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43rd INFANTRY
BATTALION A.I.F.

Australian Imperial Force.

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OF

43rd Bat A.I.F.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
IN THE TRENCHES LE TOUQUET. B.H.Q. SHEET 36 C 3 C.70.30 DESPIERRE FM.	1/3/1918		Enemy remained inactive during day and night with both artillery and T.M. Our own artillery was active during the morning. Visibility throughout the day was very good. Our aeroplanes were active apparently spotting for artillery and taking photos. One casualty caused accidentally. Vide APPENDIX I for Intelligence.	
	2. 3. 1918		Cold wind and snow made day unpleasant. Visibility was bad and operations inactive. C and D Coys who were holding front line with BHQ were relieved between 6 P.M. and 9 P.M. by 2 Coys + B.H.Q. of 41st Batt. Relief was quiet and no casualties occurred. These two Coys + B.H.Q. marched back to LE ROSSIGNOL camp where a hot meal was served and men then turned in for the night. Strength with unit 38 officers - 835 OR.	BAR
LE ROSSIGNOL CAMP. Sheet 36 B 10d. 9.7	3. 3. 1918		Day spent in cleaning up and settling men in their huts. Cold wind and poor visibility. Day quiet in the line. Balance of 41st Batt relieved A & B Coy. 3 Platoons of A Coy returned to LE ROSSIGNOL camp. B Coy and 1 Platoon of	BAR

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Le Rossignol Sheet 36 Bloc. 9.7	3.3.1918 (Continued)		A Coy manned the "Corps Line" from River Lys to Ploegsteert Wood. Relief was completed quietly and without casualties. A Coy was supplied with hot meal on arrival at Le Rossignol Camp.	A Coy Camp.
do	4.3.1918		Day fine but cold - Coys held inspections in morning. Bulk of day spent in cleaning equipment - returning stores to QM and preparing to evacuate camp. Company training was carried out for one hour during afternoon.	BMR
do	5.3.1918		Final preparation for evacuation of camp were completed by 10AM At 10.~~15~~AM. 1st line transport left camp commencing journey by road to Selles. At 10.45AM Battalion left Le Rossignol Camp. in full marching order plus 2 blankets and proceeded to Kortepyp "A" camp arriving there at 11.30AM. No halts were made during the march. On arrival, huts were allotted and the balance of the day was at men's disposal. Day was cold but fine - night clear.	BMR
Kortepyp "A" 28T19b.6.3	6.3.1918		Following a late breakfast, preparations to evacuate the camp were made. A party of 100 men from C Coy was detailed as loading party at Bailleul West siding and did not rejoin the Batt until the night of 6/7th	

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KORTEPYP "A" 28 T 19 b 6.3	6/3/1918 (Contd)		These men were employed in loading & later unloading the Bgde Baggage train. During the night of 5/6th, B Coy and balance of A Coy were relieved by 23rd Battalion A.I.F. in the CORPS LINE and rejoined the Battalion. At 12 Noon, the Battalion moved by Route March in full marching order plus two blankets to STEENWERCK station, via DE SEULE and LA CRECHE and at 2.30 PM commenced to entrain. Lt BORTHWICK was in charge of the entraining. At 3.30 P.M. the train, containing 43rd & 44th Batts and 11th Field Ambulance left STEENWERCK for LOTTINGHEM, passing through HAZEBROUCK-ARQUES and LUMBRES. After leaving ARQUES the journey was very slow owing to the single line and having to wait on sidings for ration trains to pass. LOTTINGHEM was reached at 12.30 AM on 7.3.18 and train then unloaded. BAR	
SELLES (CALAIS 4E 8.4)	7.3.1918		On detraining Guides met Companies and a march of 5 Kilos was commenced. Hot cocoa was served by YMCA about 1/2 a kilo. from the station and after all had had a drink the march was continued. On reaching SELLES after an hour & a half on the road, guides directed units to their respective billets	

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SELLES (CALAIS 4E 8.4)	7. 3. 1918 (Contd)		The situation of these was H.Q. and B Coy situated in the town A Coy 1 Kilo east - C Coy 2 Kilos East - D Coy 2 Kilos South. As soon as billets were allotted men went to bed men were not disturbed until late in morning - breakfast being ready between 10 & 11.30 AM. Afternoon was spent in readjusting billets slightly and settling down. SELLES is a small village situated on RIVER LIANE. Its houses are very scattered causing inconvenience for billeting. At 4PM a meeting of officers was called to discuss training, form of sports committee and consider any difficulties in billeting and administration Weather was most favourable for settling down being warm and sunny.	
	8. 3. 1918		another warm pleasant day. C.O. inspected boys independently during the day - except for that parade the boys were at the disposal of their respective commanders and were engaged in improving their billets cleaning equipment and preparing for the coming training. B.A.R.	

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SELLES CALAIS 4E 8.4.	8.3.1918 (Contd)		A thorough medical inspection of billets was conducted in the morning. Canteen was opened. Transport that left LE ROSSIGNOL on 5th arrived in good condition. BAR	
	9.3.1918		No drill was allotted for Saturday - day was free and men were allowed to visit adjoining towns. A football match was played between A & C Coys - the former winning by 1 point. Summer time came into force at 11PM - clocks being then advanced one hour. Strength with unit. 38 Officers - 836 O.R. BAR	
	10.3.1918		Weather continued fine - nights frosty. At 11.15 AM Chap. Capt Sexton held a church service in the open. Except for that, the men were free for the day. Football was played in the afternoon - A & B Coys beating C - D & H.Q. by 1 goal 3 behinds after a good fast game. Men were paid at 5 PM. BAR	
	11.3.1918		Battalion commenced organised drill on the Batt parade ground at 9 AM. Rifle Grenadiers were engaged on Lewis Gun instruction. The remainder specialised in musketry (Vide Training appendix) An officers meeting was held at 1 PM at which the C.O. spoke about the mornings work. At 3.30 PM Lieut	

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SELLES CALAIS 4 E 8. 4	11. 3. 1918 (cont.)		Simons lectured to Officers and NCOs on musketry. After Batt parade at 3 PM day Sgts major marched men back to their respective billets. Weather continued fine and warm.	RMR
	12. 3. 1918		Weather still fine and warm. Battalion continued training as on previous day. after which Capt Brucksbank lectured on "Messages". Major Kinnish left for 1 months leave in England, Major A.F. Patterson filling his place as 2nd in Command of Battalion.	RMR
	13. 3. 1918		Training continued on the Batt. parade ground. During afternoon 1 Platoon per Company marched to Rifle Range near BLEQUIN and billeted there for the night. The G.O. lectured to officers on S.S. 143.	RMR
	14. 3. 1918		Remainder of the battalion marched to rifle range during the morning. Waterproof sheets were worn as rain threatened. Assault and musketry training was carried out by platoons. Battalion returned to billets at 4 PM.	RMR

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SELLES (CALAIS 4 E 8.4.)	15.3.1918		Batt engaged in training on parade ground through the day- 2nd in command lectured to officers on weapons of surprise. Weather cleared and further sunshine was experienced.	BAR
	16.3.1918		Day at mens' disposal - Batt played football during the afternoon - beating 11th Field Ambulance by 8 goals. - Strength with unit 39.O. 831.O.R.	BAR
	17.3.1918		Day at mens' disposal - Batt played football during the afternoon beating 10th M G Coy by 6 goals.	BAR
	18.3.1918		Training continued on parade ground- Weather still remained warm and fine. Leave was given to 25 men to Boulogne, they being conducted there + back by Mata Lorry.	BAR
	19.3.1918		Morning threatening - followed later by rain. Drill commenced in morning but at 10.30 AM rain were sent back to billets and continued with inside training. Gen. Harmon I.H. (Boyds Coords) lectured to officers on Defence, dealing specially with M. Gs.	BAR.
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
SELLES (CALAIS 4E. B.4.)	20. 3. 1918		Batt was to have marched to HARLETTES to go through a gas test but owing to doubtfulness of weather this was cancelled & instead it went for a 10½ mile route march in full marching order passing through BRUNENBERT- East of BOURNONVILLE - HAUTE FORET where an enjoyable halt was made for dinner - DESVRES and back through MENNEVILLE. The batt finished the march with an excellent swing and all ranks seemed fresh & to have enjoyed it. Pay was drawn during the evening	BAR
	21. 3. 1918		Training continued on batt parade ground through the day - followed by a lecture by Bgde Hqrs on Artillery in defence. At 5.30 PM, the Staff Captain verbally notified our C.O. that Bgde would be moving within 48 hours to the forward areas. The evening was in consequence busy ~~and~~ packing up and preparing for the move; all possible stores packed & preparations made awaiting final orders	BAR

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SELLES LOTTINGHEM EECRE	22·3·1918		Notice was received at 2 AM to catch train at LOTTINGHEM STATION and proceed to EECRE Area. This was complied with and Batt reached ECCRE at 10 PM. VIDE APPENDIX 2. The Batt while at ECCRE formed as part of the division - Army Reserve men detached at Bgde & Divisional schools rejoined the Battalion.	All the Bde
EECRE	23·3·1918		Day spent quietly at men's disposal: b.o. had a long meeting at Bgde and on return advised Batt of move to the SOMME area where the enemy had broken through. Rapid preparations were made to leave VIDE APPENDIX 2. Only the absolutely necessary kit was taken. The remainder was dumped at EECRE under guard.	Bde
EECRE — EBBLINGHEM	24·3·1918		Batt left EECRE at 4·15 AM and proceeded to ~~move~~ to EBBLINGHEM by motor. Billeted in EBBLINGHEM for the night awaiting orders to move again. Afternoon quiet. VIDE APPENDIX 2	Bde
EBBLINGHEM	25·3·1918		Notification of move was received during the morning - move was not until the following days so time spent in resting and completing preparations to move. Day was uneventful except for the large number of troop trains that went through the station carrying troops South.	Bde

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EBBLINGHEM ARQUES DOULLONS	26.3.1918		Left EBBLINGHEM at 3.30AM less D Coy who remained behind until the afternoon. Entrained at ARQUES and proceeded to DOULLONS arriving at 8.30 PM. Route marched to THIEVRES where buses were waiting to convey us to the line. VIDE APPENDIX 2. Received orders on detraining re line and sector.	
SOMME. Sheet 62D J.15 a cent	27.3.1918		Moved by buses to FRANVILLERS - then marched to HEILLY where packs were dumped - rations drawn - L Gs issued and preparations hurriedly made to push forward to the position given to the Batt to hold. B.H.Q. established in an embankment at Sheet 62D. J 15 a central. Relief and sidestep took place at dusk - Batt moving to J22 c.9.2. Vide APPENDICIES 2 & 5. Day was quet & touch with enemy was not established until late at night. Vide Appendix 12 for Intelligence.	B&R
J.22.c.9.2.	28.3.1918		Cold bleak day - spent consolidating our position. Bdes meeting at Bgde resulted in a minor offensive by 2 of our platoons to advance the line. followed later by 41st Batt leap frogging through to hold the advanced position & if unresisted to advance the line. Our casualties for the platoon advance were 4. Evening & night were very wet and cold - a light rain falling from about 4 PM.	B&R
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SOMME SAILLY la SEC J22.c9.2.	29.3.1918		Remained in same sector and had a quiet uneventful day. Rain set in during afternoon & continued during evening & night. BMR	
	30.3.1918.		Enemy shelled our area heavily and at 11.50 AM attacked with fair artillery barrage but failed to push the outposts back. On account of Right flank outposts falling back, slight alteration was necessary on our front but during the night this was readjusted & the original position again adopted. A Coy relieved 40th Batt A.I.F. north of BRAY - CORBIE road during the night & 42nd Batt took over portion of our Right flank. Strength 40 O. 838 O.R. BMR	
	31.3.1918		Following the attack of yesterday - day was quiet & except for light rain in the morning day was pleasant. BMR	

Lancell Lt Col.
C.O. 43rd Batt.
A.I.F.

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	Relief & Movement orders. etc.

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43rd Batt A.I.F.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY. "Admiral".

6 a.m. 1/2/18 to 6 a.m. 2/2/18.

APPENDIX I

OUR OPERATIONS.

Artillery. 10 a.m. eighteen pounders fired 15 rounds into C.11.c. 80.95. and into FRELINGHEIN. 10.10 a.m. eighteen pounders put 40 rounds into URAL HOUSE. 9.50 a.m. 4.5 Hows fired 15 rounds into ARCHES. and LAUNDRY. 10.35 4.5. Hows fired 4 rds at DURIEZ FM. 10.10 a.m. 6" Howitzers fired 40 rounds at URAL HOUSE.
10 p.m. 60 pounders fired 16 rounds into ARCHES. (RD)
10.30.-11 p.m. 18 pounders fired 30 rds into FRELINGHEIN-DEULEMONT
9.45 p.m. 18 pounders fired 18 rounds into FRELINGHEIN.
Machine Guns. 23rd Machine Gun Coy fired on following targets. DURIEZ FARM, C.5.d.28.93. SOAP HOUSE. C.5.c.70.28. O.P. C.11.b. 22.56. Junction TRACK and TRENCH C.11.b.85.13. CEMETARY DRIVE C.11.d.67.53.
11th Machine Gun Company fired on selected targets and approaches during the night.
Trench Mortars. 3.45 p.m. 6" Newtons, M.T.M. fired 4 rounds into FRELINGHEIN.
Aircraft. 9.30 a.m. a plane flew over FRELINGHEIN and dropped 2 bombs. This plane was engaged by M.Gs but not by A.A. Planes active throughout the day. The Boche A.A. fire was very quiet.
Patrols, 3 patrols traversed N.M.L. in front of our sector during the night. patrolling was very difficult on account of the darkness. Two patrols operated in front of CROWN PRINCE FARM, and one in front of WHITE FARM.
No enemy was seen. His M.Gs were inactive. Very lights more numerous than on previous night.

HOSTILE SHELLING.

Duration	Direction	No.	Calibre.	Locality.	
12 noon - 2 pm.	FRELINGHEIN.	20	77 m.m.	C.10.b.	(Shrapnel)
3.30 p.m.	FRELINGHEIN	20	77 m.m.	C.10.b.	
1 - 3 p.m.	"	20	77 m.m.	KIWI TRENCH	
11.45 a.m. to 1 p.m.	S.E. from Station House.)	25	10.5.c.m.	C.10.c.	
1.5 p.m.	E. FRELINGHEIN	8	10.5 c.m.	C.10.3a Post.	(Shrap)

ENEMY ATTITUDE. Quiet.

MOVEMENT BEHIND ENEMY LINES. (see below).

ENEMY DEFENCES.

Machine Guns. Inactive. Guns at the VATS. ARCHES. and SOAP HOUSE fired occasional bursts at long intervals.
Trench Mortars. 8.30 a.m. 1 H.M.W. fell near post C.10.3a from FRELINGHEIN. 10.5 a.m. 3 M.M.W. fell in post C.10.3a from FRELINGHEIN blowing in the wall of a dugout.
10.30 a.m. 4 M.M.W. fell near head of BARKENHAM AVENUE from FRELINGHEIN. No Damage. 10 a.m. 6 H.M.W. fell in KIWI AV. and vicinity from DURIEZ FARM. A little damage done to side of the trench.
9 a.m. 4 pineapples fell in C.4,b.

MOVEMENT BEHIND ENEMY LINES.

2.35 p.m. 2 men wearing Field Grey Uniforms were seen walking in rear of O.P. C.11.b.90.60. They disappeared at C.11.b.80.20.
2.30 p.m. a man seem working with a shovel for a ¼ hour at C.17.a.85.75.
11 a.m. Smoke seen practically all day at C.18.d.20.10.
11.30 a.m. Man seen bailing water out of trench at C.17.a.50.40.
11.45 a.m. Man seen leaving dugout at C.17.a.90.35.
3.45 p.m. Train seen in D.1.c. travelling N.W.
6 p.m. Large fire seen in easterly direction behind TWIN FARMS.
6.50 to 7.50 a.m. Horse Traffic heard on DEULEMONT-FRELINGHEIN RD. just NORTH of FRELINGHEIN.
8-9.30 p.m. Trucks heard moving on tramway behind and to LEFT of FRELINGHEIN CHURCH., and sounds of voices and iron being unloaded.

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MOVEMENT BEHIND ENEMY LINES.

9.30 - 10 p.m. Sounds similar to those of a windlass heard on immediate LEFT of FRELINGHEIN CHURCH, also the sound of a motor engine working was heard there.
4 a.m. Motor and Horse traffic heard travelling EAST and NORTH of FRELINGHEIN for half and hour.

MISCELLANEOUS.

From observation it appears that the men on duty at the O.P. at C.18.d.20.10. live in a dugout at C.17.a.90.35. Men have been seen every day frequently moving to and from these spots.
Working parties are heard in FRELINGHEIN practically every and all night, more particularly between 6 p.m. and Midnight.
Enemy was more active with Very Lights during hours of darkness than previously.
Visibility during the day was fair.

A/Intelligence Officer. "Admiral".
Lieut.

43rd Bn A.I.F

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Place	Date	Hour	TRAINING IN BACK AREAS. Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Selles	11/3/1918 to 22/3/1918		During the period in SELLES AREA, concentration of training in skill of individual arms and especially the rifle was specialised. A weekly Syllabus was twice prepared but owing to the sudden move, the 2nd weeks training was not completed. 1st Week. TRAINING. All N.C.Os and men (including H.Q. practised to develop individual skill with rifle and bayonet. All ranks practised in anti-gas measures. Lectures to Officers and N.C.Os.- Fire-Power, Defensive warfare, Hygiene, etc., Rifle Grenade section trained as Lewis Gunners. 2nd week. TRAINING. Men of all sections practised to develop skill with their respective weapons. Fire discipline anti-gas, and P.T. Route March of 12 miles. Associated Rifle Associations competition fired. Lectures to Officers by Brigade Staff Officers and senior Battalion Officers on tactical employment of various arms. Hours of Training. 9 a.m.-12.30 p.m. 1 hour for dinner (on Battalion Parade Ground) 1.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. All Saturday and Sunday was free. Sport and football were played as frequently as possible. The object of this training was to make all ranks skilful with their own arms, and to build up their health to withstand possible hardships of the summer months.	

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			43rd BATTALION. A.I.F.	
			Move of Battalion from SELLES to HEILLY, March 22/27, 1918.	
			Reference Maps, CALAIS. HAZEBROUCK. LENS. AMIENS.	
			On 22nd March at 5.30 p.m., Brigade Staff Captain visited the Battalion, and informed the C.O. that the Division was to move within 48 hours - 6 hours notice would be given for the Battalion to move. With that information, preparations were immediately made for the move; gear packed, Q.M. Store cleared as much as possible, and transport loaded as far as possible. Further orders where then awaited.	
			At 2 a.m. on 29th, Brigade orders arrived stating Battalion was to entrain at LOTTINGHEM at 2.15 p.m. Battalion to be at station ~~before~~ 1 hour before train left. Transport was to proceed by road. 100 of "C" Coy were detailed as loading party for Baggage train at DESVRES. Completion of packing was carried out during early hours of morning and by 9.30 a.m. transport left SELLES to proceed to EECKE by road. At 11.30 a.m. the battalion less loading party and Transport moved by route march with full marching order plus 2 blankets to LOTTINGHEM STATION which was reached at 1 p.m.	
			Battalion was halted outside the Station and awaited arrival of the train until 4 p.m. On arrival it consisted of 48 trucks of which 19 were allotted to this Battalion, 1 being used by Quartermasters baggage and another for officers.	
			With such limited accommodation, the entrainment was very difficult and men were crowded to the utmost- from 40 to 50 being in a truck with full kits. The train eventually left at 5 p.m. containing apart from this Battalion, the 42nd Battalion, 11th Machine Gun Company, 23rd Machine Gun Company, 11th Field Company, and 3rd M.G. H.Q. The trip was not marred with any long stops. The route was through LUMBRES - ARQUES - just avoiding HAZEBROUCK to CAESTRE, arriving there at 8.30 p.m., when Battalion detrained and was met by billetting party who had proceeded ahead at 4 a.m. that morning. Companies were guided to their billets in and around EECKE, and were all with the exception of the C. Company loading party, who arrived later, billetted by 11.30 a.m.	
			Reveille was late next morning and Rations distributed between 7 and 8.30 a.m. Morning spent quietly, Battalion being part of 2nd Army Reserve.	
			At 2.30 p.m. C.O. and Adjutant reported at Brigade for a C.Os' conference which lasted until 5.30 p.m. On Completion, the Battalion was advised of the heavy fighting about the SOMME AREA, and informed by the C.O. that the Division was to move south next morning, taking with it only absolutely necessary baggage. All surplus goods, clothing officers kits etc were to be stacked immediately under guard at EECKE, and Battalion would move next morning to BLARINGHEM AREA.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Move. March 22/27 1918. con. Page 2. Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			Hurried preparations were made for the move and all was bustle until late hours of the night. Orders arrived at 11 p.m. stating that the Battalion was to embus near ST SYLVESTRE CAPPELL at 9 a.m. next day, 24th. Reveille was at 5 a.m. breakfast at 6 a.m. and Battalion left EECKE at 7.15 a.m. in full marching order and 1 blanket, and waited on CAESTRE - ST SYLVESTRE ROAD for motors to arrive. These were an hour late, but the morning being pleasantly warm, the men were able to have a spell. When the buses arrived, allotment of 28 men to a vehicle was made and the column left at 10 a.m. proceeded through ST SYLVESTRE CAPPEL and CASSEL to EBBLINGHEM where billets had been fixed. Battalion debussed here and Companies were taken by their guides to their respective billets. The transport that left SELLES by road for EECKE, rejoined the Battalion here, while cookers etc, that were in use at EECKE, proceeded to EBBLINGHEM by road and reached there at 6 p.m. After billets had been fixed, and the Battalion had settled, the remainder of the day was spent quietly, awaiting orders. Trains containing, AUSTRALIANS, and NEW ZEALANDERS, were passing through the station constantly going south, while empty trains were returning north. During the morning of 25th notification was received by orders that the Battalion was to leave next morning for DOULLENS, entraining at ARQUES; all was practically ready for the move so the day was spent quietly. The bootmaker was kept busy, however, repairing as many boots as possible, and the remains of the canteen were sold to make more room on the transport. By evening everything was in readiness for the move next morning. Reveille was at 3.30 a.m. on 26th and breakfast followed. The Battalion (less "D" Coy, vide-, Appendix 10) then proceeded by Route March with packs plus 1 blanket to ARQUES Railway Station. Guides stopped them however, about half a mile from the station, and advised the C.O. that the train would be several hours late, so Battalion rested alongside the road and was served with hot tea from the Cookers. The transport left EBBLINGHEM ahead of the Battalion and was held at the station awaiting the arrival of the train. At 10.30 a.m. the train having arrived, entrainment commenced. The train consisted of 1 officers carriage - 30 covered trucks and 17 open trucks with two closed trucks reserved for the Railway Officials. The closed trucks were used for horses and the open ones for vehicles. There was plenty of room and men were able to enjoy a certain amount of comfort, for a troop train. At Noon the train left ARQUES and proceeded at a fast pace with no long stops to ST. POL, passing through AIRE, and LILLERS. From ST POL to DOULLENS the journey was much slower with frequent stops. DOULLENS was eventually reached at 8.30 p.m. and troops then detrained. The C.O. Adjutant and Company Commanders proceeded orders to proceed at once to Brigade Headquarters situated at AUTHIEULE, the Battalion was to move by p.t.o.	APPENDIX 13

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			Move, March, 22/27, 1918. Page 3.	
			Route March to AUTHIEULE where orders were to be received. On reaching AUTHIEULE, the C.O. and Company Commanders met their units with information that as the Battalion was to go straight into the line, or rather that the Battalion was to take up a position on the SAILLY LE SEC - MERICOURT ROAD and hold up the advancing enemy. To reach this spot the Battalion route marched, with the same equipment with which they left EBBLINGHEM, to THIEVRES, a distance of 12 kilos from ~~THIEVRES~~ DOULLENS, where buses where waiting. Men were allotted 20 to a lorry, 25 to a bus, and whilst waiting to embus were issued with extra S.A.A. and Lewis Guns. As soon as the men entered the buses, the majority of them f fell asleep, tired out after their 21 hours continuous travelling, route marching with packs, scanty food, and the strain of not knowing what the next move was to be, where the enemy was or what action was to be taken. About 1.15 a.m. the buses left as a column and proceeded at a fast speed to the vicinity of FRANVILLERS; the transport followed by road and joined the Battalion later in the day. Out of the column, two lorries were allotted for the transport of food and Q.M. Stores. Had this not been done, no food could have been given to the Battalion until late on night of 27th. On arrival at FRANVILLERS, the Battalion moved by route march to the village of HEILLY. Here packs were taken off, great-coats removed from packs, and blankets placed therein, rations issued and preparations made for the move onto the Battle field. D. Coy was still detached. From 22nd March to 27th, the Battalion ~~were~~ was moving the whole time, throughout these moves about 33 kilos were done by route march, 6 hours spent in buses on the move, 12 hours on the move in train. Blankets were carried throughout the move by men. Meals were served as regularly as possible, and considering the difficulties of the frequent and hurried moves, rations were excellent. The men were in good spirits throughout, although some of the moves were most trying, especially the trip from DOULLENS to HEILLY. On no previous occasion, had the Battalion so severe a test of moving - such frequent breaking up of camp at a few hours notice, or so much consistant travelling. This however, was all taken with a good spirit for the men knew they were going into a new kind of warfare, and it was up to them to do their utmost.	

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			Report by M.O. March 1/31.1918.	
4/			For the 4 months after YPRES, and immediately preceding the above period, the 43rd Battalion had been in and out of the quiet sectors of BOIS GRENIER, and LE BIZET with short spells in back areas.	
			About December 23rd 1917, the Battalion was strengthened by some 250 odd reinforcements, bringing it up almost to full establishment strength.	
			A cursory inspection of these revealed two extremes in their ages and physique. The majority fortunately were strong and young; but as subsequently turned, lacked the hardihood conferred by the hard training which earlier reinforcements had received. However, these youths did not go under so rapidly nor to such an extent as did those at the other extreme eg., the obviously old men, who though in the minority formed a regrettably large proportion of this batch.	
			Nearly all the cases which it has been found necessary to present to Medical Boards, formed part of this large reinforcement.	
			It was very fortunate for these reinforcements therefore, that they were introduced to real active service conditions under almost ideal circumstances.	
			It was typical trench life in the abovementioned sectors, with occasional active days of heavy shelling etc., but battle casualties were practically negligible and the enemy appeared inclined to keep quiet if we let him alone.	
			This undoubtedly had a great effect in developing a good morale amongst the recent reinforcements.	
			For a few months the weather was most severe, heavy frosts and extremely low temperatures prevailing.	
			The most that this resulted in however, was to find out some of the weaklings, and those of a rheumatic diathesis, chiefly the old men.	
			Trench fever, Influenza, and Severe Bronchial Catarrh were the chief cause of evacuations.	
			On March 1st, we were holding the line in the LE BIZET Sector. The weather conditions had moderated as regards temperatures, but generally moisture prevailed, and at no time, during this period was there any freedom from mud and slush in the trenches, but camphorated powder treatment was carried out rigorously and the supply of dry socks so well maintained, that for the period up to March 1st, no case of Trench feet occurred in this Battalion.	
			The Battalion was relieved on March 2/3rd and was sent back to the LUMBRES area for rest and training.	
			The billets were widely scattered in and around the farms and barns of the village of SELLES.	
			The change was a complete one. From the dismal, flat square miles of Flanders mud, the scene was changed to undulating grassy hills, inhabited farms, cultivated and prosperous looking,	

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			, far removed from the sound and sight of war. The weather did all in its power to restore our belief in the reputation which this stricken country holds for being "Sunny France". The health, spirits, and morale of the men were immeasurably improved by this all too short a spell in this delightful area. There were remarkably few cases of real sickness, the evacuations being chiefly on account of a few bad cases of scabies and Influenza. The sick parades consisted for the most part of men requiring dental treatment, at least 40 % cases being in this Battalion alone. They consisted in order of frequency as follows:- 1. Broken denture. 2. Fillings. 3. Extractions. These cases proved to be the accumulation of the months spent in forward areas where it is impossible to get adequate dental treatment, on account of the frequent moves of the Battalion from one Dental area to another. It is, therefore, in this respect to be urged that when a unit is in back areas, greater provision should be made by increased dental staffs to cope with the accumulated work. This necessity was evidenced on this occasion e.g., the period in the LUMBRES area, by the fact that the Dental Officer was able to treat only one half of the cases per day requiring treatment. No allowance was made for the possibility of a curtailment of the stay in the back area; consequently when sudden orders were received for a hurried move forward again, a large number of men were still requiring dental treatment, and their chance of getting any was gone for an indefinitely long time. On 21st March, the Battalion received sudden orders to move. From thence onwards for 5 days till the morning of the 27th, the whole personnel of this Battalion was subjected to a most thorough test of endurance. Long marches to the train, long marches from them after long and tedious journeys in cattle trucks, a three hour trip in motor busses in the early hours of the morning finishing up with a 6 kilo march straight into the line, was no mean test. This was the preliminary to our introduction to the SOMME. Although there were with us 6 or 7 men (unfit) who were under review by the A.D.M.S. at the time the order to move was received, and a number of Category 2 men; not one man fell out or required medical attention, during the last three days of the move. P,T.O.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			From the 26th to 31st March, the Battalion was in the line and for those 5 days all evacuations were due to battle casualties. Sore and blistered feet were very prevalent, but every man seemed to realise that we were up against it, and the way the sorefooted uncomplainingly stuck it is deserving of unstinted praise.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			Holding the line 27/31st March 1918. Sector between River ANCRE and SOMME. Reference Map 6.2.d. (Sketch attached)	
			Before entering the line, Brigade informed the Battalion that the sector to be held was along BAILLY LE SEC - MERICOURT ROAD. 42nd Battalion with 3 Companies was to hold from River SOMME to CORBIE -BRAY Road, and 43rd with its A.B. and C. Companies from the CORBIE-BRAY ROAD to River ANCRE.	
			At 8.30 a.m. the whole Battalion present, less D. Coy, Transport, and Q.M. details moved forward under Major A.T. Patterson, the C.O. Adjutant, Intelligence Officer and Company Commanders having moved forward previously for reconnaissance. Platoons moved forward in artillery formations, and were met in forward positions by their Company Commanders.	
			C. Coy was holding MERICOURT and the left sector, A. Coy holding the right sector, the boundary being the road through J.16.a. B.H.Q. was in an embankment. The Quartermasters Store remained at BEILLY. Men dug in and commenced settling down. A scattering of ENGLISH troops were about the sector - cavalry skirmishing in front. There were only 2.13 pounder guns covering the sector at the time.	
			During the afternoon, the Transport joined the Quartermaster at BEILLY and ammunition picks shovels and rations were sent up to the line. News arrived in the afternoon, that 10th Brigade had arrived and would then-sidestep relieve the 43rd Battalion, this Battalion would then side-step and relieve half the 42nd Battalion.	
			During the afternoon the enemy shelled the area around CORBIE-BRAY road, and also some of the towns in the forward areas. D. Company reported in the late afternoon, and the C.O. decided to put "D" Company and B. Company in the line in the new sector with A and C in support. Reconnaissance of the position took place, and at 6 p.m. the relief commenced and was completed before dark. The new sector was from CORBIE-BRAY road, south to J.29.central, the line being roughly through J.23.b.and d. and J.29.b, The 10th Brigade was on the left, and the 42nd Battalion on the right of the 43rd Battalion.	
			During the night of 27/28, although the men were so fatigued, a fair line was dug. Patrols operated throughout the night. 1 officer and 25 O.R. being the strength.	
			The morning of the 28th opened with a bleak cold wind, day was quiet except for some of our artillery shooting short.	
			During the late afternoon, our line was advanced by 2 platoons pushing forward. (vide appendix 13). The night was wet and very cold. The 41st Battalion, with which 44th Battalion was now in support, leap-frogged through 43rd, and consolidating the line, left one Company attached to	

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			Holding the line March 27/31st 1918. Page 2. con.	
			43rd Battalion to hold the positions, the remainder of the Battalion withdrawinf to support. During the night a prisoner captured by 42nd Battalion gave information of an attack at dawn of 29th. Extra precautionary steps were taken, but no attack was launched. Artillery moved in during the night and several batteries of 3rd Divisional Artillery were now supporting the line. Rain fell most of Good Friday 29th and night commenced with darkness being somewhat intense, but the moon later improved visibility. The morning of 39th opened quietly, with the line held as follows, "B" Coy 41st Battalion holding the outposts. D and B Companies in the front line and C and A in support.	
			Throughout the morning of 30th after about 8 a.m., enemy artillery carried out somewhat heavy shooting over the whole front, concentrating chiefly on the valley right of this Battalion, the density of the fire increased until about 11.30 a.m. when it slackened somewhat. Calibres of Guns were 15 c.m.- 10.5 c.m. and 77 m.m. The 10.5 c.m. was used as much as any. At 11.50 a.m. a barrage was put down on our front line trenches and on crests and valleys. The latter received special attention with 15 c.m. and 10.5 c.m. At the same time, machine gun fire was brought to bear heavily on our front line. Shrapnel was not used to any very great extent. H.E. being the chief shell.	
			Following the barrage, dribbles of Infantry appeared over ridge in K.19-25 and up the valley in 31 moving in a slight Northerly direction, The CORBIE-BRAY Road forming the northerly flank of the attack. Following the line of skirmishers, three lines of infantry in waves followed in close touch with each other. Behind these small columns, probable sections advanced. Fire from Rifles and Lewisguns of the advanced posts, checked disorganised, and finally broke these waves. The artillery accounted largely for the columns of ~~infantry~~- sections, with the result that the enemy was checked after he had advanced about 250 yards. He attempted to rally and leaders (probably officers or N.C.Os) could at times be seen urging the men onwards, but any attempt to move or rally immediately drew fire from men. The result therefore was that after about two hours, the fight was practically over, only a few shots being fired. By 4 p.m. all was normal again.	
			Summing it up. The enemy's barrage (artillery)was heavy but somewhat scattered and appeared to advance very quickly. Shrapnel was used very little. His Machine Gun fire was heavy, and he evidently brought a large number of Machine Guns with him in the attack. His attack was beaten off chiefly by our outposts, while the artillery broke his rear columns. He appeared to have underestimated the strength of our outposts. His men, once they had been checked, were not willing to rally and continue the advance.	

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			Holding the line March 27/31, 1918. Page 3. Con.	
			Following the attack, when the situation became normal again - enemy appeared to register with his artillery on our wire and where movement had been seen.	
			The effect of the enemy defeat was to very greatly improve the morale and spirit of our men. Heavy casualties were inflicted on the enemy, probably some hundreds were hit. Our casualties were Lieut Pamment and 7 o.r. killed and 15 o.r. wounded.	
			No part of our line was reached, but the right flank of our outpost had to form a defensive flank as the enemy threatened to come in from there, owing to the outpost Company on the right withdrawing. During the evening this was rectified, and the outpost resumed its old position.	
			Throughout the attack, ammunition was constantly sent forward, this coming from the limber specially kept for the purpose at Battalion Headquarters, When empty this limber would immediately report to the Brigade Ammunition dump, refil and proceed to B.H.Q.	
			Following the attack, orders were received that the 43rd would side-step and relieve 40th Battalion, the left flank, immediately north of CORBIE-BRAY road. After a great deal of ~~travelli~~ trouble and contradictory orders coming through, "A" Company complete, relieved this Battalion and the new front was held as per maps attached.	
			This relief was carried out without casualties.	
			The following day, Easter Sunday, opened with showers, but afternoon and evening were fine and quiet.	
			The fighting on the SOMME was of a new type to the Battalion. For months it had been accustomed to the plaines of FLANDERS with the fixed settled trenches. YPRES and MESSINES were the only areas where any hills had been encountered, and then only in offensive work. Now the Battalion was defending unshelled country, hilly with steep ravines, undamaged and recently evacuated villages. From these much valuable foodstuff, fuel etc, was salved, and used by the troops.	
			After the first few days, these villages were subjected to artillery fire at intervals.	
			So ended the first few days on the SOMME.	

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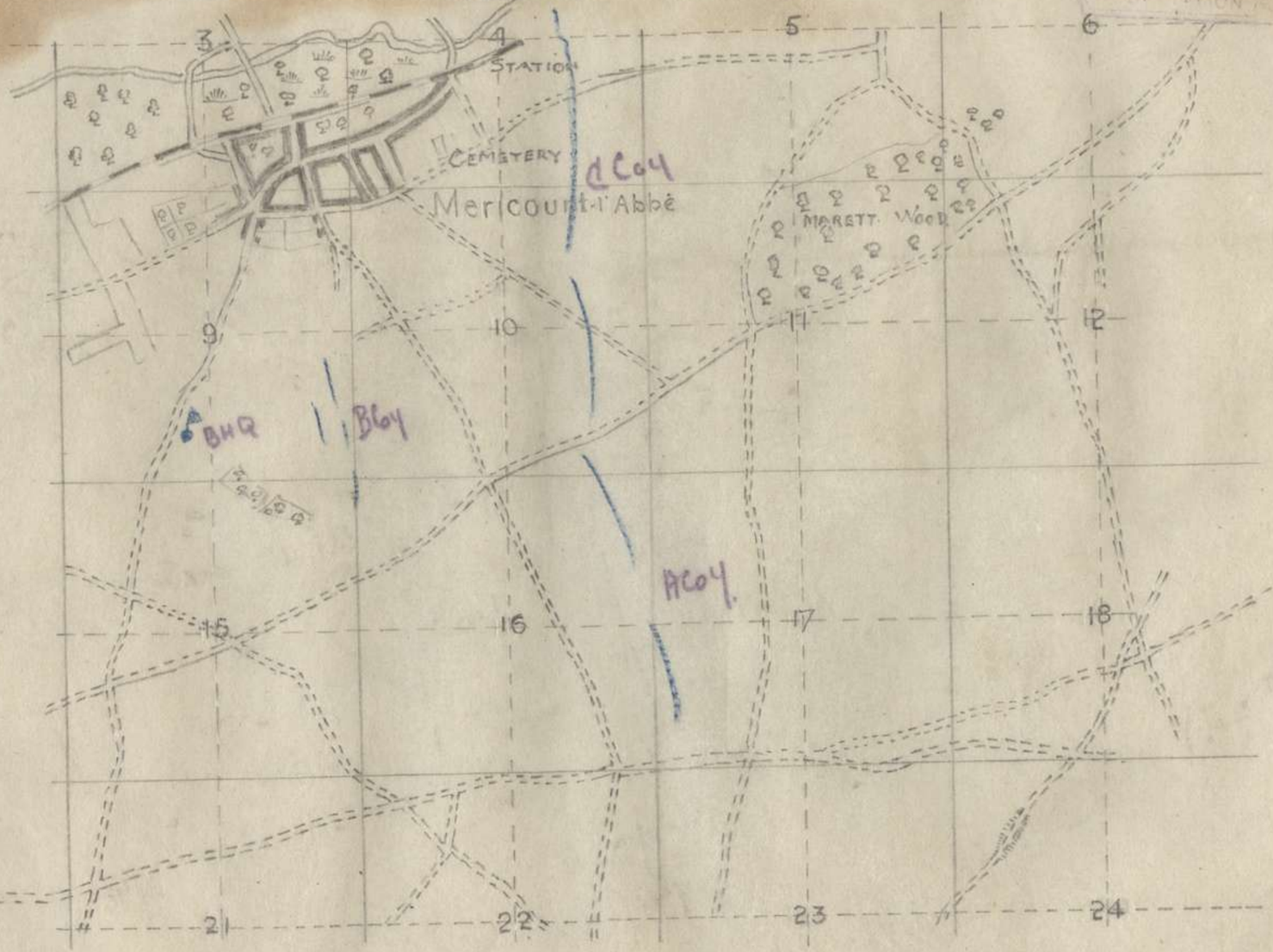

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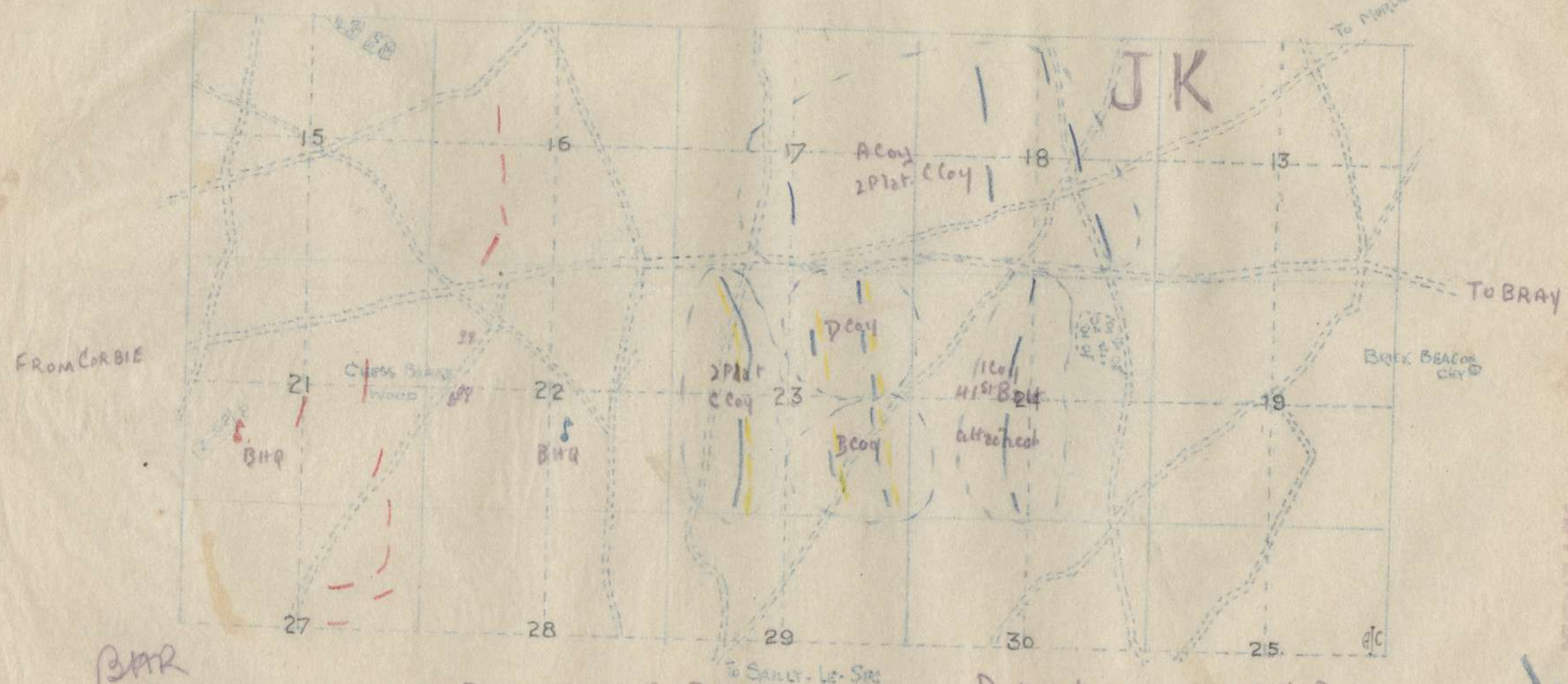

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COMMANDING OFFICER'S REPORT for MARCH. 1918.

1. COMMAND. On 16/2/18 Major J. FARRELL was transferred from the 42nd Battalion A.I.F. to the 43rd Battalion, to Command, and was granted the temporary rank of Lieutenant Colonel while commanding.
Major W.J. KINNISH had been administering the Command since December 1917.

2. MOVEMENTS. On the 1st March 1918, the Battalion was holding the line in the PONT ROUGE SECTOR, holding about 2,500 yards northward from the RIVER LYS. 43rd Battalion was right Battalion of Brigade, with 42nd Battalion on the left.
The 57th British Division was on our right south of the LYS.
The Battalion had two Companies, C & D in front, and two Companies, A. &. B. in close support.
The defence was in depth, the front being held by Lewis Gun Posts with Infantry posts in close supports. The 23rd and 11th Machine Gun Companies were posted in Subsidiary Line, the guns being employed by batteries for direct fire and barrage fire.
The enemy was not very active in this sector, the RIVER LYS forming a big obstacle in NO MANS LAND. His Trench Mortars fired on our front posts from across the River near FRELINGHEIN.
On the night of the 2/3rd March, the Battalion was relieved by the 41st, and moved back into reserve position at LE ROSSIGNOL CAMP, near NIEPPE. On the 6th the Battalion moved to KORTEPYP CAMP near NEUVE EGLISE.
Next day the 7th, the Battalion entrained at STEENWERCK and proceeded to SELLES in the LUMBRES AREA. The billets were very scattered and consisted mostly of barns which were very comfortable, and were provided with straw. Here the Battalion remained till the 22nd March.
On that day the Battalion moved by train to EECKE as part of reserve for 22nd BRITISH Division. On the 24th, the Battalion moved by buses to RENESCURE AREA and billetted at EBBLINGHEM till the morning of the 26th, when they entrained at ARQUES, near ST OMER, and travelled south to DOULLENS, arriving at 9.30 p.m. on the night of the 26/27th. From DOULLENS the men marched to THIEVRES, where they proceeded by bus to FRANVILLIERS. Reference Sheet 9. FRANCE. ~~G.S.~~D. 62D

IN THE LINE. SOMME.

From FRANVILLIERS the men marched to HEILLY in J.1.d. where orders were received to take up a defensive position along the SAILLY le SEC - MERICOURT Road, the Battalion front extending from the CORBIE- BRAY Road to J.22.b.8.9. to the River ANCRE at J.4.Central, (about 2,500 yards.
A reconnaissance was made by the C.O. and Company Commanders. On arriving at the position in J.16. and 10. a mixed force of 600 British Infantry were found on the ground, mostly lining the sunken Road in J.10.d. and occupying a few isolated posts near MERICOURT STATION, and J.10.b. and d.
These men belonged to BLACK WATCH, D.L.I. 2nd LINCOLNS, TANK CORPS and 14th Northumberland Fusiliers. They were very disorganised, and their morale was bad owing to their long retirements, and their lack of rests and food.
A cavalry screen occupied a position about 2000 yards to the front towards MORLANCOURT.
The 43rd Battalion took over the position on the morning of the 27th, the men having been on the move since 3 a.m. on the morning of the 26th.
A.B. and C. Companies held the line with D. in Support.

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IN THE LINE SOMME. con.

The 42nd Battalion took over the line from the CORBIE-BRAY Rd in the North to the River SOMME in the South.
At 3 p.m. on the 27th the 43rd were relieved by the 10th Brigade (37th and 38th Battalions). The 43rd Battalion took over half the front occupied by the 42nd Battalion, south of the CORBIE-BRAY Road. The front line extended from the Road at J.17.d.2.2. to J. 29.a.5.5. Two Companies, B. and D. held the front right to left, about 1300 yards, with two Companies A. and C. in Close Support.
The front line occupied consisted of and old French Army Line, and was heavily wired. B.H.Q. was at J.22.d.2.8.
The enemy's artillery became active, and his advanced troops came into touch with our outposts. The enemy brought up fresh guns, Machine Guns and Infantry during the 28th and 29th March and on the morning of the 30th at 12 NooN, attacked our position moving diagonally across our front from the direction of SAILLY LAURETTE. His attack was preceded by a short bombardment which fell chiefly on the ridge between SAILLY le SEC and the CORBIE-BRAY Road. His Infantry advanced in small dribbles of skirmishers covered by an intense Machine Gun Barrage. Next came three waves of Infantry and behind them small columns.
Our Machine Guns, Lewis Guns, and Rifles played havoc with the enemy, and our Artillery also did some pretty shooting. The enemy did not get nearer than 150 yards of our outpost lines, and he suffered very heavily.
Our casualties were 1 officer (Lieut PAMMENT) and 7 Other Ranks killed, with 15 other Ranks wounded.
On the night of the 30th, our front line was extended to J.18. Central, the new part being taken over from the 40th Battalion.
The disposition of the Battalion was altered, A. Company of 41st Battalion attached held the outpost line with B.D. and A. Companies 43rd Battalion, on line of resistance, and C. Company in support.

3.TRAINING.

During the fortnight the Battalion was in back areas at SELLES, Training on the lines for defensive was undertaken. A whole week was given to musketry and Lewis Gun work, and the development of Fire Power.
On the morning of the 30th in the attach North of the SOMME our shooting was splendid, and showed that the training was sound.
~~This~~ Physical training was kept up and men were given plenty of Marching, games, P.T. and B.F.
Saturday and Sunday were holidays, and liberal leave was given to BOULOGNE, ST OMER, and DESVRES, men being taken by Motor Lorry to first two places.
The weather was good during this period and the men greatly benefited by the change.

4.EQUIPMENT, CLOTHING, etc.,

This was fairly good and the equipment, mob stores, etc, were complete.
A Central Canteen at SELLES with two Branch canteens were established and were greatly appreciately by the men.

5.HEALTH. The health of the Battalion was very good. There were a few minor cases of scabies and influenza, but nothing very serious. Six cases were sent up for review by the M.B. but no results are yet obtainable.

6.CRIMES. The only cases were several men who overstayed ENGLISH leave by one or two days.

7.CHANGES OF OFFICERS.

Capt. J. MORAN, A. and I. Staff joined up and was posted to A. Coy.
Major. W.J.KINNISH went on a month's leave to ENGLAND and Major A.T. PATTERSON acted as Second in Command.

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8. SOMME AREA. The fighting in th Somme was a new kind of warfare to the Battalion, and was a complete change to the Style of Trench Warfare in FLANDERS. The chalk country between the SOMME and the ANCRE with its ridges and deep hollows was a complete change to the flat country of BELGIUM. It was a pitiful sight to see the women, children, and old men fleeing from the villages, leaving their homes and belongings to the devastations of war.

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.....Lieut-Col.
C.O. 43rd Infantry Battalion A.I.F.

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"Q" BRANCH.

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The MONTH OF MARCH. 1918.

The month of March was marked by a series of moves, which materially affected the work of the "Q" Branch.

The Battalion moved from LE ROSSIGNOL CAMP to KORTEPYP CAMP on 5/3/18, and on the following day entrained for the Back Area, the detraining point being LOTTINGHEM. The movement of stores and rations was successfully caried out; everything being delivered safelyaat the billetting area at SELLES.

On the morning of 22/3/18, orders were received to move to EECKE AREA, 6 hours notice only being given to entrain. This move was rendered particularly difficult in that the Battalion was billetted over a scattered area, consequently stores, valises etc., had to be conveyed to two railheads, namely LOTTINGHEM, and DESVRES.

Despite all difficulties the move was successfully carried out.

After billetting at EECKE for one day the Battalion moved again, this time to EBBLINGHEM. On the morning of 26/3/18, still and her move was made to the ARQUES Railhead. Here the Battalion entrained for DOULLENS.

The last move was unique in this respect, that no additional transport was provided. The Battalion had to move with the same transport as was available to convey stores of the Battalion from ENGLAND to FRANCE. All surplus Officers' kit, sporting material, pierrot costumes, canteen stores, barbers and tailors kit, and other stores normally carried for the convenience of the Battalion had to be dumped.

However, all the essential stores were carried and made available for use of the Battalion immediately the line was taken over on 27/3/18.

At a point some ten miles from DOULLENS, the Battalion em-bussed for the line. Three motor lorries were made available to convey S.A.A., Lewis Gun Stores, Signalling Stores, and Rations, to the troops so as to reach them at HEILLY just before entering the firing line.

RATIONS.

Rations as supplied by A.S.C. during the month were uniformly good, both as regards quantity as quality.

Not once, during all the changing conditions during the month did supplies fail to reach the Battalion. The bread issue varied from one to three to one to six, the average being one to four. loaves

The proportion of fresh meat was sufficient for all requirements except during the last five daysof March when preserved meat only was available. Within 24 hours of entering the line on 27/3/18, a hot meal was sent up to the troops.

While in the back area, rations were supplemented by purchases from Battalion Funds, of vegetables and flour.

It was deemed inadvisable to take the ~~troub~~- travelling Kitchens to the line to prepare hot meals, so a hot meal was prepared every night at "B" Echelon and sent up by transport. This method proved to be satisfactory.

The issue of Rum was good, an average of eight gallons being sent to the troops every night from March 28th.

CLOTHING.

Only a small quantity of clothing was received from D.A.D.O.S. during the month, ~~a~~ quality of same was up to standard.

EQUIPMENT.

The equipment of the Battalion was well maintained during the month. No difficulty was experienced in obtaining supplies required.

REGIMENTAL CANTEEN.

Two days after arrival at SELLES, the Regimental canteen resumed business. Separate canteens were established with the Companies,

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occupying outlying billets, and brisk trade was done. The profits for March amounted to approximately 450 frs.

FAT AND PAPER.

The saving of fat and paper received every attention. The sum of 753 frs., was realised on account of fat ~~sav~~ returned to railhead.

The Armorers, Bootmakers, and Postal Departments, were administered with satisfactory results.

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BnR

.....Captain.
Quartermaster. "Admiral".

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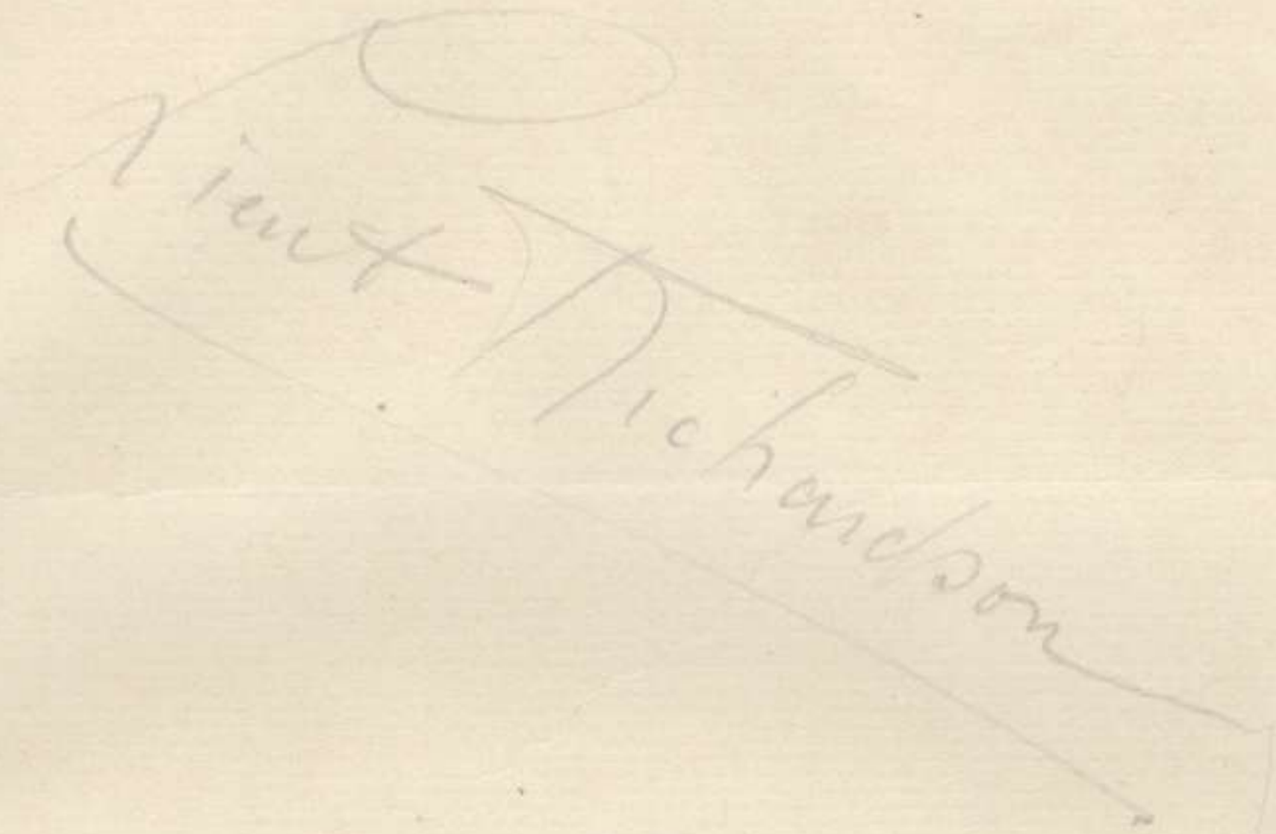

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"TRANSPORT SECTION".

March. 1918.

1st.) Occupied Lines LE ROSSIGNOL CAMP near NIEPPE.
2nd.)
3rd.)
4th. 10 Limbers, 1 Water Cart, 1 Cooker, 5 Light Horses.) Left for SELLES under Captain CARSTAIRS, via STRAZEELE.

5th. Remaining Transport and Baggage Wagons left LE ROSSIGNOL CAMP and parked at KORTYPYP LINES, staying with the Battalion for the night.

6th. Transport entrained at 5.25 p.m. at BAILLEUL for DESVRES, and proceeded by road to SELLES arriving at 6.30 a.m. on the 7th.

7th. Road Teams arrived at SELLES at 4.30 p.m. and soon settled down in the new Area. We were fortunate in being able to secure a Paddock to turn the Animals loose in, and they very soon showed a great improvement. Quite a lot of work was done by Transport in this Area, carting Rations, Water, and materials, for the use of the Battalion. A team was supplied to Corps Farm at COLBERT and did quite a lot of ploughing during the period of Duty.

21st. Received orders to be prepared to move at short notice.

22nd. 10 limbers, 1 Cooker, 1 Water Cart, 7 Light Horses.) moved off from SELLES at 12.45 p.m. en route for EECKE ~~at 12.45 p.m.~~ AREA under Captain. CARSTAIRS.

A valuable H.D. Horse dropped dead just prior to leaving SELLES

The Balance of Transport entrained at DESVRES at 3.15 p.m. for EECKE AREA via CAESTRE arriving at 10.15 p.m. and parked at a Farm between EECKE and CAESTRE.

24th. Transport moved from EECKE AREA, starting point SYLVESTER CAPELLE at 11.30 a.m. and arrived at EBBLINGHEM at 6.30 p.m. the lines being at a Farm near the Village, and joined the portion of Transport that moved from SELLES, by road.

26th. The transport complete with Baggage wagon moved from EBBLINGHEM at 4.30 a.m. for ARQUES Railway Station, and arrived on time at 6.30 a.m. where we entrained at 11.30 a.m. for DOULLENS, arriving at the detraining point at 10.30 p.m. We then proceeded by road to a point near SARTON.

The troops were conveyed in Busses from SARTON to HEILLY, the Transport Section following via Herrisart, Beaucourt, Behencourt, and Franvillers, arriving at 10.30 a.m. on the 27th having covered over 23 miles in record time. At 12.30 p.m. we moved back to a wood, between FRANVILLERS and BEHENCOURT, where we parked for the night. This was done under Brigade Orders.

Again under Brigade Orders we moved via HEILLY to the village of BONNAY where we erected our Lines on the Bank of the ANCRE just at the entrance to the village.

One Limber was detailed to report to the Officer in charge of the Brigade Ammunition Dump for the purpose of supplying the Battalions in the Line.

One Limber and two pack Animals with Drivers were detailed to report to Battalion Headquarters in the Line with reserve ammunition.

29th. Two Drivers with Pack Animals were detailed for duty with the 11th Trench Mortar Battery.

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Mar.30th.
Enemy attacked our position, and during the Bombardment, two Mules were wounded, one had to be destroyed, and the other evacuated. The Limber was also knocked about, and one wheel had to be replaced.
Rations, Water, Wire and Picket, and a quantity of material was taken forward to the Battalion in the Line, and delivered to Headquarters, and the respective Companies, without serious trouble.

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Depot Officer
43rd Battn

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"B" Companies report of Move and Trenches North of SOMME from 26/3/18 to 31/3/18.

REFERENCE MAPS. HAZEBROUCK. LENS. AMIENS. FRANCE. 6 2 D.

March 26th. Reveille at 3 a.m.. Breakfast served at 3.30 a.m. and Company moved out at 4.15. a.m. to reach cross Roads near EBBLINGHEM at 5 a.m.
Company then routemarched to ARQUES, a distance of 6 miles. Whilst waiting here to entrain, troops indulged in Long Jump, Hop, Skip, and Jump, and various other tests of speed, strength, and athletics skill among themselves. Hot tea was served.
Entrained at 11 p.m. and after a rapid run (for a troop train) arrived and detrained at DOULLENS at 8.30 p.m. Hardening process then set in and Company marched from DOULLENS to THIEVRES, about 8½ miles, where Motor Buses where waiting. Travelled then per bus to FRANVILLIERS arriving at 5 a.m.

March 27th. From there marched to HEILLY, about 3 miles where packs were dumped and men got into fighting order. The change from full marching order to Fighting Order was much appreciated by everyone after carrying full packs and blankets for 28 hours and marching during that a distance of nearly 20 miles.
Breakfast was also served after which the Companies moved ø to take up a position along the SAILLY le SEC-MERICOURT le ABBE Road, S.E. of the village of HEILLY, relieving the [redacted] of the 5th Army which had been in retreat for the previous 6 days, that is since the opening of the German Offensive on March 21st and had retired during that time nearly 30 kilos.
Later in the afternoon this position was occupied by the 10th Australian Brigade and we moved 300 yards right, taking over a position from B. Coy 42nd Australian Battalion who moved and occupied a position on our right. D. Coy 43rd on left and A. and C. Companies in support..

March 28th. To-day spent chiefly in improving and strengthening position.

March 29th.
Position further strengthened. At 5 p.m. No 10 platoon under Lieut Oliver was sent out in company with a platoon from D. Company and a platoon from 42nd to form a screen for an outpost. Rather ticklish work this and the whole of the Screen did splendid work holding the line until the whole of the outpost and Sentry Groups were dug in. During the whole time they were out, heavy rain was falling and everyone saturated. Party returned tofront Line at 4.30 a.m. Company left occupying outposts was A Coy of

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41st Battalion A.I.F.

March 30th.

This morning the Hun livened things up considerably, directing special a ttention to the SOMME VALLEY and at 11.45 a.m. started to advance. Heavy rain set in almost simultaneously Our outposts met him with heavy bursts of Rifle and Machine Gun fire; this combined with the excellent work of the 3rd Divisional Artillery (Australian) which had only come into action this morning, but got on to their targets with great precision, broke the advance and the attack failed completely At 4.30 p.m. a report reached me that Officer in Charge on left had lost touch with outpost Company on right. Lieut Oliver with No 6 Platoon, was again called on to move out and form the connection between the two Companies. Touch was established at 6 p.m. but platoon remained out till two Lewis Gun teams Teams of 44th Battalion were pushed our and kept communication between outpost Companies. No 6 platoon returned to our Line at 3.30 a.m.

During the engagement of this morning, this Company supplied Outposts with 7000 rounds of S.A.A. and pleased to say this was carried out without a casualty. At 11 p.m. our No 2 Patrol which kept communication between our front line and outpost, had misfortune to miss a Bosche patrol, the patrol preceding them having the good fortune to capture them alive.

March 31st.

Have been expecting Bosche to renew his attack and have now come to the conclusion that it is not going to take place.

Day quiet. Outposts relieved by D. Coy 41st Battalion.

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Percy Hope.....Capt.
O.C. "B" Company. 43rd Bn.A.I.F.

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			War. Diary. "A" Company. March 1/31st 1918.	
			March 1st and 2nd, Company was in support at LE BIZET. One platoon occupying strong point at LYS FARM.	
			On March 3rd, three platoons returned to LE ROSSIGNOL, and one platoon under Lieut F.A. Lewis occupied with "B" Company, Corps Line from the LYS to PLOEGSTEERT WOOD.	
			March 4th. Major Patterson took command of the Company.	
			March 5th. Company moved to KORTEPYP, where Lieut Lewis's platoon reported and rejoined.	
			March 6th. Company marched to STEENWERCK STATION and entrained for LOTTINGHEM. Reached billet in SELLES about 3.30 a.m. on 7/3/18.	
			March 7/10th. These days were spent clearing up, completing equipment, and resting.	
			March 11th. Intensive training was started on Battalion Parade Ground. Training, to start, was mostly individual, and skill at arms aimed at.	
			On March 12th, Captain RICE again took command. Training in skill at arms was continued on 12th and 13th, and ~~now~~ on the 14th the Company marched to Rifle Ranges at BLEQUIN. Platoon competitions were carried out, combining use of bullet and bayonet, together with Lewis Gun.	
			March 15th and 16th individual training was continued, and on 17th and 18th recreational training was carried out. On March 18th Capt J.T. Moran took charge.	
			March 19/21 individual and collective training was continued.	
			March 22nd. Marched to LOTTINGHEM and entrained for EECKE. Arrived at Billets about 2 a.m. 23/3/18 and rested that day.	
			On March 24th, Company embussed for EBBLINGHEM and arrived at Billets about 2 p.m. From then till following evening was spent in rest, and at 5 a.m. 26/3/18, Company marched to ARQUES and entrained for DOULLENS. Detrained and marched to THIEVRES. On 27th bussed to FRANVILLERS and then marched to HEILLY. About 9 a.m. 27/3/18, moved to the line, taking over about 1000 yards WEST of CORBIE BRAY ROAD. In the evening Company was relieved by 37th Battalion and moved SOUTH of CORBIE- BRAY road as support Company. One platoon was attached to "B" Company.	
			March 28th and 29th Company was still in support.	
			March 30th, Enemy attacked under cover of artillery and machine gun fire about midday, but was repulsed. Two men were killed in carrying ammunition forward.	
			In the evening the Company relieved the 40th Battalion North of CORBIE-BRAY ROAD and took over ~~support~~ line.)outpost(	
			March 31st. An enemy artillery despatch carrier ~~was~~ was wounded and captured by Lt GREENS post. Prisoner and his bicycle were sent to B.H.Q.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			"O" Coy. Report.	
			March. 6. 100 men marched from KORTEPYP to BAILLEUL where they reported to Lieut. HARPER at 2 p.m. for the purpose of loading all Transports in 11th Brigade. The party was divided in three and as soon as the train pulled in to the siding, the work commenced, two parties being detailed for loading vehicles and the other horses and mules. The men worked so well that everything was loaded 1½ hours under the time allowed (3 hours), which performance was generally supposes to have constituted a record for the Division.	
			March 22nd. 100 men marched from billets in the vicinity of SELLES to DESVRES, where they reported to Lieut HARPER at 2.30 p.m. Men were then told off to load Brigade Transport. They were divided into 3 parties, 2 to load vehicles and the other, animals. When the train pulled in the work was begun. Some difficulty was experienced in loading the transport, there being no ramp to run the vehicles up, this was overcome by utilising sleepers to make one. The work of loading then proceeded with all speed, the whole of the vehicles, horses, and mules being placed on the train about an hour before it was timed to leave, which cinsidering the difficulties was rather a good performance.	

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EBBLINGHEM to TRENCHES N. of SOMME 26.3.1918 to 31.3.1918			Report on D Coys Move From EBBLINGHEM to TRENCHES NORTH of R. SOMME.	
			Ref Maps. HAZEBROUCK - LENS - AMIENS 1/100,000 and FRANCE 62D 1/40.000.	
	26.3.1918		D bay having received orders that it would not entrain with the Battalion but would move off independently did not leave revalle until 7AM: after breakfast preparations were completed to move and at 10AM the company left EBBLINGHEM in full marching order plus one blanket for Railway Station at ARQUES. Halts were made every 1/2 hour: at the 2nd halt tea was made for the men. ARQUES was reached at 2PM but entraining did not commence until 3.30PM, the men being made to rest for the intervening hour & a half. The train taking the Coy south also contained 1 Coy 44th Batt 11th Field Ambulance & transport, and left ARQUES at 3.55PM taking the same route as the balance of the Battalion. The journey as far as St POL was fast but from there to DOULLENS frequent stops were made. Detraining	APPENDIX 10
	27.3.1918		commenced at 5AM at DOULLENS and the Coy moved through the town to where motor lorries were waiting. These were loaded & ~~the Coy attached to the 44th Batt.~~ Lorries left at 7.30AM and	

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EBBLINGHEM to TRENCHES N. of Somme 26/3/18 to 31/3/18			Report of D Coys Moves (cont)	
			proceeded to FRANVILLERS, the journey occupied 4 hrs. On disembussing information was received to proceed to HEILLY and report to details there. This town was reached after a 4 kilo march ~~and~~ packs dumped and fighting order adopted. The coy then moved forward in search of the Battalion which, from information received from the Divisional Comdr, was known to be holding the line. After crossing the river ANCRE the coy broke up into Echelon formation and later touch was gained with the rear of the Batt at 2 PM. Men were then halted under cover and at 5PM rations arrived & a hasty meal partaken, after which the Coy again moved forward and at 7.30PM relieved portion of 42nd Batt occupying the line from J23a 9.9 to J29 a 6.9 with B Coy on the right and 10th Bgde on the left. The line was held with 16 Platoon on the right 14 Platoon on the left - 13 & 15 in support. Next day the	
	28.3.1918		coy was strengthened by 1 Platoon of C Coy and 13 Platoon ~~was~~ reinforced	

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			Report on D Coys Moves (Cont)	
EBBLINGHEM to TRENCHES N. of Somme 26.3.1918 — 31.3.1918	28.3.	1918	the front line between 16 & 14 platoons. At 5PM No 14 Platoon under Lt J.H. Barthwick in conjunction with a platoon from B Coy on the right & a platoon of 10th Bgde on the left. Vide APPENDIX 13. Wet weather made the trench life	
	29.3.	1918	unpleasant for the next day.	
	30.3.	1918	The morning was very active with artillery fire and at noon the enemy attacked: on the enemy appearing over the ridge the Coy shouted its war cry which had a remarkably stimulating effect. The attack did not reach the Coys lines being held by the outposts. At 5.30 PM instructions were received to counter-attack should the enemy drive back the outposts - permission being given to draw reinforcements from C Coy. However no counter-attack was necessary as enemy entrenched beyond our outposts.	
	31.3.	1918	Enemy active around his new position but otherwise day quiet	

A.H. Lott Major
O. C. D Coy.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			Our Operations	**Enemy Operations**
SOMME. (Sheet 62D J15 a cent) and later J22d 2.6	27.3.18 to 28.3.18	6AM 7AM	Artill. As the only guns on the sector were 2 13 lbrs - artill was practically hit. Guns arrived at night & a few shots were fired between 5 & 7 AM.	Artill. 4.2" fired on towns & back areas - cross roads and communications. Scattered shoots throughout the day.
			MG & Snipers Inactive.	MG. Bursts at intervals thro the night.
			Patrols. 2 each of 1 officer & 25 O.R operated on our front. One reported enemy in wood in J24b. It is believed these were in wait for our patrols.	Snipers Active about daybreak on movement.
			Aircraft. Very active all day over our own & enemy line.	Aircraft 1 Plane flew over our lines at 7PM. Several between 6 & 9AM flying low & firing MG.
			Observation. Only a few enemy seen in the distance.	Attitude Rather anxious to push forward.
			Miscellaneous Apparently we only came in touch with his outposts or small advanced parties. Our position being so new that consolidation was our chief object	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			Our Operations	**Enemy Operations**	
Somme (Sheet 62D J22d 2.6)	28.3.18 to 29.3.18	7AM 7AM	Artill. Very artillery registering throughout the day. Night quiet. More batteries arrived during the night. M.G. Fired on roads and tracks. Snipers Inactive. Aircraft Remained active thro' the day. Offensive 2 Platoons operated :- Vide APPENDIX 13 Observation Again not much visible, visibility only fair. Miscellaneous Prisoner captured on our attack was to take place at dawn on 29th. precautions were taken - nothing happened. Enemys position more definite - outposts & snipers positions located in pits.	Artill. Fired on BRAY CORBIE Rd with 4.2". Scattered 77cm fire over the sector. M.G. Bursts during the night - Active platoon advance. Snipers Occasional Shots. Aircraft Slightly more active. right flank gave information that an	during the

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information		Remarks and references to Appendices
			Our Operations	Enemy Operations	
Somme J.22d 2.6	29.3.18 to 30.3.18	4AM 4AM	Artill. 18ldrs & 4.5" Hows registered & carried out harassing fire on enemy: Engaged copse in J18d, and posts in K13 & 19.	Artill. Far more active & low on previous days - scattered shooting with 77 MM & 10.5 CM batteries & a few shots into towns	
			M.G. Fired on aeroplanes and movement.	M.G. Active thro' the night from forward positions.	
			Patrols During the night active patrolling and enemy outposts located in posts.	Patrols None encountered.	
			Aircraft Less active than previous days.	Aircraft Active - flying low - apparently reconnoitring our line thoroughly. Engaged actively by AA & M.G.	
			Snipers Several hits claimed	Snipers No hits - shooting at intervals thro' the day.	
			Observation Small numbers of enemy constantly seen on ridge K13. 19 & 25. 2 horses seen at K13 a & c. 2 men seen walking along CORBIE - BRAY Rd. with full packs.	Attitude Active but more cautious.	
			MISCELLANEOUS. No marked alteration - Position became more settled.		

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			Our Operations	**Enemy Operations**
Somme	30.3.18	7AM	Artill. Engaged targets on enemy lines.	Artill Very active after 8AM on whole area with
Trench 2.6	to 31.3.18	7AM	Heavies fired on rear positions. Barrage fired during enemy attack. Small bodies of enemy engaged by observation with 18lbrs.	77mm - 10.5cm. At 12 noon an drill barrage was put down on our lines - This covered the enemy attack.
			M.G. Very active thro the attack.	M.G Heavy barrage put down during attack. Intermit fire in afternoon & night.
			Snipers & Engaged advanced parties of enemy.	Snipers Inactive
			Aircraft Observation poor - patrols operated	Aircraft Active - engaged by M.G fire
			Observation Movement of groups seen on ridge K.19.a.25, also parties moving back after the attack.	
			Miscellaneous. For parties of Enemy attack vide APPENDIX 5	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			Our Operations	**Enemy Operations**
Somme	31.3.18	7AM	Artill 18lbrs & 4.5" Hows active all day with	Artill Morning quiet - afternoon normal shelling
J22d 2.6	to 1.4.18	7AM.	harassing fire on enemy positions in	over scattered areas. 10.5cm engaged back
			K19.	areas & batteries. Nalleys were shrapnelled.
			MG. Harassing fire on roads & movement	MG Quiet except on inviting targets.
			Patrols 3 officers patrols operated on front	Patrols None encountered
			during the night. Vide appendix No 14	Aircraft Active but flying higher in groups of from 5 to 12
			Active Aircraft Patrolled line all day.	Identification 1 Prisoner caught - 20th Foot Artillery.
			Movement Visibility good - men seen on	
			ridge in K19 & in trenches & road at	
			J24 & East of Cemetary. Men seen	
			on Ronsbrook in K19.	
			Miscellaneous Very lights used by the enemy in small numbers.	
			The day was generally quiet and an uneventful Easter Sunday.	
			Day was fine & drying except for 2 showers during the morning.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			Report on Minor operations performed by 14 platoon "D" Company and 6 Platoon "B" Coy. 28/3/18. Reference Map 6.2.D. Orders were received at 3 p.m. on 28/3/18 that two platoons were to advance and clear the Battalion front of snipers and small parties of enemy. B. and D. Companies were each to supply 1 platoon and Lieut G.J. OLIVER was selected to take "B" Coy and Lieut J.H. BORTHWICK to take D. Coy platoons. During the night the 41st Battalion was to leapfrog through the 43rd and advance the line still further unless met with strong opposition. Similar operations were to be conducted on our right flank by 42nd and 44th Battalions, and on our left flank by 40th Battalion.	
			REPORT BY Lieut G.J. OLIVER. I moved out at 5.30 p.m. and after a personal reconnaissance took up the following positions:- Picquet line at J.24.d.55.5. to 6.3. Sentry Groups at J.24.c.7.6., J.24.d.1.6., J.24.d.4.9., J.24,d.5.7., J.24.d.7.5. Communication was established with "D" Companies platoon at 12 midnight, and with 41st Battn right Companies who take up a position slightly behind and to WEST of my PICQUET LINE. Machine Guns, firing from a row of trees at J.18.d.1.3. and another from clump of trees at J.18.d.5.1. At J. 18.d.1.3. there is a strong HUN post with approximately 50-60 men in it, judging by movement in and around it. The machine Gun there is an automatic gun. We saw the BOCHE run with it to a position, and open fire on us. The clump of trees at J.18.d.5.1. containing another post, unable to estimate strength. BOCHE patrols were seen moving about in these trees at intervals during the night. I withdrew to Coy Line at 5 a.m. on 29/3/18 having been relieved by part of "B" Company 41st Battalion. No movement was seen WEST or SOUTH WEST from PICQUET LINE.	
			(Sgd) G.J. Oliver Lieut. No 6 Platoon "B" Company.	
			P.T.O.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			Minor operations. Night 28/29th March.1918. Report by Lieut J.H. BORTHWICK. 14 platoon. "D" Company.	
			At 5.45 P,M, platoon moved forward in front of "D" Coy H.Q. (No 15. L.G. Post) J.23.b. After going through our wire, the party was met with intense Machine gun fire, (3 guns), coming from direction of clump of trees, half left from our position and about 260 yards distance. J.18.c.	
			This Machine gun Fire caused four casualties. Pte Hall, Little, and L/c Hall Killed. Ptes Hart and Foster wounded.	
			All casualties were afterwards brought in. Platoon after slight halt, moved towards objective and made use of cover of copse of trees.	
			At 7 o'clock, five posts were pushed out as per map. * L.G. meaning Lewis Gun Post, and I meaning Infantry Post.	
			Lieut COLLIVER W.G. established right L.G. Post.	
			"B" Coy 41st Battalion arrived about 11.30 p.m. "B" Coy 41st Battalion after being lost for a short period was guided to 14 platoon positions at about 12.30 p.m.	
			The leading Company of 41st attempted to push forward at 2 a.m. but ~~being~~ were held up by same M.Gs. that were used against us. They attempted to dislodge the M.Gs with no result. 41st relieved 14 platoon at 3 a.m. occupying same posts that were established by us.	
			(Sgd) J.H. Bortnwick. Lt. 14 Platoon. "B" Company.	

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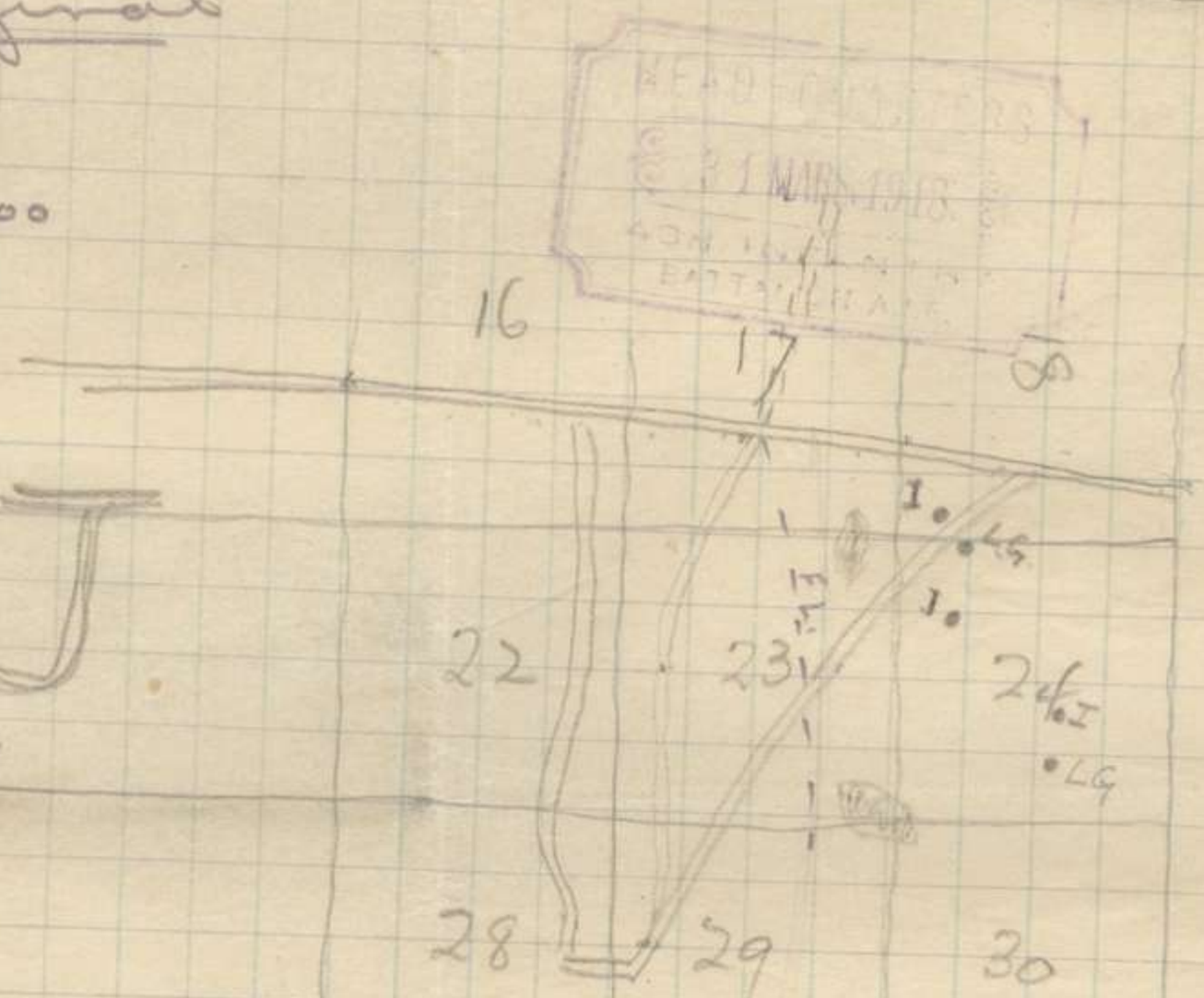

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Herewith Lt Olivers post report. If his flanks are not protected by the other Platoons that are going out to his position during the night will be dangerous

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From OB

Place

Time 6.55 pm

The above may be forwarded as now corrected.

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M.K.3.

Have got forward to southern edge of clump of trees. Boche enfilading me with M.G. in row of trees along road EAST of my position. There is also a post occupied along road in front (NORTH) of my position. Will distribute outposts vide sketch.

From OC 6 platoon

To OC B Coy

Time 6:30pm.

place outpost line in front of Coy sector

Recd 6.45 pm

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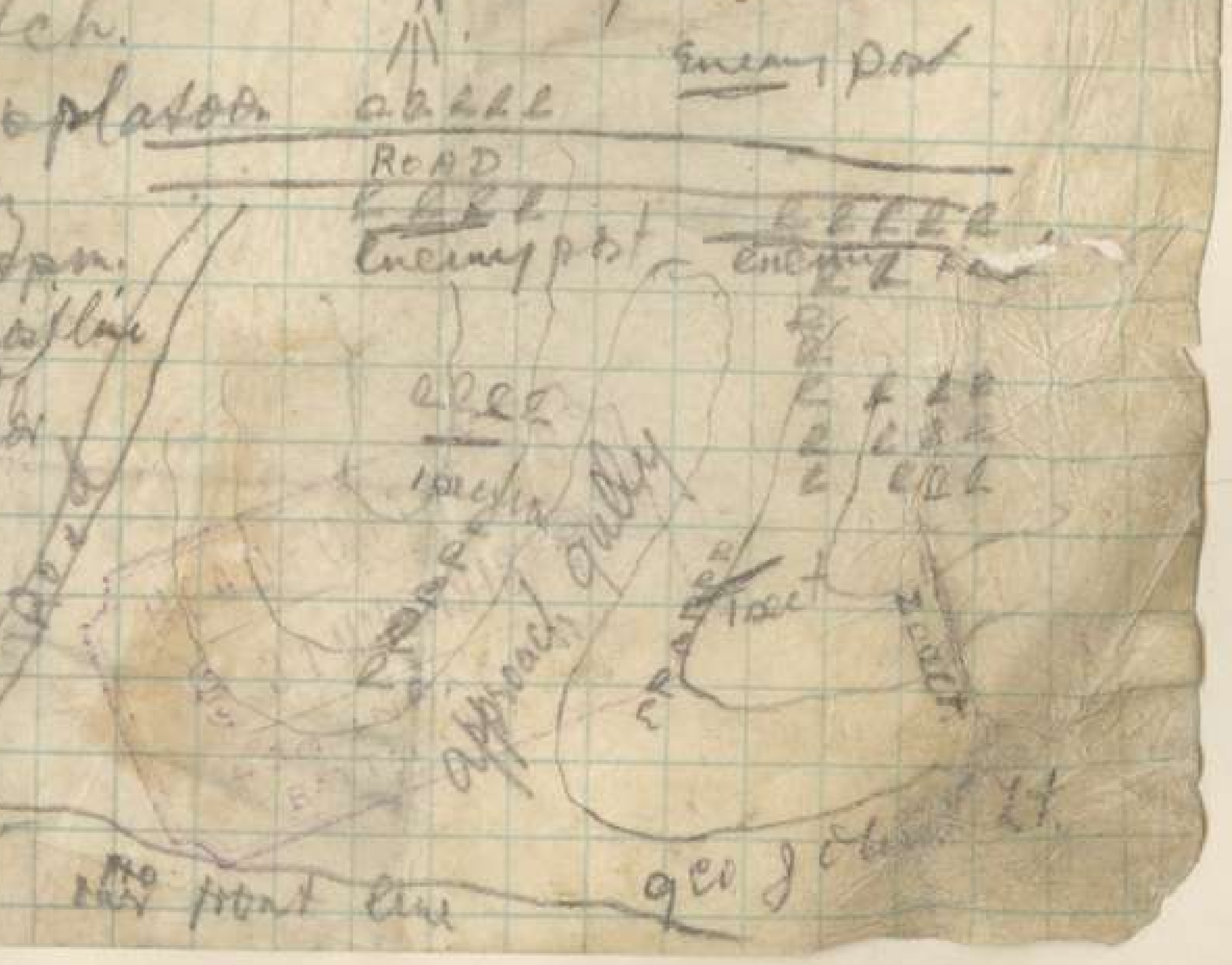

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REPORT ON THREE (3) PATROLS. operating on our front on night of 31st March/1st April.
REFERENCE MAP. ~~6.2.d.~~ 62D

(1). Lieut HARRINGTON and 20 O.R. left our line at J.23.d. Central, and moved down the valley to the Right Post of our Out-Posts, then West to Road in J.30.b. where patrol waited, but heard and saw no enemy. After 15 minutes here, patrol moved North towards cemetaryin J.24.d.9.15. but was stopped by Machine Gun Fire from direction of J.24.a.8.5., but no casualties were inflicted While here, a limber was heard to approach along road from K.19.b. to K.19.c. waiting about K.19.c.6.1?. The limber was unloaded, and parties of men in two and threes carried contents, apparently ammunition to the road, running through J.24.b. and d. on Patrol approaching closer to road, the enemy again opened Rifle, and Machine Gun fire. Digging was heard in the vicinity of Cemetary. Patrol returned at 2.35 a.m.

(2) Under Lieut Canaway examined the central portion of our Sector in ~~J.24.b. and d.~~ and searched road in J.24.b. & d. Road was approached at J.24.d.7.1. patrol then moving along ridge on west side in a northerly direction. When within about 100 yards of cemetary, patrol was challenged and a Machine Gun was heard preparing for action. Patrol withdrew but later continued its northward movement, listening every few minutes.
Workingwas heard on the ridge K,19. Patrol returned to Outpost Line through the Copse J.24.b.central, which was found to be unoccupied: a rifle was fired from Copse N.E. (J.24.b.8.9.)
Both these patrol leaders think road is occupied, Lieut Harrington thinks somewhat strongly, Lieut Canaway by Sentries, and flank Machine Guns.

(3) Under Lieut Charlton with 15 O.R. examined left sector/ and reports suspected enemy posts at K.13.a.0.0.- K.13. c,1.1. - K.19.a.1.9. and K.19.a.1.8. Enemy was also using a Machine Gun from field of Manure Heaps approximately J.18.d.9.8. and one from Copse J.24.b.9.9. Enemy was seen on ridge, and work was heard, pickets being driven and talking.

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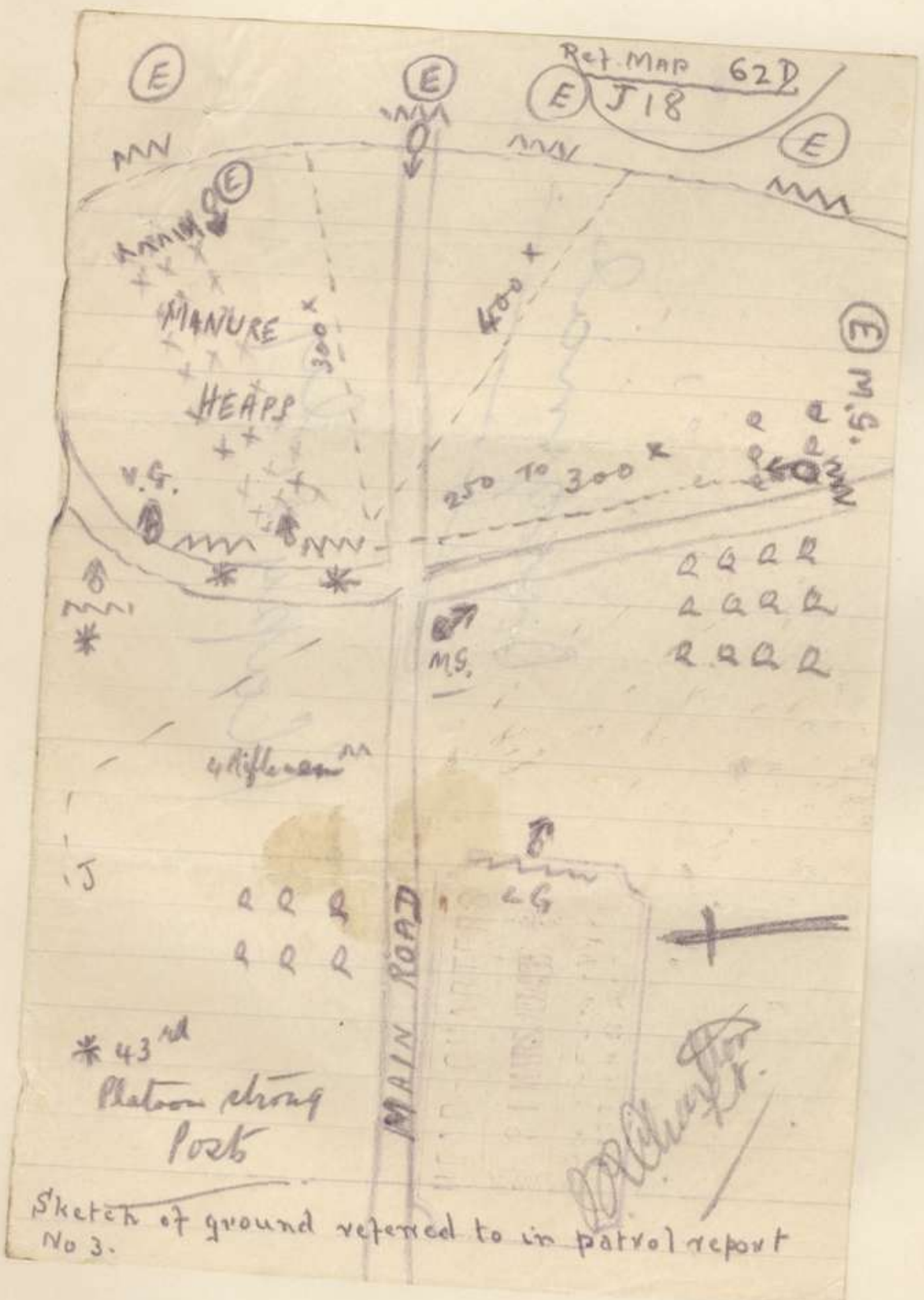

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REPORT on Capture of Prisoner by A. Company 43rd Battalion, on night of 31st March and 1st April.
REFERENCE MAP 6.2.d.

Sentries at J.18.d.5.0. heard prisoner call out as he was passing westward along BRAY-CORBIE Road on a bicycle. They challenged, and prisoner immediately turned about and hurried back to his lines. Lewis Gun fire was opened and later the result examined. A bicycle with blood on, and a message case was found, and on further examination the prisoner, badly wounded in both legs was captured and carried to Battalion R.A.P. by stretcher, where wounds were dressed, and prisoner examined briefly.

RESULT of Examination.
Name. Wilhelm, Rudall, Bernhard SOMMER.
Ident. 20th Foot Artillery.
Knowledge, Knows of no definite attack. States they are always more or less prepared to attack. Knows of no tanks in the sector. He was carrying a message and took the wrong turning.
A document he was carrying contained information that his battery was to fire on Railway Crossings, and Siding every 45 minutes, fire to start at once.
Message was timed 2.20 (?) and was neither addressed to nor signed by anybody.

Prisoner was taken by stretcher to Advanced Dressing Station.

The message was written on British Army Form C 2121 (ordinary messages forms) and a rough sketch on Y.M.C.A. paper was attached.

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Harvey
.....Lieut-Col.
C.O. 43rd Infantry Battalion A.I.F.

PROGRESS OF WORK ON RIGHT BATTALION SECTOR

For Period 22/2/18 to 2/3/18.

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STRENGTH.	LOCALITY.	WORK.
O. O.R.		
10.	Post. 3.c.10.	Cleaning and repairing trench. (30 yds)
6	BARKENHAM AVENUE	Repairing damage by shell fire (20 yds)
10	C.5.a.20.30.	Improving new Post.
6.	S.P.3.	Repairing damage by shell fire.
9.	HORIKAU AVENUE	Cleaning out old dugouts
9	LONG AVENUE	Cleaning out old dugouts.
3	" " (C.15.b.)	Wiring duckboards.
8	1.c.10.	Rebuilding firebay.
7	BUTCHERS SHOP.	Building New Cookhouse.
6	C.10.a.15.35.	Constructing A.A. Lewis Gun Position.
6.	LONG AV. (C.15.b.)	Draining Trench.
11.	CEDILLA TRENCH	Carrying 3" Stokes ammunition.
20.	GUNNERS ROAD.	Carrying Pig ammunition.
6	C.5.a.	113 yds Single wire completed to Douple Apron 63 yds Single apron.
27	CARELESS TRENCH	Cleaned and widened 150 yds Revetted 72 yds.

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PROGRESS OF WORK ON RIGHT BATTALION SECTOR (con)

Period 22/9/18 to 2/3/18.

STRENGTH	LOCALITY	WORK.
O. O.R.		
10.	UNA TRENCH.	Cleaning and widening 67 yds ~~Revetting~~ Completed 48 yds.
3.	FLAX ALLEY.	Revetting one bay.
4.	SUFFOLK AVENUE.	Wiring and repairing duckboards.

NOTE.- Small parties from garrison constantly employed in General repairs to trenches and Bays near their posts.

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.....Major,
for C.O. "Admiral".

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RELIEF ORDER NO 5.

43rd Infantry Battalion A.I.F. 2.3.18

REFERENCES MAP. SHEET 36 N.W.1/10,000.

INTENTION 1.a. The two front line Companies of the 43rd Battalion, and all Lewis Gun Teams, including support Companies' teams and guns will be relieved by two companies and Lewis Gun Teams of the 41st Battalion on the night of 3/3rd March 1918.

b. The remaining companies (~~two~~ Support) will be relieved on the night of 3/4th March 1918. by remaining two Companies of the 41st Battalion A.I.F.

c. Companies will on relief move to Le ROSSIGNOL Camp and occupy same billets as formerly.

d. One N.C.O. and 3 men on Trench Tramway at CONVENT Le BIZET will be relieved by 41st Battalion. A.I.F.

DESIGNATION 2. On relief the Battalion will be known as "C" Battalion.

ROUTES 3. The following route will be taken by troops leaving the line CHAPPELLE ROMPUE. S.18.a.90.40. CONVENT FARM. Le ROSSIGNOL.

LEW.GUNS & SPARE PARTS BAG. 4. These will be carried out of the line by the teams.

MAGAZINES. 5. 24 magazines per gun will be handed over to the incoming unit.

GUMBOOTS 6. All gumboots still on charge to Companies will be taken back by the man to Le ROSSIGNOL. Os.C. Companies will ensure that full quota is taken out of the line.

DRY KITS COOK.UTEN. O.R.ROOMS. 7. To be placed at Ration Dumps by 3 p.m. on dates of relief as per Para 1.

TRENCH AND AREA STORES 8. Trench and Area Stores, Photographs, maps etc., will be handed over to the following unit and a duplicate receipt obtained as per the following pro forma.

"Stores taken over in sector"	Handed over	Defcny	Remarks. if any

Duplicate copy of the above to be forwarded to Battalion Headquarters by noon 4/3/18, duly signed by incoming and outgoing units.

TRANSPORT. 9. The transport of relieving unit will convey all stores etc back to LE ROSSIGNOL CAMP.

COOKERS. 10a. Q.M. will arrange to place cookers in former positions immediately the 41st Battalion move out. Cooks will have hot tea ready for the troops on their arrival.

b. Q.M. will arrange for O.C. "B" Echelon to have blankets and kits of C.and D. Companies placed in their huts by 7 p.m. 3/3/18.

PRECAUTIONS 11. All necessary precautions will be taken to avoid observation by the enemy. NO movement of troops East of LE BIZET - DISPLACEMENT Road will take place before 6 p.m.

"B"Echelon 12. O.C. "B" Echelon will arrange with 41st Battalion as regards time of moving into LE ROSSIGNOL CAMP.

RELIEF. 13. To be notified immediately to B.H.Q. in Code.

REPORTS. 14. To present B.H.Q. who will remain in the line until completion of relief on night 3/3rd March 1918, thence to New Battalion Headquarters LE ROSSIGNOL CAMP.

Acknowledge.

.....Lieut.
Asst/Adjutant "Admiral".

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OPERATION ORDER NO 6.

43rd INFANTRY BATTALION A.I.F.

REFERENCE MAP SHEET. 28.S-W 1/20,000 3/3/18-
36 N.W. 1/20,000

INTENTION 1.a. The following personnel of the 43rd Battalion will relieve a similar number of 38th Battalion in the Second Zone of the Right Brigade Area on the night 3/4th March 1918.

"B" Company	and	its 4	Lewis	Gun Teams.	
"A" "	1 platoon	& " 4	"	"	"
"C" "	½ "	" 2	"	"	"
"D" "		1	"	"	"
		11	"	"	"

b. Relief to be complete by 9 p.m. 3/2/18.

RELIEF 2 a. The following posts will be relieved as under:-

Coy H.Q.	GRAND RABEQUE FARM.	C.8.c.80.90.	"B" Coy.	2 Off	14 OR
Ptn H.Q.	LA FLENCQUE FARM.	C.14.d.90.90.	"A" Coy	1 "	28 O.R
No 1 Post.		C.15.c.80.90.	"A" Coy.	1 LG.	1 NCO 4 me
No 2 Post		C.15.a.50.50.	"A" "	1 "	1 " 4 "
Ptn. H.Q.	GRAND RABECQUE FARM.	C.8.c.80.90.	"B" Coy	1	0.23 OR
No 3 Post		C.8.b.70.20.	"A" Coy	1 LG	1 NCO 4 me
No 4 Post		C.8.b.60.30.	"A" Coy	1 LG	1 " 4 "
Ptn. H.Q.	DELENELLE FARM.	C.1.d.35.15.	"B" Coy	1	0. 24 OR
No 5 Post	(Gunner Fm)	C.2.d.30.20.	"C" Coy	1 LG	1 NCO 4 me
No 6 Post		C.2.Central	"C" "	1 LG	1 " 4 "
Ptn H.Q.	DELENELLE FARM.	C.1.d.35.15.	"B" Coy	1	0. 23 OR
No 7 Post		C.2.Central	"D" Coy"	1 LG	1 NCO 4 me
No 8 Post	(Maison 1875)	U.26.c.80.50.	"B" "	1 LG	1 " 4 "
Ptn H.Q.		U.27.a.80.70.	"B" Coy	1 Off.	21 OR
No 9 Post	(Red House)	U.27.c.70.40.	"B" "	1 LG	1 NCO 4 me
No 10 Post)		U.27.c.05.50.	"B" "	2 LG	2 " 8 "
10a ")					

2 b. Parties for posts will report to positions as under, where guides will meet them and lead them to their posts.

Coy.	Post No.	Report to	Time.
A	Nos 1,2,3,4.	Cr RABECQUE AV, and GUNNER RD. C.8.a.16.42.	5.45 p.m.
B.	Nos 8,9,10, and 10a.	LE GHEER DUMP	5.45 p.m.
	No 8.	DELENELLE FM C.1.d.40.12.	5.45 p.m.
C.	Nos.5 and 6.	DELENELLE FM. C.1.d.40.12.	5.45 p.m.
D.	Nos 7.	DELENELLE FM. C.1.d.40.12.	5.45 p.m.

DRESS 3. Fighting order, Greatcoats, and Blankets.

AMMUNITION 4. 120 rounds S.A.A. per man will be carried, with exception of Lewis Gunners who will carry 50.

RATIONS. 5. These will be carted on transport and dumped as per arrangemen with Quartermaster.

LEWIS GUNS. 6. Lewis Gun Officer will arrange with Transport Officer to convey all necessary L.G. Material to positions where it is required.

RELIEF. 7. Completion of relief will be notified to present B.H.Q. (G.I.55) by word "Bowden".

ACKNOWLEDGE.

E. J. Collins

.....Captain
Adjutant 43rd Infantry Battalion A.I.F.

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2. War Diary
3. C.O.
4. Brigade
5. A. Coy
6. B. Coy
7. C. Coy
8. D. Coy
9. " Quartermaster
10. " Transport Officer
11. " Lewis Gun Officer
12. 58th Battalion.

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MARCH ORDER NO 8.

43rd INFANTRY BATTALION A.I.F.

4/3/18.

INTENTION. 1. The 43rd Infantry Battalion, less "B" Company and one (1) platoon of "A" Company will move by Route March from LE ROSSIGNOL CAMP to KORTEPYP A CAMP on 5/3/18.

STARTING POINT. 2. Quartermaster's store. LE ROSSIGNOL CAMP.

TIME. 3. 10.45 a.m.

ORDER OF MARCH 4. Headquarters, A. C. D. and ~~detail~~ details of B. Coy.

FORMATION. etc. 5. March in Threes. 100 yards between Companies.

DRESS. 6. Marching Order. Felt hats will be worn. Steel helmet on back of pack, with Mess Tin underneath. Blankets to be carried over pack.

AMMUNITION. 7. 120 rounds S.A.A. per man to be carried.

RATIONS. 8. One third ration to be carried on cookers. O.C. "A" Coy will arrange to cook for details of "B" Coy.

OFF. KITS) MESS BXS.) O.R.BXS.) 9. These will be ready for loading at Headquarters at 9 a.m. 5/3/18.

REAR PARTY. 10. O.C. "D" Company will detail a rear party of one section.

PARADE STATES. 11. Parade states and certificates re cleanliness of Billets to be rendered at ~~Head of Column~~ 10.30 a.m. at Starting Point.

SYNCHRONISATION OF WATCHES. 12. Watches will be synchronised at Battalion Headquarters at 10 a.m.

REPORTS. 13. To head of Column.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

E. Mallee

.....Captain,
Adjutant, 43rd Infantry Battalion A.I.F.

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8. Quartermaster.
9. Transport Officer.

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MOVE ORDER NO 9.

43rd INFANTRY BATTALION A.I.F. 5/3/18.

REFERENCE MAP. SHEETS 28. S.W. 1/20,000
36. N.W. 1/20,000
CALAIS. 1/100,000.

INTENTION. 1. The 43rd Battalion will move from KORTEPYP A CAMP to Training Area SELLES by route march and Train on 6/3/18.

STARTING PT. 2. "T" Roads. T.26.b.50.75.

TIME. 3. 12.15 p.m.

ORDER OF MARCH. 4. D.,C.,B.,H.Qrs., A. 100 yards between Companies.

HALTS. 5. Ten (10) minutes from each hour to the Clock hour.

DRESS. 6. As per March Order No 8, ~~except that greatcoats will be worn and one (1) blanket carried in pack. Remaining blankets to be carried on transport.~~

RATIONS. 7. One third ration ~~plus Forty-four (44) loaves~~ will be carried on the man ~~and reason.~~

BLANKETS OFF. KITS O.R.BOXES. 8. ~~One (1) blanket per man will be rolled in bundles. Bundles, clearly marked and stacked by Companies at Quartermasters Store at 9 a.m. 6/3/18.~~ Officers kits and O.R. Bxs will be dumped at Q.M. Store by 9 a.m. 6/3/18.

LEWIS GUNS. 9. Motor Transport will convey the eleven (11) Lewis Guns at present with Nucleus Garrisons to the back areas. Time and position of dumping will be notified later.

ENTRAINMENT & DETRAINMENT 10. Companies will entrain at STEENWERCK STATION as per the order of march at 2.30 p.m. 6/3/18, and detrain at LOTTINGHEM STATION at 6.18 p.m. Lieut J.H. BORTHWICK will act as entraining and detraining officer.

GUIDES. 11. On arrival at point of detrainment, Billetting N.C.Os will meet companies and guide them to billets.

TRANSPORT. 12. All transport not proceeding by road will arrive at BAILLEUL WEST STATION at 2.25 p.m. 6/3/18.

DUTIES.

REAR-PARTY. 13. O.C. "C" Company will detail 4 officers and 100 other ranks, to act as a loading party for vehicles.. This party will report to Lieut HARPER at BAILLEUL WEST STN at 2.30 p.m. 6/3/18. They will travel by Omnibus Train.

REAR PARTY 14. O.C. "A" Company will detail a rear party of 1 section.

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PARADE STATES etc. 15. Parade States and Certificates re Cleanliness of billets to be rendered to Starting Point at 12 noon 6/2/18.

SYNCHRONISATION OF WATCHES. 16. Watches to be synchronised at B.H.Q. at 11 a.m.

REPORTS. 17. To Head of Column.

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E. Collins .....Capt
Adjutant, 45th Infantry Battalion AI

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5. "B" "
6. "C" "
7. "D" "
8. Quartermaster.
9. Transport Officer
10. Lewis Gun Officer.
11. Lieut J.H. BORTHWICK.
12. .....

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Prefix ..... Code ..... m. | Words. | Charge. | ... of Message .....

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(Signature of "Franking Officer.")

Recd. at ..... m. Date ..... From ..... By .....

TO Admiral

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* A 48	27th	—	

Occupied front line position in touch right and left.

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From O.D.

Place

Time 9.35 pm

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Hd Qrs R1

Admiral

R K O K 9 19 pm Touch every [illegible]

Coy Hd Qrs on road Left of

C Coy Hd Qrs near big

Clump of trees —

[signature] Receipt

10.30 pm

27/3/18

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[signature] 27/3/18

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Admiral

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Hd Ors
Admiral.

R1.

R. O. K. 2.0 pm In touch right, Left and Rear, since 12 Noon.
Enemy has been shelling our right posts with 4.2" and 5.9" owing to considerable movement of 10th Bde. This Bde is held up in its relief by enemy shell fire, and will be unable to complete relief yet for a while. The hostile shelling appears to be coming from high clump of trees on right of road running away from our right sector.

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31 MARS 1918
43rd INFANTRY
BATTALION A.I.F.

J. Rice Capt
for OC

2.20 pm
27/3/18.

6.30 pm 28/3/18

Co Admiral
Report from Mr Borthwick
Held up as the Copse by Enemy M.G. left of CORBIE — BRAY Road
Have instructed him to try & neutralise effect of M.G. fire & try to advance
If unable to wait further instructions to information of left flank & only information of right flank states - Two "B" boy scouts in the Copse with them. Please advise
Hd Ors Casualties A. Mott Major

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Admiral

Two Coys 41st passed through my sector and an officer of the 40th Batt is also with them re getting touch with the movement

Barthwick returned (Calliwa's in charge) reported liaison with 'B' Coy but not with Coy of 10th Bde that he had pushed forward about 500 yds from the F.L.

He is guiding the 41st Battn (Left Coys) forward he left Coy HQ about 8.45 pm

Everything quiet at my sector

A Wolthuyer
OEO Coy

9 pm
28/3/18

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43rd INFANTRY BATTALION A.I.F.

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TO Admiral

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* R 1	29		

Our entrenched position identical to one required in touch 40th & 39th Battn on left, N Coy (2L) & A Coy (Right) all OK

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31 MARS 1918
43rd INFANTRY BATTALION A.I.F.

From Coy
Place
Time 5 50 am

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Sent

At ..... m.

To

By

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..... Service.

(Sig. of "Franking Officer.")

Recd. at ..... m.

Date

From

By

TO { Admiral

HEAD QUARTERS 31 MARS 1918 43rd INFANTRY

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* M 1	28		

Disposition complete aaa Coy Hd Qrs in dug out old trenches 500 yds N of S in SAULLY-le-SEC.
Ref map AMIENS M. 1/100000

From OA

Place Coy H Qrs

Time 8.40 pm

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Admiral

Between 2.50 pm & 3.30 pm it shots from evidently an 18 pdr situated approx in rear of BnHQ fell between my supportline & frontline

Please rectify

[signature] Lt Major
OCD Coy

5 pm
29/3/18

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To ADMIRAL

SENDERS No | DAY OF MONTH | IN REPLY TO NUMBER

29th

Six more shells have landed in rear of A Coy ~~during the~~ since 4 pm today.

They appear to come from the gun position previously complained of - J. 27. a.

Reference map. "ALBERT"

HEAD-QUARTERS
31 MARS 1918
43rd INFANTRY
BATTALION A.I.F.

FROM A Coy ~~[illegible]~~
PLACE CHQ
TIME 5 pm

43rd INFANTRY BATTALION A.I.F.

To ..... By .....

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

TO Admiral

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* B27	29th		

In the event of 41st Bn not completing their job tonight, can I withdraw Oliver whose position is not too good through enfilade M.G. fire & not being in touch with platoon on right. AAA. If you desire I can place snipers out instead of relieving Oliver by another platoon, & which I think will be as effective.

From OB.
Place
Time 1-10 AM

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Censor.

(Z) Dean Shope Capt

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Sent At ..... m. To ..... By .....

This message is on a/c of: ..... Service. (Signature of "Franking Officer.")

Recd. at 5.15 p m. Date DC 29/3/18 From BGQR By [illegible]

TO DC

BGQ QUARTERS 31 MARS 1918 40N [illegible]

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* JHC 17	29		

10th Bde assisted by 1 Platoon DA operating against copse in J18D at 9pm tonight AAA when copse captured you will continue left flank of picquet line in J24B along contour 100 to vicinity Cross Roads J18D 7.2 establishing physical touch with 40th Bn. at or about this point

From 11th Bde

Place

Time 1.45pm

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750,000. W 2186—M509. H. W. & V., Ld. 6/16.

Office of Origin and Service Instructions. BGJ EAPM. Priority

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Sent At 5.10 P m. To BGQ By 91 Benson Road

This message is on a/c of: ..... Service. (Signature of "Franking Officer.")

Recd. at ..... m. Date BGJ 29/3/18 From ..... By .....

TO BGQ

BGQ QUARTERS 31 MARS 1918 40N [illegible]

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* BH8	29		

18 Pounder firing from direction VAUX-SUR-SOMME J26 Towards J18 Firing 1800 yds Short AAA Inflicting Casualties

From BGJ 5.6 Pm

Place

Time

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(Z) [illegible] Richardson Jr

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MESSAGES AND SIGNALS. No. of Message

Prefix SM Code FFM Words 15 £ s. d.

Received. From 11th Bde By Sargant

Sent, or sent out. At ..... m. To ..... By .....

Office Stamp. BGT 29/3/18

Charges to Collect

Service Instructions BGQR Rro.

Handed in at BGQR Office 10.35 p.m. Received 10.55 p.m.

TO DC

* Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
BM232	29th		

10th Bde Report: Objective Gamma without opposition

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FROM 11th Bde

PLACE & TIME 10.35 pm

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(10986.) W14832/M1523 50,000 Pads 27/2/17 H.P. Ltd. S

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Office Stamp. BGT 29/3/18

Charges to Collect

Service Instructions BGQR

Handed in at BGQR Office 11.30 p.m. Received 11.34 p.m.

TO DC

* Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
BM233	29		

Prisoners Captured State Relief in progress

HEAD QUARTERS 31 MARS 1918 43rd INFANTRY BATTALION A.I.F.

FROM 11th Bde

PLACE & TIME 11.15 pm

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TO Admiral

Sender's Number	Day of Month	In reply to Number	AAA
* X 3	30th	—	

All O K

Am standing to aaa

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43rd INFANTRY
BATTALION

From O
Place
Time 12.25 pm

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(Z) [signature]
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MESSAGES AND SIGNALS. No. of Message

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Charges to Collect Pte			
Service Instructions			

Handed in at OB Office 1.40 A m. Received 2 A m.

TO DC

* Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
B46	30		

Capt	Uren	in	touch with
44th	and	10th	Brigade

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43rd INFANTRY
BATTALION

FROM OB
PLACE & TIME 1.30 am

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Prefix SPT Code BDA m | Charge. | No. of Message.....

Office of Origin and Service Instructions.	Sent	This message is on a/c of :	Recd. at ..... m.
BGT	At 2:25A m.	..... Service.	Date 30/7/18
	T 960		From .....
Pte McKathie	By McKathie	(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	By.....

TO { Anchor.

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* T5	30.		

Outpost line established
18D24 central 30 central
approx aaa In touch
both blanks aaa
Everything normal a.c.n

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3 NOV 1918
43rd INFANTRY BATTALION A.I.F.

Harrell Lt Col

From	ADMIRAL		
Place			
Time		2.15 AM	

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..... *Censor.* Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.

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At .....
To .....
By .....

(Sig. of "Franking Officer.")

Recd. at ..... m.
Date .....
From .....
By .....

TO { Admiral

Sender's Number	Day of Month	In reply to Number	AAA
* M 11	31		

Relief complete 4 am
Touch right, left and rear.

From OA
Place [illegible]
Time 5.25 am

The above may be forwarded as now corrected.

..... Censor.

(Z) [illegible] Capt.
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30.3.18.

To- Mjr Lett.

My position now is O.K. I have now two Lewis Gun teams on my right to cover right flank and also to cover [illegible] port which did not go back to their original position although the bosch have vacated it but I have one L.G. team and 5 men in there now I think arrangements made now are O.K.

Wilton Capt
O/C B. Coy

Time
5.25 A.M.

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U. 8

To. G.O. 45th Batn.

Enemy appear to be attacking from South. Extend our line and advance our right & our right rests that they are holding on. Ok.

Time 12-25 P.m.

W. Throughout

A.M.S. 12 to one

Attack in a drizzle & rain - ishers. The Germans left flank cannot be clearly seen. The direction of their advance appears to

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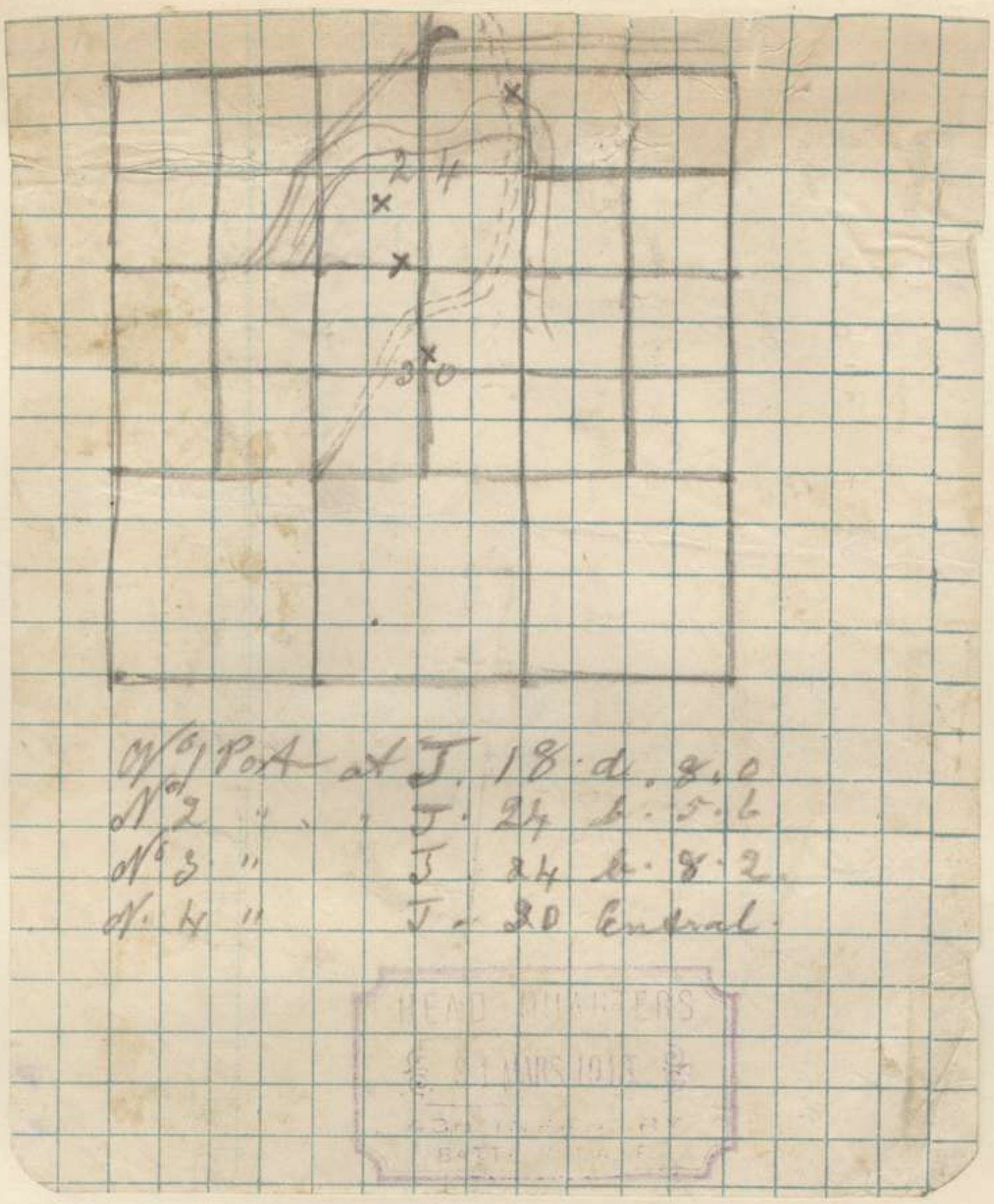
Re. Kongarda road leaflet
from pat on 5th re. 'Left
East' right by 4th Bn.

Pte Pearce asks that he
wishes to get into the
walking parallel Town
Par Mont Arc. His
Trial Bombardment
fell on Bankan road
"A" Coy. He is now
Joining 4 & 5 and 5.9 into
Area Norina Opposite "B"
Coy. His advance is
covered by M.G. directed
against our front line
& they are Digging there
Maj. Beardsley 136 "B" Coy Bn. H.Q. J. 2
b 5.5 (approx)

A. Bellerson

12.40

Hiram Hope Capt
Time 12-45 pm



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Charges to Collect | From ..... By ..... | At ..... m. | To ..... | By .....

Service Instructions

Handed in at GB Office ..... m. Received ..... m.

TO DC

* Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
B49	30	—	

May I remain at B Coy AAA Did Adjutant reach you

FROM PLACE & TIME: Major Patterson 1.30pm

* This line should be erased if not required.

(1986) W14832/M1523 50,000 Pads 27/2/17 H P Ltd S

30-3-18

To C.O. 43 Bttn.

Enemy held up and is establishing himself about 250 yds in front of my two left Posts. Can you send up some more ammunition at once in case of further advance

Casualities 9 other ranks
Positions at present O.K.

1.25 PM

W. Olsen Capt
C/C B. Coy

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Sent At.....m. To..... By.....

This message is on a/c of: .....Service (Signature of "Franking Officer.")

Recd. at.....m Date..... From..... By.....

TO Admiral

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* A 31	30th		

Situation slightly easier AAA
Enemy dining top of far
ridge AAA
Casualties 1 off 7 OR

From OD
Place
Time 1.30 pm

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) [signature]

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Office of Origin and Service Instructions.

Sent At.....m. To..... By.....

This message is on a/c of: .....Service (Signature of "Franking Officer.")

Recd. at.....m Date..... From..... By.....

TO Admiral

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* A 30	30	—	

Situation apparently OK Casualties
very light.
Outpost has fallen back
slightly but FL holding
well
Send K ammunition &
½ doz boxes up SAA
at once Supplement
party with some from
Bn HQ.

Keep supplies forwarded
especially K

From
Place
Time

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) [signature]

Censor. Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name

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AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL RCDIG1005578

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APP[illegible]

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Sent
At.....m.
To.....
By .....

.....Service

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

Recd. at.....m
Date .....
From .....
By .....

TO { Admiral

Sender's Number. * R 28 | Day of Month. 20th | In reply to Number. | AAA

Information from 10th Batt^n States - Enemy preparing for counter attack against them. Everyone here standing to

From OD
Place
Time 1.35 pm

The above may be forwarded as now corrected.

.....
Censor.

(Z) [illegible]
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HEAD QUARTERS
3 MAR 1918
58th INFANTRY
BATT.

30-3-18

To. O.C. D Co.

Examine the new forming of firing line Coy. after 2 days in front of wood 2 left posts and his line is running about from K.19.a.1.7 to K.19.b.3.6.

My posts are holding him and getting good shooting.

The difficulty is S.A.A. I have sent in to get more but it has not arrived yet. My posts say they can hold him if they are kept supplied with L.G. Ammn and plenty of S.A.A.

My Casualties are Killed 1
9 Wounded

My line of posts is from junction of road adjoined of copse to T.30. Central.

Time 2.20 P.M.

W. Elton Capt
O/C 15 Coy

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Charges to Collect | By | m. | BGJ

Service Instructions | To | 30/3/18

By

Handed in at OB Office m. Received m.

TO

* Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
850	30		

Urgent	reports	all	his
posts	holding	aaa	send
water	aaa	see	to
Reserve	SAA		

FROM PLACE & TIME OB 2.30 PM

* This line should be erased if not required.

(21986) W1483a/M1523 50,000 Pads 47/2/17 H.P. Ltd. S

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43rd INFANTRY BRIGADE

To G/C 1ST DIVISION

Re relief to night will
leave average for the 2 Bns.
Portions of 44th Bn. which are
attached to you to be withdrawn
also as there is no necessity to
have them to be here at the platoon
of the 44th further side to their
front. They would not go out
last night so I requested the
first with one of these L.G. Sqns
and the other remain where one
of my posts

I wish you would see that Lieutenant
Lee and a Lewis Gun and has
a good command of the ground
as well as good field of fire.

June 1st, Glen Coll
3. P.M. 1st Bde. 43. Coy.

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To O/C 6/3 Fd Bakn.

Could you arrange for rations to be drawn for and sent out to the 2 L.T.O teams of 2 Div which will be remaining here all day as a flank protection for 6th Bde on left of our line Lt Howard in command of the Coy

Wilson Capt.

Forced up from Stoppel

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Charges to Collect Pte By Moffatt A.C. At ..... m. To ..... By ..... BGJ 30/3/18

Service Instructions

Handed in at OB Office 3.15 p m. Received 3.45 p m.

TO DC

HEAD-QUARTERS 31 MARS 1918 BATTALION

* Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
B52	30		

Suggest	ask	Anchor	for
1	Vickers	section	to
cover	any	outposts	movement
aaa	Send	section	
commander	here	aaa	Enemy
forward	movements	in	19
and	25	west	of
crest	practically	ceased	aaa

FROM OB

PLACE & TIME 3.15 PM

* This line should be erased if not required.

(1986) W14832/M1523 50,000 Pads 27/2/17 H P Ltd. S

Charges to Collect Pte By Moffatt A.C. From BGQR At ..... m. To ..... By ..... BGJ 30/3/18

Service Instructions

Handed in at BGQR Office 3.35 a m. Received 3.51 a m.

TO ~~[illegible]~~ DC

HEAD-QUARTERS 31 MARS 1918 BATTALION

* Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
BM238	30	16	

18	pdrs	fired	for
15	minutes	now	ceased
aaa	10th	Bde	state
know	nothing	of	enemy
activity	aaa	closer	liaison
is	necessary	have	you
lateral	communication		to
40th	and	37th	bns
if	not	establish	both
at	once		

FROM 11th A.I. Bde

PLACE & TIME 3.35 am

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Office of Origin and Service Instructions.

Sent

At ..... m.

To .....

By .....

..... Service

(Signature of "Franking Officer.")

Date .....

From .....

By .....

HEAD QUARTERS
31 MARS 1918

TO Admiral

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* A.32	30		

Enemy road V Concentrating in Sunken J 2a b to 2a d

Immediately in front of 1st Aust Div

Lewis RO

From OD

Place

Time 3.35 pm

The above may be forwarded as now corrected.

..... *Censor.*

(Z) Authur Murray

..... Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name

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Charges to Collect | From ..... By ..... | At ..... m. To ..... By ..... | 30/3/18

Service Instructions

Handed in at ..... Office ..... m. Received 1 p m.

TO Admiral

31 MAR 1918

* Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA

Urem	reports	44	moved
aaa	touch	lost	advise
Armour	aaa	Advise	Urem
necessary	action	aaa	He
holds	and	patrols	his.
right	seeking	touch	

FROM PLACE & TIME 4.25pm.

* This line should be erased if not required.

(1986.) W14832/M1523 50,000 Pads 17/2/17 H.P. Ltd. S

Charges to Collect | From ..... By ..... | At ..... m. To ..... By ..... | BGJ 30/3/18

Service Instructions MB

Handed in at ..... Office ..... m. Received 5 o/ m.

TO D C

31 MARS 1918

* Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
B 55	30	—	

Movement	in	enemy	front
line	during	last	hour

FROM PLACE & TIME OB 4.40pm.

* This line should be erased if not required.

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£ s. d.	From	At .....m.
Charges to Collect	By.....	To.....
Service Instructions		By.....

Handed in at ..... Office .....m. Received 5.40 P.m.

TO DC

* Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
B.57.	30th	—	

Urew - lost and He is to Have flanks major to H2 are

reports touch is is Lone told withdrawing round Pattenson find where

Le sent has 44th

has 44th a.a.a withdrawing resistance not (?) his right left from outposts

HEAD-QUARTERS
31 MAR 1918
1ST INFANTRY BRIGADE A.I.F.

FROM OB

PLACE & TIME 5.15 pm

* This line should be erased if not required.

(1986.) W14832/M1583 50,000 Pads 27/2/17 H P Ltd. Sy.

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Admiral
the OC Bloy 41st report
that he fears that he may
be forced to retire should
the enemy force his right
flank just as he states that
the 44th have withdrawn
without letting him know
I am pushing forward a
L.G. team to cover the valley &
to assist him should the
enemy try to push in
his right.

HEAD-QUARTERS
31 MARS 1918
43rd INFANTRY
BATTALION A.I.F.

A. Nutt Major
O.C. Bloy

5.5 pm
30/3/18

	Sent		Date
	At ..... m.	..... Service.	From .....
	To		
	By	(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	By .....

TO { D C

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* B 59	30		

Major Paterson has
gone out to see then
he will I think fix it
up AAA
I not I will carry out
your instructions

HEAD-QUARTERS
31 MARS 1918
43rd INFANTRY
BATTALION A.I.F.

From OC
Place
Time 6.15 pm

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) [illegible] Capt

Censor. Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.

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(11160.) Wt. W 492/M1647. 65,000 Pads. 5/17. H. W. & V., Ld. (E. 1187.)

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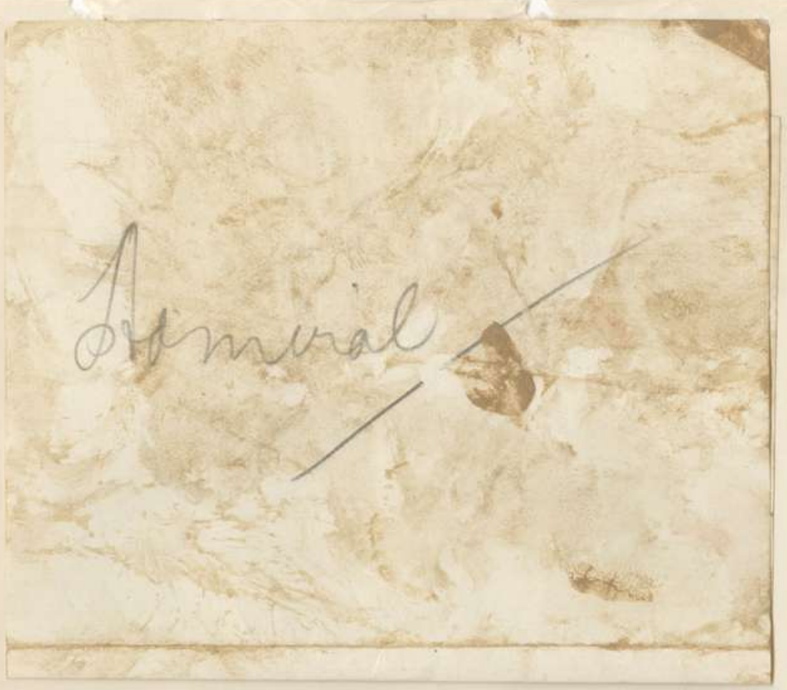

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AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL RCDIG1005578

Prefix ..... Code ..... m.

Office of Origin and Service Instructions.

Urgent

Words | Charge

Sent

At ..... m.

To .....

By .....

This message is on a/c of:

..... Service

(Signature of "Franking Officer.")

Recd. at ..... m

Date .....

From .....

By .....

TO Admiral

HEAD QUARTERS 31 MARS 1918 43rd INFANTRY BATTALION AIR

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* F.33	30		

Ref your memo re Counter attack if outpost pushed in

(1) Am I still to hold my F line as at present

(2) Shall I use the two platoon I now have in support or can I draw one platoon from C Coy in addition to the one I already have attached

(3) so that I can keep at least one platoon in support

From OD

Place

Time 6.30pm

Noted [illegible]

The above may be forwarded as now corrected.

..... Censor.

(Z) A Mott Major

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HEAD QUARTERS 31 MARS 1918 43rd INFANTRY BATTALION AIR

30-3-17

To C.O. ADM. [illegible]

A 6" Battery of ours is firing short and falling very close to my post it is firing about the rate of 1 rd per minute approximate bearing of Battery is 133° from F. 30. Central will you try and have this ~~[illegible]~~ checked as soon as possible

W. Allen Capt
O/C B Coy

Time 6.15 PM

Admiral

Passed on

6.35pm A.M. Mott Major

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Office of Origin and Service Instructions. OB

Sent At ..... m. To ..... By .....

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

Date 30/3/18 From OB By Pte Kooh J

TO D.C.

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* B61	30th	—	

No 6 Platoon has gone out to fill gap between 41st and 44th.

HEAD-QUARTERS 31 MARS 1918 43N INFANTRY BATTALION A.I.F.

From O.B

Place

Time 7 PM

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z)

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* This line should be erased if not required.

760,000. W 2186—M509. H. W. & V., Ld. 6/16.

Charges to Collect By ..... To ..... By 30/3/18

Service Instructions Urgent Operation 10 GQR

Handed in at ..... Office ..... m. Received 9 30 p m.

TO D.C.

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
SC13	30	—	

Reference this office SC5 of today aaa Secondary between 42 and 43 should be J21 central J22 d50 J23 d00 J24 d00

HEAD-QUARTERS 31 MARS 1918 43N INFANTRY BATTALION A.I.F.

FROM 11th A I B de

PLACE & TIME

* This line should be erased if not required.

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Charges to Collect By ..... To ..... By 30/3/18

Service Instructions BGQR

Handed in at ..... Office ..... m. Received 8.50 m.

TO ~~43 & 44th MG Coy~~ DC Ampere

* Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
SC 10	30	—	

Reference this office SC5
re slide slipping aaa
Delete Para re four
MG'S and substitute 8
MGS of 15 A1 Bde
will relieve 8 MGS of
10 A1 Bde which at
present cover right Bn
of 10th Bde addressed
all concerned.

HEAD-QUARTERS 31 MARS 1918 43rd INFANTRY BATTALION A.I.F.

FROM 11th A1 Bde
PLACE & TIME Spm

* This line should be erased if not required.

(10986.) W14832/M1523 50,000 Pads 27/2/17 H P Ltd. S

Service Instructions BGQ To ..... By .....

Handed in at ..... Office ..... m. Received ..... m.

TO 43rd

HEAD-QUARTERS 31 MARS 1918

* Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
SC 5	30	—	

Consequence on success of
Adays operations and on
fact that flanks of
this brigade are secure
it has been decided
to side step as
follows aaa 59th Bn
will move its left
flank to P5 b 38 (on
bank of canal) aaa
A Coy 42nd Bn
thus released will consolidate
a line in J28d
and J34b in contin-
uation of their line
J28b four vickers guns
in J28b9.4 present firing

FROM
PLACE & TIME

* This line should be erased if not required.

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Charges to Collect | By [illegible] | At ..... m. | 30/3/18

Service Instructions | To ..... | By .....

Handed in at ..... Office ..... m. Received [illegible] m.

TO

HEAD QUARTERS 31 MARS 1918 [illegible] INFANTRY

* Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA

with	K 31a	and	C
will	be	moved	to
protect	left	Bn	from
attacks	from	direction	K 14
or	E 26	aaa	Sequence
of	moves	will	commence
at	8 pm	from	the
right	flank	aaa	This
means	that	59th	relieves
42nd	commencing	at	8pm
then	42nd	relieve	43rd
then	43rd	relieve	firstly
37th	and	then	40th Bn
aaa	42nd	and	43rd
and	15th	Bdge	and
10th	Bde	acknowledge	
aaa	addressed	all	concerned

FROM | 11th Bde.

PLACE & TIME

* This line should be erased if not required.

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Charges to Collect | By [illegible] | At ..... | 30/3/18

Service Instructions BGQR | To ..... | By .....

Handed in at ..... Office ..... m. Received 11.30 m.

TO DC

31 MARS 1918 [illegible] INFANTRY

* Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
SC 20	30	—	

Reference	to	my	SC 5
of	today	3	Jour reserve
Gray	will	dig	4
platoon	posts	in	J 16a
and	J 16c	to	mutually
support	posts	south	of
CSRBEY-BRBY		road	this
[illegible]	be	completed	by
6.30 am	31st	aaa	addressed
DA	repeated	DC	

FROM | 11th Bde

PLACE & TIME

* This line should be erased if not required.

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AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL RCDIG1005578

Charges to Collect | From ..... By ..... | At ..... m. To ..... By ..... | 30/3/18.

Service Instructions: Urgent Operation BGQR

Handed in at ..... Office ..... m. Received 11.05 m.

TO: DC.

* Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
SC 17	30	–	

Position	as	decided	left
boundary	11th	Bde	will
be	~~also~~ a	line	running
west	and	east	1000
yards	north	of	GORBEY-
BRAY	rd.	except	for
tonight	the	relief.	if
front	line	picquet	lines
will	cease	at	present
left	flank	40th	Bn
at	J18 b 2.4		

HEAD-QUARTERS 31 MARS 1918 3d INFANTRY BATTALION A.I.F.

FROM: 11th A 1 Bde

PLACE & TIME:

* This line should be erased if not required.

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Charges to Collect | From ..... By ..... | At ..... m. To ..... By ..... | 30/3/18

Service Instructions: BGQR

Handed in at ..... Office ..... m. Received 11.40 m.

TO: DC

31 MARS 1918

* Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
SC 19	30	–	

Event	being	unable	dislodge
enemy	from	2	posts
in	our	picquet	lines
our	picquet	posts	will
refuse	both	flanks	nearest
enemy	aaa	Battns	will
also	establish	a	post
of	2	L.G.	sections
opposite	each	enemy	post
and	not	more	than
250	yards	from	enemy
posts	aaa	for	this
Battns	may	employ	4
L.G.	sections	of	44th
Bn.	now	in	J22 +
J28	aaa	addressed	42
43	Bn	repeated	44 Bn

FROM: for information

PLACE & TIME: 11th A. 1 Bde

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Prefix ..... Code ..... m.

Office of Origin and Service Instructions. 30

BGQ

Sent At ..... m. To ..... By .....

This message is on a/c of: ..... Service. (Signature of "Franking Officer.")

Recd. at 1.30 m. Date 30/3/18 From BGRR By Rawalkshaj

TO 43rd

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* SC4	30th		

Congratulations received all sides on splendid performance of all ranks today aaa Enemy attacked Vimy Ridge today with 5 good divisions completely repulsed

HEAD-QUARTERS 31 MARS 1918 43rd INFANTRY BATTALION A.I.F.

From 11th A.I. Bde

Place 4.30p

Time

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750,000. W 2186—M509. H. W. & V., Ld. 6/16.

Sent At ..... m. To ..... By .....

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

Date ..... From ..... By .....

TO

HEAD-QUARTERS 31 MARS 1918 BATTALION A.I.F.

43.

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* BM 244	30th		

My main line of resistance runs J35c 9.0 J35b 8.4 J29d 5.0 J29d 8.4 J23d 1.2 J23b 2.2 J17d 3.2 Scouts patrols or any other troops falling back Westwards must be rallied on this line aaa This line is to be held at all costs and if position of this line is lost it is to be immediately counter attacked and regained aaa. The main line of resistance is protected by picquet line running P5d 4.7 J36c 0.3 J36c 3.9 J36 [illegible]

From

Place

Time

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Sent	Service.	Date
At ..... m.		From .....
To	(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	By .....
By		

TO

HEAD-QUARTERS 31 MAR 1918 2 BATTALION A.

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
*			

J30c 80 J24 central and J18d 5.2 with snipers and patrols active to the east of this aaa In event of attack by enemy this line will strongly resist and endeavour to break up enemys attack aaa If weight of enemys attack breaks into any portion of this line we will fall back fighting and with covering fire to MAIN LINE of RESISTANCE aaa, All these troops will rally on main line of resistance and thus augment garrison aaa

From			
Place			
Time			

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Sent	Service.	Date
At ..... m.		From .....
To	(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	By .....
By		

TO

HEAD-QUARTERS 31 MAR 1918

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
*			

garrison aaa When enemy beaten off picquet line will be re-established aaa During tonight our picquet line will be wired aaa wire to be put well out from line

From			
Place			
Time			

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z)

Censor. Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.

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AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL RCDIG1005578

..... Words.....	Received.	Sent, or sent out.	Office Stamp.
£ s. d.	From	At ..... m.	
Charges to Collect	By		
Service Instructions		To	
		By	

Handed in at ..... Office ..... m. Received ..... m.

TO	
	DR

* Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
DR 230	30.	2	

Platoon	44th	placed	for
Reserve	battery	I 28	remainder
and	present	position	first
Hordern	four	command	

FROM	
PLACE & TIME	11th Bde

* This line should be erased if not required.

AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

RCDIG1005578

£ s. d.

Charges to Collect

From [illegible]

By [illegible]

At ..... m.

To [illegible]

By .....

Service Instructions

[illegible]

Handed in at ..... Office ..... m. Received ..... m.

TO [illegible]

HEADQUARTERS
5TH INFANTRY

* Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
SE 21	30	—	

[illegible]

FROM
PLACE & TIME [illegible]

* This line should be erased if not required.

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Charges to Collect | From BGQR | At ..... m.
Service Instructions | By ..... | To ..... | By .....

DC 31.3.18

Handed in at BGQR Office 1.30 m. Received 1.50 m.

TO 11 MG Coy

* Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
SC 23	31		

59th Battalion will
relieve on 31st inst AAA
Relieve as far as
possible in daylight
AAA Addressed 41st 42nd
and 44th Bn and 15th
M G Coy

HEAD-QUARTERS
31 MARS 1918

FROM
PLACE & TIME 805
1.30 AM.

* This line should be erased if not required.

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Charges to Collect | By ..... | To ..... | By .....

Service Instructions

Handed in at ..... Office ..... m. Received ..... m.

TO 11th Bn

* Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA

difference	my	were	re
8	MGS	are	these
guns	now	in	position
aaa	If	not	advise
when			

31 MARS 1918
43rd INFANTRY
BATTALION A.I.F.

FROM
PLACE & TIME 11th Bn BOE
8.30 AM

* This line should be erased if not required.

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31-3-18

To C.O. 43rd Battn.

My position now is that I have used the (2) L.G. Teams of the 44th Battn. to cover my right flank. 1 Team and 3 riflemen are in one of the posts which should be occupied by the 44th Platoon. The 44th platoon did not push out and occupy the posts allotted but have dug in about 400 yds to my right rear and this is not of any use to me as it left too large a gap between our posts.

Scouts reported that no enemy was in the post and I sent instructions to the 44th re same and they would not go out. so I have used the L. teams to the best advantage.

Seen by Henry Stope Capt

W. Ellen Capt

To ..... By .....

(Signature of "Franking Officer.")

From ..... By 18

TO D C

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* B72	31		

Have sent out rations to 44th L.G. teams from my Coy rations aaa

Lt Clives and platoon has returned to our lines,

From OB

Place

Time 5.55 PM

The above may be forwarded as now corrected.

Censor.

(Z) Henry Stope Capt

Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.

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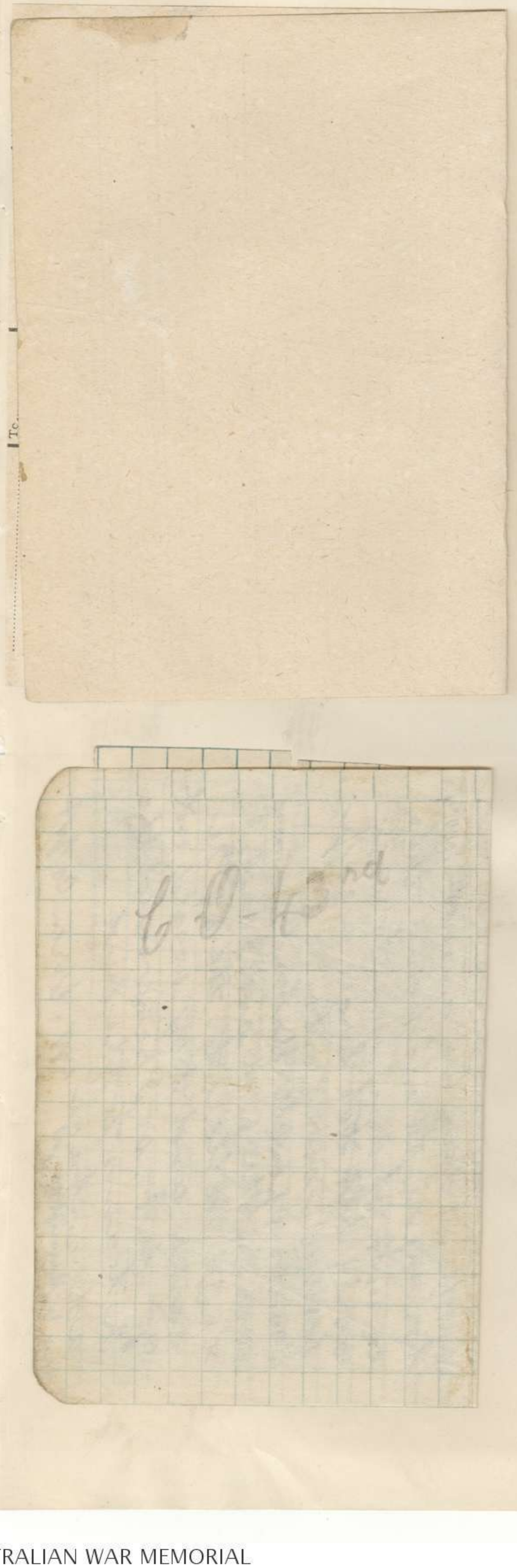

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Service Instructions

To ..... By 31/3/18

Handed in at BGQ Office 7 P m. Received 7.35 P m.

TO 43rd Bn

* Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
BM262	31		

In	order	to	protect
BUIRE	main	line	of
resistance	of 10th	Bde	is
being	advanced	~~tonight~~	aaa
In	order	to	join
our	main	line	to
this	new	line	Pioneer
Bn	tonight	construct	switch
from	J17	central	towards
K12A38	aaa	This	switch
prolongs	our	main	line
northwards	and	you	will
occupy	and	wire	it
within	your	area	as
completed			

HEAD QUARTERS 31 MAR 1918 BATTALION A.I.F.

FROM 11th Bde

PLACE & TIME 7PM

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No. of Message .....

Prefix Sm Code 11 Pm Words 23 £ s. d.

Charges to Colleet

Received. From ..... By .....

Sent, or sent out. At ..... m. To ..... By .....

Office Stamp. DC 31/3/18

Service Instructions

Handed in at BBQR Office ..... m. Received ..... m

TO 11th M.G. Coy

* Sender's Number	Day of Month.	In reply to Number	AAA
BM267	31	—	

The	44th	and	41rd
Bns	will	relieve	the
42	& 43 Bns	respectively	
tomorrow	night		

HEAD QUARTERS 31 MAR 1918 BATTALION A.I.F.

FROM 11th Bde

PLACE & TIME

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Charges to Collect

Service Instructions

From ..... At ..... m.

By ..... To .....

By .....

Handed in at BGQR Office ..... m. Received ..... m

TO 11th M. G.

* Sender's Number	Day of Month.	In reply to Number	AAA
M HC43	31	—	

10th Bde unable
relieve two vickers covering
posts south of J17 D2·0
tonight

31 MAR 1918

FROM 11th Bde

PLACE & TIME 10.30pm

* This line should be erased if not required.

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£ s. d.

Charges to Collect

Service Instructions BGQR

From ..... At ..... m.

By M O'Kirby BJR

To .....

By .....

BGJ 31/3/18

Handed in at ..... Office ..... m. Received 1.17 a m.

TO DC

31 MAR 1918

* Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
SC 32	31	—	

Tonight one coy ea
44th & 41st Bn
will relieve then coy
at present in picquet
line aaa on relief
one coy will pass
to command of bo
42nd and one to
bo 43rd Bn boys
thus released will pass
back to bo 44
and 41st Bn
respectively addressed 41
42 43 44 Rptd
11th MG Coy 10th Bde
15th Bd gr 48th Bde
3rd Aus Dw

FROM 11th A. I. Bde

PLACE & TIME

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APPENDIX No 1

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MARCH ORDER NO 10.

43rd INFANTRY BATTALION A.I.F.

REFERENCE MAP. CALAIS. 1/100,000

19/3/18.

INTENTION. 1. The Battalion will route march from SELLES to HARLETTES on 20/3/18.

STARTING PT. 2. T. Roads near SELLES BATHS.

TIME. 3. 10 a.m.

ORDER OF MARCH. 4. B. D. A. Hqrs. C. Coys. Band will move in rear of B. Coy and drop back a Coy each halt.

HALTS 5. 10 minutes to the Clock Hour.

FORMATIONS & DISTANCES. 6. March in threes, 100 yards between Companies.

DRESS. 7. Marching Order, Felt Hats will be worn; Steel Helmets carried on Pack.
Band. Fighting Order.

TRANSPORT. 8. Travelling Kitchens will follow Companies. Transport Officer will detail teams to report to Companies at the following times.

"A" Coy	9 a.m.	
"B" "	9 a.m.	
"C" "	8.30 a.m.	
"D" "	8.30 a.m.	

Transport Officer will also detail water carts to proceed with the Column:-
No 1 to move in rear of D. Coy Cooker.
No 2 " " " " " C. Coy "
Os.C. D and C. Coy will each provide escort of two men for Water Carts.

A.A.PERSONNEL 9. These will march in rear of Kitchen. The gun will be placed in front on foot-board.

REAR PARTY 10. O.C. "C" Coy will detail a rear party of 1 Section.

EXEMPTIONS. 11.

B.H.Q.		Coys.	
Q.M.	1	C.Q.M.S.	1
R.Q.M.S.	1	Off. Mess Cook.	1
Storemen	4	San.Police.	2
Bootmakers	3	Cooks	2
Carpenter	1	Category 2 men	
Postman	1	Sick in Lines	
Butcher	1	D.R. Class.	
Bn Orderly Rm.	2	BATTALION H.Q.	
Pay Clerks	2	Q.M. Cook	1
Sanitary P.	2	Off Mess Cook	1
Signallers, and Runners.		Category 2 men	
		Sick in Lines	

PARADE STATES. 12. These will be handed to Adjutant at Starting Pt.

REPORTS. 13. To head of Column.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

E.H. Cleaver ..... Capt.
Adjutant, "Admiral".

NOTE. This order cancels instructions given to Company Commanders to day.

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MOVE ORDER NO 12. Copy .....

43rd INFANTRY BATTALION A.I.F. 23/3/18

REFERENCE MAP HAZEBROUCK 5a 1/100,000.

INTENTION 1. The 43rd Battalion will move by Buses from EECKE AREA to BLARINGHEM AREA on 24/3/18.

POINT OF EMBUSSING. 2. Caestre - Cassel Road 1850 yds S.E of St Sylvestre Cappel church.

2a Starting Point Caestre Station

TIME. 3. 7.45 am

ORDER OF EMBUSSING. 4. A.B.C.D. Hqrs.

DRESS. 5. Full marching Order and one BlanketM

AMMUNITION 6. 120 rounds per man to be carried, except Signallers, Runners and Lewis Gunners, who will carry 50.

RATIONS. 7. One third Ration to be carried on the man, and ---------- One third on the Cooker, except Headquarters Details and C.Coy who will carry one third ration in cooking utensils which will be carted on Mechanical Transport.

TRANSPORT. 8. All transport will move by road on 24/3/18.
Starting Point 600yds S. of Y in St Sylvestre Cappel
Time ..... 9 am
Capt J.J. Moran will be in charge of Bde Column

GUARDS. 9. O.C. "D" Company will detail 2 men as escort to Water Cart to report to Transport Officer at 8 am

OFF VALISES & O.R. BOXES 10. These will be placed at point of Embussing at 8 am on 24.3.18.

CERTIFICATES. 11. Parade States and Certificates re cleanliness of billets will be rendered to Adjutant on arrival of Companies at Buses.

SYNCHRONISATION OF WATCHES. 12. Watches will be synchronised at B.H.Q. at 6 am 24/3/

REPORTS. 13. To present B.H.Q. till 7 am thence to Adjutant during the move.

E Blackwell
.....Captain,
Adjutant "Admiral".

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12. Regimental Sergeant Major.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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43rd INFANTRY BATTALION

MOVE ORDER NO 13.

43rd INFANTRY BATTALION A.I.F. 25/3/18

REFERENCE MAPS. HAZEBROUCK 5a 1/100,000
LENS 11 1/100,000

INTENTION 1. The 43rd Battalion will move by Route March and train from from EBBLINGHEM AREA to DOULLENS AREA on 26/3/18.

STARTING PT. 2. Junction Roads 500 yards south of "G" in EBBLINGHEM.

TIME. 3. 5.~~30~~ a.m.

ORDER OF MARCH. 4. C. Hqrs, A. B.

HALTS. 5. From 15 minutes to every Clock hour.

FORMATION & DISTANCE 6. March in threes, 100 yards between Companies.

DRESS. 7. Full marching Order, and 1 blanket.

AMMUNITION 8. As per Move Order No 12.

RATIONS 9. ~~As per Move Order No 12~~. Unexpired portion to be carried on (man).

ENTRAINMENT 10. The Battalion less(D. Coy, its Cooker, and the Band)will entrain at ARQUES at 8.27 a.m. 26/3/18.
Lieut B.H. Richardson will be entraining officer.

TRANSPORT. 11. Transport less D. Company Cooker will leave lines at 4.30 a.m and arriving at ARQUES at 6.30 a.m. ready for entrainment.

DETACHMENT OF D. COY 12. D. Company with Field Kitchen will be detached from the Battalion for the move.
This Company will entrain at ARQUES at 3.27 p.m. 26/3/18.
Lieut J.H. Borthwick will be entraining off. for this train.

OFF VALISES 13. This must reach Q.M. Store by 6 p.m. as per memo A.A.93.

MESS KIT.

DUTIES. 14. Os. C. C. and B. Coys will each detail a party of 1 off. and 1 section, who will be responsible that no troops leave stations during halts.

PARADE STATES 15. These will be rendered to B.H.Q. by ~~5~~ 4.15 a.M. 26/3/18.
CERTIFICATES. Parade States must include all attachedmen as this state is required by entraining officer.

SYNCHRONISATION OF WATCHES. 16. Watches will be synchronised at B.H.Q. at 4 a.m.

REPORTS. 17. To present B.H.Q. till ~~5~~ 4.30 and a.m. thence to Adjutant during move.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

E Bollard
.....Capt.
Adjutant, "Admiral".

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RECOMMENDATIONS. for WAR DIARY.

The following awards were made during April for work in the line during the last week in March.

LIEUT. J.H. BORTHWICK. M.C.
43rd Battalion A.I.F.

On the night of the 29th March 1918, North of the SOMME near SAILLY le SEC, Lieut BORTHWICK in charge of his platoon made a reconnaissance in force, with the object of making good the ground to the front. The platoon on his left was held up by enemy Machine Gun Fire, but this officer made a determined and successful advance in spite of heavy enfilade fire. He accomplished his task and successfully established an outpost with but slight casualties.
Later during the night, Lieut BORTHWICK did invaluable work in guiding forward the troops who were to hold the ground.
His work during the whole operation was of a very high order and he set a fine example of gallantry and devotion to duty to the men of his platoon.

(Sgd) J. Farrell. Lieut-Col.
43rd Infantry Battalion A.I.F.

LIEUT. G.J. OLIVER. M.C.
43rd Battalion A.I.F.

On the night of the 28th March, North of the SOMME, Lieut OLIVER in charge of his platoon, made a reconnaissance in force with the object of gaining ground and establishing an outpost line. He successfully accomplished his task under adverse weather conditions and under heavy enemy shell fire. Again on the night of the 30th March, when the enemy gained a footing in our outpost line, Lieut OLIVER took his platoon forward and re-established our line. He made excellent use of ground and cover, and in spite of heavy fire, he accomplished his task with only one casualty.
His coolness, judgement, determination, and cheerfulness during the whole operation have been an inspiration to his men.

(Sgd) J. Farrell, Lieut-Col.
43rd Infantry Battalion A.I.F.

No 2425 Sgt. Acting C.S.M. SAMUEL JAMES McLAUGHLIN. M.M.
43rd Battalion A.I.F.

During the operations north of the SOMME from 27th March to 3rd April, this N.C.O. showed special gallantry and devotion to duty.
During the enemy attack on 39th April he did very fine work in getting ammunition forward to the outposts, in face of heavy enemy fire. He also personally conducted ration and carrying parties forward to the front line under very difficult and adverse weather conditions. Throughout the whole of the operations he has shewn an utter disregard for his personal safety, and his courage and fearlessness have been a fine example to his men.

(Sgd) J. Farrell. Lieut-Col.
43rd Infantry Battalion A.I.F.

No 3314. Pte. STANLEY GORDON SMITH. D.C.M.
43rd Battalion A.I.F.

During the operations North of the SOMME from 27th March to 3rd April, this man acted as a platoon runner between the outpost and his Company Headquarters. On several occasions he carried important messages and valuable information back to his Coy Commander, under heavy enemy fire. On the 2nd April he did some fine work as a sniper, and was mainly responsible for securing a prisoner during that night. Throughout the operations he has shewn marked gallantry and devotion to duty under very adverse weather conditions.

(Sgd) J. Farrell, Lieut-Col.
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No 2380 PTE JOHN PATTERSON. M.M.
43rd Infantry Battalion, A.I.F.

During the operations North of the SOMME from March 27th to April 1st, this man acted as a runner from Company Headquarters to the outpost line. During the enemy attack on March 30th, Pte PATTERSON made two trips forward with important messages to the outpost Commander at the time when the enemy's Artillery and Machine Gun Fire was heaviest. He showed an utter disregard for danger and a marked determination and devotion to duty. Later on the afternoon he volunteered to help carry forward ammunition to the outpost ~~him~~ while the enemy's M.G. Fire was still very heavy.
By his bearing and conduct under very adverse weather conditions he set a splendid example to the remainder of the company at a most opportune and critical time.

(Sgd) J. Farrell Lieut-Col.
43rd Infantry Battalion A.I.F.

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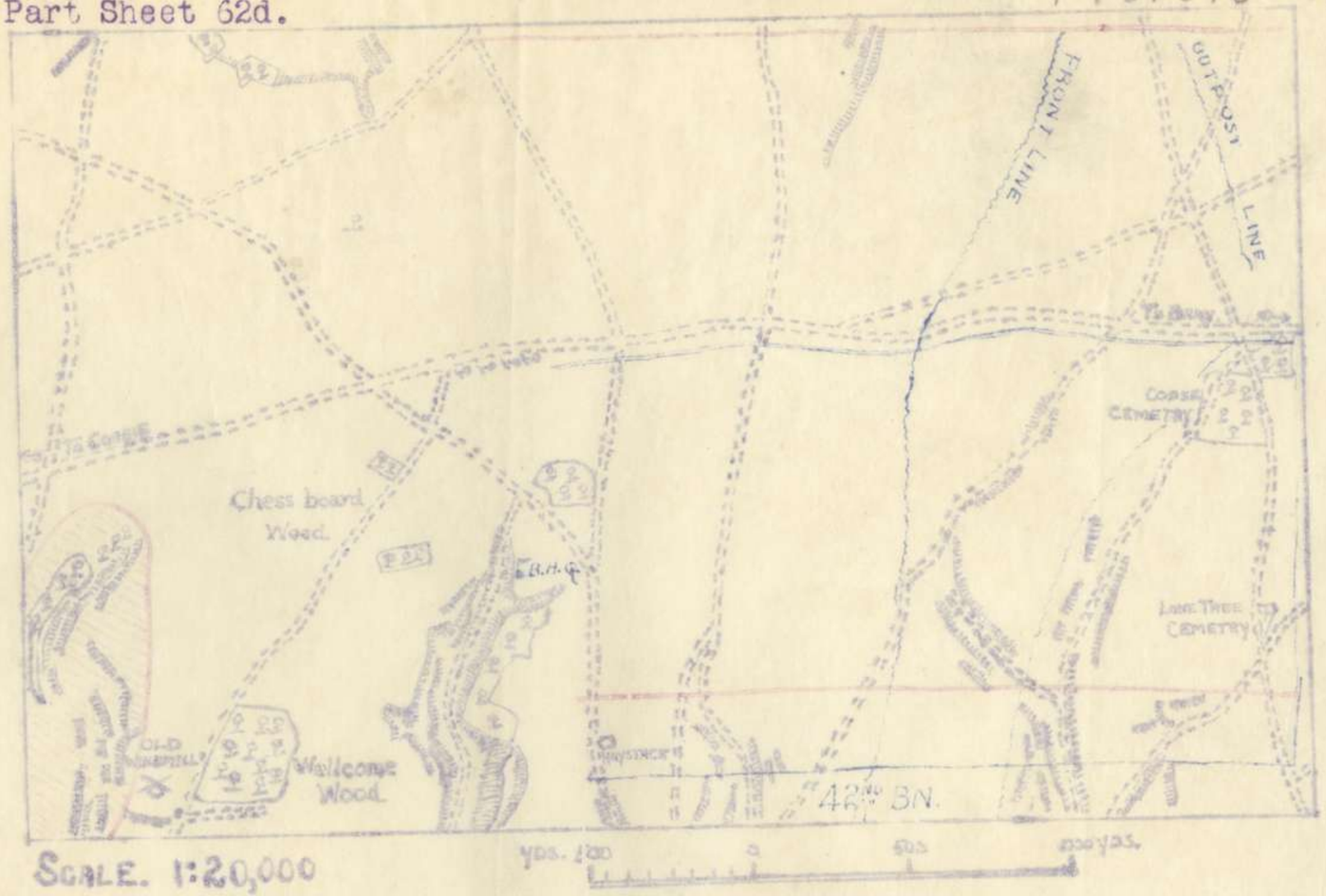

Map showing area defended 28-3-18 to 6-5-18 between Rivers Somme & ANCRE

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