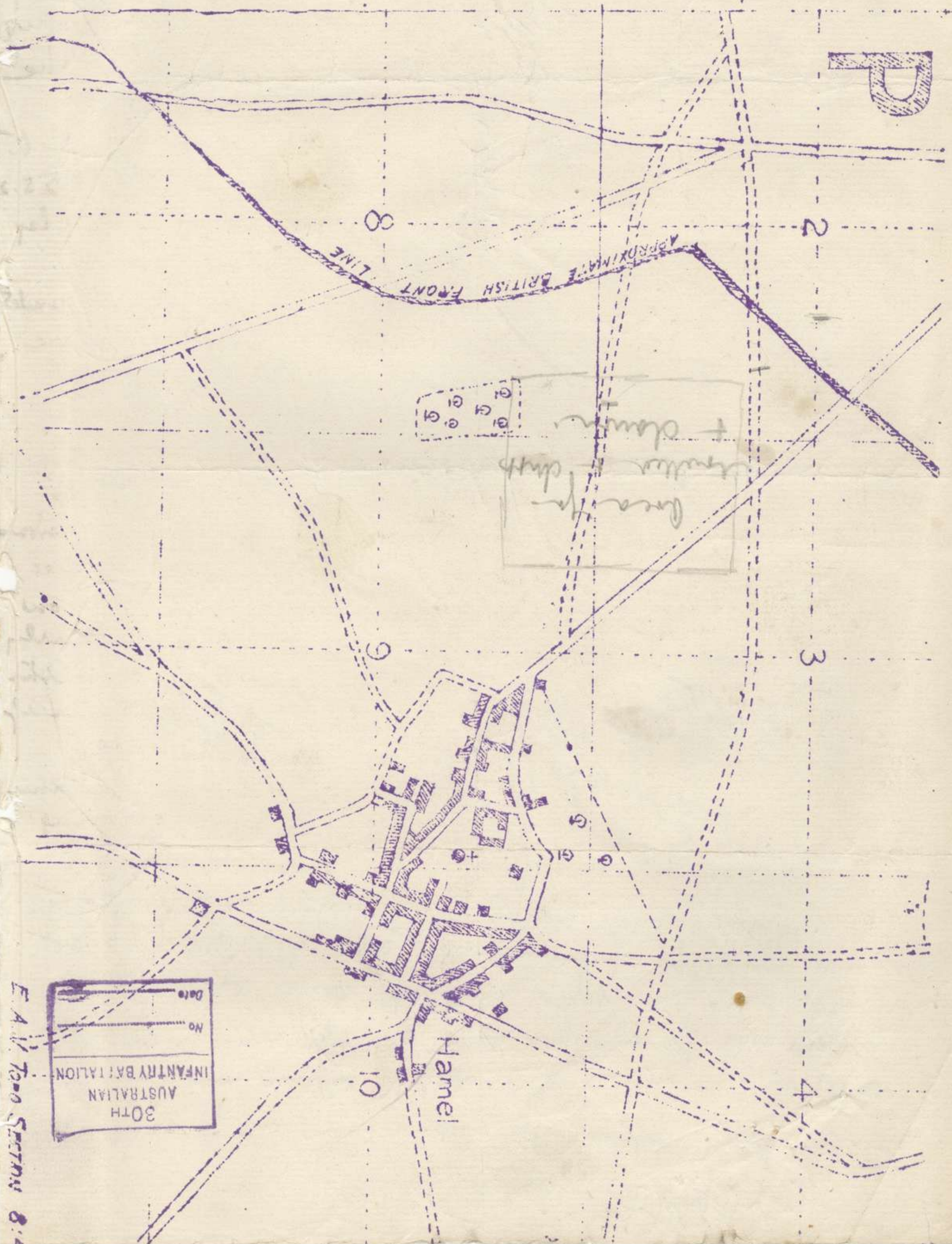
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E.A.V. 7000 SECTION 814



Patrol Reports 30th Bn

A patrol of six men under Sgt. Buckley patrolled the main  
hand as shown on the sketch between 8.45 + 9.30 last  
night, with the object of noting any signs of the enemy.

Another patrol with the same object in view was out  
from 3.45 till 4.45 this morning. Sgt. Hogg was in  
charge of this party. Both patrols were fruitless.

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C. D. Savage Capt  
A/C 2<sup>nd</sup> Coy  
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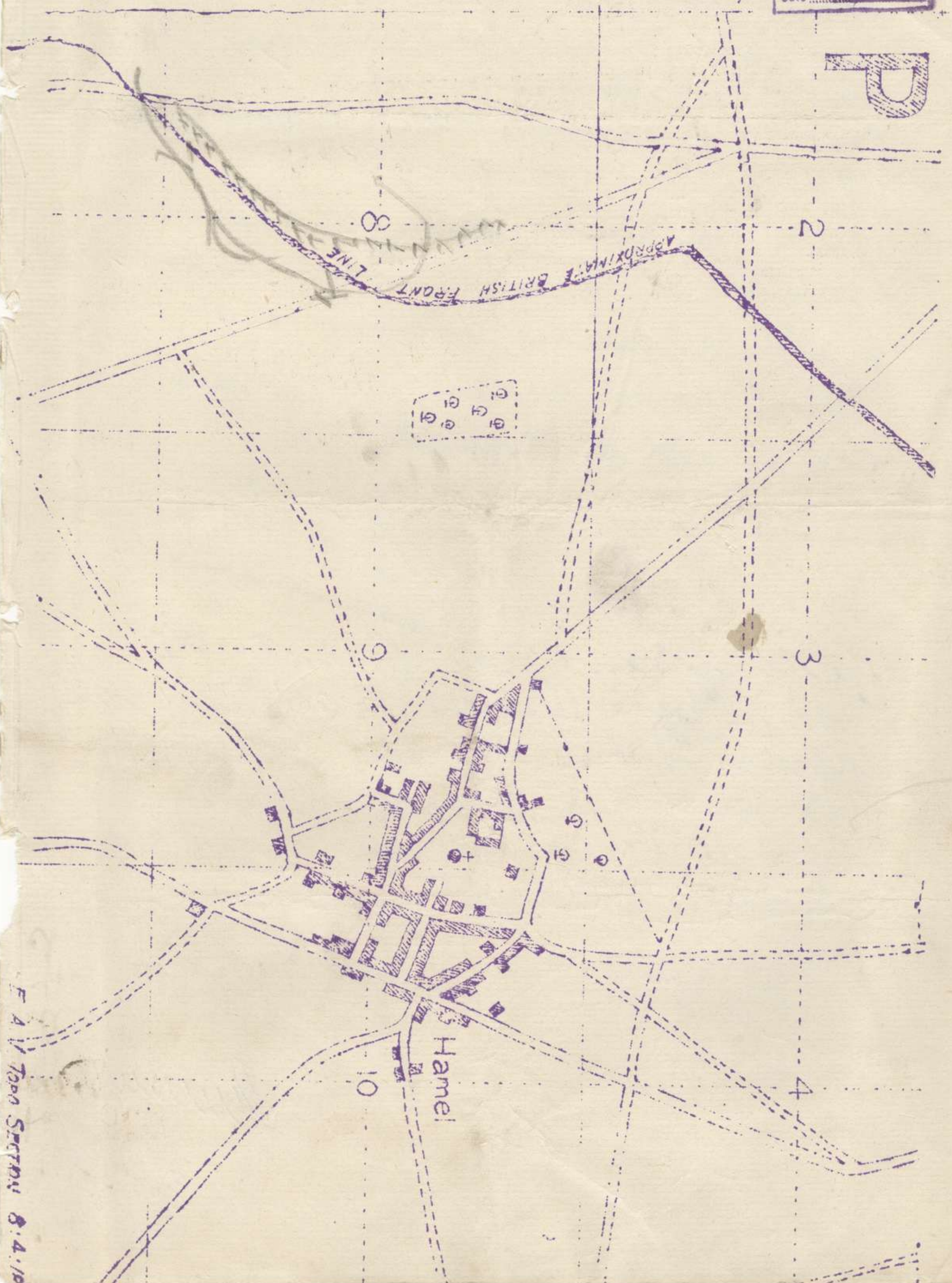
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F A V Topo Section 8.4.18

Patrol II

St Wells & A. Cedes and 3 others  
 left night of <sup>pgc45.30</sup> by that patrol at 3 am  
 worked well down into the valley.  
 About 300 yds from our own wire they came  
 across an ~~ammochine~~ tripod in  
 position in a shell hole together with  
 pack and shovels. P80

Patrol contains Lewis etc and is  
 headed J R 157. Towel is trawled  
 R Hunschansen Hamm etc

Patrol report enemy very quiet - He  
 could not be located.

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The members of the patrol <sup>St</sup>  
 Wells & A. Cedes report that the  
 tripod is one of our victims. The shell  
 hole must have been occupied by our  
 troops as there was some of our gear  
 including a "dexie".

James H  
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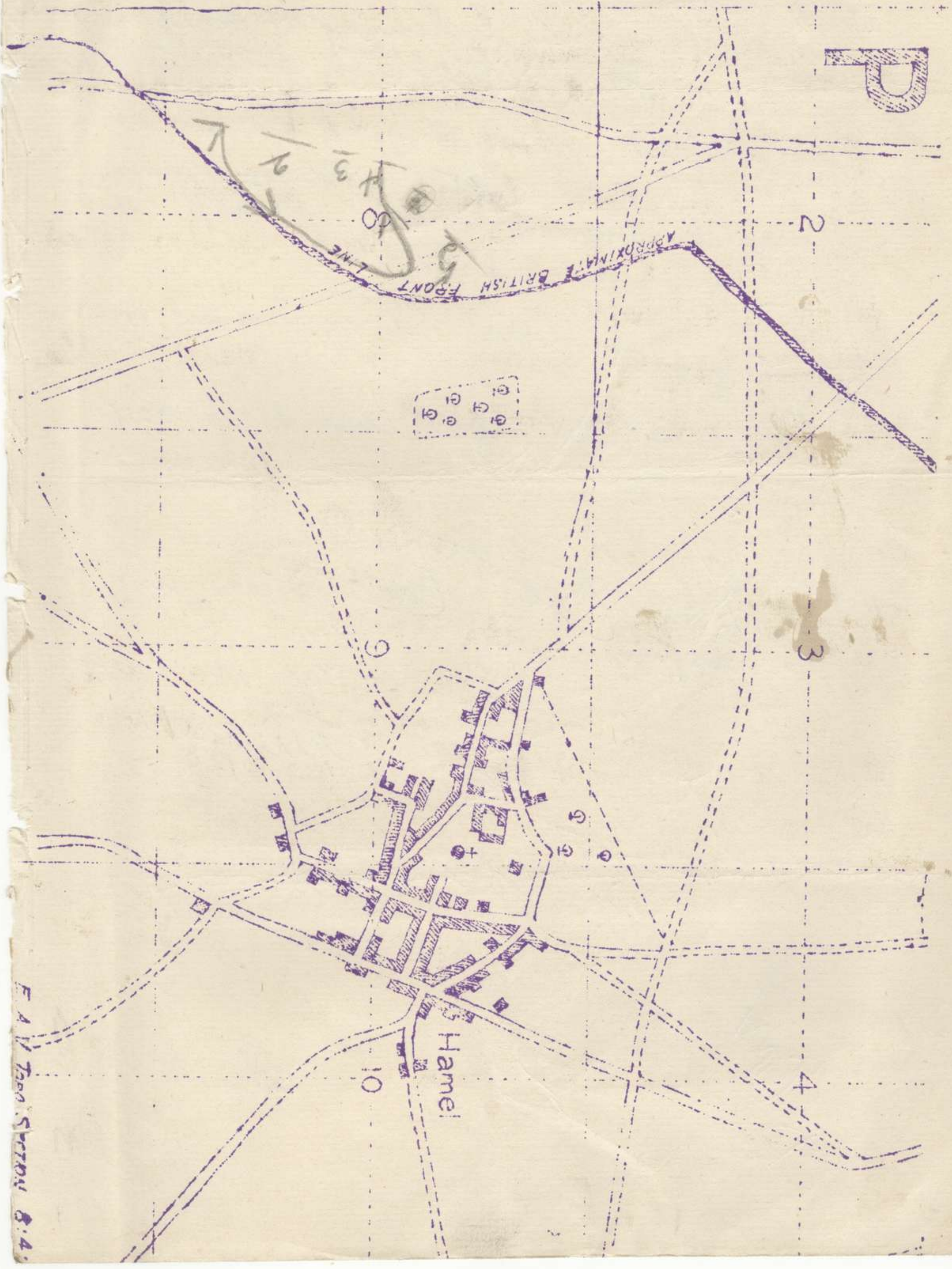
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E.A.V. TAP. SECTION 8:4.

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Patrol Sgt Eades + 3 other ranks  
(P8c 45.30)

left the right of sector at 2 am  
and returned at 2.45 am

Instructions To patrol Coy front to Road  
and return in by 4.4 pm and search  
for any enemy listening or sniping  
posts if possible to obtain identification

Patrol Report No sign of enemy.

flares as previous night. not so many.  
night is much clearer. perhaps as

Listening Posts report no movement visible

3 am to -

- Dawn Patrol report would if any  
information

~~Report of Patrol not received.~~

~~1 officer of 1st Lt Eades and  
3 other ranks~~

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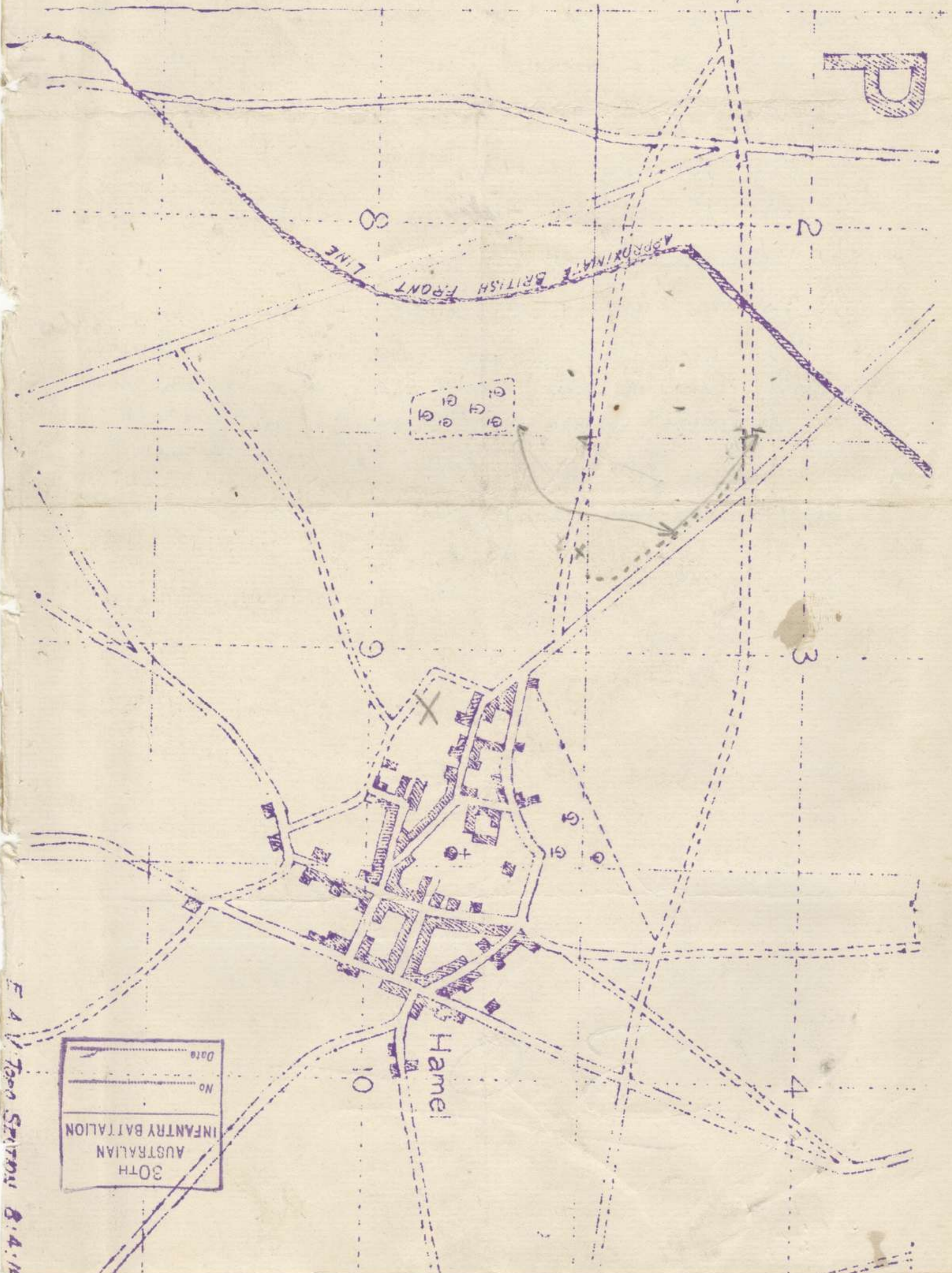
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E A V Topo Station 8:4:11

Last night at 9.15 Cpl. Custer + a party of five men left our line at P 8 to 95-70 with the object of reconnoitering the ground to our front, + look in the direction noted on the sketch on the opposite side. They ~~searched~~ with no opposition from the enemy, + reported the village of HAMEL showed no sign of life, with the exception of a faint noise about P 9 to 30-40 which was probably caused by the hammering of stakes into the ground for wire entanglements. The patrol returned at 10.30 p.m.

At 3.30 this morning Cpl. Custer + 8 men left our line at P 2 to 90-75 with instructions to move in a direction shown by the dotted line on the map + take up a position in some slightly dead ground which would enable the patrol to watch <sup>suspected</sup> enemy listening post near a lone tree at about P 9 to 50-95 + if possible intercept the ~~patrol~~ ~~case~~ they returned to their line. The party returned at 5 a.m., + reported having got into the post, which appears ~~at~~ one time to have belonged to us, the report being on the side nearest the village. There was nothing else to report.

C. W. Savage Capt  
 W. C. [unclear] Capt  
 30 [unclear] Bm

30 CR

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62 P. 34. 9. 10.  
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*Manuel*

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35A.BB32.  
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*Left Coy front.*



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APPENDIX 9  
SPECIAL OPERATION ORDER

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16<sup>th</sup> 80<sup>th</sup>  
AUSTRALIAN  
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Coys will carry out our order. Coy relief commences night, 17<sup>th</sup> instant. A Coy will relieve D Coy on Right Front, B Coy will relieve C Coy on Left Front. On completion of relief D Coy will move to Supports and C Coy to Reserves. Details of relief will be mutually arranged between Coys concerned.

Evening meals will be prepared as usual prior to relief. No movement to take place before 9.30 pm.

All S.A.A, Bombs, picks, shovels, S.O.S. maps, dispositions and informations regarding the sector will be handed over and receipts obtained. Copies of these receipts will be rendered to Bn HQ. with the intelligence summary on morning of 18<sup>th</sup>.

A covering party will be put out by C+D Coys whilst relief is in progress and will not be withdrawn until completion.

The Bn L.M.G. teams attached to C+D Coys will remain as they are and after relief will be attached to A+B Coys respectively for duty & rotations.

Completion of relief will be word to Bn HQ. by A+D Coys by the code word "ONCE" and by B+C Coys by the code word "AGAIN"

Please acknowledge

*[Signature]*  
Lieut  
Adjutant.

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Country to be patrolled

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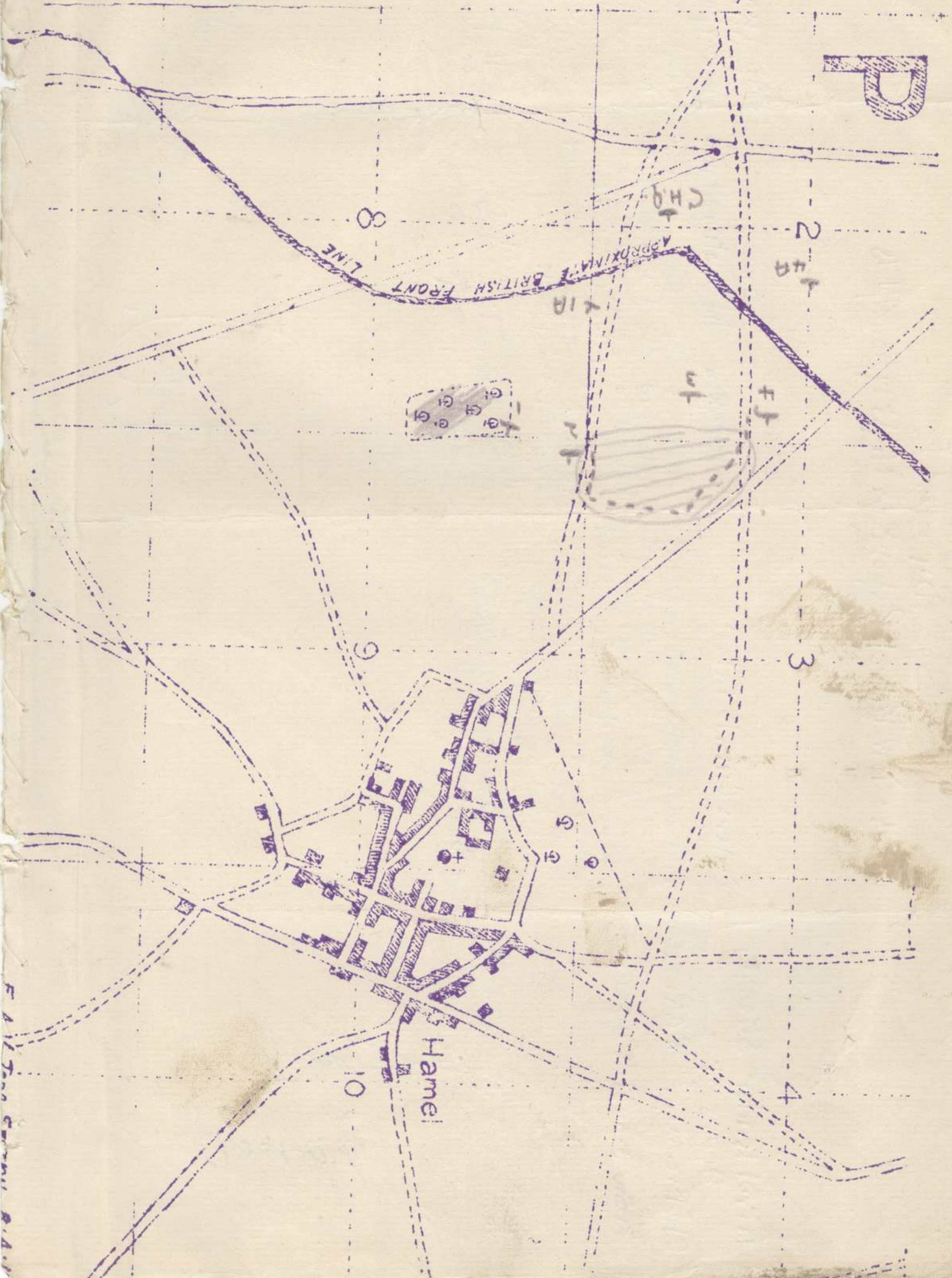
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30th Bn A.I.F  
5th Div Patrol Report for Night 17/18 Apr 18

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Patrol Leader Strength  
Hours out

Cpt Bromley. 5 O.R. Tot 6  
From 3.30 till 4.20 am

Orders Given to Patrol

To move along road on left of no. 2 post for 150 yards thence across front to meet road on left of no. 4 post behind cross roads. To examine the whole of the country patrolled for signs of enemy posts or patrols and engage any small enemy ~~posts~~ encountered.

Route taken Information obtained

From no. 2 post along road on left of post about 150 yds thence forward to P3C 45 and thence in rear of Lane Hamel road to P3C 10 75 (road) returned through no 4 post.

No enemy encountered. ground in good condition on succession of narrow & ploughed fields.

Patrol Leaders remarks  
Identifications  
Enemy patrols Action taken

Night very dark and not very suitable for patrolling as no landmarks can be kept in sight. Enemy fired one flare which appeared to come from the outskirts of Hamel.

No enemy patrols seen or heard.

Astrady

Rear

W. J. O.  
30th Bn A.I.F.

30th Bn A.I.F.

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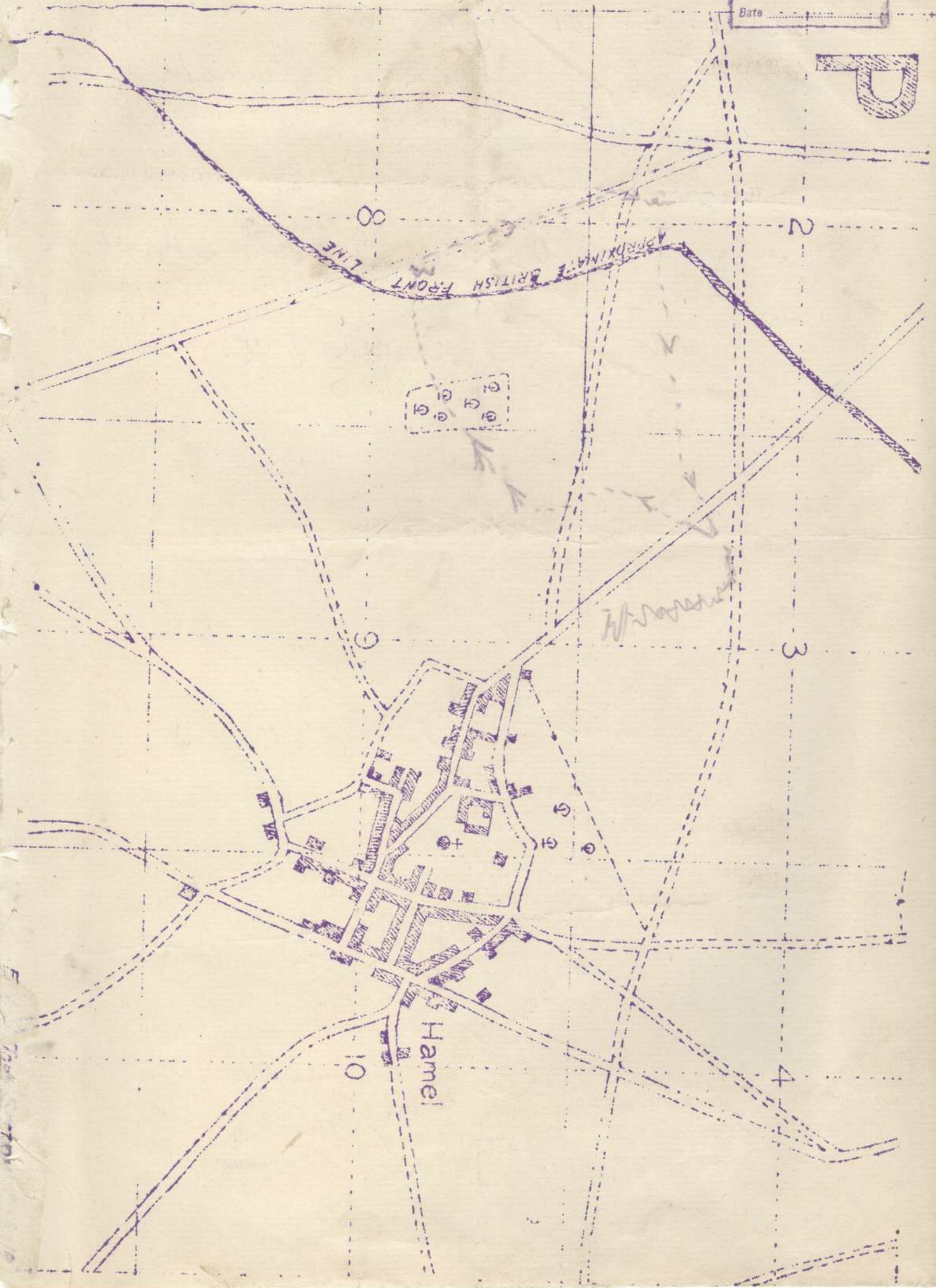
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 AUSTRALIAN  
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Cpl. Bromley + 4 O.R. left ~~P285~~ P2c93  
at 3:30 am with instructions to patrol  
L Coy front and to report any

movement or signs of attack

Everything reported quiet, whole  
of Coy front patrolled but  
no movement seen or heard.

Patrol reported back at 4:45

am

James H.

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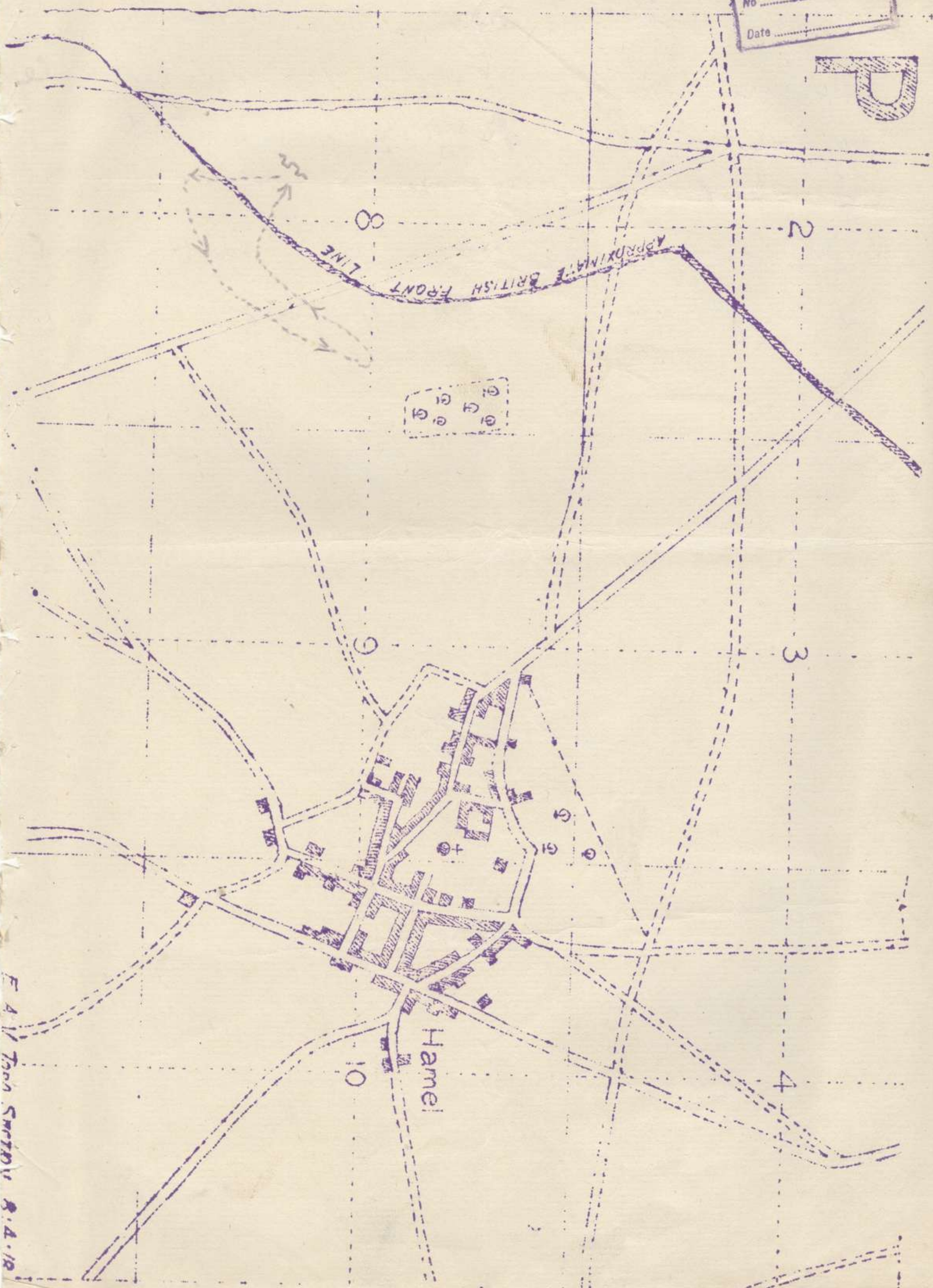
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APPENDIX II

677. Lieut Haigh + 2 OR left P8C 86 at 25.4  
3.45 am and patrolled along  
R Coy front at about 250 ft  
from our outpost line.

The instructions were to  
immediately report any  
movement of Enemy or signs  
of attack.

Patrol returned at 4.40 am  
& reported all quiet.

James L.  
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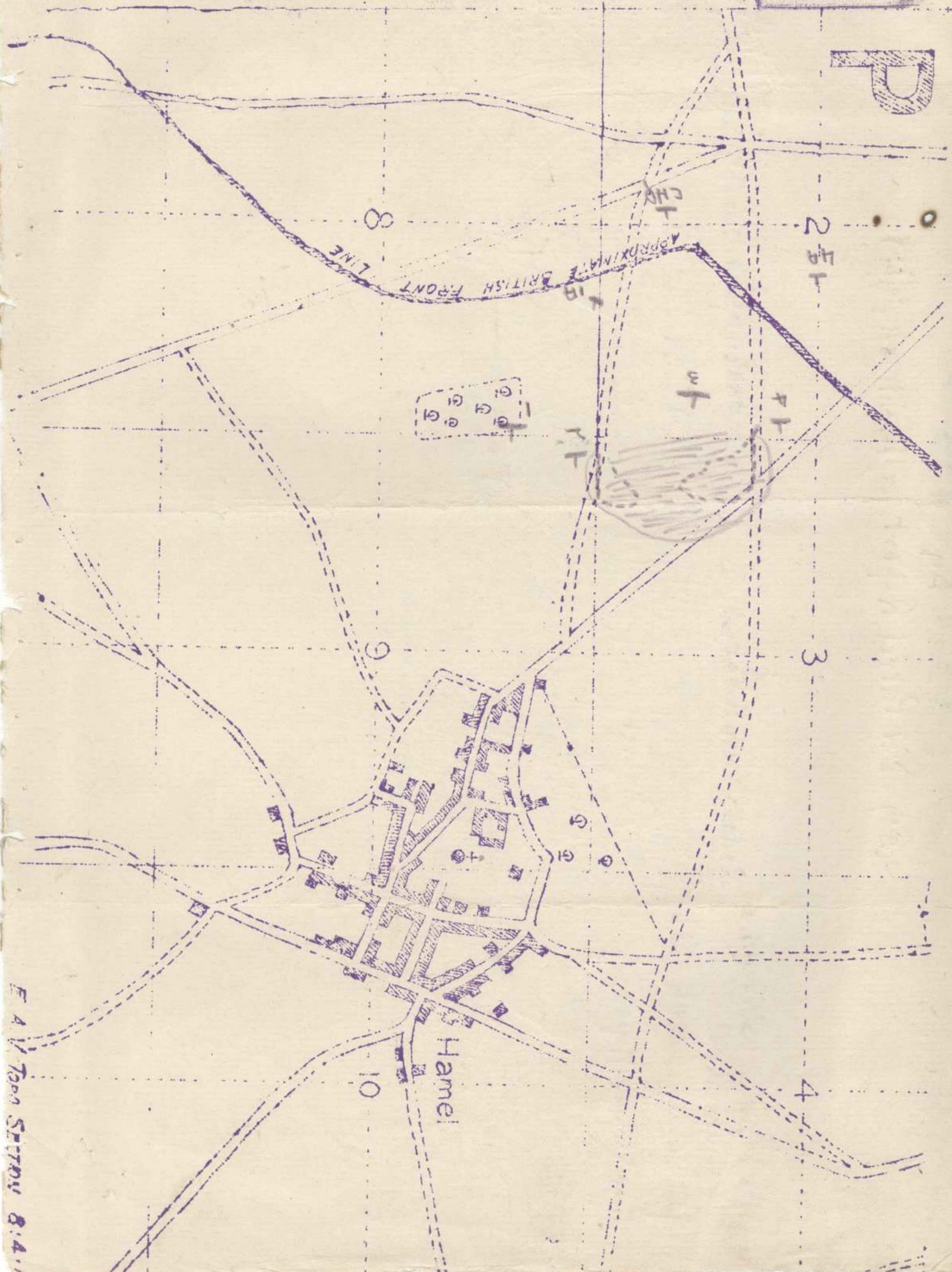
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Here to be patrolled  
Routes taken  
Posts

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30<sup>th</sup> Bn AIF  
 5<sup>th</sup> Div Patrol Report for Night 18/19 April 1918

APPENDIX 11

Patrol Leader Strength  
 Hours out

Cpl Bromley 50h Tot 6  
 From 8.30 till 9.30  
 " 12.30 " 2a

Orders Given to Patrol

To move along road on left of no 2 post for 200 yds thence across front to Yaire Hamel road forward of cross roads and return along Yaire Hamel road to cross roads and along Hamel Hamel road. To search the country between roads mentioned and observe road for any signs of recent patrolling by enemy. To engage any small parties of enemy encountered.

Route taken Information obtained

Along road on left of no 2 post. 200 yds and across front. 100 yds thence back across country to no 2 post  
 > Along road on right of no 4 post to cross roads thence along Yaire Hamel road to or 70 yds and back (covering the ground in front of no. 2 post) to no 4 post. No enemy encountered

Patrol leaders remarks  
 Identifications  
 Enemy patrols Action taken  
 Several holes evidently used by our troops. What appears to be a trench about 200 yds on enemy side of Yaire Hamel road.  
 Very light with moon in rear making movement very slow and necessitating great caution

W. Palmerbapt  
 30<sup>th</sup> Bn

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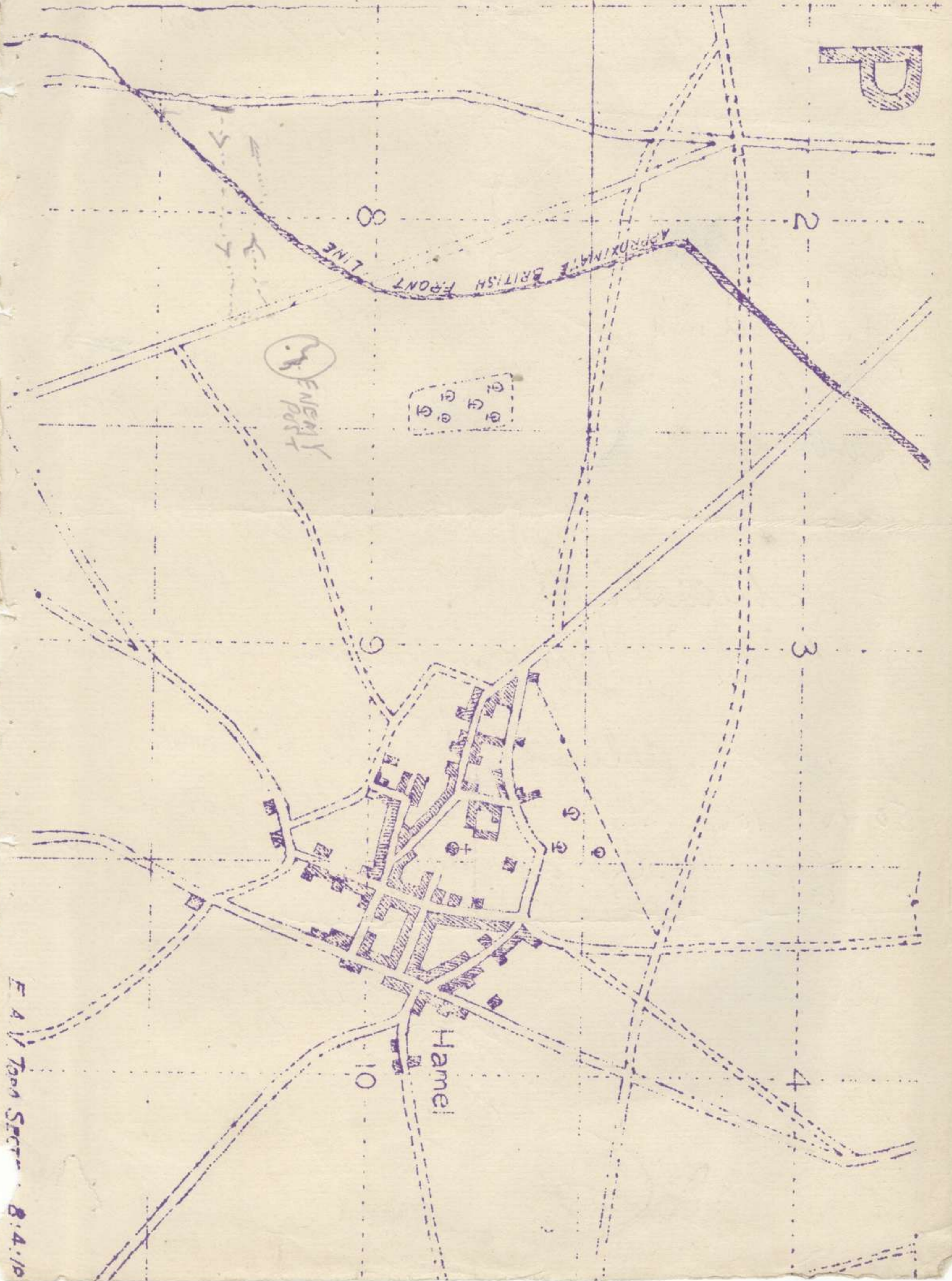
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Leut Wells + 90R left P8c63 at 11pm with instructions to patrol N.M.L. and to fight any enemy encountered.

Patrol left R of Bw sector and reached the bunker mt. about 100' out. Here the patrol was held up by continuous M.G. and rifle fire. The moon was behind ~~the~~ the patrol, and the enemy position was on low ground, making it extremely difficult to move, so further progress was stopped.

A well-defined trench (chack) about 50 to 100 yds from the road with 2 M.G. at about P8d77 was the position from which the fire came.

Drawing by

Wells

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Patrol Report  
30TH INF BDN

very dark.  
 Centre Bn. Lieut. WELLS and 3 o.r. left p 8 b 3 1 at 11.35 p.m.  
 to reconnoitre enemy post at P 8 d 7 7; patrol moved down road  
 towards B. DE VAIRE. At about P 8 d 45 70 enemy has placed a  
 belt of wire across the road; wire is not strong. Near this  
 point a recently occupied sniper's post was found, containing a  
 stick bomb. Enemy post at P 8 d 7 7 could not be seen through  
 the wire. While patrol was examining the strong point 6 enemy were  
 seen in rear of the wire on left of the road. Patrol waited  
 half an hour and was then attacked by 15 of the enemy with a  
 light M.G. from the right. Patrol threw all their grenades and  
 then retired followed for about 100 yards by the enemy using the  
 light M.G. Patrol returned safely at 1 a.m.  
 Two other patrols were out but report N.M.L. clear of the  
 enemy and no sound of working parties heard. Until midnight  
 moon was very bright.  
 Left Bn. Lieu

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AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION



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No.	
Date	H.E. and

D.S.C.  
Capt.

A shoot of 3" Stokes incendiary shells will be carried out by four guns of 8th L.T.M.B. tonight 19/20th. Zero hour will be 2.30 am. Targets to be engaged are known enemy positions on the western edge of Bois de VAIRE at approximately P.14. d. 4. 5.

150 rounds incendiary and 100 rounds H.E. shells will be fired.

All L.Co. <sup>of 30th Bn</sup> that cover any roads and tracks leading from the wood will co-operate with fire on these at zero. Field artillery will also cover roads in P.15. a and C, and P.21. a. and eastern portion of Bois de VAIRE and also known enemy positions in rear.

The Stokes gun firing are situated along Bunker road in P.14. a and C. Watches will be synchronised at 10.30 pm OVEH.

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An Artillery shoot will be carried out on enemy positions in the Divon. Sector on the night of 19/20th at the following times:-  
 5" bursts - 11.35 pm,  
 2" bursts 9.45 pm, 1.43 am and 3.27 am and 4.15 am.

*[Signature]*  
Lieut Adjutant.

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Patrol Leader

4 WY units

4 men

10 pm 11.30 pm

orders

Identification  
 locate dispositions of  
 enemy  
 watch patrol +  
 their routes  
 listen for working  
 parties eye location

Route

as marked on  
 face of map

Remarks  
 From P8 B5.5  
 after passing our listening post 100'  
 in front of NW post I went straight  
 ahead for a distance of 200 yards + on  
<sup>left</sup> my right flank about 300 yds heard a  
 timber voices. I worked around to  
 left in front of Hamel + heard men  
 talking, working with pick, there  
 was on right of road leading to  
 Hamel + close up to village buildings  
 no patrol was met. whilst out in  
 front of Hamel a barouge fell about  
 100 or 150 yards in front of my party.

+ 150 = 201  
 150 = 127  
 + 150 = 254  
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Gunnery Lt  
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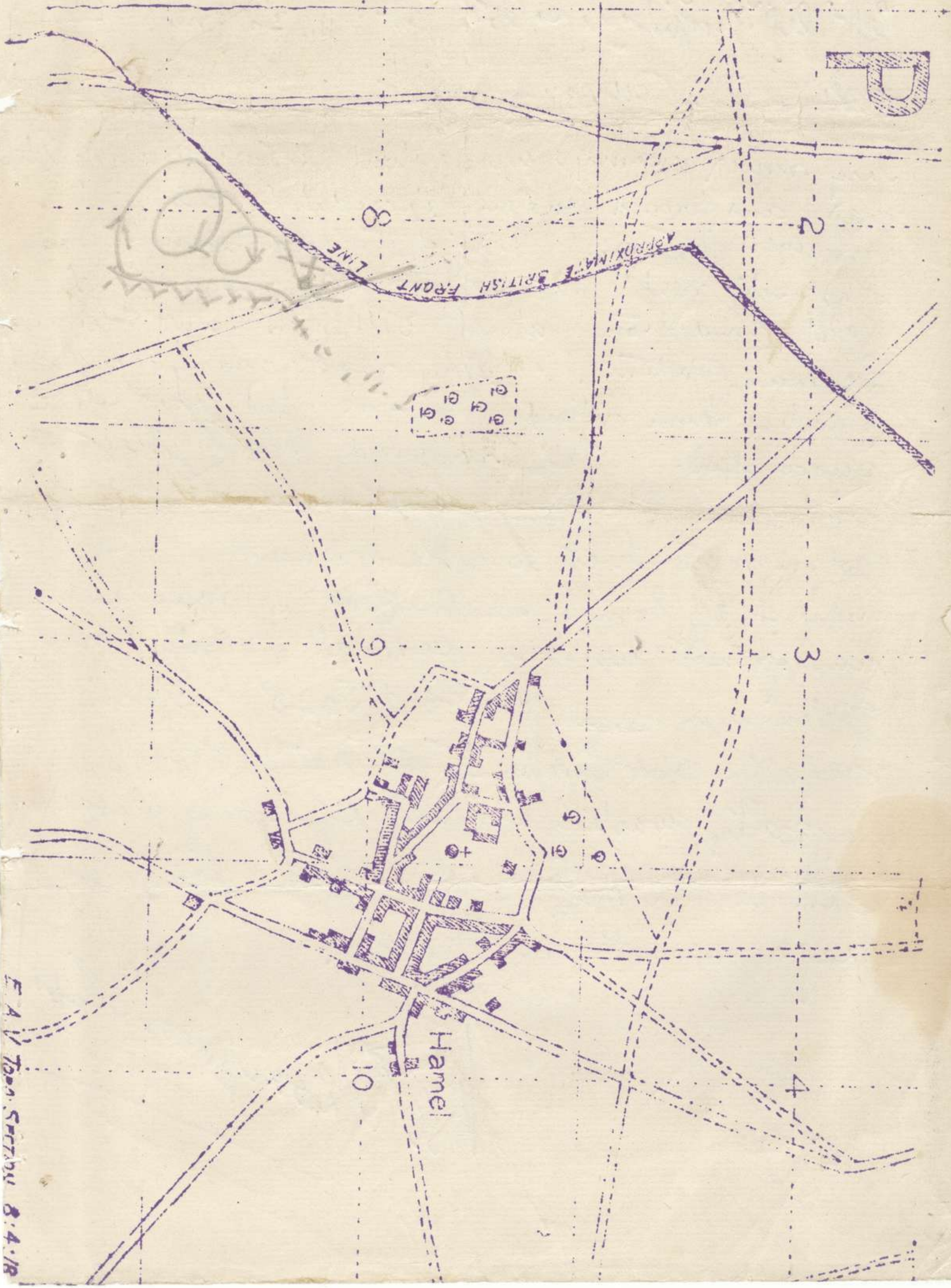
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Patrol Report Walls by

with 10 OR including 3 HQ & 2  
P 8 B 1.3  
left left of right sector at 11.30 pm They  
orders as previous night.

They struck enemy were about 350 yds along the  
road and found enemy exceedingly alert.  
They were fired on. They patrolled enemy were  
to opposite right of batt sector. The wire is of  
good construction about 3 ft high and of unusual  
German pattern. They made many endeavours  
to enter from outside but were not  
successful. They traversed the wall back to  
the road and from position about 60 yds from  
road fired 10 rifle grenades and  
threw 4 egg bombs into the post. Machine  
guns opened up from several points, one  
position is in vicinity of P 8 d 5040. Shells  
grenades were thrown in retaliation for bombs.  
The G.I.s walked around spending all night  
thru in the wall. The HQ fired one  
magazine at the post.

W.A. Thompson Capt

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30TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION	
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Reference Sheet 62 of 1/40,000

1. The 14th Inf Bde will take over portion of the 8th Inf Bde front as far North as P.8.b.5.3. on the night of 21/22nd instant.
2. The boundary between 8th and 14th Bde will be approximately from P.8.b.5.3. to O.S.C. 7.7.
3. One Coy of 53rd Bn will relieve "A" Coy 30th Bn. On completion of relief "A" Coy will move to VILLERS LINE in front of HATTIELET. Further particulars re its exact location of the posts of this line, etc, will be notified later to "A" Coy.
4. The Bn front after completion of relief will be held by "B" Coy with "D" Coy in Support and "A" and "C" Coys in Reserve.
5. All trench stores, picks, shovels, S.P.A. bombs, S.O.S. gas appliances, etc will be handed over by "A" Coy. Receipts in duplicate to be forwarded to B.H.Q. by morning of 22nd inst.
6. "A" Coy will arrange to have a strong covering party out on the front of the Sector until relief is complete.
7. Arrangements re hot food will be notified later.
8. One guide for Coy HQs and one per platoon from "A" Coy will be at Road Junction near Cemetery at P.I.C. 2.2 at 9pm sharp to guide the incoming party to the position.

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9 All available information ~~concerning~~ regarding the sector will be given to the incoming troops.

10 Completion of relief will be wired to Bn HQs by the code word "EAGLE."

11. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*[Signature]*  
Lieut  
Adjutant.

30TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION	
No	.....
Date	.....

Distribution:

- 1/3 Main Deans
- 4 . . . . .
- 5 . . . . .
- 6 . . . . .
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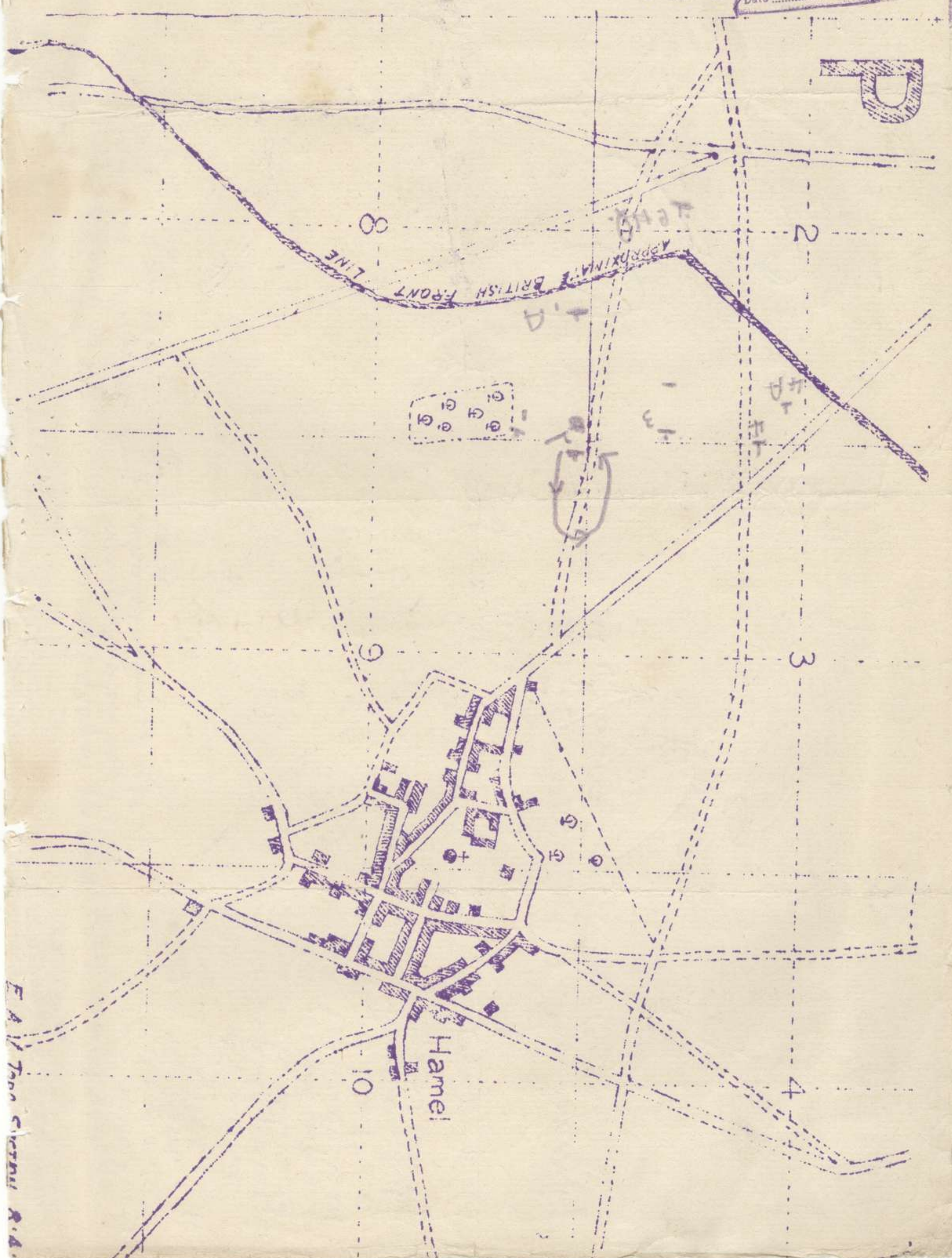
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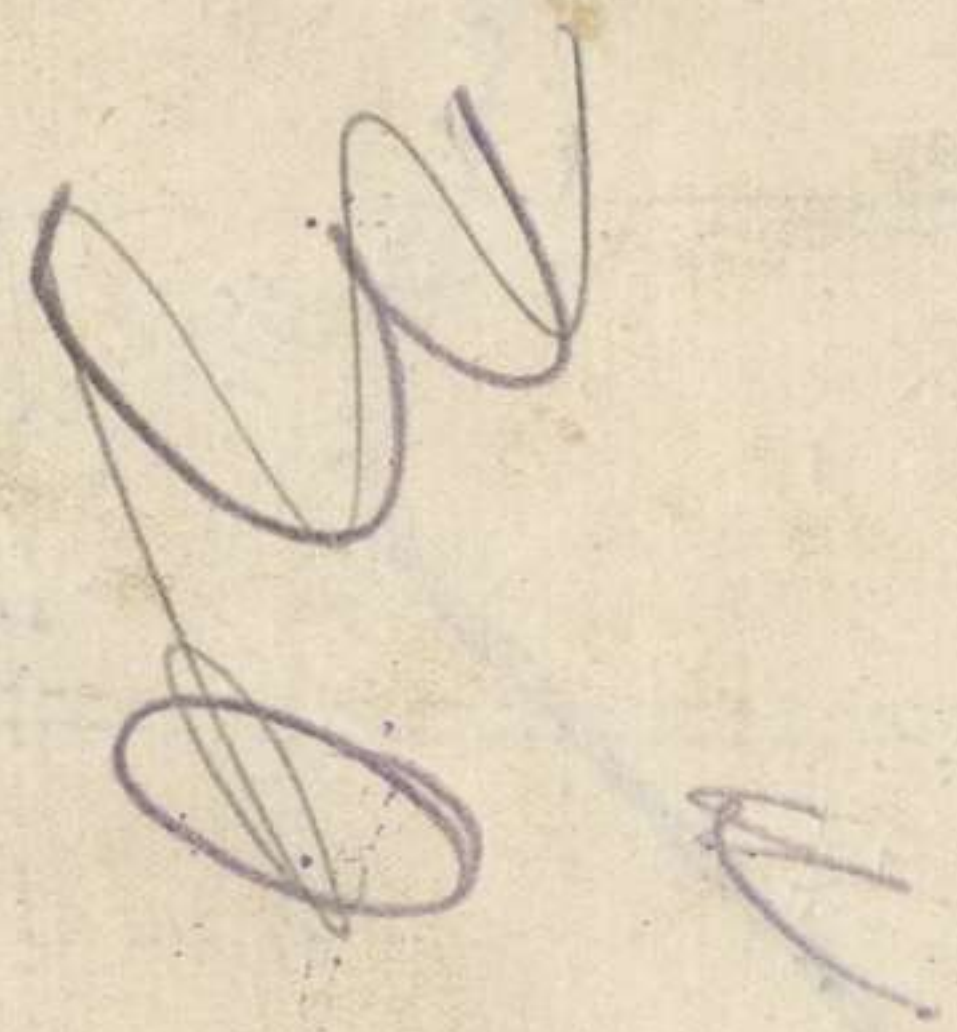


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Time & Patrol comdr & strength  
4 am 430 pl Bromley 8 or

Notes  
To endeavour to bring back  
wounded or otherwise any  
enemy from party engaged  
at No 2 post.

Route  
From right of the post forward  
200 yds across road and  
returned ~~along~~ on left of  
road.

Information Patrol book  
remarks.  
Patrol brought back a  
number of shell bombs  
one of which was  
stained with blood. &  
rifle & box of M Cam An  
Marty as of some one  
being hurriedly dragged  
away were obtained  
about 150 yds in front  
of post & side to road.  
Evidently at least one  
man was wounded from  
blood stains on bombs.



An officer also went over this ground  
at 4.30 am with 3 or

300 pl

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Enemy Raid

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INFANTRY BATTALION

At HAM enemy attempted to raid our post at 21.39.0 moving up both sides of the HAMMEL road in two waves - strength about 140 and a 179. Our MG and rifles opened at 60' or 70' range. Enemy dropped bombs rifles and ammunition and bolted.

A patrol went out from post but although signs were found of wounded no identification was obtained as enemy had gone.

If any further information is ~~found~~ received you will be advised immediately.

W. Gunning Lt  
100  
30th Battalion



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30<sup>th</sup> BATTALION ORDER N<sup>o</sup> 128a 83


Reference Sheet G2. d. 1/40000.

22. 4. 18.

1. The Battalion will carry out an inter-Coy. relief tomorrow night, 23/24<sup>th</sup> instant. D. Coy will relieve B Coy in the front line, C. Coy will move to Supports, and B Coy to reserve position vacated by C. Coy, on completion of relief. A. Coy will remain in their present position.
2. All trench stores, S.P.A., Bombs, S.O.S, Aero-plane photos, tarpaulins, gas appliances, etc will be handed over and receipts obtained. Copies of these receipts will be sent to Bn HQ by 12 noon 24<sup>th</sup> inst.
3. Subject to the terms of this order, details of relief will be arranged mutually between D.C. Coys. concerned.
4. Evening meal will be partaken of as usual prior to relief and no movement will be made forward to relieve prior to 9.30 pm.
5. Hot boxes and petrol tins will NOT be handed over.
6. "B" Coy will put out a strong covering party which will not be withdrawn until completion of relief.
7. Relief will be wired to Bn HQ in Code.
8. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Distribution.

1. 3 War Diary.
4. Bde H. Q.
5. A. Coy
6. B "
7. C "
8. D "
9. QM + T.O.
10. File

  
Lieut  
Adjutant

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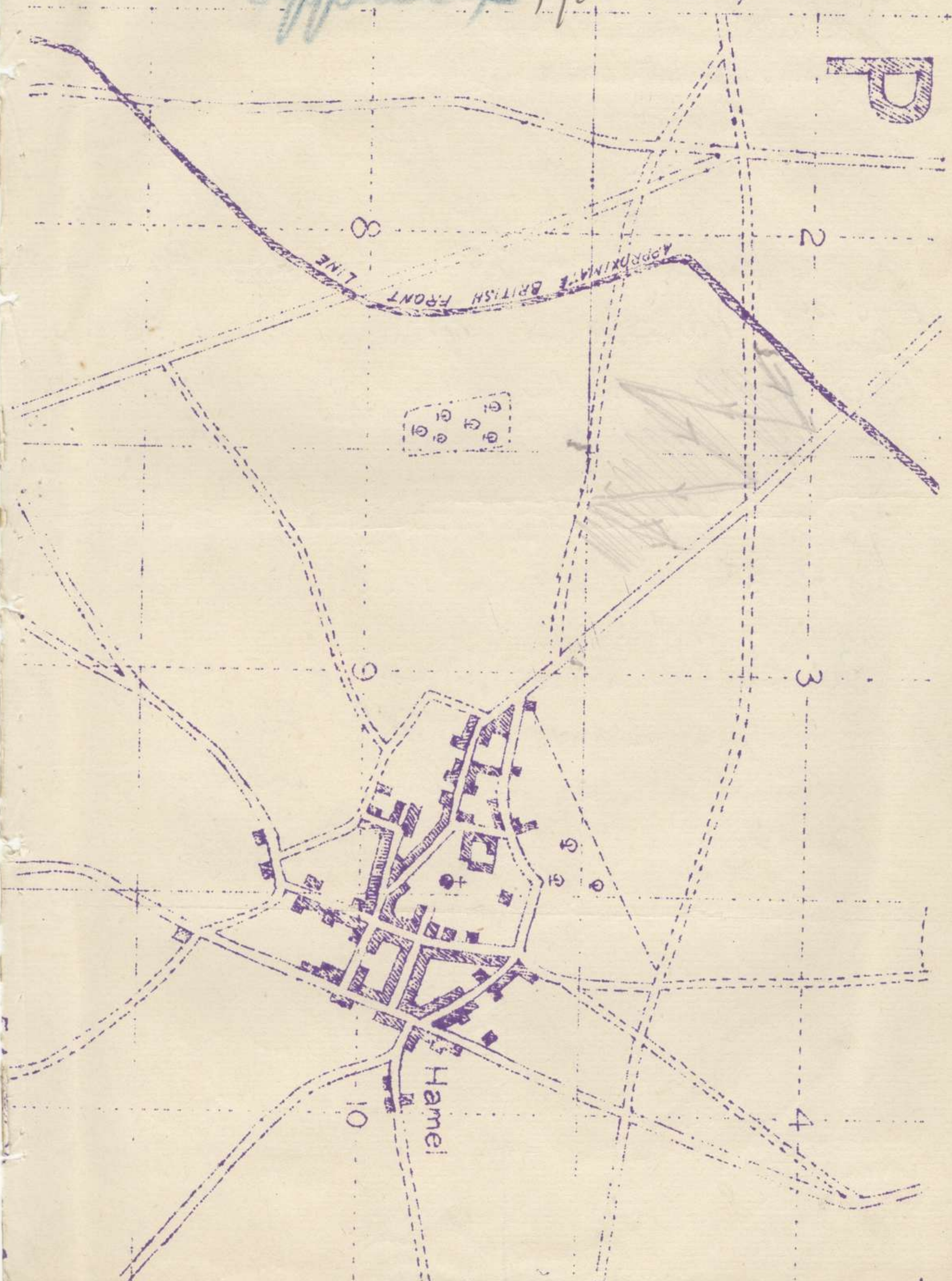
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851 MCB 44 left P2058. They proceeded  
in N.E. direction for about 150' after  
which they worked laterally up  
and down the Coy front from

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VERE HAMEL Rd to P2590.

Patrol returned at 3 AM and reported  
All quiet in N.M.L.

This patrol went out again at 3.30 AM  
until 4.45 but found all quiet.  
Hammill

Lieut Bragg + 12 OR left ~~P20~~ P2090  
at 10.30 PM  
and patrolled ground in P30 + P

92 with instructions to attack any  
Enemy patrol encountered or if  
possible attack an Enemy post.

Patrol found Enemy very alert in post  
at P9299 where M.C. was fired  
on patrol.

Patrol laid in wait for any  
Enemy movement but had to  
return at 4.45 AM without  
success.  
Hammill

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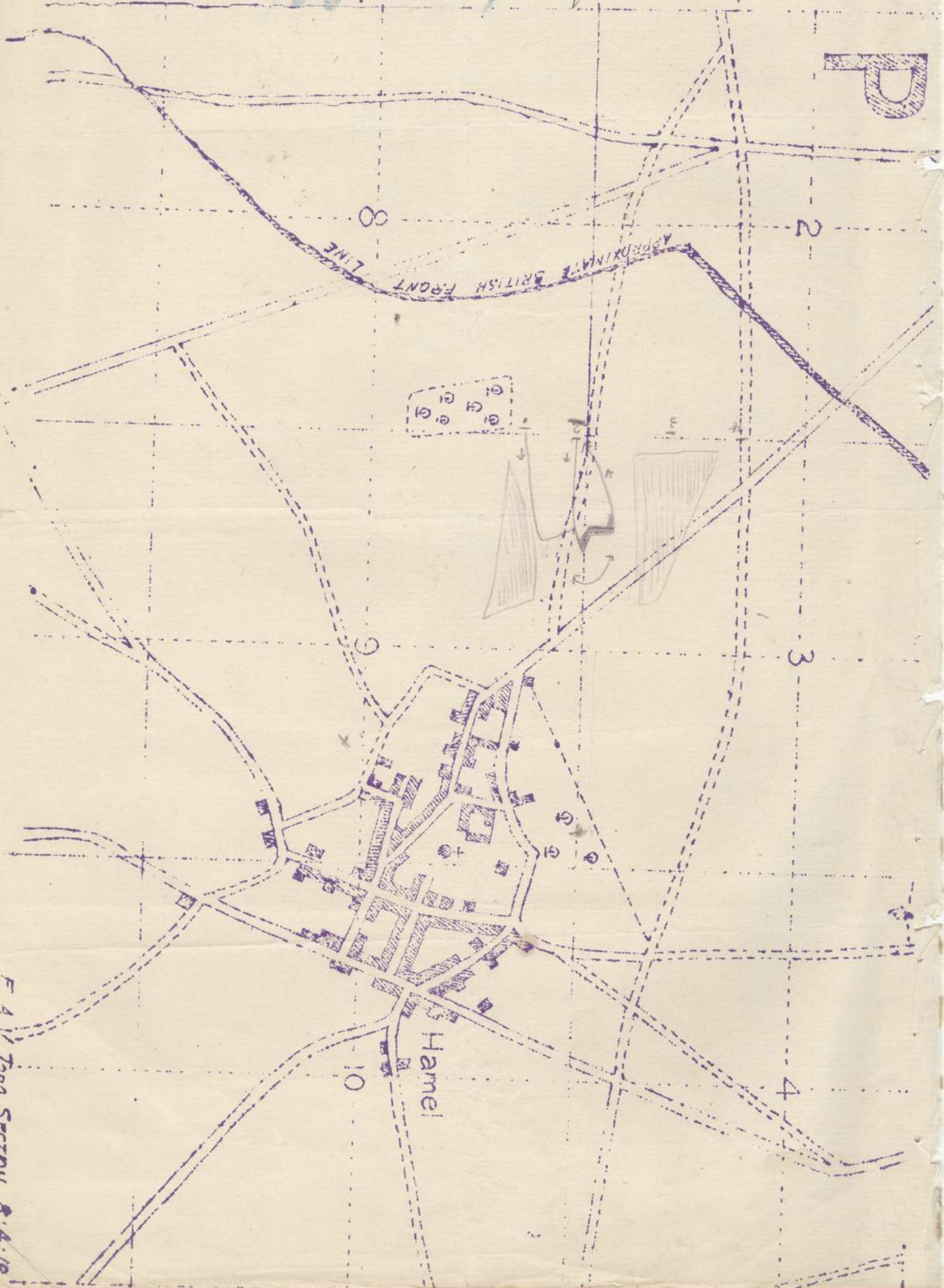
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La Bragg  
+ 11 OK.  
10.45 pm  
4.45 pm

fighting patrol  
obtain identification  
Reconnaissance

Route taken as shown  
on face of map. Ground  
shaded with pencil was  
covered. Arrows show routes.  
Darkened pencil line shows  
my meeting & resting place  
in no-man's land for  
observation & food forking  
purposes if necessary.

I left the line at 10.45 pm intending to patrol all the  
even of darkness. The only artillery shot which would affect  
my party was timed at 1.10 pm. I will draw from no-man's land  
at 1 pm & gave the shot 3/4 of an hour, it did not come off. This was  
to be an L.O. S + 100' & plus 300'. At 2 pm I was again patrolling  
battalion front until 3.30 pm when I lay my party in wait for  
Bosche patrol which worked previous morning at this time.  
This lay in was fortunate for my party, at 3.30 pm a barrage  
fell in front of us & this side of Hamel many of the bursts being  
within a few yards of my party whom I had distributed over  
300 yds laterally. This shot was not advised at 3.30 pm. Fighting  
patrols operating near the Bosche line are apt to meet with  
accidents from their own people, most of the troops look forward  
to patrolling in large parties under present open conditions  
but are more afraid of meeting with casualties from our own  
side than that of the Bosche.

During the whole of the night  
no Bosche were sighted on the Battalion front. Located  
a light enemy gun at P. 9. B. 1.5. This gun fired on road  
leading into Hamel <sup>from Hamel</sup> & in village itself, one or two tracer bullets  
were used in bursts & course could be followed. another light  
in Gun fire from P 2. B. 9. 9. This covers road directly opposite.

Dawn patrol 23rd inst  
J. J. J.  
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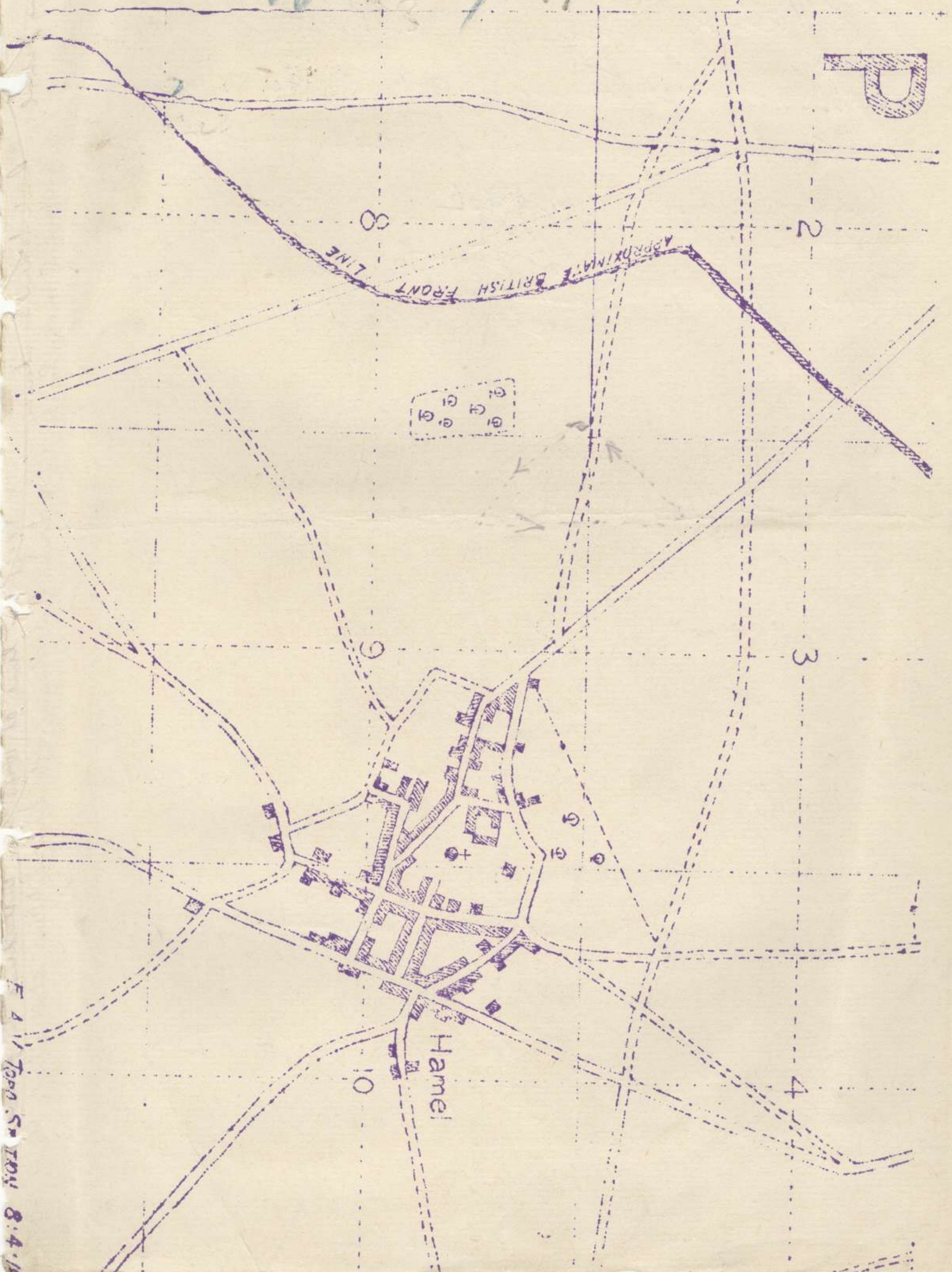
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89 [unclear] Wells + 5 O.R. left - P869.9 <sup>254</sup>

at 12 midnight both instructions  
to Patrol by [unclear] and report  
any Enemy movement and  
Attack any E. Patrols

Patrol returned at 3.30 am +  
reported Enemy very quiet, no  
movement in [unclear].

Patrol was to go out again  
but bombardment started at 3.45 am

Samuel H.



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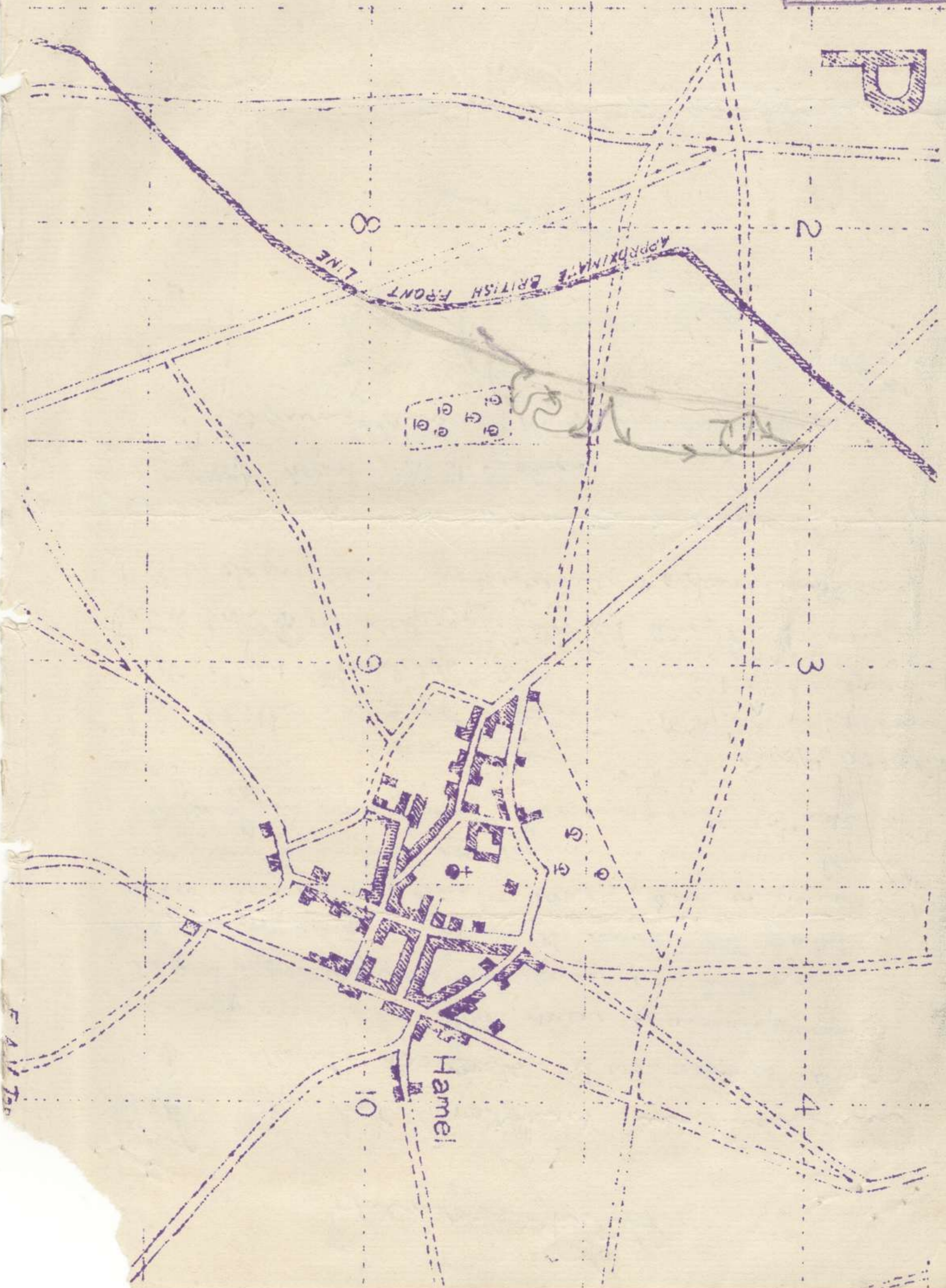
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# Extempore Patrol

Waffle Coy Sgt Braadshaw and three men  
 while on visiting the post it was reported that  
 there appeared to be three men examining wire.  
 The post report was were not sure + a listening post  
 had seen nothing. To make sure the party  
 visited half the coy front. That ten examined the  
 wire and searched for visitors. None were found  
 Hohmannland was clear. Time spent 2. am to  
 2.45 am.

II. Sgt Smith on 20K patrolled NML to examine  
 get a first knowledge and reconnaissance for enemy  
 Patrol took light half by center as far as HAMEL ROAD  
 NML clear and guard waiting. No contact.  
 1 am to 2. am

Evening Party for wire improvement in front of  
 No 5 post report. NML clear.  
 PZDS Dawn Patrol for reconnaissance

D. Coy W. A. Thompson  
 Capt

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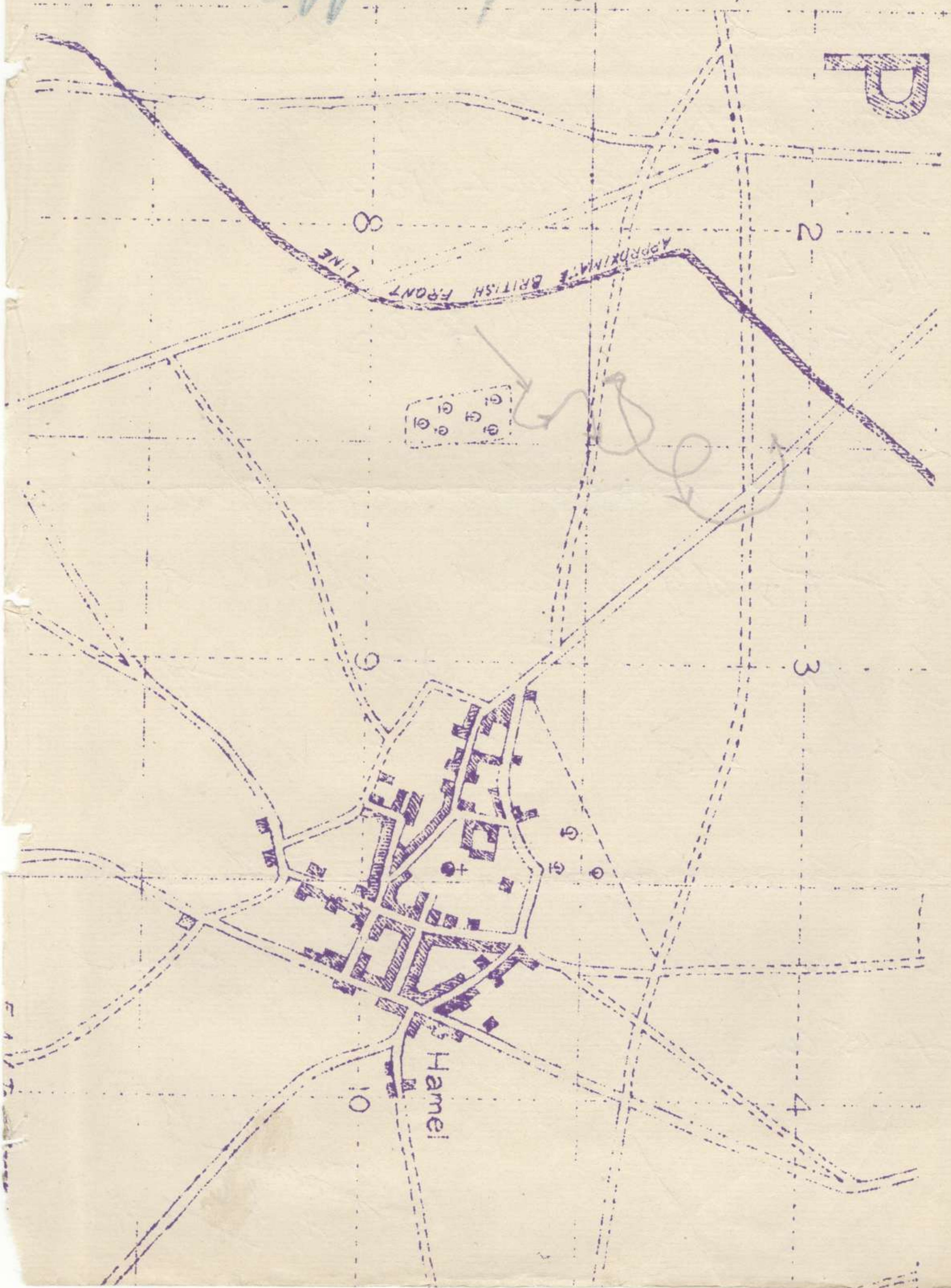
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## R. Patrol.

1 am  
 Lpt Stubbs and two men patrolled  
 N.M.L. from P. & B central to get knowledge  
 of ground and reconnoitre for enemy.  
 Patrol took right half Coy sector  
 as far as HAMMEL ROAD.

N.M.L. clear.

Patrol returned 2 am.

2 am  
 Lpt Brasshaw and three men  
 left P. & B 9.9 and patrolled  
 company front, returning  
 at 2.45. all clear.

Dawn Patrol reported all  
 clear, no movement of enemy.  
 4-15 am.

Dawn  
 act J.O. 15/4/15

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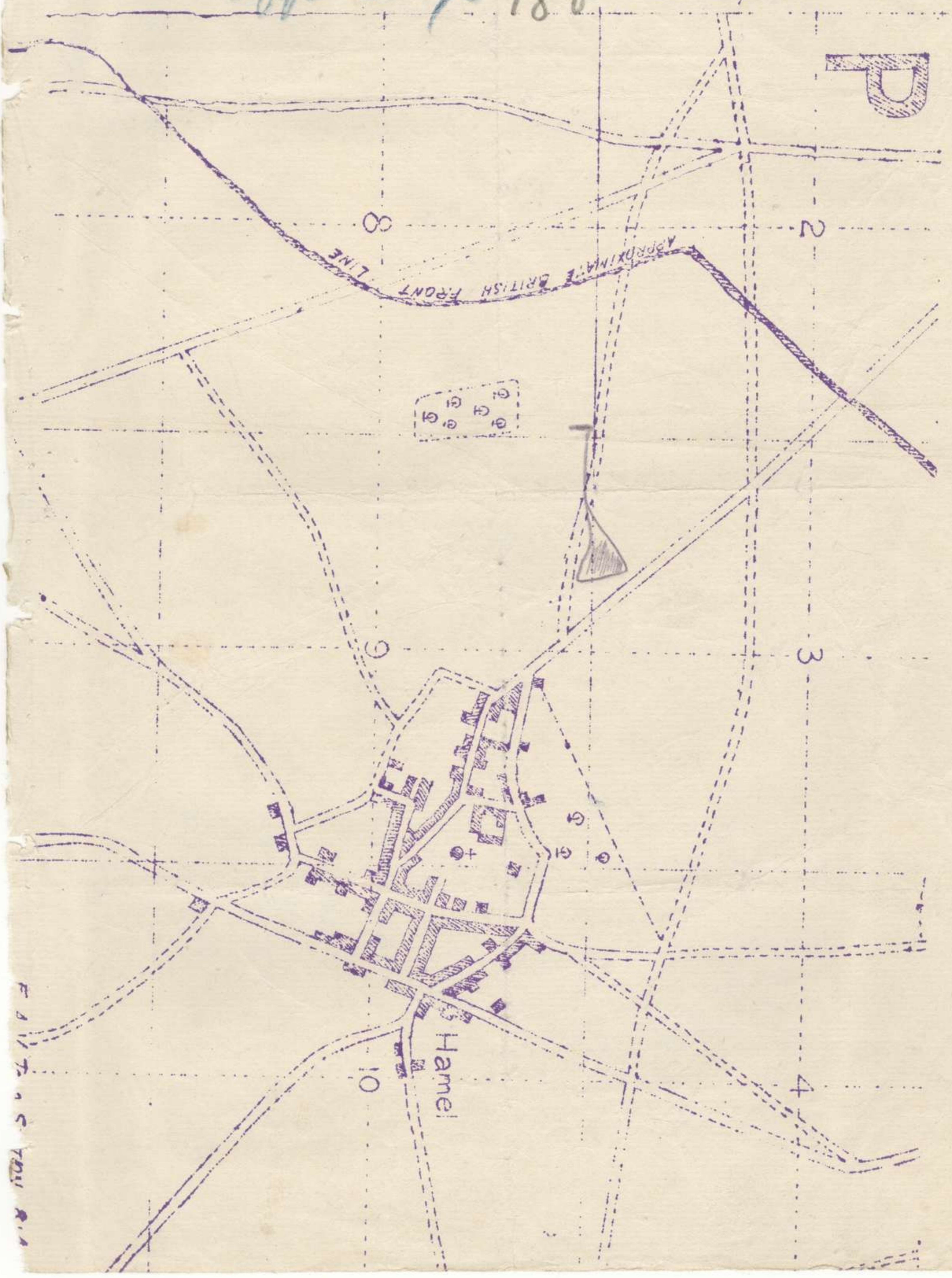
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12th Bn  
12th Bn.

Identification  
Reconnaissance

As marked  
on map

No enemy patrols were seen.  
Enemy are very quiet, no  
work being carried on.  
Very little movement observed  
behind his wire.

2. AM  
3. 3.30 AM.

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Patrol left P869.9

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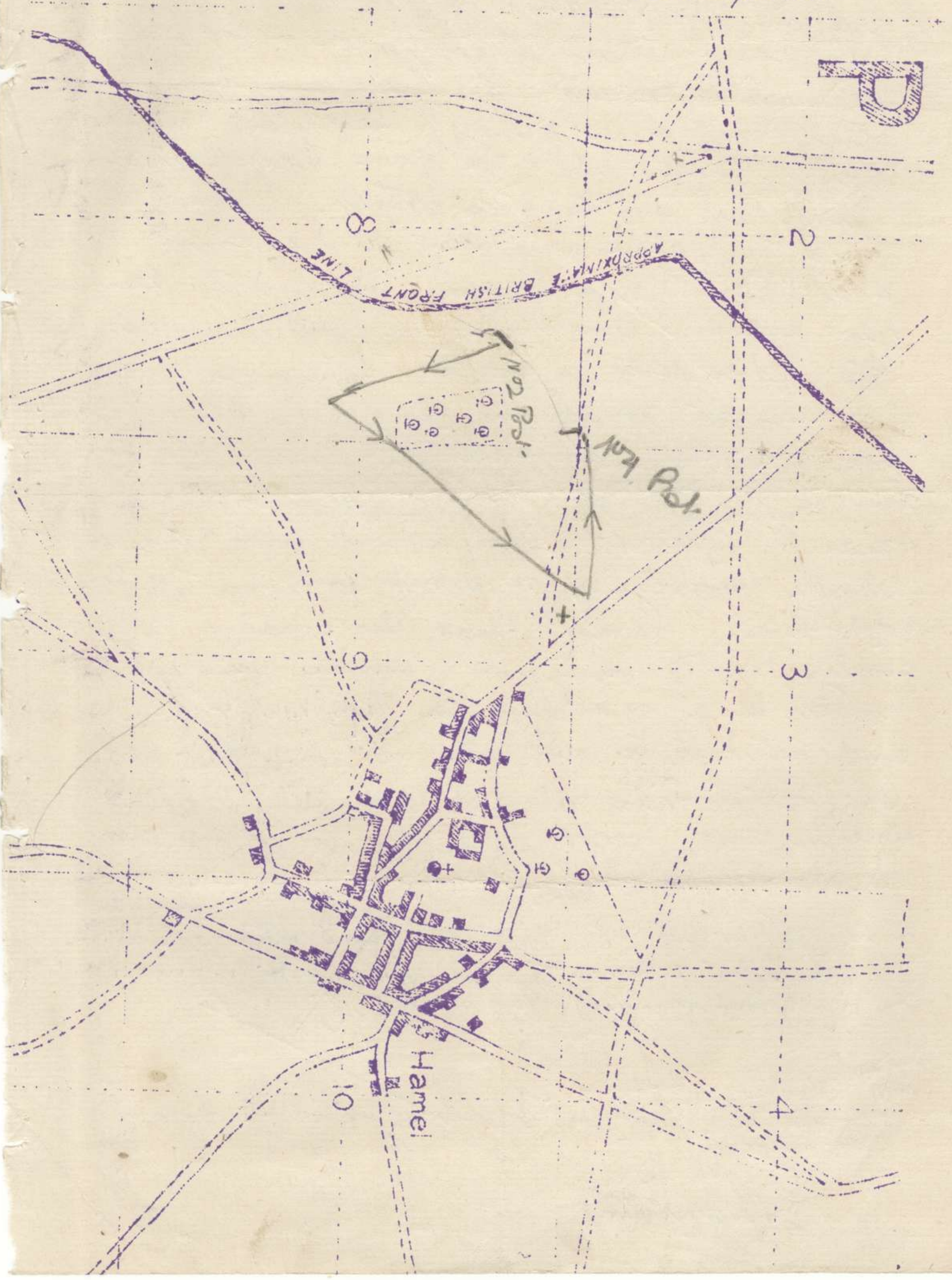
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Patrol Report in Willb. Sgt Eades, Cpl

Shells 2 R.G. 40Rs. went out with  
 endeavour to capture an enemy "flare King"  
 whose position was fairly accurately known  
 The party left <sup>PSB 5.5</sup> No 2 post and proceeded by route  
 as shown About 300-400 yds out a flare  
 was fired by enemy. The flare came from a  
 trench about 100 yds away on left (see intelligence  
 report). By the light of the flare the patrol  
 made out an enemy trench. The patrol  
 fired two flares and saw 8 of enemy. These  
 moved <sup>from their</sup> behind wire forward. The patrol lay in  
 wait expecting enemy to come out to investigate  
 the flares fired by patrol. They waited for  
 20 mins but no enemy came. About that  
 time a machine gun opened up and the patrol  
 observed the flash of a gun (presumably a sniper)  
 near the Crucifix. They set out after him but  
 although searching for about 10 mins failed to  
 locate him. Coming near the crucifix after  
 arching round in search of sniper, they were  
 fired on by a machine gun (98 mag from C HQ)  
 and returned to our lines at 4 past PSB 9.9  
 The patrol has almost definitely located the  
 enemy work report by Sgt Lamb 25<sup>th</sup> MG Coy  
 at about PSB 8.00.90

The patrol left at 11.45 pm and returned at 2 am  
 The area referred to seems to link up with work previously reported  
 on right of road from Crucifix post (see map)

Mr Davies } Patrols were going out after 2 am  
 Mr Bragg }  
 Dawn Patrol



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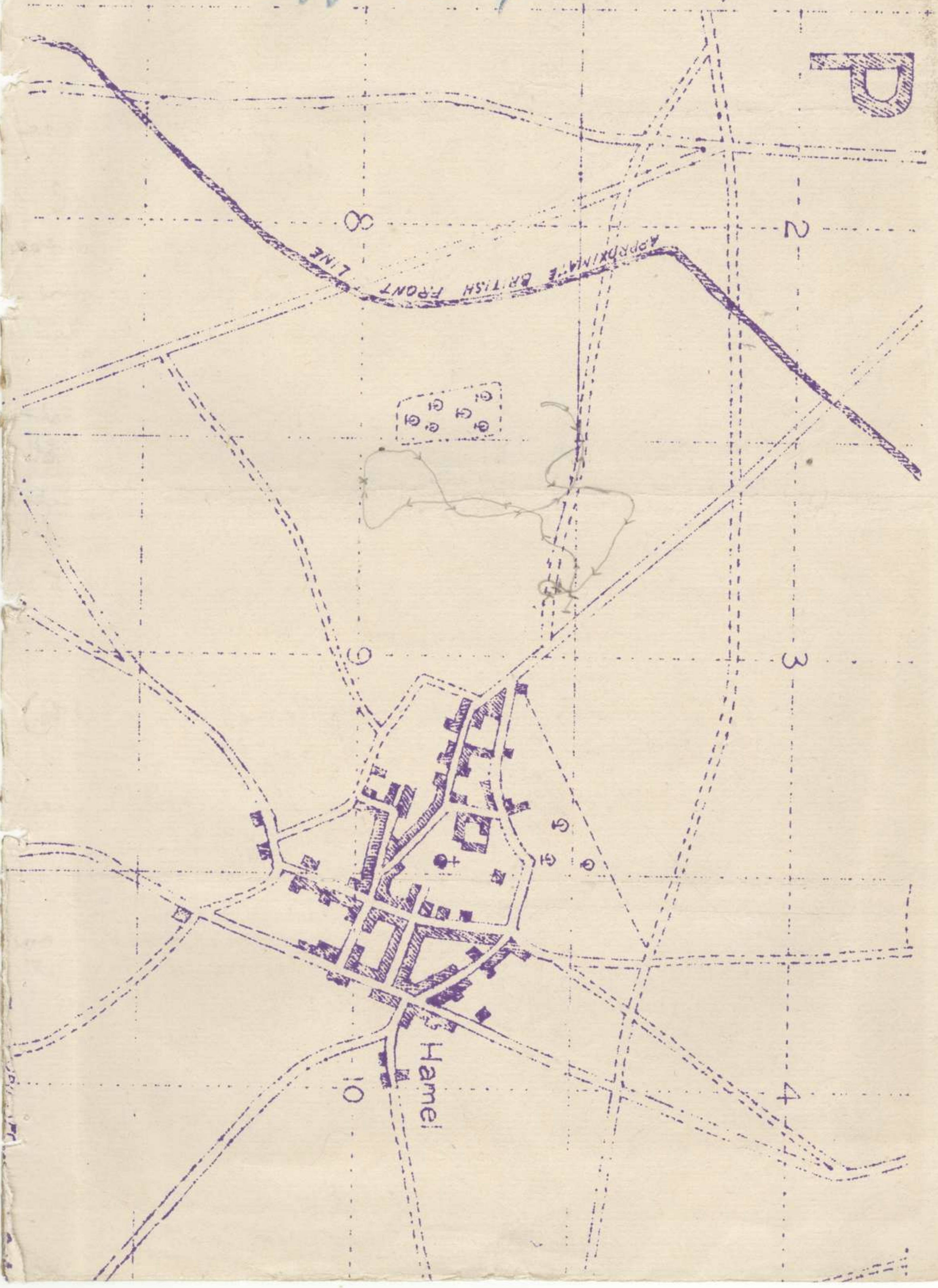
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Strength	Time of Departure	Time of Return	Object
1 Off 11 ranks (Lt Davis & B.O.)	11.30 pm.	2-10 am.	Reconnaissance and Identification.

F.L. Report

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The Patrol moved through our wire at (app) Pq 69598 at 11.30 pm following right of road to P3.c.3.0. Crossed road at the point heading north to <sup>app</sup> P3.c.3.4. Turning south-east moved to left of Crucifix (app) Pq a. 75.90. Examined vicinity here, enemy fired flare from about 80 yds south-east of Crucifix, from shell-hole. Moved forward about 40 yds, but was unable to detect any movement or locate definitely the shell-hole or position. (Numerous shell holes here)

Patrol moved to right to point (app) Pq a. 3.0. returning to starting point at 2.10 am. No movement of any kind was observed nor any sound heard of enemy.

D. Davis Lt

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30<sup>TH</sup> BN ORDER



Ref 62D. 1/40.000

- 1 The Bn will carry out an inter-Coy Relief tomorrow night 27/28 incl "C" Coy relieving "D" Coy in the front line. "A" Coy will move to supports and on completion of relief "D" Coy will move to Reserve position vacated by "A" Coy
- 2 Subject to the terms of this order details of relief will be arranged mutually between OSC concerned.
- 3 All Trench Stores SAA Bombs SOS tarpaulins Tools etc will be handed over + copies of receipts sent to Bn HQ by noon 28<sup>th</sup> incl (over)

- 4 No hot boxes are to be handed over units will partake of evening meal as usual prior to relief.
- 5 No movement to relieve will take place before 9.30 pm
- 6 A strong covering party will be put out by "D" Coy and will not be withdrawn until completion of relief.
- 7 Completion of relief will be worded to Bn HQ by code word "EXCELCIOR"
- 8 ACKNOWLEDGE

*Ward*  
Lieut. Adj. Gen.

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- 1-3 War Diary
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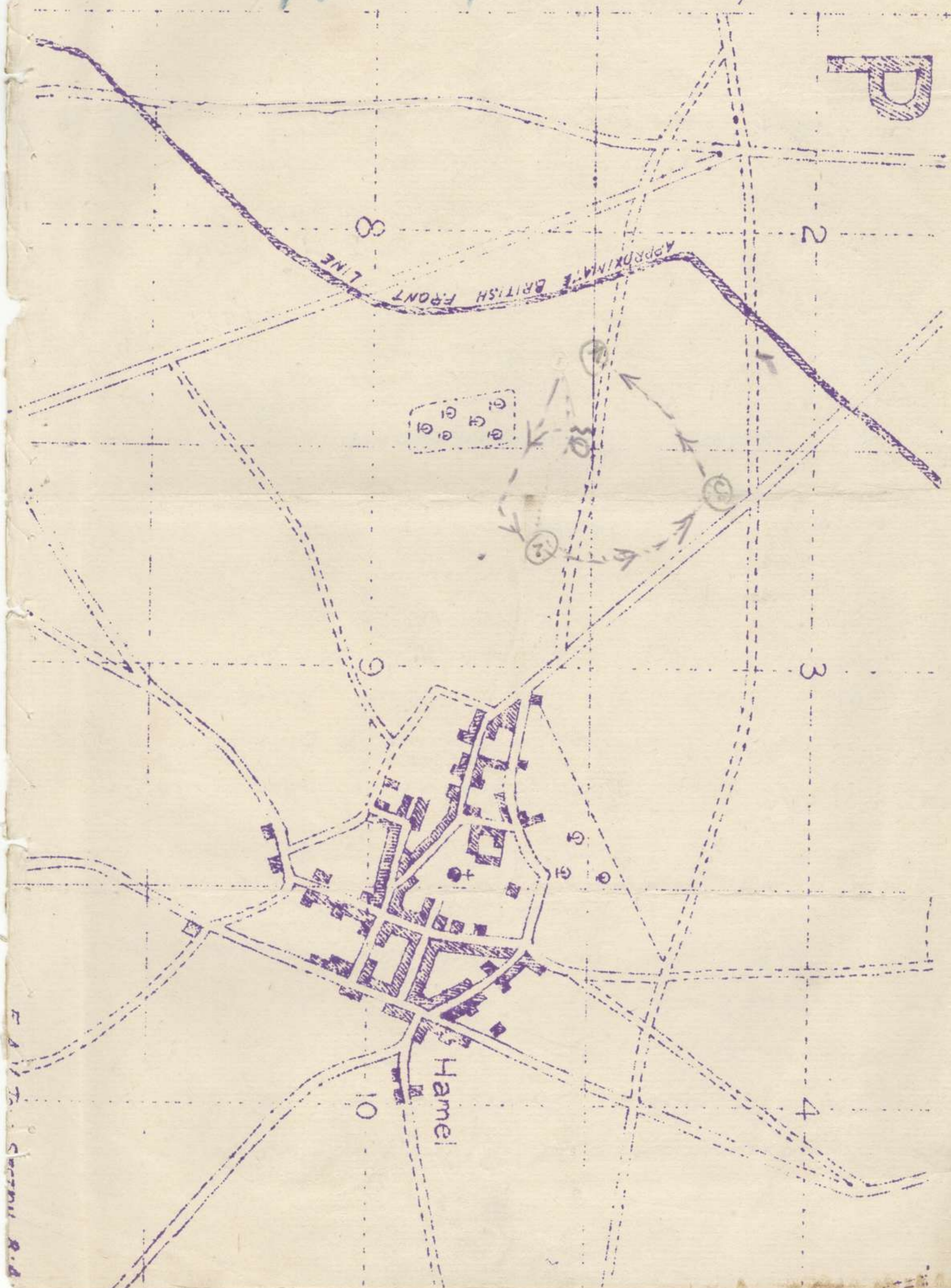
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# E.A.V. PATROL MAP

PART SHEET 62D

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F.A.V. Section R.D.

Patrol 28/4/18.

Two fighting patrols & one reconnoitering patrol were in the main's land during the night.

The first fighting patrol was under Lt. Davies, with 1 Lt. C.O. & 11 men (including a Lewis Gun). The patrol went out about 11.15 p.m. & returned about 2 a.m. A separate report is being submitted to Gen. Hays by Lt. Davies.

The second patrol went out under Lt. Hargh at about 2.15 a.m. & remained out till 3.30 a.m. He had with him 1 Lt. C.O. & 11 men including a Lewis Gun. He left our line at the point marked P8599, & thence round to 2 & 3, coming in to our line again at P8500. The main's land had been cleared of all other men, & Lt. Hargh had instructions not to shoot at anyone he met without challenging. His object was reconnoitering & identification. He reported absolutely no sound or sign of anyone.

At 3.30 a.m. Sgt. Anderson & six others left our line at P8599 & moved towards the enemy line on the ridge about P99 a. thence to the left to the VAIRE Road & back to our line at P8500. His object was reconnoitering. He could find no sign of the enemy. He remained out till 4.30 a.m.

29/4/18.

C. W. Savary Capt  
D/C of Coy

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28/29 April 1916

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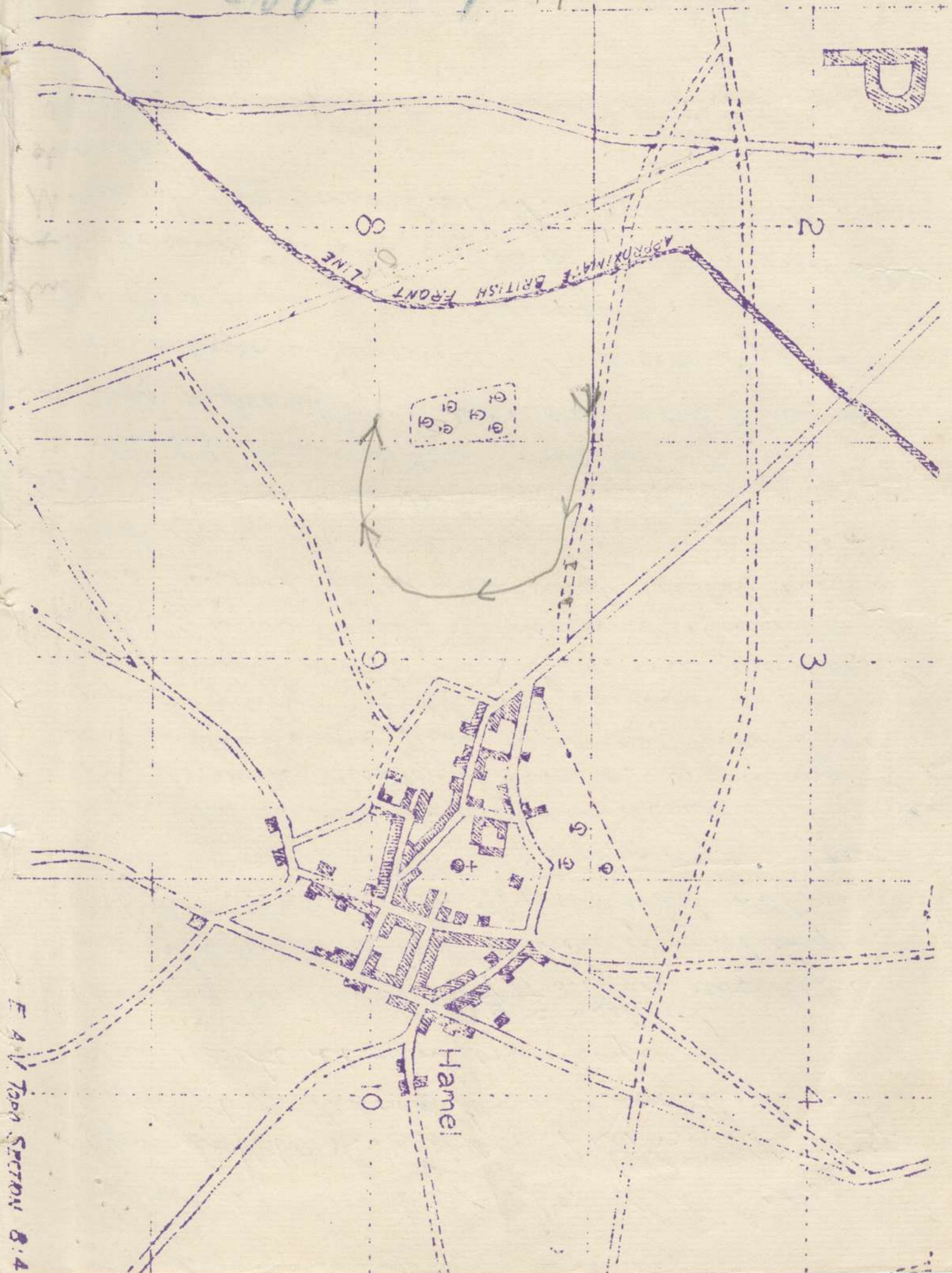
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# E.A.V. PATROL MAP

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E.A.V. Topo Section 8:4

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Patrol of Lt W. Wells Sgt Celes  
left 11:45 A.M. Sun 8 4:00 P.M. left No 34  
Post at 12 midnight and worked as  
per route shown on map.

Passing cutting (P 3.1) <sup>approx.</sup> on our left  
we observed 3 of the enemy making in  
our direction. He approached to within  
50 yds. of our patrol who were lying down,  
when he suddenly turned about and made  
back towards his own lines. We opened  
fire with Lewis Gun and observed two  
men to fall the third continued running.  
Being right on top of his line we waited  
about 5 min firing an incendiary bomb  
then moved forward but could not  
find any trace of the two men who fell.  
We found two rifles one of which had  
a bullet through the barrel and had  
slung & part of woodwork cut through.  
We searched around the vicinity (where  
the two men fell) thoroughly.

We found in the cutting. Vickers gun ~~stands~~  
tripod, 20 boxes S.C.C. & 30 Rounds 4.5 how  
shells.

Patrol returned at 2:15 A.M.

W. Wells Lt

One rifle has stamped  
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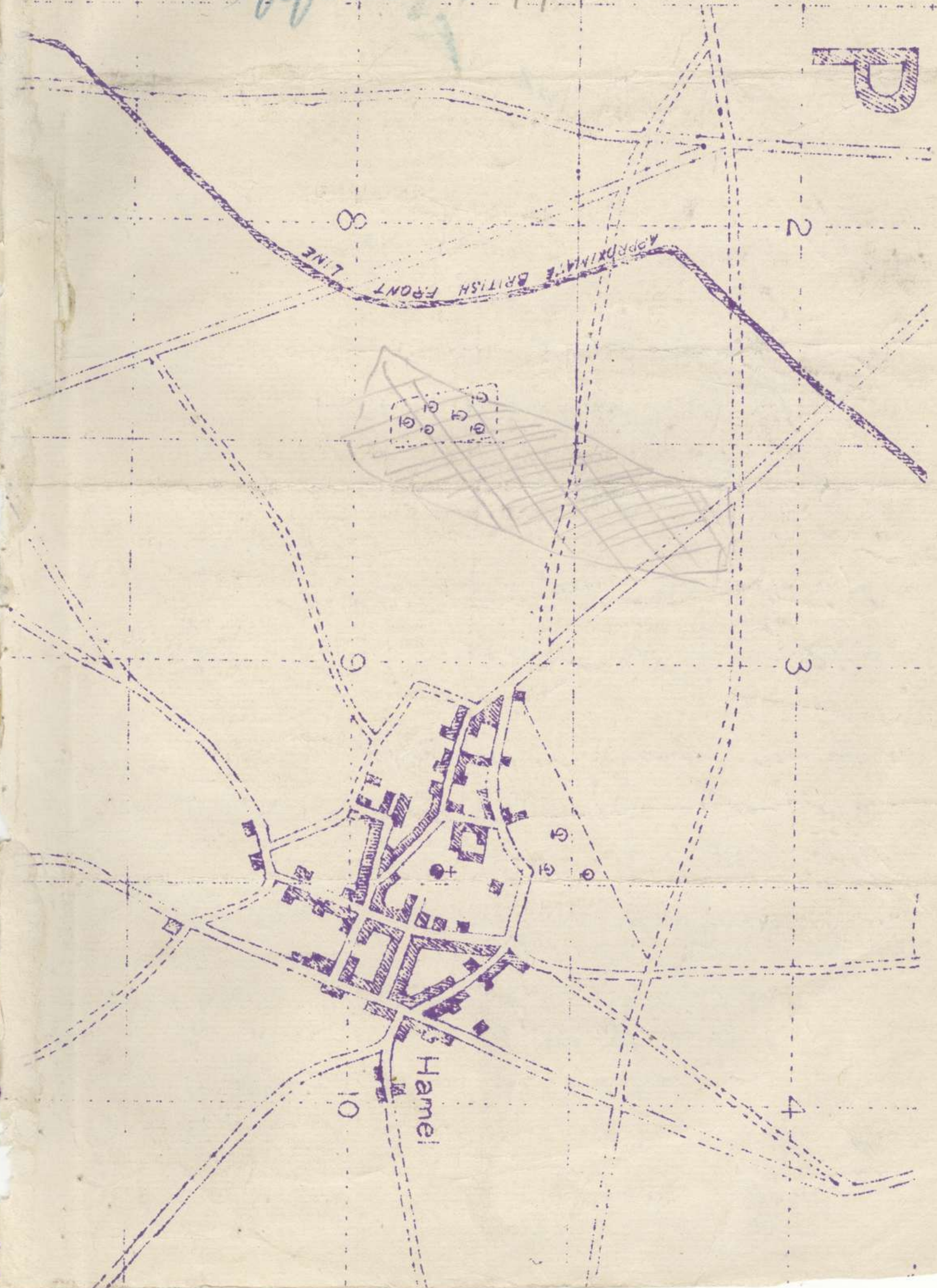
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# E.A.V. PATROL MAP

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Patrol Report

28/29-4-18.

A Fighting Patrol of one officer (Lt. H. Wells), one  
I.C.O. + 12 men left our lines at Pz d 50-00 about  
midnight, + patrolled across the ballabon front. The enemy  
were on the alert, + sniped at the patrol at different times.  
Lt. Wells reported back at 2.15 a.m., bringing back rifles with  
him which some of the enemy had thrown away after  
being fired on. There was no identification. There  
were no casualties.

A reconnaissance patrol of 1 I.C.O. (Sgt. Dowd) +  
six others patrolled our front from 2.15 a.m. till  
3.15 a.m. They reported neither sound nor sight  
of the enemy.

A Sunday report was furnished by Cpl. Condon + six  
others who patrolled our front from 3.15 a.m.  
till 4.30 a.m.

C. D. Savage Capt  
O/C Coy  
30 May 18

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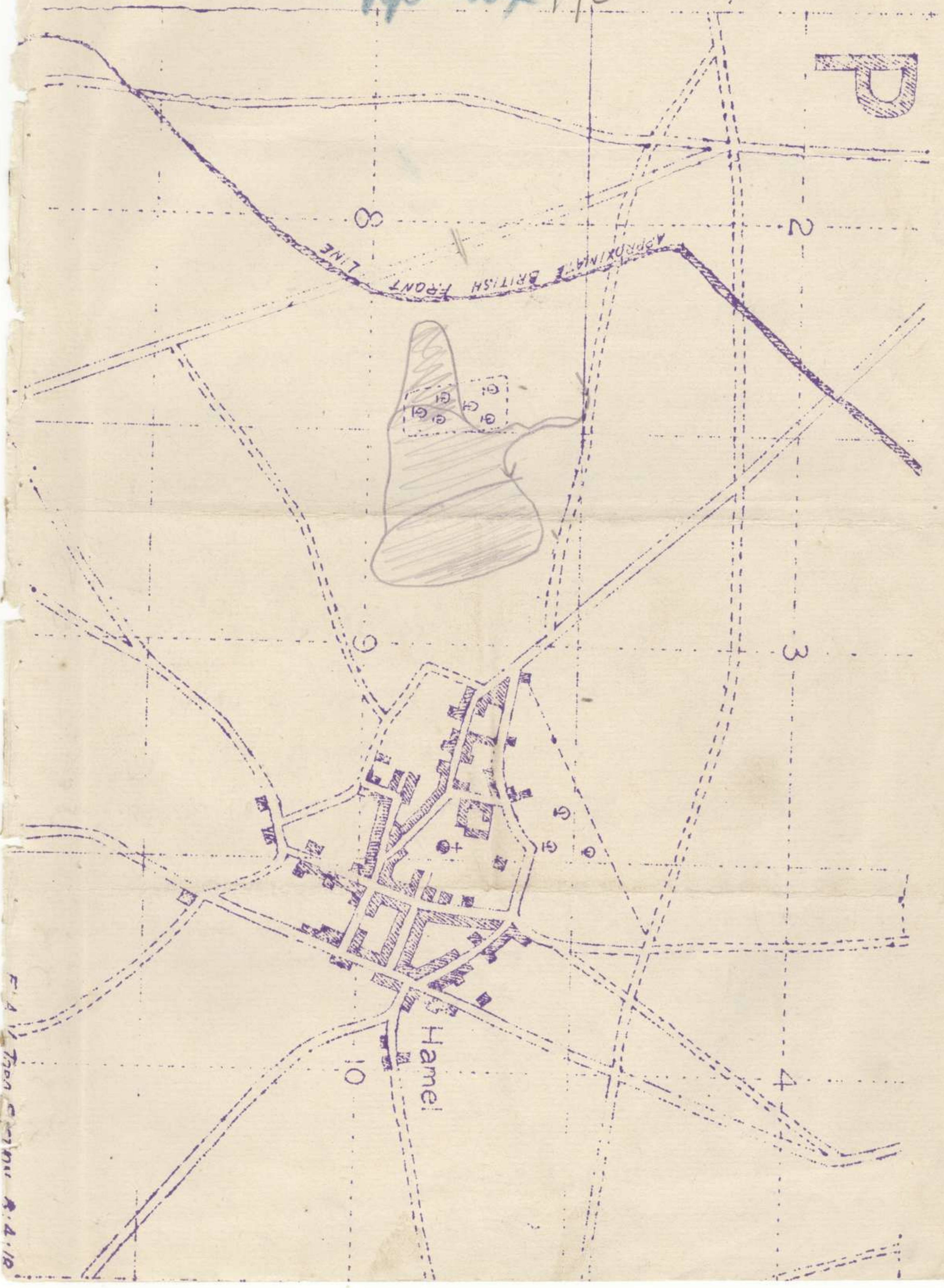
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# E.A.V. PATROL MAP

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F. A. V. T. 1900. R. 4. 18

Patrol Report - 29/30-4-18.

A fighting patrol of one officer (Lt Wells), one N.C.O. + 11 others left our line at 10.45 last evening + remained out till 2 a.m. The whole of the main sand in P 8 b + P 9 a was covered, but the patrol returned without seeing any sign of the enemy.

At 2.15 a.m. a reconnoitering patrol of one N.C.O. (Cpl. Cllland) + 6 others left our line at P 8 b 20-40 + patrolled our front to the roadway at P 9 a 50-90, + then back again. With the exception of a few gun firing from a post about P 9 b 25-20 there was no movement of the enemy. The patrol returned at 3.15 a.m.

At 3.40 a.m. another patrol of one N.C.O. (Cpl. Croucher) + six men left our line at P 8 b 80-70 + moved round the front towards the VAIRE ROAD in P 3 c. A few gun firing from the direction of P 3 d 30-20 was the only sign of movement noted. The patrol returned at 4.15 a.m.

C. D. Savage Capt  
O/C of Coy  
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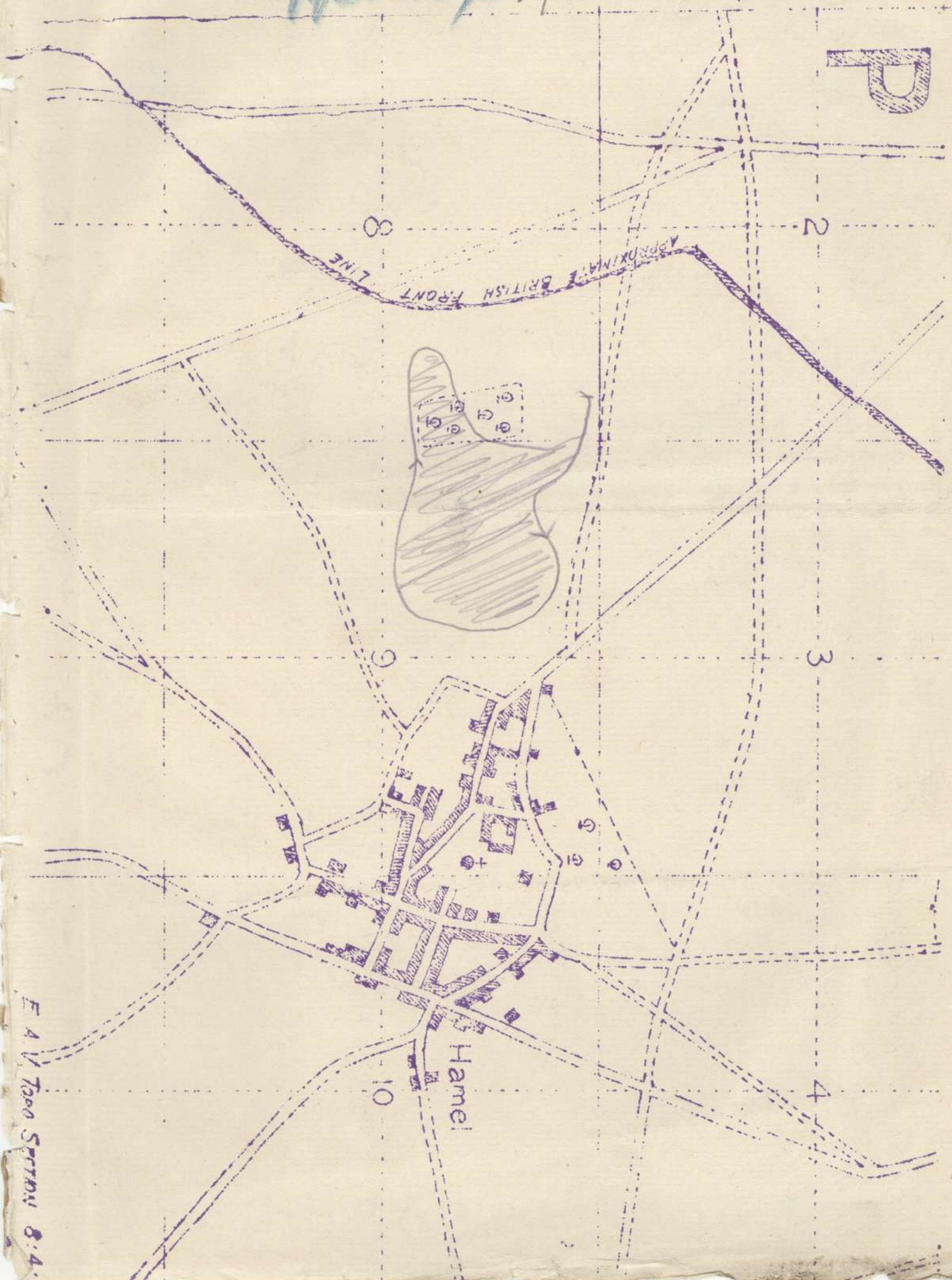
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E A V Topo Section 8:4

Strength	Time of Depart	Return	Object
1 Off. 11 O.P. (Lt Wells.)	10.45 pm (A)	2 am (30)	Identification and Reconnaissance.



Fighting Patrol 1 off, 11 O.P. Rank.  
Lt Wells left our line at P.D. 8  
and patrolled No Man's Land in  
P.S. 6 + P.Q. 9, covering practically  
the whole of this area.

No sign or movement seen  
of the enemy.  
Patrol returned to our line  
at P.D. 8 at 7 am.

B. Davis Lt

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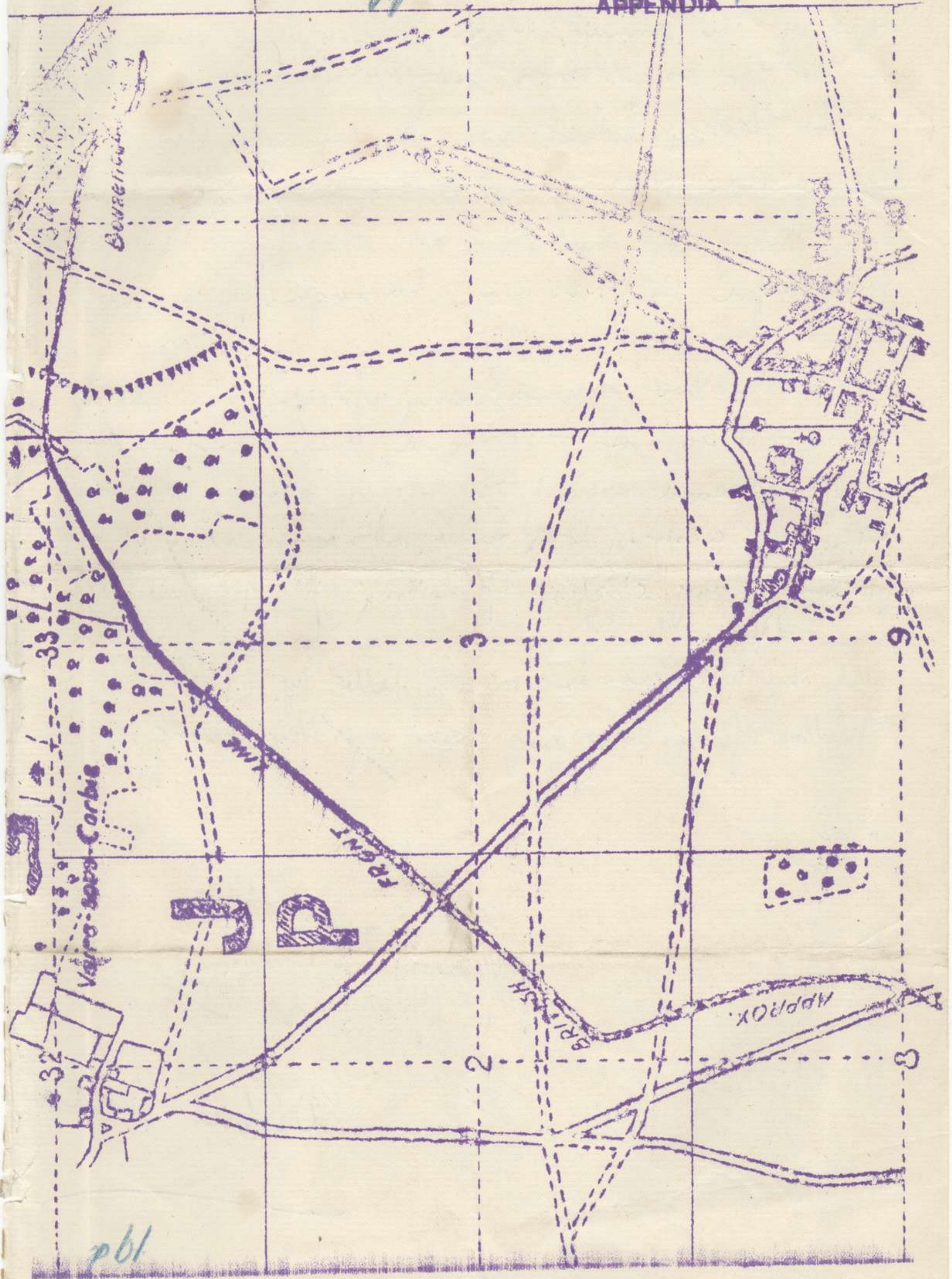
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A.I.F.  
30 June 1917

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F.A.V. BATTAL MAP

E.A.V. Topo. Section 23:4:1918.

APPENDIX 1  
pbl in the middle



pbl

One Fighting Patrol + two reconnaissance patrols were in the main line during the night looking for signs of the enemy. All three were unsuccessful in so far as obtaining identification was concerned.

The fighting patrol was commanded by Lieut. Bragg & consisted of 12 O.R., including a Lewis Gun. They left our line at 10.45 p.m. & returned just before the 1.25 a.m. barrage. No enemy patrols were met with.

Of the two reconnaissance patrols, one went out at 1.30 a.m. & returned in about 2.15 a.m. & the second went out at 4 a.m. & returned at 4.45 a.m. On S.O.S. barrage at 3.55 a.m. prevented any effective patrolling being done by these two patrols. The former patrol was led by Cpl. Moore & the latter by Lt. Cpl. Hill. Neither party saw any sign of the enemy.

A. W. Savoy Capt  
o/c Coy  
30 No 20

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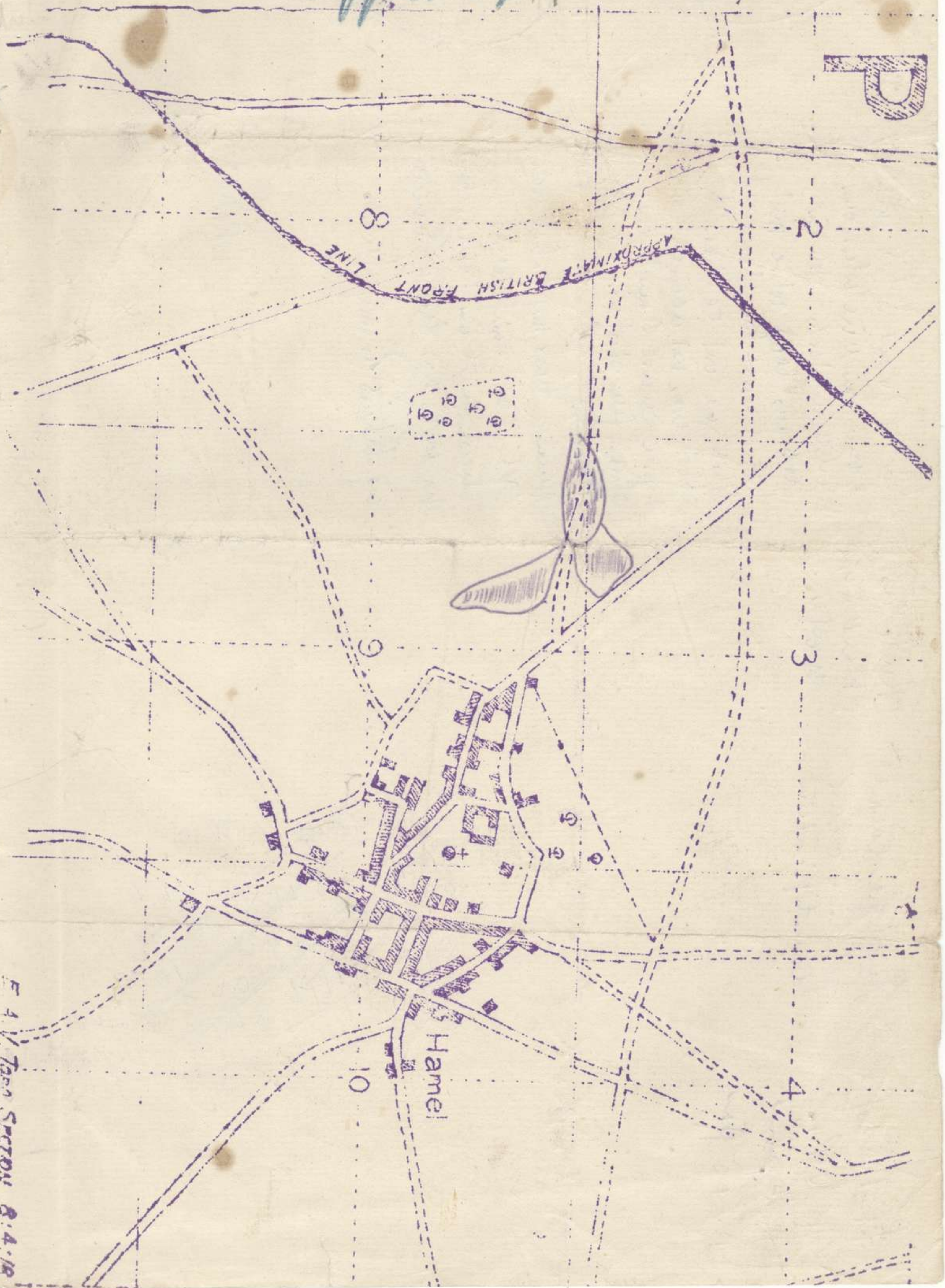
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E.A.V. TOP SECTION 8:4:18



L. Brass  
 11 O.R.  
 11. 5 pm  
 12. 45 Am

Engage enemy  
 patrols + secure  
 identification

Route as  
 marked on  
 map.

at 10.30 pm I had just  
 crossed our wire when our  
 artillery opened + fell in  
 no mans land where my  
 patrol would have been if  
 had gone out earlier. This  
 shot was well aimed. At  
 11 pm several of our larger  
 shells fell short in front of  
 Hamel.

During time my patrol was  
 out no enemy were  
 encountered in no mans land.  
 No work was being carried  
 on behind enemy lines.

B. Brass

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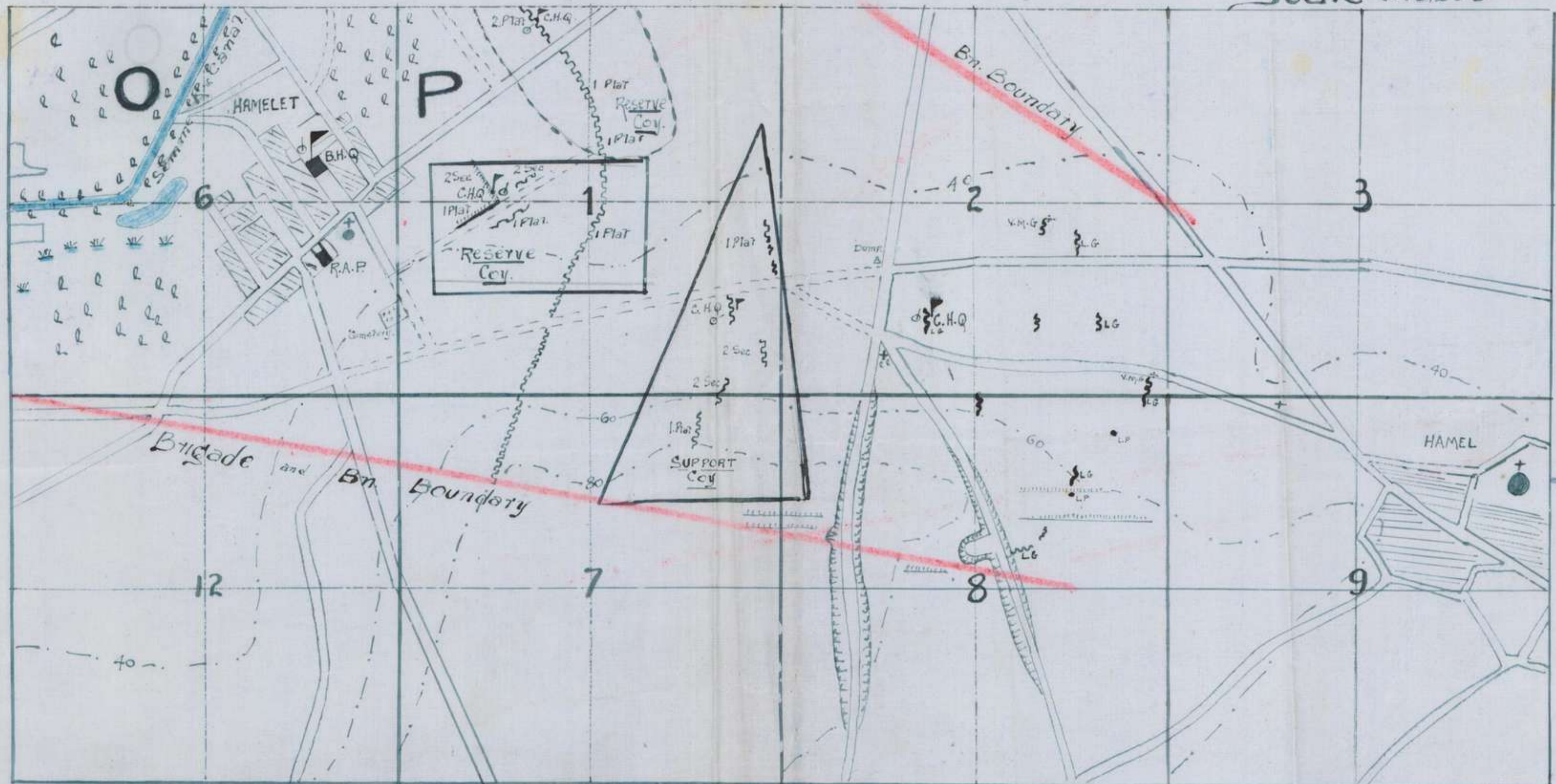


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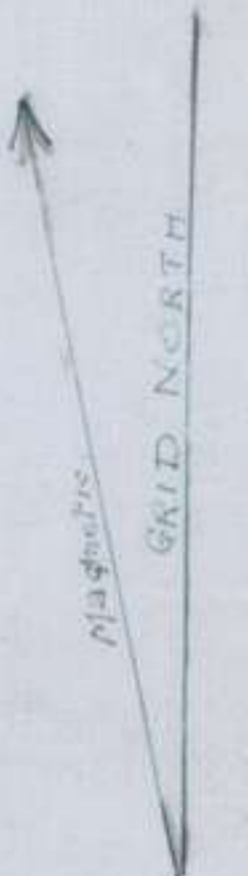
- POSTS.
- BARBICANE
- 1 gun.
- Light gun.

DISPOSITIONS

**30<sup>th</sup> Bn. A.I.F.**

as at 30.4.18.

*James H. ...*  
 I.C. 30<sup>th</sup> Bn  
 30.4.18.



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S.P.8.  
M.G.4.

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30TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION

6/6.30 AM.

Which movement seen on the Bois HEMEL and TURNIP HEAP in front. I'll have much of points marked as yesterday's maps HOUSE + TREE. This position is evidently a H.Q. all men stop and then pass on towards WOOD

fine between  
No  
then passing along  
Data

6.40 AM.

2 men left TURNIP HEAP. went towards Bois HEMEL stopped at a point half way, remain at least 3 minutes talking a left incline stopped again talking for a few minutes passed on to disappear over the hill Reappeared stopped again within 300' Bois HEMEL passed on, but entered wood. One reappeared a while away from Bois HEMEL at a last walk making a detour to his right stopping 3 times at different points in a few minutes then reentered Bois HEMEL. Suggests Supports

7.15 AM.

Saw man on the line Hill rear of HEMEL who gets out of a trench and proceeds to a point where can't trace any trench where he disappeared. Close to a point with many mounds + a leaning pole on the left of them. Almost on crest of RIDGE.

12.45 AM.

Movement seen on 2 points out of RIDGE left rear of HEMEL.

3.15 PM.

Noticed new trench with centre of pt Wood left of Bois HEMEL. Built during last night.

(OVER)



3.45 PM. 1 Man passed TURNIPS from Bois HEMEL's entrance  
 Scrub right of 1<sup>st</sup> WOOD (left from Bois HEMEL) lost sight of  
 him there.

4. PM. 2 men appeared near TURNIPS from Bois HEMEL way, Parkland  
 2 others with them at TURNIPS 1 had pack. They went Bois HEMEL  
 Other 2 slipped near HOUSE & TREE. Man with pack  
 returned alone. They evidently went to same spot nearer  
 than Bois HEMEL. Park's suggest RELIEF.

5. PM. Enemy Archie's very active on our AIRCRAFT. Enemy planes  
 over

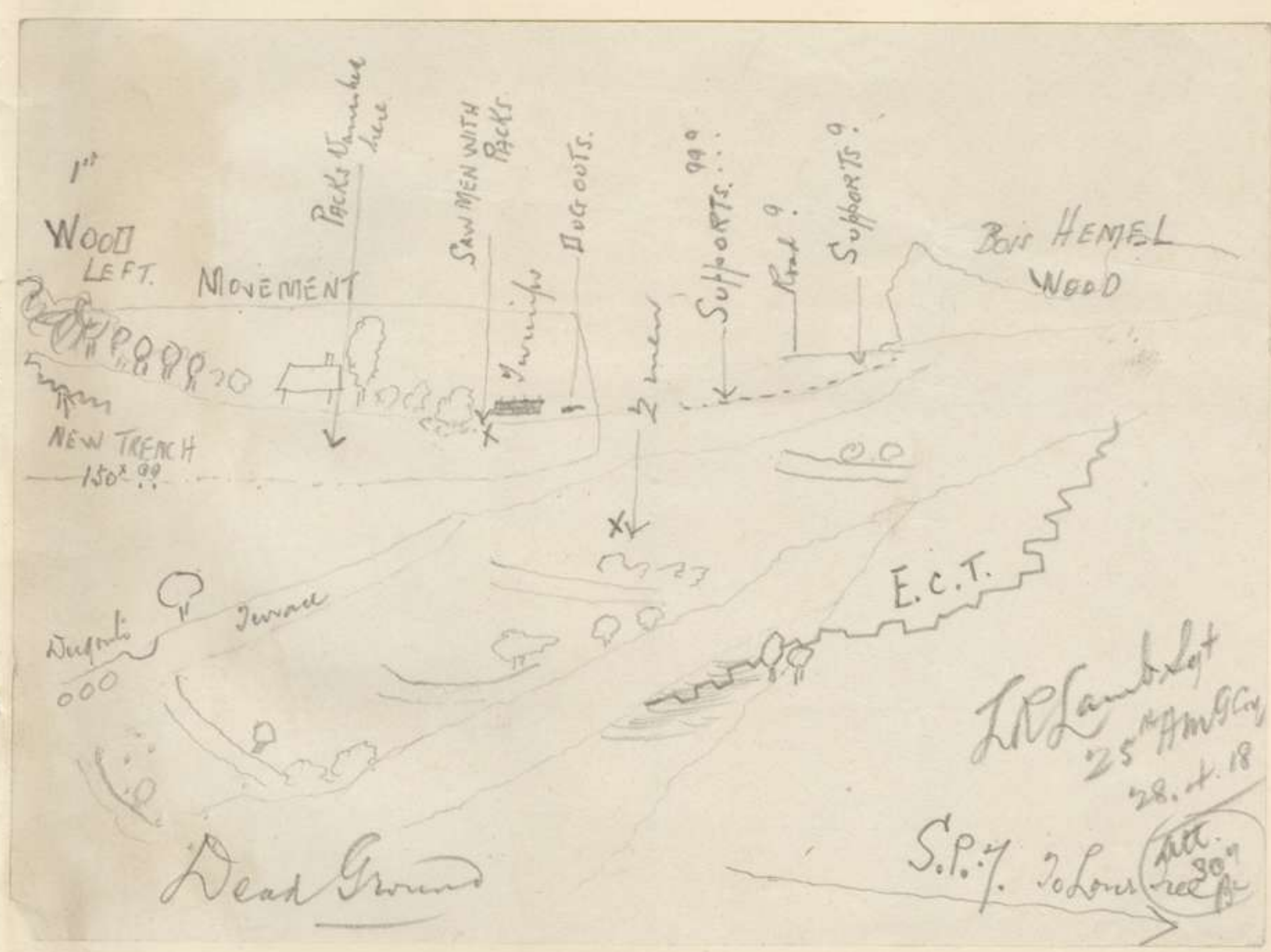
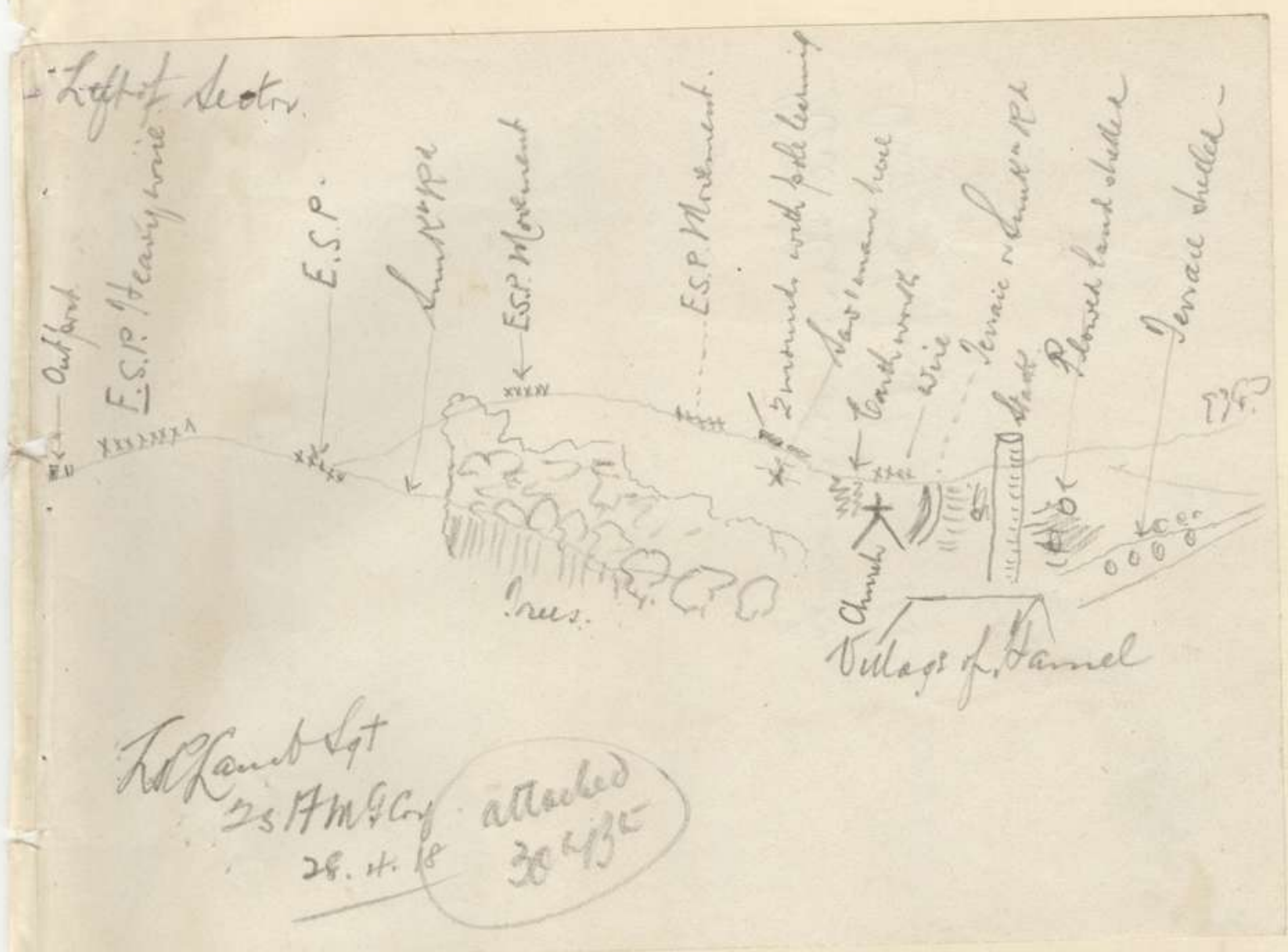
6.30. Rain spoils visibility

L. P. Lamb left  
 25<sup>th</sup> April 1918

28.4.18  
 6.30 PM



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These plans very rough  
Original found to now O.C.

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Miscellaneous  
Movement

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80TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION	
No.	.....
Date	.....

At 11 PM movement was seen in an enemy post at P863.1 on the road and about 220' from our post at P863540. Enemy post appears to be on both sides of the road. About 4 or 5 men were seen one wearing a steel helmet and the others caps with red bands. They were fired on and 3 casualties claimed. There is a PT in the enemy post. About 100' in rear of the post is what appears to be a continuous line in which up to 20 of the enemy were observed standing to at 8:30 pm.

Channing Lt  
3rd Battalion



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30TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION No ..... Date .....
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The end of April finds the Battalion still holding the right sector of the Brigade front in the CORBIE Sector.

In the earlier portion of the month, owing to ~~the changing~~ situation, the Battalion was constantly on the move, stopping in some places for but 24 hours. This was a good and severe test for the Transport and men, who responded well, and enabled these moves to be made without any difficulty. The latter half of the month has been spent holding the Battalion Sector of the front line, and although the period has been an unusually long one, the morale of the troops is splendid.

Owing to the difficulty of baths and clean clothing, there were several cases of scabies, but this difficulty is being overcome by these baths now being available. During the latter week, the majority of the Battalion were bathed under Battalion arrangements at CORBIE.

There has been a marked decrease of breaches of discipline during the month, the majority being only minor cases. On the whole the discipline has been good.

The clothing of the men has been subjected to very hard wear during the month, but a reserve of new clothing is on hand, and is to be issued when the Battalion is relieved from the front line system. The boots have been kept in constant repair and on the whole are in a good condition.

The transport section has responded well, whenever demands have been made upon it, and the condition of the animals at present has never been better.

*Sheel*

Major.  
A/C. O., 30th Battalion, A.I.F.





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Appendix 23

To A.D.M.S. 5<sup>th</sup> Australian Division  
from R.M.O. 30<sup>th</sup> Batt<sup>y</sup> A.I.F.

30TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION
No. ....
Date .....

Monthly report in Narrative

During the first 9 days of the month the Battalion was in reserve round AUSTONV. On 9/11/18 the Battalion moved into the front line which in this sector consists of a series of outposts with straw on the bottom & covered & sheet iron. The support and reserve lines are practically identical with the front line. The men forward get two hot meals in the 24 hours one about 9 P.M. and another about 2.30 A.M.

Due to lack of clean changes of clothing & lack of facilities for bathing practically all the men have become lousy and although bathing & clean changes of clothing for the men are now being carried out it is impossible to get rid of the lice. These men can only be spared from the line a few at a time and when they return after being "de-loused" they become infested again from their mates and surrounding objects. So this contributes to the prevalence of Pyrexia which, in its early stages, accompanies other signs & symptoms of trench fever.

Considering the time they have been in the line & the prevailing conditions the health of the men is very good.



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The Regimental stretcher bearers have been distributed as usual i.e. working with their Company head-quarters as their base. The carry from the most forward post to the R.A.P. is about 2000 yards. The average carry from posts is about 1000 yards and for the longer carries the bearers work in relays.

While Captain RAILTON S.A. M.C. was in charge the R.A.P. was shelled out of two houses in the village of HAMELET on 16/4/18 by 8 inch H.E. - a direct hit on the house used. One patient was killed, none of the A.M.C. detail were injured. On 18/4/18 the R.A.P. to which the detail had moved was again hit by a 4.2 Yellow X gas shell & had to be evacuated. On this occasion there were no casualties though the shell hit the R.M.O.'s bed while he was fortunately in the next room. On the afternoon of 23/4/18 the enemy bombarded the village & surrounding country with gas shells yellow X & green X and in attending to the casualties the R.M.O. Capt RAILTON S.A. M.C. and 4 (four) of the A.M.C. detail themselves became casualties being gassed by the gas from the patients' clothing. The R.M.O. continued working till he could no longer see & was then evacuated by Capt Brown 8<sup>th</sup> Field Ambulance who in turn was relieved by Major NORTH 8<sup>th</sup> Field Ambulance who carried on till relieved by Capt G.O. ROBERTSON 15<sup>th</sup> Field Amb on the night of 25/4/18. Since 25/4/18 the usual routine has been carried out.

As supplies of clean underclothing were unobtainable for some time after coming into the line, Major STEELE

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the C.O. of the Battalion arranged for the salvaging of a quantity of clean underclothing from the village which was given to the men going out for a bath, who returned their dirty underclothing which was washed & dried ready for the next lot of men going for a bath.

Sanitation in the front line is difficult owing to the danger of observation by the enemy. For excreta tins are used & these are emptied at night into shell holes in the areas not under direct observation. The pit system of latrines is being used as it is impossible to use an incinerator on account of the necessity of ~~not showing~~ <sup>not showing</sup> the enemy any signs that the village has been occupied.

G. O. Robertson Capt  
R.M.O. 30th Battn AIF

2/5/18

Copy sent to C.O. 30th Battn AIF



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30th Battalion, A.I.F.  
2nd May 1918

30 <sup>TH</sup> AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION
No. ....
Date .....

REPORT ON WORK OF Q. M. FOR MONTH ENDING 30/4/18.

RATIONS

Fresh meat and bread - good percentage and quality.  
Rations issued to all ranks when out of line from 1/4/18 to 9/4/18-

<u>Breakfast</u>	<u>Lunch</u>	<u>Dinner</u>
Bacon or rissoles	Sea Pie or rissoles	Roast Beef
Jam Bread	Biscuit pudding	Curry and rice
Tea	Cheese Tea	Brown Stew
		Bread Tea

Rations issued when in front line from 9/4/18 to 30/4/18:-

<u>Breakfast</u>	<u>Lunch</u>	<u>Dinner</u>
Porridge	Cheese	Stews or dry hash
Bacon and potatoes or dry hash	Brawn	Rissoles
Bread Tea	Biscuits	Bread Tea

Quantity of hot food forwarded to front line:-

<u>Porridge</u>	<u>Stew</u>	<u>Dry hash</u>	<u>Tea</u>	<u>Brawn</u>	<u>Bacon</u>
1200 quarts	1630 qrts.	1350 qrts.	6000 qrts.	200 lbs	2500 lbs.

Fat return for month ending 30/4/18 - 2050 lbs.

CLOTHING

In fairly good condition.

ARMS AND EQUIPMENT

In good condition.

BOOTS

Every man in possession of good boots. Repairs have been carried out by Regimental bootmakers, who did all repairs at Forward Headquarters. Men in line were able to leave and return to line in a very short time with serviceable boots.

COMFORTS

Cigarettes received from Y. M. C. A. much appreciated by troops in front line.

