

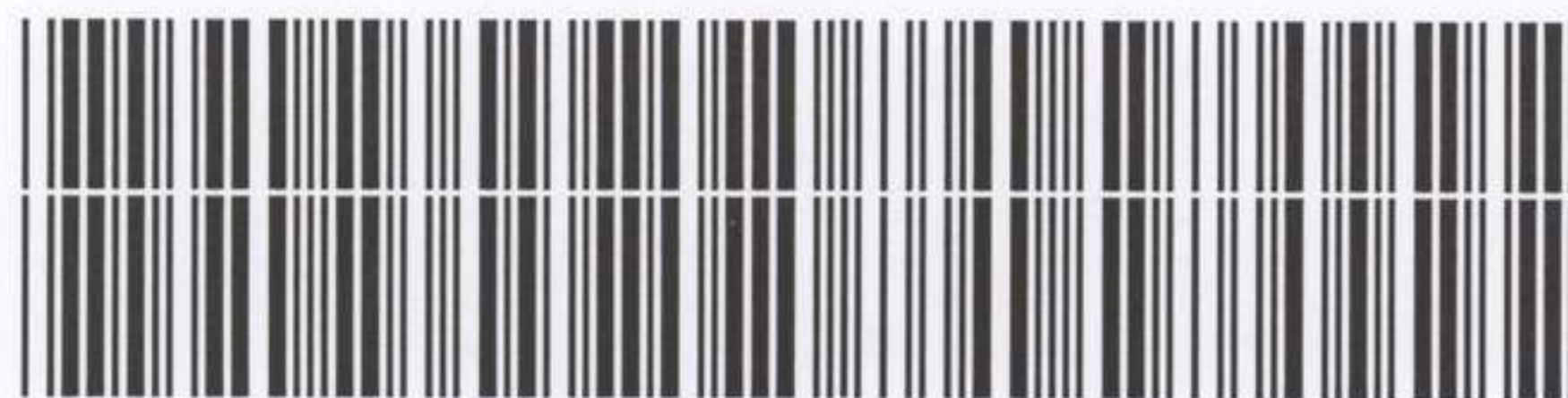
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IN THE LINE Somme. J18b 2.0. to 23.27.0 BHQ. J22 C 9.7	1.4.1918		<p><u>Ref Map France 62P.</u></p> <p>Morning opened quietly - observation fair - notification of relief by 41st Batt was received during the morning, 43rd Batt to move back to support. Reconnaissance of support positions was made during the afternoon and inter battalions arrangements fixed between adjutants. At 8.30 PM relieving troops moved forward and, the evening being quiet, relief took place without casualties, this battalion occupying support posts. BHQ moved back to J21 C 3.3.</p>	BHR
Somme. BHQ. J21 C 3.3	2.4.1918		<p>At break of day, boys evacuated the support posts and moved back to sheltered positions in valley at J21 C + J27 a. A Coy remained in the line, attached to 41st Batt. Men spent most of the morning sleeping, the afternoon being occupied by bettering their positions and shelters. Observation was clear but shelling light. Rain fell during the evening.</p>	BHR



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	3.4.1918		Following on the manning of the support posts on night of 2nd, Batt stood down again at dawn. Day was quiet and dull. C Coy relieved A Coy in the front line, A Coy returning to support.	BAR
Somme B/HQ. J 21 C 3B.	4.4.1918		Heavy scattered shrapnel shot early in morning South of Somme R. followed by enemy attack. Counter-battery work in J 27a. Batt stood to in posts at 6.30 AM. till 10 AM. Rain fell all day. During afternoon news received that enemy had pushed British troops back 1000 yds, South of Somme R. thereby threatening this flank. Liaison established with Bgde & with 104th British Bgde - holding the North bank of the Somme. Night was quiet. Ground very heavy.	BAR
	5.4.1918		Morning misty wet. Enemy artillery active until 10.30 AM. causing 10 casualties in this batt. Afternoon and evening quiet; day dry & ground improving.	BAR

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Somme BHQ J21C 3.3.	6.4.1918		Observation was good all day. Batt. observers reported abnormal transport movement south of Somme. This was fired upon by our artill. Great aerial activity.	BAR
	7.4.1918		Preparations during the day for battalion relief. Day showery but quiet. Relief commenced at 9 PM - complete without casualties 2 AM. Dispositions A Coy North of BRAY-CORBIE Rd. D Coy immediately South same road - B Coy South to J296 70.90. Each of these Coys had 1 platoon as outpost. C Coy + 2 Platoons 41st Batt were in support.	BAR
IN THE LINE J186 1.9. to J296 7.9. BHQ J22C 9.7.	8.4.1918.		Day generally quiet except for our own artillery shoots morning evening. Rain fell all the morning - visibility bad - ground heavy. Afternoon spent in settling down and improving the positions	BAR
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IN THE LINE J1871.9 to J2967.9 - BHQ J22C9.7	9.4.1918		Day dull but marked by great artillery activity, especially by enemy quietening down by evening. Night quiet but very dark.	BHQ
	10.4.1918		Identification of 31 <sup>st</sup> I.R. secured from enemy shot behind our outpost line by 11 <sup>th</sup> T.M. officer. Day quiet with normal shelling during early evening. Dull all day with misty rain at night.	BHQ
	11.4.1918		Our artill active all day. During afternoon sunshine improved visibility and plane activity increased. Evening up to midnight more active than usual with artillery.	BHQ
	12.4.1918		Sunny day with excellent observation. Our artillery was active all day - enemy normal except <del>at</del> on WELLCOME WOOD J27b & SOMME VALLEY which places were heavily shelled all the afternoon. Men greatly benefited by the fine day. Our artillery had a shoot at 9.15 PM. Remainder of the night was normal.	BHQ



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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
In the Line J18 to 1.9 to J29 to 7.9. BHQ. J22 to 9.7	13.4.1918		Day dull with cold wind - artillery normal - preparations for relief which commenced about 9.30 PM - 41 <sup>st</sup> Batt again relieved 43 <sup>rd</sup> & this battalion moved back to support posts in J21 & 22. Relief was not complete until early hrs of morning - Rain commenced about 8 PM & fell all night.	BAP
Somme BHQ. J21 to 3.8	14.4.1918		Relief completed by 3 AM - At 3.45 AM there was an artillery shoot by our artillery under cover of which Lt Green raided an enemy listening post with his platoon (Vide Appendix 2). 1 Prisoner was captured. Rain fell during early hours of morning & continued until midday. Afternoon evening quiet. Parties of men visited BONNAY for baths.	BAP
do	15.4.1918		Day dull and observation poor. Parties again moved to BONNAY for baths. Day quiet followed by artillery shoot at night against enemy	BAP



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Somme J21 C 3. 8	16.4.1918		Drizzling morning - visibility poor - morning quiet but during afternoon enemy fired very heavily with 10.5 & 15CM into our valley against the battery, causing a number of casualties. During the morning a number of officers reconnoitred the trenches West of the ANCRE where batt was to take up position in the event of evacuation.	
	17.4.1918		Day cold with drizzling rain. Quiet with occasional shoots by our artillery - Baths and reconnaissance continued.	BMR
	18.4.1918		Day cold, observation poor - Quiet - Recon & Baths continued	BMR
	19.4.1918		Cold bleak wind early in day combined later with sunshine - hail and snow at intervals. Normal artillery activity - Preparations during afternoon to relieve 41 <sup>st</sup> Batt in front line. Relief commenced at 9 PM and was completed by 1 AM - no casualties occurred although shelling was frequent & scattered. Moonlight	BMR



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LINE Somme I 187 (Ctd) 20. to 23 d 7.0. BHQ I 22 c 9.7.	19.4.	19.18	assisted relief - Dispositions were Outpost Coy b Coy - Left Front line Coy A. Right FL Coy D + 2 platoons 41 <sup>st</sup> . Support Coy. B.	
	20.4.	18.	Morning was quiet to normal followed by more active operations during afternoon - Aircraft active but visibility only fair - Our artill active at night - Lij Smith relieved Capt Ross-Soden as R.M.O.	BdL
	21.4.	18.	Early morning very active but day normal - Aircraft active at high altitudes but very little low flying - Visibility fair. During evening 29 <sup>th</sup> Batt <sup>A.I.F.</sup> relieved 42 <sup>nd</sup> Batt on our right flank and 44 <sup>th</sup> Batt A.I.F. took over part of our line on left, our new boundary being on the North I 18 d 2.9. Batt closed up but dispositions were not altered except that the 2 41 <sup>st</sup> P platoons were relieved	BdL



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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
LINE 23d 70 23d 9.7 23d 22 24d 18	22.4.1918		Day sunny and quiet - Evening wet and miserable - Capt Mc Donnell relieved Mjr Smith as R.M.O.	
	23.4.1918		Light rain fell early in day followed by bright sunshine - Artillery more active than usual, with Gas on back areas. Aircraft somewhat active during day and very active at night which was bright moonlight.	BAR
	24.4.1918		Morning quiet until 3.40 AM when enemy opened heavy bombardment with both H.E and Gas. - This lasted until 4 PM with different intensities. The afternoon being mostly bursts of about 5 mins duration. This bombardment also reached our B Echelon at BONNAY and necessitated the evacuation. Two casualties were caused in the forward areas. When the bombardment had been in progress 3/4 of an hour, the visual station reported an S.O.S. in vicinity of the SOMME. Artillery did not see this owing to the thickness of the mist which hung about all day. Communication to rear was only by runner as phone wire was cut & visual could not be seen through the mist. Atmosphere was heavy but a	BAR



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			breeze prevented the gas from hanging about for long. Type of gas used was chiefly Phosgene. At midday notice was received of a relief and preparations were made to carry it out at 9.30 PM. Rain fell at 8 PM but moonlight helped a quick relief, and by 1 AM the 41st Batt were all in position and 43rd back to support in T21C. Machine sections remained in posts between T22C + T21C, each coy supplying <sup>four</sup> <del>one</del> section with a Lewis Gun	Type B4R
Somme T21C 3.8	25.4.18.		On arrival at Support positions, troops were given a hot meal and those not on duty went to bed in their dug out shelters. Day was mostly spent improving sleeping positions. Day quiet & visibility bad.	B4R
	26.4.18		Day very quiet and night normal - men resting - visibility poor but weather pleasant	B4R visibility B4R
	27.4.1918		Day again very quiet & observation poor - rain fell about 4 PM. Play was drawn and some men paid.	B4R

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Somme I21C 3-8	28.4.	1918	Very Quiet with no observation. Rain set in at night - Pray continued. BMR	
	29.4.	1918	Active during early morning but quiet all day except for 2 shoots close to valley I21C with 15cm hows apparently meant for counter-battery work. 1 Enemy plane brought down behind our lines BMR	
	30.4.	1918	Day again quiet visibility bad - light shelling of our valley at night between 11 PM & 4 AM. otherwise quiet BMR	
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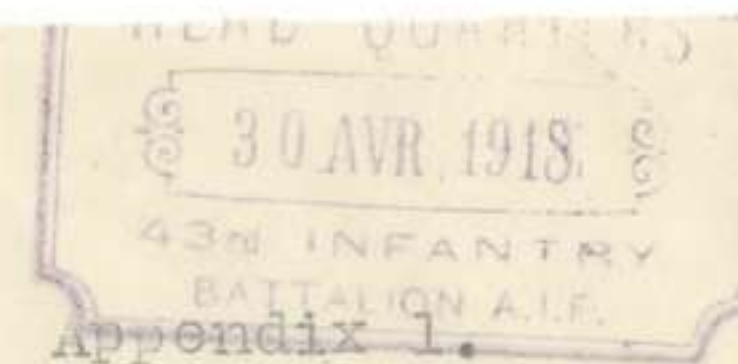
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			"Our operations."	"Enemy operations".	
SOMME.	1/4/1918.		Artill. Normal, Harassing fire. M.G. Active. Indirect fire. Aircraft. Normal. Observation. Visibility poor No observation. Identification. 1 prisoner, 20th Foot Art. Patrols. Covering patrols during relief.	Artill. Quiet M.G. very quiet. Aircraft. Three planes flew over sector 4-30 pm. Patrols. None seen.	
In Support	April. 2nd.		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 battery 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 high.	
	3rd.		Artill. Field and Heavies active on reptd movement, and definite targets. Harassing fire at night. Aircraft. Active at low altitude when visibility permitted. Movement. 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.	Artillery. 5.9s. on rear defences. 5.30 a.m. 200 rounds 15.cm. shells on J.27.a. from K.27. otherwise quiet. Aircraft. Inactive. Two planes engaged by M.G. and A.A. fire during afternoon.	
	4th.		Artill. 4.5.Hows fired south of SOMME. 6.30 a.m. barrage put down on enemy lines.	Artill. 7.8 a.m. Heavy scattered fire over J.20. W1. 26.27. with 7.7 10.5. 15 Cm. 8.30-9-15.a.m. 200 rounds 10.5 c.m. on J.25.a and b, apparantly counter battery. Scattered snoot with 7.7 and 10.5 c.m. at intervals throughout day. 7.7 gun sniping at ridge J.21.c. Movement. Visibility bad. 2 p.m. Transport seen Q.14.a. and Q.13.b. and c moving to wards LAMOTTE. 10 p.m. Signal light seen at P.17.c.40.25. for 10 minutes.	

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SOMME. In Support.	April					
	5th.		Artill. 18 pounders and 4.5s engaged with harassing fire. Visibility very bad. No observation.	Artill. 7. to 10.30 a.m. Heavy fire on J.21.a. and VAUX-sur-SOMME, causing ten casualties in "D" 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 good.	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. fire without result.		
Ft.Line.	7th		Aircraft. Our planes active all day. at varying altitudes, and engaged enemy planes. Two planes brought down by enemy. Observation. Great movement of what appeared to be Cavalry, Artillery and infantry around HAMEL, and roads P.14 and 15. Artillery fired heavily on these during evening. 6 men ran from trench P.21,p.8.8. when our artillery opened fire.			
	8th.		Artill. Organised shoot at 8 a.m. and at intervals throughout night. otherwise only scattered fire. Visibility. Very poor. Day generally quiet.	Artill. Slight retaliation to our 8 o'clock shoot Scattered fire at intervals throughout the day.		
	9th		Artill. Organised shoot 5.45 a.m. Light scattered fire throughout day. Patrols. 6 operated, across our front throughout night, shouting heard behind ridge K.19. otherwise all quiet. Snipers. 4 hits claimed. M.G. and L.G. engaged enemy positions and fleeting targets. Observation. Visibility very poor. No observation.	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. Attitude. Quiet all night, very active all day with artillery apparently retaliation. M.G. Quiet. One gun fired from trench K.19.a.		

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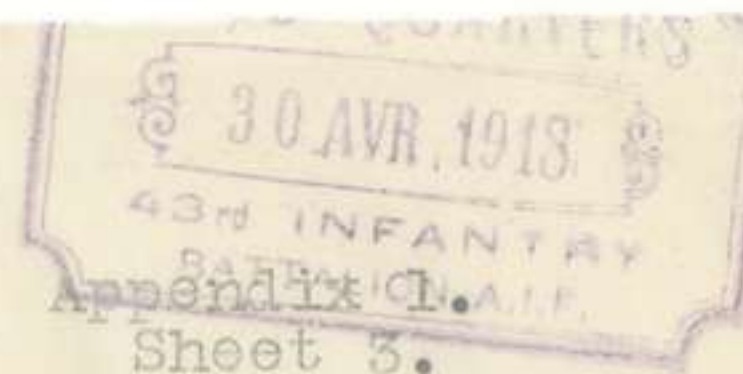
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SOME. Frt.Line.	April.	10.	Artill. Active till daylight and quiet till 4 p.m. when normal shelling commenced M.G.s. Active when targets appeared. Patrols. Operating across our front all night report no activity. Aircraft. Nil. Sniping. 7 hits claimed. Observation. Day again dull. No observation obtainable.	Artill. Very quiet till 4 p.m. when normal scattered fire from 7.7 and 10.5. c.m. was opened on our sector, and maintained till 10.30 p.m. Patrols None Seen. M.G.s. Normal activity. Gun from cemetery and cross roads J.24.d. fired. Sniping. Several attempts made. No hits.		
		11.	Artill. Heavies and 4.5 Hows. active on rear positions between midnight and midday. 18 pounders inactive. M.G. Indirect fire on enemy positions during night. Aircraft. Inactive till 2 p.m. then active our lines. Patrols Active all night, whistling and talking heard in vicinity of cemetery. Transport behind ridge K.19 between 1 and 2 a.m. Observation. Very bad during morning. Improved slightly during afternoon. 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.	Artill. See separate sheet. M.G.s. Very little fire except from one gun near cemetery. Aircraft. Active in groups of from two to 5 after 2 p.m. engaged by A.A. fire. Attitude Generally quiet, both day and night, appears to be working on his trenches at night.		
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SOMME.	April	1918.				
	12th.		Artill. Very active all night. Special shoots, light and medium calibres. Special targets engaged throughout the day.	Artill. See Special Sheet.		
			M.G. Operated in special shoots with artillery through the night.	Attitude. Throughout day very quiet. Night more active than usual with artillery, From 5 to 8 balloons were up most of the day these being situated very close to his line.		
			Patrols active along whole front. One moved out towards cemetery to examine suspected tank, but were unable to obtain further information. It heard talking and whistling in vicinity of cemetery otherwise Normal, Another Aircraft. Patrol reconnoitred J.18.d. and examined a dead Mosche south of CORBIE BRAY ROAD. Shoulder straps showed 31st I.R. Appeared to have been dead at least a week. Other patrols report all normal. Talking heard at various positions south of cemetery. Few enemy seen walking about in his lines. Front generally quiet.	Mags. One located at J.24.b.80.80. which fired several times during the night. otherwise generally quiet		
			Snipers. 1 hit claimed, North of CORBIE BRAY ROAD.	Patrols None encountered.		
			Aircraft Very active throughout late afternoon and evening. Several fighting formations visited enemy lines.	Aircraft. Active during late afternoon in groups of from seven to 12. 2 red and 7 triplanes formed one group, and was apparently looking for fight, but was not engaged.		
			Movement. Visibility was fair after 4 p.m. Movement seen throughout our sector during the day of men in two and threes, chiefly in vicinity of cemetery, J.24.d. 12 men seen carrying apparently sandbags at J.24.d.8.W.			
			Miscellaneous. Posts located K.13.c.05.10. K.13.c.05.15. K.13.c.15.20. K.13.10.45.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.			

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Place SOMME.	Date April	Hour 1918.	Summary of Events and Information		Remarks and references to Appendices
			Our operations.	Enemy operations.	
Line.	14.		Artill. 18 pounders 4.5s and heavies engaged enemy strong positions, and communications. Sniping. 2 hits claimed. Patrols. Covering patrols put out during relief. M.G. Quiet till midnight. Aircraft. Slight activity only. Movement. Visibility poor, preventing observation to any extent. Miscellaneous. One platoon A. Company, raided enemy post North of CORBIE-BRAY ROAD, securing 1 prisoner. Identification 31 I.R. Relief completed without casualties.	Artillery. Normal scattered shelling over forward areas (7.7 and 10.5.) Attitude. Quiet. M.G.s. Inactive throughout night. Aircraft. Slight activity only.	
Support	15.		Artill. Activity below normal. Harassing fire during evening, by field and heavy artillery. Observation. Day wet and misty. Observation very bad.	Artillery. Very quiet, except for scattered shoots along SOMME VALLEY.	
	16.		Artill. Morning very quiet. Normal artillery during afternoon. Barrage put down early morning and 9 p.m. Observation. Again poor.	Artill. 1 to 4 p.m. 500 rounds 4.2s and 5.9s H.E. on Batteries J.21.c. Several casualties, in this Battalion.	
	17		Artill. Scattered shooting during day, special shoots at 9.30 p.m. and 4 a.m. Observation. again poor.	Artill. Heavy fire throughout afternoon into WELLCOME WOOD; and scattered shoot around J.21. during evening.	
	18.		Artill. Quiet throughout day, harassing fire at night. Observation very bad.	Artill. Generally quiet.	

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Place SOMME.	Date April.	Hour	Our operations.	Summary of Events and Information	Enemy operations.	Remarks and references to Appendices
Support.	19.		Artill. Engaged enemy lines and communications and counter battery work. Shoot put down 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.	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. Aircraft. Normal activity. Flights observed over his lines.		
Line	20		Artill. Field and heavy batteries very active between 4 and 5 a.m. otherwise Normal fire. M.G.s quiet until dawn, when fleeting targets were engaged Patrols. Operated as covering parties for relief. Talking and shouting heard at intervals. Aircraft. Contact planes patrolled our lines Observation. Between 2 and 6 p.m. train service observed between MORCOURT and BAYONVILLERS No movement seen on our sector.	Artill. Sep. Sheet. Attitude. Uneasy. evidently more watchful on account of recent raids. Active with rifle fire at night. M.G. Quiet, Snipers. Very active at night. Bright moonlight showing providing targets. Aircraft. 8 tp 10 planes over our line between Noon and 1 p.m.		

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Place	Date	Hour	Our operations	Summary of Events and Information	Enemy operations.	Remarks and references to Appendices
Somme.	1918.					
Line	April.					
	22		Artill. Field active during day and evening, Quieter than usual during night.	Artill. Special sheet.		
			M.Gs Engaged tracks, crossing etc.,	M.Gs. Very active after 10 p.m. one at J.18.d.		
			Aircraft. Active in afternoon between 5 and 8 p.m. Scouts and fighting planes flew over enemy lines from 8 to 1.15 being operating over our sector.		90.90. fired towards J.18.b. between 11 p.m. and 2 a.m. One of direction J.30 fired into J.23.a. at 10 p.m. uns at X rds J.24.d. K.19.a.5.9. also active.	
			Patrols. Three patrols operated on south of CORBIE BRAY ROAD one a fighting patrol left at J.24.c.7.2. worked North in J.24.d. Central, no sign of enemy seen. North of CORBIE BRAY a fighting patrol under Lieut Dunstan left J.18.b.20.30. and moved along paddock containing manure heaps in J.18.b. Central. They laid up within 100 yards of enemy line for 1 and 1/2 hours. 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 give chase. Patrol returned to our lines.	Snipers Very little activity.		
			Observation. Q.15. and 20. 300 head of horses seen grazing at 1.20 p.m. Horse transport c constantly seen along main road east from LA MOTTE during the afternoon. 6.40 p.m. several horse transport observed coming from MORCOURT travelling south to main LAMOTTE road then west along LA MOTTE ROAD. These were suspected as ammunition limbers as 6 horse teams were used. 4 a.m. enemy working party reported digging outpost line K.13.c.20.20. to K.19.a.50.20. fired on by L.G.	Aircraft. Seven to 8.30 p.m. 10 enemy planes active over our lines, otherwise normal activity.		
			Miscellaneous. Posts located at K.19.c.90.90. Enemy balloon located K.22. and Q.15. Much red tracer ammunition was used during the night by enemy machine guns firing from important positions.	Attitude. More active than usual at night with M.Gs Still appears to be working on his line.		



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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information		Remarks and references to Appendices
SOMME	1918.	April	Our operations	Enemy operations.	
Line	24th		Artill. 4.30 p.m. 60 rounds 4.5. 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 shoots carried out. 5.20 p.m. direct hit on what appeared to be 77 m.m. battery J.36.d.85.15. M.G.s. Engaged on indirect fire during night. Snipers. 2 hits by left outpost. 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 8 P.M. very active 20 operating over sector. Patrols. Brightness again interfered with patrol-ling, apart from ordinary reconnaissance and protective patrols two fighting patrols oper-ated. One left at 10 p.m. to examine J.18.d. continuous and heavy Machine gun fire necessi-tated patrol moving east along North side of MORBIE BRAY ROAD for a distance of 150 yards. M.G. from K.13.C.00.20: forced patrol to withdraw. It then pushed forward on south side of main road working through woods in J.24.b. into western side of K.19.a. Wiring party was located about J.18.d. 9.2. an artillery shoot of ours prevented patrol continuing its reconnaissance. On patrols return Lewis Gun fire was brought to bear on wiring party. A ravine in K.19.a. was reported as capable of holding 2 battalions for concentration pur-poses. Other patrol report all quiet.  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.20.10. <u>Appendix</u> Approximate positions. P.24.b. Central. P.17.c. P.29.d.	Artill. Special Sheet. M.G.s. Active from K.19.c.0.2. K.13.c.4.4. K.19.a.5.9. and cemetery. K.19.a.2.5. Machine gun fire very active from North of CORBIE BRAY ROAD. Aircraft. Active especially during evening when patrols of seven and nine examined our lines and engaged our aircraft. Sniping. Occasional shots at night otherwise quiet. Attitude. Active with artillery on counter battery work. Gas used excessively. Work. Party at J.18.d.6.2. observed and fired on by L.G.  Miscellaneous. Enemy immediately North of CORBIE BRAY ROAD but quiet opposite posts south of road. 29th Battalion on our right were attacked at 5 a.m. on their right flank. Attack completely driven off. Enemy Machine gun activity ceased with commencement of artillery at 3.45 a.m. No new work observed.	

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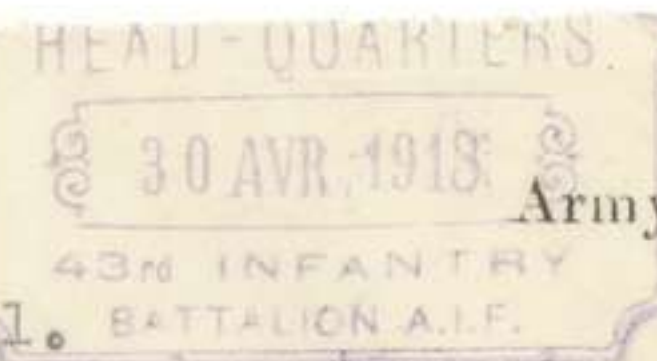
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Place	Date	Hour	Hostile Shelling report.	Summary of Events and Information				Remarks and references to Appendices
SOMME.	April	1918.	Time.	No Shells.	Calibre.	Area Shelled.	From direction.	Remarks.
	11.		5.30 to 6.30 p.m.	40	77 mm	J.22.a.b.d.	SAILLY LAURETTE.	/*Battery Posi. Not previously active. Scattered evening shoot.
			9.30 p.m. to 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.	10	10.5 c.m.	J.21.	"	
				30	77 mm	J.21.22. K.27.	K.27.	
	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	Destructive area (shoot.)
			6 p.m.	6	15 c.m.	J.22.a.	P.7.	
			7 p.m. to 10 p.m.	Salvoes of 4 to 8.	77 m.m.	XRds J.17.c.	K.20.	
			4 p.m. to 7 p.m.	12	10.5.c.m.	J.17.d.	K.33	
	13		12.10 p.m. to 4 p.m.	600	10.5 and 15 c.m.	WELLCOME WOOD.	K.33.	Area shoot.
			2 p.m. to 6 p.m.	Bursts	77 m.m.	J.18.c.24.a.	SAILLY LAURETTE	
			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.33	
			8 p.m. to 9.30 p.m.	80	77 m.m. and 10.5 c.m.	J.27.a.	SAILLY LAURETTE.	Chiefly in salvoes
			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.	
				Salvoes of 4 to 10.				
	21		8.30 p.m. to 10 p.m.	10	10.5 c.m.	J.22.b. and d.	CERISY	
			9 p.m.	20	77 m.m.	J.22.b.	SAILLY LAURETTE.	LACHYRAMATORY.
			2 a.m. to 6 a.m.	Heavy ssalvoes.	10.5 and 15 c.m.	South of Sector.		

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			Time.	Number.	Calibre.	Locality shelled.	From Direction.	Remarks.	
SOMME.	1918.								
April.	21		7 a.m. to	12	10.5 cm	J.23.b and d.	K.28	(Usual shoot in	
			11.50 a.m.	3	15 c.m.	J.20	K.27	(Brickstack.	
			7 p.m.	20	10.5 cm	J.21	K.28		
			9.15 p.m.	20	10.5 cm	x roads J.17.c.	K.24	Shoot on road to catch	
	22		2 a.m.	7	7.7 c.m.	J.22.c.	K.27 central	(transport)	
			5 am to 7 am	12	10.5 cm	J.23.c.	?	5 tear <del>tear</del> tear gas.	
			11 a.m.	5	10.5 cm	J.23.b	K.28.		
			2.40 p.m.	15	7.7 c.m.	J.28.b	SAILLY LAURETTE		
			6.15 p.m.	25	7.7 "	J.22.c.	K.20		
			9-10 p.m.	30	10.5 cm	J.22.b and d	K.22		
			11.30 p.m.	15	10.5	J.23a and c.	K.22		
	23		11.30 a.m.	40	10.5 cm	J.23 b and d	SAILLY LAURETTE		
			12.30 1.30 p.m.	30	10.5 cm	J.22 a and c	MALARD WOOD.		
			1 - 3 p.m.	35	10.5 cm	Wood J.22 b	K.27.c and d.		
			1 - 7 p.m.	40	7.7 cm	x rds J.17.c.	MALARD WOOD	Light scattered shoot.	
			2 - 3.30 p.m.	35	10.5. )	Wood J.22.c.	K.27c and d.		
			4.30 p.m.	12	15 c.m.)				
			4.30 p.m.	12	7.7 c.m.	J.17.d.6.5.	MALARD WOOD		
			8.30 p.m.	15	7.7. cm	J.22.a.	" "		
			midnight	10	10.5 cm	J.17.c.	K.27.c.		
	24		3.45 a.m.- 4 p.m.	7000	7.7. )	Whole sector		Light shoot on forward	
					10.5. ) c.m.	especially J.22.a.		areas.	
					15. )	and c. J.21. J.16.		Most 77 and 10.5. coming	
								from MALARD WOOD. This shoot was	
								chiefly directed against valleys	
								and Battery positions. Gas	
								formed about 60 % of the shoot.	
								in salvoes.	
	24		7 - 9 p.m.	20	10.5 c.m.	J.21 a. and b.	MALARD WOOD.		
	25		5.30 a.m.	10	10.5 c.m.	J.21 a and c.	" "		
			8 . 9 a.m.	300	7.7.				
					10.5.	J.21 a. and c.	MALARD WOOD.	10 % gas.	
					15. c.m.				
			7.15. to 7.45 p.m.	60	7.7 cm	J.21.a. and c.	K.27.		
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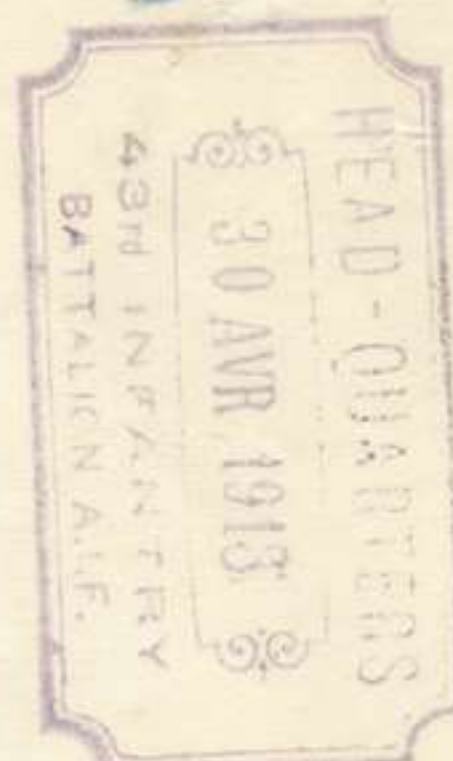
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During the whole month the Battalion was employed in the line on the sector from the grid line  $\frac{24}{30}$  in the south to the grid line  $\frac{12}{18}$  on the North, either in front line or in close support.

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.

2. DEFENCES.

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 "A" Company under Lieut GREEN, the enemy trenches were entered and one prisoner brought back.

4. HEALTH.

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.

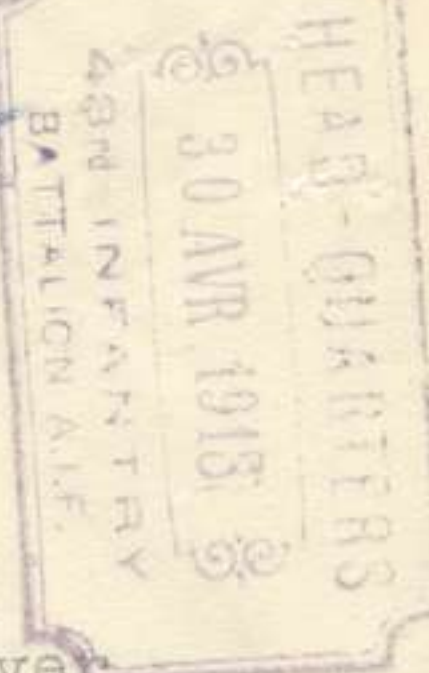
A "B" Echelon was formed and frequently changed to give the men a rest. Platoon Officers were changed as frequently as possible.

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5. OFFICERS. The following changes took place during the Month.  
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 Ptes A. PATTERSON B. Coy and A/ G.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.
8. STRENGTH. on 1/4/18. 45 officers and 919 other ranks.  
30/4/18 44 " " 861 " "
9. CASUALTIES.
- |                  |         |       |
|------------------|---------|-------|
| Killed in Action | 17      | O.R.  |
| Died of wounds   | 5       | "     |
| Wounded          | 1 Off & | 53 "  |
| Sick.            | 4 "     | 65 "  |
| Total.           | 5 "     | 140 " |
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10. GENERAL. I cannot speak too highly of the fine spirit of loyalty 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 meal, and in a bitter drizzle of rain went over the top under our artillery barrage like boys going to a Sunday School picnic.
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Place SOMME.	Date 1918.	Hour	War Diary. "B" Coy. 43rd Infantry Battalion A.I.F.	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	April.				
	6.		A fine clear day with consequently considerable aerial activity, throughout which our planes appeared to have the best of the fighting. Each time an enemy squadron crossed our lines they were quickly engaged by our fighting machines and driven off. In all five planes fell within sight of our position one enemy plane falling in the vicinity of Battalion Headquarters. Enemy artillery was active throughout the day, positions on right bank of the SOMME receiving special attention.		
	7		Day was quiet and uneventful, heavy rain fell during previous 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 platoon taking up a position 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 company passed through SAILLY le SEC which was being snelled by enemy artillery, Pte Smith H.M. was slightly wounded in left arm. Relief was completed by 1 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. fell in Company sector during the 24 hours. Three patrols were supplied by No 6 platoon, two reconnaissances, one fighting, 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 heavy ground fog. Enemy artillery and our own were very active during the continuance of the fog, 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 found to be a strong enemy patrol of 30 men, which was dispersed by rifle fire, casualties being inflicted. They withdrew to sunken road on left of Cemetery. At 10 a.m. fog had entirely cleared when visibility became good. From 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. enemy artillery was very active, subjecting Company front to a severe bombardment. 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 obtained.		
			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 fresh men sent up in their stead. Company strength was reduced to the following figures.		
			16 sections of 1 N.C.O. and 6 men. Total 112		
			4 platoon Headquarters 1 off and 4 men 20		
			Coy Headquarters 1 off and 19 o.r. 20		
			Company strength in line (all ranks) 147.		
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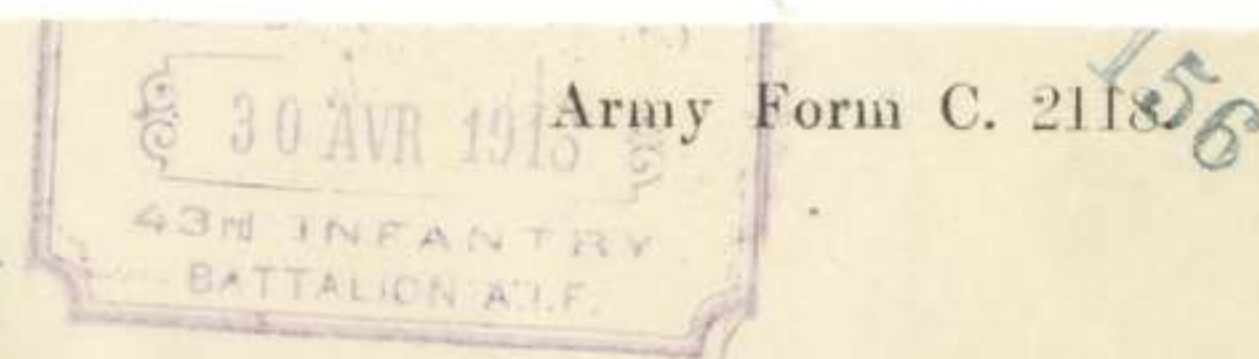
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Place	Date	Hour	War Diary "B" Coy. con.	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
SOMME.	1918.				
	April 10		Rain fell at regular intervals throughout the day. Operations on both sides were quiet, very little action. Owing to the inclement weather it was deemed advisable to relieve the outpost platoon every 24 hours. Dry socks are now being 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 drawback being the want of heating appliances for heating the food or making hot dinners drinks. Rations equal per man one third loaf, per man butter, Jam. Cheese. Bully Beer and Maconachies Ration, and a hot stew every evening; on alternate days cold boiled bacon is also supplied. Front patrolled as usual with no startling results.		
	11		Fairly cold with no rain up to 10 p.m. When one very heavy shower fell. Enemy Artillery fairly 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 no enemy encountered.		
	12		Day opened with slight mist but cleared very early and visibility was extremely good throughout the day. Sun made itself felt much to everyone's pleasure, and all sorts of ideas were expounded for the drying of wet blankets and ground sheets. During early morning our artillery carried out shoots on selected targets. Enemy retaliation was weak. During the day our artillery was shooting intermittently. Enemy replying freely up till dark. 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 aerial encounters have taken place.		
	13		Evening of 12-13th was quiet on front line, enemy contenting himself with straining 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 positions, searching points of assembly etc., Enemy retaliated heavily, using a proportion of 1 in 4 gas shells. Effect of this gas was pronounced in our Company Support line and troops had to wear S.B.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 being somewhat different to ours, viz., one coy outpost, Two coys line of Resistance, one coy 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.		
	14		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 Gun sections of No 5 and 6 took up a position still further in rear on same sector and formed a reserve nucleus garrison,		
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Place	Date	Hour	"War Diary" "B" Coy. Con.	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Somme.	1918.				
	April.			remainder of Company moving back to Gully previously occupied by Battalion when it was support Battalion. Day was unusually cold with a bleak North wind, and even though men had dug themselves into cubby holes in the sides of the gully, little rest was obtained that day. Hun strafed the Gully at dusk with 4.2s inflicting slight casualties on L/c J. Dowes and Pte H.B. Wallace. Rations were good. Nucleus garrison was relieved by another two sections to night. Weather improving, cold winds having apparently blown themselves out. Enemy artillery on this position quiet. Baths have been arranged for troops at the village of BONNAY and the allocation was 40 for the Company. Bath in the usual French fashion, namely a bucket of hot water and a tub, and although not elaborate was much appreciated by the men, and the clean change of under-clothing issued even more appreciated, as chats had made themselves much too familiar with the men. Nucleus garrison was again changed to night. Platoons in gully were engaged in digging platoon posts on reserve line.	
	15			Day opened very quietly, visibility poor, but weather improving. Company Commander and Lieut Oliver proceeded to BONNAY and reconnoitred rear defence positions. During the day, enemy shelled gully at intervals and about 3 p.m. started to send over salvoes of 18 4.2s, this was continued until 7.45 p.m. when they came at half hour intervals until 9.45 p.m. when they ceased. During the shelling at 7.30 p.m. we had two casualties, when Sgt WEETMAN and L/c GIBBS were killed. The shell causing the casualties was as near as possible a direct hit on Sgt Weetman and L/c Gibbs being alongside of him at the entrance to a cubby hole, also received the full blast of the burst. Much regret is felt by the officers N.C.Os and men in the loss of the above names N.C.Os. They were pals, always together, diligent workers and knew no fear, and had gained the respect and esteem of the whole Company. C.S.M. Reardon was at same time and by same shell badly shell-shocked. No 7 and 8 platoons were relieved from the support position to 41st Battalion by No 5 and 6 platoons.	
	17			After a quiet night, day opened dull and broke into rain during the afternoon. Another 25 men were bathed at BONNAY and several men had their boots repaired. Enemy carried out a shoot on the Gully at 7 a.m. 3 p.m. and 8.30 p.m. No casualties.	
	18			The day on the whole was very quiet. Enemy shelling the gully at 3 p.m. and again at dusk; just when the transport were arriving with rations. Visibility was fair, 20 men were bathed at "B" Echelon. Clean socks are arriving regularly each night. Men resting during the day and at night are engaged in digging platoon posts on reserve line of defence.	
	19			Strong North wind blowing with slight showers of hail and snow. Day fairly quiet with only the usual shelling about 3 p.m. and 8.30 p.m. We relieved the 41st Battalion D. Company in the Support line, the disposition of the Coy being No 5 and 6 platoons on left and No 7 and 8 platoons and Headquarters on Right of BRAY CORBIE ROAD.	

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Place	Date	Hour	War Diary. "B" Coy. con.	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	1918. April.	19	20	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 Outpost Company.	
		21		Day quiet, visibility good with renewed aerial activity. One enemy plane brought down in rear of Battalion Headquarters. At 5.15 a.m. enemy shelling vicinity of Company Headquarters with 4.2s. During the day he was shelling CORBIE 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 ammunition 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. Enemy artillery rather active on back area of sector and junction of sunken road and main CORBIE-BRAY road using a fair 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 between 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 LAURETTE south towards VILLIERS BRETONNEAUX. Bright moonlight, and platoons working on communication saps and the wiring of the outpost lines were subjected to heavy Machine Gun 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 barrage enemy attacked the Brigade on our right to the immediate south of SAILLE le SEC with the idea of occupying the Outpost line. His attack was driven off by L.C. and Rifle fire. Enemy re-organised and attached again but was again repulsed with heavy casualties. The front line sustens were only intermittently shelled throughout the day but the valleys in rear were heavily shelled until about 5 p.m. Large proportion of the shells being gas. This Company was relieved on the night of the 24th by "C" Company of the 41st Bn. They took over exactly the same dispositions. Relief was completed at 11.30 p.m., and the Coy.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	1918. April. 24th		War Diary "B" Company. Continued. moved back to Bivouac 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. b, 75, 30., J. 22. c, 75, 45., J.22, c, 60, 40., J. 22, c 50, 15., J.28.a, 40. 85., During the barrage in the morning Pte Gant was killed by a Whiz-Bang which landed in the L.G. post of No 7. Platoon and Pte. Angus had to be evacuated with Shell-Shock caused by the same shell. During the relief at night T/Sgt. Lillecrapp G. was killed by a burst of Shrapnel. 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 Pte. Gant and original member of the Battalion.	
	25th.		Had a quiet night in Bivouacs and men appreciated a quiet sleep. Day turned out very pleasant and men were 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. After rations in the evening a relief was carried out of the nucleus garrisons at J.17.c 19.85. 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.L.G. fire and driven back.	
	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 28th and afternoon of 28th.	
	30th.		Nothing to report. Preparing for relief by 9th Brigade.	
			<i>Wm. Stope</i> ..... Capt. O.C. "B" Company "Admiral" 43rd Bant	

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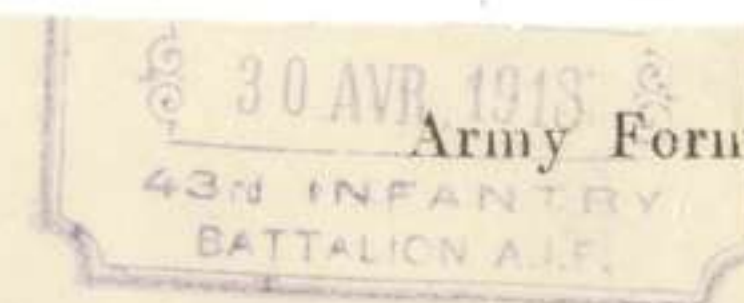
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Somme.	1918.		War Diary "C" Coy. 43rd Infantry Battalion A.I.F.	
	April 1/3		Company in support occupying posts with nucleus garrisons in J.22 and 28, remainder of Coy resting in gully in J.27. and 28.	
	3/4		Relieved A. Coy in outpost line, North BRAY-CORBIE Road. J.18. Attached to 41st Battalion, 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.	
	7/8			
	8/13		In support line, Sunken Road. J.23.a. and c.	
	13/14.		Relieved by "D" Company 41st Battalion.	
	14/19		In support to 41st Battalion occupying position in J.27.a.	
	19/20		Relieved "C" Coy 41st Battalion in outpost line J.18. and 24, 2 platoons north and 2 platoons South of BRAY-CORBIE ROAD.	
	21/22		A. Company 44th Battalion took over 500 yards outpost line J.18.b. relieving No 12 platoon which was posted South BRAY-CORBIE Road, thus altering disposition to 1 Platoon North and 3 platoons south of BRAY-CORBIE Road.	
	24		Heavy shelling of positions in rear of Front Line.	
	24/25		Relieved by D. Company 41st Battalion.	
	26/30		Occupying positions in gully J.21.c, and holding posts in J.16.d. and J.22.a. with nucleus garrisons as support to Front Line.	
			Morale excellent.	
			Health. Very good considering the weather conditions early in the month.	
	1/30		Casualties. 4 Killed 14 Wounded.	
	7th.		Officers. Lieut W.G. HARRINGTON reporting sick from outpost line sent to hospital.	
	9th.		Lieut GALVIN A.V. reported to Coy from leave, remained 2 days, and had to report to Field Ambulance for treatment Scabies and has been evacuated to Hospital.	
	15th		Lieut Roberts reported from Aust. Corps School was posted to No 12 platoon.	
			Lieut. Lewis A. Coy attached to C. Coy for duty and posted to No 10 platoon.	
	16th		Lieut Cannaway R.A. reported sick and was sent out to "B" Echelon for rest and treatment.	
	24th		Lieut Charlton J.R. detailed to attend Corps Gas School.	
			<i>[Signature]</i> Capt O.C. C. Coy	



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Place	Date	Hour	War Diary. April.	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Somme.	1918.			<p>"D" Company, 43rd Infantry Battalion A.I.F.</p> <p>On the night 7/8th of April the Company relieved J. Company 41st Battalion and occupied a 500 yards frontage extending from LRAY-CORBIE ROAD (included) in J.23.b. to J.23.d.2.8. Three platoons held the main line of resistance (which coincides with the old French line in the vicinity) and one platoon supplied an outpost line approximately 150 yards east of sunken road in J.24.a.</p> <p>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 patrols supplied by No 14 platoon.</p> <p>Considering the weather conditions, the health of the troops was remarkably good. Only one hot 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 platoon arrangements.</p> <p>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 Coy) to the effect that the enemy was massing on our left. However, no hostile action followed, which was rather unfortunate, because the men were in good heart and were keen on the chance of a fight.</p> <p>Lieut Borthwick went out to "B" Echelon on April 12th and in his absence No 14 platoon was administered by Sgt Holden.</p> <p>On the night 13/14th April, the Company was again relieved by 41st Battalion (ACoy). As the night was very dark and the Company frontages were slightly altered, the relief was not effected 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.</p> <p>In this support position, the Company was responsible for the maintenance of four nucleus garrisons on the eastern and southern sides of WELLCOME WOOD. Casualties in the gulley were fairly heavy, and these were mainly caused by a 4.2 Howitzer Battery in the direction of SAILLY LAURETTE. Three men were killed by shell fire.</p> <p>3026 Pte Bail J.J. 2563 Pte Foreman C.A. 3141 Pte Woodhouse W.</p> <p>In addition to these, 2561 Pte yeates C.V. was wounded in the neck, and 646 Cpl, Cain T.A. was slightly wounded but returned to duty after having his wound dressed. The shelling came in frequent and vigorous bursts, and on the night of the 20th we were glad to move up to the front line where we got more rest and less exposure.</p>	
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Place SOMME.	Date 1918.	Hour	Summary of operations. "D" Coy.	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
April.			<p>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.b.60.60. to J.17.d.50.20.</p> <p>2 platoons "B" Company 41st were attached and occupied the new switch from J.23.b.40.50 to the left of sector, while "D" Company were disposed as follows. 13Ptn on right. 16 and 15 platoons in front line with 14 platoon as support.</p> <p>The relief was completed in normal time.</p> <p>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 21/22 the switch was taken over by A Coy and my sector now extended only as far as J.23.b.40.60.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The weather being moderate, the health of the troops was good and the spirits high.</p> <p>Rations were up to standard and dugouts in the system were utilised for the purpose of boiling water for tea which was available at least 2 or three times per day.</p> <p>Casualties Nil.</p> <p>On the night 24/25th 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.</p> <p>During the period posts were held by nucleus garrisons in J.22.c. and a. who were relieved every 24 hours.</p> <p>No casualties during the period.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">M. Hall ..... O.C. D Coy</p>		

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Place	Date	Hour	43rd Infantry Battalion, A.I.F.	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			Transport Section.	April 1918.	
			<p>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 Transport 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 bombarded BONNAY with H.E. and Gas Shells paying particular attention to the position we had occupied, but fortunately for us we were not there.</p> <p>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 up lines between LA HOUSSAYE and FRECHENCOURT. This position affords good cover and protection for horses, besides being nearer to water and quite close to the road.</p> <p>During the month we had the misfortune to have four mules and one riding horse injured by shell fire, and they had to be evacuated.</p> <p>A large quantity of barbed wire and Pickets and material for dugouts was taken to the Front line besides water and rations, which fortunately went forward without a hitch.</p> <p>The frequent rains made the tracks heavy and slippery for transport generally, but both Horses and Mules stood the strain remarkably well.</p> <p>During this month the health of the men has been very good, only one man complaining of being off color.</p>		
				<p><i>W. C. Lemon Lt</i></p> <p>.....</p> <p><i>Transport Officer 43rd Bn A.I.F.</i></p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	"Q" branch. "April".	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
				<p>During the month the Battalion occupied the same system of trenches as were taken over on March 27th, consequently the work of supplying the Battalion did not present many new features.</p> <p><u>Rations.</u> Rations and supplies were regularly sent to the troops in the line. It was deemed inadvisable to establish kitchens in the trenches, so hot food was prepared at the transport lines and sent up every evening. Ration supplies were well maintained during the month. The bread and fresh meat issues were well up to standard, both as regards quality and quantity. Rations were supplemented by supplies from the Comforts fund of cocoa and milk, biscuits, tobacco and cigarettes.</p> <p><u>Water.</u> Water was sent up every evening in the water carts, petrol tins, 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.</p> <p><u>Clothing.</u> The Battalion being 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.</p> <p><u>Equipment.</u> The equipment of the Battalion was well maintained.</p> <p><u>Socks.</u> Clean socks were sent to the line at regular intervals. The soiled socks were washed and dried, and under Regimental arrangements by Q Staff.</p> <p><u>Canteen.</u> Canteen supplies were fairly well maintained. Accounts were opened with all companies and headquarters in the line, and supplies sent up almost every evening. The canteen balance sheet for quarter ending March 31, 1918. was duly sent forward to A.I.F. H.Q. pursuant to A.I.F. Order 902.</p> <p><u>Rum.</u> The rum issue was particularly good, average of 8 gallons per day was sent forward.</p> <p><u>General.</u> The postal, Shoemaking, armorers Depts were satisfactory administered during the month.</p> <p><u>Conclusion.</u> The outstanding feature of the months work was that the administration was carried out under real active service <del>conditions</del> conditions. 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.</p> <p>=====</p> <p>..... Gm. 43rd Bn AIF</p>	
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Intention 1. The 4th Bn will relieve the  
2nd Battalion on the night 24/25 April 18.

Designation 2. After Relief the Bn will be known  
as "C" Bn.

Relief 3. On Relief Corps will occupy posts  
as under with nucleus garrisons  
Lewis Gun section

A. Coy (1) J. 16. a. 80. 50.  
(2) J. 16. b. 52. 40  
(3) J. 16. b. 20. 00  
(4) J. 16. d. 30. 35

B. Coy (1) J. 17. c. 10. 35  
(2) J. 23. a. 10. 80  
(3) J. 22. b. 75. 30

and  
1 Platoon consisting of 4 Lewis  
Gun sections in posts as under

(1) J. 22. c. 75. 45  
(2) J. 22. c. 60. 40  
(3) J. 22. c. 50. 15  
(4) J. 28. a. 40. 85

Relief 3. Contd Nucleus Garrison in posts  
C Coy

(1) J. 16. c. 05. 45  
(2) J. 16. c. 10. 00  
(3) J. 22. a. 10. 35  
(4) J. 21. d. 80. 40.

D Coy (1) J. 22. b. 20. 75  
(2) J. 22. a. 95. 50  
(3) J. 22. a. 80. 05.  
(4) J. 22. c. 35. 55.

Birouacs in Valley J. 21 will be  
taken out from opposite Mumbura

A Coy 43 from A Coy 41st  
B " 43 " B " 41st  
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Rations 4. Rations & food will be  
issued prior to relief

Lewis Guns 5. All Lewis Guns other than  
those of the Tank Corps will be  
brought back with Corps.  
All Magazines on issue from  
the Bn will be brought back.

Petrol Tins 6. All of these will be brought  
& taken to positions by Corps.



Guides 7. Officers & 4 Guides per Coy  
will reconnoitre various ports  
and bivouacs as soon as possible  
except C. Coy who will reconnoitre  
as soon after dusk as possible.

Rixes 8. These will be returned in  
the usual manner.

Genades 9. C. Coy will hand over all No 36  
Genades.  
Special discharge cups will  
be brought to rear positions.

Relief 10. To be notified to present  
note. Signs by word. 'KADINA.'

E. Holliver Capt  
Adjutant  
Admiral



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HEAD-QUARTERS

*Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
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3.45 AM	was	until	
continued to	6 AM	until	
little	obscured	AAA	Shelling
then	ceased	off	until
6.10 AM	but	resumed	again
with	gas	shelling	AAA
shelling	consisted	of about	60-70%
gas	balance	the	AAA
remained	near	resumed	only
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positions	West	of J22 acc.	AAA
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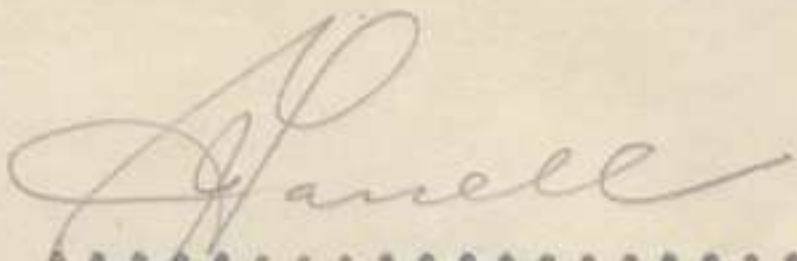
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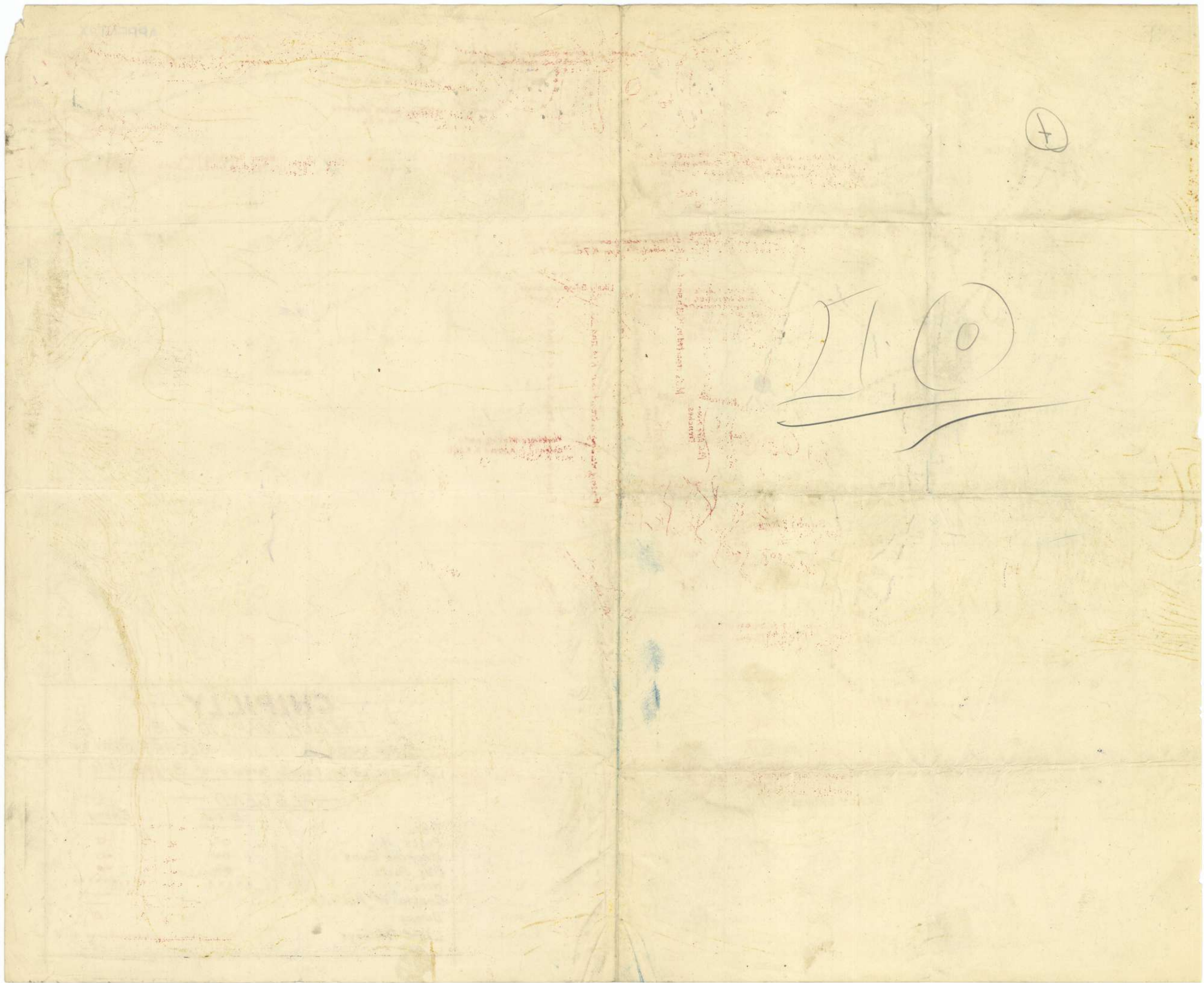
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