

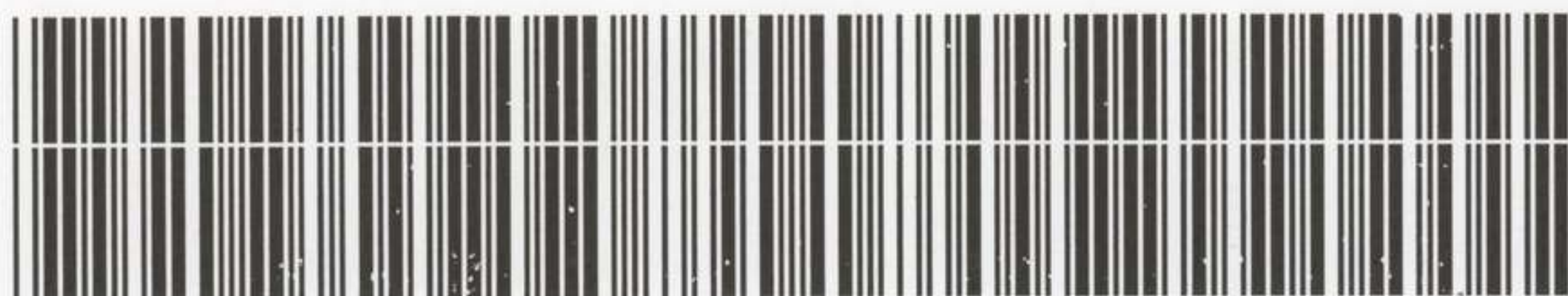
AWM4
Australian Imperial Force unit war diaries,
1914-18 War

Infantry

Item number: 23/56/27 Part 2

Title: 39th Infantry Battalion

July 1918 Appendices



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Movement

3 15 pm 3 Huns with
billy cans walked
from Warfussie Mountain
at P 30 d 20 30.

5 35 pm 1 Hun transport
waggon with 2 grey horses
left the rear of
Warfussie Mountain &
go East along main road.

7 30 pm
Train travelling
South in (d 29 d)

General

At about 9 45 pm
some where near the
position where train went
a large dump of some
logs etc was set alight
by our artillery.
Continued burning for some
hours.

Altitude

Baromet unchanged.

W. H. H. H.
J. G. H. H.

Air operations

During the evening our line was advanced about 250 yards on right with pivot on point where front line crosses Kahan River.

The line from pivot now runs from pivot to P31B 1050 to P21d 2080

In all reports have been put in; this thus puts us in touch with the people on our right.

Working with double apron wire completed from pivot up to within 150' of rt of sector.

5 Lewis Guns and Scouts gave cover to the Consolidation. One enemy MG & Snipers caused considerable annoyance to our work in parties early in the night but later were silenced by our Lewis.

Frank A. Shaw

Intelligence Summary
39th Batt A/F
Quid to 3pm 19/7/18

Our operations

Artillery has been
intermittently active
P22 all day upon enemy
23 ← front line systems &
+28 back areas.

7-7:5am Heavy shelling
to 25c. when wagon
you notice loading
has food shooting no
hit however.

Aeroplane

Reconnaissance
and scout machines have
been very active all
day, heavily fired upon
by enemy AA guns.

Scout machines, observing
thick in large formations

probability
23
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Good.

White Operations

Artillery Below
normal as regards
this sector.

Machine Guns

The gun has been active during the morning up to noon approximate location P.220.99. and fire across our left of sector.

Planes

During the morning enemy planes flew high occasionally over our lines; driven off by M.G.s.

Movement

7-7.25 ~~pm~~ am.

Large cart loading bay at Q 25c; when finished moved over main road and disappeared about 2 mins after start. 4 or 5 shells fell in vicinity.

8.50 am

Enemy motor transport out of wood at Q 25d & move towards the south behind trees on main road.

1911

9:30-10 am
2 Waggonas as at
7-7:30 am.

11:15 am
Limbo on main
road just in rear of
Wapjusa Abancourt
going South P. 30. at 40 30

Wood
5 Huns out of
kemp P 29 65 55
went north into
gully.

1:15 pm
2 transports moves
into wood from the
south where tram was
seen in A 29 d.

1:40 pm
3 Huns on road
in P. 29 a walked down
past "Windy Hill"
P 29 a 95.50 then into
Wapjusa Abancourt

2:30 pm
Camouflage about
8' high fastened on
to bottoms of trees
at different intervals
on left side of main
road at rear of Wapjusa
Starting at 26 C and
ending at 25 C

Altitude unchanged!
2:30 pm
Wapjusa J 29 a

Intelligence Summary.

3rd Batt A.I.F.

Period 5pm 13.7.16 to dawn
14.7.16.

Our operations

Artillery.

Active as per organized

shoot table.

6.30 pm

Heavy shelling enemy
back areas vicinity of Warfusa

8.25 pm

17 pdr. put down a
5 min barrage on road from
across wood to Warfusa.

Machine Guns

Normally active
especially as 3 guns indirect
fire.

Considerable amt. of ammunition
was expended on enemy planes
during 7 to 9 pm.

See Scout Report

Airplane see end of Summary

Infantry Very busy from our front
line posts; no hits observed.

Hostile Operations

Artillery With the exception of
considerable amt. of AA shells
and several low bursting shrapnel
trains, British artillery has
been very quiet.

Machine Guns Active along whole

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Spent during hours of darkness.
Fire well distributed. This MG^o seem
to have a working commission.
However less active than usual.

Aeroplanes Between 7 + 9 pm hostile
Aeroplanes activity above normal.
At 8.30 pm 5 enemy machines
crossed our sector, 4 made over
in NW direction & brought
down 2 of our balloons.
When they immediately to join
the formations.
All enemy machines were
heavily fired upon by AA guns
& MG^o.

Patrols See Scout Report.
Very Light Less active than usual

Movement:

4.30 pm 2 Bochs near Wendy
Jaco. P29a goes west
towards Warfisee.

5.50 pm 2 heavy G Swaggon
near dump on Q29 ch.

7.30 pm 3 Waggon near same
spot.

8.50 pm Enemy train came to
same spot as last night in
G29d, arranged to unload
but see heavy shell fire
near & the train quickly
skipped away to the north.

Artillery Very quiet.

Air Operations (Cont)

Aeroplanes Active this was the period during the hours of dusk large formations flew high over enemy lines. All our low flying planes were subjected to flak and AA fire than usual.

8 pm
One plane dropped 5 bombs on Tailors Wood repeating same at 9 pm

9:10 pm
One plane expended several hundred rounds of JAP on enemy positions in P22 area
John J. J. J.

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- Intelligence Summary

3rd Batt AIF

Period to 3 pm 14.7.18.

Air Operations

Artillery Has been intermittently active all day. especially in the vicinity of Tailors Wood

M.C.
not active

Aeroplanes Activity about normal. Reconnaissance machines working well over enemy lines.

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Work Operations

Artillery was here
Shelling area from front
line to base wood
intermittently thru out
the day with 77°
no damage done

M.G. nothing reported

Aircraft have reported
since dawn looked
his plane brief flight
high.

Trucks our left by
report trucks being

Trucks kept down by
Lewis Gun fire.

Movement.

7am - 7:15am
New motor lagoon
loading bay in P 29 b
moved to main road
near of base area

8:20 am
5 Trucks moving
along road in P 29 of 50³⁰
and disappear in rear of
cemetery.

9:15 am
1 team of lagoon
& 2 trucks came out of
wood in P 29 d going

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No. 10 disappearing behind
wood

9.45 am 8 Boche moving about
in front of concrete corner
P216 b 3, appeared to
be towing

10.15 am 3 Boche going south
on road half way through
to rear of machine wood

11.40 am Motor wagon transport
pulled into dumps at
6.25 p.m.

2 pm 2 Boche ^{at} concrete corner
went into ^{at} dump
3rd

3rd Bn
15.7.18.

Headquarters
10th Bde

Report on advance of
posts on night of 14/15th
July 1918.

To carry out the plan
of constructing 2 posts
at P216 90-80 and "b"
P16 C 1510, thus advancing
our line by 150' on the
left flank. B boy
supplied 30 men for
construction of "b" post
and C boy 30 men for
"a" post whilst 1 boy
assisted by B & C boys

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Supplied 70 men for wiring of the new frontage

At 9 pm Lt August and 9 men met Lt St. Mahey at P16 C 1065 to go with taping party, at same time 1 truck for each wiring party and each digging party reported.

As soon as light permitted the taping of the posts was carried out and working parties pushed out for the construction of same, work soon being under way.

Reference wiring of frontage Lt Peters & men of 38th batt

Reported to Lt Mahey at about 9 pm for the purpose of carrying wire & screw pickets, however nothing further was seen of him or his party thus interfering with the supply of wiring material.

As pickets alone were available at P16 C 1065 these were placed in position in front of new line.

At present time posts are as follows

- "a" Post. P216 8095
- 2, 8' bay. & traverses, 2' wide 14' 6" deep

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6th post

P16C 2510

3 8" bays & traverses
2' wide & 4' 6" deep.

Both posts are fully
manned.

Further particulars
will be forwarded
later.

R.O. Anderson Lt Col
Cmdy 39th Bn

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Intelligence Summary
39th Bn A.I.F. 34
Period to 15/7/18.

Air operations

Artillery

Active all day especially
about 7pm when much
movement was noted
on road running N-N
thru P29a.

Machine Guns Below normal

Scouts See attached report.
Alco planes Going to dull

APPENDIX 34 122

Weather activity below normal, however reconnaissance machines were active as usual.

Snipers

Snipers of right Coy were active towards evening and claim 3 certain hits.

Hostile Operations

Artillery

Active all day intermittently shelling ^{with 77°} forward area between front line & main wood. About 9 pm & there was not the night he intermittently shelled from Quarry crossing back past the steps to battery

Positions with 4.2° & 5.9°
No damage done.
The 77° seems to come from direction of THILLOUX WOOD, whilst the heavier calibre seems to come from direction of Marquise Mountain.

Machine Guns

Also active on rd Coy front; but normally active on left Coy front

Approximate positions

- P22a 3.2
- P21d 95.70.
- P21d 80.40.
- P21b 90.05.

APPENDIX 34 1714

Aeroplanes None reported.

Patrols None seen

Snipers Not active probably due to our Snipers being busy.

News reports

Movement

3.5 pm Train in Q 29 rd remained to W. to.

3.25 pm 2 Boche came out of dugout or

Dunker Road at Cracupa corner P29 b 6.3 warning Red Cross flag advanced about 20 yds & then went back.

4.15 pm Motor bus near W. Wenzel on main road going east at high speed.

5 pm 3 Boche near Louby P29 a 9.5-4.5 going north along road.

6.5 pm Wagon drawn by 2 grey horses on road in Q 29 rd moved south across main road.

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7 pm 2 Parties of huns
112 + 101 came along road
in P296 and disappeared
in tall crop P29C

7.35 pm 2 more parties each
8 men in same place
Also much movement
about same place in ones
& twos.

8.30 pm Long hairs came from
South travelling fast
passed thro approx
A 29d to put by tapping
& disappeared northward.
Very light less dense than usual
Altitude still unchanged
Stam
to show 29d Batt

Intelligence Summary
29th Batt A.I.F
Period up to 3 pm 15.7.18

Our operations.

Artillery. Our artillery
has been very active during
this period, mostly against
enemy front position
specially the north
eastern portion of
Accoche Wood.
It has been shelled
the back areas near
our position Abancourt as
well as participating in
the forward area
shoot.

Machine Guns
not active

Aeroplanes

Active during the period both reconnaissance & fighting machines. It is worth noting that when our machines appeared over base Wood Camp towards front line they were heavily fired on by AA guns & machine guns, not to their usual. It seems that he wants to keep our machines from observing his forward area.

Snipers active no hits caused Hostile Operations

Artillery

Not so very active on our sector altho the front system of the

people on our right came in for quite a lot of shrapnel. During the morning there has been intermittent shelling of vicinity of B.H.A., Quarry, Quarry and rear battery positions.

From 2 pm - 2.45 pm High white Obicapuel were burst one every 3 minutes over central base, observed by a high balloon south of Warfuss; appears as if he is ranging on the middle surfaces.

Aeroplanes

Inactive other than one which appeared above balloon behind Red Hill, shooting same

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down altho heavily fired
on by our AA guns.

Snipers inactive.

Machine Guns. Between 10 & 11 am
a machine gun firing
from northern position
of Accrocks Wood fired
indirectly over the
wood & these Hqs.

Movement

650 am. Waggon being loaded
with hay for P.23d; when
completed moved into field
in rear.

750 am 1 Waggon with 2
horses on main road
rear of warface
moving eastwards.

715-730 am little more than average
movement behind enemy
line; parties of 1 to 3
in strength going from
south to Tullough Wood
& others to warface

725 am 2 Boche Carriages taken
from direction of warface
disappeared on road
in P.22d.

740 am Transport moving along
in front of railway track
in P.25d, disappearing
behind bush in south

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8:30 am 2 Boche moving near
Caucasic corner R256
6.9 ~~and~~ disappeared into
brush nearby.

9:15 am Train appeared at
dump R25d 6060
Stopped 10 mts & moved
back out of sight;
thinks the location of
train and not in
Q29d.

9:45 am Began loading hay
same place as before
R23d.

9:55 am Train again at
dump R25d 6060

Hostile minor operation

At about 10:30 am
our two new posts were
raided, the post "6"
receiving the main
attack. The party
succeeded in overrunning
post "6", threw sticks
& grenades from crop
about 30' away from
post. The enemy entered
post "7" drawing out our
position; the German
of post "8" also retired.

Sgt McEwan killed 3
Boche & our people
sustained conflicts further
casualties on the enemy.

Our Casualties

2 killed & missing
3 wounded, 2 barely
slight.

A minor enterprise with zero
how 3.30 pm to 5.00 pm in
progress. Assisted by Stokes
Mortars; Pat "6" has been
taken without casualties,
encountering only slight
opposition. Reported now
that Pat "8" has been
taken no further
information; will forward
same later.

345 pm

A. Haupt

Intelligence Summary

3rd Batt as I

Period up to 6 am 16.7.18.

Our operations

Artillery:

Programme as set
down was fired with great
effect.

Stokes Mortars

About 4.15 pm 3"
mortars fired on Accroche
Street in answer to very
light signal sent up on
regaining post lat.

Machine Guns

Not above normal
usual harassing fire

Reference on Artillery

From 4.50 pm to 5.30 pm enemy
front line & supports heavily
strafed. More especially between
5.5 pm & 5.30 pm. Excellent
shooting.

5.50 pm Heavily shelled by enemy
from P. 8.6 to 8.9 & vicinity.

8.5 pm - 9 pm Heavily shelled by enemy
producing dense clouds of
smoke.

Scouts See Scout Report.

Snipers Very busy forward class,
from forward posts, no hits
claimed.

Aeroplanes Reconnaissance machines
very active between 6 pm &
dusk, flying low over
enemy line, not so much
AA fire as usual.

Night Operations

Artillery

5.20 pm enemy train
at flying R 25 of 6000
Heavily hit by shell
just shot of dump.

5.20 pm heavy shrapnel of 4.2" on our front systems.

7.15 pm - 7.45 pm 46 59° mainly to B.M. P. 9 b. No damage done.

Throughout the night his artillery was active on both forward & back areas.

Between midnight & 3am about 50 long range fell mainly to C.M. P. 21 A 80 50 No damage. Between

3.15 pm & 3.45 pm front line system heavily shrapnel took 47° especially the right hand sector.

Aeroplanes Not active until

first upon dusk 8.10 - 8.20 pm

2 triplanes over our front line driven off by AA guns.

8.45 - 8.50 pm 1 plane flew at altitude of about 1000 over our line dropped a white very light about P. 21 A 80 50 & returned via Warfusen

8.55 pm 1 plane over Sector

Machine Guns More active than usual on left sector of ball, whilst below normal on right sector. for locations see Scout Reports

May Light

More active than
usual, along whole front.

Jan

Green very light followed
by 2 red fire from
about P 2 tent area. This
brought down artillery along
R 2 front.

No further report on May Light.
See Staff Report.

Supers

Still active but cause
no inconvenience or
damage.

Movement

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5.20 pm Train at dump R 25 d 60
Heaves burst one shell
very close to dump.
About this time good visibility,
snapped 2 large pieces of
camouflage to be seen
at Railway dump. Good
target for heavies.

6 pm.

Train transport waggons
moved from South to North
around Dump R 25 d 60

6.30 pm

2 waggons loaded material
at same dump

6.50 pm

Road barricaded with
farm implements machines

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etc at Pqgc 6090.

Observation (continued)

About 4.15 pm considerable
flaming movement was observed
at Pqra 7020 on Sumban
Road, artillery called for
tracers in shoot at 5.5
pm as reports.

Altitude

More artillery &
very light than usual
during the night.
Situation however quiet.

8.25 am

Frank W. Shaw
29th

Reference foot adjournment
19th Batt location as
obtained last evening
is as follows: -

Pqgc 9085

Showing a considerable
attraction from previous
location.

Frank W. Shaw
29th

Intelligence Report
up to 3:pm. 16-7-1918

OUR OPERATIONS

ARTILLERY.

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5:30 am. to 8:40 am. our
heaviest shelling main
road in rear of WAREHOUSE-
ADENCOURT. Good results.

11:30 to 12:30 pm. P. 226.
Heaviest shelling road-
way to ACCROCHE WOOD.

2:23 pm. P. 226. Shelling
roadway and area
generally.

AEROPLANE.

8 of our
planes flying over enemy
lines were used on
by Anti-Aircraft and
Machine Guns at 11 pm.

Of a group of 30
planes returning from
over enemy lines one
flew very low and
dropped Bombs on

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2
 ACCROCHE Wood and on
 railway junction on
 eastern side.

our planes
 attacked enemy
 Balloon east of ACCROCHE
 Wood and burned it
 down. The
 remaining one was
 quickly hauled down.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY.

0. 19. 2. Central. at
 7.50 pm. 8. 5. 9. were
 fired, each got an
 interval of 3 minutes.

AKROPLANKS

Chemical
 Balloon is up on
 eastern side of ACCROCHE
 Wood.

10. 35 km. One plane
 flying high over our
 back area, was seen
 on by anti aircraft

3

and machine Gun fire.
10.55. an ok. plane
flew over but was
immediately driven
off.

11.25 am and 11.45 am.
Two planes flew over
our lines, one descended
and patrolled our
line closely.

MOVEMENT.

P. 29. 4. 9. 8. 5 Enemy moving.
7.30 am. P. 30. 1. 90. 25.
2 Waggon + Horses moving
along road way.

10.5 am. 3 Waggon
and Horses moving
along road towards
KARFUSEK.

Machine Guns.

During
the morning machine guns
from PECKOCNE. wd. fired
several bursts, in direct
fire.

August 11
1915. 1.34 PM 11.15

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W.O. F. U.

J.S.C.

1.

16th a.m.

Situation normal a.m.

ENEMY ACTIVITY Intermittent

skimming of P. 214. 45. 80. with

770.m. a.m. Late machine

gun activity and OUR

OPERATIONS. and Artillery.

Heaviest on back area and

Aeroplane formation active

and ~~intermittent~~ visibilitygood and T.M.^s. L.O.^s hit

August 16th
1940. 24th AIF

39th Batt
16.7.18

Headquarters
10th Div.

Reference to attached map

The out post line as indicated is held
as follows

A boy 6 posts, 3rd & 5th being
connected with a CT going back
over tree. The posts are well
dug giving good protection,
each post is properly traversed
& connected will give
a good trench.

B boy 6 posts. These posts are
being deepened & improved
this evening with the exception
of the 3rd which is the 6th
which are well dug & traversed,
however these will be improved.

C boy 6 posts
Will dig & traverse.

These pits are well covered
+ dug + are being first stepped at
present.

The Small Ct from N Log out post
is at present too shallow; it is
intended to be ~~lengthened~~ and deeper
to give more quality protection against
enemy fire.

Griffin Ct.

It goes up to main line
but beyond that has been
filled in in many places; the
gap between that beyond the Outpost
line is being reconnected by
Lt August's party this evening.

Ct. from main line thru P21C 00 25
as there is well dug + affords
good protection.

R O Henderson Plt
Co 3rd Pw

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The outpost line is protected by double aprons wire along the whole front.

The main line is not traversed except 2 days near the German Ct. To overcome this difficulty small fire steps have been dug thus enabling garrisons to manure their positions.

The line is deep with the exception of a few places along the line held by left Coy. These are being ~~improved~~ improved. The line altho not traversed affords good protection on account of its ~~loose~~ nature.

Close Support line

Occupied by a platoon of 6 Coy. This line is not traversed except portions below Ct. It is a good trench otherwise, the garrison having a good field of fire.

Support line

held by 7 Coy. Isolated strong pts as shown.

(Contd.)

Pass Negro
 P.14. a. 95.05

R.A.P.
 P.14. C. 90.90

Pass Boundaries
 are denoted
 by blue dotted line

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Walter Shaw
 Lt Col

Unmanned posts

- No 1 P.21.C.90.85
- No.2 P.21.C.95.95
- No 6. P.21 b 15 15

C Coy.

Support Coy.
occupy line bet B & H
and extra support line
between P.21 b 00 65 and
P.21 a 50 80

L Coy

Reserve Coy.
Reserve Line

No.1.

P.21 a 15 75

No 3

P. ~~35~~ 15 C. 35. 15

No 9

P. 15. C. 55. 20

No 4

P. 15. C. 90. 50

Coy Hqs & AM Lewis Gun

A Coy.

P. 21. a. 85. 45

B Coy.

P. 21. a. 30. 70

C Coy

P. 21. a. 85. 65

L Coy

P. 15 C. 35. 15

Disposition of 39th
Batt on relief
by 35th Batt.
Night 17/18th July 1918

Out post line

12 left posts held by
Aboji; the remainder
of the Coy Garrison the
line immediately in
rear.

The remainder of the posts
are manned by Aboji;
the remainder of Coy
Garrison the trench
in the rear of posts.

The locations of manned
posts from rt to left.

are as follows:-

No. 34+5 (connected)	
	P21 b 10-10
No. 7	P21 b 20 25
No. 8	P21 b 30 38
No. 9	P21 b 40 50
No. 10	P21 b 70 65
No. 11	P21 b 80 75
No. 12	P22 a 07-95
No. 13	P16 C 25 25
No. 14	P16 C 35 35

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Intelligence Summary
3rd Batt A.I.F.

Period up to comm. 17.4.18

Our operations

Artillery

Fired the fixed programmes of gas & HE during the period.

Between 3.30 pm & 4.15 pm calibration was given for line of sight of forward area.

3.20 pm

Heavies shelling vicinity Railway line South of dump in P. 51 to 60; nothing observed.

3.50 pm

Heavies shelled vicinity "brady hoo" P. 9 & 955 and main road near woodpiles

5.00 pm

Heavies shelling back areas

6 pm

18 pm put down a strike upon enemy front line systems.

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Machine Guns

learned out harassing fire thru out the night.

Stokes Mortars

11.30 pm } 15715 on vicinity
and
1 am } of P2220-80.70

Scouts

See Separate Scout Report.

Aeroplanes

Active over enemy lines up to dusk, subjected to heavy AA gun fire.

One plane fired MG at enemy lines in P2220. Bomb also dropped at irregular intervals on Achnoche Wood.

Supers

Active on regular sector and claim one hit at P2220-80.70.

Reconnaissance of German Ct. Report Attached.

Hostile Operations

Artillery Activity above normal

8.30 pm - 8.27 pm

Area shoots with 4.2° & 5.9°

5.30 pm

20 rounds 4.2° &

50 rounds 7.9° from

direction of Accrossa Wood
fell in vicinity of P. Coy front
Systems.

11 pm

10 rds 4.2° fell

vicinity P. 71. a 3.5

At 2 am 2 lights were fired
from P. 72 a, one bursting
into 2 green & other into
2 red & a barrage of 7.9° ,
 4.2° & 5.9° opened on our
front line systems & continued
& continued until 2.30 am.

The barrage was very heavy.
Shelling continued lightly
on the forward area

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Until 4 am when 2 green & 2
red lights were again sent up
from same spot, shelling increased
& became intermittently heavy until
5.15 am when died off altogether.
Most of shelling came from direction
Machine Guns. 4 mortar ^{blow count}

Gun located at P22a
1st, this one is well
camouflaged.
Right Coy report No G° rang
Quiet.
Centre & left Coy report
Still very active.
For further information see
Chart & report.

Simpers
Active on left Coy front
no inconvenience

Aeroplanes Below normal

4.55 am
2 enemy planes
flew along line. One dropped
lights on a line approx
along our new posts. Both
planes flew about for some.

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Very Lights.

Normally active

2 Beam

4 slow burning Parachute
very lights found from
Pava. Also strings of
cotton lights in direction of
planes.Reference BombingBoth sides active
during the evening. Hostile
planes dropped bombs on battery
areas.Movement

4.35 pm

Several enemy planes
begin at R25d gobo
going South to north
then disappear behind wood

6.55 pm

10 transport moving
north to south. R25C towers
disappeared behind trees
on main Warpass Rd.

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7.2 pm Train appeared in gap
 for 1/2 hr to travelling
 to North east towards
 dump. petrol engine instead
 of steam.

7.5 pm B. Huns came from main
 P230500 road towards our line
 & then appeared at cross
 road. 5 mins later another
 party of 11 appeared. Stopped
 & then appeared on account of
 shelling. This last party
 advanced at 5.25 pm.

8.09 pm 15 men in groups of one
 & two left by same route
 as others came in.

General

Two mines blown in
 vicinity of Strong pt P216
 as given by sketches taken
 on 15.7.18.

Altitude

5000

More or less all night as shown
 by artillery sketches.

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Intelligence Summary
 3rd Batt a.s.f.
 Period to 3 pm 17.7.18

Operations

Artillery:

Only slightly active,
 less normal

6.5 am

Heavier shells coming
 back areas.

10 am

Heavier shells coming
 front line systems.

10.30 am

Not active

Aeroplanes

Very active all
 the morning, flying
 low over firing lines
 firing in bunches with
 M.G.'s. A few not so
 active.

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Hostile OperationsArtillery10am

5.9° vicinity P19a

1216pm5.9° vicinity of road
in P16d.1.58Normal shape of
long range (71°) on
front system.Machine GunsGuns firing from
direction of N11 of
Accroche wood fired
indirectly into the
valley near P14a.Aeroplanes9.27amPlanes over our
back areas fired on by AA
guns.

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Otherwise no activity.

Movement

7:10 am 4 Rocks moving south
to north along road in
Prsd.

8:20 am Horse wagon loaded with
hay in a 150 moved to
main road.

9:50 am Quarry transport
Prsd. 00.30 going north
along road.

10:30 am 2 Rocks near bridge
latter Prs. 6.6.3 moved
south & went into warps

11 am Train moved thru gap
from N to South in Prsd.
Short train with engine
pushing.

11 18 am

4 Rocks went into barpuces
from ~~Ataki~~ to south north of
Windy Trees in P 29a.
Returning 3 men later carrying
Voices

11 58 am

3 Rocks along road from
barpuces past Windy Trees.

AltitudeNormal12 pm

A Hawk
H. 39th

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Headquarters
39th BattalionA.I.F.
17th July '18.Reference reconnaissance
of Communication Trench,
situated in P.R. a. and
b.Reports on Trench from
P.R. b. 10.5.

In Company
of four men, I reconnoitred
the communication
Trench, and proceeded
as far as it was possible;
P.R. b. 60 B. was reached,
and 40 to 50 yards,
South east an enemy
post was located. The
post is situated
obliquely across the
C.T. at P.R. b. 65. 10.
approximately.

Particulars are
as follows:— The trench
is constructed on
the ridge type, and
is in very good

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Condition. It is 6' deep, having a width of 3'6" at the top and varying from 12" to 18" at the bottom. At several points the parapets had been blown in, but the damage was not sufficient to block the trench. The C.T. is blocked for about 30' on west side of the enemy posts.

From P. 21.6.11.51 the trench is commanded by a Lewis Gun Post, with a block of 10' in front.

From P. 21.6.10.5 to P. 21.6.12.75 the C.T. is in fair condition only. The average depth is 3'6" with a width of 3' at the top and about 12" at the bottom. Although used at present as

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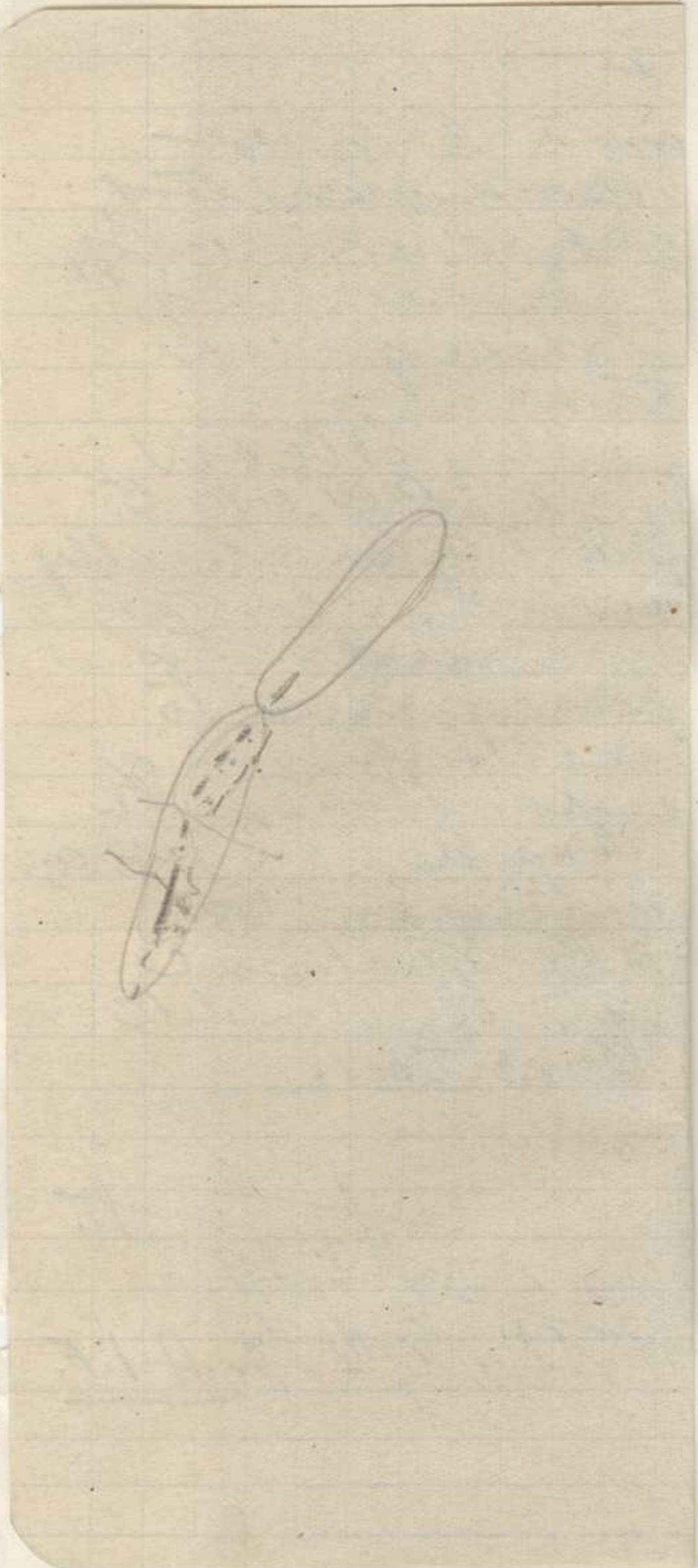
a C.T. from Centre
Company Headquarters,
it requires, deepening,
in parts, widening,
and building up
of parapets.

The portion
of the C.T. from P21610.5
to P21465.10, is considerably
better than the latter
portion described; this
probably, being due to
the construction having
commenced from the
broken road, in P2204
sufficient time, not
being at the disposal
of the enemy, to complete
the latter portion.

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39th M. Bn
17-7-18Headquarters
10th Brigade

Reference SC. 942.

The locations of A.A.L.C. posts
are as follows:

A Coy P21a 85-45

B Coy P21a 30-70

C Coy P21a 85-65

D Coy P15c 35-15

W Davies Lieut
In A. Col Henderson
c/o. 39th M. Bn A.I.F

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The out post line is ~~crossed~~ protected by double apron wire all along the line with the exception of about 150' on Centre Coy Sector this will be done tonight.

The main line is not traversed with the exception of 2 bays near the German Ct., the intent to overcome this difficulty small fire steps have been dug thus enabling garrisons to man their positions.

The line is deep with the exception of a few places along the line held by left Coy, these are being improved.

Blue Support Line

occupied by a platoon of Coy. This line is not traversed with the exception of positions below Ct. It is a good trench otherwise, the garrisons have a good field of fire.

Blue Support Line

held by D Coy
Isolated strong pts as shown

Intelligence Summary
 39th Batt A.S.F.
 up to 3pm 26.7.18

Our operations

Artillery 18 pdrs normally active
 thro' out the day

12-12.45pm Heavy shelling main
 road vicinity isolated houses
 P. 2.50. 00.30

Aeroplanes Active up to noon
 flying low over enemy
 line ~~and~~ find at by
 enemy A.A. guns occasionally.

Hostile Operations

Artillery below normal
 thro' out the day occasional
 4.2° into pine wood.

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Airplanes 161

Movement.

6.45 am 6 Roche from Cemetery in Prg a
to Warfuses

8.50 am
5 Roche from Crucifix Cr. to
Warfuses

9.55 am Enemy waggon from rear along
main road into Warfuses + a few
Munition later returned.

10.50 am
2 Roche at Crucifix Cr, went into
Warfuses

11.45 am Parties of 2 + 3 moving about
vicinity Warfuses + toward rear,
long intervals of time.

12.45 pm
2 Roche appeared about 200 yards
north of what appears to be a
shut trench and large dugout
R25d 506, walked to it and
disappeared.

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From 11am until about 2pm
 Carrying parties of 5 at short intervals
 of time operating from P22b 30 00 to
 P22b 20 50; artillery notified

From 2 to 2.15 pm

8 enemy waggons at Railway
 Dump R25d 60 60, moved behind some
 trees and after loading moved off in
 a northerly direction.

General

It has been brought under my notice
 that Okams can be seen constantly
 at Railway Dump; probably a
 work shop. Would suggest that
 heavies concentrate on this spot as
 the growth of camouflage since our
 last turn in the line suggests
 growth of dumps.

Altitude

Unchanged.

Hand to Shaw
 29th Nov

Intelligence Summary.
 39th Bn A.I.F.
 Period to Camp 27.7.18.

Camp Operations

Artillery. Normally active thru out the night.

5.50 pm Heavy shelled main Rd
 Top of Warfurn; also Accroche
 Wood.

Machine Guns Usual activity

Aeroplanes Below normal owing
 to unsettled weather.

7.5 pm Bombs dropped on Accroche Wood
Impas. No hits claimed

Artillery Operations

Artillery. Below normal

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Between 11pm & midnight clouds 77°
 full on both bay points.

Machine Guns.

Active throughout the night.
 (See Scout Reports).

Aeroplanes

11 am 4 planes over outpost
 line; otherwise none reported.

Snipers

Active about Bundarra on pt.
 bay point, there are being kept
 down as much as possible by our
 own Snipers

Key Signs

Normal. (See Scout Reports)

Movement

5:10 pm 2 Waggoners near Railway
 Jump going north to South.
 6:20 pm 3 Waggoners same place
 returning

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6:20 pm

3 Boche disappeared into trench
 situated @ 25d.50.60

6:50 pm

Large Red Cross flag on
 roof of building @ 25d.50.50

8:20 pm

Normal movement from back
 area towards line.

Prisoner

15th & 13th Divisions

Was seen to rise up in OC
 German Co. and men beckoned
 to him to come in, whereupon
 he crawled into our lines.

Altitude

unchanged. Marked decrease
 of Artillery fire.

Mark St. John
 39th Pen A.S.F.

Intelligence Summary
39th Batt A.I.F.
Period to 3pm 27.7.18.

Air operations

Artillery. Below normal
100 pm Heavy Shelling
beyond Accroche Wood.

Machine Guns Nil.

Aircraft. Nil.

Hostile Operations

Artillery: Below normal.

8.30 am 6 5.9° on P
P. 20 a.

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9.55 am7 59° rear of Lt Coy
Sector.Machine Guns.

A little indirect fire during
the morning, falling vicarities
Gare wood. Seems to come
from the northern edge of
Accroche wood.

Aircraft

Nil.

Movement6.20 am

Enemy transport
waggon (2 horses) from
main road & went in a
northerly direction along
road in P.23d.

7.25 am

J Roche walked past
Wendy. New into
Non-fuses.

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8.30 am

5 Huns from Warfuses
 going north past Windy Trees
 disappearing in Sunken Road.

9.30 am

2 Boche moved across White
 field in P 23d & disappeared in
 field in ground.

By 2 am

2 Horse waggons loaded with
 hay in A 25d moved on to
 main road.

12.15 pm

2 Boche appeared out of
 trench A 25d 5060 & walked
 to Warfuses.

Altitude

Unchanged.

3 pm27. 7. 18

Mark to have
 to 3rd Batt.

Intelligence Summary
 37th Batt a.S.F.
 Period to dawn 28.7.18

Air operations

Artillery 9
 Throughout the night there
 has been the usual night firing

4.20 pm 4 incorp

Heavies shelling the
 rear of barbed wire

Machine Guns

Usual night firing

Aeroplanes

Below normal

Photos

See last Report.

Mobile Operations

Artillery

2am

10-101 97° fell

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Between Out posts & front line of left
front line Coy.

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5 5⁰⁰ vicinity of front line
of left Coy.

3.15 to 3.55 am

in 4-7⁰⁰ vicinity of
No 5 post, direction towards

Machine Guns

Normal. See front Report

Aeroplanes

About in night if enemy planes
crossed the line & dropped bombs
on back areas.

Snipers

Inactive.

Very flights

Not so active as usual
no lights or signals in answer to
our gas shells.

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Movement

5:45 pm 3 Boxes left porch
in Pord. & moved to field
in rear.

5:55 pm Train at camp in
Pord. stayed about
10 minutes & then went
back; at same time a
waggon passed the dump
going north.

Altitude Very quiet.

Our Gas Protection

11:30 pm Gas protection
no supply.

7:30 am
28. 7/18

Camp to show to
Dr. Dyer

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Intelligence Summary.
3rd Batt A.I.F.
Period to dawn 29. 7. 18

Our operations

Artillery.

6.5 pm

Heavies shelled enemy line in front of barbed wire.

8.25 pm

Heavies shelled Cecede & Fullons C woods.

At 12.30 am artillery co-operated with the minor operations of the division on our left.

Machine Gun

Machine gun activity throughout the night as usual.

Report

Usual night firing

Airplanes

Active during the morning; also active during

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Evening.

Snipers Our Snipers claiming 3 certain
hits opposite the Coy post.

Patrols See Separate Report.

Hostile Operations

Artillery. Normal.

10:20 am

104.2° near Quarry
bracing.

11:38 - 11:48 am

77° on Prob 10:15

Retreat back over traps.

8 - 8:45 pm

40 77° into Hamel
Wood

9:45 pm

15 42° vicinity of
Supply line

Throughout the night intermittent
harassing fire.
Machine Guns

Less active than usual
See last Report.

Aircraft Inactive. planes seen
at 9am & 6.50pm.

Snipers Active against at last
no hit.

Very light Less active than usual

Movement

2.5am Wagon loaded hay
at P30 & then moved south
to main road.

8.35am of Rocks carrying of
been suspended on sticks

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from shoulder came from workshop
along road in P23c

9:13 am

2 Boche carrying base dis appeared
in Gunter Road in P23c

11:50 am

G S Waggan came off road &
went to railway dump R25d 6560

12:35 pm

G S Waggan travelling north
R26a.

1:50 pm

Waggan for workshop &
went east along main Rd.

2:25 pm

2 Boche out of hand. R25d 5060
wounded with 20' & dis appeared
repeated 3:15 pm.

3:15 pm

4 Boche came from main
road carrying a stretcher
picked up a wounded man
in P23c & returned to main
road.

repeated 3:52 pm

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5.15 pm

2nd train appeared at bridge
corner moved south into barfence

7.22 pm

Train at Railway Pump, stayed
a few minutes & went north

7.45 pm

Spoke off road on P43d &
looked into barfence

Altitude

Very quiet

Frank McShane Lt
G. Sgt. Bn.

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Intelligence Summary
37th Batt A.I.F.
Road to Camp 30. 7.15

Observation

10th Nov

Very active, especially during the night; the Dugout set out was found there.
1.55 pm

11.5 Hours

Observation

3.55 pm
Kamik shells
Dugout territory in P.S.A.

11.45 pm
Kamik shells
vicinity of Camp
P.S.A. 9.20.

Machine Guns

Used particularly
at night.

Ships Action on 21 Aug 1942,
no hits claimed.

Aircraft

Throughout the day planes
only normally active.

9:20 am Several of our planes
flew over camp and
dropped about 6 bombs into
the town.

Patrol See Separate Report.

Hostile Operations

Artillery

1:55 pm Enemy Wood

Shelled with 4.2" from direction
of Enemy Wood

Throughout the day &
night the forward area has
been under artillery shells.

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with 47. This artillery below
normal.

Machine Guns

Very active in front of
the front line - especially
after the patrol encounter. See front
report, also during the Gas shelling.

Aeroplanes

The only planes seen
were one at 6.15 am + several
at 1 pm. in both cases well
behind the front line.

Snipers

Very active in front of
the front line are dealing with them.

Very Light

Less than normal; increased
some what after patrol encounters.

Movement

7.30 am
1. Rode into position
from road in P25 C

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8.45 am 7 Rocks moving near branch
 however appeared to be
 moving.

9.55 am 2 horse waggon came from
 near along main road into bar pass.

10.45 am 1 horse wagon moved past
 of house. Plumber got into a
 hutch nearby.

12.30 p 1
 transport wagon loaded in
 A 26.5 + when loaded moved
 south to main Rd.

2.20 pm 4 Rocks walked from bar pass
 north to hutch P. 23.C. 40.30

4.35 pm Wagon moving south in A 25.4
 to main road

6.45 pm 6 Rocks walked from bar pass
 north to hutch in P. 23.C.

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750 pm

Summer Camp Aug 2 October
Cases 11 mm to each shelter;
1 gu man carrying a large red
brown flag from back of P230 to
main rd just in rear of tent
Pg 2. 9. 10.

Attached

Abnormal in 9. 10.

3. 9. 15

W. H. H. Sharpe
39th Bn
P. M.

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Intelligence Summary.

79th Batt. A.I.F.

Period to 6am 31.7.18.

Air operationsArtillery.

Intermittently active throughout the day, whilst during the evening carried out harassing fire.

Howitzer up to 7.00 am being front line systems heavily shrapnel with 1.5 pm 4.5.

12.15 pm.

Reports on machine gunners.

Recopon

Reports dropped
see last of base page
Reports 1.30 pm

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Mechanic's Gun.

Several nights firing

Aeroplanes.

Yokohama: Plane crossed enemy line & dropped 4 bombs on vicinity of locomotive base.

During the day our planes very active over enemy territory.

Snipers.

Not so active as opportunities did not offer.

Patrols

See Separate Sheet.

Artillery OperationsArtillery

Below normal and our front system, but during the evening the back areas received large amount of attention.

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Succan Page 20 4.2^o

915 am Out 6 15 4.3^o

1012 am from Wood 6 4.2^o

noon Page 10 4.2^o

Machine Guns

normally active
for 1st part of day
last Report attached.

Snipers

The day was free from
sniping probably due to
our force use of rifle the
previous day.

Aeroplanes

None seen
At 5 pm several H.A. attempted

15.

To cross the line ~~but was~~
 Off by AA guns & MG's.

Enemy Operations.

At about 3 pm
 movement was noticed
 in crop opposite No 9 post
 by the 3rd Coy. Closely
 watched a Boche was seen
 crawling thru a gap in our
 wire fence a discarded pot.
 He was fired on by 3rd
 Coy & killed. Another boche
 appeared standing by front
 of crop. He was permitted
 to stand for a while altho
 challenged by our men on
 attempting to get the
 was fired on by our men
 with the result that he was
 wounded but managed
 to crawl away into crop.

At 7 30 pm under cover
 of the trees the bodies
 of the Boches were
 brought in from our line.

Identification page 13. J. H. [unclear]

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In this operation enemy used an unknown post, also covered by fighting patrol; see Scout Report.

Movement

9:50 am 3 Boche appeared from trench P. 23. 80 90 walked along road to south into trench.

11:10 am 4 Boche from trench to trench north to trench P. 23. 55-55

11:40 am 2 Boche running about P. 23. 80 90 appears to be strengthening stakes for wiring.

12:55 pm 5 Boche from trench back to trench P. 23. 80 90 along road into trench P. 23. 55-55

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3 pm

4 Boche came from rear to
trench P 23d.

4.5 pm

2 Boche left trench P 23d
& went into trench.

5.00 pm

1 Boche from trench
went to trench P 23d.
Very windy. Boche to trench
P 23d.

6.15 pm

4 Boche appeared out of
trench P 23d. One went north
disappeared into trench
road. One man was
carrying Red Cross flag.

7 pm

Several Boches into trench
along main road from rear.

7.10 pm

4 men returned from
trench road. One man was
carrying Red Cross flag.

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8:35 pm

Found 2 boxes
 beans, tins Q25 & 50 lbs
 moving south to main road.

General

Camp appears to have
 constructed new works
 in trench. Proj. 2 9000;
 found one by one artillery
 with good tracks.

Very Light

Normal use

Altitude

Bureau. Appears
 to want identifications,
 probably accounts for
 new post in trop opposite
 No. 9.

7:45 am

Head of Camp
 G. G. G. G.

Intelligence Summary.
3rd Bn at 9
Road to town 1.5.18.

Operations

Artillery More active than
usual during the day; thro' out
the night harassing fire
was carried out as freely
as from 11.15 to 11.30 Gas
& H.E. shot as arranged

1.55 am Heavy shelled
Pz 3d & Pz 6 & Crocodile
road.

1.5 pm Heavy shelled
purpose.

4.25 am 1.5 pm repeated.

6.20 pm Heavy again active
against purpose.

7.20 pm Heavy on back

Area to security in rear of Marfoss
vicinity of main Road.

At about 15.00 hrs retaliation
was put down for heavy hostile
infantry & artillery shoot on side
on our right.

Machine Guns Great intermittent
firing

Aeroplane

Work more active than
usual. Most machines
operating in large formations
which reformed on machine
carried out persistent
work over enemy lines altho
heavily fired upon by H.A.
Guns.

2.30 pm Several planes flew
over trench line
& dropped bombs.

11.50 pm One plane dropped 4 bombs
to Millers Wood.

Impiro Not active

Patrols See Scout Report.

Hostile operations

Artillery

Usual activity during the day; less active during night.

8.15 am Several 99th in front
Wood.

8.50 am Several 99th in front
of main Wood.

12.50 pm 15 4th on P19C

4 pm 4 5th P19C

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4.30pm

Intermittent stalling by
back area with 5.9°

4.35pm

to 5.9° between Reserve
Tuppel line east of Marie
Wood, probably searching
for M.?

Aeroplanes

Actually none; all
flying low at high altitude
& mostly on the side of
the line.

Aerobics

Very high altitude than
usual. See location see
above report.

Aerobics

Over flying on
previous days seemed to
have had its effect as
no flying reports during
the period.

Very Light

Normal.

Signals

Nil.

Movement

10.10 am 3 Boche leaves
rench Prga 90 90 & go to
warfare. Repeated 2 pm

1.5 am 2 Boche left
Wandy near for warfare

2.30 pm 2 Boche from warfare
past Wandy trees &
entered Rench Prga 90 90

3.50 pm 4 Boche Prga 1060
going towards warfare

5.5 pm as at 10.10 am

5.25 pm 2 Boche came from

Main Road entered trench
Q 25d 5060

5.43 pm 2 Boche from barbed
wire past Windy Trees entered
trench in Pr 3c

6.35 pm 2 Boche came from rear
to 2 trees Q 26a 90 70
& disappeared.

6.50 pm 2 Boche emerged from
trench in Pr 3c walked
down 200' & entered
another trench.

Balloons Enemy balloons 5 pm
143° T.B. from
Pr 9a 85.60. (On OP).

General From 6 am to 10 am
visibility low owing to
ground mist.

General - where most movement
has been

1. French P 29 a 9090
2. " " Q 75 d 5060
3. Road running from
Wanpua thro P 29 a &
P 33 c + thence to Accrocks
6000 P 2 b.
4. Road from main road P 30 d
40 00 thro Q 75. a.
5. Dump suspected P 30 c 45 70
shows timber at spot.

Direction of Guns (hostile) firing

{ 5.9 132° from P 29 a 8560
 { 5.9 91° " " "
 Both true bearings.

Altitude

Unchanged.

740 am

Frank B. Shaw
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