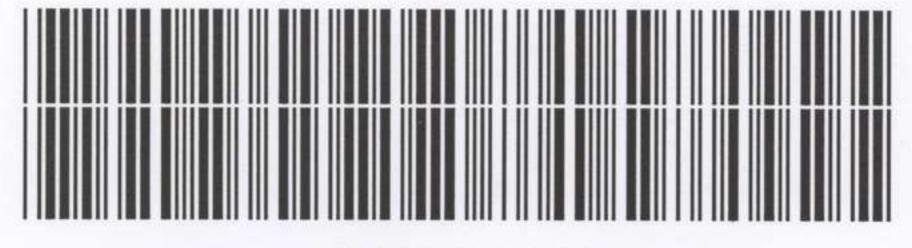
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information  Remarks and references to Appendices
			Ref Map France 62 P.
IN THE LINE	1.4.19	118	morning opened quietly observation fair - hatification of relief
Somme Jist			light Batt was received during the morning, 43rd Batt to move
2.0, to 23.2 7.0			bock to support. Recommissance of support positions was made
BHP. J22 c 9.7			during the oftenoor and fiter battalian amangements
			fixed between odjutanto, at 8:30 PM relieving troops maved
			forward and the evening being quet, ralily took place
			without cosmostics, this battalian occupying support
			BAO 1 0- 4 to 721 C3:3
			BMR
Somma.	2.4.	1918	at break of day, bour evanient to the support posts and moved
BHQ J2163.8			bock to sheltered positions in valley at Jz1c + Jz7a. A Coy reman
			in the line, attached to 41st Batt. Then spent most of the
			morning sleeping, the oftenoor being occupied by lettering their positions and shelters. Observation was seen but
			slelling light. Rain fell during the evening.
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	3.4.	1918	Following on the manning of the support posts on night of 27 Bath stood down again at down. Day was quiet and de Clay relieved A Cay in the front line, A Cay returning to support	nde.
			Heavyscattered aborrage shoot a early in morning South of SommE R. Jollowed by every attack. Counterbattery work in J27a. Batt stood to in posts at 6.30 pm. till 10 pm. Rain fell all day. Dur	
J21 6 38.			ofternoon news received that enemy had pushed British troops be 1000 your, South of Som ME R. thereby threatening this flank. Siason established with Bode & with 1024th British Bode > hold the North bank of the Somme. Night war quiet. Ground very h	ring
B. Han	5.4	. 1918	morning misty sweet. Enemy routillery routine until 10:30 Am. rous 10 rousualties in this batt. afternoon rand evening quietes; day dry a ground improving.	
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Somme	6.4	.1918	Observation was good all day. Batt observers reported plenom	عا
BHQ J21C 3	3-3.		Observation was good all day. Bratt observers reported plenorm transport movement south of somme. This was fired upon by our present period peticity.	till
	7.4.	1918	Preparations during the day for battalian relief. Day shower quiet, Relief commerced at gpm-complete without care	
			2AM. Dispositions A Coy North of BRAY-CORBIE Rd. D Coy immediate pame road - B Coy South to Jzgb 70.90. Earl of these Coyshad 17	ly South
			as outport. C Coy + 2 Platoons 41st Batt were in support.  Bx	12
1186 1.9. to			Day generally quiet except for our ours outillery shoots or sevening. Rain fell all the morning-visibility bad.	round
J297-7.9. BI+QJ22C.			Leavy. Afternoon spent in settling down and improving	g the
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7.6 27.4.1918.	Day dull but marked by great ortillery activity, especially by en quietening down by evening. hight quiet but very dock.	emy
B 10.4.1918	Identification of 31st 1. R. secured from enemy shot behind our outpost line by 11th T.M. offices. Day quiet with mormal shelling during early evening. Dull all day with misty rain at m	- P +
Z o	Our partill active all day. During afternoon sunshine improved	gas.
17 4 - 1918 11.4-1918	visibility and plane activity increased. Evening up to midnight more partire than usual with artillery.	
3 13	Sunny day with excellent observation. Our antillery was notice a	iel
2	day - enemy mormal escript on WELLCOME WOOD, J276 & SommE VAL which places were havinly shelled all the afternoon. Then greatly benefited by the fine day. Our partillery had a shoot a g. 15 PM. Remainder of the night was mormal.	LEY
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J18b1:9to  J29b7:9.  J29b7:9.  Stan J22c97  Relief was not complete until early line of morning - Resemble to Springle all right.  Somme 14.4.1918 Relief completed by 3Am - at 3.45Am there was an artillary shoot post with lis platoan (Vide appendix 2). I Prisoner was an appendix and enemy post with his platoan (Vide appendix 2). I Prisoner was a Rain fell during early hours of morning a continued until hid afternoon sevening quiet. Parties of men visited Bonnay for line and appendix of men visited Bonnay for line and appendix of men visited Bonnay for line app	Summary of Events and Information  Remarks and references to Appendices		Hour	Date	Place
BIHQ. J21638  post with his platoon (Vide appendit 2). I Prisoner was con Rain fell during early hours of maning & continued until mid afternoon sevening quiet. Parties of men visited BONNAY for home de 15:4:1918 Day dull and observation poor. Parties again maved to BONNA	bout 9.30PM - 41st Batt again relieved H3 tol 9 aved back to support posts in J21+22. plete until early has of morning - Rain	which commenced about this battalian move Relief was not complet			J186-1.9 to J296-7.9.
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Somme	16-4	. 1918	Driggling morning visibility poor morning quiet but during afternoon
J21 C 3. 8			the bottery, cousing a number of consulties. During the morning
			batt was to take up position in the event of evacuation.
	17.4	19.18	Day cold with driggling rain. Quiet with occasional phostolyour
			Day rold with driggling rain. Quiet with occasional phostolyour artillery - Baths and recommerssance rontinued.
	18.4	1918	Day rold, observation poor- quiet - Recom & Barls pontinued
	19-11	1918	bold bleak wind early in day combined later with simpline - hail and
			snow at intervals. Tormal partillery activity- Preparations during afternow to relieve 41st Batt in front line. Relief
			occurred although shelling was frequent escattered. Tho casualty
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I INE 19-4	1918	assisted relief - Dispositions were Outpost Coy & Coy- Left
Somme Jist-(c) 2.0. to 23 of 7.0.	rd)	Front Line boy A. Right FL Coy D+2 platoons 41st. Support
BHQJ22cq.7.		Bac
20.		morning was quiet to mornal followed by more active
		operations during afternoon - aircraft active but visibility only fair - Our partill ractive at night - his Amith relieved bapt
		Ross-Soden on R.M.O.
		Early morning very potice but day normal. Directly fair high patitudes but very little low flying Disibility fair.  During evening 29th Batt relieved 42nd Batt on our right flank and 44th Batt AIF took over part of any line on left, our respective of the search of Batt closed up but dispositions were not altered except that the 2 41st Platons:
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			breeze prevented the gosfrom hanging about farlang of gas used was chiefly Phosque. At midday no was received of a relief and preparations were made rearried out of 30 Pm. Rain fell at 8 Pm but moonlight of quick relief and by 1 Am the 41st Batt were all in positional 43 rd back to support in J21c. Thereleus sections new posts between J22c + J21c, each cay supplying and section with a fewire Sun	to beeped ion
Somme T2103.8.	25.4	F. 18.	One raminal at Support positions, troops were given a land those not an duty went to hed in their dug on Day was mostly spent improving sleeping positions. De quet a visibility had	t sheltes
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Somme J216 3.8	28.W.	1918	Very Quet met mo observation. Rain set in strught- sontinued.	Pray
	29-4	-1918	active during early morning but quiet all day escept shoots close to valley Tric will 15 cm hows appointly or for bountedwattery work. I Every plane brought down our lives	for 2 some lehend
	30.4	-1918	Day again quiet quisility bad light slelling valley at night between 11PM & 4AM. otherwise quiet	af our
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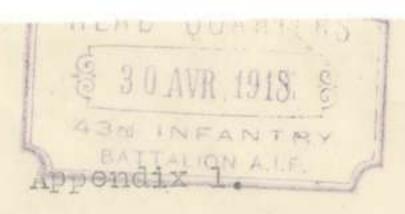
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SOMÆ.	1/4/		Artill. Normal, Harassing rire. Artill. Quiet  M.G. very quiet.  Aircraft. Normal. Aircraft. Three planes rlew over sector 4-30 pm.  Observation. Visibility poor No observation. Patrols. None seen.	
			Identification. I prisoner, 20th Foot art. Patrols. Covering patrols during relief.	
In Suppor	April t2nd.		Artill. 4.5 and 6" Hows registered.  18 pounders fired on enemy forward positions throughout the day.  Aircraft. Active at low altitude all day.  Artill. 10 to 11 a.m. 30 rounds 4.2 Shrap.  J.27.a.  5 to 6 P.M. 50 rounds 4.2. on eighteen pounder sattery at J.27.a. 1 gun damaged three casualties.  20 rounds 4.2, 5.9., over back areas.	
			Aircraft.Active in large groups (over 5) flying	
	3rd.		Artill. Field and Heavies active on reptd Artillery. 5.9s. on rear defences.  movement, and definite targets.  harassing fire at night.  Aircraft. Active at low altitude when Aircraft. Inactive. Two planes engaged by M.G.	
			visibility permitted.  Below normal on our sector. Visibility fair. Small groups of troops seen on road  Q.20.central. Q.20, b. and d. Two enemy guns seen moving LAMOTTE-CHIPILLY ROAD.  Three guns fired from wood Q.21, and 1, from 100 yds N.E. of same wood. Calibre unknown.	>
	4th.		Artill. 4.5. Hows fired south of SOME. Artill. 7.8 a.m. Heavy scattered fire over J.20.  8.50 a.m. parrage put down on enemy lines.  8.30-9-15.a.m. 200 rounds 10.5 c.m. on J.25.a and p, apparantly counter pattery.	PPENDIX
			Scattered shoot with 7.7 and 10.5 c.m.  at intervals throughout day.  7.7 gun sniping at ridge J.21.c.  Mevement. Visibility pad. 2 p.m. Transport seen Q.14.a. and Q.13.b. and c moving to wards	\ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \
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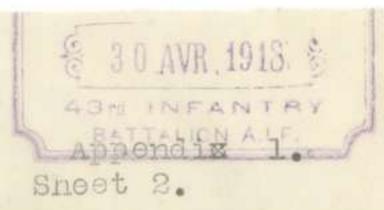
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In Support.			Artill. 18 pounders and 4.5s engaged  with narassing fire.  Visipility very pad. No observation.  Artill. 7. tp 10.30 a.m., Heavy fire on J.21.a.  Enemy Sh and VAUX-sur-sOMME, causing ten casualties in "s" Company.	
	6th.		Artill. 18 pounders and 4.5s active between 5. and 6.30 p.m. and 8 p.m. on P.22.a. and P.21.b. Shooting observed to be very  Artill. 30 gas shells J.20.d. 4.p.m. 11 a.M. 15 rds 15 c.M. J.20.c. Aircraft. Active in afternoon. 2 planes brought down. One plane flew low over our lines to rear heavily engaged by A.A. and M.G.	
	7th		Aircraft. Our planes active all day.  at varying altitudes, and e engaged enemy planes. Two  planes brought down by enemy.  Or convetion Great movement of what appeared to be Cavalry. Artillery and infantry ground	
# # # # # # # # # # # # # # # # # # #			HAMEL, and roads P.14 and 15. Artillery rired heavily on these during evening. 6 men ran from trench P.21, p.8.8. when our artillery opened fire.	
Ft.Line.	8th.		Artill. Organised shoot at 8 a.m. and Artill. Slight retaliation to our 8 o'clock shoot at intervals throughout night. Scattered fire at intervals throughout otherwise only scattered fire. the day.  Visibility. Very poor. Day generally quiet.	
	9th		Artill. Organised shoot 5.45 a.m.  Light scattered fire throughout  day.  Patrols.6 operated, across our front  throughout night, shouting heard  Artill. Very active all day, with gas and 7.7  10.5 and 15 c.m. over forward and rear  areas. Hundreds of shells thrown over.  Our casualties three, slight, caused  by the shoot.	AP
			quiet.  Snipers. 4 hits claimed.  Attitude. Quiet all night, very active all day with artitlery apparently retaliation.	APPENDIX
			M.G. and L.G. engaged enemy positions and M.G. Quiet. One gun Tired from trench K.19.a.  Theeting targets.  Observation. Visibility very poor. No o servation.	\ X
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somE.			Artill. Active till daylight and quiet  till 4 p.m. when normal shelling  commenced  M.s. Active when targets appeared.  Patrols Operating across our front all  Artill. Very quiet till 4 p.m. when normal  scattered fire from 7.7 and 10.5. c.m.  wasopened on our sector, and maintained  till 10.30 p.m.  Patrols None Seen.	
			Aircrart. Nil.  Sniping. 7 hits claimed.  Opservation.  Day again dull. No observation obtainable.  Normal activity. Gun from cemetary and cross roads J.24.d. fired.  Sniping. Several attempts made. No hits.	
	11.		Artill. Heavies and 4.5 Hows. active on rear Artill. See separate sheet.  positions between midnight and midday. m.us. Very Little Tire except from one gun 18 pounders inactive. near cemetary:	
			M.G. Indirect fire on enemy positions Aircraft. Active in groups of from two to 5 after	
			Aircraft. Inactive till 2 p.m. then active Attitude Generally quiet, noth day and night, our lines.  Patrols Active all night, whistling and at night.	
			talking neared in vicinity of cemetary. Transport pehind ridge  K.19 Detween 1 and 2 a.m.	
			Opservation. Very and during morning. Improved slightly during arternoon. Three men with and one man without overcoat on ridge K.19. One pointing out objects on our front to the others. 7 p.m. 3 small working parties at work on parapet K.19.  Identification. 31st I.R., from enemy shot in our lines.	D D
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SOME.	12t1	1.	Artill. Very active all night. Special Artill' See Special Sheet. shoots, light and medium calibres.	
			Special targets engaged throughout Attitude. Throughout day very quiet. Night more the day.	
			M.G. Operated in special shoots with 5 to 8 balloons were up most of the day articlery through the night. these being situated very close to his	
			Patrols active along whole front. One moved out towards cemetary to examine sustected tank, but were unable to fired several times during the night.	
			obtain further information. It heard otherwise gernerally quiet talking and whistling in vicinity Patrols None encountered.	
			of cemetary otherwise Normal, and her Aircraft. Active during late afternoon in groups Patrol reconnoitred J.18.d. and of from seven to 12. 2 red and 7	
			examined a dead bosche south of CORBIE triplanes formed one group, and was BRAY ROAD. Shoulder straps showed apparently looking for fight, but	
			31st I.R. Appeared to have been dead at was not engaged.  least a week. Other patrols report  all normal. Talking heard at various	
			positions south of cemetary. Few enemy seen walking about in his lines.	
			Front generally quiet. Snipers. 1 hit claimed, North of CORBIE DRAY	
			ROAD. Aircraft Very active throughout late afternoon	
			and evening. Several fighting formations  visited energy lines.	20
			Movement. Visibility was rair after 4 p.m. Movement seen throughout our sector during the day of men in two and threes, chiefly in vicinity of cemetary, J.24.d. 12 men seen	ATTEN
			Miscellaneous. Posts located K.13.c.05:10. K.13.c.05.15. K.13.c.15.20. K.13.19.45.c.10.45.  K.13.c.10.65. K.19.a.20.20.(P.5.c.00.20. Smoke from heavy enemy gun observed).  Plenty of movement of men in small groups seen south of the SOMME.	Z
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Line.			Artill. Eighteen pounders fired on given targets during afternoon and on communications during night.  9.15 p.m. parrage was put down this was fellowed by much shouting and noise from onemy line.  4.55 a.m. parrage repeated. 80 increased activity at night.  Airoraft. Active all day, in twos and threes in the morning, larger flights in the after noon, generally flying much higher than our planes.  M.J. Great and three in the morning larger flights in the after noon, generally flying much higher than our planes.  M.J. Great and three in the morning larger flights in the after noon, generally flying much higher than our planes.  M.J. Great and three in the morning larger flights in the after noon, generally flying much higher than our planes.  M.J. Great and three in the morning larger flights in the after noon, generally flying much higher than our planes.  M.J. Great and three in the morning larger flights in the after noon, generally flying much higher than our planes.  M.J. Great and three in the morning and three in the morning all the flight much higher than our planes.  M.J. Great and three in the morning and three in the morning flight much higher than our planes.  M.J. Great and three in the morning and three in the morning flight much higher than our planes.  M.J. Great and three and three in the morning flight in the after noon, generally flying much higher than our planes.  M.J. Great and three and three in the morning flight in the after noon, generally flying much higher than our planes.  M.J. Great and three and three in the morning flight in the after noon, generally flying much higher than our planes.  M.J. Great and three a	
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Line.	14.		Artill. 18 pounders 4.5s and neavies Artillery. Normal scattered shelling over forward engaged enemy strong positions, areas (7.7 and 10.5.)	
			and communications. Attitude. Quiet.	
			Sniping. 2 hits claimed.  Patrols. Covering patrols put out during Aircraft. Slight activity only.	
			relief.	
-		T	M.G. Quiet till midnight,	THE RESERVE THE PROPERTY OF THE PERSON NAMED IN COLUMN TWO IS NOT THE PERSON NAMED IN COLUMN TWO IS NAMED IN COL
			Aircraft. Slight activity only.	
			Movement. Visibility poor, proventing opservation to any extent.  Miscellaneous. One platoon A. Company, raided enemy post North of CORBIE-BRAY ROAD, securing	
			1 prisoner. Identification 31 L.R.	
			Relief completed without casualties.	
Support	15.		WeryArtill. Activity below normal. Artillery. Very quiet, except for scattered	
			Harassing fire during evening, shoots along SOMME VALLEY.  by field and heavy artillery.	
			Observation. Day wet and misty. Observation very bad.	
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	16.		Artill. Morning very quiet. Normal Artill. 1 to 4 p.m. 500 rounds 4.2s and 5.9s H.E. artillery during afternoon. on Batteries J.21.c. Several casualties.	
			Barrage put down early morning in this sattalion.	
		1.12	and 9 p.m.	
			Observation. Again poor.	
-	17		Artill. Scattered shooting during day, Artill. Heavy fire throughout afternoon into	
			special shoots at 9.30 p.m. and WELLCOME WOOD; and scattered shoot around	
			J.21. during evening.	
			Observation. again poor.	50
	18.		Artill. Quiet throughout day, harassing Artill. Generally quiet.	T
			fire at night.	2
			Opservation very bad.	
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Support.	19.	Artill. Engaged enemy lines and counter  communications and counter  battery work. Shoot put down  Artill. 8. tp 11 30 a.M.250 rounds 10.5 and 15.c.m.  H.E. in J.22. Scattered 7.7 fire during evening.	
		at 3.30 and 4.15 a.m.  Aircraft. Our planes patrolled our lines all day, engaged heavily with A.A. fire when approaching	
		enemy lines.  Observation. Frequent traffic travelling east along main road from LA MOTTE  10 a.m. three transports heavily laden travelling N.E. along main road through P.23. and 18.  from ABAINCOURT. 10.30 a.m. 6 men seen at P.11.a. Central carrying three stretchers.  Approximately 200 horses grazing all day at Q.9.15. and 21.	
Line	20	Artill. Field and heavy patteries very artill, Sep. Sheet.  active between 4 and 5 a.m. otherwise Attitude. Uneasy. evidently more watchful on account of recent raids. Active with rifle fire at night.	
		Patrols. Operated as covering parties for Snipers. Very active at night. Bright moonlight relief, Talking and shouting neard at intervals. showing providing targets.  Aircraft. Contact planes patrolled our lines Aircraft.8 tp 10 planes over our line between	
		Observation. Between 2 and 6 p.m. train service observed between MORCOURT and BAYONVILLERS No movement seen on our sector.	
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SOLLE	Date.	Hour	Our operations.  Summary of Events and Information Enemy operations.	Remarks and references to Appendices
Line.	21-		Artill. Active day and night.  Concentrated shoot at 8 p.m. and 5.30 a.m. 2.p.m. 4.5 hows obtained direct hits on enemy posts K.19.  M.G. and L.C. engaged fleeting targets and enemy positions, at night.  Aircraft, patrolled our rear lines throughout the day. Flights went over to enemy lines and were engaged neavily by A.A. Patr Patrols. Represented during the night.  Bright moonlight, seriously affected their work, both fighting patrols were engaged by M.G. Fire, No enemy patrols were seen.  M.G. One gum firing along CORBIE BRAY ROAD from M.G. One gum firing into valley J.24.6.  SallLy LAURETTE firing into valley J.22.6.0  Fired on our patrol. Gum from direction density fired on our patrol. Gum from direction density fired on our patrol. Gum from direction density fired on our patrol. Gum from di	6. nken constant
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Place	Date 1918.	Hour	Our operations Summary of Events and Information Enemy operations.	Remarks an references t Appendices
A	pril.		Artill. Field active during day and Artill. Special sneet.	
ine	22		evening, Quieter than usual H.s. Very active after 10 p.m. one at J.18.d.	
			during night. 90.90. fired towards J.18.b. between 11 p.	mo
			M.us Engaged tracks, crossing etc., and 2 a.m. One of direction J.30 fired	
			Aircraft.Active in afternoon between 5 and into J.23.a. at 10 p.m. uns at X rds	
4			8 p.m. Scouts and Tighting planes J.24.d. K.19.a.5.9. also active.	
			Tlew over enemy lines from 8 to Snipers Very Little activity.	
			15 meing operating over our sector. Aircraft. Seven to 8.30 p.m. 10 enemy planes active	
	-		Patrois. Three patrois operated on south of over our lines, otherwise normal activity.	
			CORBIE BRAY ROAD one a fighting patrol Aftitude. More active than usual at night with M. Gs	
			. Left at J.24.c.7.2. Worked North in Still appears to be working on his line.	
		*	J.24 Jentral, no sign or enemy seen.	
			North of JORELE LEAY a fighting patrol	
			under lieut Dunstan lert J.18. b. 20.30.	
			and moved along paddock containing	
			manure heaps in J. 18. D. Jentral. They	
			laid up within 100 yards or enemy line	
			Tor 1 and thours. Machine gun was	
			very active from J.18.d.90.90. using	
			tracer bullets. On patrol commencing	
		/	to return to our lines, three enemy	
			jumped up about 50 yards from this patrol	
			and made towards enemy lines. Patrol	
-			leader deemed it unwise to sive chase.	
			Patrol returned to our lines.	
			Observation Q.15. and 20. 300 head of horses seen grazing at 1.20 p.m. Horse transport c	9
			constantly seen along main road east from LA MOTTE during the afternoon. 6.40 p.m.	5
		1	several horse transport observed coming from MORC URT travelling south to main LAMOTTE	7
			road then west along LA MOTTE ROAD. These were suspected as ammunition limbers as	Ti IT
			6 horse teams were used. 4 a.m. enemy working party reported digging outpost line	2
			K.13.0.20.20. to K.19.2.50.20. fired on by L.G.	
			Miscellaneous. Posts located at K.19.c.90.90. Enemy palloon located K.22. and Q.15.	>
			Much red tracer ammunition was used during the night by enemy machine guns firing from	1
	0		important positions.	1-

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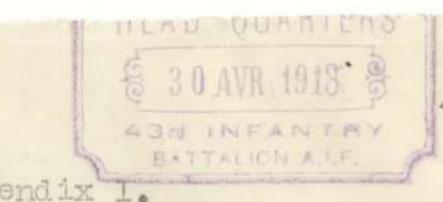
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(Erase heading not required.) Remarks and Places On Date | Hour Our perations Summary of Events and Information references to Enemy Operations. Appendices Line April Special sheet. Artill. 18 pounders fired 20 rounds into Artill. K.19.d.00.50. No damage observed. One gun enfilades trench in J.23. M. ES. 3.25 p.m. 20 rounds eighteen pounder from direction SAILLY LAURETTE. M.G. shrapnel K.25.a. 4.20 p.m. 20 rounds from X roads J.24.d. again active also gun 18 pounder shrap over cemetary J. 24.d. from K.13. Central and J.18. b. 80 .20 and 20 rounds over K. 19.a. Normal Aircraft 1 P.M. 6 and 5 p.m. 4 planes flow shoots carried out in the evening. over our lines but were driven back by M.Gs. Engaged targets and enemy positions A.A. Fire. 6.45 to 7.30 a.m. Balloons and tracks. were up N.E. and S.E. of this sector. Snipers. 2 Hits claimed in J.18.d. Attitude. Much more watchful and appears to Aircraft. 6.30 p.m. 15 planes crossed enemy lines. be covering working parties. General activity throughout the day. Our planes shot down I enemy plane at 6.5 a.m. Patrols. Protective patrols operated on the front all night. 2 fighting patrols operated but were withdrawn by 3 a.m. without having discovered anything., unusual. Wood in J.24.b. central thoroughly examined, no trace of enemy possession found. Machine tuns very active. Occasional very lights fired. Observation' Two men mounted and 1 on foot seen on road J.25.a. at 4 p.m. movement of enemy parties seen in K. 13.c. during early evening engaged with L.G. Fire. Transport seen most of the arternoon on main road through LA MOTTE. Much movement west of BOIS DE VAIRE. Observation poor. D. D. & L., London, E.C. (A7883) Wt W809/M1672 350,000 4/17 8ch. 52a Forms/C/2118/14

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laco IME	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information  1 Our operations Enemy operations.	Remarks and references to Appendice
Line	24t		Artill. 4.30 p.m. 60 rounds M.5. hows into K.19.a. 5.15 30 rounds same area.1 p.m. to 3 p.m. 30 rounds eighteen pounders onto cross road K.13.d.60.20. 3.45 - 4.30 a.m.  Artillery programme sheets armied out Machine gun fire very active from Corth	
			5.20 p·m. direct hit on what appeared to be 77 m.m. Battery J.36.d.85.15.  M.us. Engaged on indirect fire during night.  Spiners. 2 bits by left outpost.  Aircraft. Active especially during evening when patrols of seven and nine examined our lines and engaged our aircraft.	
			Aircraft. Normal patrolling of our lines during day. at 5 p.m. 5 planes crossed enemy lines.  1. was brought down in flames. 5.30 p.m. to get battery work. Gas used excessively.  8 P.M. very active 20 operating over sector.	
			ling, apart from ordinary recommaissance and protective patrols two fighting patrols oper= ated. One left at 10 p.m. to examine J. 18.d. miscellaneous. Enemy immediately worth of	
			continuous and heavy Machine um fire necessi- CORBIE BRAY ROAD but quiet opposite tated patrol moving east along North side of posts south of road. 29th Battalion MORBIE BRAY ROAD for a distance of 150 yards. on our right were attacked at 5 a.m.	
			M.G. from M.13.0.00.20: forced patrol to  withdraw. It then pushed forward on south  side of main road working through woods in J.24.b. ceased with commencement of artillery into western side of K.19.a. Wiring party was  at 3.45 a.m. No new work observed.	
			located about J.18.d. 9.2. an artillery shoot of ours prevented patrol continuing its reconnaissance. On patrols return Lewis cun	->
			fire was brought to bear on wiring party.  A ravine in K.19.a. was reported as capable of holding 2 battalions for concentration purposes Other patrol report all quiet	PARIN
	^	W	Observation. One p.m. train travelling MORICOURT to Q.22.c.8.6. Batteries located one 20 deg T.B. and 90 deg T.B. from J.23.b.20.d0. Appre	1

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SUMME	ril.		Artill. Quiet until evening when Artill. Special sheet.	Appendices
Euppo			usual shoots were carried out.  Patrols. Covered relief.  Aircraft. 11 a.m. one plane flew very low over valley J.21.c. engaged heavily by L.G.	
			fire. Plane brought down in BONNAY by A.A. Fire.	
	20		Observation. Nil. Artill. Again very quiet until evening Artill' Special sheet.	
	26		when normal shooting was carried out. Aircraft. 5 planes flow from south along our supplication one plane patrolled our lines line at 6.30 p.m. ebservation	port
			from 1 p.m. to dusk. Observation. patteries reported from P.15.b.8.2. P.16.b.5.2. P.11.d.5.3. also T.B. 161 deg and 170 deg. from J.27.b.4.5. Observation very poor.	
	27.		Artill. Quiet until afternoon when counter bat Artill. Special sheet.  battery work was carriedout. Evening active.	
			Aircraft. Contact planes patrolled our lines. Observation. Poor, slint improvement during evening. Nothing observed.	
	28		Artill. Engaged enemy posts and back areas Artill. Special sheet.  during day, active again at night.  Aircraft. Nil.	
	*		Aircraft. Five planes crossed enemy line during late afternoon. Contact planes operated	
			throughout the day. Observation: 4.50 p.m. 1.25.c. and D. one gun being drawn by 6 horses along road to La MOTTE.	
			G.S. Wagon followed. 2.20 p.m. large dump exploded Q.21. 5.15.p.m. Tlashes from gun	
			norse limbers and 6 mounted men travelling towards MORCOURT. P.4.d. and P.10.b. Observed enemy run as result of our snelling. 5.30 p.m. 10 enemy seen P.10.Central.	
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Line.	Apri	and the same of th		Аррепатсе
	29.		Artill Normal, throughout the day  with activity at night.  Artill. Special sheet.  Aircraft. 2 planes flew towards support Battalion	
			Aircraft. 2 planes patrolled our rear at 4 p.m. driven back by A.A. and L.G. Fire.	
			when approaching enemy lines. Observation. K.31.b. 60.20. one man visible here all day, believed to be an O.P. Slight horse	
	30.		traffic seen on main road through LA MOTTE.  Artill. Very quiet.  Artill Special sheet.	nje
			Aircraft. Inactive.  Aircraft. 5 p.m. 1 plane crosses our line engaged neavily with A.A. and L.G. fire, brought down by our planes in rear areas.	
			Observation Nil.	uoi lava saan
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			Intelligence Officer.	
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Place	Date		Hostile Shelling repo	ort.	Summary of Even	ts and Information		Remarks an references t
	TAINT TT	2020	Time.	No Shells.	Caliure.	Area Snelled.	grom direction. Remarks.	
	11.		5.30 to 6.30 p.m.	40	77 104	J.22.a.p.d.	SAILLY LAURETTE . /*Battery	Posi Not
	ala ala e		9.30 p.m. to	10	10.5 c.m.	J.21.	" "** previousl	
			7 p.m. to 10 p.m.	50	77 mm	J.21.22. H.27.		devening
							shoot.	
	12.		5 a.m.	20	77 mm	J.22.b.	K. 27.	
			2.45 - 3.30 p.m.	100	15 c.m.	WELLCOME WOOD.	SAILLY LAURETTE Destruct	ive area
			6 p.m. 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.	Salvoes of	15 c.m.	J.22.a. XRds J.17.c.	P.7. (shoot.) K.20.	
			1 b.m. no no heme	4 to 8.	/ / liteline	VIULD 0 . T / . C .	11. e 13/0/ e.	
	-		4 p.m. to 7 p.m.		10.5.C.m.	J.17.d.	K. 33	
	13		E2.10 p.m. to 4 p.m.	600	10.5 and	WELLCOME WOOD.	K. 33. Area sho	01.
					15 c.m.			
			2 p.m. to 6 p.m.	Bursts	77 m.m.	J.18.0.24.a.	SAILLY LAURETTE	
	14		5 p.m. to 6 p.m.	30	77 m.m.	J.24. a and c.	CHIPILLY.	
	20		5 a.m. to 6 a.m.	Salvoes	77 m.m.	J.24 a and c.	K.20.	
			8 a.m. 4 p.m.	30	77 M.M.	J.22	K.53	
			8 p.m. to 9.50 p.m.	80	77 m, m, and 10.5 c.m.	J.27.a.	SAILLY LAURETTE. Cheifly	IM BELVOB
		Swa	9 to 9.30 p.m.	20	10.5 c.m.	J.16.b.	CERISY	
			10 p.m. to 4 a.m.	50	77 m.m.	J.23.	K.27.	
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	21		8.30 p.m. to 10 p.m. 9 p.m.	20	10.5 c.m. 77 m.m.	J.22.b. and d. J.22.b.	SAILLY LAURETTE. LACHYRAM	ATORY.
			2 a.m. to 6 a.m.	Heavy	10.5 and 15 c.m.	South of Sector.		
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	26	16	3.30 .6.50 p.m.	12	10.5 c.m.	J.14.0.	MALARD WOOD.	7 gas 5 H.	
		6	3.50 - ±0.p.m.	10	10.5 c.m.	Brickstack	Malard wood	8 gas 2 sh	rap.
		- 6	25 to 8.30 p.m.	-20	10.5 c.m.	J. 1,4.C.	11 11		
		0.5	p.m.	15	77.	J. 20-b. and 21 a	K.21.		
			LO. p.m.	20.	10.5.cm	J.20 b and 21 a	CERISY		
	27		idnight to 12.30 am	25	15 cm	J.19. and 20	11		
			16 a.m.	30	7.7. c.m.	J.20.21 and 14	K.27.	A	
			3 - 9 a.m.	25	10.5 c.M.				
					≥ 15 c.m.	J. 25 and 19	CERISY.		
		1	LO - 10.30 a.m.	20	10.5 cm	J.20. and 21	K.27		
	20		L to 1.15 a.m.	45	15 c.m.	VAUX	K.35		
	154		1.15 to 1.30 a.m.	45	10.5 cm	J.27.D.	K.33		
		1,742	2.30 p.m.	40	10.5 c.m.	J.27	P.17.0.		
			7 p.m. to 9 p.m.	55	10.5 cM				
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			10. to 10.30 p.m.	20	10.5 c.m ,	J.17	K.27		
	28		5 to 5.30 a.m.	20	10.5 cm	J. 20 a and b	MALARD WOOD.		
	80			10	7.7.	J. 20 and 26	SAILLY LAURETTE		
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		1	8 to 9.30	90	10.5 c.m.	Brickstack	MALARD WOOD		oto
	00		N E EO	- 0*	7.7.	J.20.d.	K.27.		
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			11.15 to 12.15 p.m.	150	15.cm	J.20.d.31.c.	K.23		inter bty.
			2 to 2 50 P.m.	150	15 c.m.		K.33		
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Place SOLME	The second secon	Hour	Summary of Events and Information  REPORT OF RAID BY 43rd BATTALIUN A.I.F. on enemy post North of CORBIE-BRAY Road on night	Remarks an references t Appendices
			of 13/14th of April.	
			On evening of the 12th arrangements were made to raid an enemy pest listening post	
	15		situated at K.13.c.2.2. (Sheet 6.2.d.) and the work was allotted to Lieut W.H.GREEN with	
			his platoon No This platoon was holding the line in J. 18.d., and knew the country	
			in front well. Arrangements were made with the artillery, who were carrying out a shoot at the time of the raid - to fire on active M.Gs in the vicinity.	
			At 3 a.m. on 14th April, Lieut GREEN led his men to a position of waiting J.24.b.8.9., where the party lay up until 3.45 a.m. when artillery opened.	
			There was round to be wire across the road 30 yards west of the Post. This was reported to the party by a patrol shortly before zero. Wire was French Concertina about 4 ft wide and 3 ft	
		No.	high. There was no wire is mediately south of road. The party were able to walk around this	
75			wire and approach the post from the southern flank. The post intended to be raided was found	
			to be unoccupied. 4 It square with wooden Floor. This was possible intended to be a H.u. or	
			The ments continued ments and discovered another mest 100 was Wenth on meet 20 wands	
			The party continued north and discovered another post 100 yds North or road, about 30 yards elong. One man was seen, seized, and immediately removed from the trench.	1-17-21
			A prisoner having been captured, the party returned to our lines.	
			While the operation was in progress, no enemy action took place. Neither artillery, m.G. or	
			rifle fire being encountered. One very light was fired.	
			Our casualties were four wounded, caused by our artillery firing short into the position of	
			assembly.	
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Place SOMMe.	Date April	Hours.	REPORT ON RAID. 13/14th April. Con. Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices	
			EXAMINATION OF PRISONER CAPTURED.		
			Identification 31st I.R.  Order of Battle. North 86th F.R. Centre 31st I.R. and believes 85th I.R. are holding south of the SOMME.River.		
			Prisoner relates ne was in a post with another man about 20 yards away, remainder or his section was in rear.		
			Knows nothing whatever of any attack on this front.  Division has been in the line since 21st March, has heard nothing of relief. Knows of no		
			troops behind. Has only been in the line here 2 days gimself.  Did not know the AUSTRALIANS were opposite him, thought perhaps that the officers knew.  Our artillery shoots evening and morning had been causing casualties.		
			His Company had had no patrols out at nights to his knowledge.  Heard nothing of Northern advance.		
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43rd INFANTRY BATTALION A.I.F.

C.O's. REPORT for the Month of APRIL 1918.

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1. LOCATION.

2. DEFENCES.

During the whole month the Battalion was employed in the line on the sector from the grid line in the south to the grid line is on the North, either in front line or in close

The tours of duty were, - 6 days in front and 6 days in support commencing from night of 1/2nd April, relieving 41st Battn on each occasion. The frontage of Battalion was about 2,500 yards, up till the 21st April when the Brigade sideslipped 1,000 yards to the north, to allow the 5th Division to come in astride the SOMME. The front held by this battalion was

reduced to about 1,600 yards.

The defence was organised in depth. One company on outpost in isolated platoon and section posts (which were wired). 2 companies on a consolidated line of resistance (well wired) and 1 company in reserve. The line of resistance included part of the old French AMIENS Line. A good deal of work was put in on the sector during the month, digging new switch lines, Communication trenches, and improving trenches and dugouts. A fine dug-out was constructed for B.H.Q. by the

11th Company, Engineers.

3. ENEMY ACTION. After his attack on the 29th March, the enemy was very inactive opposite our front. He tried however, to turn our right flank south of the SOMME. On the 4th of April he drove back the Rifle Brigade and Oxford and Bucks Regts on the right and captured HAMEL, but the situation was restored by troops of our 5th Division. On the 11th and 24th April, the enemy made repeated attempts to force the right flank, and severe fighting took place around VILLERS BRETONNEUX in which our 9th, 13th, and 15th Brigades took part. Had he succeeded in getting possession of the ridge west of VILLERS our position North of the SOMME would have been serious. The enemy opposite 11th Brigade consisted of the 18th and 50th Divisions, North and South of the BRAY-CORBIE Road, and the men were of poor quality. A number of prisoners who were captured were men who had been in hospital, and had only recently returned to the line.

In a raid carried out by 20 men of the Company under Lieut GREEN, the enemy trenches were entered and one prisoner brought back.

Generally speaking the health was good, though towards the end of the month, cases of scabies and trench fever or influenza appeared, due no doubt to the long tour in the line without a break.

Every attempt was made to bathe men at BONNAY and give them a change of underclothes, but the bathing accommodation

was very limited.

Towards the end of the month the men showed signs of becoming tired, but on the whole they were cheerful and full of fight. The weather conditions were fairly good, and

fortunately there was very little rain.

A "B" Echelon was formed and frequently changed to give the men a rest. Platoon Officers were changed as frequently as possible.

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4. HEALTH.

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C.O's report for April 1918. con. The following changes took place during the Month. 5. OFFICERS. Major W.J. KINNISH returned from leave and took over duty as Second in Command. The following officers were evacuated: -Major A.T. PATTERSON (Sick). Capt. T.F. RICE (Gas). Captain CLARKE W. (Sick) Lieut WATTS(M.C.) Sick. Lieut A.V. GALVIN (Sick). Lieut A.L. NORRIS-SMITH. Sick. Lieut A.H.BISHOP returned to AUSTRALIA (Services no longer required. 6. HONORS AND AWARDS. The following Officers were awarded the Military Cross: - Lieut J.H.BORTHWICK, Lieut G.J. OLIVER, and Lieut W.H. GREEN. Pte A.S. SMITH of A Coy gained the D.C.M. and Pter A. PATTERSON B. Coy and A/ C.S.M. McLaughlin of A. Coy were awarded the Military Medal. L/c LEAVER of C. Coy was awarded the French Croix de Guerre. (See appendix for description of above). 7. RATIONS, EQUIPMENT, STORES etc., Rations were very good. The food was cooked at B. Echelon and taken up to the front line under cover of darkness. A quantity of cocoa, cigarettes and tobacco was also received from the Comforts Fund. The clothing of the men has suffered severely from the exposure and long tour in line. The stores and equipment are completed. on 1/4/18. 45 officers and 919 other ranks. 8. STRENGTH. 30/4/18 44 " " 861 " 17 0.R. 9. CASUALTIES. Killed in Action Died of wounds
Wounded 1 Off & 53 "
Sick. 4 " 65 "
Total. 5 " 140 " I cannot speak too highly of the fine spirit of loyalty 10.GENERAL. and devotion to duty displayed by all ranks, under adverse conditions and for a long period (the longest tour in the line without a break). The following incident is worthy of note. The men who carried out the raid under Lieut GREEN on the morning of the 14th, had been in the outposts for four days in bad weather. They were brought back to Company Headquarters, were given a good hot meals, and in a bitter drizzle of rain went over the top under our artillery barrage like boys going to a Sunday School picnic. C.O. 43rd Infantry Battalion A.I.F.

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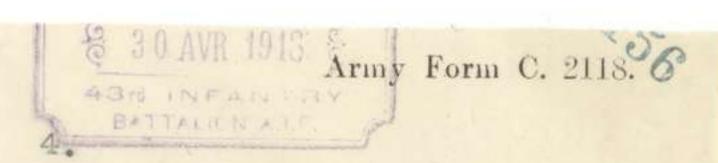
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Somme	1918. April		Summary of Operations "A" Coy.	
	lst.		Location J.18.b &d. and J.17. 3Platoons in outpost line and two (including one from 41st bn.)	
			in line of resistance, one Platoon "C"Coy. 43rd Bn.in support trenches. "D" Coy. 43rd Bn. on the right flank and 10th Brigade on left.	
	1/2		One German D.R. wounded and captured with bicycle, at 2 a.m. messages recovered inxxine from him 43rd Battalion relieved at night by 41sy Battalion "A" Coy. 43rd Bn. remained in line attached to 41st Battalion.	
	2nd.		Two German wounded and captured by company. One German despaten carryin deg shot and message recovered.	
			27 dermans reported sniped by company from 31/3/18 to 3/4/18.  "A" Coy. relieved by "C Coy, 43rd Bn. and rejoined sattalion in support in J.21.	
	3/4 4/7 7/8		With Battalion in support.  Battalion relieved 41st Battalion in front line "A" Coy. again in J.17 & 18.	
	13/14		Enemy post raided by party under Lieut. W.H. Green, "A" Coy. one prisoner captured.  Battalion relieved by 41st Battalion.	
	14/19		"_" Coy. with Battalion in support. Relieved 41st Bn, "A" Coy. occupiedR. in new switch J.17 and 18 with 3 Platoons and	
			I Plateon in old trench J. 17. as support, "C" Coy. 43rd Bn. in outpost line "B" Coy. 43rd Bn. in reserve and two Plateons 41st Battaleon in new switch right of CORBIE-BRAY road in new	
	21/22		switch J.17, and 23. 44th Battalion took over left of sector to Grid line J. 18. 18. WYRNYRYKKKKKKKKKKKKKKKKKKKKKKKKKKKKKKKKK	
			2 Platoons of "A" Coy. 45rd Bn. took over posts in new switch from 41st Bn. in J.17. and 23	2
	22/25 24th		"A" Company Headquarters removed from J.17-b to J.17.d.	TO TO
	24/25		Heavy H.R. and Gas shelling by enemy in Front and back areas.  Relieved by 41st Bn. and moved back to support lines.	5
	20/00		Quiet with occasional shelling.  WEATHER. The forst fortnight wet, cold and muddy latter part of month dry but dull generally.  MORALE. The Morale of the Company is all that could br desired.	×
			mEALTH. Considering the severe strain of the past six weeks the health of the Company	1 1
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Somme	April 1918.		Su mary of operations "A" Company.	
			CASUALTIES. Since 27/3/18. Killed in Action 4 Other Ranks. Died of wounds 4 O.R.  Wounded in Action 1 Officer 24 O.R. Evacuated sick 10 O.R.  OFFICERS. Capt, T.F. Rice wounded (was) and evacuated 24/4/18. No other casualties.  SALVAGE. A considerable abount of salvage has been affected by the Coy. dubing the month including an Appoplane, Lar e quantities of arms, ammunition, equipment, tools, and stores.	
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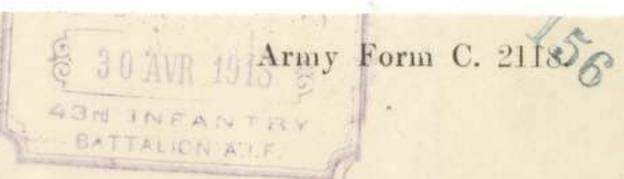
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Place SOME.	Date 1918	Hour	War Diary. "B" Ooy. 43rd Infantry Summary of Events and Information	Remarks an references t Appendices
	April.		A fine clear day with consequently considerable aerial activity, throughout which our planes appeared to have the lest of the fighting. Each time an enemy squadron crossed our lines	
			they were quickly engaged by our righting machines and driven off. In all five planes fell within sight of our position one enemy plane falling in the vicinity of sattation Headquarters.	
	7		Enemy artitlery was active throughout the day, positions on right bank of the SOMME receiving special attention.  Day was quiet and uneventful, neavy rain fell during provious night and during the day.	
			To night relieved A. Coy of 41st Battalion in front line occupying same sector as during previous time in, but dispositions were slightly altered. No 8 platoons occupying the posts in of outposts in front of the line of resistance. No 5 and 7 platoons occupying the posts in	
			front line with No 6 platoon in close support. On the approach march to relieve, the Jompany passed through SAILLY le SEC which was being shelled by enemy artillery, Pte Smith H.M. was slightly wounded in Left arm. Relief was completed by I a.m. 8/4/18.	
	8		Opened with heavy rains which continued intermittently throughout the day. Enemy Artillery was quiet only a few 77 m.m. Tell in Company sector during the 24 hours. Three patrols were	
			supplied by No 6 plateon, two recommaissances, one righting, which operated on Company front during hours of darkness. No enemy patrols were encountered.	
	9		Rain was falling during the early morning but ceased just before dawn leaving a very neavy ground fog. Enemy artillery and our own were very active during the continuance of the fog.	
P			which lifted at 8.30 a.m. At 8.15 a.m. a message was received from No 8 platoon (outpost) to the effect that enemy movements were observed on left front. As the fog lifted, this movement	
			was round to be a strong enemy patrol of 30 men, which was dispersed by rifle fire, Lasualties being inflicted. They withdrew to summen road on left of Cemetary. At 10 a.m. rog had entire-	
			ly cleared when visibility became good. From 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. enemy artillery was very active, subjecting Company Front to a severe bom ardment. During the remainder of the evening	
			enemy was very quiet, patrolling was carried out as set out in previous days report, no contact with the enemy was outsined.	
			Owing to continuous wet weather and muddy condition of the trenches, mens feet are beginning to show signs of softness. White loose corrugated skin appearing on soles and Insteps. Owing to this, it was found advisable to have the worst cases sent back to "B" Echelon and Iresh men	2
			sent up in their stead. Company strength was reduced to the following figures.  16 sections of 1 N.O.O. and 6 sen.  Total 112	>
			4 platoon Headquarters 1 off and 4 men 20 Ooy Headquarters 1 off and 19 o.r. 20	1-1
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Place SOMME.	Date 1918.	Hour	War Diary "b" Coy. con. Summary of Events and Information .	references Appendice			
	April 10		Rain fell at regular intervals throughout the day. Operations on both sides were quiet, very little action. Owing to the inclement weather it was deemed advisable to relieve the outpost platoon every 24 hours. Dry socks are now leing issued nightly, and men are made to rub their				
			feet vigorously at least once every 24 hours as a preventative to softness. Rations supplied are good only drawbac. being the want of heating appliances for heating the food or making hot dispers drinks.				
			Rations equal per man one third loar, per man gutter, Jam. Uneese. Bully beer and Maconachies Ration, and a hot stew every evening; on alternate days cold boiled bacon is also supplied. Front patroiled as usual with no startling results.				
	11		Fairly cold with no rain up to 10 p.m. When one very heavu shower rell. Enemy Artillery tairly quiet. Our artillery active especially throughout the night, when shoots were carried out on selected targets. Hun reply to these shoots was weak. Patrols operated as previously				
	12		no enemy encountered.  Day opened with slight mist but cleared very early and visibility was extremely good throughout				
			the day. Sun made itself relt much to everyones pleasure, and all sorts or ideas were expounded for the drying of wet plankets and ground sheets. During early morning our artillery carried out shoots on selected Targets. Enemy retaliation was weak. Buring the day our artillery was				
			Aircraft. Enemy appears to be collecting more planes on this front as during yesterday and to day squadrons of 10 or 12 planes have been patrolling his front regularly. No acrial				
	13		Evening of 12-13th was quiet on front line, enemy contenting himself with strating at intervals the sunken road and rear areas. Morning of 13th opened with slight ground haze, but cleared by 8 a.m. At 4.15 a.m. carried out an intense shoot on enemy pertiens positions, learching points				
			or assembly etc., Enemy retaliated heavily, using a proportion or 1 in 4 gas shells. Errect or this gas was pronounced in our company support line and troops had to wear s.p.R. for 15 minutes. Artillery action on both sides was only intermittent throughout the day as visibility				
			was poor. Rain fell during the early afternoon and continued until 2 a.m. 14th. The Company was relieved on night of 13-14th by A. Company of 41st Battalion. Their disposition in the line	- 1			
			Support. This change of disposition and the Egyptian darkness of the night made relief slow and same was not completed until 2.30 a.m. 14th.	3			
	14	NA.	On relief Nos 7 and 8 platoons moved over and took up a position on the BRAY-CORBIE Road in Support and under command of "C" Coy 41st Battalion. Lewis Cun sections of No 5 and 6 took up a position still further in rear on same sector sector and formed a reserve necleus garrison,	12			
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			remainder of Company moving back to fulley previously occupied by Battalion when it was support	
	April.	-	remainder of Company moving back to fulley previously coold with a bleak North wind, and even though men had dug themselves pattalion. Day was unusually cold with a bleak North wind, and even though men had dug themselves	
			nattalion. Day was unusually cold with a bleak North wind, and even did day. Hun strated the inte cuppy holes in the sides of the gulley, little rest was obtained that day. Hun strated the inte cuppy holes in the sides of the gulley, little rest was obtained that day. Hun strated the	
			into curry holes in the sides of the gulley, little lost was and Pte H.B. Wallaco. unley at dusk with 4.2s inflicting slight casualties on L/c J. Bowes and Pte H.B. Wallaco.	
			bulley at dusk with 4.28 iniliteting site of the sections to night.	
			Rations were good. Necleus garrison was followed by thomas were out. Enemy artillery on this	
	15		Weather improving, cold winds having art the willage of GONNAY and the allocation	
			mosition quiet. Baths have been arranged to	
			was 40 for the Company. Dath in the usual French lashion, hand the clean change of under- tub, and although not elaporate was much appreciated by the men, and the clean change of under- tub, and although not elaporate was much appreciated by themselves much too ramiliar with the	
			tul, and although not elaporate was much apprecaated by the men, and the remaining with the	
			tub, and although not elaporate was much appreciated by the men, and the such too ramiliar with the clothing issued even more appreciated, as chats had made themselves much too ramiliar with the	
			clothing issued even more appreciated, as chats had had been sully were engaged in digging men. Necleus garrison was again changed to night. Platoons in wally were engaged in digging	
			platoon posts on reserve line.	
			Day opened very quietly, visibility poor, but weather improving. Company Commander and bieut	
	16		Day opened very quietly, Wisipility poor, the west first the day, enemy Oliver proceeded to BONNAY and reconnectived rear derence positions. Buring the day, enemy of the proceeded to BONNAY and reconnectived rear derence positions. Buring the day, enemy	
			Oliver proceeded to BONNAY and recommented rear actions positions. Salvoes of 18 4.2s, this was shelled gully at intervals and about 3 p.m. started to send over salvoes of 18 4.2s, this was shelled gully at intervals and about 3 p.m. started to send over salvoes of 18 4.2s, this was shelled gully at intervals and about 3 p.m. started to send over salvoes of 18 4.2s, this was	
			shelled gully at intervals and about 5 P.M. Started to Bend ovol started	
			During the shelling at 7.30 p.m. we had two casualties, when set WEETHAN and L/c GIBLS were	
- 520			During the shelling at 7.30 p.m. We had two casualties, who had a possible a direct hit on Sgt Weetman killed. The shell causing the casualties was as near as possible a direct hit on Sgt Weetman	
			killed. The shell causing the casualties was as hear as gubby noie, also received the full and L/c Gibbs being alongside of him at the entrance to a cubby noie, also received the full	5
			and 1/c Gibbs being alongside of him at the entrance to a oddy hold, men in the loss of the brast of the burst. Buch regret is felt by the officers N.C.Os and men in the loss of the	
			brast of the burst. much regret is real by the dilient workers and knew no fear, and	
			above names N.J.Os. They were pals, always together, diligent workers and knew no fear, and	
			above names N.J.Os. They were pais, always together, distribution. Reardon was at same time and had gained the respect and esteem of the whole Company. U.S.M. Reardon was at same time and	
			by come shell hadly shell-shocked. No / and o Fig.	
			to 41st mattalion by No 5 and 6 platoons.	
	1 179		to 41st sattalion by No 5 and 6 platoons.  After a quiet night, day opened dull and broke into rain during the arternoon. Another 25 men	
	17		The that at HONNAY AND SEVERAL BUILDED TO THE TOTAL STREET	100
	17		were pathed at bound at 8.30 p.m. No casualties.	77
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	18-		The day on the whole was very quiet. Energy sholling with rations. Wisibility was fair, 20 men were patned just when the transport where arriving with rations. Wisibility was fair, 20 men were patned	7
			The state of the s	
			at "b" Echelon. Clean socks are allitting fosts on reserve line of derence.  at night are engaged in digging platoon posts on reserve line of derence.  at night are engaged in digging platoon posts on reserve line of derence.	
			at night are engaged in digging platform posts of hail and snow. Day rairly quiet with only strong North wind blowing with slight showers of hail and snow. Day rairly quiet with only	7
	19		strong North Wind blowing with Silling Did not be and of Ton	1
			the usual shelling about of the con in the summert line, the disposition of the Coy	16
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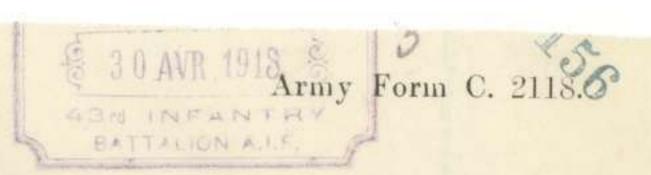
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	April.	, 19	Relief was completed at 1 a.m. night of 19th - 20th.  Day was very quiet nothing falling on our portion of the line. Visibility good, Aircraft very active, platoons engaged in improving their positions and carrying wiring material forward to	пррепинсе
	-21		Outpost Company.  Day quiet, visibility good with renewed aerial activity. One enemy plane prought down in rear of Battalion Headquarters. At 5.15 a.m. enemy shelling vicinity of Company Headquarters with 4.2s. During the day ne was shelling CORDIE BRAY ROAD with a concentration at 9 p.m. using a proportion of tear gas shell. Platoon digging a communication sap forward from A. Coy H.Q. to	
			Line of Resistance. Digging and wiring Lewis Gun Posts in Outpost position and building H.Q. for Company (A), carrying forward to Outpost Company amountaion and wiring material. Rations are good and men are receiving clean pairs of socks nightly. Supply of cigarettes is good.  Australian Mail delivered to-day.	
	22		Weather good, visibility fair, Aircraft active. One enemy plane brought down near Battalion Headquarters at 6.30 a.m. Enemt artillery rather active on back area of sector and junction of sunnen road and main CORBIE-BRAY road using a rair proportion of Tear Gas shell. Enemy Machine guns more active on the front.	
	23		Visibility in the morning very poor owing to ground fog. Our artillery carried out two shoots of half an hour each petween 3 a.m. and 6 a.m. Enemy artillery registering on Sunken Roads Junctions and back areas at frequent intervals throughout the day and using gas shells.  Visibility improved throughout the day and aircraft became active. Many fires were observed in enemy back areas running from rear of SAILLY AMURETTE south towards VILLIERS BRETONNEAUX.	
			Bright moonlight, and plateons working on communication saps and the wiring of the outpost lines were subjected to heavy Machine Fun Fire. Only two casualties however on the wiring party, Pte Nason and Curtis slightly wounded. Rations very good but bread only running one loaf to four men.	
	24		Our artillery carried out harassing shoots during early morning. At 4.15 a.m. enemy artillery placed a heavy barrage over the front extending from CORBIE BRAY road to South of SAILLE le SEC which lasted until 6 a.m. Under this parrage enemy attacked the Brigade on our right to the immediate south of SAILLE le SEC with he idea of occuppying the Outpost line. His attack was	MARGA
			driven off by L.c. and Rille fire. Enemy re-organised and attached again but was again repulsed with heavy casualties. The front line sustems were only intermittently shedled throughout the day but the valleys in rear were neavily shelled untilabout 5 p.m. Large proportion of the shell being las. This Company was relieved on the hight of the 24th by "C" Company of the 41st Bn.  They tookover exactly the same dispositions. Relief was completed at 11.30 p.m., and the Coy.	lls X
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Place	Date	Hour	War Diary "B" Company. Continued. Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	1918. April 24th		moved back to sivouar in the valley at J.21. leaving nucleus garrisons of L.G. teams at the following posts J.17.c, 10 85. J.23. a, 10, 80, J.22. L, 75, 30., J. 22. c, 75, 45.;	repondres
			to be evacuated with Shell-Shock caused by the same such During the modice had	
	05+10		T/Sgt. Lillecrapp G. was killed by a burst of Shraphel. much regret is felt throughout the Company at the loss of a promising N.C.O. in T/Sgt. Lillecrapp and of a solid soldier in Pto. Gant andorignal member of the Battalion.	
	25th.		Had a quiet night in Bivouace and men appreciated a quiet sleep. Day turned out very pleasant and men *** employed themselves in Chat-hunting and basking in the Sun.  Enemy strafed the Gully twice during the day at 8 a.m. and 8p.m. otherwise the day was quiet.	
			J.23. a. 10. 80., J.22. b.75. 30. Visability was poor throughout the day only one enemy plane venturing across our lines and this was met with heavy A A I C fine and included the enemy plane	
	26th.		There is nothing special during the remainder of the time we spent in the Gully at J.21. c. as support Battalion. Only once did we get a heavy strafe that being on the morning an and afternoon of 28th.	
	30th.		Nothing to report. Preparing for relief by 9th Brigade.	
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(Erase heading not required.) Remarks and War Diary "O" Coy. 43rd Intantry Lattalion Exents and Information Date Hour 1918. Place references to Appendices Company in support occupying posts with neuclus garrisons in J.22 and 28, remainder of Coy April 1/3 resting in gully in J. 27. and 28. Riele Relieved A. Coy in outpost line, North DRAY-CORBIE Road. J.18. Attached to 41st 3/4 7/8 pattalion, remained in line until night 7/8, relieved by A. Coy. During whole of this period weather was very bad, trenches having about 2 foot water and mud in them. In support line, Sunken Road. J. 23.a. and c. Relieved by "D" Company 41st battalion. In support to 41st Battalion occupying position in J. 27.a. Relieved "O" Coy 41st Battalion in outpost line J. 18. and 24, 2 platoons north and 2 platoons South of BRAY-GORBIE ROAD. A. Company 44th mattalion took over 500 yards outpost line J.18.b. relieving No 12 platoon 21/22 which was posted South BRAY-WORBIE Road, thus altering disposition to I Platoon worth and 3 platoons south of BRAY-UORBIE Road. Heavy shelling of positions in rear of Front Line. 24 24/25 Relieved by D. Company 41st Battalion. Occupying positions in gully J.21.c, and holding posts in J.16.d. and J.22.a. with neuclus 26/30 garrisons as support to Front Line. Morale excellent. Health. Very good considering the weather conditions early in the month. 1/30 4 Killed 14 Wounded. Casualties. Officers. Lieut W.w. MARRINGTON reporting sick from outgost line sent to Hospital. 7th. Lieut GALVIN A.V. reported to Voy From Leave, remained 2 days, and had to report 9th. to rield Ambulance for treatment Scabies and has been evacuated to Hospital. Lieut Roberts reported from Aust. Vorps School Was posted to No 12 platoon. 15th micut. Lewis A. Coy attached to C. Coy for duty and posted to No 10 plateon. Lieut Cannaway R.A. reported sick and was sent out to "B" Echelon for rest and treatment. 16th Ligut Charlton J.R. detailed to attend Corps was School. 24011 DAD

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Place SOMME.	Date Ho	war Diary. April. "D" Company, 43rd Infantry Battallon A. I	Remarks at references Appendice
		On the night 7/8th or April the Company relieved J. Company 41st Battalion and occupied a	Appendice
		600 yards frontage extending from LRAY-UORDIE ROAD (included) in J.23.b. to J.23.d.2.8.	
- 1		Three platoons held the main line of resistance (which coincides with the old rench line	
		in the vicinity) and one platoon supplied an outpost line approximately 150 yards east of	
		sunden road in J. 24.a.	
		As the weather conditions were bad, the outpost platoon was relieved every 24 hours by a	
		platoon from the line of resistance. Further protection against surprise was provided by	
		continuous patrois supplied by No 14 platoon.	-
1		Uonsidering the weather conditions, the health of the troops was remarkably good. Only one	
TAILENS		not meal was supplied per day, and this had to be prepared in the transport lines, and	
		carried forward on limbers during the night time. Hot tea was sometimes prepared under plateon	
		arrangements.	
		As regards hostile activity, this period was uneventful. On the morning of April 10th a report	
		came through from the outpost platoon on our right (B Joy) to the effect that the enemy was	
		massing on our left. However, no hostile action rollowed, which was rather unfortunate, because	
		the men were in good heart and were keen on the chance of a right.	
		Lieut Borthwick went out to "b" Echelon on April 12th and in his absence No 14 platoon was	
		administered by Sgt Holden.	
	7 10 100	On the night 13/14th April, the Company was again relieved by 41st mattalion (Acoy). As the	
4		night was very dark and the company frontages were slightly altered, the relief was not effect-	
		ad with ita augtoman amonthmora and do mater and it was ford into particular actions	
		ed with its customary smoothness and despatch, and it was daylight before we finally settled down in our new quarters in the gulley at J.27.a.	
		In this support position, the company was responsible for the maintenance of four neuclus	
		garrisons on the eastern and southern sides of WELLOOME WOOD. Uasualties in the gulley were	
		fairly heavy, and these were mainly caused by a 4.2 howitzer Lattery in the direction of	
		SAILLY LAURETTE. Three men were killed by shell fire.	
		3026 Pte Ball J.J.	
		2563 Pte Foreman C.A.	
		3141 Pte Woodhouse W.	
		In addition to these, 2561 Pte yeates U.V. was wounded in the neck, and 646 Upl, wain T.A.	
		was slightly wounded but returned to duty after neving his wound dressed. The shelling came -	
		in frequent and vigorous bursts, and on the night of the 20th we were grad to move up to the	
		front line where we got more rest and less exposure.	
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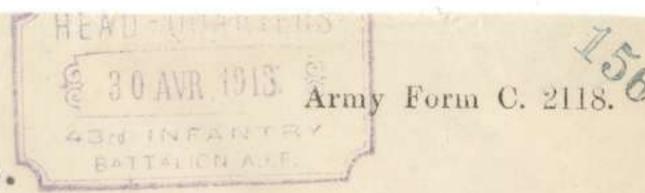
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Place Date Hour	Summary of operations. "D" voy. Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	On the night of 19/20 "D" coy took over from part of two companies of the 41st and occupied a line from J.29.D.60.60. to J.17.d.50.20.  2 plateons "B" company 41st were attached and occupied the new switch from J.23.D.40.50 to the left of sector, while "D" Company were disposed as follows. 13Pth on right. 16 and 15 plateons in front line with 14 plateon as support.  The relief was completed in normal time.  During the period enemy activity was very quiet except for when he attacked a patrol on our right, and during the morning quite a variety of shells fell on the company sector particularly on the switch. On the night of 21/32 the switch was taken over by A Voy and my sector now extended only as far as J.23.D.40.60.  On the morning of 23rd an attack was expected, but did not eventuate. Patrolling was extremely active, and at least one fighting patrol under an officer went out but did not gain contact with the enemy who are exceedingly quiet.  The weather being moderate, the health of the troops was good and the spirits high.	Appendices
	Rations were up to standard and dugouts in the system were utilised for the puppose of boiling water for tea which was available at least 2 or three times per day.  Casualties Nil.  On the night 24/22th we were relieved by A Coy 41st and the Company returned to bivouacs in J.21.c. where we remained until the night of 30th AP/May 1st.  During the period posts were noted by neuclus parrisons in J.22.c. and a. who were relieved every 2000 hours.  No casualties during the period.	
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Place SOME.	Date 1918.	Hour April	R.M.Os Report.  Summary of Events and Information	Remarks an references t Appendices
			General Health. This has been very good, considering that the men have been in the line and in support the whole of the month, living in dugouts. Most of the illness that occurred has been of a mild type. Diarrhoea, and slight pyrexia predominating.	
			Battle casualties. These have not been severe, and most of the casualties took place in the early part of the month. During the latter two weeks they were very slight.	
			Stretcher bearers. The Company stretcher bearers have been able to cope with the casualties.	
			Sanitation. As the sattalion has not been in fixed camps, but in the line, sanitary arrange- ments have been made but suited to circumstances. Box latrines were used where practic- able. Refuse got rid of by burying.	
			Water. Water previously chlorinated, was brought up in water carts and distributed in petrol tins to companies.	
			Food. There has been plenty of variety and hot meals were served as often as possible.  R.A.Ps. In all cases R.A.Ps where sufficiently big to accommodate stretcher cases. They were dugouts in the side of a gill or embankment and were water-proof.	
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Place Da		Summary of Events and Information	Remarks a references Appendic
SOMME. 19	18	Signalling Officers Report.  43rd Battalion A.I.F.	
		Owing to Lieut WATERHOUSE evacuating sick, I took over the duties of Signalling Orficer. The communications were very uncertain so far as lines were concerned, there being no buried routes nor aerials. Consequently lines rum out on the surface were subject to many preass. The linesmen were kept busy, there were four casualties amongst them during the month. Visual was found to be invaluable, the use of the lucas was a great success, communication being established from Companies to pattalion, and thence to brigade. The fullerphones worked well in the line and were used for all messages of importance.  Cable was as usual very difficult to obtain until the end of the month, and by then we had salvaged a fair amount, which was very useful. The establishment was altered also, and the alteration brount into effect. Two valuable men were transferred to Corps, (L/c Cole, and Pte Kook,) some new signallers were taken on strength, and worked very well. Unfortunately casualties in signallers was very heavy, here being two killed and eight wounded, and six evacuated sick. All company and headquarters signallers worked exceptionally well during the month in the line.	
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Place	Date	Hour	43rd Infrantry Battalion.A.I.F. Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			Transport Section. April 1918.	
			On April 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th, the Transport Lines were situated at BONNAY, but on	
			account of the enemy ranging on the village, the Quartermaster and ransport Officer after	
			Consultation decided to move to a position between BONNAY and LA HOUSSAYE. Three days later Division ordered all transport out of the village, and fortunately we had the best position.	
			Nothing of great importance happened till the morning of the 24th, when at 3-45 a.m. the enemy	
	•		occupied, but fortunately for us we were not there.	
			Owing to the congestion of numerous transport falling back to our lines, we were compelled to retire to a position near LA HOUSSAYE where we remained for two days, and then decided to take	
A			up lines between LA HOUSSAYE and PRECHENCOURT. This position arrords good cover and protection for horses, besides being nearer to water and quite close to the road.	
•			During the month we had the misrortune to have rour mules and one riding horse injured by shell rire, and they had to be evacuated.	
			A large quantity of parced wire and Pickets and material for dugouts wwas taken to the Front pine pesides water and rations, which fortunately went forward without a hitch.	
			The frequent rains made the tracks heavy and slippery for transport generally, but both Horses and Mules stood the strain remarkably well.	
			During this month the health of the men has been very good, only one man complaining of being of color.	
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During the month the Battalion occupied the same system of trenches as were taken over on march 27th, consecutivity the work of supplying the Battalion did not present many new features.  Rations. Rations and supplies were requirally sentto the treces in the time.  It was deemed inadvisable to establish kitchens in the trenches, so hot food was prepar at the transport times and sent up every evening. Rations were supplies were well up to standard, both as regards quality and quantity. Rations were supplies the by supplies from the Comforts fund of secon and milk, biscuits, tobacco and signrettes.  Water was sent up every evening in the water carrs, petrol tims, rum, casks, and jars. Considerable difficulty was experienced, in obtaining the return of receptacles from the line thus rendering the work of supplying extremely difficult.  Clot int. The Battalion sent in the line it was considered unwise to demand large supplies of clothing. That which was supplied by D.A.D.O.S. was of excellent quality.  Bauipment. The equipment of the matalion was well maintained.  Clean socks were sent to the line at regular interval. The soiled socks were washed and dried, and under Regimental arrangements by Q Staff.  Canteen. Canteen supplies were rairly well maintained. Accounts were opened with all commanies and neadquarters in the line, and supplies sent up almost every evening. The canteen malance sheet for quarter ending March 51,1918. was duly sent forward to A.I.F. order 50%.  Rum. The rum issue was particularly good, average of 8 gallons per day was sent forward.  Conclusion. The outstanding feature of the months work was that the administration was carried out under real active sorvice senditions. The shelling of villages rendered it necessary to quarter in the open, and notwithstanding all the difficulties, the work of the Q. Branch was successfully carried out.  One 42 M. A.M. A.M. A.M. A.M. A.M. A.M. A.M.	ed ies	Rations and supplet was deemed instat the transport during the month.  regards quality a fund of cocoa and Water was sent up Considerable different the line thus removed the line thus removed the line thus removed and dried, and up Canteen supplies and headquarters balance sheet for pursuant to A.I.I.
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Place Date 19±8 Hour War Diary. Summary of Events and Information

Intelligence Officers Report.

The whole April being spent in the front or support line the Intelligence section was kept busily engaged mostly under adverse circumstances.

Observers. During the Owing to the poor visibility prevailing through the greater part of the month this work was very greatly hampered and little information of improtance was obtained through this section. On

Only one para day (12th) was visibility really good, and continuous movement was seen through out that day.

During the last week observation was so poor that the O.Ps was seldem manned.

couts. The headquarters Section was not used until the 19th of April, and from the 19th to
the 24th, wright moonlight being in evidence, scouting was greatly restricted, but these
scouts were out every night in conjunction with Company Scouts.

Communications. Only run er communication was available between O.Ps and H.Q. This was only used when urgent information was obtained owing to the exposed positions of the O.Ps. A Shortage of telephones and wire premented telephonic communications.

Enemy attitude. Throughout the day he was generally quiet, unless special shoots were carriedout. These shoots occurred on several occasions, one being in WELLCOME WOOD in which the observers were situated. Other shoots were counter-battery Shoots. Gas was thrown over on the 19th and 24th, the latter day being very active with artillery from 3.45 a.m. to 4 p.m. when about 7000 shells were thrown over. These were 77 mm 10.5 cm 15.cm n.E. and gas.

Phosgene and sneezing gas was used.

The 18th Division opposite our front until about 17th April was quiet. It then concentrated to South of BRAY CORBIE ROAD, but remained inactive.

The 50th Reserve Division North of the Road were however active, and considerable M.G. Fire was encountered and much work done in that sector.

Aircraft was normal except on the Sth inst., when increased activity was noticeable. Patrolling was inactive and no raids attempted.

Movement was prevalent in the forward areas early in the month, but our sniping reduced this to an absolute minimum.

The system of notding his line generally consisted of 1 company in rest in reserve 1 company in support, and 1 company in forward lines. Of this company posts of a group or platoon were pushed forward with two to three men in a sap or funk hole as listening post. These posts were frequently raided and the source of numerous prisoners.

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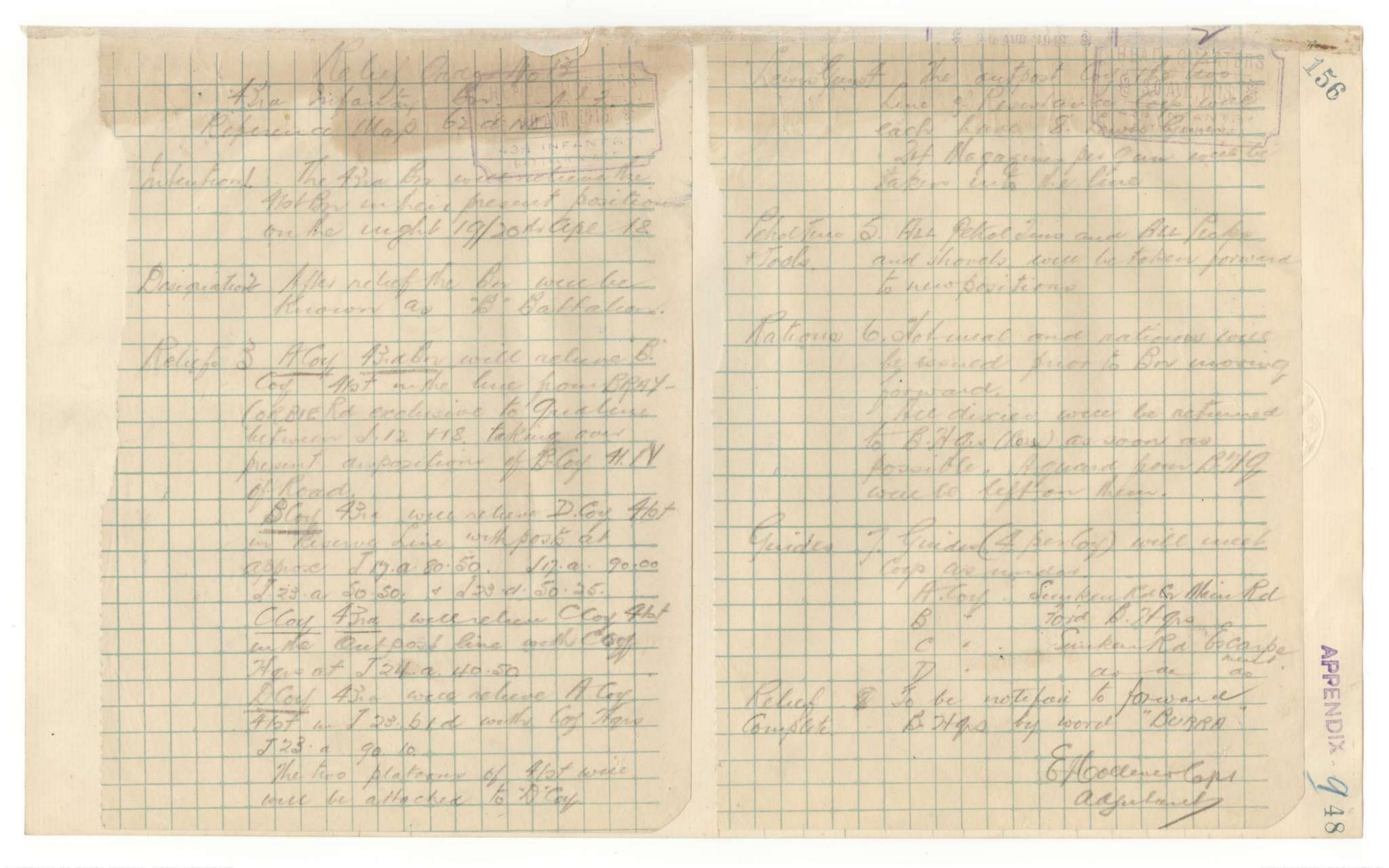
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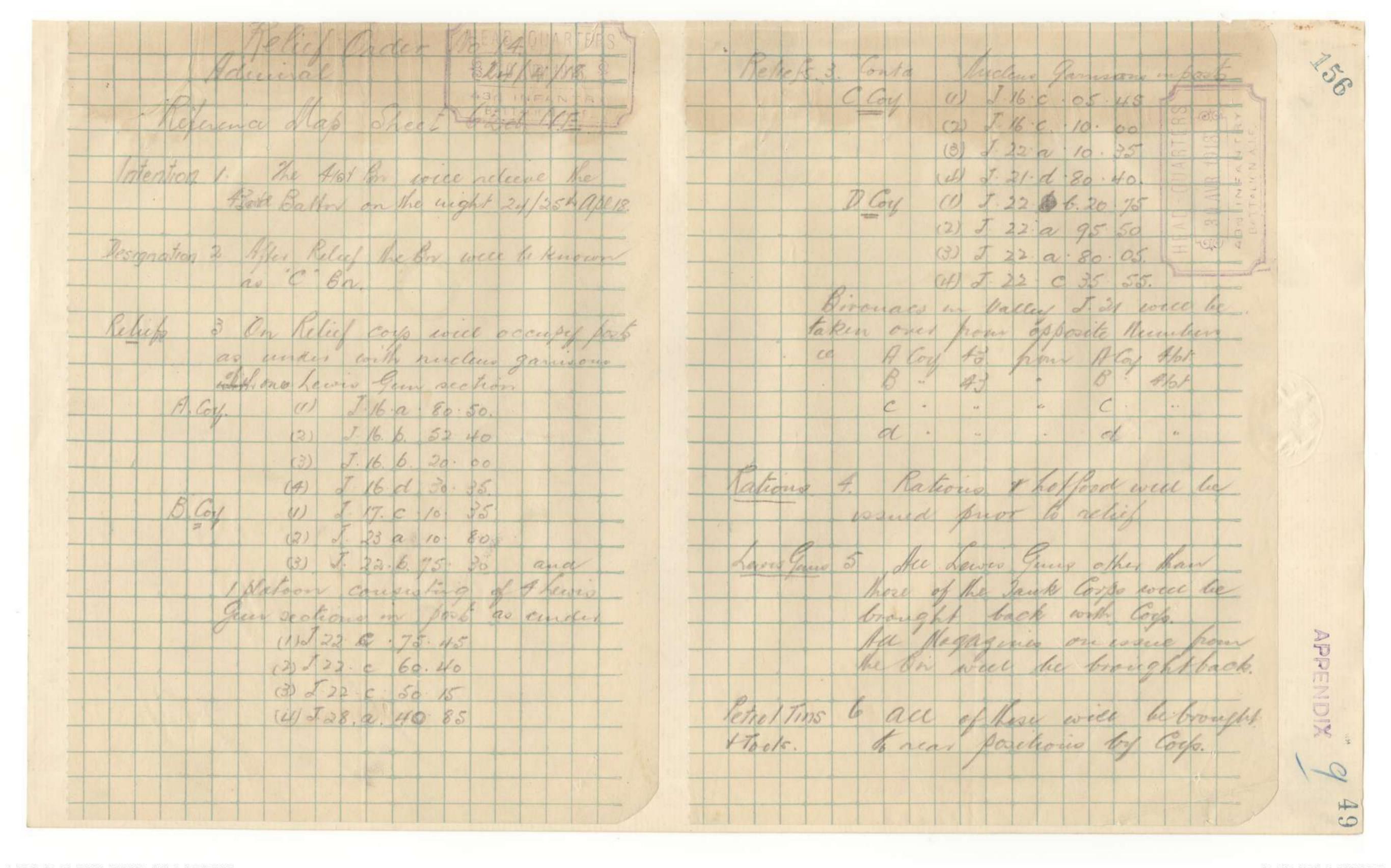
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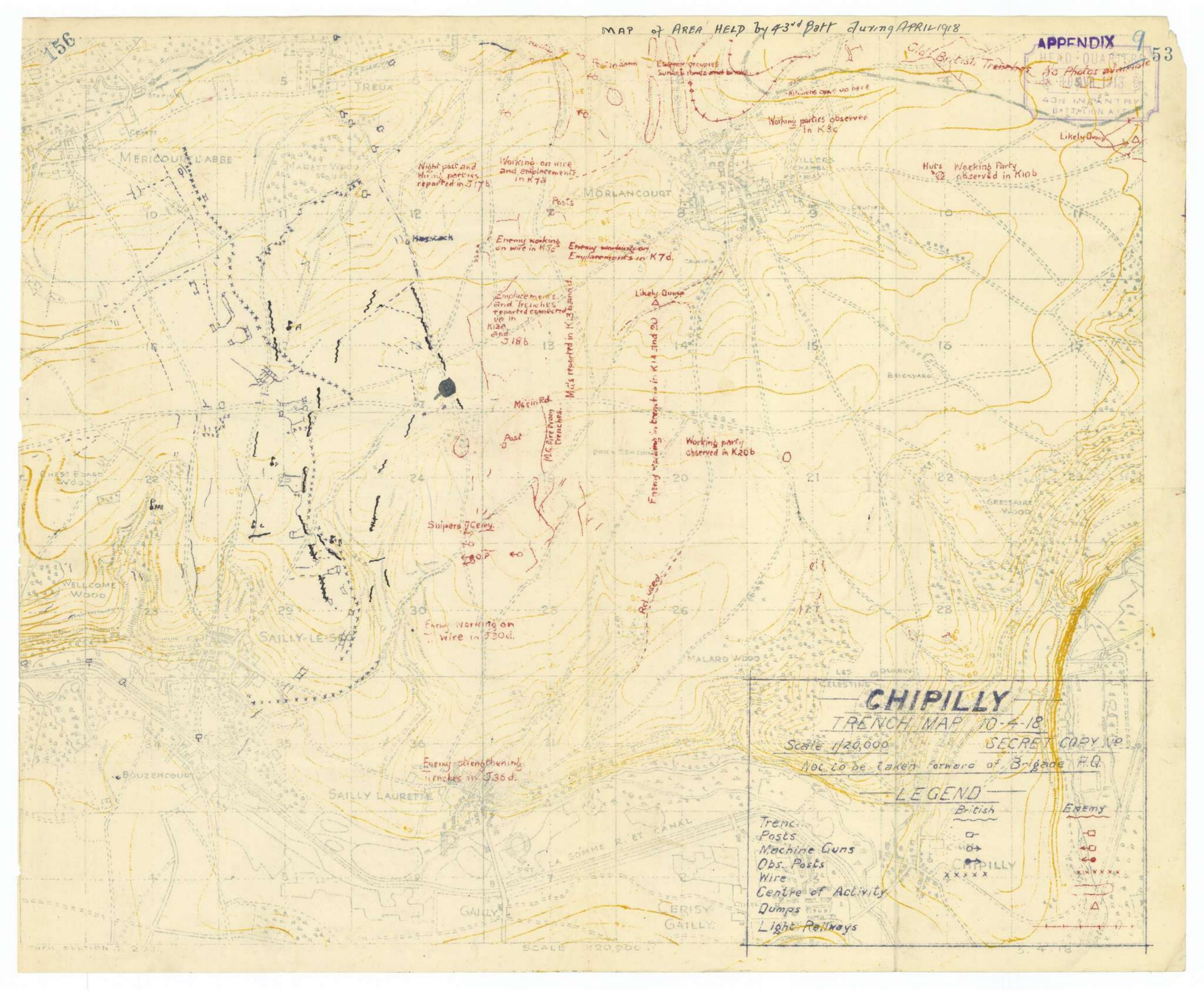


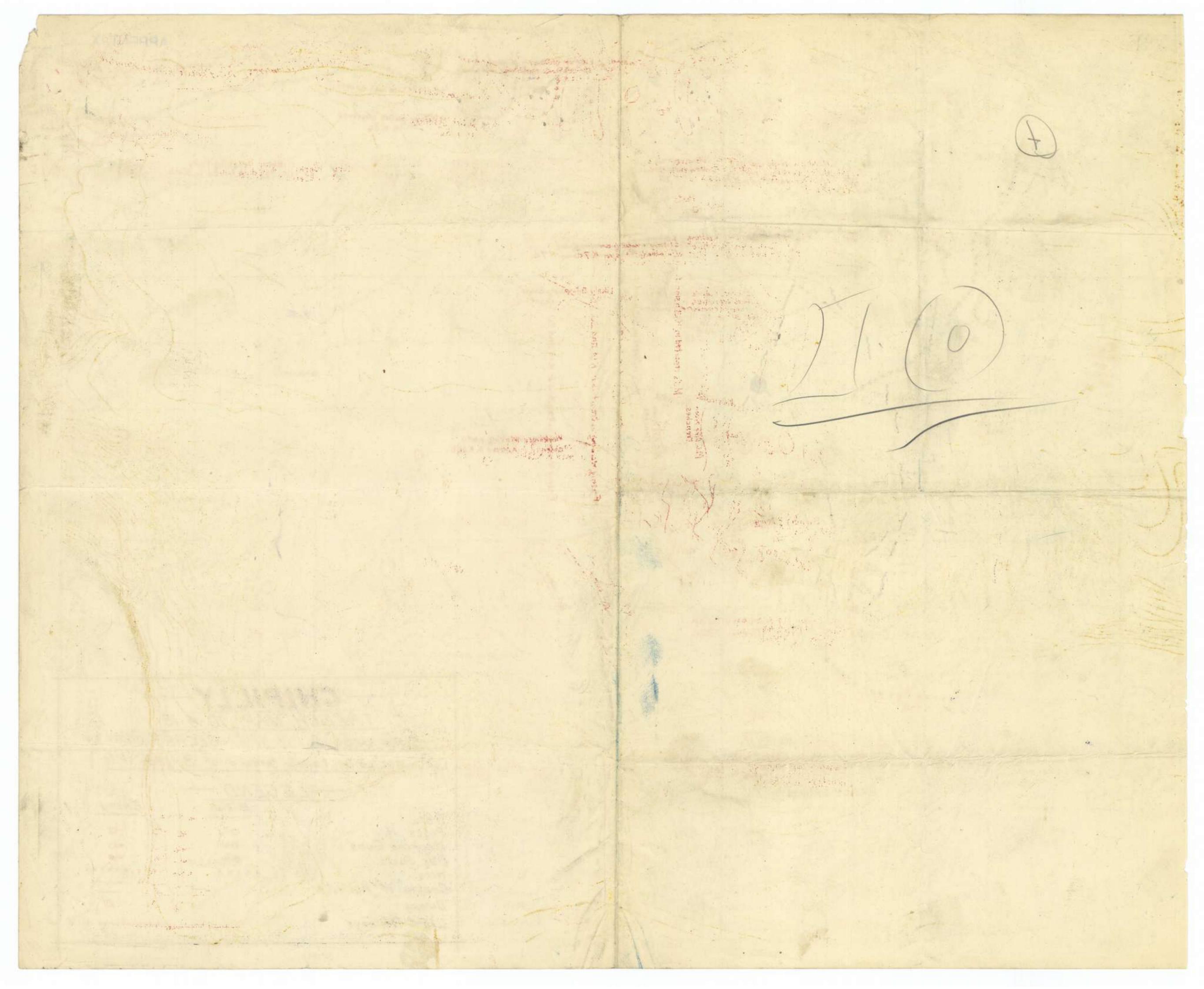
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