

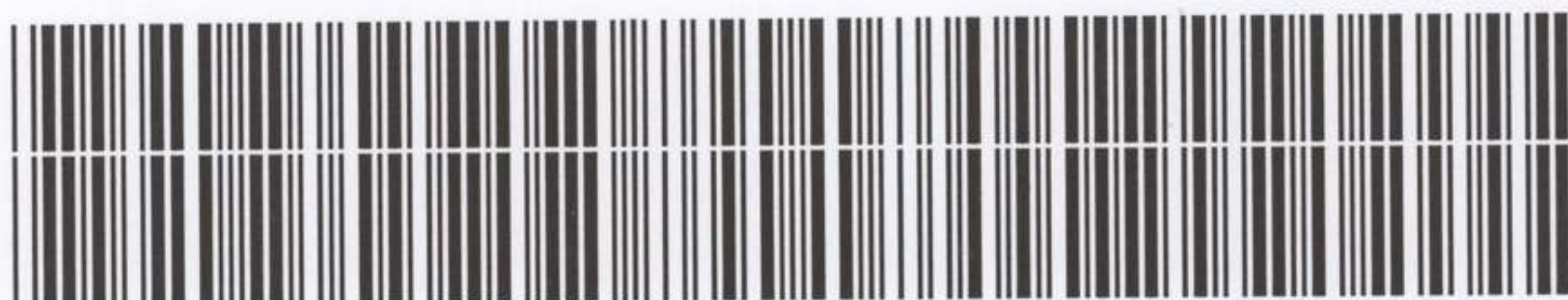
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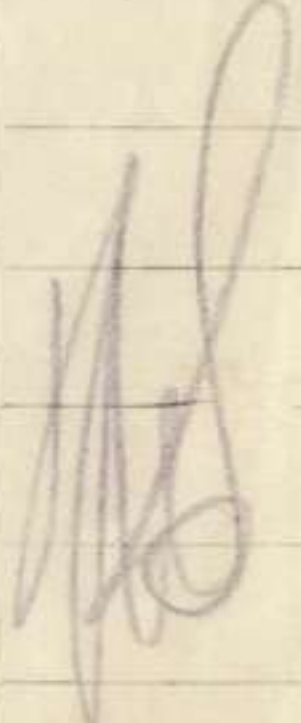
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Mericourt L'Abbe	April 1st		<p>Battalion Strength. 49 officers 100 M.D. 717 men Struck off. 2 men killed in action</p>	
			<p>The battalion took up position in support in rear of Moutt Wood (map ref France 62° NE Sea 7000)</p>	1
			<p>Battalion HQs situated in Chateau opp. Church in Mericourt Disposition of line reading from Rt to left</p>	2
			<p>A Coy to Coy B Coy with Coy in Reserve in Mericourt Major Brown of 25th Battery Field Artillery visited Lt Shaw re targets on enemy forward area.</p>	3
			<p>L'Abbeard still holds the position of Lewis Gun Officer. The troops are living in great style, owing to there being plenty of supplies. At present all cookings being done in Mericourt, from which place it is carried by ration parties to front line & supports.</p>	
L'Abbe	April 2nd		<p>Batt Strength. 49 officers 100 M.D. 708 men</p>	

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Moucourt L'Abbe'	April 2 nd		<p>7 men evacuated wounded 2 " " Sick Returned from Special Duty in England Major C R Hutton Lt P Wilson " " South of France leave Lt J Collins Lt J Pentice still in charge of supplies, everything going along very satisfactorily. Weather fine. Great aerial activity. Bomb dropping at night time in the vicinity of Neilly. Work progressing on the support line.</p>	
Ditto	April 3 rd		<p>Batt strength 49 officers. 97 NCOs. 706 men 1 NCO + 1 man evacuated wounded 2 " + 1 " Sick Lt Col A J Paterson M.C. & Coy officers visited left battery sector to the relief on 3/4th Lt Shaw reconnected the forward position.</p>	<p>4</p> <p>2</p>

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Moucourt L'Abbe	April 3rd		Altho the evening was dark the relief took place without a hitch. This sector includes Buvire & Breuse; relief completed by 11 pm. a new B.H. was occupied at the instance of Bde. Map location of same. J59.10.90	5
Lillo	April 4th		Batta strength 49 offrs. 97 NCOs 703 men Returned from English leave. Weather dull with low clouds. No artillery active thro' out the night & at various times thro' out the day. Rations being attended to by Lieut Prantice & Lieut Brockhoff, asst Transport Officer.	6
Lillo	April 5th		Batta strength 48 offrs 94 NCOs 693 Lt Neilson wounded & evacuated 1 man on strength 1 NCO & 1 man wounded; 1 man sick	7

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Mancourt L'Abbe'	April 15th		<p>Weather misty; Everything quiet until 7am when the German Barrage fell upon our sector, as well as on the 1st Division Opp. Mancourt. The barrage on our sector lasted intermittently for 12 hours.</p> <p>Between 10am & 11am 300 enemy under cover of a good smoke screen was seen advancing thro the wood in the direction of Neuse from the direction of Ville sur Ancre. Coy who occupied the Railway Sector opened fire on the party with Lewis Guns causing some 60% casualties. The artillery also caused havoc among the remainder. Later the attack on the 13th Bde 4th Division developed Opp. Mancourt.</p> <p>After some severe fighting the Hun managed to push thro to the line fell back some 300' where reorganization was undertaken under cover of ridge & a counter attack was pushed out by the 49th & 52nd Batt. It was a brilliant success regaining all lost ground & causing many casualties among the enemy.</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Neaucourt L'Abbe.	April 5th.		The barrage on Buis + Reuse was severe + caused many casualties amongst our battalions; but the line did not waver. The night was very quiet after the barrage ceased.	
L'Abbe.	April 6th.		<p>Battalion strength 48 officers 94 NCOs 673 men 2 men killed in action; 2 NCOs + 18 men evacuated wounded</p> <p>Weather fairly good; inclined to be dull, still our planes flew low over enemy lines fired on heavily by Stingers. Headquarters + front line system visited by officers of 38th Battalion.</p> <p>Our dispositions from Rt to left the A Coy B Coy C Coy with E Coy in Reserve.</p> <p>While shelling very bad between 11 am + 12 noon; Capt Giles of C Coy wounded. At 6.55 pm an answer to SOS put up by 4th Division artillery put down barrage; retaliation by enemy with SOS Barrage lasting until 7.20 pm.</p> <p>Buis Reuse + Bbbs heavily shelled.</p>	8

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Mencourt L'Abbé.	April 6th		Several casualties occurred. Weather became bad towards evening; light rain fell. Relief was carried out by a hitch. The Battalion took up reserve quarters in Rebemont.	
Rebemont	April 7th		Battalion Strength 47 officers 92 NCOs 658 men Capt Liles evacuated. 1 man killed in action 1 NCO + 2 men sick } evacuated 1 " + 14 " wounded } Lieut. Brophy took up duties as Senior Major of Fauvillers. Weather fine; men rested during the day. W.P.O. Supplied during the evening for work on forward area.	9
L'Abbé	April 8th		Batt Strength 47 officers 92 NCOs 651 men 1 man killed in action } evacuated. 6 men sick } Weather still fine. Major Howe Chaplain (R.C.) 40th Battalion.	10

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Rebent	April 8th		joined 19th Mess whilst our batt. in Rebent. W.P.s supplied during the day & evening for work in forward areas. Capt Jackson G.O. 3. P. 1918 & Lieut Stewart I.A.S.C. visited Batt.	
Rebent	April 9th		Batt. strength 47 Officers 92 NCOs 654 men 44 men on strength 1 man killed in actions off strength Lieut Jancey returned from English leave; Lieut Gorrard Acting Quartermaster returned to his Coy. Weather still fine. Two English aviators visited B.A. & were picked up & Capt Cunningham of Bde & conveyed by motor car to aerodrome. These two aviators came down behind B.A. near the cemetery having been shot down by enemy A.A. guns. Opposite visited the 37th Bn with a view to seeing the dispositions for the relief of 9/10th April. Relief of 37th by 39th took place Capt Hutch	

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Mancourt L'Abbi.	April 9th		Scops taken over was the re-barricade of Mancourt Wood sector. The 3rd Pioneer commenced to construct an underground battery in the rear of Mancourt Wood by tunnelling into a steep terrace	
L'Abbi.	April 10th		Battn strength 47 officers 100 NCOs 642 men 1 man killed in action; 1 man wounded 1 man sick; 1 man transferred to H.A.O.C S promoted NCO Capt Beavis (MC) to concentration camp Mancourt as an instructor w/ fewers gun Weather still fine. Great aerial activity on both sides.	12 13 14
L'Abbi.	April 11th		Battn strength 47 officers 100 NCOs 642 men. Weather very dull during the morning; improved during the afternoon when aerial activity was increased on both sides.	15

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Neaucourt L'Abbé.	April 11 th		Work continued on the improvement of trenches wiring of same visibility very good during the afternoon, plenty of movement noticed.	16
Neaucourt L'Abbé.	April 12 th		Batt strength 47 officers 100 NCOs 620 men 1 man wounded 1 man sick evacuated Weather very fine very similar to Australian Spring. Enjoyed immensely by all. Capt Jackson & Lt Gale visited the front line system. March Wood is now just on the stage of bursting into leaf. Wild flowers of beautiful colors very prevalent. Mobile Artillery regaining its known points. Very good shooting. Owing to fine weather aeroplanes were very busy on both sides. Large flights being involved One enemy plane which had been hit by machine gun bullet came down low & ran the gauntlet of Lewis Guns & Machine Guns & safely reached the lines. The Batt was relieved by 37th Bn & returned to supports.	17 6

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Mencourt L'Abbe.	April 13th.		<p>Battal Strength. 47 officers 100 NCOs 641 men 2 men taken on strength 1 evacuated sick</p> <p>Lt. Edward McDonald returned from 10th Coy General Course School.</p> <p>Battalion in occupation of Brown or Support line in the rear of Marett Wood.</p> <p>Work commenced on this line in the construction of new posts & improvement of existing ones.</p> <p>The dispositions were as follows from R.</p> <p>1 Coy 2 Coy 3 Coy 6 Coy in Reserve.</p> <p>Weather fine but visibility low. Forward area visited by Brigadier Genl W R Mc Nicol CMG D.S.O.; also by Capt Gamble Bde Major 10th Bde & Major McCormack of the Engineers. They inspected defences.</p> <p>Lt Col Paterson & Lt Shaw visited the support lines. with a view to strengthening same.</p>	

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Mencourt L'Abbe'	April 13th		Lt Lavin placed in charge of supplies whilst Lt Pentecost on rest.	
L'Abbe'	April 14th		<p>Batt Strength 47 officers 100 NCOs 641 men on strength + 1 off sick.</p> <p>Cops still in occupation of support line. Work of improving & constructing same proceeding apace including lowering & digging new posts. Also work done on Blue line for Reserve.</p> <p>Weather good but inclined to rain; visibility very low.</p> <p>Artillery activity very great on both^{low} sides; hostile retaliation very weak. Baths constructed for the use of the men by Battalion Pioneers. 7 showers supplying hot water.</p> <p>Lt Col Paterson & Capt Allsop R.M.O. visited the line morale of troops very good; never better.</p>	
Mencourt L'Abbe'	April 15th		Batt Strength 47 officers 100 NCOs 640 men	

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Mencaurt L'Abbe.	April 15th.		<p>If Gratton returned from Cope School one man evacuated (Self inflicted wound) Weather dull but shows signs of improvement. The nucleus at Villy, formed into a Reserve Battalion called B Echelon consisting of nucleus from 37th B 38th 39th 40th under the command of Major G. Hutton with Lt Mackenzie as Majorant. Work progressing on the Brown Line. Baths consisting of 800 Gallon tank supplying water to 7 showers made use of by corps & appreciated. Usual artillery state; little retaliation.</p>	18
Mencaurt L'Abbe.	April 16th.		<p>Battalion strength. 47 officers ¹⁰⁰ 760 men 2 men taken as strength 1 man evacuated sick. Weather fairly good. Reconnaissance made of the Battalion sector.</p>	19

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Mericourt L'Abbé.	April 16th		by officers concerned. The usual change over of officers took place; the relieved going back to Neilly. The relief of Battalion took place without a hitch & without incident. Completed by 11.30pm 39th Bn relieved 37th Bn in the 7th Sector of the Bde.	NP
Mericourt L'Abbé.	April 17th		Bn strength 47 officers 100 NCOs 639 men 2 men on strength 4 men evacuated sick In occupation of front line system; positions are strong. Today B Coy A Coy with Coy in Reserve. Weather dull; not too good for aerial activity & for observation. Our artillery fired on set targets during the day. Enemy artillery not very active on our forward area. However Mareth wood came in for a fair amt. of attention from hostile artillery.	21 22 13

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Moucaumont L'Abbe'	April 17th		<p>During the evening faulty shells were the cause of several of our 18 Pdrs shells falling in the vicinity of B.H.R.</p> <p>During the morning Capt Bean correspondent with A.I.F. visited an I.F. where he took a photo of the construction of new work & then proceeded to Bwire where he took a series of panoramic photos of the casualty stations where the 13th Bde made the counter attack on the 5th April.</p>	
Moucaumont L'Abbe'	April 18th		<p>Batt. Strength. 49 Offrs incl W.D. 661 men</p> <p>Lt. H.W. Senior + Lt R Young taken on strength</p> <p>4 NCOs + 22 men also taken on strength</p> <p>Weather very dull. clouds being too low for aerial activity.</p> <p>During the morning several 4.5 Howo shells fell in the vicinity of front line; Artillery notified but the actual battery responsible can't be traced. Head quarters was visited by the</p>	<p>23</p>

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Moycourt L'abbé	April 18th		<p>O.C. the 18 Jtrs + 4.5 Hows of the Mobile Batteries covering our sector / 6th Army Bde. re the Got shooting. They convinced us that they want to blame.</p> <p>Some movement noticed in the enemy line.</p> <p>Work carried on by the various Corps such as wiring in front of posts, digging new posts & improving old.</p> <p>Our bombing planes active during the evening.</p> <p>Col Ford of Capt. Conick's tank was seen visited our HQ.</p>	23
Moycourt L'abbé	April 19th		<p>Batt strength 49 Offrs 104 NCOs 660 men</p> <p>1 man on strength 2 vac? Sick</p> <p>The weather was just ideal, suitable for aeroplanes & good observation. Our artillery planes active all day but nothing seen of hostile machines. Enemy shelling was rather persistent thro' out the day, whilst our artillery was not as active as usual.</p>	25

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Neuquaint L'Abbe'	April 19th.		Fair amount of movement of enemy noticed thru out the day but nothing above normal. Our artillery carried out a hook during the evening. Bombing planes of both sides busy during the evening. One being recognized by the sounding of Claxton horns. Capt Lambie Bde Mgr visited our Headquarters.	26
Neuquaint L'Abbe'	April 20th.		Batt strength. 48 officers 104 NCOs 674 men 15 men on strength 2 men evacuated sick Lt Grayling evacuated wounded.	27
			Weather fine Artillery planes busy all day over enemy forward area. No sign of enemy planes. Molitor enterprise carried out by Lt Grayling & 14 OR's with 1 flwr. Gun Report attached.	28

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Mancourt Labbe	April 20 th		<p>1st Grayling with a machine gun bullet thro. the shoulder was the only casualty.</p> <p>Artillery shoots on strong pts with excellent results.</p> <p>Enemy planes of fighting type flew low over our forward area; fired on heavily by AA guns.</p> <p>Very little enemy ground movement. Capt Cumming + Lt Smith of Pde Bns visited our HQ.</p> <p>During the evening we were relieved by the 37th Bn + completed at 11.30pm.</p>	<p>29</p>
Mancourt Labbe	April 21 st		<p>Batt. strength 48 Off. 106 NCO: 679 men.</p> <p>1 man wounded + 5 men sick evacuated</p> <p>2 NCO: + 11 men on strength</p> <p>Batt. now in support trenches. Lt Col Peterson, Capt Booth Lt Ware + Shaw reconnoitred the new support position to be taken up on the evening of 22/23rd. when a side slip takes place</p>	<p>30</p>

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Mericoourt L'Abbe'	April 21 st		<p>Lt Jarvis reported to Bde as Bde A.A. L.G.O. His place was taken by Lt A.E. Bruce.</p> <p>Towards evening the famous Airman Capt von Richtofen whilst following up one of our artillery planes was shot down by an Artillery anti aircraft Lewis Gun.</p>	30
Mericoourt L'Abbe'	April 22 nd		<p>Batt. Strength 48 offrs 106 NCO + 678 men 1 man in strength 2 men wounded evacuated.</p> <p>Lt James & Shaw visited the new support line to locate lines of communications. Lt Grayford & Prentice discussed the means of supply for this new line.</p> <p>The weather being fine aircraft on both sides was excessively active. An enemy plane shot down by one of our planes fell behind our lines.</p> <p>The New Zealanders made an attack at 7 pm at Aveluy near Albert.</p>	31

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Mancourt Labbé.	April 22 nd .		<p>Lt J Stewart + W Richards are granted the tempo. ranks of Captains.</p> <p>Honors + Awards granted to NCOs + men for good work from the 28th March to the 9th April.</p> <p>3 members of the 1st Bn. 10th Field Ambulance gave us a small but interesting concert in the B.H.Q. Mess during the evening.</p>	
Mancourt Labbé.	April 23 rd .		<p>Batt strength, 48 off. 105 NCOs 684 men 6 men on strength; 1 NCO evacuated wounded.</p> <p>Gas Bombardments of K 76 at 3am + 3.30am for a period of 3 mins each.</p> <p>On the evening of the 21st L Coy, who occupied the 1st flank returned to the village of Mancourt + B Coy on the centre gave up a post which was south of the grid line running thro T10 Central + T11 Central, which is now the brigade boundary.</p> <p>On the evening of the 22nd A Coy + L Coy took up new support.</p>	27

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Noyerscourt Labbé.	April 23rd.		<p>which runs from D28d.35 thro D28b, D29a, D29c + D23d.</p> <p>The divisional boundary lies on D29d.77.</p> <p>The dispositions are now B Coy 6 Coy, A Coy 7 Coy.</p> <p>23rd. Continued:</p> <p>The weather very fine, our troops are in fine weather. Moral excellent. The Battalion on our left is 28th Bn.</p> <p>Great aerial activity. Its Senior + Young linked up with the Battalion from B Echelon which is billeted in Noyerscourt.</p> <p>Capt Simble, 10th B. Co; Lt Mitchell + representatives of the 11th Bde re-connotted the front line trench, some of systems taken over by 11th Bde from 10th Bde and found no ground for the complaint lodged by the 11th Bde concerning the unsatisfactory state of the systems.</p> <p>Lt Shaw + James visited the 39th Bn HQ to obtain the dispositions for the relief due on the 25th.</p>	

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Moucaunt Labbé	April 24th		Batt Strength 47 off. 105 N60682 men 1 man evacuated wounded. 1 man sick vac'd. Lt Hepburn wounded	
			The dawn of day brought an organized gas shelling of enemy forward & back areas by our artillery; but at 4 am when another round started Fitz retaliated with Gas Shells on Moucaunt, Ribemont, Melly, & then down south to Corbie, continuing for some 3 hours. This was in conjunction with his attack on Hillers Bretonneuse. The Gas used consisted of Green Cross & Yellow Cross, about 2000 shells must have fallen in this zone	
			Casualties very light. 5 wounded amongst them being Lt Hepburn, who received a very rather nasty wound on the back of the head.	
			Lt McDonald took over the duties of Ob of Supplies from Lt Pentice, who returned to his position of Bombing Officer. Owing to the Gas, Returns were delayed some 5 hrs	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Mericourt L'Abbe.	April 26th.		<p>Batt strength 46 offro 105 N60r 689 men 8 men taken on strength 1 young evacuated sick. Progress being made with the tunnelling of the terrace for the construction of B.H.D. Thro' out the day our Artillery has been very active on definite targets including No. 10 Lancourt. No definite plane activity during the day as the weather was very dull the clouds being low. Very little evening movement. Good work being done on the linking up of posts & the thickening up of the existing wire. During the evening the Artillery put down several organised straps.</p>	<p>34 35 36</p>

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April 1918.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Mericourt L'Abbe'	April 25 th	/	<p>Batt strength 47 offrs 105 NCOs 681 men 1 man evacuated wounded</p> <p>Amzac Pass</p>	
			<p>Weather fine. Very little aerial activity up to noon. During the morning the artillery carried out organized shoots on known targets. During the afternoon rather more aerial activity. Opposite visited the 37th in front line with a view to relief. At tea in Hqs mess "the Toast" "Fallen Comrades" was drunk in silence on the occasion of the anniversary of the landing on Gallipoli. Relief of 37th by 39th was completed by 11.30 pm. 1 was carried out without hitch or incident. The limits of front line are now T12 central along the front of Marett Wood to D30C 45 25. The Reservations are 6 Coy Moor, 2 Coy with Moor in reserve near the NW corner of Marett Wood.</p>	33

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Morycourt L'Abbe'	April 27th		<p>Batt Strength 47 off 107 N60 678 men Lt Nelson, 1 N60 & 1 man taken to strength. 3 men promoted to rank of N60. 2 men killed in action 2 N60 & 7 men, were evacuated wounded. Lt Lelman gone to Gas School as an instructor. The weather good; aeroplane activity great, no signs however of enemy aeroplanes. Throughout the day our artillery active firing on Morycourt & on known strong pts. In the 1st time 6 Newtons fired on a strong pt in K/a. 40.30 with excellent results. Enemy artillery not very active. Plenty of enemy movement noticed. No aerial activity at night owing to the darkness.</p>	<p>38 39</p>

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Neuicourt L'Abbe.	April 27th		<p>Batt Strength. 146 offrs 106 NCOs 670 men 7 men transferred to MG Co 1 man sick evacuated.</p> <p>During the morning up to 6 am was nothing particular took place.</p> <p>When the visibility became better plenty of movement noticed showing that the relief of previous evening had been interfered with. This led to our Artillery shuffling known points thro' out the day.</p> <p>Our Artillery planes busy all day, accompanied by Armstrong Whitworth machines.</p> <p>Enemy Artillery only slightly active. Thro' out the morning plenty of movement noticed.</p> <p>Several 37th Officers visited HQ re the relief. The relief of 3rd Batt by 37th carried out without hitch or incident. Completed about 12.30 am.</p>	<p>43</p> <p>44</p> <p>45</p> <p>MB</p>

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Mericaunt Labbé	April 30th		<p><u>Patt. Strength.</u> 46 Offrs 106 NCO. 668 men 1 man wounded } evacuated 1 man sick</p> <p>weather good. The dispositions are as follows from Right Coy; C Coy; A Coy; B Coy.</p> <p>Nothing of note occurred during the day; B Major visited these Hqs. regarding the pushing forward of our front line of the R. Batt.</p> <p>During the evening Lt Moore, 2nd Lt Engineer, Lt Shaw Intelligence Officer; and Capt Richards reconnoitred a new position for the B Coy sector; which at present can be infiltrated; should the enemy get a footing on the edge of the Casualty clearing station opp. Mericaunt The line is to swing back from D. 23 C 30.00 to go in a NNE direction. This brings us more in touch with the support Battalion of the flank division</p>	

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Frank H. Shaw Lt.
39th Batt.

A. J. Petersen

Lt Col

Comd'g 39th Batt

Appendix 1.

39TH BATTALION A.I.F.Battalion Headquarters.
1st April 1918.

Memorandum - Administrative. No.5.

- Socks. 1. C's.C.Coys will ensure that all men have continual changes of socks, which are obtainable through the Q.M.
- Rations. 2. Reserve Company will supply all carrying parties and such fatigues as may be required.
- Boots. 3. It is hoped that, providing time will allow, as each Company becomes Reserve, a few men may be sent under an E.C.O. to the Q.M.Store (who are really badly in need of repairs) to have their boots mended. It must be kept in mind that a sudden "Stand to" may come so that the very minimum of men only are to be allowed to go & they must report back immediately repairs are effected.
- Clothing. 4. As there may be very little opportunity of obtaining fresh supplies during the present period, men must make every effort to conserve what they have and effect their own repairs. Supervision of this must be made by all Platoon Commanders.
- Billets. 5. C's.C.Coys may if they desire leave in billets their office Staff. But on no account are any men to be allowed to remain other than those doing duty with Cooks. It is essential that every available man is in the line.
- Water Bottles. 6. To be kept filled & that every man has his Iron Rations & Field Dressings.

J. Beardsley
Adj 39th Battalion A.I.F. Capt.

Distribution.

1/4	Coys.
5	Q.M.
6	Sig Officer.
7	War Diary.
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39th Battalion Routine Order No. 176 ^{176.}
by
T/Lieut Col A.T. Paterson, M.C. Commanding.

appendix 2
1.4.18.

1. Appointment. Major A.T. Paterson, M.C. to be Lieut-Colonel temporarily whilst commanding 39th Battalion A.I.F., dated 29.3.18, vice Lieut Col R.O. Henderson, D.S.O., evacuated wounded.

2. Courts of Inquiry. The following Officers are constituted a Court of Inquiry to be held in Billet occupied by Capt C.L. Giles, tomorrow 2nd April 1918 at 11.a.m. for the purpose of -

(1) Determining the fate of the following :-

No.	Rank	Name	Service	Date Missing	Date
788	CSM	Moore	A.R.	13.10.17	
1202	Sgt	Kyle	L.S.O.	"	13.10.17
1360	Dvr	Murphy	J.P.	"	13.10.17
1666	Pte	Hird	W.B.	"	13.10.17
2132	Pte	Meagher	J.P.	"	4.10.17
2391	Pte	White	E.J.	"	13.10.17
2401	Pte	Millane	L.	"	13.10.17
2611	Pte	Edwards	F.B.	"	13.10.17
2894	Pte	Stewart	H.J.	"	13.10.17
2901	Pte	Tate	H.	"	13.10.17
3041	Pte	Cassidy	G.H.	"	13.10.17
3070	Pte	George	J.S.	"	13.10.17
3148	Pte	Stait	C.H.	"	13.10.17
4372	Pte	Mulvihil	J.A.	"	13.10.17

reported Missing and of whom no further report has since been received.

(2) Inquiring into and reporting on the illegal absence of -

No. 1272 Pte Denholm R.A.F.
4273 Pte Campbell C.S.

PRESIDENT - Capt C.L. Giles.
MEMBERS - Lieut C.F. Mason.
Lieut E.H. Zelman, M.H.

3. Leave. No Warrant Officer N.C.O. or man will be granted 14 days leave unless he has been in France without leave for a period of 10 months.

4. Gas Casualties. Particular attention must be paid to all casualties caused through Gas - The following information must be obtained and forwarded to Battn H.Qrs in all cases where men are thought to be incapacitated through this means.

- Where & how the casualty occurred.
- The Time.
- The precautions taken.
- Any further remarks.

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

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39TH BATTALION A. I. F.

Battalion Headquarters.
1st April 1918.

SECRET.

Memorandum No. 1.

In connection with the relief of the 31st Ult. -
Dispositions of Battalions are now as follows :-

- 38th Battalion - "A" Battn.
- 37th " - "B" "
- 39th " - "C" "
- 40th " - "D" " RIBEMONT (Reserve)

"C" Battalion holds the main line of resistance and in the event of attack on this front, this line is to be held at all costs.

All Officers must make themselves thoroughly acquainted with the whole line - Reconnoitre the ground in front to ascertain the most likely way an attack would develop and the best means of countering it, as dispositions may have to be altered at short notice, so that it is necessary that all Officers are familiar with the whole front held by this Battalion and not confined to their own particular sector.

Dispositions are as follows :-
Right Flank - A.Coy, C.Coy - Centre, D.Coy - Left Flank.
B.Company - Reserve, latter to be held in continual readiness to be used as required. Reserve Company must arrange for its "Alarm Post" on receipt of "Stand to" on warning of attack. Immediately the Company is assembled an Officer must report to these Headquarters for instructions.

[Handwritten Signature]

Capt.
Adj 39th Battalion A.I.F.

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39TH BATTALION A.I.F.

SECRET.

Order No. 31. (31.)

3rd April 1918.

Appendix 4

Map Reference - MBRT 1/40,000.

Intention. 1. 39th Battalion will relieve the 37th Battalion A.I.F. on the night of 3rd/4th April 1918 in Left Battn Sector.

Relief. 2.

A. Company	39th Battn	relieves	A. Company	37th Battn.
B	"	"	C.	"
C	"	"	D	"
D	"	"	B	"

Disposition. 3. A. Company - Right Flank, B. Company - Centre, D. Company - Left Flank, C. Company - Reserve.

Carrying Parties. Reserve Company will supply all carrying parties.

Guides. 5. Guides from 37th Battalion will report to O's.C. Coys. On taking over positions each Company will provide 1 Guide to take the 37th Battn back to position occupied by this Battn

Movement. 6. No movement of Troops will commence until 8.30.p.m.

Route. 7. A. Company will travel by road leading through J.11.C., J.11.A., J.3.d. Remainder will move by road in following order - B. B. C. Coys Guides of 37th Battalion will select route. H.Qrs will move independently.

Reconnaissance. Percentage of Officers will reconnoitre their opposite as soon as possible.

Reports. 9. Reports to be sent by runner to B.H.Q. on completion of relief. Battalion H.Qrs will be situated at J.5.a.15.99.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

Ph Beauchamp
Capt.

Adj 39th Battalion A.I.F.

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Appendix 5

Intelligence Summary 39th Bn
Mid bank 34.18 to bank 4.4.18

Our Operations

Our Artillery

Fired on various targets throughout the day & night.

At 9pm 6" shells from one of our batteries fell short in vicinity of bridge at D 3:0-68. One fell 50' on road side of bridge & 2 fell in the river. Liaison Officer was at once informed and information sent to batteries which were firing from Breche.

Machine Guns

Throughout the night were busy firing indirect fire on selected targets.

Snipers

near bridge in D 3:0 claim
2 hits on enemy seen near cemetery in Ville.
Busy all day.

Scout

Patrol reports attached.
The scout covered the relief of 37th by 39th.

Aeroplanes

Active ~~to~~ all day. At 9:30 am a fight was observed between 4 of our planes & 1 of enemy. Report loss to either side.

Relief

Commencing at 8:30 pm the 39th Bn relieved the 37th Bn. Relief completed by about 11:30 pm.

Appendix 5

Enemy Operations

Artillery About 15 5.9° fell near Baine Church between 10 am & 11.30 am. About the same time Maxwell Wood was shelled by 5.9°. No damage done. Guns fired from direction of Mottan court.

At 10 pm 8 rounds heavy mortar burst over Trance.

Machine Guns

Very inactive. At 9 pm enemy MG located at E.25.C.9. Artillery notified they fired on spot but as machine guns did not fire again we cannot say with what result.

Aeroplanes Active all day.

Movement

5 men carrying bags entered a mound at K1A55 (time not stated)

Very little movement noted. At 6.30 am 5 men seen moving north along road in K2A further off than hedge K1B61. 11.30 am

One transport wagon was seen in E28A moving towards MEAULTE.

A position seems to be established on skyline at road in E30-C (or possibly in E30-F). Frequently men are seen to pass a gap hurriedly & jump into trench.

Appendix 5

Men are frequently seen in
 ones & twos on forward slopes
 W E 28 + E 23 making towards
 # MEAULTE and always hurry.

Apparently the activities
 of our artillery in getting on
 to forward parties has made
 them careful.

Miscellaneous.

At about 11 pm a
 fire was started in Belle
 Our House, still burning when
 last report came in.

Frank McHaw
 J. G. Barton



Appendix 6

Intelligence Summary
 30th Nov
 Period from 4.4.15
 to 5.4.15.

Nav Operations

Artillery Our Artillery fired intermittently throughout the day on selected targets. About 5 pm our Artillery opened a general shrapnel lasting about one hour falling along the whole front starting just in front of our posts & working back to skyline. The Wood in E 26 received a fair bit of the shrapnel.

Machine Guns From 3 pm onwards the machine guns fired indiscriminately on targets probably moving targets nothing noticed owing to low visibility.



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Aeroplanes.

owing to the rain very little activity, some of our planes however flew low over his lines.

Sub.

See Scouts' Report.

EnemyOperations.Artillery.

Practically inactive all day; observations being very slight for the ant. sent down by us.

Machine Guns.

No G. active along the Meuse Valley Road; probably from the Cemetery in K.I.A.; probable location K.I.A. 6.6.

Aeroplanes

Nil.

Movement.

Between 9 pm + 11 pm transport heard on road.



Going from Hill to Poyan court.

1.15 pm.

4 Hours moving along
Dunker Road stopped behind
hedge in K.S.D. Smoke issued
from same spot in 3 places.

1.15 pm

4 Hours moving from
south thro. K.V. & disappeared
in h. 6. 5 minutes after smoke
issued from this spot. The exact
location of these spots will be
obtained as soon as weather
clears up.

Very light

Have advanced about 500'
close to our lines. See Scout
Reports; verified from Coy.



Bar work.

During the night 200⁺ round
in front of the boys' front.
with low trajectory & diagonals.

Visibility

Very bad all day.

Attitude

Very quiet; less than
normal may mean
something very soon.

Mark H. Shaw, Lt.
39th Bn



Patrol Reports.
 nights 4th/_{5th} April 18

Six patrols operated on the
 Battalion frontage from 8pm to
 dawn

No 1 Patrol. Left front line at 8pm,
 strength 5 from bridge at D 30. a. 66.
 and patrolled a road
 1/2 way towards V 1245 -
 Dur. ANCKE.

Enemy post: has been
 located at E. 25. c. 05. 40.
 Men were heard coughing
 and talking in the post
 between 8pm and 11.30pm.

2 Heavy rights fired
 during shift. Appeared
 to come from East side
 of ridge, which runs
 through K 1. and T.

Machine Gun
 near E. 25. c. 2. 3. fired
 8 bursts, firing towards
 copse, T. 6. c.

No 2 Patrol. Moved out from air line
 strength 5. at 8pm. from T. 6. g. 6. 35.
 proceeding along roadway.



2
Towards fork roads at J.G.B.
central. Hence south across
front to right flanks.

37th Battalion Scouts
stated that a sniper was
situated in a broken down
tank at J.G.B. R. 50.

A thorough reconnaissance
of the tank was made, but
no signs of recent occupation,
no evidence.

Voices were heard
during shift, which
appeared to come from
vicinity Munken road
in K. I. and C.

Machine Gun
situated on right of
Cemetery fired several
bursts. Cannon gave
accurate location.

Light Transport was
heard at intervals
moving between VILLERS
ANCRE and DEK'NANCOURT.

Co. Patrols
Strength 5 and patrolled in
front of Right Companies
10.15



Machine Gun fire
very active, between 1st
midnight and 1.30 am
Guns fired from direction
of Cemetery. Rifle shots,
were fired from this
position.

Nois again heard
coming from direction
of Sunken Road in K. area

No 4 Patrol. Left front line from
Strength 5. Bridge at D. 30 d. 6. 6. at
11.30 pm. and patrolled
along road away.

Machine Gun, fired
from post, which was
located during shift,
Several bursts, fire
directed towards SOUTH
edge MARETT WOOD.

No 5 Patrol. Left front line at 2.45 am.
and looked along front.
Machine Gun hear
Cruicifig fired several
bursts of fire.



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106. Patrol. Patrol left front line at
 strength 5. 2.45 am and patrolled
 along our front.

For the posts that have
 been dug in T. 6. along
 grid line which divides
 C+D squares, there is a lot
 of German equipment,
 and many beef tins.

Machine gun on
 right of cemetery fired
 two short bursts of fire.

General.

NOT any signs of enemy
 movement or patrols

No enemy artillery
 activity.

Our artillery
 shelled VILLE SUR ANCRE
 continuously throughout
 the night.

5. A. 18.

W. J. M. H. S.
 39th Bn. A.I.F.



Intelligence Summary
 4th Battalion
 Appendix 7
 Wood beam 5415
 beam 5418

Other Operations

Artillery

Artillery inter-communication
 unit's name when heard up in
 answer to German messages

7:30 am - 7:45 am started out
 an organized shoot.

From this time onwards fired
 on selected targets.

11:15 am fire on party of Boer
 at Thong was 11:15-80.

Expensive some other many
 casualties.

Machine Guns

had indirect fire

Snipers

blown many hits on Boer



attempting to return to Villa our
 known from positions where cut
 up by D Coy (reported Eleven
airplanes None reported.

Scouts See attached Scout Report

Enemy Operations

Artillery

At 6:50 am the
 enemy put down a Barrage
 on Breva, Runic &
 Communications.

The Barrage appeared to have
 back ward & forward along
~~the~~ ground between Verba
 & railway line between
 D 29 & 15 & 16



Station. Most of the fire was searching for batteries, whilst also attempted to cut off communications.

This hostile shelling continued thro'out the day with a few short spells, finished about 7.30 pm. Much damage has been done to railway line especially at Dig. d. w. 55 the Railway crossing & villages of Trouc & Burey.

The shells used varied from 77° to 59°. Mostly 4.2° + 5.9°.

Machine Guns

Very inactive

Mt. Al Knabb fired several bursts during the night

Snipers

inactive

Aeroplanes

Altho. misty some

several times during the



day. E. low flying aeroplanes
came across, & flew over the
lines, over Barrett's wood & down
Railway line.

At 2 pm EA flying low fired
on roads in Truse.

Papolo.

How team - 11 am
Enemy in party estimated
300 moved from direction of
Hills over L'Ance towards Truse
passing thro D90 C.V.O.

casualties inflicted by Lewis
Gun & Rifle fire up to 60%
of party. The remaining troops
made their way back to Hills
over L'Ance in small parties
harassed by our Snipers, who
claim to have accounted
for many.

During the leaving the Scouts



Made endeavours to get identifications but owing to rifle fire were unable to penetrate far enough into wood. (See Scout reports).

Under heading over Artillery the party of 30 Boche must have been stragglers from the above party which was put up by Lewis Gun & Rifle fire.

Enemy Offence.

The 1st intimation that we ~~had~~ received concerning the attack was at 1.50 pm, ^{to be} ~~when~~ there were seen advancing between railway & river just west of German court. At 4.50 pm word was received ^{from our left flank} that 52nd Bn had fallen back on line with pioneers in D 24.

At 5.35 pm a runner from pioneers reported to 06 Coy



(the Coy on our left flank)
that a counter attack was in
progress & was progressing
favorably.

At 6:45 pm Capt Rose of
Pioneers reported that word had
just been received that the
52nd Ptn had restored the line
held by them before the attack.

This was confirmed by O.C.

Coy 39th who offered touch
with the 52nd Ptn & on

questioning the officer found
that the 52nd had re-established
line along railways & were in
touch with the Ptn on their
flanks. This was at 8:15 pm.

Also confirmed by O.C. Pioneers
at 11:20 pm.

General:

The river is reported to be
18" below normal but still
has a depth of 18" to 21"



near post (Lg) near Railway
 crossing on 29 d.

Fall reported to be due
 to shell damaged water gates.

It is reported that enemy
 heavy artillery was directed
 at this gate during the day
 & a direct hit obtained.

Attitude. The situation is again
 normal.

Frank W. Shaw
 30 39 1918



Patrol Reports
 Night 5th/6th April 18

All six patrols operated on the
 Battalion front from 8pm to 6am.

No 1 Patrol Patrol operated in front
 of bridge in D304.
 Machine Gun fire hit.
 Rifle fire - 12 shots fired.

No 2 Patrol Patrol left wood on
 right of front at 8pm and
 worked down towards T.6.14.50.
 Patrol endeavored
 to obtain identifications
 from T.6.14.77, positions
 taken up by enemy this
 morning. Numerous
 rifles were being fired from
 the wood. Patrol proceeded
 a short way into the wood,
 owing to the rifle fire they
 were unable to proceed
 further.
 Machine Gun in
 vicinity fired several
 short bursts of fire.



2
 Search lights - 4 fired.
 Two from North East end
 of VILLE SUR HAUCHE and two
 from behind ridge
 opposite Right of Battalion
 front.

3
 Patrol strength 5. Left front line at 11.30pm
 from Ridge D 30 d. and
 patrolled on right of the
 roadway.

No trace of enemy
 wounded or dead, could
 be found.

Machine guns in
 vicinity fired 3 bursts of
 fire.

Rifle fire hit.

4
 Patrol strength 8. Patrol left front line at
 11.30pm and patrolled
 in front of company sector.
 Enemy were heard
 coughing and talking
 in the wood. Voices
 appeared to come from
 direction of Eastern edge
 of the wood.



Transport was heard moving in rear of enemy lines.

405 Patrol. Patrol left front line strength 8 from bridge in D. 30 cl. at 2.45 am. Machine Gun and rifle fire, etc.

416 Patrol. Patrol left front line strength 5 and patrolled in front of company front from 2.45 to 5.30 am. Voices heard coming from direction of eastern edge of wood. Light pick. No enemy artillery activity. Our artillery active throughout the night.

6.4.18
 [Signature]
 39th Bn A.I.F.



appendix 8

Intelligence Summary
 3rd Bn 4.1.18
 Field guns 6.4.18
 11 pm 6.4.18

Artillery Fired
 intermittently thro' out the day on
 selected targets. At 3.15 pm our 18 pdrs
 fired many shells on to hedge in
 Kib. Result not apparent.

Machine Guns Fired
 several bursts of indirect fire
 thro' out the night.

Snipers Not reported.

Aeroplanes At 3 pm
 6 of our low flying planes flew



Over enemy lines. Heavily fired
on by MG & anti-aircraft guns.
Also large flights busy during
the morning.

Scouts see Scout Report.

The Scouts covered the relief
& at same time secured
identifications from dead bodies
at 1664360. He was of
the 2nd Coy 3rd Jäger Battalion
(Brandenburgers). Identifications
forwarded with this report.

Relief of 39th Bn by
38th Commenced at 8.30 pm
& finished at approx. 9 pm.
Everything went off without
hitch or incident.



Enemy OperationsArtillery.

The light caliber shells
came from direction of
Myloncourt whilst heavier
fire from direction of Bray.

8.15 - 8.30 am

8 light shells
in vicinity of railway in S 5

10.30 am - 11 am

30 light shells
into Meuse.

11 am - 12.15 pm

Meuse -
shelled heavily at short
intervals.

At 6.55 pm our
answers to our S.O.S. our
artillery put down a
barage when upon the
enemy also put up his



S.O.S. signal & retaliated;
 he shelled Puvie, Meuse
 & Grand Bessin Stps. The
 shoot lasted from 7 pm - 7:30 pm.
 Now information received
 no infantry action took
 place.

Machine Guns

Inactive

Snipers

Inactive

Aeroplanes

11:15 am - 11:20 am

5 enemy low flying planes
 over pt half of Bessin sector
 driven off with MG fire

2:45 pm

5 enemy
 planes over our lines driven



off by anti aircraft guns.

Noon - 12-10 pm

One enemy plane
flew low ~~along~~ ^{above} posts along railway
Down off by M & fire

Patrols

None seen

Identifications

3rd Jäger Co.
(Brandenburgers).

Movements:-

1 pair of enemy
moving along road in E27a
& E26b. Also movement
in wood in E26a.

1.30 pm

Party of about
50 men moved along road



Running between as rd and west
Spring in direction of Derran court
10 horses grazing on crop in the rd.

3.15 pm - 4 pm

Considerable
movement seen on slopes
in vicinity of Derran court

4.10 pm

7 enemy got out or
stragglers at K1 B 3050, &
disappeared from view.

4.15 - 5 pm

40 men came
down from direction of
Marlborough to Hill Sur
Area at intervals of about
50.

6 pm

Considerable movement
in vicinity of Derran court.

6.10 pm

15 enemy to small



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parties went over hill moving from
 road ~~to~~ east of hills for ~~some~~ in
 direction of Molesworth.

Attitude At 11 pm 6/4/18 everything
 normal.

Frank M. Shaw
 39
 7.4.18



39TH BATTALION A.I.F.

Appendix 9

Memorandum - Administrative No.6
 by
 T/Lieut Col A.T.Paterson, M.C., Commanding.

7th April 1918.

1. **Property.** Area Orders for troops billeted in RIBEMONT -
 The following instructions are republished for information :-
 "Every Endeavour must be made to protect private property.
 All buildings are out of bounds to troops except those which
 are occupied by them. Men discovered in buildings without
 authority will be subject to disciplinary action under the
 charge of - "Looting".
2. **Livestock.** The killing of Stock, Poultry, Pigeons etc is prohibited.
 Any man found in the possession of any of these will be subject
 to disciplinary action under the before mentioned charge.
3. **Lights.** Lights must be carefully screened, and fires will only be
 lighted for cooking purposes and then only by authority of
 O.C. Company who will be responsible that no smoke is
 visible from the front.
4. **Aeroplane Reconnaissance.** It is the usual tendency on hearing Anti-Aircraft & Machine
 Guns open fire on Enemy Aircraft, for personnel to rush out
 to ascertain the cause of the disturbance. It is pointed out
 that this is what the enemy desires, who thereby ascertains
 that troops are in occupation of villages - Such information
 is given to Enemy Artillery with the result that villages
 are bombarded that otherwise might have been left alone.
5. **Box Respirators.** The wearing of Box Respirators must be rigidly observed
 during the occupation of this area.
6. **Leave.** No Officer or man will be allowed in AMIENS without a pass
 signed by his Commanding Officer.

Richardson
 Capt.
 Adj 39th Battalion A.I.F.

Distribution.

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- 2 Adj.
- 3/6 Coys.
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- 8 Sig Officer.
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39th Battalion Routine Order No. 177

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3.4.18

Appendix 10

by

T/Lieut Col A.T. Paterson, I.C., Commanding.

Promotions. 1. The following promotions are made to complete establishment.

To be Temporary Sergeants -

No. 2078 L/Cpl	Gardiner J.W.	-	Dated	10.3.18
2574 Cpl	Ironmonger H.C.	-		19.3.18
2393 Cpl	Waters L.	-		1.4.18
535 Cpl	McGregor W.T.	-		1.4.18

To be Temporary Corporals -

No. 4592 L/Cpl	Gwinn T.G.	-		10.3.18
1207 L/Cpl	Felkes S.J.	-		1.4.18
7060 L/Cpl	Menagh R.	-		3.4.18
3106a L/Cpl	Lewis E.A.	-		4.4.18
3334 L/Cpl	Salceba C.J.	-		3.4.18
2371 Pte	Ward H.	-		27.3.18

To be Temporary Lance Corporals -

No. 1214 Pte	Duff A.	-		7.4.18
3218 Pte	Olsen A.V.	-		7.4.18
2074 Pte	Forbes R.A.	-		7.4.18
1349 Pte	Jenkins W.C.	-		7.4.18

ADDITIONAL

To be Temporary Corporal -

No. 259 L/Cpl	Brown J.A.	-		3.4.18
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Precautions 2. All Officers & men are cautioned to be on their guard against indiscriminate & irregularly passed orders & messages to "Retire" against False orders. or "Withdraw".

Alarmist Discours. 3. A number of cases have been substantiated of reports and messages attributed to enemy agents being traced to unguarded talk of soldiers who have either believed what they have said to be true or else were affected with panic.

Alarming & discouraging reports should not be made. This offense is made heavily punishable by Section 5 of the Army Act.

THOMAS L. BROWN

signed

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

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Intelligence Summary
 3rd Battalion A.I.F.
 Period. 6pm 9.4.18
 to 6am 10.4.18

Own Operations

Appendix II

Relief

3rd relieved 9th at
 11.30pm 9.4.18 in the 7th Battalion
 trench. Every thing carried out
 to plan with no incident.

Artillery

Action all night
 using both HE & Gas
 shells.

Machine Guns

Fired many bursts
 of indirect fire thru out
 the night.

Snipers

Not reported.

Aeroplane

active since dawn



Sans covered the base camp *
 Operated until day breaks.
 See attached report.

Enemy Operations

Artillery With the exception
 of artillery reported by 3rd Lt
 none to report.

Machine Guns Practice

Patrols None seen

Aerial activity Nil.

Maxims Nil.

Attitude Very quiet.

Notes Frank A. Shaw
 20 Sept.



Patrol Reports.

Right of 10th April 1918.

Six patrols operated on the Battalion front from time of relief to daybreak.

No. 1 Patrol. Left front line at 5.30 am. Right of Battalion front at 11 pm. and patrolled along front.

Three Verey lights were fired, which appeared to be fired a considerable distance in rear of his line.

Not any machine gun or rifle fire.

No. 2 Patrol. Patrol left front line from 5.30 am. and patrolled along front till 11 pm.

No rifle or machine gun fire.

No. 3 Patrol. Patrol left front line from left of Battalion sector at 11 pm. and patrolled along front.



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till 2³⁰ am.
 No Rifle or Machine
 Gun fire.
 No. our artillery active.
 Moving on VILLE SUR AVREK.

No 4 Patrol. Left front line at 2 am
 strength 5. and patrolled No.
 1000 area. until 5.30 am
 No Rifle or Machine
 Gun fire.
 Nothing to report.

1st Patrol. Left front line 2 am
 strength 5 and patrolled in front
 of Company sector.
 No Rifle or Machine
 Gun fire.

1st Patrol. Left front line 2 am
 strength 5. and patrolled in front of
 Company sector.
 No Rifle or Machine
 Gun fire.
 No signs or
 sounds of enemy patrol.
 Night exceptionally
 quiet.

10.4.18. Blugash Pt.
 3rd Bn 1st Div.



Intelligence Summary39th Battⁿ AIF

period 6am - 6pm

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Our operationsArtillery

Good information
this'out the period are selected
targets.

3pm fired on suspected
MG positions at Sbd 3045
& Sbd 6075. No results
will be having another go
No 5th
did not fire

Snipers

Firing this morning
fired but no hit
claimed.

Aeroplane Busy all day
especially flying low over
known lines.

Work Rtg report
clearing out of trenches



Centre Coy Improving platoon posts

Left Coy 50 men Digging
dugouts; improving
existing latrines; cleaning
up of lines + road

Enemy Operations

Artillery Inactive until
5.30 pm when 12
7.7" fell on Sth edge
of Barrett Wood.

M G Inactive
169th expected at
1663045 + 16660
based on report received.

Wipers Busy all morning
no hits

Aeroplanes
Active during the
morning



810 am } 6 planes flew toward
815 am } our lines from direction
of Morlan court, driven off
by our anti aircraft guns

940 am } one plane flew low
945 } over rt half Patton
sector. Driven off by
our anti aircraft guns

Movement

One Gun moving
at different times all the
morning from E 25 to
Morlan court track.

Miscellaneous

Enemy has 100' of
barb wire remaining this
KIC.

630 am Smoke rising in
in enemy's lines in
K 16 4070.

Attitude Normal
Frank R. Shaw
20/24

10/14/18



30th Battalion Routine Order No.178
by
T/Lieut Col A.T. Paterson, M.C., Commanding.

10.4.18
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Promotions. 1. End Lieut J.R. Dunstan to be Lieutenant dated 19th February 1918

Corrigenda. 2. No. 535 Cpl McGregor W.T. to be substantive Sergeant vice

Promotions. No. 305 Sgt A. Levy Killed in Action.

This deletes promotion to temporary Sergeant shown in Batta R.O. No.177 dated 8.4.18.

No.2078 L/Cpl Gardiner J.W. to be substantive Corporal vice
No. 535 Cpl W.T. McGregor promoted to Sgt to complete establish-
ment.

No.2078 Cpl Gardiner J.W. promoted temporary Sergeant as shown
in Batta R.O. No.177 dated 8.4.18, to complete establishment.

No.11738 A/Cpl Hair S.G. to be substantive Corporal to complete
establishment dated 1.4.18.

No.2034 L/Cpl Saleeba C.J. to be substantive Corporal to
complete establishment.

This deletes temporary promotion shown in Batta R.O. No.177
dated 8.4.18.

In appointments to temporary Lance Corporals, delete the word
Temporary & read "Lance Corporals" to complete establishment.

Next of Kin 3. All ranks of the A.I.F. are notified that on change of or
Notification in alteration of Next of Kin subsequent to enlistment, owing
changes of - to death, marriage etc, or on change of address of Next of
Kin, a notification to that effect stating full particulars
must be forwarded to this office.

(Sgd) L.L. Beauchamp Capt.
Adj 30th Battalion A.I.F.

Intelligence Summary

39th BATT AIIF

Period 6pm 10.4.18 }
7am 11.4.18 }

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Our Operations

ARTILLERY

Fired intermittently
thru' out the night.

MACHINE GUN

Not reported.

SCOUTS

See Scouts' report

AEROPLANES

NIL

SNIPERS

NIL

WORK

RT Coy

Ports cleaned
Out & drained. Shelters
improved & re-made dug.
Reinforcement made
to connect up with Centre
Coy. Working & few more
put out in front of ports.



Centre Coy

Improvements in front of posts. Posts being extended & new fire bays built. Mines deeper & improved. Digouts built.

Left Coy

Connecting up posts & improving same

Reserve Coy

Connecting up posts.

Enemy Operations

ARTILLERY NIL

MACHINE GUN

Normally active. MG suspected by K8C fire across Str Central. Another suspected by K7A.

SNIPERS

NIL.



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MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

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

TO {

R. W. L.

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
<i>11. 19</i>	<i>11</i>		

Situation normal

From	<i>John</i>	<i>R. W. L.</i>
Place		
Time		

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AEROPLANES

NIL

PATROLS

NIL

WORK

Between 8 pm - 11 pm
 heard
 Hisses, being driven into
 ground opposite at Coy Sector.

Noise & voices heard in
 Ambushment at 16d 3 +
 between 8 pm - 11 pm.

Between 2 am - 5.30 am

Opp R1 Coy Sector
 Hearing heard however
 about K70.

Very light

Noticeable increase

Attitude

Normal

11/4/18.

Frank R. Shaw Esq

10.54th

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Intelligence

Kind - gain - 4pm
11.4.15

Our operations

Artillery

Trud thru out the day on selected targets.

6am - 7am

3 shells on road in

Kid 20.60

8.30 am

2 shells on road in

Kid 10.30

10am

1 pm first shell on
our mortar

4pm

15 shells bursting on enemy
forward positions in K 7
+ K 13

5pm - 5.30pm

every position in
K 7 shelled at intervals

French Mortars

Observed 7000 shells
falling in Hill over line
suggest French Mortars.

Machine Guns

Inactive

Patrols

NIL



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.....		By.....			

TO {

R. W. L.

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* <i>Al 14</i>	<i>10</i>		

Situation normal

From	<i>R. W. L.</i>
Place	<i>Al 14</i>
Time	

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Snipers Nil

Work Improving posts & dugouts
in both front & support lines

Aeroplanes

Very active this afternoon.
Our machines flew both high
& low over enemy lines.

Enemy Operations

Artillery

10.30 am 6 heavy shells into
Barricade; also 3 10lb bombs
near road in K12a.

Machine Guns Nil

Patrols Nil

Snipers Slightly active;
no casualties

Aeroplanes Active this afternoon
flying high over our
forward area.



Movement

During the morning observations
bad.

7:35 am Smoke rising from K16102.

5 am 12 Huns moving from direction
of Malancourt towards Belle sans
Ance, into which they disappeared

2 pm Large yellow dog travelling
from Belle sans to
Malancourt.

7:10 pm 2 Huns observed in
K126070; stood for few
minutes + went back to
village of Belle

2:30 pm one Hun came from
houses on rt side of road at
K127080 + went up and
into village

5:30 pm Observed Huns in track
at different intervals all
afternoon moving along road
from K3 thro E27 + E26
going in direction of Belle
sans



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

TO { *[Handwritten signature]*

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
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Situation normal	aaa	own
artillery and	airplanes active	
all day	aaa	Hostile
shelling and	M G	NIL
aaa	bay	hostile
movement	aaa	Enemy airplanes
active	during the	morning.

From *[Handwritten]*
 Date *[Handwritten]*
 Time *[Handwritten]*

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A FORM. **MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.**

Army Form C. 2121.
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.....		By.....		(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	

TO { *R. L. L.*

Sender's Number. * <i>41.18</i>	Day of Month. <i>10</i>	In reply to Number.	AAA
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Situation normal

From	<i>75th Bn</i>	<i>R. L. L.</i>
Place	<i>W. New Guinea</i>	
Time		

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General

10am Barb wire observed on
front of road running to
Mortlandoub in K139 & K74.

1pm Strong pt 10 yds long observed
yesterday in K14 3010. Now
extended to 40 yds long.
Also barb wire to left of post.

3:30pm
14 enemy strong pts in
K14 40 50
Artillery have been notified
of above

Attitude

Quint

Frank M. Shaw
10. 39th

11.4.18



3rd A.I.F. Intelligence Summary

Period from 11.11.18
 to 12.4.18

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Our operationsARTILLERY

Active all night, firing
 on selected targets.

At 11 pm 45 Mtn positions

S.G. all cooperation with
 Scouts. See Scout report.

MACHINE GUN

Active from 11.11.18
 all night.

AEROPLANES

Normally active

PARADES

See Scout's Report.

WORK

At 11 pm 15' of trench dug
 towards linking up posts on
 left of Coy front.

Work continued from
 11 to left of Coy front, new
 60' of wire along the front
 consisting of two trip wires
 10' apart with diagonal wire
 in between. 2 strands of
 of wire between trips & linked
 to diagonals.



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"A" Form
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

Army Form C. 2131
(in pads of 100).
No. of Message

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.....			To			By.....
.....			By			Signature of "Franking Officer" By.....

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Sender's Number	Day of Month	In reply to Number	AAA
* AI 35	9		

Substation quiet

From	R W G R		
Place			
Time	01		

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Remainder of Coy front has a
low fence of wire running
the whole length.

All posts now in good order
dry & clean.

~~Reserve~~

Reserve ~~posts~~ bars

Location - Rt. Support

Support line

Widening deepening & connecting
LG Posts on Support line. ~~Work~~
of work etc.

Reserve Left Coy

Repping and improving
trenches; front line

FRONT LINE { Improving communications
trenches linking posts
Improving trenches & dugouts.

Enemy Operations.

Artillery

9pm 3 or 4 whizzbangs
fell between support plateau
trench & front line, appeared
to come from direction of
Worlescott.

10pm - 12 more
15 whizzbangs same place



IDENTIFICATION

6th Coy 13th I.R. See
Sear Report.

Movement

A few minutes before
day breaks 8 men seen wiring
in the trees in K7C approach
disappeared almost immediately
before dawn.

ATTITUDE

Quiet

Frank M. Haupt
10.39^{hr}

12/4/18



appx 14

Machine gun. only two bursts.
 No Rifle fire.
 Two periscope lights fired at
 in front of left B company.
 A 7.9mm gun firing
 from direction of M...
 fired 10 rounds on left B
 Battalion front. also 30 rounds.

Rob. Patrol Left front
 line at 2 am. from Right
 Company and continued
 till 5 am along Coy front.

A light was observed
 in the direction of H.B.P. light
 burst on the air and remained
 apparently suspended,
 burning for minutes. Intensity
 even light burst at after
 did not had burned out.

Two body lights were
 fired in front of right company.
 At 3.15 am. a search
 party was heard at R.T.C.
 sent. approximately 20
 minutes before daylight. In
 view some winged... they
 disappeared almost at once.
 direction of... fire.

17 or 18 ...



"C" Form.
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

Army Form C. 21
(In books of 100)

No. of Message

Code <i>9</i>	Words <i>9</i>	Received.	Sent, or sent out.
From <i>D+B</i>	At <i>12/14/18</i>	By <i>Watts</i>	Office Sta <i>MLR</i>
Charges to Collect		To	
Service Instructions <i>D+B</i>		By	
Received in at		Office	Received <i>1/17</i>

MLR

Sender's Number.	Day or month.	In reply to Number.	
<i>101</i>	<i>12</i>		AAA
<i>situation normal</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>DR</i>	<i>25-8-AM</i>
<i>H 35</i>			
<i>situation normal</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>BR</i>	<i>25-5-AM</i>
<i>situation 2</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>CR</i>	<i>12-55 AM</i>

DM
E & PLACE



B.

very numerous signs of recent occupation, but there were not any trenches or dugouts. The track is situated at about T. 6 or 40 Co. at this point of body of a dead German was found. Patrol states from his appearance he might be dead a week. Identifications have obtained.

Machines Gun & rifles inactive.

Many lights were found in front of the Company position.

No 4 Patrol

Patrol left front line at T. 15 or 15 min. Patrolled in front of Light and Gun Company position until 8 am.

Machines Gun at T. 7 or 8 fired two bursts of fire. Bad rifle shots fired. Two headlights were fired which landed on top of the ridge in T. 7 and burned for some few minutes.

No 5 Patrol

Patrol left front line at T. 15 or 15 min. Patrolled in front of Light and Gun Company position until 8 am.



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"C" Form.
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

Army Form C. 2123.
(In books of 100.)

No. of Message

Code	Words	Received.	Sent, or sent out.	Office Stamp.
	£ s. d.	From <i>DR BRCA</i>	At m.	<i>RWLR</i>
to Collect		By <i>Moore</i>	To	
Instructions.			By	<i>12/12/18</i>
n at		Office	m	Received <i>3 1/2</i>

RWLR

Order's Number.	Day of month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
<i>213</i>	<i>12</i>		<i>AAA</i>
<i>127</i>	<i>situation quite normal</i>	<i>normal</i>	
	<i>miles</i>		
<i>154</i>	<i>situation normal</i>	<i>normal</i>	<i>AAA</i>
	<i>situation normal</i>	<i>normal</i>	<i>AAA</i>

DR BRCA

& PLACE



Patrol Reports
 nights 11th April about 1918

Two machine guns operated in
 the installation from 5pm to
 5.30am.

No 1 Patrol. Left front line at
 T.C. 23 and patrolled down
 to enemy trench to right of
 sector. Returning at T.C. 42.

Machine gun and Rifle
 inactive.

4 very bright stars
 shown up in front of left Coy.
 sector.

No 2 Patrol. Left front line
 at T.C. 85.10 at 8pm and
 patrolled in front of right Coy.
 sector. Returning at 11pm.

Machine gun fired 7
 bursts of fire. Gun is probably
 situated in R.T.C.

About 20 rifle shots fired.
 No very bright stars in
 front of right company sector.

No 3 Patrol.

Left front line
 at 11.10 pm from T.C. 40.85
 and proceeded to T.C. 44
 line. On previous night
 bases had been handled
 from T.C. 44.



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		To			By
		By			Signature of 'Franking Officer'

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Sender's Number * A.I. 26	Day of Month 9th	In reply to Number	AAA
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Slough swed 77's	shelling at aaa	of intervals with silence	MARETT with quiet.
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om RWGR			
ace			
me H.S.G. 27			

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Censor.	(Z) <i>M. M. M. L. L.</i> Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name
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700.) Wt. W492/M1647 110,000 Pds. 50% C & P Ltd. (P. 1197)



27th Intelligence Summary
 Period 7am - 6pm A.I.F.
 17.4.18
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Our operations

Artillery

1.30pm Heavy shells falling
 on K. & A. B.O. 60

3.45 - 5pm

15 shells ranging to 1/2 way

5pm

8 or 15 shells on Strong
 pt at Kib 10 400 Results
 Good.

Machine Guns

Nil

Airplane Rainy all day
 Large flights operating
 at both high & low
 altitudes.

Work

Improving posts all
 along the line



(in parts of 100)

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.....	To.....			By.....
.....	By.....		Signature of (Ranking Officer)	

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AI 24	9 th	R 37	
2K	a/c	Regt	Barracks
reports	to	my	right
company	company	company	for
attached	in	J 18	de

m	ce	e	
RWGR			
10:20 am			

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(G.P.O. Form No. 1011) Wt. W492/M1647 110,000 Pairs 5/17 C & P Ltd. (G 1127)



Observation

Very Good.

Enemy Operations11 15 am8 heavy shells
on North side of
road no damage9 30 am6 77° into
North Wood9-11 am15 77° fell in
vicinity of front line of
Rt Coy. No damage11 30 am - 11 45 am

8 42° into J.S.D.

Machine Guns

NIL

AeroplanesVery active all
day. Flying very high
in large flights.1 00 pmPlanes crashed well over
enemy line to rt of
morlan comb.

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			By.....		Signature of (Rank) Officer	

TO {	R. W. Z.		
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* A. I. 22	9 th		

On ADDRESS sent	Further	Shelling was carried out by Batter	in one round.
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From	R. W. G. R.		
Place			
Time	9:10 a.m.		

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W. W. 100/M/1007 100,000 Pds. 50% C & R Ltd. (E. 1187.)



Appendix 17

Plane appeared to be enemy

3.5 am

Plane came down from
great height fell behind Ridge
300' left of backyard K16c

5 pm

plane driven down to
the pt of Mortar court by
3 of ours.

Movement

7.15 am

Smoke rising in
K1a 50 35

9.25 am

pl heard from road
at K1a 70 50

10.40 am

2 hums from at same
place

12.15 pm

2 hums moving from
Nile Court area tele appeared
in K1 60 45

Continual movement was
K1a 70 80

Ar tiller instructed.



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	To.....		Signature of Franking Officer.	By.....
	By.....			

TO { R W Z

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* A.I. 20	9 th		
Scouts	report	emerging	on
J.G. 1	found	under	J.G. 1
Number	could not	be	ascertained
owing	to	fog	
visibility	bad		
artillery	being	directed	on
spot			
at	7.5 m	scouts	reported
no	further	sign	of
enemy			

From	R W G R		
Place			
Time	6.40 a.m.		

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7 pm German movement at
K16 10 20

7:30 pm Small party known moving
along road at E 26 C 40 30
going South

General

10:45 am 3 German planes
dropped 4 bombs behind
his own lines in K 10 D.

10:10 am German has extended
his strong pt 5' last
night at K1. A 30 10
(Artillery advised)

3:30 pm Barbed wire on K 9 B 1 D

Altitude

Normal

12/4/18

Hans K. Sharp
10. 39th

