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| Batacomb | 1st Feb | | Ration Strength | 52 Off ^{rs} 101 NCO ^s 754 men | | |
| Woyde | | | Sick | 5 OR ^s 9 NCO ^s 1 NCO | | |
| Stark C ^o | | | The weather was fine throughout the day; several bathing parades for the Coy. The Coy indulged in salvage gathering; L Coy headed the list. The usual 10 P.M. was sent out practically in all cases up to full strength. | | | |
| | 8.30am | | 2 off | 64 OR ^s | Racine Dump. Carrying + cleaning uneven support. | |
| | 6.30am | | 3 " | 76 " | Racine Dump. Cleaning up Ultimo Avenue. | |
| | 5pm | | 1 " | 22 " | Racine Dump. Cleaning up + preparing digouts in La Basse Ville. | |
| | 5pm | | 2 " | 85 " | Racine Dump. Repairing uneven support. + Carrying + laying duckboard on the new overland R.A.P. track leading to the Factory. | |
| | | | Lt Gardner and Keppard of the Medium + Heavy Branch Motor Battalion respectively lived with L Coy whilst the Battalion in the Batacomb. | | | |

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| Catacombs | 2 nd Feb | | Battalion Strength 52 off ^{rs} 101 N600 753 men | |
| Wedge Park | | | Struck off strength 1 man. | |
| Caves | | | The weather still fine altho. a bit fresh; mist arises during the | |
| | | | early morning & early evening. | |
| | | | Major G.R. Hutton still in charge of battalion in absence of C.O. | |
| | | | who is resting at the Old Store at Remains. | |
| | | | The original & duplicate copies of the War Diary despatched to Bde | |
| | | | by special runner. | |
| | | | The usual bot. were sent out during the day; same parties & localities | |
| | | | as on 1 st Feb 1918. | |
| | | | The Lt, Capt Beauchamp, Lt August, visited the front area concerning the taking | |
| | | | over from the 39 th Bn. | |
| | | | Lt Jones & Lt Langer also visited their opposites. | |
| | | | Operation Order No 21 issued for Relief of 37 th by 39 th on the night | |
| | | | of 4/5 Feb 1918. | |

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| Hyde Park | Feb 3 rd | | <p>Battalion Strength 52 off^{rs} 100 N60: 754 men</p> <p><u>Sick</u> 4 OK: Rff 1. 1 N60 struck off.</p> | |
| Loner | | | | |
| Batacombs | | | <p>Battalion Ord^r off Lt W. Paterson.</p> <p>The weather still continues fine but cold at morning and evening.</p> <p>Major Watson still in charge.</p> | |
| | | | <p>Working parties as on previous days; the evening party being used to complete the duck board track which now runs up to the Factory.</p> | |
| | | | <p>Specialists moved in at 5 pm to the relief of the 37 off^{rs} Specialists who came back to the batacombs.</p> | |
| Batacombs | Feb 4 th | | <p>Battalion Strength 52 off^{rs} 100 N60: 754 men</p> | |
| Hyde | | | | |
| Park B. | | | <p>All the usual 10⁰⁰ moved out with the exception of the 5 pm party. All the men's feet were washed, and powdered; gear socks put on.</p> | |

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| Catacombs Hyde Park Corner | Feb 4 th | | <p>A requisition to this effect was sent by Coy to Btgrs. Gumboots for the use of men in trenches were drawn early in the day so that the question of fit & watertightness could be enquired into.</p> | 1 |
| | | | <p>Major Story took receipt of all papers documents etc & the staff of Btgrs moved up to the relief of 37th Hqs.</p> <p>Relief commenced at Hyde Park Corner at at 5 pm and was reported all correct at 8.30 pm.</p> | 2 |
| | | | <p>The question of accommodation was enquired into as the strength of the battn is such as to tax the limited accommodation. Many of the men had to be housed at Lead Horse Corner under 100 Bough.</p> | |
| | | | <p>The 39th Battalion Scouts covered the relief with standing patrols. The relief was carried out without a hitch of any description.</p> | |
| | | | <p>During the evening the CO Col Anderson D.S.O arrived at Stipes was the 1st Lt Store where he had been resting for several days; he appeared to be much improved in health.</p> | AS |

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| Lynes | Feb 5 th | | Bn strength 52 off to 99 N 600 754 men. | |
| U15C.80.50 | | | The post line consists of a series of posts numbered from | = |
| Ref | | | 1 to 9 in the following manner as 1017, 2017, 3017, 4017, ... | 9 |
| Ploegsteert | | | 8017, 9017. | |
| 285144. | | | The cards of 1017 the rt post of our battery sector & incidentally our | |
| | | | Bde are U17d, 44, 14 | |
| | | | The cards of 9017 the left post of our battery sector are | |
| | | | U11d. 6500. | |
| | | | All posts are lightly held so that there is little chance of casualties | |
| | | | from shell fire. In the daytime mostly all the garrison of posts | |
| | | | are withdrawn to fellows of La Bassa Ville. | |
| | | | The support boys & the Reserve boys do working parties in | |
| | | | La Bassa Ville & the general repair of posts | |
| | | | The Reserve boys carry all rations from Lead Horse corner, this | |
| | | | has been lessened somewhat by an excellent tram system. | |
| | | | The weather thro'out the day was excellent; altho observation was | |
| | | | some obscured by the mist. | |

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| St Yves | Feb 6 th | | <p>Battal Strength 53 off^{rs} 98 M^o 752 men Sick 3 men R^{pts} 10 off. Struck off 2 M^o + 3 men</p> | 4 |
| | | | <p>During the afternoon our artillery carried out severe destructive shoots on the enemy line in front + support line in U18a. Results very good.</p> | |
| | | | <p>9.45-10.30 am St Yves was subjected to severe hostile shelling. No damage done</p> | |
| | | | <p>Much work done in pumping out + clearing dugouts. Darning trench between No: 4 + 5 posts</p> | |
| | | | <p>Epidemic of Influenza broken out in Basse Ngro. Lt Davies sent to 1st Bn for rest. Capt Beauchamp, Adj., also in bed with Influenza</p> | |
| | | | <p>The enemy very nervous in the vicinity of Spinners; he suspects a raid as the preparations has been severe.</p> | |
| | | | <p>Hostile Trench Mortars + Machine Guns very quiet thro' out the night.</p> | |

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| Styves | Feb 4 th | | <p>Battn Strength 53 Offrs 98 NCOs 752 men Sick 3 ORs Rpts 1 OR. Struck off 1 OR. The early morning was pitch dark & so interposed with efficient Q counting. Also the Boche was very quiet. Our artillery engaged many targets thro' out the day, and did much damage to enemy front line & supports. Between 9pm - 11pm a fine table shoot by 18pdrs & 4.5 Hows on enemy front & support defences. Good work. Raiding Patrol from 39th & 38th Battn operated on no man's land near Spinnery. Working carried out during the night in front of No 2 post. T.M. a little more active ^{active} than usual. As the weather was inclined to be misty there was a fair bit of movement in Boche lines.</p> | 5 |
| Styves | Feb 5 th | | <p>Battn Strength 54 Offrs 99 NCOs 748 men Sick 2 ORs Rpts 1 OR. Struck off 5 ORs</p> |  |

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| Sykes | Feb 8 th | | Enemy very quiet during the early hours. | |
| U15 C 80 50. | | | During the day 6" Howo, + 18 pdr fired on Enemy front & support lines & on definite targets around Warretons. Good results. No retaliation. | 6 |
| Myk Rel | | | Hostile shelling on Prowse Pt & adjacent batteries. Very severe large calibre shells being used. | 7 |
| Hoegskert | | | Hostile I.M. only normally active whilst M Gun fire only noticeable during the early part of the evening. | |
| 10000. | | | Our bombing planes visited Comines & precinct thro' out the night. The Dutch used many very light especially in the vicinity of the German very postboxes on this sector. | |
| | | | The weather was fine but misty. Little movement of enemy noticeable. | |
| | | | Major C.R. Hutton is acting as C.O. of La Basse Ville Defences & responsible for the improvement of defences. He has the assistance of Capt Inglegrave of 10 th Bty Coy Eng ^{rs} . | |
| | | | Mtn Coy Relief carried out without hitch & incident. | |

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| Myres | | | 29th Bn Strength 54 offrs 103 NCOs 745 men | |
| Viscuso | | | Sick 9 offrs Rfb 6 offrs Struck off 9 offrs | 8 |
| Ploestant | | | Day quiet in the early hours | |
| 10000 | | | Our Artillery carried out at 10am - 11.30am & 2-3.30pm organized | |
| | | | Shots on enemy front line system in USA + URC | |
| | | | Our 216 th fired during the organized shoots. | |
| | | | Lewis Guns firing on gaps in enemy line so as to prevent him | |
| | | | repairing same. | |
| | | | Mobile Artillery fired many rds of 77mm on & about Aubassin Cab. | |
| | | | no damage. 76's 216 th were busy during the evening, namely the | |
| | | | Granatenwerfer. | |
| | | | Other than the display of flares, everything was quiet during the | |
| | | | evening. | |
| | | | Raiding party patrols again operated near Spinning | |
| | | | If Shaw made a complete reconnaissance of Ulms Avenue for | |
| | | | Bde Area. | |

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| Myres | Feb 10th | | Batt Strength 56 Offrs 103 NCOs 750 men | |
| U15C 8050 | | | Sick 50R? Rfts 2 off 8 ORO Truck off 3 ORO. | 9 |
| Ploegkert | | | Very quiet during morning. About 1 am a hostile patrol of 3 men | |
| 1/10000 | | | attacked our Lt. post in front of No 2 post. ^{was} driven off. 2 captives attached. | |
| | | | The pte. concerned was injured in the arm by blow from waddy. | 10 |
| | | | During the morning & afternoon our Artillery carried out organized shoot | |
| | | | on (U12a U18a U12c U11d) enemy front system. Much damage done to his | 3 |
| | | | wire. | |
| | | | 2 Barrages put down by all artillery after the large raid which | |
| | | | took place at 10 pm. 1st of 5 mts at 8 pm + 2nd of 5 mts at 9:45 am | of 11/2/18 |
| | | | The Boche took no notice of either one. | |
| | | | The large Raid of 37th + 38th was most successful, in that they captured | |
| | | | some 20 odd prisoners with only slight casualties to themselves. | |
| | | | Col Henderson & Lt Shaw investigated the 1st. Post business & forwarded | |
| | | | a report to Bde. | |
| | | | Weather was again fine but inclined to be misty. | |

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| St Yves | Feb 11 th | | <p> <u>Passer Strength 56</u> Offrs 103 NCOs 766 men Sick 200 Casualties 4000 Trucks off 4000 During the early hours everything quiet after the raid, at 3am + 4.15 am the Field Artillery, 485 Hqs put up a 5 mts barrage No Retaliation During the early hours after the raid drivers were busy in the gaps of his wire Work proceeded with in concealed trenches in La Bassée Ville. Digging of No 1 4 x 5 posts progressed The 2nd War Lower was busy at irregular periods throu'out the day. Machine Guns fired intermittently throu'out the night Enemy movement very noticeable; observations fairly good. Weather fine Altogether the Bata very quiet after his "hiding" of the night previous Capt Jackson G.S.O. Linsens visited HQs but Lt Shaw Bn I.O. was down with the fluenza so he saw Lt August instead. The usual advance relief parties came in namely S.G.O., Scout officer, Sig Officer + 1 off per Coy + 20% Specialists. Nothing to mention as things very quiet. </p> | <p>12</p> |

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| Syves | Feb 12 th | | Batt Strength 55 Offrs 104 NCOs 745 men | 14 |
| U15C 8050 | | | Lick 30K° Rft 10K. Truck off 70ff 10K. | |
| Proquest | | | The day was inclined to be somewhat damp but we had no definite | |
| 10000 | | | fall of rain. | |
| | | | Beyond a little hostile shelling & 2 AM everything was quiet. | |
| | | | The relief commenced at 6pm & finished at 9pm, the battn moving | |
| | | | back to Red Lodge, where everything was ready owing to an advance | |
| | | | party being sent. Camp left in a very dirty state, in fact the camp | |
| | | | is insanitary especially in the miniature Catacombs. | |
| | | | The night was excellently fine; but good for a relief. | |
| Red Lodge | Feb 13 th | | Batt Strength 55 Offrs 104 NCOs 745 men | |
| Proquest | | | Working parties supplied at 8.30am. All available men being used | |
| 10000. | | | both morning & afternoon parties. All work in forward area, | |
| | | | Reporting at Racine Dump | |

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| Red Lodge | Feb 13 th | | The following officers are laid up with influenza Major G. Hutton, Capt. McColl R. B. O., Lt. Pentice & Lt. Shaw. All in camp not serious enough for hospital. Lt. Nelson away on English leave on 7.2.18 | 11 |
| Red Lodge | Feb 14 th | | Batt strength 55 off 103 7600 739 men Sick 400 ⁰ Rfts 400 ⁰ Trucks off 700 ⁰ Lts W. McDonald & J. Stewart linked up with the battn once again Both officers going to Leas. Weather perfect, ideal spring weather. Usual working parties to forward areas. The salvage question has been a large one with the division and during the month of January the 39th Bn headed the 3rd Div list. Every day something is salvaged with the result that competition is very keen between Corps | 15 |

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| Red Lodge | Feb 15 th | | <p>Battalion Strength 55 Officers 108 NCOs 74 ✓ men Rpts 5 NCOs 9 men Struck off 6 men General Birdwood G.O.C Australian Corps visited the camp, and spent about an hour inspecting the billets etc. Muel Co. supplied to front area. The men in camp as per P.O. Horney went on Bathing Parade. Salvage again collected by the various coys, keen interest shown. Lieut S Le Ferre detailed as Pde Salvage Officer; Lt I Gollins still in charge of Pde Gun Boot Store + Soup Kitchen. Lieut Davies returned from rest at Q No Store. Influenza still the rage with Sgt Officers. The Division placed Lt Shaw in charge of the large telescope which is about 7' long + 75 magnification. The only use it was put to whilst in his area was to look at Moon + Stars. It requires a special place for its use on Hill 63.</p> | 10 |

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| Red Lodge | Feb 16 th | | Battal Strength 54 Officers 108 NCOs 744 men Struck off 1 officer 1 man | 17 |
| Reepstant | | | Usual top ^{oo} applied to front area. The weather very fine & aeroplanes very active; bombing machines active at night both ours & hostile. | |
| Wood. | | | One bomb dropped on Hill 63 in rear of Red Lodge. No damage done. | |
| | | | Battling parades held as in Bd. no 148. | |
| Red Lodge | Feb 17 th | | Battal Strength 53 Officers 108 NCOs 738 men. Patrols 6 OR ^o casualties 1 man Struck off 1 off 3 men | 18 |
| | | | Major W. H. Moore, to HQ. Capt Allsop R.M.D. returned from leave as well as Major J. J. Paterson M.C. Capt McCall the relieving R.M.D. returned to 9 th Field Amb. | |
| | | | Holy Communion held in Church Army Hut. Red Lodge at 9.30 am and 5.30 pm. | |
| | | | Weather still fine; night dark but starry. | |

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| Red Lodge | Feb 18 th | | <p>Battalion Strength 53 Officers 108 NCOs 736 men Sick 400⁰ Struck off 2 men Mound top⁰ supplied to front line area. Bathing Parade held as per B.O. No. 150. P.M. Helmets withdrawn from troops. This leaves the troops with Small Box Respirator. Day very fine, just like Spring. Evening dark & stormy, bombing machines passed over to the enemy lines. Operations No 23 for the relief of 37th Batt. by 39th issued. Gas Gun officer; Scout officer; Batt 1 officer per Coy + 20% Specialists moved in at 5.0 pm.</p> | 19 |
| Red Lodge | Feb 19 th | | <p>Battalion Strength 53 Officers 108 NCOs 733 men Sick 4 men Struck off 3 men The morning top⁰ supplied only. Promotions as per B.O. No 151 The camp cleaned up in view of relief, everything left quick spans being taken over by Major G.B. Storey 37th Battalion.</p> | 20 |

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| Supres. | Feb 20th | | Battn Strength 52 off: 108 260 742 men. | |
| No. 2 Coy | | | Sicks 1 man Casualties 1 off 2000 Rfts 10 men struck off 1 off 1 man | |
| Ploegsteert | | | Visibility not very good. therefore very little movement behind the | |
| Woods. | | | enemy's lines possible. | 23 |
| U.S.C. 80.50 | | | altho. the relief had only taken place the night previous. A frames | |
| | | | were put in No. 1 post + the freshps in No 2 were reworked. | |
| | | | During the early hours of the morning very lights were prevalent. | |
| | | | Col Henderson, CO, made his rounds of the front line system, | |
| | | | visiting all Coy HQ quarters. | |
| | | | Coming to an enemy patrol coming into contact with our No 9 | |
| | | | post during the early hours of the morning a standing patrol | |
| | | | was put out about 400 in front, consisting of 1 off INCO | |
| | | | + 7 men. Nothing resulted. | |
| | | | While artillery not very active, whizzbangs and punaapples | |
| | | | being prevalent. | |
| | | | Major A.S. Paterson MC. took up the duties of "Town Major" at | |
| | | | La Basse Ville. his duties consist of improvements to the defences of La Basse Ville. | |

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| St Yves | Feb 20th | | The construction work is under the supervision of Lt Stanley 10th Engineers. Parties supplied by Support Coy of 39th + by 37th Battn. | |
| | | | During the evening there was several showers of rain otherwise bright moonlight. Lt A E Guyett M.M. was wounded in hand by machine gun bullet, not very serious. | |
| St Yves | Feb 21st | | Battn Strength. 53 officers 108 NCOs 739 men Lack 2 M.O. Rpts 10th 2 men Struck off 5 men | 25 |
| | | | During the early morning everything quiet; the weather however being ^{fine} fine . Our aeroplanes were active all day crossing + recrossing the enemy's lines many times, practically a monopoly of the sky, most usual for this front. The enemy depended on balloons near Trélingham. | |
| | | | Col Moorhead D.S.O. 33rd Battn visited our Btgs with a view of relief. Our artillery very active thro'out the day, the unknown shot as arranged was carried out at 10.45 pm - 11.45 pm on the Quad + angle V.B.d. 30.70. | |
| | | | Good work was done by the 1st Coy in line in clearing up + deepening trenches. As regards La Bassa Hill construction the only work done was by B Coy. 39th a party of 30 carried some spickets but owing to the brilliancy of moon no work was attempted. | 19 |

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| St Yves Was Ploeghent 10000. | Feb 2nd | | <p>Between the hours of 7.30 pm & midnight the enemy carried out a destructive shoot on our defences at intervals of 15 min hours; the shelling consisting of 77 mms, 4.2" <u>cm</u>, 5.9" <u>cm</u>, & medium & heavy minenwerfers. Slight damage to our defences; the casualties being slight. Lt A. J. Tranger & Sgt. Blin were killed instantly by shell ^{on road leading from an ammunition cell to La Biquette.}; Pte McKays being wounded.</p> <p>Due to the extreme brilliancy of the moon Scout patrols could not go out beyond our wire; also the standing (fighting patrol) patrol was not able to venture forth.</p> <p>Notification was received that Capt L. F. Middleton M.C. had been evacuated being so sprained? Ankle.</p> <p>Notification thro General Orders that Belgian Croix de Guerre had been awarded to Capt W. R. Cumming; Pte Martin T.W.; Pte Bachholz N.R.</p> <p>During the morning Capt Lambie 10th Bde Major, accompanied by an American Gas Officer visited B. Hqs.</p> <p>Two B. 9th Bde Officers attempted to look over the front line during the evening but owing to enemy troops & bright moonlight they had no success.</p> | |

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| Suez | Feb 22 nd | | Batt strength 51, off 107 NCOs. 745 men Sick 1 off 4 men Rfts 7 men Truck off 2 off 20K? | W |
| | | | Weather dull + misty. Slight fall of rain during the afternoon Between midnight + 5 am enemy intermittently shelled our defences with shells of varying calibre. Only slight damage done. | No |
| | | | Lt Col Paterson attended as waiting member on Court Martials held at Romani under presidency of Major G.R. Nutton. | |
| | | | Col Henderson visited the forward Coy A.I.F. returning at midday. Just after lunch the forward area was visited by 6 M.P.s of the House of Commons piloted by Major Connelly D.S.O. of Division. Very much interested in what they saw. | |
| | | | About 3.30 pm Lt Martin Bde I.D. + 9 th Bde I.D. visited the OP. 2 Capts of 33 rd Battr. were seen over rd + left sector of front line. | |
| | | | Inter Coy relief carried out without hitch + completed by 8.30 pm. Our Artillery carried out effective retaliation during the night. | |
| | | | Very little hostile shelling, but his MGs were active all night. | |

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| Lepros | Feb 22 nd | | Lts McDonald & Lt Edwards left trenches at 9 pm to proceed to 1st Coy Infantry School. | |
| Lepros | Feb 23 rd | | <p>Ratton strength 51 Offrs. 107 No. 744 men Sick 1 man casualties 1 man struck off 1 man</p> <p>During the day good work was done in repairing Ultimo Avenue & completing it as far as possible. The communications with 1st Coy HQ from Ultimo Lane.</p> <p>During the evening 100 yds of wire put out in front of posts of 1st Coy HQ also the C.T. between Ultimo Lane & No 3 post. Gun post completed.</p> <p>Being the weather being favorable for aeroplanes ours were active all day & seemed to be in complete control of the skies as no enemy machines were seen.</p> <p>Throughout the day many 75 mm mortar shells fell on & around the Sugar Refinery. Effective retaliation given.</p> <p>During the evening the enemy 1st Coy HQ busy firing on No 4-9 posts as well as the Factory. Machine guns active as usual.</p> | 27 |

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| St Yves Map Ref Proceptual 40000 Uisc 8050 | Feb 23 rd | | <p>During the day Col Moorhead to 93rd visited the trenches & discussed the relief.</p> <p>9th Bde Special Raiding Parties threw over the front line system during the evening; but owing to the brilliancy of moon little was done.</p> | |
| | Feb 24 th | | <p>Rain heavy. 51 Offrs 106 NCOs 741 men</p> <p>Sick 4000 casualties 4 OK Rpts & Druckhoff 6 men</p> <p>During the early hours of the morning several M.W. fell on & about No 6 post & caused a few casualties 2 killed & 4 wounded. Supt L. McFain was killed instantly by a mine-warper shell.</p> <p>Two Captains of the 93rd Bn visited their opposite in the front sectors. Capt Braithwaite Staff Capt 10th, Capt Souter Staff Capt 9th visited the various dumps in the sector and lunched with the 68.</p> <p>During the afternoon I 2nd command 33rd, Scout Officer, Bussington Officer, and two Gun Officer and Sig Officer came in with 20% quota as advanced parties.</p> | 28 |

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| Sykes | Feb 24 | | <p>At August with complement of 1100 left the trenches at Bellefleur Party & visited Korte typ. No 7 camp & Crumlin Lines near Romanin</p> <p>Lt Shaw & Lewis J.O. & L.G.O. respectively went out of trenches as advance party of 19th. As well 1 officer per Coy & 20% specialists</p> <p>The officers & NCOs of the 9th Bde Raiding party were again shown round the front line posts, there was no active patrolling done as the brilliancy of the moon did not permit of same.</p> <p>Lt R.A. Johnson evacuated sick. Lieut Dunstan taken on strength</p> <p>During the day our artillery very active; also our aeroplanes which at present control the sky. Enemy artillery not so active but his M.W. was exceptionally active.</p> | |
| Sykes | Feb 25th | | <p>Battalion strength 51 Offro 106 NCOs 737 men</p> <p>Casualties 1 man Struck off 4 men</p> <p>Remaining 10 carts & pioneers left for camp at 9am.</p> <p>Brig Gen Rosenthal 9th Bde visited the trenches & was shown over by Major H.J. Peterson MC.</p> | |

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| Styves | Feb 25/18 | | <p>Nothing very startling during day with exception that our planes were again busy. The advance party at Koteyps were again busy getting the camp in order for the Battalion which was due to arrive at midnight.</p> <p>Major CR Nuttall & Lt Shaw checked camp stores. Everything made clean & tidy for the battn.</p> <p>Relief commenced at 6.30 pm & the battn left Lead Horse Corner at 11 pm by train. During the relief the 33rd battn suffered 4 casualties & no deaths. Owing to the brilliancy of moon the relief was carried out under great difficulty. The Battn reached camp at 12 (midnight) where they found a hot meal waiting for them.</p> <p>Major CR Nuttall linked up with the Battn again after spending 6 days at the store convalescing.</p> <p>Capt Allsop Rtd evacuated from school with measles.</p> | |

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| Korkefyp | Feb 26 th | | Batt strength 51 Offrs 106 2600 707 men | | | | | |
| No. 2 Camp. | | | Sick 3 OP. | | | | | |
| | | | The day was again fine. Although the batt had only been relieved from the trenches the night previous working parties were sent out at 8.30am. | | | | | |
| | | | The following O.P.'s were supplied | | | | | |
| | | | Party No. | Strengths. | Time | Report at. | Task. | Remarks. |
| | | | G 48. | 15 OR | 8.30am | Lea Horse Co. | No 2 O.P. | U15 d 59 |
| | | | G 49 | 10ff. 15 OR | 8.30am | " | No 1 O.P. | U15 b 25 50 |
| | | | G 50 | 15 OR | 8.30am | " | No 21. Pili base | U15 b a. b. |
| | | | G 51 | 10ff. 25 OR | 8.30am | " | Arch Crater | 8 pro Gum Boots. |
| | | | G. 61. | 10ff 25 OR | 8.30am | " | Long Ruins Post. | |
| | | | G 52 | 5 OR | 8.30am | " | Avenue San Dump | 2 pro G Boots. |
| | | | G 53 | 10ff 20 OR | 8.30am | " | " " O.P. | 20 " " |
| | | | G 58 | 10ff 10 OR | 8.30am | " | Only way Ct. | 15 " " |
| | | | G 59 | 10ff 20 OR | 8.30am | " | Lonely Post. | 15 " " |
| | | | G 62 | 15 OR | 8.30am | " | Lea Horse Dump | |
| | | | G 64 | 10ff 15 OR | 8.30am | " | Longing ton Hall | |

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| Kortepop No 7 Camp. | Feb 10 th | | Party No. | Strength | Report at | Time | Task | Remarks |
| | | | G 54 | 10 off { 10 OR ^o | Lead No 7 Co | 8.30 am | Only way CT. | 15 pts G Books |
| | | | G 55 | { 15 OR ^o | " | 8.30 am | Bakery Post. | " |
| | | | G 56 | { 10 OR ^o | " | 8.30 am | Only way CT. | 5 pts G Books |
| | | | G 57 | 10 off { 15 OR ^o | " | 8.30 am | Unusual Post. | 5 pairs " |
| | | | G 60 | 15 OR ^o | " | 8.30 am | Washington Post | 2 pts " |
| | | | G 66 | 10 OR ^o | " | 8.30 am | Leavesville Ramway | " |
| | | | G 67 | 10 OR ^o | " | 8.30 am | Training All Boxes | 15 pts G Books |
| | | | G 63 | 12 OR ^o | " | 8.30 am | Keppawong In. Lump. | Scouts |
| | | | G 65 | 5 OR ^o | " | 8.30 am | Working | 6 boys |
| <p>6 boys also supply permanent parties for the building of Artillery Gun pits of 3 off to 75 OR^o These are housed at the Catacombs, and rationed by the Artillery.</p> | | | | | | | | |

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| Kortepyp No 2 Camp | Feb 26 | | <p>Kit inspection & Dressing parade of all available men. Lt Poase, Fryer & Dunstan still at 10th Pde School. Batta mess formed for future in abt. 6 months. Mr Hunt Yllat representative invited to be a member of mess whilst in this area Batta O.D. Lt. Beavis M.C. mounted at retreat 26/2/18.</p> | |
| Kortepyp No 2 Camp | Feb 27 | | <p>Batta strength 49 Off: 105 NCO: 737 men Batta O.D. Lt W Richards. Sick of 6 OR? Rft 6 OR? Struck off 2 off 4 off men. Working parties as on 26/2/18. Bathing parade & kit inspection for those in camp. Capt Butler proceeded to Warrington lines, as member of Board of Enquiry into claims by French people. CO inspected the lines & was not satisfied with same. In the afternoon a football match was held on the oval in the camp between Officers & Band.</p> | |

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| Kortepye Worcamp | Feb 27th | | <p>The ground was in excellent condition and the football fast but of course not 1st class. Keen interest was maintained thro' out.</p> <p>In the absence of Major Sutton, who was attending as a member a G.C.M., Lt J. Shaw captained the officers team, which proved too strong for the band & ran out winners by 24 pts the scores being 5 goals 27 behind - 3 goals 5 behind.</p> <p>Lt J.R. Mitchell played a very fine game being easily the best man on the ground. Lt Van Steche had the misfortune to kick his knee during the 2nd quarter & was not available for the remaining 2 quarters. The game was most enjoyable.</p> <p>In the evening the 10th A.D.F. Ambulance Flivert Show was visited. It was held in the Y.M.C.A. Hut within the precincts of the Camp. The Show was most entertaining & was ably assisted by our band under the leadership of Sgt Powell.</p> <p>The weather thro' out the day was very fine.</p> | 30 |

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| Kokopu No. 2 Camp | Feb 28 th | | <p>Bassa length 49 Offrs 101 NCO. 735 men Sick 4 men Struck off 6 OK. Bath. o.o. Lt. M. Ventrice</p> | 30 31 |
| | | | <p>Same list as on 26th & 27th Lt. Inspection & Pay being the principal items of interest. During the morning Lt. Evans took a party to the Baths (Palmer). Major R. Watson again attended the G.C. No. as on previous day. Lt. N. H. Boase left on 14 days leave to England. Several officers visited the 10th Field Amb. Show held in the Kokopu Y.Hall, the members of the concert party being entertained at supper by the Officers of 39th. A pleasant evening past. The weather thro'out the day was equally inclined to snow. Capt. R. Smith visited his men at the batcamps for pay purposes.</p> | |
| | | | <p>Rank Khaw 39th Bn A.I.F.</p> | |
| | | | <p>R. O. Henderson to 39th Bn A.I.F.</p> | |

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*Frank W. Shaw
39th Bn*

FOR

February 191

*R. O. Henderson Lt Col
39th Bn
A.I.F.*

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39TH BATTALION ORDER No. 21.

2nd February 1918.

Appendix I

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|---------------|-----------|----------|
| Map Reference | PLACEMENT | 1/10,000 |
| | 38 N.W. | 1/20,000 |
| | 38 S.W. | 1/20,000 |

- Information. 1. Inter Battalion reliefs will take place on the night of the 4th/5th Inst.
- Intention. 2. The 39th Battalion A.I.F. will relieve the 37th Battalion A.I.F., in the right sector of the Brigade Front and will become "A" Battalion.
 A & C. Coy Front Line.
 B. Coy Support.
 D. Coy Reserve, & will supply carrying parties.
- Relief. 3. A. Coy 39th Battalion will relieve B. Coy 37th Battalion.
 B. Coy " " " " A. Coy " "
 C. Coy " " " " B. Coy " "
 D. Coy " " " " C. Coy " "
- Advance Parties. 4. Will move in on the 3rd Inst & will consist of :-
 Lewis Gun Officer.
 Scouting "
 Battalion Gas N.C.O.
 No's 1 & 2 of Lewis Gun Teams.
 20% of Scouts.
 20% of Snipers.
 20% of Signallers.
 1 Officer, 1 batman & 1 N.C.O. per Coy.
- Guides. 5. Guides from the 37th Battalion will meet advance party at 5 p.m. at HILL PARK CORNER, and will meet Battalion on 4th Inst at same time & place.
- Movement. 6. Battalion will move in following order :-
 A. C. B. D. H.Qrs.
- Gum Boots. 7. Will be obtained from Gum Boot Store on morning of relief. All ankle boots are to be returned to G. Store for repairs, and such will need to be carefully marked by each man, to enable them to be returned correctly.

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- Packs, Valises, Lewis Gun Surplus Boots etc. 8. Packs & Lewis Gun Surplus material of Advance Parties will be stacked at HYDE PARK CORNER by 1.45.p.m. on the 3rd Inst. Remainder to be stacked at same place on the 4th Inst at 12.00PM. All packs must be marked with name & Company.
- Cooks. 9. Will move in immediately after mid-day meal.
- Blankets. 10. Coy's going into Front Line will take one blanket with them, the remainder to be stored under Coy arrangements.
- Trench Stores. 11. Coy's will take over all defence schemes, maps, intelligence trench stores, ammunition, etc and will forward copies of receipts given, to this office immediately on completion of relief.
- Reports. 12. Reports will be sent in code to this office on completion of relief.
- Defence Schemes. Existing Defence Schemes will be adhered to until 13. further orders.
- Trench Orders. 14. This order to be read in conjunction with 3rd Divisional Trench Orders.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

W. Beaudamp
 Capt.
 Adj 30th Battalion A. I. F.

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39th Battalion A.I.F.

Appendix ✓
Intelligence Summary from 8.30 pm 4/2/18 to 6 am 5/2/18

Our Operations

Relief
Scouts

Carried out without hitch and without incident

From 5.30 pm - 8.30 pm patrols accompanied by officers + NCO's of special party carried the relief.

From 8.30 pm - 5.30 am 6 patrols operated on right + left sectors of this battery front.

Patrol Reports attached

Except for examination of our wire + the activity of his machine guns there is nothing to note.

Our Wire

Wire from No 6 to No 9 post is only in fair condition. This will be attended to probably tonight (5.2.18).

On right sector wire between 4 + 5 posts is in poor condition, this will be remedied probably tonight (5.2.18)

The wire from 4 post to 1 post is in good condition.

Enemy Operations

Artillery

NIL

French Mortars

NIL.

Snipers

NIL

Machine Guns

MG at U.H.D. 9040 very active, sweeping particularly No's 8 + 9 posts.

39th Summary Continued 4/2/18 - 5/2/18

Enemy Operations

Machine Guns
Scout

M.G. at Spinning Mill active firing mostly on Right Side sector approx
M.G. at U18 0 20 40 fired on back areas shortly after midnight

Patrols

Nil

Very fights

27 throughout the night

Enemy Attitude

Movement

At 9.45 pm train was heard moving away from WARNETON in the direction of Werrig.
At 1.45 am transport heard moving from Warneton in direction of Werrig Approx location on road thro V. 8. a. b.
At 4.20 am light transport heard moving away from Leuquemont

Frank McShaw Lt
D.O. 39th Bn

PATROL REPORT

| Battn. | Patrol point, | Left Time. | Patrol Point. | returned Time. | Locality traversed. | Object of Patrol. | Patrols report in detail. |
|----------|---------------|------------|---------------|----------------|---------------------|----------------------|---|
| 39th Bn. | | | | | | | Patrols operated on right and left sectors, during relief from 5.30pm to 8.30pm. They were accompanied by officers and NCOs from the Special Party. |
| | 9 Pat. | 8.30pm | no 8 Pat | 11.30pm | From 6 to 9 Pats. | Examination of wire. | Wire is not in very good condition. Particularly from no 6 Pat to half way between 7+8. From spot 9 Pat wire is in fair condition consisting of gooseberries trip out after. During period Machine Gun at 11.11. at 9.40 was fairly active firing 13 bursts. |
| | 5 Pat | 8.30pm | 1 Pat | 11.30pm | From 1 to 5 posts. | Examination of wire. | From 4 to 5 posts wire is in poor condition. 4 post to the river is good. From river to no 1 post wire is in fair condition. At 9.45 pm a train was heard moving away from WARRINGTON, in direction of HERVICQ. Machine Gun at Spinning Mill, active. Only a few short bursts on our right sector. Fire was mostly on the right Brigade Sector. |

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| Battn. | Patrol point. | Left Time. | Patrol returned Point. | Time. | Locality traversed. | Object of Patrol. | Patrols report in detail. |
|----------|---------------|------------|------------------------|---------|---------------------|------------------------|---|
| 39th Bn. | 7 Posts | Midnight | 8 Posts | 2.30 am | from 6 to 9 Posts. | General Reconnaissance | Machine Gun at U.11.d. 90.40 on this shift was particularly active. It was sweeping 8 and 9 Posts, constantly hitting wire in front. At 1.45 am. transport was heard, moving away from Warrington, in direction of Seevicq. approximate location on road, running through V. 8. A and B. |
| | 4 Posts | 11.30 pm | 4 Posts | 2.30 am | from 1 to 5 Posts. | General Reconnaissance | Machine Gun, at approx. U.18.a. 40.40, fired 8 bursts. Fire was on "back" area. During the shift 3 Bombs were thrown into by the enemy into his wire, in the SPINNER lights. |
| | 1 Post | 2.30 am | 1 Post | 5.30 am | from 1 to 5 Posts. | do. | At 4.20 am. transport was heard, moving away from Deulemont. |
| | 6 Posts | 2.30 am | 6 Posts | 5.30 am | from 6 to 9 Posts. | do. | Machine Gun at U.11.g. 90.40 fired one burst over the 7 Posts. |

During the night 27 enemy lights were fired. No artillery activity, nor mortars. No sight of any Patrols.

5. 2. 1918.
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Guarquest Hunt
Scout Officer

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Intelligence Summary 6am 5.2.18 - 6am 6/2/18

Our Operations

Artillery

Between 11.15 am + 1.15 pm 103 shells were observed to burst around Warrenton Tower. At 6.15 pm + 7.15 pm our artillery engaged and silenced I.M. Lizzie at U.H.D.94.

Aeroplanes

Throughout the day our artillery planes were active, being a continued source of annoyance to the Germans. During the latter part of morning of 5.2.18 17 of our planes flew across at a very high altitude to the German back areas. They returned in an hour.

Scouts

Patrol Sheets attached. 1 Special L.C. General Reconnaissance patrols operated on the latter sector during the hours of 6pm and 5 am.

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 Intelligence Summary Continued

Enemy Operations

Artillery

NIL

French Mortars

At 2.40 pm ~~2 minutes~~ fell the
 T.M. at Spinning Mill fired
 2 shells onto Sugar Refinery.
 no damage done

About midnight 12 light mortar
 from the Spinning Mills fell
 on the Rd Side sector & in the
 gap to the left of No 1 Post.
 no damage done as
 far as observed.

Machine Guns

M.G. at U11 d gr 4v active
 thro' out the night firing
 on No 5 & 9 posts & shipping
 no main land. Also fired
 2 burst ^{one} down railway line
 & the other over No 7 post.

M.G. at U18 a 37 44 not so active.
 fired a few burst. across
 No 7 post.

M.G. Spinning Mill
 fired several burst onto the
 Gap on left of No 9.

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ENEMY OPERATIONS

Snipers NIL

Patrols NIL

Very Lights

Large increase in the no. thrown up during the night.

Enemy Attitude

apparently nervous on our right bay sector as he continually bombed his line & put up many very lights.

Enemy Movement

(a) sounds like tractor plainly heard from the direction of Leplumont. No time stated.

(b) At 10 pm light transport heard moving away from Barneton in the direction of Nervicy.

At 10.45 pm light transport heard again moving in same direction.

Miscellaneous

(a) 3 Searchlights active from direction of Leplumont sweeping no man's land & river on R. bay part. No times stated.

(b) No man's land drying up considerably.

Frank St Shaw Lt
J.O. 39th Bn.

| Battn. | Patrol point. | Left Time. | Patrol returned Point. | returned Time. | Locality traversed. | Object of Patrol. | Patrols report in detail. |
|------------------|---------------------|------------|------------------------|----------------|---------------------|------------------------|--|
| 39 th | Left Right company. | | | | | | <p>Shifts on Right & Left of front, were accompanied by Officers and NCOs of the Special Party.</p> <p>There does not appear to be any wire in front of the Spinning Mill in front makes a natural obstacle.</p> <p>Only one burst of Machine Gun fire from Dawn at 11.18 a 37.444.</p> <p>at 10pm. light transport was heard, moving away from Warrenton, in direction of Berong.</p> <p>French Mitrailleur Gun at Spinning Mill, fired, two rounds on gaps, on right of Battalion front.</p> |
| | 4 Posts | 8.45pm | 4 Posts | 11.30pm | from 4 to 5 Posts. | General Reconnaissance | |
| | 8 Posts | 8.45pm | 8 Posts | 11.30pm | from 6 to 9 Posts. | G.R. | <p>Machine Gun at Dawn fired several bursts of fired sweeping nos. sand of Posts, and enfilading Hollands hand.</p> <p>10.45pm. Light Transport, could be heard, moving away from Warrenton, towards Berong.</p> |
| | 1 Post | 11.30pm | 4 Posts | 2.15 am | from 1 to 5 Posts. | do. | <p>Machine Gun at Spinning Mill, active, firing short bursts fire across the G.H.P.</p> <p>Light trench mortar gun in Spinning Mill active.</p> <p>Shells landing on Right Brigade Sector in the Gap</p> <p>12 Rounds fired.</p> |

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| Battn. | Patrol point. | Patrol Left Time. | Patrol returned Point. | Patrol returned Time. | Locality traversed. | Object of Patrol. |
|--------|---------------|-------------------|------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| | 8 Pat | 11.30 pm | 8 Pat | 2.15 am | from 6 to 9 Pat. | General reconnaissance |
| | 4 Pat | 2.15 am | 4 Pat | 2.15 5.0 am | from 1 to 5 Pat. | do |
| | 7 Pat | 2.15 am | 7 Pat | 5 am | from 6 to 9 Pat. | do |

Patrols report in detail.
 Continued.
 No very lights were fired from the Spinnery, landing near No 5. Pat.
 In 9 at U. 11. d. 92. 42. fired two bursts one down railway line and the other over No. 7 Pat.
 In 7 at U. 15 a. 37. 44. fired two short bursts across No 7 Pat.
 In 4 at Spinnery mill fired several bursts off line, on to right sector.
 Machine Gun at U. 11. d. 92. 42. fired bursts off line over 8 and 9 Pat.
 1 very light fired from Spinnery, landing near ruins.

"No Man's Land" is drying up considerably.
 Use of very lights normal.
 A noticeable decrease in machine gun fire, for town.
 No artillery activity, very few mortars.
 No Patrols, seen or heard.

6. 2. 18
 7 am.

Blunquist Lieut.
 Scout Officer
 39th Bn H.F.

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Appendix of
5th Battalion A.I.F.

Intelligence Summary from 6/1/18 - 6am 7/2/18

— Air Operations —

Artillery

From 3.15 pm - 3.30 pm destructive shot on
 enemy's front & support trenches in U18.A.
 2 direct hits on pill box U18a 2087, which now
 can be seen thro; 3 direct hits on trenches
 & 2 on the wire. Much damage done
 total no of shells fired 16

Trench
 Mortars

From 4 pm - 4.30 pm area shot on U18a
 & U12.C. Good bursts on wire in both front
 & support lines. Much damage done to wire

2 pm - 2.45 pm 16 Lewis fired 8 shots bursting
 about 20 yards in front of Warrington Tower

Aeroplanes

Very little activity. Two of our planes at 5.30 pm
 flying south when over U11C fired several
 bursts of machine gun bullets towards the
 Bosch trenches.

Scouts

Patrol sheet attached

1 Special & 6 general reconnaissance
 patrols operated on our front from
 6 pm - 5 AM.

The 1st of the G.R. patrols investigated
 the Spinney with results as set down
 in the Scout patrol reports

39th Battalion A.I.F.

6/2/18 - 7/2/18

Enemy Operations

as reported on attached sheet.

Hostile
Shelling.

Enemy
References.

French Mortars.

At 5.45 pm 5 Heavy minnie fell near
Sugar Refinery. Fired by gun at Spinning
mill. No damage done.

From 8.10 pm "Pineapples" fell in gaps
at U.17d.5.0. from U.18c 3.v (approx).
These were fired in bursts of 5 rds every
hour. No damage done.

Machine Guns.

Very quiet; only occasional
bursts.

The following MGs fired
U.18.a. 40.58; U.11.d. 92.40; Spinning
mill;

Shortly after midnight MG at U.11.d. 92.40
fired several bursts thro our wire
between 8 & 9 posts.

Aeroplanes.

At 4 pm a hostile plane
flying from direction of Warrington
came towards No 5 post; on arrival at
post line it emitted 12 puffs of smoke
& then turned to the left along line.

39th Battalion AIF

Aeroplane Scout

emitted 2 puffs & withdrew; he then came up again & emitted 17 puffs coming up a little further on the left, again withdrew, came up again still further on left & emitted 12 puffs. He was then driven off by Anti Aircraft guns.

Work

For work on Spinnery see Scout Report
Work is being carried on at U.18.a.2.4
& behind the Spinnery at U.18.a.15.60
It is thought that the Boche is connecting
Spinnery with his front line trenches
considerable movement & noise has been
noticed in this sector of his defences.

Very Light

More in U/18a trenches than in
any other portion of line, however not
so active as on 5/6.2.18

Enemy Attitude

Normal on left Coy sector; but
inclined to be nervous on Rt Coy
sector, as he fires many very lights
& bombs his wire thro out the
night.

39th Battalion AIFEnemy Movement

At 11 am a party was observed working on pillbox at U 24 a 5585. 3 to 4 from our artillery scattered the party. Otherwise very little movement except that at the Quarry at night.

Our Work

Work is in progress pumping out & clearing dugouts; also clearing out & deepening & drawing trench between Nos 4 & 5 posts.

Frank McShaw Lt
39th Bn

PATROL REPORT.

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| Battn. | Patrol point. | Left Time. | Patrol returned Point. | returned Time. | Locality traversed. | Object of Patrol. |
|--------------|---------------|------------|------------------------|----------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| 39 <u>th</u> | Left | and | Right | Company | - Patrols. | |
| | 5 Pat. | 9pm | no. 6 Pat. | 11.30pm | | Investigate Spinnery. |

Patrols report in detail.

First patrol on right and left sectors were accompanied by No. 5 and men of the Special Party.

Patrol advanced to a position 30' on right of the Spinnery, whose noise was heard in the vicinity of front line and rear of Spinnery. Shovels were being used by a small working party building earthworks. The party appeared to be working on a strong point. The S.P. is about midway between the Spinnery & the front line; is held lightly and faces the Spinnery, which tree with great stands, practically, in the centre of it.

A party of 9 men were observed, working in front of the front line. By the work done the noise made, it would appear that repairs

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PATROL REPORT.

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| Station. | Patrol Left Point. | Patrol Left Time. | Patrol returned Point. | Patrol returned Time. | Locality traversed. | Object of Patrol. | Patrols report in detail. |
|----------|--------------------|-------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|------------------------|--|
| | | | | | | | <p>have been effected and not a mistake of wiring. Two grenades were thrown between the Spinning and Strong Point. 5 Very lights were fired from the Strong point. Machine Gun at U.18 a. 33.40 40.58. fired one burst.</p> |
| | 8 Pat | 8.45 pm | 9 Pat | 11.15 pm | from 6 to 9 Pat. | General Reconnaissance | <p>Machine Gun at U.11. d. 9.40. fired one short burst. Two very lights were fired from left of Railway and Roadway junction.</p> |
| | 4 Pat | 11.30 pm | 4 Pat | 2.15 am | from 3 to 5 Pat. | do. | <p>Machine Gun at Spinning Mill fired two bursts of fire across gap at 12.15 and at 3.00 am. Two very lights were fired from junction of Roadway and Quarry front line. U.18 a 15.80</p> |

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PATROL REPORT.

| Bn. | Patrol Point, | Left Time. | Patrol Returned. Point | Time. | Locality traversed. | Object of Patrol. | Patrols report in detail. |
|-----|---------------|------------|------------------------|--------|---------------------|---------------------------|--|
| | 8 Pat | 11.30pm | 8 Pat | 2.15am | 6 to 9 Poles. | General Reconnaissance | <p>Machine Gun at U. 11. a. 9440. fired 7 bursts, through our wire between 8 and 9 poles.</p> <p>3 very lights were fired from right of Railway & Roadway junction, landing in the gap between 39th Pole & 40th Pole.</p> <p>Two lights fired from junction of "Hollere" and "Roadway", landing in centre of "No Mans Land" opposite to 7 Pat.</p> |
| | 4 Pat | 2.15am | 4 Pat | 5am | | Investigation of Spinnery | <p>Patrol left No 4 Pat, and moved to roadway, along road towards left edge of Spinnery. When within 50ft, four very lights were fired, from a position U. 18. a. 10.56. landing within a few yards of patrol. This post must have been established between 11.30pm and 3. am. Due to a strong west wind and, light blacked</p> |

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PATROL REPORT.

| Bn. | Patrol Point, | Left Time. | Patrol Returned. Point | Time. | Locality traversed. | Object of Patrol. | Patrols report in detail. |
|-----|---------------|------------|------------------------|-------|---------------------|------------------------|--|
| | 8 Post | 2.15 am | 8 Post | 5 am | 6 to 9 Pds | General Reconnaissance | <p>of the early morning, further investigation was rendered difficult.</p> <p>Four heavy lights fired from position right of Road and Railway crossing landing in the Sab.</p> <p>No machine gun fire.</p> |

Jan 7. 18.

Junquist Lt.
Scout Officer
39th Bn. A.I.F.

HOSTILE SHELLING.

| Duration. | Direction. | Calibre. | Locality and what area in that locality. | Nature (e.g. barrage destructive, etc). | Results. | Remarks as to effect etc. |
|---------------------|------------|--|--|---|---------------|--|
| 9.45 am 10.30 am | Leulmont | 60 42° + 59° Shrapnel + HE | St Yves Tours | Destructive | little damage | Due to a looming path being seen on top |
| 5 pm. | Leulmont | 10 5.9° | Railway line U.17 b. 6.1 | Destructive. | no damage | |
| 6 pm 6.30 pm | | 17 4.2° Shrapnel + HE ² | around du Chasseur cabinet | Destructive | no damage | |

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Appendix V.

Appendix 5 3rd Battalion A.I.F.

Intelligence Summary from 7.2.18 - to 8.2.18

OUR OPERATIONSArtillery.

- At 10.15 am fired on front & support lines in U18a. No fired 10. Damage not observed.
- At 11.15 am 9 more shells were put on same spot. Damage again not discernible.
- At 12 noon 14 shells burst around the Gasometer.
- At 1.30 pm 12 shells on support line U12 C 40 30
- At 3 pm 15 shells on enemy front line in U18c. Retaliation by mines on Factory.
- At 3.25 pm 6 shells on & around Warrington Tower.
- At 4.15 - 4.30 12 shells burst on Vicant Farm
- In addition frequent artillery retaliation was given for mine work for activity. MW at U12 d 50 30 being very active
- Between 9 pm - 11 pm 18 pm & 11 pm carried out destructive shells on enemy trenches in U18a, on Spinning Mill & Vicant Farm with excellent results especially with regard to MG fire, which kept very quiet. No hostile retaliation

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30th Basin A. 97

Souls

Patrol sheet attached.

1 Special patrol + 7 other patrols operated thru' out the night. 1 patrol reconnoitered the Spinning for report see patrol sheet.

Listening Post located about U. 17. 5. 95. 90. see Patrol sheet.

Work

Wiring was carried out in front of No 2 post where about 50' double apron was put out. Trench connecting 3rd post has been drained by channels cut to allow drainage to the river. Work progressing in the ~~cleaning~~ cleaning out + wetting of the trenches. No 4 + 5 posts deepened + sides sandbagged.

Aeroplanes

not active

HOSTILE OPERATIONS

Hostile Shelling

None on forward area.

Trench Mortars

At 9 am 4 medium trench mortars } from U 12 d 50 30
" 12 more 4 " } area around
" 5 pm 12 " } No 6 post + Factory

Retaliation given + the

M to activity ceased

At 11.45 am 4 trench mortars on Sugar Refinery from Spinning mill.

At 3 pm 3 medium trench mortars from U 12 d 50 30 on to Factory; retaliation for Artillery shot.

3 30th Battalion

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|-----------------|--|
| Machine Guns. | M.G. situated at U11d 9-40 Spinning Mill |
| Snipers | U 18 a 20 85 were only normally active thro' out the night. |
| Patrols | NIL |
| Work. | NIL |
| Movement. | Several times during the night the enemy was heard moving opposite No 3 post in direction of Spinning mill, probably mending the results of our artillery shots. |
| | At 9.55 pm 6 men seen to disappear under cover at U12b 30ft where there is a dump of barbed wire & trench materials |
| | At 9am 7 men got out of trenches and U 12b & disappeared in old houses of Leplemont. |
| | 11.45 am light railway train moving from Leplemont in direction of Pos Warrington |
| Enemy Attitude. | As there were very few very light & no bombing of his own lines it would appear that the Boche is not so restless. |
| | Frank M Shaw 30 30th Battalion |

PATROL REPORT.

| Date | Patrol Point | Left Time | Patrol Point | Returned Time | Locality traversed. | Object of Patrol. | Patrols report in detail. |
|-----------------------|--------------|-----------|---------------------------|---------------|---------------------|----------------------------|--|
| 39 th Apr. | 6 Pat | 6 pm | 7 Pat | 8.40 pm | | Newackcom. | <p>Patrol was accompanied by officers and a lot of raiding party. An enemy listening post was located last night at about 11.17 p.m. 9590. The post was situated in a shallow hole occupied by 2 men. Our patrol was within 20' of post. Our own very light were fired, quickly. Machine gun at 11.15 p.m. 9540 fired one burst along railway.</p> |
| | 5 Pat | 6.20 | 5 Pat | 8.45 pm | 1 to 6 Pat | do. | <p>Machine gun at 11.15 p.m. 9540 fired one burst off line. Two very light were fired from post in rear of Spinnery, falling off post. No. 5 Pat.</p> |
| | 7 Pat | 9 pm | 4 Pat 5 Pat | 11.30 pm | from 6 to 9 Pat. | do. | <p>Machine gun at 11.15 p.m. 9540 fired 5 bursts off line. Very light were fired from rear of Spinnery and in front of road house.</p> |
| | 5 Pat | 9 pm | 5 Pat | 12.15 am | | Investigation of Spinnery. | <p>Moving to it being very dark it was difficult to see anything. There is no sign in front of the Spinnery.</p> |

Appendix 5.

| Patrol left | Time | Returned | Time | Locality | Object. | |
|-------------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|------------------------|--|
| | | | | | | <p>A low broken hedge extends for about 60 yards in centre of which is a gap 3" wide.</p> <p>15' on right of the Spinnery there are wire entanglements running from the right bottom corner, U. 18. a to 48. back to enemy front line.</p> <p>Enemy listening post located R of U. in front of centre of Spinnery. Post shows signs of recent occupation.</p> <p>4 very lights fired from front line in rear of Spinnery.</p> <p>Machine Gun U. 18. a. 20. 15 fired 4 bursts, along roadway.</p> |
| 1 Pat | 11.30 pm | 6 Pat | 2.15 am | 659 Pals. | General Reconnaissance | <p>MG, at U. 18. a 20. 85. fired 3 short bursts in left sector, between T and P posts.</p> |
| 3 Pat | 12.30 am | 3 Pat | 12.30 am | 155 Pals | do | <p>MG, at U. 18. a 20. 85. fired two bursts of fire.</p> <p>Three very lights fired from front line in rear of Spinnery.</p> <p>Enemy wireless was heard working on Spinnery side of the road, opposite to 3 Pat.</p> |

| Patrol left | Time | Returned | Time | Locality traversed | Object. |
|-------------|--------|----------|------|--------------------|---|
| Spot. | 2.15am | Spot | 5am | Chq Pts. | <p>General Reconnaissance</p> <p>M.G. at U. 11. d 92.40</p> <p>Two very lights fired along railway</p> <p>Two very lights were fired from position, near Rail + Roadway King.</p> |
| Spot | 2.15am | Spot | 5am | | <p>do</p> <p>Three very lights fired from front line, in rear of Spinnery.</p> <p>Enemy wiring party, could be heard at intervals, on Spinnery Hill, side of the river.</p> |

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 39th Bn A.I.F.
 S.M.

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Appendix 6.

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39th Battalion Order No. 227th February 1918.Not to be taken past Company H. Tra.

Map Reference PROGRESSIVE 1/10,000.

- Information. 1. Inter Company reliefs will take place on the night of 8th/9th February 1918.
- Disposition. 2. On completion of relief the following will be dispositions.
- | <u>Unit.</u> | <u>Disposition.</u> |
|--------------|---------------------------|
| A. Company | Support. |
| B. Company | Right Sector, Front Line. |
| C. Company | Reserve. |
| D. Company | Left Sector, Front Line. |
- Advance Parties. 3. Advance Parties will move into line on night of 7th/8th and relieve corresponding members as follows :-
No's 1 & 2 of Lewis Gun Teams.
20 Signallers.
From each Company, 1 Officer, 1 batman & 1 H.C.O.
- Details. 4. On the night of the 8th/9th :-
The out going Units will not leave posts or line until the relieving Units have taken over, thus obviating any congestion of traffic.
- Order of march for relief. 5. Inwards. Relief will commence at 6.p.m. in following order.
B. Company relieving A. Coy.
D. Company " C. Coy.
Outwards.
C & A Coys.
Lieut Prentice will be in control of traffic & will ensure that the above is carried out.
- Carrying Parties. 6. This relief must not interfere with carrying parties for food in the early morning of 9th, which will be furnished by the New Reserve Company.
- Meals. 7. A & C. Coys will arrange to have their meals after being relieved.
B & D. Coys before being relieved.
D. Company must be forward & near IRON GATE by 6.p.m.
- Guides. 8. Guides will be arranged by Coy Commanders who will confer prior to the relief.

P.T.O.

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Trench Stores. 9. All stores, schemes etc, will be taken over, & 1 copy will be sent to this office before 9 a.m. 9th Inst.

Lewis Guns. 10. Will be handed over as per Battalion relief.

Reports. 11. Reports on completion of relief will be sent to this office using code word for relief complete :- "BRIGHTON". This may be sent through the D.S.

Trench Orders. 12. These orders will be read in conjunction with the Australian Divisional Trench Orders.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

Ph Beauchamp
Capt.
Adj 30th Battalion A.I.F.

Distribution.

- | | |
|----|-------------|
| 1 | C.O. |
| 2 | 2nd 1/c |
| 3 | A.Coy |
| 4 | B.Coy |
| 5 | C.Coy |
| 6 | D.Coy |
| 7 | T.O. |
| 8 | C.M. |
| 9 | Office Copy |
| 10 | War Diary. |

Appendix 39th Passer A.I.F

7 Intelligence Summary from 8/1/18 - from 9/1/18

Our Operations *Inter bay relief carried out before any attack*

Artillery

1.30 pm

18 shots provided covering fire for H.I. No. 10. No retaliation.

2-2.30 pm

60 shells fired about 2000 into enemy depots at Warneton with gas rounds. U.S.O. 2000 fell short one near the support line & the other near La Basa Hill Station.

4.30-5 pm

18 shots fired on spinning, most shot to rear, 4 direct hits noticed.

12.40 pm

3 shells on U.S.O.

12.50 pm

6 shells on U.S.O. 3 direct hits on trenches & 3 over.

2 pm

10 shells around Gasometer U.S.O. 6 rds around Warneton Tower.

11-11.40

1.30 pm

10 rds No. 10 onto Warneton Tower. results not apparent. No retaliation.

French Mortars

Scouts

See attached Patrol sheets of Patrols on General Reconnaissance

Aeroplanes

At 11 pm 11.30 pm 12 ^{going} aircraft planes crossed our line, no direction of ~~being~~ ^{coming} confirmed.

39th Batta A.I.F

Summary cam 8/18 - cam 9/18

Hostile Operations

Hostile Shelling.

Browne Pt and the batteries adjacent were intermittently shelled thro' out the day with large calibre shells. Our batteries retaliated but did not appear to do much good.

2.30 - 3pm

20 to 59 on UIC from base warrentons. Retriuctive shot but no apparent damage done.

Beach Motors

11.30 am

2 minnies boat on left Batta sector; appeared to come from "Lantern" UIC 82.22. Our T.M. sent 2 shells very close to the post. No result noticed.

Between 8pm + midnight

3 Pineapples fell in gap bet left + Rt Bde coming from directions of Locust + others. No damage done.

Machine Guns.

More active during the early part of evening (7.30 - 9pm) particularly.

Quips at UIC 23 53 + UIC 65 75

Spring on post 4 + 5.

Patrol

Nil

Aeroplane

Nil

39th Battalion A.I.F.Hostile Operations
ContinuedVery
Lights.

From 7.30-9pm many very light
pan fire from Gurney; also bombed
his wire opposite our No 4 post.
The bombing was due probably to the
approach of our patrols.
With the exception of a few very
lights thrown up from Gurney or
threats thro' out the night there
were very few lights used on front.

Movement

3.15pm 2 enemy seen to come from
under screen at U126 3rd & disappear
from behind the Gasometer.
10.30am 2 Huns emerged from trench at
U15a 30yd walked north 20 yds
& then got into trench again
one carried shovel & other 2
lightboards.
3.50pm Lt transport travelling ^{with} thro' U40
6 men following.

Enemy
Attacks

Restless in vicinity of Gurney
otherwise quiet

Frank W. Shaw Lt
39th Battalion

| Patrol left | Time | Patrol returned | Time | Locality traversed | Object. |
|-------------|------|-----------------|--------|--|--|
| 4 Pat | 6pm | 5 Pat | 8.45pm | out from HQ 4 Pat towards Spinnery, kept up at point 60' S. of Spinnery. | Reconnaissance Further investigation shows that there is wire running from U.18.a 18.46 South of Spinnery to the river bank. Unable to state depth or thickness. Machine guns between 7 and 7.30pm were very active. Particularly guns at U.18.a 23.53 + 65.75. Last night a M.G. appeared to be firing from U.18.c 55.98. This gun ceased approach to the Spinnery. 15 Very light firing. Some from rear of Spinnery, remained from road and enemy front line. Our patrol approached U.18.c 15.41, which is about 50' from G.L.P. immediately 4 Bombs were thrown towards patrol, very light were thrown up along Battalion front and M.G.s opened fire on Spinnery approach. M.G. at U.11.d 92.40 fired for 10 mins. with short intervals of about 10 seconds between bursts. 4 Rifle shots were fired from G.L.P. on drain. Shots cover the approach. |
| 7 Pat | 6pm | 7 Pat | 8.45pm | out from HQ 7 towards ruins, thence along roadway. | do. |

At the time of duty of patrol was returned no danger.

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| Patrol Left | Time | Returns | Time | Locality Traversed | Object. | |
|-------------|---------|---------|----------|---|------------------------|---|
| 8 Pat | 5:45 pm | 8 Pat | 11:30 pm | From 8 Pat direct to L.P. at U-17-b. 98-82 | General Reconnaissance | <p>20 Very lights were fired on this sector, from junction of roadway & front line U-18-a 10-95, U-18-d. 98-20, and U-14-d. 89-39.</p> <p>m.g. at U-11-d. 92-40. fired one burst along railway.</p> <p>8 Very lights fired from U-11-d. 89-39, and two from U-18-a 10-95.</p> <p>Examination of G.L.P. at U-17-b. 98-82. made. Ground thoroughly reconnoitred. Not in occupation. No signs of great occupation.</p> <p>Patrol on preceding shift report 4 rifle shots fired from U-17-b. 98-82.</p> |
| 4 Pat | 8:50 pm | 4 Pat | 11:30 pm | Proceeded in direction of south edge of Spinnery. | | <p>Enemy wiring nearby reported to be working in wire, approx. U-18-c. 50-50.</p> <p>3 Very lights fired from head of Spinnery.</p> <p>Two search lights appeared at 11. pm 11:10. pm and remained on, at intervals until 11:30. lights appeared to be searching for airplanes.</p> <p>Two aeroplanes were heard between 11 pm and 11:30 pm.</p> |
| 8 Pat | 11:30. | 8 Pat | 2:15 am | Between 6 & 9 Pat along wire. | do. | <p>Two bursts from m.g. at U-11-d. 92-40.</p> <p>6 Very lights fired from road railway line. 4 from north end of Spinnery.</p> |

Caution state
within crown
A. O'Brien

Appendix 7. 4

| Patrol left | Time | Returned | Time | Locality | Object. | |
|-------------|---------|----------|--------|--|----------------|--|
| 5 Pat | 11.30pm | 4 Pat | 2.15am | Traversed along road-way to N.S. edge spinning along front post. Listening post back to No 4 Pat | General Recon. | <p>M.G. ahead + junction off front line fired one burst. One burst from M.G. at U 18 a 36 43.</p> <p>Six very light fired from rear of Spinnery.</p> <p>At 2.15am eight light machine-guns were fired from spinning mill in the vicinity of No 1 Pat.</p> |
| Pat | 2.15am | 8 Pat | 5am | 6 to 9 Pat along out wire. | do. | <p>At 1.15am 1 mine and 5 pencils were fired on to left Bath sector. Mine was fired from 'Matilda' position.</p> <p>Enemy was heard talking in his line at 4.15am near roadway & front line.</p> |
| 5 Pat | 2.15 | 5 Pat | 5am | Proceeded from post towards left edge of Spinnery. | | <p>Investigation of left edge of Spinnery was rendered impossible owing to constant use of M.G. at roadway and darkness.</p> <p>4 very light fired from rear of Spinnery.</p> <p>At 4am a Toronto Horn was heard about 2 mile north of sector. Immediately on sounding enemy put up green light opposite left of Bath sector.</p> <p>At 8.45am at Brass Band was heard in rear of 15am in direction of Comm. line.</p> <p><u>Fluquet</u></p> |

9. 2. 18.

Appendix 7.

Appendix 8 39th Bn. AIF

Intelligence Summary from 9/1/18 to 10/1/18

OUR OPERATIONS

Artillery

Organized shoot on front line ^{enemy} system U180.
10 am - 11 30 am & again from 2⁴⁵ - 3 30 pm

Lewis Guns

Retaliated on 77 mms behind selement from9 pm - 9 40 pm
thru' out the night.Fired on gaps in enemy wire to prevent
him repairing same

Scouts

The sector was patrolled ^{thru' out the night} by seven
patrols, two of which were specials
see patrol reports for details

Improved wire in front of No 4 & 5 posts.

Mark

Trench
Mortars

Fired during organized shoots

2 L.T.M.B guns registered on pt of 2 pannes
at 7 45 pm.HOSTILE OPERATIONSHostile
Shelling

See attached Hostile Shelling sheet.

Trench
MortarsBetween 9 & 9 40 pm about 200 Granades
into gaps bet our pt line & next def. from
direction of Telephone House & Wood
Farm. During same period about 80
distributed over bay sector from same
direction. no damage done

39th Battalion A.I.F
Intelligence Summary, Camp 9/18 to Camp 10/18

HOSTILE OPERATIONS

(Continued)

Machine Guns.

Very quiet only occasional bursts.

Snipers

NIL

Patrols

NIL

Flares.

2 Red + a yellow fire from Spinney preceded the strike 9-940. This does not agree with Scouts report.

Very light drizzle prevalent about the Spinney.

At 1120 am a direct hit on enemy front line U12 c 50.16 exploded a dump of Very Light.

At 1145 am a direct hit on approach U12 c 75 13 exploded a dump of Red White + Green Very Light.

Movement

1140 am 4 hums left pill box V 19 a 90 30 + disappear in ruins of Leplumot

1 pm Suspected enemy OP in tree V 13 a 5095

2 45 3 hums moving thro U18 b going in direction of Warrington

4 35 4 hums emerged from pill box U12 b 40 30 + disappeared into old ruins U12 b 7040

Appendix 8.

39th Battalion AIF
cam 9/2/18 - cam 10/2/18

Enemy
Altitude

Nervous in part where escape
took place

Frank M Shaw Lt
39th Battalion

PATROL REPORT.

Date... 9/10/15 Fly 151

| Battn. and Strength of Patrol. | Place and time of Exit. | Place and time of return. | Locality traversed. | Objective. | Report. |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|--|
| 5 5 men | No 4 Pat. 6.45 pm | No 4 Pat. 8 pm | From No 4 to Road fence, along to R. of river to South edge of Spinnery went from spot to 100' front wire. Land up and returned | Several Reconnaissance | Both these patrols were accompanied by Off. McColl the Special Party. |
| 5 | No 5 Pat. 6.45 pm | No 8 Pat. 8 pm | Went from spot to 100' front wire. Land up and returned | do. | Wire has been cut by 37th Coy of packers No 8 Pat. 6.45 pm lights sent from Spinnery 400 yards light |
| 5 | No 4 Pat. 9.45 pm | No 4 Pat. 10.45 pm | Went No 4 across 500' roadway, fence in direction of Spinnery. | do. | Went fired on opening of barrage at 8.55 pm Went fired from our front support and C.F. trucks with 100' range Went at 9.30. 9.40 Went at 9.30. 9.40 Went at 9.30. 9.40 |
| 5 | No 4 Pat. 11.30 pm | No 4 Pat. 1.30 am | Went No 4, provided towards Spinnery. | Several Went from Went from | Went fired at Spinnery. Rifle shot Went from Went from |

PATROL REPORT.

| Battn. and Strength of Patrol. | Place and time of Exit. | Place and time of return. | Locality traversed. | Objective. | Report. |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|---|---|--|
| 5. | No 8 Post 11.30pm | No 8 Post 1.30am | Monto towards railway along railway to a position 70' front No 9. | Twelve lights were fired from behind chimney, falling mostly in front of No 4 Post. At 12.50am a cry was heard from chimney mill side of river as if someone had stuck a bayonet in himself. Cry was immediately followed by 4 rifle shots. | 77 cry lights fired. 5 from Road and railway line. 2 from mill and railway front line. |
| 5 | No 4 Post 2.45am | No 4 Post 4.45am | Patrolled sectors from river to roadway. | No 4 Post. 6 cry lights were thrown up from position behind the chimney. | 6 cry lights were thrown up from position behind the chimney. |
| 5 | No 4 Post 2.45am | No 8 Post 4.05am | Patrolled sectors from left to right. | No 4 Post. 4 cry lights fired from Post & Roadway line. 4 rifle shots from the same place. | 4 cry lights fired from Post & Roadway line. 4 rifle shots from the same place. |

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Snipers: A few rifles shots were fired from direction of Spinney
 Patrols & enemy patrol of about 6 men ~~grabbed~~ attempted to catch one of the garrison of Forward listening Post (on Right of Coy Sector), who had gone over to flank to ease himself. He beat them off with his tin hat and ~~patrol~~ got back to post.

Enemy patrol made off and ^{apparently} crossed river. ~~ago~~

This happened between 1.15 and 1.30 a.m.

Aeroplanes
Work

I enquired ^{into} that I found patrol of W Richards went into B Coy was the strength

10.2.16

Hostile Shelling Report

| Duration | Direction | Calibre | Locality + Area | Nature | Result | Remarks |
|-----------------------|-----------|--------------|--|-------------|--------------------------|---|
| 40 mins 9-9.40 | DEULEMONT | .77 | AU CHASSEUR LABARET and vicinity | destructive | none 80 Rounds burst. | 2 direct hit Coy Hqtr. Telephone line cut. |
| 15 10.40 10.50 | " | .77 | " | " | 10 Rounds | " NIL |
| 30 10.35- 11 pm | ? | 4.2" 1/2" | front Line Pools. | " | 35 | " |

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 Lt J. W. Boyd
 2nd Coy, 39th Battalion

Appendix 9

SECRET

Copy No.

38th Battalion Order No. 21.

5th February 1918.

For 12 to be taken next Company B. 22.

Reference PLANETARY 1/10, 200.

Intention. 1. On '1' day and at zero our both of which will be notified later a party from 7th and 38th Battalions under Captain Fairweather .C. 38th Battalion will raid enemy trenches between the following points.

- U 18.a.28.55. ---- U 18.a. 70; 95.
- U 12.c.50.25. ---- U 12.c. 10; 15

This raid will be supported by simultaneous diversions in the form of a Chinese attack by a party from 7th and 38th Battalions between U.11.d 65. 75. and U.11.d.65;90.

Wire Cutting. 2. Wire will be cut on '2' minus 1 day and on '2' day in places opposite our front as under;

- a. U.18.a.25.30. to U.18.a.20.70. and round south end of PINNEY.
- b. U.18.a.10.90. to U.11.d.98.14.
- c. U.11.d.84.45. to U.11.d.80.99.
- d. In front of enemy position line from U. 18.a.62.74. to U.18.a.91.50. but also U.12.c.35.21. from U 12 c ub c 21.

The wire cutting on each day will be covered by a counter-battery covering a wide area, and division on our left has agreed to cut wire in several places simultaneously with our shoots.

Artillery
Action.

Together with 18 para and Heavies Trench mortars and machine guns will co-operate.

S.O.S.

The S.O.S. signal will be in-operative on the 14th Infantry Brigade front from 2.30 AM 30 1.15 AM 60 1.15 AM.

Approach
Routes

All approach routes will be kept clear of all traffic from 2.30 AM 3 HOURS TO ZERO PLUS 1.1/2 HOURS.

Continued.

6. Pacific DUMP, VANCOUVER, TRACK TO AU CHASSEUR CABARET
thence overland to FACTORY by topog. routes.

LEWIS
GUNS

7. G.C.s Companies will arrange for Lewis guns to fire on gaps
in enemy wire cut by bombardment on 'Z' night minus 1
and on 'Z' night till covering patrols of raiders are in
position.

THE BIRD

8. Special attention to be paid to special memo dealing with
withdrawal from posts and action of support Company.

W. Beauchamp
Captain
1st Battalion I.F.

Distribution.

- 1. C.O.
- 2. S.M. 1/e
- 3. Coy
- 4. " "
- 5. " "
- 6. " "
- 7. " "
- 8. " "
- 9. Office Copy
- 10. For Fairy.

Appendix 10 27th Battalion A.I.F.

Summary of our work on the 11/1/18

On the 11/1/18

Artillery

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27th Papua A.I.F

Summary Cam tops - Cam 11/2/48

Artilery
(cont'd)

Third Unit

3:45 am Enemy fired 2 rockets, each
breaking into 2 green stars. No
apparent results

Mechanical
Units

Went to line table

Tracked
Motors

Went to line table

Scout

See attached Patrol Sheets.

3 Patrols operated on post
from midnight to dawn. Two
patrols investigated the post
affair to see where the enemy
crossed the river to NW side

See Scout reports.

Work

1 NCO & 3 men salvaged the raiding party's
telephone wire from N.W. side

Wes 4:45 post has been improved by
sand bagging parapets & raising
the low land destroyed forward in North.

3. 3rd Report 1919
Summary from 10/18 - 11/18

Hostile Operations

Shelling

See attached Shelling sheet

Machine Gun

Machine Gun

Between 10 pm & 11.30 pm
"minnie" from direction of Barnston
fell about 20 yds behind New post.
At same time & from the same
direction 20 "minnies" along the
La Roche Ville Rd.

Location of gun not given as it
occurred during the progress of

Machine Gun

"said" 40 "pineapples" being distributed from the
at Coy post from 6 am - 6.20 am
by Coy. Not after midnight machine
gun at spanning mill but one
burst into bank on the side of
bridge at 10.50

Also during the same period a machine
firing from across lower aprt bank
of river fired several bursts into
our wire between S & Q. No fire
given.

Wires

Active in wire of said area after shelling
died down

White Pelting Hill 10/2/48 - 11/2/48

| Location | Section | Location | Remarks | Subs | Remarks |
|----------|----------------|----------------|--------------|-------------|---------|
| 6.5 am | Pointment 4.7° | Pointment 4.7° | Constructive | No material | |
| 6.15 am | 11.0° | Pointment 4.7° | Constructive | No material | |
| | | Pointment 4.7° | Constructive | No material | |
| 8.15 am | Manitar 5.9 | Manitar 5.9 | Constructive | No material | |
| | | Manitar 5.9 | Constructive | No material | |
| 5.20 am | Pointment 9.7° | Pointment 9.7° | Constructive | No material | |
| | 11.7° | Pointment 9.7° | Constructive | No material | |

During the day he carried out a lot of counter battery work in the area of Hill 63 forward and back. His counter battery also attacked. At 10 pm he dropped his baggage, exact location of which is not known. At 9 pm + 9.15 am he did not retaliate.

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Appendix 10.

3rd Battalion

Summary from 10/1/18 to 11/1/18

Hours

Very light movement during hour & also for some considerable time after, for instance (heard to be heard noise in front lines) as well as change of very lights.

Movement

At 10 am 2 enemy figures thro U or a & disappeared behind Gacacho

1.10 pm 2 enemy carrying rifles emerged from old mine at U or C & disappeared into trenches at Gacacho U or a.

1.40 pm 2 enemy walked from road U or B 7050 to old mine U or C. 10.50.

4.30 pm 2 enemy emerged from screened pillbox U or B 3254 carrying buckets on each hand & disappeared but later appeared to be a trench near old mine U or B 3054.

Work

All day enemy working party heard on enemy front line on north side of La Roca Hill roadway. No particulars given

Morale

Very nervous after the raid, but then were off as before no relaxation to be felt at 3 am & 3.45 am
Thank you
Major
3rd Battalion

PATROL REPORT.

| Batta. and Strength of Patrol. | Place and time of Exit. | Place and time of return. | Locality traversed. | Objective. | Report. |
|--------------------------------|--|---------------------------|---|--|---|
| 59th Batta. 5. | No 51. 12. 15. 11. 12. 15. 11. 12. 15. | No 1. Post. 2. 20. | From No 1 post along road to No 3 post. thence to 1 Post. | <p>Reconnaissance peace, where have crossed the river. in connection with reported on 10. 2. 18. Examination show that piles are standing above water in Sugar Refinery. Ground hazy. between barrels.</p> <p>During shift, one band of fire from had several rifle shots were fired, in south side of bridge at 11.17. a. 6.5. 50.</p> <p>No heavy lights from front line, in vicinity of Opium.</p> <p>General view. At gun, firing from river, fired several bullet hitting No 8 and 9. Cause give location.</p> <p>No heavy lights were along left. Company sector.</p> <p>During a golden sun At 2.15 am partly front line, on La Basse ville</p> | <p>Patrol could not find any evidence might in connection with reported on 10. 2. 18. Examination show that piles are standing above water in Sugar Refinery. Ground hazy. between barrels.</p> <p>During shift, one band of fire from had several rifle shots were fired, in south side of bridge at 11.17. a. 6.5. 50.</p> <p>No heavy lights from front line, in vicinity of Opium.</p> <p>General view. At gun, firing from river, fired several bullet hitting No 8 and 9. Cause give location.</p> <p>No heavy lights were along left. Company sector.</p> <p>During a golden sun At 2.15 am partly front line, on La Basse ville</p> |
| 5 | No 5 Post 12. 15 am | No 8 Post. 2. 30 am. | From No 8 Post to left of sector, thence to No 6 Post and back along wire to No 8. | <p>General view. At gun, firing from river, fired several bullet hitting No 8 and 9. Cause give location.</p> <p>No heavy lights were along left. Company sector.</p> <p>During a golden sun At 2.15 am partly front line, on La Basse ville</p> | <p>Patrol could not find any evidence might in connection with reported on 10. 2. 18. Examination show that piles are standing above water in Sugar Refinery. Ground hazy. between barrels.</p> <p>During shift, one band of fire from had several rifle shots were fired, in south side of bridge at 11.17. a. 6.5. 50.</p> <p>No heavy lights from front line, in vicinity of Opium.</p> <p>General view. At gun, firing from river, fired several bullet hitting No 8 and 9. Cause give location.</p> <p>No heavy lights were along left. Company sector.</p> <p>During a golden sun At 2.15 am partly front line, on La Basse ville</p> |

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| Patrol left | Time strength | Returned | Time | Locality traversed | Object. |
|-------------|-------------------|----------|------|-------------------------------|--|
| 5 Pat | 230am 5 strong | 5 Pat | 5 am | From left to right of sector. | Remains of bridge. At 11.18 a 25.15. several piles, at intervals of 10' remain, being part of a bridge. Piles are about 12' above water level. on right bank pines, opposite. Site of bridge, a duckboard. Track leads off towards enemy line. Bridge was examined for a distance of 10' into the river. no duckboards or bridge foundation could be found. A rope 15' long was attached to one of the piles. It was pulled out of the river, and placed on the bank. A plank 10' x 1' x 3" was found on the river edge. It was removed to a position 20' away from bridge. At 11.45 am. enemy fired two green lights and two orange lights. nothing appeared to happen. |

11. 2. 17.

August Lt.
39th Bn M.F.

Appendix 10.

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11th 13:18.

35th Battalion Routine Order No 145

by

Lieut Col R.F. Henderson R.A.S. Commanding.

Duties Platoon orderly officer mounting 9 a.m. 11.3.18; Lieut C.F. Mason
to be sergeant to be detailed by 'B' Coy.
Company for duty 'B' Coy next for duty 'C' Coy.

Brigade H.C.C.s School. The following candidates for the Brigade H.C.C. School will
parade on road outside 35th B.C. Coy at 7.30 a.m. to-morrow
morning and will march to the store where they will get
their boots hats and kit and will then proceed to school at
8.30 a.m. Senior N.C.C. will take charge. Orderly officer will parade
the above at time stated.

| CIX | | CIX | |
|-----|--------|-----|--------|
| 255 | 1/Corp | 255 | 1/Corp |
| 261 | 1/Corp | 261 | 1/Corp |
| 263 | " | 263 | " |
| 271 | " | 271 | " |
| 267 | " | 267 | " |
| CIX | | CIX | |
| 274 | 1/Corp | 131 | 1/Corp |
| 275 | 1/Corp | 134 | 1/Corp |
| 277 | 1/Corp | 127 | 1/Corp |
| 282 | 1/Corp | 175 | 1/Corp |
| 283 | 1/Corp | 137 | 1/Corp |
| 287 | 1/Corp | 722 | 1/Corp |

LEAVE

Several cases of overstaying leave have occurred. It is pointed
out that if it continues all leave will be cancelled, thus
inflicting severe hardship on men awaiting their turn.
C.C.s Companies will impress the above on the men. In future
cases of overstaying leave will be severely dealt with.

(Signed) R.F. Henderson
Capt
35th Battalion, A.I.

Appendix 39th Battalion A.I.F.

Intelligence Summary from 6 am 11.2.18 to 6 am 12.2.18

OUR OPERATIONS.

Artillery
Lewis Guns.
Scouts.
Work.
Trench
motars.

Called upon, for retaliation on Enemy
Trench mortars, particularly MORAH.

Nil.

Eight patrols operated along Battalion
front from 6 am, to 5 am. See attached patrol
reports.

Work of draining trenches in the
vicinity of the 4th post, carried out. Work
carried out in concealed trench, LA BASSE VILLE.

Nil.

HOSTILE OPERATIONS.

Hostile
shelling.
Trench
motars.

See attached, Hostile Shelling sheet.

At 3 pm. two Medium trench mortars
fell a junction of La Basse Ville Road and front
line, from direction of tower.

9 pm. 5 Heavy 7.5 in. fell in the
vicinity of Right Company Headquarters,
from Warneton.

10 pm. 5 Heavy 7.5 in. from Warneton, fell
Right Coy. H.Q.

4.30 am. 4 H. 7.5 in. from Warneton, fell in
vicinity of Right Coy. H.Q.

4.30 am. 6 Medium 7.5 in. from MORAH
fell in the vicinity of the factory. No damage
done.

Machine
Guns.

Fired intermittently, throughout the
night.

Continued.

Snipers.

Intermittent firing during the night.

Patrols

Nil.

Navies.

Very lights still prominent, about the
Opinney. Enemy active with lights.

Movement.

8.45 pm. Two men moving about Gasometer
9.45 am. Engine and 5 trucks moving from Darr
Karrulon, direction Deulemont.

9.15 am. 5 Enemy observed in U18 a, and
disappeared U18 a. 55.82.

9.30 pm. 10 men, carrying timber, walking
along road in U. 12. b, disappeared
into trench at U12. b. 35.10.

11.4 am. 1 man came from under screen at
U. 12. b. 30. 20 + disappeared U12. a. 95. 20.

12.45 pm +

4.45 pm.

Between hours mentioned, there
was considerable movement of men in
U. 12. b. 4 men with axes, were
seen at U12. b. 32. 24 accompanied
by a large yellow dog.

Enemy
Attitude.

His activity with very lights, increase
in rifle fire suggests, he is still nervous.

August Lieut.

for D.O. 3915 Bn A.I.F.

Hostile Shelling Reports.

| Location | Direction | Calibre | Locality Area | Nature | Result | Remarks. |
|----------|-----------|---------|-------------------------------|-------------|---------------|------------------|
| - | Submont | 77 | Support line + ULTIMO AVENUE. | Retardation | None observed | 10 Rounds fired. |
| - | Comms | 4.2 | ULTIMO AV. | do | do | 10 Rounds fired. |

Duquet Lt.
#00391 Bn DIF.

12.2.18.

| Patrol | Time | Returned | Time | Locality | Objects |
|----------|----------|----------|-----------|---|---|
| 7 Pat | 6 pm. | 8:30 pm | 6 Pat. | Between 6 + 9 Posts. far forward across. | Searching. Machine Gun at U. 11. d. 92. 40. fired 3 bursts. 20 Very light thrown up on left sector. |
| 1105 Pat | 6 pm. | 8:30 pm | 1104 Pat. | Patrolled 4 mi. between 3 + 5 Posts. and 1 mi. near Skinner | Searching. M.G. at intersection of main road & roadway, fired several short bursts. 15 Very lights fired. mostly from in rear of the perimeter. |
| No 7. | 9:30 pm. | 8 Pat | 12:30 am | Patrolling the whole of trench. | Searching. M.G. at U. 15. d. 92. 40. fired several bursts. 15 Very lights thrown up on sector. mostly from U. 11. d. 92. 40. Between 9:30 and 11:30 pm several "minnies" were fired from direction of observation towers. There was an air burst 20' above out wire. Mortars landed in the vicinity of No. 7. + 8. Posts. |
| 1104 | 8:30 pm | 5 Pat | 11:30 pm | do | Searching. At 9:30 pm 4 Minnies were fired from trench south of towers. 10 P.M. 4 fired from same place. Projectiles landed in rear of No. 4 + 5 Posts. 15 Very lights fired on sector. M.G. on junction of roadway trench, north of Skinner, fired 10 short bursts. 12 Rifle shots fired from south of Skinner. |
| 8 Pat | 11:30 pm | 8 Pat | 2:30 am | do | do. 10 Rifle shots fired along Coy. sector from different points. 20 Very lights fired. some from right and other from U. 11. d. 92. 40. |
| 1104 Pat | 10:30 pm | 5 Pat | 2:30 am | do | do. M.G. on north of Skinner, at intersection of trench & roadway fired 3 bursts. 7 Very lights fired. from south of Skinner. |

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|---|--------|--------|-----|----|----|---|
| No 1 Post | 2:30am | 7 Post | 5am | do | do | <p>2 Heavy light fired from in position opposite No 2 Post. 8 Miggins fired from Gun in left of tower, towards rear of No 8 Post.</p> |
| No 3 Post | 2:30am | 5 Post | 5am | do | do | <p>8 Heavy light-borne thrown up, from behind battery. Minesweeping Gun at operating, but fired & sound landing behind No 2 Post. at 4:30am. Machine Gun fired, few shot birds.</p> |
| <p>all patrols were engaged; chiefly in searching the tower area, for bodies of missing men. <u>not</u> any trace. Unable to locate Minesweeping Gun.</p> | | | | | | |

12.2.18

August 16
29th Bn H.I.F.

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Appendix 12.

S E C R E T

10th Australian Infantry Brigade
DEFENCE SCHEME
 PRIVISIONAL
 OF
LA BASSEVILLE

Appendix
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DISPOSITIONS.

The garrison at present holding LA BASSEVILLE consists of 2 Companies holding posts distributed from U.17.d.40.05. to U.17.b.65. ~~95~~. 95.

The RIGHT COY holds posts 1 to 5 U.17. with 2 Officers 52 Other Ranks and 4 Lewis Guns.

The remainder of Company is in cellars.

The posts are reduced during the day to 2 Officers 11 other ranks the surplus garrison withdrawing to cellars.

Coy Headquarters is at U/17.d.37.77.

The LEFT COY holds posts 6 to 9 with 2 Officers 47 other Ranks with 4 Lewis Guns by night, reduced to ~~2~~ 2 Officers 9 other ranks with 1 Lewis Gun by day. Balance of Company in cellars and at COY HQRS AU CHASSEUR CABERET.

SUPPORT COMPANY near IRON GATE U.16.b.90.50.

RESERVE COMPANY LEWISHAM LODGE U.21.a.14.30.

PATROLS.

A vigorous system of patrolling must be pursued along the whole Brigade Front so that timely information of enemy's movements may be obtained.

ACTION IN CASE OF ATTACK(a) Front line coys

Every man of RIGHT and LEFT COYS must be allotted to one of the posts immediately his Company goes into the line and in the event of attack on LA BASSEVILLE reserve men of RIGHT and LEFT Coys will immediately move by quickest routes, which are being marked by guide wires, direct to their posts

Every effort must be made by rifle and Lewis Gun fire to prevent the enemy from reaching our wire.

(b) SUPPORT COY.

The support Coy, RIGHT BATTALION round Iron Gate will immediately send 1 platoon with 2 Lewis Guns to man UNEVEN SUPPORT TRENCH and 3 Platoons (less 2 sections) with 2 Lewis Guns to man ULTIMO LANE.

S E C R E T

LA BASSEVILLE DEFENCE SCHEME (continued)

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ACTION IN CASE OF ATTACK (b) SUPPORT COY CONTINUED

2 Sections will be left as garrison to Unity Strongpoint.

(c) ACTION OF RESERVE COMPANIES

Reserve Coy will send 1 platoon and 1 \times Lewis Gun to each of UNITY strongpoints and UNEVEN SUPPORT LINE.

1 Platoon with 1 Lewis Gun to TROIS TILLEULS FARM and 1 Platoon and will be held as reserve at IRON GATE. and 1 Lewis Gun,

ROUTES

Routes to above localities must be reconnoitred immediately. C.O. RIGHT BATTALION will arrange for the marking of the routes by suitable tapes and boards.

DUMPS

Each Company must establish at convenient places in localities to be occupied dumps containing S.A.A. bombs, grenades,; These will be plainly marked as RESERVE and will be maintained by 'A' BATTN.

FRENCH MORTARS

O.C. 10th A.L.T.M. Battery will arrange to prepare ~~in~~ emplacements for 4 Stokes Mortars in LA BASSEVILLE to fire on S.O.S. Lines.

ACTION TO BE TAKEN IN CASE ENEMY ENTERS VILLAGE.

Should the enemy succeed in entering the LA BASSEVILLE all troops must hold on to their posts to the last. The Commander on the spot must use every effort with working parties and other troops at his disposal to eject the enemy by an immediate counter attack. Should this fail the SUPPORT BATTN will be used under Orders from Brigade Headquarters to make a further deliberate counter attack.

Working Parties

Working parties in the village or its vicinity will in the event of attack man the nearest defensive line and send report to the nearest Coy Headquarters.

L. L. Beardcamp

Captain
Adj 39th Battalion A.I.F.

LLB.10.G

SECRET.

Appendix 14

39th - Battalion Order No 24

Copy No. 10
10th Feb 1918
1-22-February 1918.

Not to be taken past Company Headquarters.

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Sheet 35. L/40, 000

B.S. WANNINGTON

1/10, 000

PLO. OSTRENT

1/10, 000

- Information 1. Inter Battalion reliefs will take place on the night of 12/13th February 1918.
- Intention 2. The 39th Battalion will be relieved by the 37th Battalion on the night of the 12/13th February in the right sector of the Brigade front.
- Relief 3. A. Coy 39th Battalion will be relieved by B Coy 37th Battn
 B " " " " " " " " " " " "
 C " " " " " " " " " " " "
 D " " " " " " " " " " " "
- No movements of the troops will take place until the relieving Units are in position.
 A. Coy will detail an officer who will control traffic from Iron Gate.
 Companies when relieved will move out in the following order
 C. A. B. E.

Disposition 4. Dispositions after relief will be :-

| Unit | Disposition | Org |
|------------|----------------|-----------------|
| 37th Battn | A. Battn | U. 13. C. 8. 5. |
| 38th " | B. " | U. 7. b. 3. 1. |
| 39th " | C. " Red Lodge | |
| 40th " | D. " Catacombs | |

- Advance Parties 5. Consisting of :-
 Lewis Gun Officer
 Scouting "
 Gas M.C.O.
 20 Signallers
 20 Scouts
 20 Snipers
 No's 1 and 2 Lewis Gun Teams
 1 Officer 1 Lt 1 M.C.O. per Company
 will be relieved on the night of the 11/12th instant and will proceed to Red Lodge.

(1).

SECRET (2)

Guides 6. Guides for advance parties will meet the 37th Batta at Hyde Park corner at 5.30 p.m; on the 11th instant
 Guides for Battalion relief. 1 Guide per post from each front line post will meet opposite numbers at Iron Gate at 6.0 p.m. on 11th inst.
 C.C. Coy will provide 1 sergeant and 15 guides (1 per platoon) to be at Hyde Park corner at 5.30 p.m; They will guide support and reserve Companies to their positions and Front line Companies to Iron Gate. Sergeant will control and allot the guides to their various platoons.

Route. 7. Along duck-board track to Hyde Park Corner, and thence main road to Red Lodge.

Kits etc 8. All Officers valises, kit etc and Battalion Orderly Room kit will be stacked at Red Horse Corner before 2.30 p.m. on 11th instant.

Cooking Utensils 9. Kitchen utensils will be stacked at Red Horse Corner at 2.30 p.m. on 11th instant.

Meals. 10. Hot meal will be provided as usual on the morning of relief and on reaching HQ HQ Coa hot meal will be ready on arrival

Gun boots ankle boots 11. All gun boots will be retained until further instructions are issued regarding them. Ankle boots will be available on morning after relief.

Trench Stores 12. Copies of receipts for Trench stores, L.P.S., etc handed over are to be sent to this office at 8.0 a.m; on 11th instant.

Trench Orders 13. This Order to be read in conjunction with 3rd Australian Divisional Trench Orders.

Reports. 14. Reports in code, of relief will be sent to this office (present Headquarters) using code word for relief complete "SANDRINGHAM"

- Distribn.
 1. C.C.
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Appendix 15

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Appendix 15

39TH BATTALION ROUTINE ORDER NO 146

BY

LIEUT COL R.O.HENDERSON D.S.O. Commanding

DUTIES.

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| Battn | Orderly Officer mounting | 9.0 a.m. | 14.2/18 | Lieut A.Edwards |
| " | " | " | next for duty | 2/Lt-B.DAVIDSON |
| " | Sergeant mounting | 9.0 a.m; | do | Lieut N.R.McDonald |
| " | " | " | next for duty | 1014 Sgt B.P.White |
| | | | | 1277 " J.Ellis |

Honours and Awards The Field Marshal commanding in Chief has, under authority granted by His Majesty the King awarded the BELGIAN CROIX DE GUERRE to the following men.

No 1683 Pte T.W.MARTIN 39TH BATTALION A.I.F.
 No 1225 " R.N.BUCHHOLZ " " "

The Army, Corps? Divisional, Brigade and battalion Commanders desire their congratulations to be conveyed to the recipients.

Light Railways Attention is drawn to Australian Corps Routine Order No 12 Light Railways.

This Order will be published in the Orders of all Units and read out on parade Three times before the 15th February.

Railway Tracks . Damage to . Except in cases of urgent Military necessity Troops are forbidden to walk on or to utilise railway property or premises or otherwise damage or interfere with embankments cuttings bridges permanent way ballast yard sidings signals or other railway property.

Light Railways Off loading:- Serious damage is caused to the permanent way if light railway trucks are off loaded in a careless manner. Officers and N.C.O. s in charge of unloading parties will ensure that the material is dumped no less than 10' away from the Line(Fourth Army R.O. 1648.9

Railway tracks. Damage to Riding or walking along Railway tracks in the Second Army Area is forbidden

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Appendix 15

39TH BATTALION ROUTINE ORDER CONTINUED NO 146.

LIGHT There have been numerous reports of damage to Railways
 RAILWAYS by Troops walking or Riding along the lines contrary
 CONF. to the above Order especially in the Wet weather. Units
 will therefore take steps to ensure that the above Army R
 Routine order is brought to the notice of all Ranks
 strictly complied with and that severe discipline action
 is taken against all offenders
 Trolleys Hand trolleys will not be used on the main
 --line light Railway Systems without authority (Fourth
 Army R.O. 1647.) The above Orders will be read out
 three times before the 16th instant.

BATHS Alotment for to-morrow as follows:-
 Scouts Signallers Runners Pioneers etc 11.0 a.m. to Noon
 " D " Coy 12.30 to 2 30 pm

Salvage Battalion Dump has been formed at bottom of steps leading
 on to road.
 Companies and details will make every effort to continue
 the previous good record of Salvage.
 Returns to be rendered each morning with Parade States
 Nil Returns to be rendered. Amount collected by Coys
 will be published in following Days Orders.

Water Fatigue 2 men per Coy to report to Cookhouse at 8.30 a.m.
 daily for Water fatigue duty.

Shaving and It is noticed that many men are going about unshaven
 Haircutting and with long hair. This must be attended to immed-
 iately

Saluting. O.C.s Coys and Details are again reminded of the
 necessity of all ranks saluting their superior Officer

(sd) L.L. Beauchamp Capt
 Adj 39th Battalion A.I.F.

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39th BATTALION ROUTINE ORDER NO 147.

BY

LIEUT COL R.O. HENDERSON COMMANDING

Duties.

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| Battn | Orderly Officer | mounting | 9 a.m. | 15.2.18. | Lieut N.R. McDONALD |
| 3 " | " | " | next for duty | | 3 A.E. BRUCE |
| " | " | Sergeant | -do- | | 1377 SGT B.P. ELLIS |
| " | " | " | -do- | | 2181 " C. LOXTON. |

Following are returns of Articles salvaged for period ending 12.0 noon 15/2/18
A;B;C;D; Coys NIL.

Baths

Allotment for to-morrow is as follows

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|---------|-----------|----|-------|------|
| "C" Coy | 1.0p.m. | to | 2.30. | p.m. |
| "A" " | 2.30 p.m. | to | 4.15. | p.m. |

Officers to be in charge of each party. / "C" Coy to be clear of Baths by 2.30 p.m.

VERY LIGHT PISTOLS. All 1.1/2 VERY LIGHT Pistols will be returned to this Office by 10.0a.m. to-morrow (Friday) morning.

AMMUNITION BOXES

Empty Ammunition Boxes (S.A.A. ;303) . The number of S.A.A. Boxes that are being returned to England are small in proportion to the number issued. Only about one third of the number received from home eventually return to England. In view of the increasing difficulty that is being experienced in getting the raw material for these boxes and in obtaining the labour for their manufacture every effort will be made to salvage and return these boxes.

Defence Scheme. Provisional Defence Scheme for Units in this front is available and may be seen at this office at any time by Coy Commanders;

(sd) L.L. Beauchamp Captain
Adj 39th Battalion A.I.F.

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16;2.18.

39TH BATTALION ROUTINE ORDER NO 148

BY

LIEUT COL R.O.HENDERSON D.S.O. Commanding

DUTIES

Battn Orderly Officer mounting 9.0 ^ap.m. 16.2.18 LIEUT A.E.BRUCE
 " " " next for duty 2/LT D.B.CROSS
 " " Sergeant " " " 2181 Sgt C.Loxton
 " " " " " " 504 " J.LOONEY
 Coy for Duty "A" Coy Next for duty "B" Coy

SALVAGE Following are returns of articles salvaged for period
 ending midnight 15.2.18.

"A" "B" "C" Companies NIL.

Pioneers

| | | | | | |
|---------------|----|--------------|---|-------------------|---|
| Boots | 4 | W.B.Carrier | 1 | Ent'g Tool helves | 1 |
| Steel helmets | 3 | Pick heads | 2 | W.Proof Sheet | 2 |
| Blankets | 1 | Ent g tools | 2 | Water bucket | 1 |
| Web pouches | 4 | Wire Cutters | 1 | Ent g tool helves | 1 |
| S.A.A.rds | 75 | | | (carriers) | |

"D" Coy

| | | | | | |
|-----------------|----|------------------|---|-------------------|---|
| Rifle Grenade | 40 | Elbow Connection | 1 | Picks | 1 |
| Shell case (18) | 1 | for pump | | Coils barbed Wire | 2 |
| " " 4.5 | 6 | 'A' frame small | 1 | Iron sheeting | 1 |
| Stokes shells | 9 | | | | |

Sick Parade Until further notice Sick Parade will be held at 8.0
 a.m. each morning.

Baths The Baths will be at the disposal of B. Coy from 3.0
 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.
 All men to be clear of the Baths by 4.30 p.m.

(sd) L.L.Beauchamp Capt
 Adj 39th Battn A.I.F.

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17th February 1918.

39th Battalion Routine Order No 149

BY

Lieut Col R.O. Henderson D.S.O. Commanding.

DUTIES.

Battn Orderly Officer mounting 9. a.m. 17.2.18 Lieut D.B.CROSS
 " " " next for duty 2/Lieut E.B.Davidson
 " " Sergeant " " 504 Sgt J.Looney
 " " " next for duty 2766 " C.F.HUMPHREY
 Company for duty 'B' Coy next for duty 'C' Coy
 CHURCH Holy Communion will be celebrated in the Church Army Rooms
 SERVICE RED LODGE at 9.30 a.m. and 5.30 p.m. for those wishing to attend

BATHS. The Baths will be at the disposal of Companies as follows.

'B' Coy from 11.0 a.m. to 12. noon.
 'C' " " 1.0 p.m. " 3.p.m.

(sd) L.L.Beauchamp Capt Adj
 39th Battalion A.I.F.

SALVAGE RETURN FOR PERIOD ENDING MIDNIGHT 16th Feb 1918.

H.Qrs Pioneers 380 rds S.A.A.

'D' Coy.

| | | | | | |
|-------------------|----|-----------------------|----|-----------------------|-----|
| Rifle Grenades | 40 | 18 pdr Rds (complete) | 7 | Water bottles | 2 |
| Shell cases 18pdr | 12 | " Cases brass | 14 | Leather Jerkins | 2 |
| " " 4.5 | 6 | Gum boots good order | 1 | Cardigan javkets | 1 |
| Stokes shells | 9 | Lewis Guns magazines | 1 | Rifles | 2 |
| Elbow connections | 1 | Rum Jars | 6 | Bayonets | 1 |
| for pump | | Shovels | 10 | Dixie lids | 2 |
| A frame small | 1 | Picks | 1 | Mess Tins | 1 |
| Galv Iron Sheets | 1 | Cable in Roll yds | 30 | S.A.A.rds | 355 |
| Picks | 1 | Boots pr | 2 | Mills Grenades | 12 |
| Coils Barbed Wire | 2 | Steel Helmets | 3 | Mills Rifles Grenades | 14 |
| Webb Pouches | 2 | Braces | 1 | Shirts | 2 |
| Rifle Sling | 2 | Singlets | 2 | Haversacks | 4 |
| Sox pairs | 6 | Mess Tins Covers | 1 | P.H.Helmets | 1 |
| Greatcoat | 1 | Knives | 2 | Helve Handle | 1 |
| Helve carrier | 1 | Screw pickets | 1 | Bully Beef tins | 6 |

Appendix 19 18th February 1918.
39th BATTALION ROUTINE ORDER NO 150.

BY
Lieut Col R.O. HENDERSON D.S.O. Commanding

DUTIES

| | | | |
|---------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Battn Orderly | Officer mounting | 9/0 a.m. 18.2.18. | 2/Lieut F.B. Davidson |
| " | " | " | next for duty Lieut N.J. Rushbrooke |
| " | " | Sergeant | 2766 Sgt C.F. Humphreys |
| " | " | " | do 1243 " W.J. Croft |

Company for duty C Coy next for duty D Coy.

Army Order 13 dated 1.1.18.

From the date of Promulgation of this Army Order W.Os N.C.O.S and Men who have been awarded the D.C.M. or Mil;MED; will be entitled to add the distinctive Symbols D.C.M. or M.M. (or both sets of Symbols if two medals have been awarded) after their names and in all documents Registers Reports Correspondance the description should include all these particulars. This Order is also applicable to Officers who have been awarded the Medal in question before being commissioned?

D. A.G.A.I.F. 22/156 5/2/18.

BATHS. Baths will be available for Scouts Signallers Runners pioneers etc from 11.0 a.M. to 12.0 noon.

P.H.Helmets All P.H.Helmets are to be returned and they will be stacked at Battalion Dump at 4.0 p.m. to-day.

(sd) L.L. Beauchamp Capt Adj
39th Battalion A.I.F.

R. J. D.

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SALVAGE FOR PERIOD ENDING M'NIGHT 16 FEBRY 19

' A ' Coy

| | | | | | |
|-------------------|----|-----------------|----|-------------------|---|
| Rifles | 10 | Bayonets | 5 | RIFLE SLINGS | 5 |
| POUCHES | 8 | HAVERSACKS | 2 | HELVES | 5 |
| WEBB BELTS | 2 | LEATHER GLOVES | L | ABDOMINAL BELTS | L |
| UNDERRANTS PR | 6 | SHIRTS | 6 | BOOTS PR | 3 |
| STEELHELMETS | 8 | S.B.RESPIRATORS | 2 | MESS TINS | L |
| CAP CO FORTER | I | BREECH COVER | 8 | LEATHER JCKETS | 2 |
| W.P.SHEET | I | TUNICS | 2 | TOWEL | I |
| GREAT COATS | 3 | WATER BOTTLE | 7 | BAYONET SCABBARDS | 5 |
| PACKS | 2 | ENT TOOLS | 5 | ENT TOOL CARRIARS | 2 |
| SUPPORTING STRAPS | 2 | HELVE CARRIER | E | SHELL TRUCK | I |
| W BOTTLE CARR | I | STOKES SHELLS | 25 | HOW SHELLS 4.5 | I |
| SHELL CASE 18PDR | 2 | MILLS GREADES | I | HOW SHELL 4.5 | I |
| S.A.A. RDS | 60 | | | | |

D. COY

| | | | | | |
|------------------|-----|-----------------|----|--------------------|-----|
| PUMP HANDLE | I | PICKS | 2 | SHELL CASE 18 PDR | 167 |
| HOW CASES 4.5 | 131 | SHELLS 18?PDR | 21 | SHELL 13 PDR COMPL | I |
| STOKES SHELLD | 4 | SHELL DUD 4.2 | I | NOSE CAP PROTECTRS | 24 |
| SHOVELS | II | WATER BOTTLES | 3 | " " " | 41 |
| W POUCHES LEFT | I | W.BOTTLE CARR'S | 1 | RUM JARS | 9 |
| BRACES | I | RIFLE COVERS | 2 | ENTG TOOLS | 3 |
| ENT TOOL CARRS | 2 | WIRE CUTTERS | 2 | STEEL HELMETS | 2 |
| MESS TIN COVERS | 3 | ANGLE IRON RODS | 4 | S.A.A. | 255 |
| CARDIGAN JACKETS | I | GREATCOATS | I | RIFLE S.M.L.E. | 3 |

H.Q.PIONEERS

| | | | | | |
|---------|---|----------|---|---------------|---|
| RIFLE | I | SLING | I | WATER BOTTLES | 2 |
| RUM JAR | 2 | ENT TOOL | 2 | WEBB POUCH | I |

B. COY

| | | | | | |
|-----------------|------|----------------|---|---------------------|---|
| S.A.A. RDS | 1587 | MILLS GRENADES | 4 | BAYONET | L |
| HELL CASE 18PDR | I | PUMP HANDLES | I | SHELL CASE ANTI AIR | |
| RON ROD | I | | | CRAFT | I |

C COY NIL.

Had been doing R/Os
as on date of issue.

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18th feby 1918.

39th Battalion Routine Order No 15D

By

Lieut Col R.O.Henderson D.S.O.

DUTIES

Battn Orderly Officer mounting at 9.0 p m 19.2.18. Lt N.J.RUSHBROOK
 " " Sergeant " " " " 1234 Sgt W.J.CROFT
 COMPANY FOR DUTY "D" Coy

Vacation of Camp 1. Officers W.O.s N.C.O.s i/c of Details will ensure that all Dug outs Hutments etc are left in a clean sanitary condition, and that all Salvage is cleared up.

Promotions 2. To Be LIEUTENANTS.
 2/LIEUT McF.C.DAVIS
 " E. H.ZELMAN M.M.
 " O.R.BROWN
 " T.J.COLLINS
 " J.R.FRYER
 3 A.E.GUYETT M.M.

(sd) L.L.Beauchamp Capt
 Adj 39th Battn A.I.F.

LIST OF ARTICLES SALVED FOR PERIOD ENDING MIDNIGHT 17th INSTANT.

'A' Coy

| | | | | | |
|--------------------|----|------------------|----|-------------------|----|
| Rolls barb Wire | 10 | Hose Pipe pieces | 1 | Sh ets Corrugated | |
| Dixie Cooks | 1 | Iron Pipe " | 1 | Iron stacked in | |
| Mess Tins | 8 | Shell case 18pdr | 1 | Look Slippy Lane | 50 |
| " " Lids | 6 | 4.5 Shells | 2 | Shovel blades | 3 |
| W'Bang Shells | 2 | Stokes shells 3" | 20 | Shell rollies | 2 |
| Rum Jars | 2 | Pick | 1 | S.A.A. sandbags | 2 |
| Rifle Barrels | 2 | Shovel | 1 | Ammun Carrier | 1 |
| Broken Shell Cases | 1 | Breech Covers | 2 | | |
| Bags | | | | | |

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39TH BATTALION ROUTINE ORDER (continued) NO 150

"B" Coy

| | | | | | |
|------------------|---|--------------|---|----------------|---|
| Steel Helmet | 1 | Water Bottle | 1 | Med T.M.Shells | 9 |
| Shellcases 18pdr | 2 | | | | |

PIONEERS

NIL.

"C" Coy

| | | | | | |
|--------------------|---|---------------|-----|------------------|---|
| 18pdr Shell & case | 1 | Steel helmet | 1 | Tins fat | 2 |
| Mess Tin | 1 | S.A.A. rds | 115 | Shell case 18pdr | 1 |
| Pick handle | 1 | Shovel | 1 | Rifle | 1 |
| Shell Case | 1 | Pick Head | 1 | Sling | 1 |
| Bayonet | 1 | Tomahawk head | 1 | Oil Bottle | 1 |
| Rum Jars | 3 | Shell 18pdr | 1 | Breech Cover | 1 |

"D" Coy

| | | | | | |
|--------------------|-----|------------------|------|---------------------|-----|
| Shell Cases 18pdr | 178 | Shell complete | 18.3 | Rubber covers for | |
| 4.5 How cases | 41 | Nose Caps | 10 | 4.5 How C ges (bgs) | 1/2 |
| Stokes Shells 3" | 19 | Cordite Charges | 130 | Brass Caps | 1 |
| Rum Jars | 3 | Brass Chain | 1 | Angle Iron Lengths | 3 |
| Shovel Head | 1 | Shovels | 2 | Screw Pickets | 11 |
| Pick heads | 2 | Picks | 1 | Set Equipment | 1 |
| S.B.Respirators | 2 | Copper Clips | 80 | Steel Helmets | 2 |
| Bully Beef Tins | 15 | Entrench'g hndle | 1 | Water Bottle | 2 |
| W4Proof Sheet | 1 | Cardigan jackets | 1 | Entrench'g tool | 1 |
| Telephone Wire Yds | 100 | Spades | 1 | Body Belt | 1 |

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Appendix Copy No. 11

39TH BATTALION A.I.F.

17th February 1918

Appendix 39TH BATTALION ORDER NO 25.

| | | |
|---------------|-------------|----------|
| Map Reference | PLOEGSTEERT | 1/10.000 |
| | 36 N.W. | 1/20.000 |
| | 36 S.W. | 1/20,000 |

Information 1. Inter Battalion reliefs will take place on; the night of the 19/20th instant.

Intention 2. The 39th Battalion A.I.F. will relieve the 37th Battalion A.I.F. in the Right Sector of the Brigade Front and will become "A" Battalion.

A. & C. Companies Front Line.
 B. Coy Reserve and will supply all carrying parties.
 D. 3 Support.

Relief 3. A.Coy 39th Battn will relieve B Coy 37th Battalion.

| |
|------------------------|
| B. " " " " " " A " " " |
| C? " " " " " " D " " " |
| D. " " " " " " C " " " |

ADVANCE PARTIES 4. Will move in on the 18th/19th instant and will consist of

- Lewis Gun Officer
- Scouting "
- Battn Gas N.C.O.
- No's 1&2 of Lewis Gun Teams
- 20% of Scouts
- 20% of Snipers
- 20% of Signallers
- 1 Officer 1 batman and 1 N.C.O. per Company.

GUIDES 5. Guides from the 37th Battalion will meet advance party at 5.0 p.m. at RED LODGE. and will meet Battalions on 19th instant at same time and place.

Movement. 6. Battalion will move in following order:-
C.A.D.B. H.Qrs.

Boots 7. Ankle Boots may be taken in to the Line

Packs Valises 8. All Packs Valises and surplus material will be stacked alongside Battn Dump at 4.0 p.m. on the 18th instant (Monday)

Cooks Gear 9. Cooking utensils H.Qrs Officers valises etc will be stacked at RED LODGE GATES AT 1.45 p.m. on the 19th instant.

Meals. 10. Hot meal will be served at Noon. Dry rations will be used for the evening meal.

Blankets . 11. Companies going into the line will take one blanket with them, the remainder to be stored under Company arrangements.

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39th BATTALION ROUTINE ORDER NO 25. (continued) Copy No....

- Trench Stores 12. Companies will take over all Defence Schemes intelligence Trench Stores,ammunition etg and will forward copies of receipts given, to this office immediately on completion of relief.
- Reports 13. Reports will be sent to this Office in code,on completion of relief.
- Defence Schemes 14. Existing Defence Schemes will be adhered to until further notice.orders.
- Trench Orders 15. This Order will be read in conjunction with 3rd Division Trench Orders

ACKNOWLEDGE.

Ok Beaudamp
 Captain
 Adj 39th Battalion A.

DISTRIBUTION.

- 1. C.O.
- 2.3.4.5. A.B.C.D. Coys
- 6 10th I.B.H.
- 7 37th Bn
- 8.9. Q.M. & Transp OFF
- 10.11 War Diary & Office Copy

appendix 3rd Battalion A.I.F. appendix 2

Intelligence Summary 6 am 19/2/18 to 6 am 20/2/18.

Air Operations

The relief was carried out without hitch and incident, being completed by 8.50 pm.

Air Artillery

At 2.10 pm 3 shells on enemy positions in U.I.C.

Several times thro'out the day retaliation shots were given with fairly satisfactory results.

Work

Spanning No 1 Post & erecting for ship
No 2 Post.

Search
Mortars

Nil

Scouts

See attached report.
During relief acted as listening posts and due to bright moonlight little movement was possible thro'out the remaining hours of the night.

Naval Operations

Artillery

| | |
|----------------------|---|
| 6.30 am | 6 rds 77mm on tramline near Subhassan no material damage |
| 11.30 am | 6 rds 5.9" into La Basse Ville |
| 3 pm. | 50 rds 77mm fell around posts 67819 + around Subhassan. |
| Between 5 pm - 11 pm | from direction Lac Marston 50 rds 4.2" around Kt bay Steps + Ultimis Ligne, also about 10 traps. Same spot |

Intelligence Summary 19/2/18 - 20/2/18

White
Trench
Mortars.

At 5 pm 6 large MW + 8 mediums fell in rear of posts (left Coy) + in La Basse hills (directions not given).

Between 9-9.20 4 heavy mediums in total fell near 8+9 posts

9.20-9.35 15 heavy MW? in gaps to left of No. 9.

About 10 pm 13 pine apples fell near 6+9 posts + 3 fell near No. 9.

(The MW? active + for which retaliation given during the above time, were Giddy U12.C.55.7 + Morab. U12.C.50.3a)
Direction of pine apples not given.

NIL.

Snipers
Patrols.

At 2.30 am, an enemy party of 4 approached No. 9 bombing post + threw 8 or 9 bombs + fired revolvers. The men in post threw 6 Mills Grenades + the enemy made off, no casualties being inflicted on either side (Being engaged with).

11 am 5 enemy planes from Lameris passed over Messines, returning at noon.

Aeroplanes

Machine
Guns.

Active threat at the night up to midnight + from 4 to 5 am.

The following MW? being active

U15.A. 30.50 U15.A. 22.68 U15.A. 15.82
U11d 9240.

Artillery

At 6 pm

A party heard working on the other side of river at abt. U15C 78

Summary

19/2/18

20/2/18.

Movement

11.45 am 2 enemy going into dugout
 U26 30 rd
 2 pm much movement around Gasometer
 About 9.30 pm heavy & light transport
 heard leaving Barnett in direction
 of Cominas.

Notes

Thro' out the whole night enemy lights
 were prevalent even tho the moonlight
 was strong & prevented movement on
 our side.

Enemy
Attitude

* Evidently from the sudden bursts of
 artillery & MG fire at irregular
 intervals he suspects working parties.
 * At 5 am twelve rockets white bursting
 into green were fired in front of the
 left Coy sector. Nothing resulted.

Frank McHawlt
 3rd Bn

20/2/18

39th Battalion A.I.F.

| Left | Time | Returned | Time | Object | LOCALITY | DESCRIPTION |
|------|----------|----------|----------|--------|----------|--|
| 4 Pk | 6 pm | 4 Pk | 10 pm | L.P. | TRAPENSE | During the relief patrol called as Lillman Pat. 20 Very lights were fired from behind Opierney machine guns very active. M.G.'s at U 15 a 30.50 U 18 a 22.69, and U 18 a 15.82 fired bursts every few minutes. No mine activity. Enemy artillery active between 9.40 pm. firing on C.T. M.T.M.O. 1st and 2nd. Heavy night transport was heard leaving WARMETON proceeding towards COMMINES. 7 Very lights were fired from rear of the Opierney. M.G. at U 11 a 92.40 fired actively. At intervals, talking 'shammering' was heard behind enemy trenches. Mines were active between 7.30 + 9.45 pm on second shift, it was too bright for patrols to operate. 16 Very lights fired, heavily all, far in front of the C.A.P. M.G. at U 11 a 92.40, was active firing across to 7 Pk. M.G. at spinning were fired actively. 5 Very lights fired from behind Opierney, facing in front of 4 + 5 Pk. |
| 4 Pk | 10.15 pm | 8 Pk | 10.15 pm | L.P. | TRAPENSE | Bright moonlight until 3.30 am. Machine guns at U 18 a 30.50 U 18 a 22.69 U 15 a 15.82. very active, firing bursts of fire along front line and C.T. 5 Very lights fired. M.G. at U 11 a 92.40. very active, firing short bursts at frequent intervals. Between 3 am and 4.30 am, the enemy sent several bombs into house, in all sectors. L.O. L. 18. |
| 4 Pk | 10.30 am | 4 Pk | 4.30 am | | | |
| 8 do | do | 8 Pk | do | | | |

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Intelligence

~~J
B.~~

39th Batta A.I.F.

Intelligence Summary ^{com 20/2/18} ^{com 21/2/18}

Our Operations

Artillery 2pm 5 shells 18 pds on enemy front line system and Stanneton
3pm. 7 shells 18 pds on same spot.

French Mortars 3" Stokes fired 50 rds into MG replacement at U18a 3040 with good results.

Scouts See attached sheets. Scouts placed in ser. 3 standing patrols operating this'out the night at a position 40' in front of No 9 post. Strength of patrol 10ff INCO + 7 men. Object to intercept enemy patrols.
Results none

Work Wire was thickened in front of No 1 + No 2 posts. Trenches deepened in No 4 post. Trenches deepened & revetted at No 2 post.

Wire Shelter constructed & covered in No 2 post.
The condition of the wire along whole front has been improved.

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39th Batta A.I.F.

Summary ^{com 20/2/18} ^{com 21/2/18}

Aeroplanes None observed

Hostile Operations

Artillery 11:35 am 23 } Whizbangs
1:30 pm 5 } 77mm
burst around No 6. Damage & direction not observed.

3:15 am from Pasbarneton 10 rds 77mm in La Rosseville no damage done

French Mortars At 6 am 20 pineapples fell behind No 6 post. No damage

Between 9:30 pm - 5 am 31 pineapples in the rear of No 8 + 9 posts. No damage

3:15 am 3 minenwerfer shells from U12c 5577 fell near 8 + 9 posts.

Machine Gun The usual bursts of No 9 MG took place but on the whole quieter than usual

MG located at U18a 3540; French mortars advised & MG silenced. This post seems to be a permanent one as bursts of fire came from this post regularly every night.

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39th Battr A.I.F.

| | |
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| <u>Summary</u> | 6am 20/2/18 6am 21/2/18 |
| <u>Snipers</u> | Left Coy report snipers busy all day. This matter is being attended to. |
| <u>Aeroplanes</u> | None seen thro'out the day. |
| <u>Flares</u> | not so plentiful as on previous evening. |
| <u>Patrols</u> | At 3.15 am patrol of 7 men observed on enemy side of river making towards bank opp. No 5 post. Patrol with Lewis Gun sent out to disperse same but enemy patrol disappeared & not seen again. |
| <u>Work</u> | None heard or observed. |
| <u>Observation</u> | Very bad all day. |
| <u>Enemy Attitude</u> | Very quiet, flares not so frequent. |

21/2/18

Frank H. Shaw
Sgt 39th Battr

20th - 21st July

39th Bn
5. 6.45 pm No. 9 Pat. 10 pm No. 9 Pat. Patroling in front of wire between 6 + 9 Pat. Patroling covering wire on top.

Patrols accompanied special stand and patrol to HQ post and guided it to a position 40' in front of HQ Post. Patrol also acted as covering party for the wire party.

Machine gun at 11.11.92.40 fired one shot burst along railway only slight fire. 20 Pineapples were fired from a battery in position. They landed 20' in front of HQ Post.

5 6.30 pm No. 5 Pat. 10 pm No. 5 Pat. Along with 1 to 5. Patroling

Machine gun at junction of La Bassa rd. RE + EFL fired 6 burst of fire. See very light fire.

5 Special 10.15 pm No. 9 Pat. 1.30 am No. 9 Pat. Between 6 Pat.

Due to brightness of the night the patrol wanted stay close to the wire. Special party was taken out which laid up in front of HQ Post. Machine gun at 11.11.92.40 fired one burst down railway.

4 Rifle shots fired from direction of La Bassa rd. RE and EFL. Enemy fired 6 Pineapples which landed behind HQ Post.

At 12.25 enemy fired 9. RED light followed with one green. Light sent up light 136. 2000, approx 2000 in rear of EFL.

6 very light fire.

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39th 5. 1 Post 1030 am 5 Post 1300 am Monday Patroling wire.

6 Burst's office from gun on junction of roadway NE-F-L, firing down La Basse Ville. 4 Vrey lights fired from rear of the spinner.

5. 1 Post at 1300 am 7 posts 5 am

No movement or sounds heard. For this shift the gun was brought and patrols were hampered in their work. Machine gun very active from 3 am to 3.20 am, at 4.11.01 12.40.

5. 1 Post 1300 am 4 Post 5 am do do

14 Vrey lights fired from position near U19 92 10. Machine gun at junction of roadway and enemy front line very active. MG at the spinner very active. Several bursts. 8 Vrey lights fired. To the north, about 1/2 mile numerous Red spin lights were thrown.

W. J. Stewart Lt

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Appendix 24

SECRET

Copy No. 10

39th Battalion Order No 26.

21st February 1918.

Not to be taken past Company Headquarters.

Map Reference PLOESTHEBT 1/103000

INFORMATION. 1. Inter Company reliefs will take place on the night of the 22nd/23rd February 1918.

DISPOSITION 2. On completion of relief the following will be the dispositions.

| Unit. | Dispositions |
|--------|-------------------------|
| A. Coy | Reserve |
| B. " | Right Sector Front Line |
| C. " | Supports |
| D. " | Left Sector Front Line |

ADVANCE PARTIES. 3. Advance Parties will move into line on night of 21st/22nd and relieve corresponding numbers as follows:-
 Nos 1&2 of Lewis Gun Teams
 20 of Signallers
 From each Company 1 Officer 1 batman and 1 N.C.O.

DETAILS. 4. On night of 22nd/23rd :-
 The out-going Units will not leave posts ~~of~~ line until the relieving Units have taken over thus obviating any congestion of traffic.

ORDER OF MARCH FOR RELIEF. 5. Inwards. Relief will commence at 6.p.m. in following order:-
 'D' Coy to relieve 'C' Coy
 'B' Coy " " " "
Outwards 'C' and 'A' Companies.
 Lieut N.C.DAVIES will be in control of traffic and will ensure that the above is carried out.

CARRYING PARTIES 6. This relief must not interfere with carrying parties for food in the early morning of the 23rd which will be furnished by the Reserve Company.

MEALS 7. 'A' and 'C' Coys will arrange to have their meals after being relieved.
 'B' and 'D' Coys before being relieved.
 'B' Company must be forward and near IRON GATE by 6.p.m.

GUIDES. 8. Guides will be arranged by Company Commanders who will confer prior to relief.

(1) continued P.T.O.

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- TRENCH STORES 9. All Stores, Schemes, etc will be taken over and 1 copy will be sent to this Office before 9.a.m. on 23rd instant.
- Lewis GUNS 10. Lewis Guns will be handed over as per Battalion relief.
- REPORTS 11. Reports on completion of relief will be sent to this Office using in Code word for relief complete ' BRIGHTON ' This may be sent through the D 3.
- TRENCH ORDERS. 12. These Orders will be read in conjunction with 2nd Battalion Division Trench Orders.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

Purquet

Lieut A/Kj
30th Battalion A.I.F.

Distribution.

1. C.O.
2. 2nd i/command
3. A.Coy
4. B.Coy
5. C.Coy
6. D.Coy
7. T.C.
8. l..
9. Office copy
10. War Diary.

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 Intelligence Summary 21/1/18 - 27/1/18
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Artillery.

1 pm - 3 pm 18 3dr + 6" Hows
 carried out destructive shoot on
 enemy front + support line at
 * U18d. with good results
 No retaliation followed.

12:25 pm
 Our artillery dropped 3
 9.2" between support + front line
 of our left Coy Sector. Notified
 + rectified.

12:20 pm 3 9.2" fell at the
 base of Warrington Trench.

* 5 direct hits on trench + 18 on
 wire which was very much
 damaged.

10:45 pm - 11:45 pm
 Destructive shoot carried out by
 our artillery on Quadrangle
 at U13d. 30:70.

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27th Battalion A.I.F.

Summary

6am 21/1/18 - 6am 27/1/18.

Snatch
Mortars.

5am 3" Stokes fired 50 rds
 in machine gun position
 at U18c 90 70. Results not
 observed.

Scouts.

See attached Scout reports
 Standing patrol of 1 off INCO +
 7 men did not go out, owing
 to the moonlight being too bright.

Aeroplanes.

Our planes active all day. At
 9am a flight of 4 planes
 patrolled our lines flying in a
 northerly direction.

2 pm a Squadron of 8 machines
 came over our lines from the
 direction of COMINES. Enemy
 AA active but erratic.

7 pm + 10 pm 3 of our night
 flying planes were heard to cross
 over Sector towards enemy lines.
 When planes heard enemy sent up
 strings of white lights in the
 direction of planes evidently
 for the information of his
 anti aircraft.

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Summary from 21/1/18 to 22/1/18.

Work.

Work was continued for covered way, also ~~the~~ trench leading to Coy HQ at U17d was deepened & cleaned out. The front line & Ultimo Lane are draining quickly, now that drains have been cut down to river.

Trench cut off Ultimo Lane to new L.G. position at U17d 5090 revetted & duck boarded

Hostile Operations

Artillery.

Approx 3 pm 20 77^o 77 mm
for ~~development~~ ~~to~~ ~~the~~ ~~Basal~~ ~~off~~
positions. No damage

Observations

1-3 pm from ~~commence~~ 20 77^o 77^o
near La Basa Ville station. No damage

commencing at 9 pm enemy put down several heavy bursts of fire with 77 mm, 4 2^o + 5.9^o at intervals of 1/2 hr an hour thro' out the night. Shells fell mainly around La Basa Ville road, over land track & Coy HQ (left & Rt sectors)

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Summary from 21/1/18 - 22/1/18

Artillery (Hostile)

No 3 post also shelled one shell landing in post bounding on man. Ultimo Lane was blown in in two or three places. Gap in U17d also heavily shelled. Practically all shelling from Bag Mammets, Bonnes, & Leulemont.

8.32 - 8.45 pm 4.2° + 5.9° along Ultimo Lane from Raiders track back to tram track passing Left Coy Hqs. (62 rtd fired)

9.35 pm 5.7 to 4.2° + 5.9° same area.

10.15 pm 100 rtd 4.2° + 5.9° same area.

10.45 pm at commencement of our short report 50 whizzbangs on to sector around an Chasseurs bat.

1.45 pm 30 4.2° vicinity of CHqs

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Summary from 21/1/18 - 22/1/18

Trench Motors

Between 7.30 pm + 5 am accompanying shelling several heavy MW fell in rear of 3rd post + around Sugar Refinery from Locart Farm + Mammets (gun not stated). No 3 post blown in. Telephonic communication cut during same period. MW were put around 8 + 9 post + on to Factory. No material damage.

Machine Guns

Musical activity. Guns at U18c 90.70 + U18a 35.35 again active along La Base hills Ra + Papafut 24 + 25 posts. Guns also active U18a 20.85 U18a 30.55 U11d 92.40

Movement

8.30 am one enemy moving at intervals around hill base in U12b 30.30 10 am smoke rising from U12c 30.10

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Summary from 21/1/18 to 28/1/18

Movement

11 am 5 enemy in U126 walking towards Gasometer & disappear in tracks. One appeared to be an officer carrying a stick wearing a shiny belt.

3 pm Observed screens covering dump of enemy wire in U126 3048

U126 4735 Dump of abt 100 coils of enemy barbed wire & pickets

Attitude

Probably suspected working parties which were clearly visible moving along La Basse Ville Rd; but by the use of heavy calibre it would look like a destructive shoot on our defences.

Miscellaneous

Very lights numerous
Green light with each successive artillery shoot.

Frank McShaw
39th Bn

Nights 21st/22nd

5 3rd Bn. 6.30 pm No 4 Pat. 10 pm No 4 Pat. laid up in front of No 4 Pat. General Reconnaissance

Bright moonlight from 6.30 pm to 10 pm. which did not permit of active patrolling. Machine guns at 0.18 a.m. 20.35 and 0.18 a.m. 21.35 were very active during early part of the night. One machine gun on the north side of trench fired 4 shots. The first two went over the trench and landed on south side of trench. The last two landed in rear of No 4 Pat.

5 6.30 pm 8 Pat. 10 pm No 4 Pat. laid up in front of No 8. do.

Enemy Artillery was active between 8 pm + 10 pm. 1st Staff posts 1 point 8.30 pm - 2nd - 9.30 pm 5 of 7.30 pm. During the night green lights were thrown at intervals at 2.30 pm 4.30 pm 6.30 pm 8.30 pm 10.30 pm. A cluster of red lights were thrown up. were fired landing in rear of No 2 Pat.

5 9 Pat. 10 pm. 10 pm No 9 laid up in front of No 9. do.

Enemy Artillery activity from 10.15 pm to 10.30 pm 11.45 pm to 11 pm. 11.45 pm to 12 midnight. Between 10.15 pm + 10.30 pm 8 double green lights were fired in succession. Lights appeared the field from support line. 11.45 pm 2 or 3 machine gun bursts were fired between 11.45 and 12 midnight. One burst red got, one in rear of No 8 Pat. the last burst 15' above the ground near No 9 Pat.

5 No 4 Pat. 10 pm. No 4 Pat. 130 am. Machine gun front No 4 Pat. do.

Between 10 pm and 1.30 am. 6 machine guns were fired into and around the Sugar Refinery. One burst of fire from machine gun at 0.18 a.m. 20.55. 10 white enemy lights fired.

5 No 7 Pat. 130 am. No 7 Pat. laid up until 3.30 then returned to position. do.

Machine gun at 0.11 a.m. 9.40. fired 6 bursts. Machine gun at 0.18 a.m. 20.55 fired 3 bursts. Enemy Artillery active between 2.30 am and 4 am. This was mostly landing on west side of Railway line and along communication trench.

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5. 2 Pat 1 Pat
 130 am 50 am
 Land of milk do.
 330 am then
 batteries
 long wire.

15 Very lights were fired from base of the
 Quarry
 6 Burst of fire from M. Gun at 0.18. a. 20.85.
 Inv. at Tower fired 4 minnies
 into sugar Refinery.
 The brightness of the moon
 did not permit of patrols making an
 active reconnaissance over of no man's
 land. With the exception of 1st Lt. Brown
 the last staff all patrols had been
 at and above from our wire.



Burgess - Lt
 Scout Officer
 2nd Bn A. I. F.

RR. R. '18.

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Appendix 26.

INTELLIGENCE 39th Battⁿ A.I.F.

Summary from 22/2/18 to 23/2/18

Our operations

Artillery

11.25 am

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45 Hags fired 23 shells into enemy wire & front line trenches at U150 & 1590. Much damage to wire.

2.50 pm

15 pds fired 8 rds into Mametor tunnel.

3 pm

15 pds 30 rds onto gunning mill. Good results observed.

3.15 pm

14 shells on & about Mount Fanner U250 & 1590.

Much Artillery

Effective retaliation given throughout the night.

3" Stokes during the night fired on to enemy front line (probably MG 5 gunning mill). No shells too. (Time & Target not given)

Scouts

See attached sheet.
6 general reconnaissance patrols operated.
A new patrol back reconnoitered between 1.4.17 & the left post of the Ede on the rd.

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39th Battalion I I

Summary even 22/18 even 23/18

| | |
|---------------------------|---|
| <u>Relief.</u> | Interlop relief carried out without hitch or incident |
| <u>Work</u> | Continued in the covered trench also trench was repaired in Ultimo lane, where blown in by last night's (21-22) bombardment. Lewis Gun emplacement No 3 post was completed. |
| <u>Observation</u> | Only fair due to heavy mist. |
| <u>Hostile Operations</u> | |
| <u>Artillery.</u> | <p>gave } from Bas Warrington on Noon } to La Cassa Ville Stn Rd 20 to 4.2. No damage done.</p> <p>(Enemy appears to have more Artillery covering this sector than formerly as it is noticed that all HE shells come from direction of Bas Warrington & St Barbe, where lately much transport & tractor movement has been noticed.)</p> <p>No Artillery otherwise quiet thro out the remaining period</p> |

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Summary

even 22/1/18 6am 23/1/18

French
Mortars.

French Mortars "HILVA"
normally active thro' out
the night. especially at 9.30pm
Retaliation given effective

At 2.30 am I.M. (not given)
10 rods on Sugar Refinery
no damage resulted.

11. 25 pm "Biddy" U12C 557 ✓
Norah U12d 5030
active falling in rear of
of left Coy prob.
Retaliation effective no
damage by hostile shelling.

Between m'night + 1.30 am
"Hilda" active. Damage
nil.

M.G.s

active thro' out the night
from direction of 3 factories
& spinning mill.

M.G.s active

U15A 2085. along railway
U15A 2245. behind No 14 r posts
U. 11. d. 92. 40.

Snipers
Patrols.

Nil
An enemy patrol seen about 9.30
pm at U15A 2245 moving towards
river, disappeared from view
into cover lines.

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Summary from 27/1/18 to 28/1/18

| | |
|-----------------|--|
| <u>Work</u> | Enemy appears to have new work along trench at U.I.S.C. 70.70 |
| <u>Movement</u> | <p>8.45 am 2 enemy seen at Telephone House</p> <p>10.15 am 1 enemy enters dugout at U.I.S.C. 30.30 carrying a bucket.</p> |
| <u>General</u> | <p>Work</p> <p>Enemy bombed his own wire frequently between the hours of 1 am - 3.30 am along the whole front.</p> |
| <u>Attitude</u> | <p>Flares also numerous thru' out the whole night.</p> <p>Muttie nervous, probably as a result of his own previous night bombardment, expecting something in return.</p> |

Frank McShaw Lt
30 39th

28/1/18

23 Feb 1915

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5
6.20 pm 10 pm
No 8 Post No 6 Post
Returning to General
Camp base No 8 Post
and No 8 Post.

Machine gun at 11.18 a.m. 20. 85. fired
several bursts along railway.
7. m. at over fire 3 shells between
8.30 pm and 9.30 pm. 7 Ensigns also
fired.

5
6.15 pm 10 pm
No 4 Post 3 Post
Laid gas in
front of mine
number 4 Post.

morning lights fired.
m. 9 at 11.18 a.m. 20. 85 fired intermittently
throughout the shift.
6.15 pm 10 pm
7. m. fired 3 rounds between 8.00 pm
from direction of mine for gas which
fell in the vicinity of No 5 Post.

2
10 pm
No 3 Post
1. 30 pm
No 3 Post
Laid gas in
front of mine
No 3 Post.

20 Ensigns was seen at 11.18 a.m. 22. 45
3 strong they were moving towards the mine.
4 dropped into his own line.
7. m. at 11.18 a.m. 22. 45. fired eight
bursts fire along railway.
7. m. over fire fired four rounds in
the street behind No. 6 Post.

2
10 pm
No 4 Post
1. 30 pm
No 4 Post
Laid gas in
front of mine
No 4 Post.

30 Ensigns 2 Ensigns fell into
the gap between 11.30 pm 1.30 pm
5 Ensigns left off fire from Gun at
11.15 a.m. 22. 45 shells falling behind
No 5 Post along roadway.
7. m. over fire fired 4 rounds, behind
No 5 Post.

morning lights fired.

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PATROL REPORT.

..... 1918.

| Batt. and Strength of Patrol. | Time and place of Exit. | Time and place of Return. | Locality Traversed. | Objective. | Report. |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|------------|--|
| | 8 Post 13 am. | 8 Post 5.30 am | [faded] | [faded] | <p>8 Post left from [faded] at 11.11.18 72.40 12 bay lights fired. Between 2.30 am and 2.45 am the ammunition 4 [faded] into our wire, in the vicinity of the [faded]. Several [faded] were fired. Following on the [faded].</p> |
| 5 | 130 am to 2 Post | 2 Post 5 am | [faded] | [faded] | <p>ammunition [faded] 4.15 to 4.45 am in the [faded] bay lights. Two bay lights fired. 4.30 [faded] 6 [faded] in [faded] [faded]. Scouts with an officer [faded] [faded] from [faded] to left of [faded] on our Right.</p> |

[Signature]
[Signature]

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Appendix 27

5th M.A.A.

Summary of operations from 20/11/16

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Our operations

Artillery

11.40 am 30 rds on U16. 2 direct hits on pill box U16 30' 34

8.15 am On 18 pds fired 25 rds at about U12C 45 75 + U12C 8 2 2

8.20 pm 20 rds against active M.W. U12C 9 5 30. Effective

9.10 pm 60 shells (15 pds 45 rds) to the rear of Comms tent

French Mortars

10.15 pm 40 rds fired on active M.G. (near broken down tank) 60 ordinaries not given.

Conts

In attached patrol 4 troops & General Reconnaissance Patrol operated

Work

No man's land cleared in front of posts on the Coy sector to a distance of 100 yds & strengthened with aprons for 50 yds. Digging C.T. from U12th Avenue to No 3 post.

Aircraft

During the day our aircraft very active especially in the direction of Comms.

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Summary from 23/18 to 24/18.

Hostile operations

Artillery.

7.25 am 870s of 4.2° fired on CT between Kfay Hqs + an Chasum Cab! No damage done - appeared to come from Bag Barnston

3.15 am } Artillery became very
3.45 am } active. Heavy Calibre on Factory, No 6 post + Railway + light Calibre as 77mm on supports. About 300 shells fired. Probable direction Leuquemont + Bag Barnston. Very little damage to defences, but casualties were 2 killed + 4 wounded.

Trench Mortars.

7.05 am 12 MW (medium) by trench, No 3 post from U12C 82.24.

8.30 am }
9 am } a no of medium +
10 am } heavy M.W. shells
Noon } + around Sugar Refinery
2 pm } from direction of Barnston
4 pm } Lower probably U12C 82.24 or U12C 95.3

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Summary from 13/11/18 to 24/1/18

Hostile
Planets
Mortars.

8.45 pm 2 heavy m.w. from
Mortars on to factory.

9.15 pm 4 heavy m.w. from
direction on to La Bassee
Ville Rd.
again at
10 pm.

12.45 am 15 pine apples from
direction Mortars fell to
left of No 5 post.

1.30 am 2 heavies + 10 pine apples
on left + rear of No 5 post.
from direction of Mortars.

Between 1 am + 5 am 20 heavy
+ 25 mediums were distributed
over Factory + left gap.
(Erection not going)

At 1 am a barrage of light mortars
fell between 8 + 9 posts
about 100 shells fell
probably U12C 45.25.

Machine
Guns.

During the artillery stop here
M.G.s were very active
light M.G. fired during early part
of evening from U14 8005 }
U12C 01.10 }

The following guns
active:
U14 8005 along Railway + Gap
U18 0 2085 at La Bassee Ville Rd.
U18 0 3055

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Summary from 24/1/18 to 24/2/18

McLams
(actual)

Spanning Mill

Seen at U 11 d 9200 on No. 78 + 9.

at U 18 a 20 85 on No. 7
post + Factory.

Impers
Patrols
etc

Nil.

Movement

9.40 am

2 enemy observed at U 11 b 30 34
disappeared at Gacometer.

11.20 am

one enemy came from
pull box at U 11 b 30 34
got a bucket of water &
go back again.

1 pm

Neutral earth thrown up on
parapet + parapets in U 11 d
& U 11 c.

1.30 pm

2 enemies moving from
south along road thro U 11 b
& disappear behind a row
of trees.

10.15 am

4 enemy left telephone
house + disappear in
direction of Farm
Havestman

11 am

2 enemy moving around
pull box in U 11 c 90 90.

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Summary 6 am 24/11/18 to 6 am 25/11/18.

Movement. Observations only fairly all day.

Enemy attitude. Fairly quiet during the early part of evening but perhaps suspected looking parties accounted for the bombardment during early hours of morning.

Flares Fairly numerous throughout whole night.

Miscellaneous Enemy bombed his own wire at very irregular intervals opp to 1st Coy Sector.
An enemy listening post is apparently established at the ordered airplane locations not given in part 4
No u post.

Frank McShaw Lt
39th Bn

24/11/18.

8/24th day.

6:30 pm. [faint handwritten notes]

... find the [faint] along railway another [faint] ...

6:50 pm. [faint handwritten notes]

... light [faint] ...

11:30 pm. [faint handwritten notes]

... [faint handwritten notes]

10:15 pm. [faint handwritten notes]

... [faint handwritten notes]

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Intelligence Summary

Army Form N. 1613

ACQUITTANCE ROLL (ALL ARMS) No. 1 F.

ORIGINAL

8117 by 25th July 1918

| Receipts of Soldiers | Payments | Imprest s/o No. | Regl. No. |
|----------------------|--|-----------------|-----------|
| OUR OPERATIONS | Appendix 8 | | |
| Artillery | At 11 am our heavies fired into Area U. 12 d. and U. 7. c. directed by our aeroplanes. | | |
| | 36 Rounds of 4.5. were fired by Hows. into enemy's wire and front line at 11.45 am and at 1.2 a. much damage was done. | | |
| | At 12.10 pm Hows fired 24 rounds into U. R. c. Two direct hits were observed on full Box U. 12. c. 2. 9. | | |
| | At 3 pm. 15 Rounds H.E. were fired in U. 12. a. | | |
| | During the day our artillery fired on Enemy Defences in Back Areas. | | |
| | From 11.30 pm to 11.50 pm. 18 pounds fired, on Enemy front line defences. Our artillery responded to cries for retaliation during the night. | | |
| Branch | Our light Branch mortars fired 15 rounds at 10 am and 2 pm on enemy front line defences. | | |
| Mortars | At 12 Midnight. Heavy mortars fired 30 Rounds on front line defences. | | |
| Scouts | Ree attached report. Light moonlight, did not permit of any active patrolling. | | |
| Snipers | Nil. | | |
| Aeroplanes | Active during the morning and afternoon. | | |

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| Arm Strength Patrol | Time and Place Exit | Time & Place of Return | Area Traversed | Object |
|---------------------|---------------------|------------------------|----------------|--|
| 30 ft Pat. 3. | 6.30pm | 10pm | Taps in wire. | Observation The bright moonlight, active reconnaissance could not be carried out. Our Scouts showed 33rd Lt. units over the wire and took them through the gap in the wire. Only two very light bursts. The line went at 11.11.40. fired 14 bursts off fire. along highway and over sand of posts. In fire at 11.18.20. 55. fired about 8 bursts, along LABASSE VILLE ROAD and over 6+ posts. The fire of 3rd Lt. M. Chestnutting in and the night the factory. |
| 6. | 6.30pm 10.4.30 | 10pm 5.30 | Taps in wire. | Observation Our Scouts maintained the ground between the 4th Lt. and the 3rd Lt. in company with 1 off. 44 men. of the 4th Lt. for 1 hour. After coming in 33rd Lt. took them down over the wire and taken through the gaps in the wire. Our fire of 3. H. T. M. in the night Brigade sent between the 4th Lt. and the 3rd Lt. The fire was quiet, only a couple of bursts. |
| 3 | 10pm 4.30 | 1.30pm 10.4.30 | Taps in wire. | Observation In the night at 11.11.40. fired five short bursts along the railway line. In fire at 11.18.20. 55. fired several bursts along the LABASSE VILLE ROAD. Two very light bursts fired from 11.18.20. 55. and 11.18.20. 55. 6 light minutes and 10 minutes were fired during shift. Shells appeared to come from SOUTH side of the tower. |
| 5 | 10pm 4.30 | 1.30pm 1.30 | Taps in wire. | Observation In the night at 11.18.20. 55. fired 10 bursts off fire. sweeping the area of LABASSE VILLE ROAD. No very light bursts fired from position on outside of tower. Shells were fired from gun on south side of tower. Shells burst in LABASSE VILLE. |

ACQUITTANCE ROLL (ALL ARMS)

Army Form N. 1213

| No. | Rank and Name | Regiment | Company | Post | Observation | Date | Signature of Officer | Signature of Soldier | Date of Payment | Receipt of Soldier | ORIGINAL | |
|----------|---------------|-----------|------------|--------------|---|--|--|--|---|---|--|--|
| | | | | | | | | | | | | Company |
| 1. 30 am | 5 am. | Do 5 to | No 1 Post. | Observation. | Mr. Gun at U. 18. a. 20. 85. fired five bursts, along LaBasse Hill roadway and kept parapet of nos. 4 + 5 Post. | 5 light Mr. were fired from gun South of Warnton Tower, bursting behind No 5 Post. | 3 Rifle grenades were fired from Eastern side of Spiney, falling behind No 4 Post. | Two men were seen, leaving listening post at approx. U. 18. a. 20. 44. at 8. am. | Four very light were fired from Spiney falling in front of No 5 Post. | Our scouts, along on 328 Bn. scouts, over the posts and gaps in the wire. | Mr. Gun at U. 11. a. 9. 40. fired several bursts of fire, along railway. | 4 bursts were fired from gun near Tower, bursting behind No. 7 Post. |
| 1. 30 am | 5 am | No 9 to 6 | Post. | do. | | | | | | | | |


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39TH BATTALION ORDER NO 27

23rd February 1918;

Not to be taken past Company Headquarters.

Handwritten:
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MAP REFERENCE.

| | |
|-------------|---------|
| PLOEGSTEERT | L.L0000 |
| 36 N.W. | I.20000 |
| 36 S.W. | I.20000 |

Intention: The 10th Australian Infantry Brigade will be relieved in the LEFT Brigade Area of the PLOEGSTEERT/ Area by the 9th Aust; Infantry Brigade during the period 24th/26th February 1918.

Details. The 39th Battalion A.I.F. will be relieved by the 33rd Battalion A.I.F. On the night of the 25th/26th instant.

Reliefs. Inter Battalion reliefs will take place on the night of the 25th/26th instant;

| | | |
|------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| "A" Company 39th Battn | will be relieved by | "D" Coy 33rd Battn |
| "B" " " " " | " " " " | "B" " " " |
| "C" " " " " | " " " " | "C" " " " |
| "D" " " " " | " " " " | "A" " " " |

No movement of the Troops to take place until Relieving Troops are in position; also no movement from RACINE DUMP before 6.30pm. Lieuts J.W.Gration & F.B.Davidson will control traffic between LOOK SLIPPY LANE and IRON GATE.

Officers detailed will report to these Headquarters at 10 a.m. on the 25th for instructions.

Companies when relieved will move out in the following order;
A. C. D. B.

Transport. On completion of relief Transport will be at T.27.A.I.5. Details of Transport relief to be arranged by Transport Officers.

Dispositions. On completion of relief Dispositions will be as follows;

| <u>UNIT</u> | <u>LOCATION.</u> |
|----------------|------------------|
| 39thBattalion. | T.26.b.90.50. |
| 37thBattalion. | T.26.c.58.12. |
| 38thBattalion. | T.26.c.40.50. |
| 40thBattalion. | B. 4.a.80.60. |

Advance

Parties; - Consisting of,
 Lewis Gun Officer
 Intelligence Officer
 Gas N.C.O.
 20% Signallers--Scouts--& Snipers.
 No's 1 & 2 of Lewis Gun Teams.
 1 Officer, 1 batman, 1 N.C.O. per Company.
 will be relieved on the night of the 24th/25th inst; and will proceed to T.26.B9.5.
 Transport Officer will arrange for Limbers to be at HYDE PARK CORNER, at a time to be notified later.
 R.S.M. BROUGH will arrange for 30 Blankets per Company for advance parties to be at HYDE PARK CORNER at 9.0 p.m.
 Limbers will carry blankets Officers' valises etc of advance parties to T.26.b.95.

Guides.

Guides for Advance parties for Front Line Coys will meet the 33rd Battn A.I.F? at IRON GATE at 7.15.p.m. on the 24th inst;
 "C" Coy will detail an Officer to see that all Guides are there
 "A" Coy will detail 4 Guides to meet advance parties at RACINE DUMP and guide them to IRON GATE.
Guides for Battn relief. 1 Guide per post from each front line post, will meet opposite numbers at IRON GATE at 7.15 p.m. on the 25th Instant.

39th Battalion Order No 27. (continued) 2.

O.C. "A" Coy will provide 1Sgt and 16 guides (1 per platoon) to be at RACINE DUMP at 6.30 p.m. on 25th inst; and they will guide support and Reserve Coys to their positions and front line coys to IRON GATE. Sergeant will control guides and allot them to their various platoons.

Route. On relief, Units will proceed by train to CONNAUGHT SIDING leaving RACINE DUMP at 11.0 p.m. Guides from the advance parties will meet the Battn at CONNAUGHT SIDING. Units will proceed by Route March to T.26. (100 yards between Platoons and 300 yards between Companies.)

Lewis Guns. All Lewis Guns will be taken out of the Line.

Gum Boots. On no account must Gum Boots be handed over in the Line. Support and Reserve Coys will arrange to ~~return~~ return their Gum Boots to the gum boot store not later than 12.0 noon on the 25th inst; Receipts to be obtained. Front line coys will retain their gum boots until Battn reaches T.26 when arrangements will be made to collect them and return to Gum Boot Store.

Kits Valises etc All Officers valises, Kits, Cooking gear blankets etc will be stacked at RACINE DUMP by 1.45 p.m. on the 25th inst R.S.M. Brough will supervise loading.

Meals. Hot meal will be provided as usual in the morning of relief and on reaching T.26. a hot meal will be ready.

Defence Schemes. All Defence Schemes Air Photos Intelligence in connection with the front trench and Area Stores and Reserve rations will be handed over and receipts obtained. All receipts to be forwarded to Battn H.Qrs not later than 8.a.m. on the 26th inst;

Entraining ing Lieut J.A. Beavis will supervise the entraining of the Battn at Racine DUMP and detraining at CONNAUGHT SIDING. Coy Commanders will take precautions to obviate congestion at points of entraining and detraining.

Baggage Waggon Quartermaster will arrange direct with O.C. 868 Coy, if baggage Waggon are required.

Trench Orders This Order to be read in conjunction with 3rd ^{Aust} Div; Trench Orders

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39th Battalion Order No 27 (continuation) 3.

Reports: Reports in Code of relief will be sent to these Headquarters using the code word for relief complete; - Rabbit.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

J. Wilson
Lieut A/Adj.
39th Battalion A.I.F.

DISTRIBUTION.

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- S.M. 2
- T.O. 3
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39th BATTALION A.I.F. 6.2.18.
ROUTINE ORDER No 152.

BY

LIEUT COL R.O.HENDERSON. D.S.O.

1. DUTIES MOUNT- Battalion Orderly Officer Lieut W.RICHARDS
 ing RETREAT " " next for duty " J.M.PRENTICE
27.2.18. " " Sergeant-for-duty 504 Sgt O.J.LOONEY
 " " " next for duty 2766 " C.F.HUMPHREY
 " Bugler 5986 Pte O COOPER.

2. ROUTINE

| | |
|-------------|-----------|
| Reveille | 6.30 a.m. |
| Sick Parade | 7.0 a.m. |
| Breakfast | 7.30 a.m. |
| Dinner | 12.0 noon |
| Tea | 5.15 p.m. |
| Retreat | 6.0 p.m. |
| 1st Post | 9.0 p.m. |
| Last Post | 9.30 p.m. |
| Lights Out | 9.45 p.m. |

3. CANTEN HOURS.

Wet Canteen opens - 12. noon to 2. p.m.
6. p.m. to 9. p.m.

4. KIT INSPECTION

Coy Commanders and O/C Details will arrange for complete Kit inspection. List of Shortages to be handed to Quartermaster by 6.p.m.28th instant.

5. INSPECTION OF LINES.

A daily inspection will be made at 11.0 a.m. by the Commanding Officer. Lines and Hutments will be thoroughly cleaned and Kits laid out in accordance with Battalion practice at that hour.

6. OFFICERS KITS.

In view of an early move to back area and shortage of Transport available, Officers will arrange that their Kit does not exceed 30 lbs in weight. Transport cannot be guaranteed for Kit in excess of that amount.

7. WASTE PAPER & CARDBOARD.

All ranks are reminded of the necessity of saving all Waste paper and cardboard. Companies and Details will have bags hung in prominent places for collection of same. Battn Orderly Sergeant will arrange for these to be cleaned daily and contents taken to Q.M. Stores.

8. COURT OF ENQUIRY (K.R.673.)

The following Officers are constituted a Court of Enquiry for the purpose of determining the illegal absence of No.1250 Lance Corporal CALDWELL ALEXANDER assembling in "B" Company's Office at 10.0 p.m. to-morrow 27th instant.

Company concerned will arrange for evidence, as to the absence and deficiency of Kit to be produced.

Proceedings in triplicate will be returned to this Office.

- President. Lieut A.E.BRUCE
 Members Lieut A.J.B.LEE
 Lieut N.J.RUSHBROOK

SICK PARADE

It is notified that no leave or permission to be out of Camp will be given to any man given " Light duty " or " No duty " by the R.M.O.

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39th Battalion Routine Order No 152 (continued).

10. LIGHT. Whilst in the Area. Light must not be shown from any building after Sundown all lights windows must be screened and Doors kept closed, these precautions being necessary in view of enemy Air craft activity.

(sd) P. NEILSON. Lieut A/Adj
39th Battalion A.I.F.

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39th Battalion Routine Order No.133

by

Lieut. Col R.O. Henderson, R.S.O., Commanding.

- Duties. Battalion Orderly Officer Lieut J. Prentice.
 Counting do next for duty. Lieut J. Gration.
 Retreat do Sergeant No. 2766 Sgt C.P. Rusphey.
 27.2.18. do next for duty No. 1199 Sgt C.V. Straford.
 Company for duty C. Coy, next for duty D. Coy.
- Inspection of Billets. The C.O. is not satisfied with condition of lines at present and the following irregularities required to be rectified.
 (a) Kits were not laid out in uniform manner.
 (b) Several mess tins were very dirty both inside & out.
 (c) no existing for hanging up "Fighting Order", this equipment will be laid out on floor in front of each man's mess tin.
 (d) Slovenly appearance of a number of men in each Company.
 (e) It is noticed that in several cases, men have more blankets than they are entitled to & in view of an early move & restricted transport, all surplus blankets are to be at once returned to Q.M.'s Store.
- Baths. The following is the allotment for Palmer Baths for tomorrow 28th Instant at 11 a.m.
 Sigs - 6. Band - 27. Transport - 6.
 Men in camp not on duty - 10.
 Party to report to Lieut Davies at B.H.Q. punctually at 10.30 a.m.
- Sterilisation of Blankets. A & B Coys will each arrange for 250 blankets, in bundles of 10, to be stacked in front of Q.M. Store at 10 a.m. tomorrow, these will be replaced during the day.
- Aust. Corps Signal School. In connection with the formation of the Aust. Corps Signal School, personnel of the following trades will be required.
 Telegraph operators.
 Permanent Linemen.
 Wiresmen.
 Telephone switchboard operators.
 Applications are invited from men possessing the necessary qualifications and who are desirous of transfer to the Signal Service. Applications to state the qualifications of the applicant and to be at B.H.Q. not later than 3 p.m. tomorrow 28th Inst. Coy Commanders will see that all men are notified at Reveille.

(contd)

The following paras from Australian Corps Routine Orders are republished for information. These will be read on three successive parades and a certificate to that effect rendered to this office by 3rd prox.

Downed Aeroplanes.

- (a) If an Allied Aeroplane is forced to land in rear of our lines, the commander of the nearest unit will, if the occupants are either missing or incapacitated, mount a guard over it, and immediately despatch a telegram to No. 1 Aircraft Depot, stating :-
- (i) The number of the machine, and if possible, the type.
 - (ii) The names of the occupants, if any.
 - (iii) The co ordinates on the 1/40000 map of the place of landing (number of map sheet to be given)
 - (iv) Whether the machine is a total wreck, or appears to be only slightly damaged.
- (b) If a hostile aeroplane is forced to land in rear of our lines the commander of the nearest unit will at once mount guard over it. Army Headquarters will be informed through the usual channels by wire. It ^{must} also be stated where a guide can be obtained to take a representative of the R.F.C. to the fallen machine.

- (c) On no account is material of any description to be removed from either Allied or hostile machines except by the R.F.C. The attention of all ranks is to be called to this order and they are to be told that as valuable information about design and improvement is obtained from the German machines, it is of the utmost importance that they should be left intact until taken over by R.F.C. or R.N.A.S. Officers will take immediate steps to safeguard any planes landing in their vicinity, forming a guard out of troops in the neighbourhood until such time as the nearest C.C. takes the machine over and places a guard over it. Beyond removing wounded occupants, the machine must on no account be interfered with until it is taken over by R.F.C. or R.N.A.S. Breach of this order will be treated as a Court Martial offence.

Intercourse with the enemy.

The enemy has recently made systematic efforts to bring about fraternisation between his troops and ours in the front line in order to gain a military advantage. The Field Marshal Commander-in-Chief orders all ranks to be strictly on their guard against unauthorised intercourse with the enemy in any shape or form. Enemy troops who make overtures with the object of inducing our troops to enter into conversation with them or to show themselves in order to induce our men to do the same, are to be fired upon at once, and the Officers and non-commissioned officers on the spot are responsible that this is done without the slightest hesitation or delay.

R. T. O

Promotions.

Notification of the following promotions dated 18.1.18 are promulgated in A.I.F. Orders No.300.

- 2/Lieut J.S. Seavis M.C. to be Lieutenant.
- 2/Lieut D.B. Cross D.C.M. do
- 2/Lieut J.F. Gration D.C.M. do
- 2/Lieut F.L. Grayling do
- 2/Lieut A.H. O'Dee do
- 2/Lieut R.H. Overton do
- 2/Lieut F.B. Davidson do
- 2/Lieut F.K. Cahill. do

(Sgd) P. Mellson Lieut.

Adj 30th Battalion A.I.F.

Return of Salvage collected for 24 hours ending midnight 26.2.18.

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Left Base Defence

7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

DEFENCE SCHEME

(Provisional)

L E F T Brigade of 8th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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W.S. St. Denis
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APPENDICES:

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1. REFERENCE MAPS.

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 TRACING attached.

2. BOUNDARIES.

Brigade Right U.23.b.75.85 - U.22.a.40.85
 U.21.d.70.00 - U.27.b.00.75.
 " Left LA DOUVE River.
 Inter-Battalion - U.11.d.65.00 - U.10.d.
 75.00 - U.10.c.85.50 -
 U.9.d.85.20.

3. SYSTEM OF DEFENCE. This consists of

(a) Main defensive system of three lines, viz.
 Line of connected posts from U.23.b.3.8. to U.11.d.6.0
 and from U.11.d.5.6. to U.11.b.1.5. The gap between
 U.11.d.6.0. and U.11.d.5.6. is protected by wire and
 covered by machine guns from the Support line.

Support line running running from U.23.a.3.9.
 to U.10.b.6.9.

Line of posts as under :-

| | | |
|------------|---------|----------|
| Hill 30 | U.16.b. | UNITY |
| Hill 27 | U.10.a. | WATCHFUL |
| FUZE Cott. | U.10.d. | VICTORY |

(b) Second or Corps System consisting of three
 lines not constructed, but partly wired.

(c) Third of ARMY System.

4. DISPOSITIONS.

The Main System is held by two Battalions, "A" and "B", each having two Companies in the front line, one Company in the Support Line, and one Company in the front Corps Line - the latter supplying the nucleus garrisons for the line of Posts.

The remaining two Battalions are disposed in depth, "C" Battalion at RED LODGE, and "D" Battalion at ROMARIN CAMP.

The dispositions of Machine Gun Company and Trench Mortar Battery are shown in tracing attached.

5. POLICY.

The present policy is purely defensive, but not fraternal. The enemy must be kept thinking and is to be attacked by fire whenever targets present themselves. Patrolling must be active, and NO MANS LAND must be controlled by us.

Raids are not to be undertaken unless ordered by Division for the purpose of obtaining identifications

The principles of the defence are as follows :-

- (a) No ground is to be given up, nor are troops to withdraw from one line to another, even if flanks are broken.
- (b) The holding of LA BASSE VILLE and the high ground at U.18.b.50.60 is vital to the defence.
- (c) The front line posts will be held as lightly as possible, compatible with safety.
- (d) The greatest use is to be made of Vickers and Lewis guns, and of wire.
- (e) In case of ground being lost, it will be immediately retaken by counter-attack, such counter-attack being made on the initiative of the Officer or N.C.O. in charge of troops in the vicinity. All troops except nucleus garrisons will be available for counter-attack.
- (f) "A" and "B" Battalions are responsible for the defence of the Main System. "C" and "D" Battalions will be used to reinforce "A" and "B" Battalions, or for counter-attack.
- (g) As the greatest danger of attack is from the flanks, particularly the Left, the protection of the flanks and measures for the assistance of and co-operation with the flank units, will be a prominent feature of the defence.

6. TACTICAL.

The most probable action by the enemy apart from his usual artillery, Minenwerfer and machine gun action is -

- (i) Attempts to intercept and capture our patrols.
- (ii) Raids on our most isolated posts by strong fighting patrols without artillery preparation (Silent Raids) with the object of obtaining identifications.
- (iii) Raids with artillery preparation.
- (iv) An attack in conjunction with attacks on our flanks or on one of them.

The most probable direction of attack is on the Brigade on our Left, which would probably be combined by demonstrations on our front, and on our Right Brigade.

The RIVER LYS and the narrowness of the approach to our front would make it unlikely that a serious attack would be attempted on our front or Right. The enemy would probably attempt to drive home his attack on the front of the Brigade on our Left, at the same time crossing the DOUVE and attacking us on our Left.

While not neglecting the other possible points of attack, the Left flank will require special attention both as regards dispositions and works. Battalion, Company, and Platoon Commanders must have schemes ready to meet all possible enemy action.

7. ACTION.

(a) INFANTRY. Action will be limited ordinarily to energetic and enterprising scouting and patrolling. Extreme vigilance, active sniping, attempts to lure and capture enemy patrols, and the construction of defensive works. Raids will not be undertaken unless ordered. Enemy raids must be repelled by the garrisons of the Posts raided. Plans must be ready to meet such raids, and clearly understood by all concerned.

In case of a raid on a large scale, or an attack, "A" and "B" Battalions will hold the main line system at all cost; "C" and "D" Battalions will take preliminary action as follows :-

On receipt of a message "Stand to" from Brigade H.Q., they will be assembled immediately at their respective locations in fighting order. Ammunition and Bombs will be issued. Brigade H.Q. will be notified immediately the Battalions are ready to move.

The 2nd in Command and Assistant Adjutant of "C" Battalion with 2 runners, will at once move to Advanced Brigade Headquarters at U.20.a.9.7. and notify Brigade Headquarters as soon as they arrive. "C" Battalion H.Q. will remain at RED LODGE and keep in touch with Brigade H.Q.

"D" Battalion will send an officer and 2 runners to report to Brigade H.Q. for orders, and the 2nd in Command, Assistant Adjutant, and 2 signallers, will at once move to Headquarters of "C" Battalion at RED LODGE, and will there keep in touch with Brigade H.Q. if "C" Battalion is ordered to MOVE.

On receipt of message "MOVE" from Brigade H.Q., "C" Battalion will immediately move to position of readiness at BUNHILL ROW and Battalion H.Q. will move to Advanced Brigade H.Q. at U.20.a.9.7. and report arrival to Brigade H.Q. and await orders from Brigade H.Q. "D" Battalion, fully equipped for action, will move to Position of Readiness at RED LODGE and will notify Brigade H.Q. on arrival.

From Positions of Readiness "C" and "D" Battalions will move only on orders from Brigade. In order to enable them to move quickly to any part of the Brigade area, the earliest opportunity will be taken by all officers and N.C.Os of these Battalions to reconnoitre the whole Brigade front and all approaches to it, including tramlines, and emergency overland routes.

When the order "STAND TO" is given, a similar order will also be issued by Brigade H.Q. direct to Transport Officers of all units in the Brigade, and immediately on receipt of such orders all First Line Transport in the Brigade will stand to; animals will be harnessed but not hooked in, and the Brigade Transport Officer and an N.C.O. from each unit's transport will report to Brigade H.Q. for orders.

Any portion of the front which may temporarily fall into the hands of the enemy must be at once retaken by counter-attack. All troops of "A" and "B" Battalions, less nucleus garrisons, are available for counter-attack under orders of their respective commanders. If necessary "C" and "D" Battalions will be used under orders from Brigade for this purpose.

Commanders concerned down to Company and Platoon Commanders must have carefully thought out plans for ejecting the enemy in case he should obtain a footing

- (1) in their own area
- (2) in an area joining that of their command.

It is essential that Commanders shall have thought out how to act in various contingencies. Special attention is to be paid to Flank Defensive Liaison.

(i) In the event of an attack, unless special orders have been issued, working parties working East of the Headquarters of Line Battalions will report to the nearest Company or Battalion Headquarters, to be used under orders from the senior officer present.

(ii) Parties working between "A" and "B" Battalion Headquarters and HYDE PARK CORNER will report to Advanced Brigade Headquarters for orders.

(iii) Parties working between HYDE PARK CORNER and RED LODGE will report to RED LODGE for orders

Parties under heading (ii) and (iii) will be used for attack only under orders from their C.O. or from Brigade Headquarters.

Reserve Companies must have a position of assembly, and a more forward position to be known as a Position of Readiness, to which they will be moved after Assembly.

(b) MACHINE GUNS.

The policy of the machine guns will be in accordance with the General Policy of Defence, but the following active policy will ordinarily be followed -

(i) Harassing. Indirect fire will be directed on enemy roads, tracks, light railways and tramways, and on enemy movement. Liaison with Battalions, Companies and O.P's must be close, and no opportunity lost of getting on to fleeting targets. All but purely defensive guns should take every opportunity of sniping.

(ii) S.O.S. All S.O.S. guns will be arranged so as to be able if necessary, to cover the front or flanks.

(iii) Anti-aircraft guns will be posted for anti-aircraft, but alternative emplacements must be provided for these guns in case of attack.

(iv) Two or three emplacements will be prepared for each gun. Dummy emplacements are to be prepared from time to time and guns fired from them

- (1) To induce the enemy to waste ammunition,
- (2) To lead him to suppose we have a much larger number of guns than is the case,
- (3) In case of attack, to induce him to disperse his fire.

In case of attack the reserve guns and crews will on the message from Brigade H.Q. "Stand to", assemble at their location ready to move, and will report to Brigade H.Q. when ready. The O.C. will keep in close touch with Brigade H.Q. by 'phone.

(c) TRENCH MORTAR BATTERY.

The policy will be defensive, as many guns being emplaced for S.O.S. purposes as is compatible with reliefs. Suitable targets however will be engaged, but not from the S.O.S. positions.

In case of attack, the Reserve guns and crews will on the message "Stand to" from Brigade H.Q., assemble ready to move at their location, a report being sent to Brigade H.Q. when ready to move. The O.C. will keep in close touch with Brigade H.Q. by 'phone.

7. ARTILLERY SUPPORT.

See Appendix

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8. ANTI - GAS.

There are 19 Posts fitted with Strombos Horns, foot gongs, and wooden rattlers, through out the area. Two cylinders to each Horn.

Gas guards are on duty night and day at each Sattalion and Company Headquarters.

Posts are located as follows :-

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|---------------|-------------|---------------|
| U.17.d.2.9. | U.17.b.6.7. | U.11.b.22.65. |
| U.11.a.7.2. | U.11.a.1.5. | U.16.a.7.5. |
| U.16.a.7.2. | U.16.c.5.9. | U.15.a.95.50. |
| U.21.a.3.9. | U.9.b.6.5. | U.9.d.6.6. |
| U.20.b.6.6. | U.20.a.8.9. | U.14.d.8.9. |
| U.19.b.35.75. | U.19.d.2.7. | T.18.d.6.4. |
| B.4.c.1.9. | | |

Gas-proof dugouts are situated at :-

- | | | |
|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| U.18.d.5.3. | T.18.d.6.4. | U.19.b.35.75. |
| U.13.d.8.2. | U.9.b.6.3. | U.21.a.3.9. |
| U.15.a.95.50 | U.19.d.05.50 | U.16.a.8.4. |

9. ANTI-AIRCRAFT.

Anti-aircraft machine guns are located as follows :-

VIC KERS GUNS :-

| | |
|--------|---------------|
| No.11. | U.9.d.95.10. |
| No.10. | U.10.c.00.70. |
| No.5. | U.15.d.80.60. |

LEWIS GUNS :-

| | | |
|---------|-------|---------------|
| "A" Bn. | 1 gun | U.15.d.90.65. |
| | 1 " | U.14.b.80.10. |
| "B" Bn. | 1 " | U.9.d.90.90. |
| | 1 " | U.10.b.95.40. |
| "C" Bn. | 1 " | U.13.d.60.58. |
| | 1 " | U.13.d.64.34. |
| | 1 " | U.13.d.05.60. |
| "D" Bn. | 1 " | U.13.c.10.60. |
| | 2 " | B.4.a.80.50. |
| | 2 " | B.4.a.00.50. |
| | 2 " | B.3.d.70.60. |

10. S.O.S.

Signal stations have been established as under :-

| | | | |
|----------------|--------------------|----------------|--------------|
| <u>"A" Bn.</u> | Post 6.U.17. | <u>"B" Bn.</u> | Post 2.U.11 |
| | " 8.U.17. | | " 8.U.11 |
| | " 9.U.17. | | Right Coy HQ |
| | Right Coy H.Q. | | Left " HQ |
| | Left Coy H.Q. | | Support " HQ |
| | Support Coy H.Q. | | Reserve " HQ |
| | H.G.Sty U.16.a.2.2 | | Bn. H.Q. |
| | Bn. H.Q. | | |

The above posts will be continually manned; On the S.O.S. being sent up by any one from the front, it will be immediately repeated to the rear in that area. Battalion H.Q. will at once repeat the signal and inform the Left Group Artillery H.Q. and Brigade H.Q. by 'phone of the particular part of the line from which the S.O.S. was first sent up.

11. COMMUNICATIONS.

Rear Approaches. Two main roads, both in good order, are used :-

- (i) From junction of roads at T.27.d.20.95 via PETIT PONT and RED LODGE to HYDE PARK CORNER.
- (ii) From ROMARIN via PLOESSTERT to HYDE PARK CORNER.

The road running from HYDE PARK CORNER to X Roads in U.14.a. is in fair repair, and may be used by first line transport during hours of darkness or when visibility is low.

Light Railways. A 60 c.m. Light Railway running from CORNAUGHT SIDING to DEAD HORSE CORNER serves the Brigade area.

Personnel for reliefs and working parties, rations, engineers materials, and ammunition, are conveyed to the forward area by this means. Train arrangements are made 24 hours in advance, with the C.L.R.O.

Tramways. Trench tramways connect with the Light Railway as follows :-

- (a) To Left Sector at RAGINE U.20.b.4.3.
- (b) To Right " " DEAD HORSE CORNER U.21.a. (20.95

These are used for conveying rations etc. to the front line Battalions.

These tramways are connected at forward end, See appendix 3

Duckwalks. There are three main duckwalks running to the Brigade front -

- (1) The DOUVE DUCKWALK is used by the Left Bn. as far as USEFUL LANE at U.10.b.60.95.
- (2) MUD LANE is used to the Right Bn. front. It commences at HYDE PARK CORNER and enters St. YVES Ave at U.15.c.4.5. by way of LOOK SLIPPY ALLEY.
- (3) WARNETON TRACK runs along the Light Tramway from RAGINE to USEFUL LANE.

Alternative Routes. Two emergency routes to the front line have been surveyed and have been marked out by means of posts with small arrowheads. These are shown on the attached sketch.

Communication Trenches.

(a) Left Sector :

- (i) Junction of LA DOUVE DUCKWALK, along USEFUL LANE to EGMONT AVENUE, thence by way of RIVER LANE to front line.
- (ii) WARNETON TRACK - along SUPPORT LINE to U.11.c.7.8., thence by EGMONT AVENUE to front line.

(b) Right Sector : LOOK SLIPPY ALLEY - ST. YVES AVE. - ULTIMO AVE - ULTIMO DRIVE to Front Line.

(c) Under construction from WARNETON TRACK along WARN LANE - Old SUPPORT Line and EGMONT AVE to front line.

12. WORKS.

The following works policy will be carried out vigorously :-

- (1) Additional wire in front of front line posts or trenches.
- (2) Connecting Posts on Right Battalion sector and fire-stepping all front line trenches and posts.
- (3) Wiring of Support Line.
- (4) Provision of ammunition recesses in fire bays, platoon dumps, latrines, and changing recesses in front trenches and posts.
- (5) Completion of Support Line, including fire-stepping, provision of living and accommodation, ammunition stores, latrines, and changing recesses.
- (6) Wiring of chain of posts in rear of Support Line.
- (7) Construction of chain of posts.
- (8) Wiring of flank defences.
- (9) Construction of flank defences.
- (10) Construction of accommodation for Supports, Reserves, and nucleus garrisons.

The work in the front and support lines will be carried out by the front line Battalions within the limits of their frontages, but where necessary, assistance will be given by G. & D. Battalions in the completion of the Support Line.

A chain of S.P.'s and the flank defences West of the Support Line will be done by G. & D. Battalions.

An Engineer Officer is allotted to each of the two half areas Right and Left, and is available for consultation, and for the technical direction of work. The Battalion Commanders however are responsible for the carrying out of all work allotted to them.

The Pioneer Bn. is responsible for ~~xxx~~ all communications forward and will be given every facility in carrying out their work.

In the construction of accommodation for the men, care must be taken to design shelters which can be made gas-proof. Blankets from the Battalion stock will be used, and indents made through Brigade H.Q. to replace same.

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Appendix

14. SIGNAL ARRANGEMENTS.

See Appendix *B* and Map.

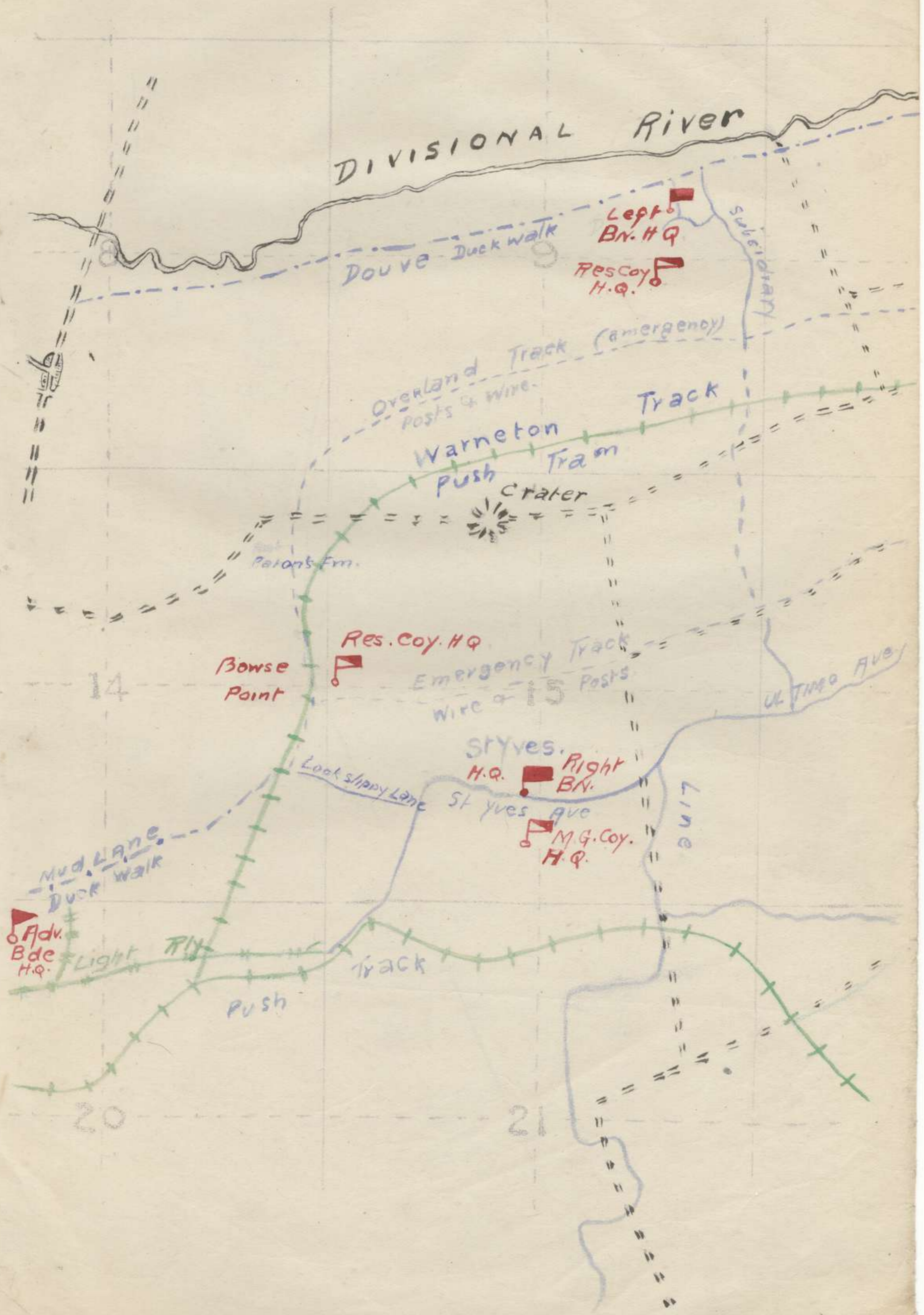
Communications in Sector at present occupied by

7th Australian Inf. Bde.

1. CABLE. All Battalion H.Q., T.M.Bty, Machine Gun Company, and Support Coy of Right Line Bn. are on the buried cable system. Remaining Coys of the two front line Bns are connected up by means of ground cable. Ground cable is also established to front line posts, with terminal boxes at approx. every 150 yards, to which a phone can be attached.
2. P.B. & I.T. This means of communication has been entirely withdrawn from the Left Bn. sector. In the Right Bn. sector the Left Line Coy works back by means of P.B. to Bn. H.Q. which in turn works back to STRAFER's NEST, which works back to Brigade H.Q. by means of wireless.
3. VISUAL. The Right Coys of both Line Bns work visual back to Bn. H.Q. From Bn. H.Q. visual is worked back to Brigade by means of a transmitting station on HILL 63.
4. PIGEONS. These are issued at the rate of two per Line Bn. per day. The pigeon refilling point is in the CATACOMBS, and if the pigeons are not used for service messages, they must be carried back to this point and not allowed to fly back to the left.
5. RUNNERS. There is a runner relay post in the CATACOMBS opposite HYDE PARK CORNER, to which Line and Support Battalions, T.M.Battery, and M.Gun Coy send their runners at times stated in D.R.L.S. service, to meet the motor cyclist bearing despatches from Brigade.

(Left Sheet)

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ARTILLERY SUPPORT.

1. Artillery covering the Brigade front.

Field artillery covering the Brigade front consists of the Left Group of the Divisional Artillery, (Lieut. Colonel J.L. SHELLSHEAR), with Headquarters at T.21.d.2.1., and composed of

- Five 6-gun 18 pndr bat teries
- One 6-gun 4.5 How. battery.

The Group boundaries correspond with those of the Infantry Brigade.
Batteries of the Corps Heavy Artillery also cover the sector.

2. S.O.S. Arrangements.

On receipt of the S.O.S. signal either by telephone or rocket, all batteries of the Group and adjacent flank battery of neighbouring Group will open fire at once on their S.O.S. lines, fire being concentrated only by order from the Group Commander.

The rate and duration of fire will be -

| | | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------|---|------|-----|------|-----|------|-----|-----------|---|----------|
| <u>18 pndrs</u> | 3 | rnds | per | gun | per | min. | for | 1st | 5 | minutes, |
| | 2 | " | " | " | " | " | " | 2nd | 5 | " |
| | 1 | " | " | " | " | " | " | 3rd | 5 | " |
| <u>4.5 Hows</u> | 2 | " | " | How. | " | " | " | 1st | 5 | " |
| | 1 | " | " | " | " | " | " | 2nd & 3rd | 5 | minutes. |

All fire will cease at the end of fifteen minutes unless the S.O.S. signal is repeated after the opening of fire, in which case the maximum rate of fire will be reverted to and the procedure as laid down above, carried out.

The artillery will act on seeing the prescribed rocket signal whether confirmed by telephone or not.

3. S.O.S. LINES. The front is divided into zones as follows :

| | | |
|-----------------------------------|---|---------|
| Northern Brigade Boundary to |) | |
| E. & W. line through U.11.d.35.88 |) | Zone A. |
| E. & W. line through U.11.d.35.88 |) | Zone B. |
| U.11.d.52.18 |) | |
| U.11.d.52.18 |) | |
| U.17.b.87.34 |) | Zone C. |
| U.17.b.87.34 |) | |
| U.29.a.00.85 |) | Zone D. |

One 18 pndr battery will be superimposed over B. & C. zones. The 18 pndr battery night lines are placed to cover the whole Brigade front.

4.5 How. Battery's night lines are - 1 How. each

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|-------------|---------------|
| WICANT FARM | U.24.a.15.95. |
| Bridge | U.18.b.00.55. |
| Point | U.18.c.75.70. |
| " | U.18.c.50.03 |
| " | U.18.c.70.88. |
| " | U.18.c.30.47. |

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and to be ready to concentrate on any of these points as required.

4. GAS. On notification of a gas attack, the artillery will open a barrage in the sector indicated with the field guns allotted to that sector, the barrage being placed on S.O.S. Lines. The trenches from which gas is being emitted will be bombarded with all available 4.5 Hows. and trench mortars.
Rates of fire :-
18 pndrs 1 rnd per gun per minute
4.5 Hows 3 " " " "
I.M.'s rapid.
This barrage will not be intensified unless the S.O.S. signal be sent up.
5. COMMUNICATIONS with Infantry.
Group and Infantry Brigade H.Q. are connected by direct line.
18 pndr batteries are in direct telephonic communication with Battalion H.Q. in the line.
Each Company and Battalion in the front line will have a direct buried cable line to a battery, giving therefore two alternatives in the event of an S.O.S. call.
6. LIAISON with Infantry.
(a) The Group Commander acts as Brigade Liaison Officer.
(b) Battery Commanders will visit Battalion H.Q. at least twice a week.
(c) All Battery Officers should visit Company H.Q. and the front line trenches of their zone, at least once a week.
(d) A liaison officer will be supplied at H.Q. of Battalions in the line. This officer will remain with the Battalion Commander during hours of darkness. During the day he will visit Company H.Q. and the front line system. On coming off duty he will render a report to the Group Commander, with whom he will also be in direct telephonic communication.
Tour of duty will be from 3 pm to 3 pm.
The liaison officer will act as adviser to the Battalion Commander in artillery matters.
7. ARTILLERY SUPPORT other than S.O.S. or Gas.
Requests by Infantry for artillery support both from field and heavy artillery, will be made to Group Commander, who may however authorise the expenditure of a limited amount of ammunition by batteries on direct request from Battalions or Companies.
8. HEAVY & MEDIUM TRENCH MORTARS. There are no mortars in action on this Brigade front, but one Medium Battery (X.2.a) and Right Section of a Heavy Battery are constructing positions.
9. ANTI-TANK GUN. The Group will have a position prepared for anti-tank defence at U.10 central.

NOTES ON WORK

With reference to the Works Policy, the work now remaining to be done of the policy laid down is as follows :-

1. Still more wire in front of Posts, Support, and line of S.P's.
2. The improvement of front line posts and their communications.
3. The completion of the Support line from the Southern boundary to the DOUVE.
4. The completion of the line of S.P's.
5. The completion of C.T. through old support and the forward part of EGMONT AVENUE to connect with WARR LANE at the New Support line.
6. The construction of S.P's on flanks in vicinity of Right Coy H.Q. U.17.c.50.60, U.18.a.75.70, U.11.a.90.20, U.11.a.00.85, U.10.c.45.30.
7. Tactical wire has been put out running back from No.8 Post of the Right Battalion, and from No.1 Post of the Left Battalion to the Support line wire, thus enclosing the gap in a pocket. This wire is covered by a Vickers gun and 3 Lewis guns, one from each Battalion. The latter are not yet in position. The gap is only considered dangerous during frost, as it is at other times quite a formidable obstacle.
8. The Western end of EGMONT AVENUE and RIVER LANE will require revetting at once. It was not possible to effect this during the recent hard frost owing to the hardness of the ground and the noise caused by picking. Now however I consider this work urgent.
9. A trench is being dug from No.9 Post on the Left Battalion front to the River. This is intended to facilitate observation and lessen the gap between us and the adjoining Brigade, and also to afford better communication to the Right Post of that Brigade. This is being done under arrangement with the adjoining Division.
10. The several belts of wire should be continued down to the River at least on the Left, and then turned along the Right bank.

With regard to 1, 2, 3, 4 & 7, very little remains to be done. As regards 5, duckwalking and revetting will have to be completed.

As regards 6 & 10, this is new work.

As regards 8 & 9, there is still a good deal to do.

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SECRET.

SIXTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.
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MEMORANDUM TO BE READ IN CONJUNCTION WITH DEFENCE
SCHEME, LEFT BRIGADE SECTOR, 2ND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.-

Para. 3.- Names have been given to the Strong Posts as under:-

- HILL 30 .. UNITY.
- FUZE COT. .. VICTORY.
- HILL 27 .. WATCHFUL.

Para. 4.- Some temporary alterations have been made in the dispositions during the recent inclement weather. This was rendered possible by the flooded state of the country on our front; but the old dispositions should be reverted to when the water subsides.

In the Right Battalion Sector accommodation has been made for two Platoons in LA BASSE-VILLE. This is in addition to the shelter already provided there for the garrisons of the front line and posts.

In the Left Battalion Sector one Company is housed temporarily at the CATACOMBS.

This modification of dispositions conforms with instructions issued by Corps.

- The Support Battalions will, in future, be quartered at .. CATACOMBS - "C" Bn.
- and .. RED LODGE - "D" Bn.

Para. 5.- (sub-para. b.)

Approval has been given to a scheme submitted for defence of LA BASSE-VILLE.

Copy of scheme and plan of work is attached.

Para. 12.- WORKS.- The partial collapse of the trenches and shelters during the recent thaw and rainy weather has delayed the carrying out of the Works Policy. Memo. of work in progress and contemplated in the order of urgency is attached.

Bde. Hdqrs.,
27/1/18.

Hedrick Sab

Captain,
A/Bde. Major, 6th Aust. Inf. Bde.

TENTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.AMENDMENTS TO LEFT BRIGADE (RIGHT DIVISION) DEFENCE
SCHEME OF 13/1/'18.Para. 4.

For sub para. 2 substitute.-

"The remaining 2 Battalions are disposed
"in depth, "C" Battalion at CATACOMBS and "D"
"Battalion at RED LODGE.

Para. 7

Sub para. 4.

For " "C" Battn Headquarters will remain at
" RED LODGE"

Read " "C" Battalion Headquarters will remain
" at CATACOMBS."

In sub para. 5, line 2 insert, "Advanced" before
"Brigade Headquarters".

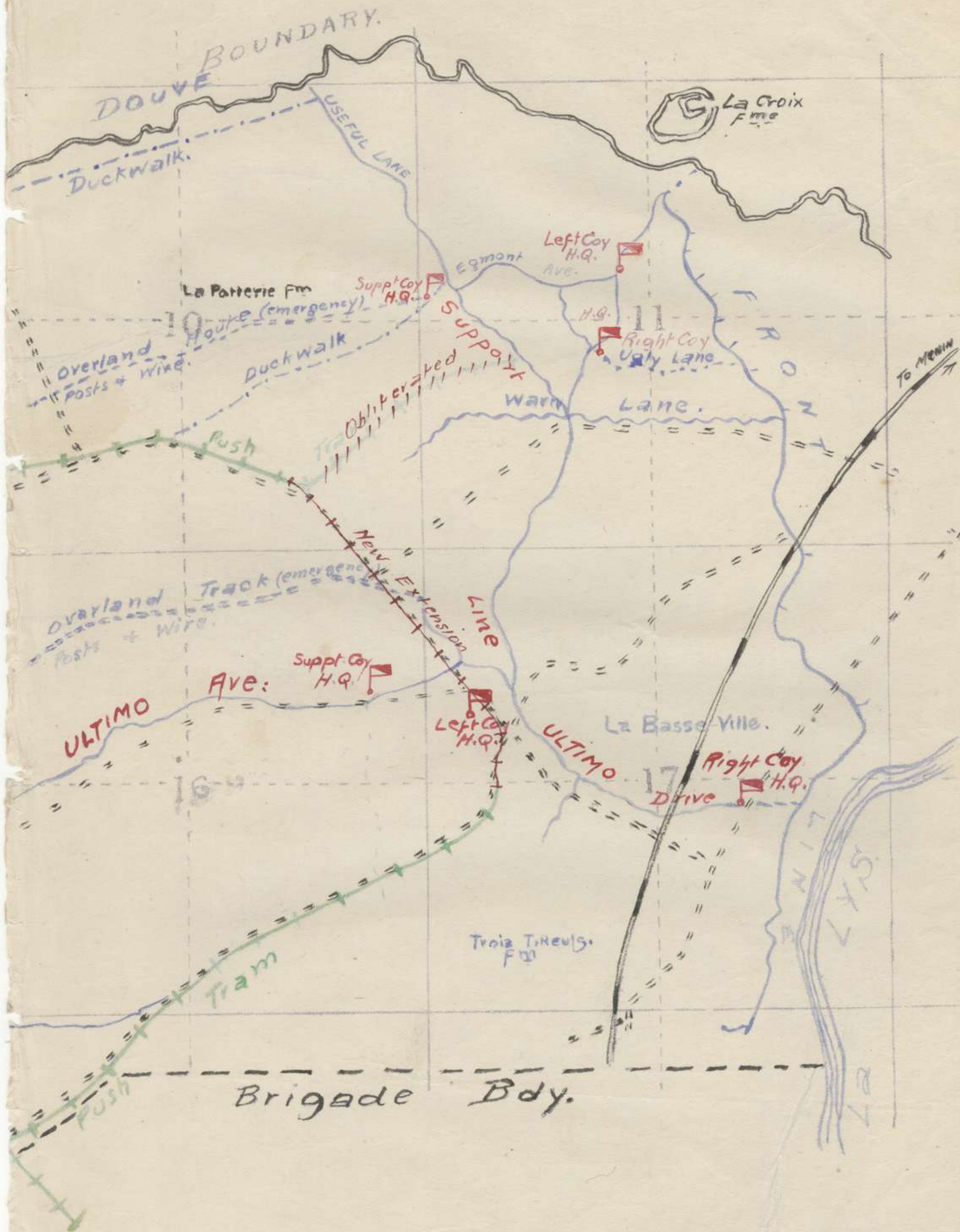
In line 4 for "RED LODGE" read "CATACOMBS."

In sub para. 6. In line 6 for, "Position of
"Readiness at RED LODGE" read " Position of
"Readiness at CATACOMBS".

On the following page. Sub para. (iii) read "Parties
"working between HYDE PARK CORNER and RED LODGE
"will report to CATACOMBS for orders",

and in last para. of same after "Reserve Companies"
insert "of 'A' and 'B' Battalions".

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SECRET Not to be taken into FRONT LINE TRENCHES

PATROL MAP Sheet 3.

