

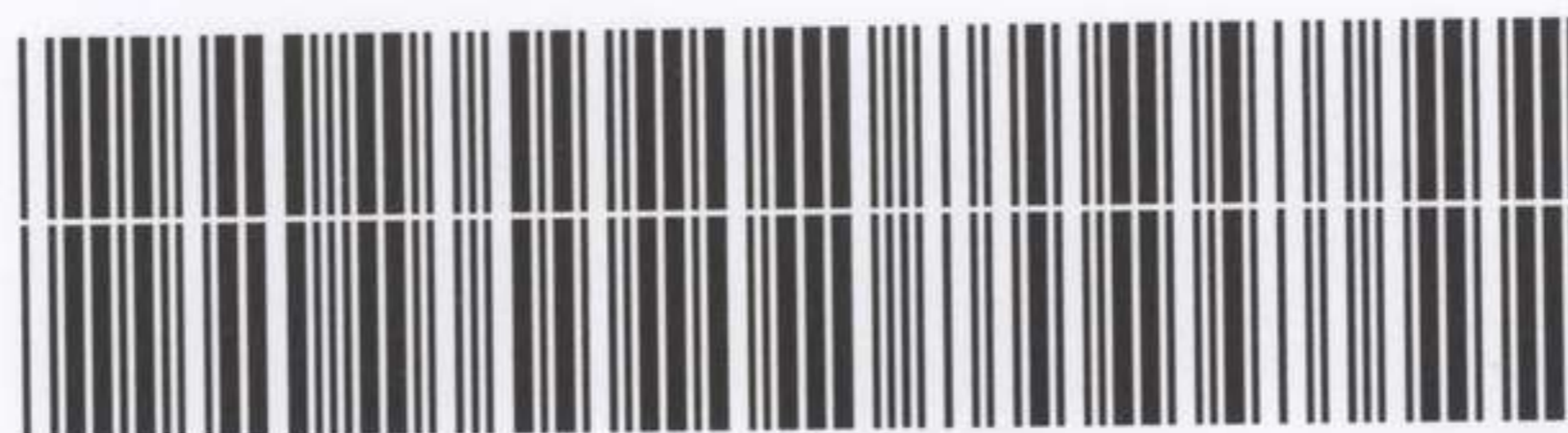
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1914-18 War

Infantry

Item number: 23/11/7

Title: 11th Infantry Brigade

June 1917



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War Diary.

JUNE. Refkaps Proegsteert Ed 4 B
6 am - 6 am daily. To 000.

1st Pont de Nieppe. 41st Bn moved
into Proegsteert and commenced relieving
9th and 10th Inf. Bdes. 43rd Bn relieved
by composite Brigade from 57 Div. Bde.
and moved into Pont de Nieppe.

2nd Pont de Nieppe. 42nd Bn relieved
by Comp. Brigade and withdrew
to Pont de Nieppe. 41st Bn completed
relief of 9th and 10th Brigades
and took over line of offensive
front from Westmansla Avenue to
Ash Lane inclusive.

3rd Pont de Nieppe. Priggen
Barran in charge of line
from River Ry's to Ash Lane
Part of Bde Hdqrs moved into
Catacants (Hyde Park Corner).

4th Same disposition.
44th Bn made evening touché
in daylight 2:57 pm and
captured 4 Borsche prisoners
giving new disposition of Borsche
4th Division. 43rd Bn did not
meet with success and suffered

heavy casualties in No mans Land.
 Lieut Coleman was killed.
 A Lt officer of our Gas Co was
 slightly wounded. 44th Bn
 estimate having killed 10 Boche
 during 10 minutes in trenches.

42nd Bn did not raid as long bringing
 the parties up was delayed by
 barrages

During the day an increase in enemy
 artillery activity was noticeable.

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| Lieut Richardson | 45th Bn | } |
| Lieut Kelgour | 44th Bn | |
| Lieut Hawley | 41st Bn | |
| Lieut Dickie | 44th Bn | |

attached to Bde Hqs. for the offensive
 Lieut Welby succumbed to gas.

June 5th Bde Hqs moved to
 - Catacombs and reestablished
 at 10.30 am: great artillery
 activity on both sides: enemy
 consistently shelled rear areas
 and traffic roads: great difficulty
 in obtaining efficient communication
 by D.R.

June 6th 6am Ref heaps Ploegsteert R4B.
 to 10.000.
 6 June 7th 4am.

During day gas not set off was removed
 from line by 44th Bn
 Excessive artillery fire on both sides
 during day.

At 10pm gas shells were fired intermittently
 into Ploegsteert wood and gas shelling
 increased until 2.30 am.

Approach march of attacking units
 and reserve Bde took place under
 unfavorable conditions owing to gas &
 shelling.

41st Bn relieved on line by 3 am
 and withdrew.

42nd Bn on Gumbell Bow Preparations
 43rd Bn on St Andrews Drive
 44th Bn } Katakomb
 Bde Hdqrs }
 M.C. Coy } (Hyge Park farm)
 T.M. Coy }

9.10 am. Zero hour mines
 exploded & battle commenced.

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11th A. I. Bde.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Hyde Park Comes (catacombs).	11th	12 midnight	41st W. G. Co commenced to withdraw to rest.	
			43rd W. G. Co continued in this order to withdraw to rest.	
"	12th	6am	Movement of all units of base to billets in Neuve Eglise completed by 6pm 12th. reinforcements left behind in Mabeque rejoined their units in Neuve Eglise	
"	13th	6am		
"	13th	6am	All units resting in Neuve Eglise	
"	13/14th	midnight		
"	14th	3am	Movement of all units except W. G. Coy to Rest Billets & Training Area between DOULIEU BAILLEUL & Stenwerk.	
DOULIEU	"	7am	Rat Hagers total. in DOULIEU.	
"	15th	6am (11am)	General GODLEY inspected & complimented the Bde on work on recent offensive.	
"	16th	6am	Training & Rest	
"	17th	6am	" "	
"	18th	6am	" "	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
DOULIEU	19th to 21st	6am	Units in rest & training: - Drive orders received, anticipating relief of 25th Div. by 27th Div. as Intelligence officer with base.	
Hillside Camp	21st	6pm	Movement of all comps ^{complete by 8am} to Hillside Camp	<u>P. A. Dunbar Lieut</u>
do	22nd	6am	Units resting during day.	
Messines	23rd	6am	Relieved 74th Brigade see Brigade Relief order No 79 in front line each 3 Coys in line one in support. do 43 42 in support. " Brigade Hd Qrs La Basse Construction cleaning of trenches commenced.	app 8.
			See Int Summary for 23rd	app 6

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11th A I Bde

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Bessines.	24 th	evening	All units in line. - New trenches constructed & CT's dug. Old trenches improved. Enemy patrol active on patrol meeting strong opposition several times during night. Artillery both sides active. See Int Summary for 24 th .	App 6.
do	25 th	evening	All units in line. Consolidation continued. Artillery active on both sides. Enemy patrol very quiet. New front line consolidated about 100' in front of centre of brigade sector thereby straightening line. Enemy damage on our line between 10 + 11 pm. See Int Summary for 25 th .	App 6.
do	26 th	evening	All units in line. Consolidation continued. New front line joined. Artillery no fire & active. (withing 1 hr) Rain during night consequently trenches in bad condition. See Int Summary for 26 th .	App 6.
do	27 th	evening	Units in line. Consolidation continued. Artillery fairly quiet. Our patrols dislodged several enemy outposts. Three enemy bombardments on our sector. each lasting 1/2 hr. Int Summary for 27 th .	App 6.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Messines	28 th	Eam	Relief of 41 st + 44 th by 42 nd + 42 nd resp. 41 st + 44 th now support Bns Sigar left. Artillery fairly quiet. Consolidation continued. Int Summary Casualties Relief Order no 80	App 6 " 7.
do	29 th	Eam	Units in line as at 28 th . Intermittent shelling of Bergkade area throughout period. Consolidation continued. Trenches in a very bad state on account of gas. Int Summary Casualties	App 6 7
do	30 th	Eam	Units in line as at 28 th . Enemy art fairly active at periods. Intermittent shelling of Bergkade area throughout period. Both plane down during air fight. Consolidation proceeds with. Trenches still in bad condition on account of rain. Damage in progress. Intelligence Summary Casualties (B. Bryant)	App 6 - 7.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 107

For 24 hours ending 4.a.m. 1/6/17.

CONFIDENTIAL.OUR OPERATIONS:

ARTILLERY: 4.5 Hows and 18 pounders continuously active throughout the day and night on destructive work in offensive area and gave retaliation during the day. At 11.30 p.m. and 1.30 a.m. two bombardments of enemy lines were carried out in U.28.c.. The latter bombardment covered a raiding party which entered at U.28.c.80.80.

A Minenwerfer position at C.4.k.16.60. was engaged at 5 a.m.

4" Stokes Mortars co-operated with Artillery at 11.30 p.m. and 1.30 a.m. firing smoke bombs and S.K. Bombs.

L.T.Ms expended 538 rounds during the period, bombarding a machine gun emplacement at U.15.d.95.03. widening gap at U.15.d.90.00. L.T.Ms. also co-operated with artillery in raid in U.28.c..

MACHINE GUNS: Engaged tram-lines and bridges and junction of roads in C.10.b., U.23.a., U.23.c., and U.30.c., and also co-operated in raid by affording flanking protection to the party.

LEWIS GUNS: Fired in gaps in enemy lines throughout the night.

SNIPERS: One hit claimed opposite LE GHEER.

PATROLS: Operations were greatly hampered by gas and artillery operations and by the brightness of the night. Only 2 patrols operated and were unable to effect any remarkable work. Enemy machine gun played frequently on MO MAN'S LAND.

AIRCRAFT: A number of our planes were active during the day, especially in the early morning and at dusk.

One of our observation balloons was brought down in flames at 9.15 p.m. by enemy plane.

RAID: At 1.30 a.m. under cover of bombardment by artillery and Stokes Mortars, a raiding party of 1 Officer 35 O.R. entered enemy trenches at U.28.c.80.80. Trenches were examined for 70 yards South and 40 yards North of point of entry. Only 1 Hun was seen by the Southern party. He fired 2 shots and fled and successfully evaded his pursuers. This Bosch emerged from a concrete dug-out which was the only dug-out encountered. It was not strongly built and was covered with sand bags. 2 Helmets, 2 water-bottles, 1 rifle and 1 haversack were found in this dug-out, but no identification marks exist on these articles.

The raiders speak in high terms of the effectiveness and accuracy of the barrage and of the result produced by the smoke bombs. Our casualties were slight, 1 Officer 3 O.R. all slightly wounded.

ENEMY OPERATIONS:

ARTILLERY: During the afternoon, enemy artillery (chiefly 5.9 and 4.2 cm) from the direction of WARNETON consistently engaged our F.L. and S.L. along the whole front, special attention being paid to "D" Gap, LONG AVENUE, STATION REDOUBT, SEVEN TREES REDOUBT and LOWNDES AVENUE.

There was an increase in L.T.M. activity generally.

Retaliation to the bombardments at 11.30 p.m. and 1.30 a.m. was vigorous on both occasions and mainly directed against Left Battalion Sub-Section. This was however well distributed and consisted of 5.9cm and 4.2 cm H.E., 77mm H.E. and Medium Minenwerfer. The fire of this Minenwerfer was exceptionally inaccurate, the majority of shots falling short of the F.L.

P.T.O.

MACHINE GUNS: Fired continuously throughout the two bombardments and paid much attention to the smoke cloud. Intermittent fire was maintained throughout the night.

SNIPERS: An increase in activity is reported.

PATROLS: None observed.

ENEMY DEFENCES: Enemy F.L. from C.10.b.55.30. to C.10.b.40.90. appears to be badly damaged. Trenches examined by raiders in U.28.c. are in bad condition, though attempts are being made to repair them.

OBSERVATION: A fire apparently caused by our artillery fire was visible in LA BASSE VILLE or WARNETON between 3 p.m. and 10 p.m.

Visibility very poor during the morning owing to heavy ground mist.

1 p.m. to 3 p.m. 4 enemy working party in vicinity of C.4.d.48.45.

7.10 p.m. 8 enemy at C.4.d.75.20. moving towards CROWN PRINCES FARM carrying steel helmets and rifles.

7.30 p.m. A quantity of new timber is visible on a structure at C.4.d.48.15.

8. p.m. Enemy Balloon again ascended near WARNETON on T.B. 45dog from C.9.d.93.59.

COMMUNICATION: At 11.30 p.m. in commencement of bombardment enemy fired green rocket bursting into 2 green lights. On cessation of fire he fired a red light bursting into 2 red lights.

At 1.30 a.m. he fired a red rocket which burst into red and white lights.

AIRCRAFT: Enemy planes crossed our lines three times during the day and at 9 p.m. a plane brought down the observation balloon at WATERLANDS FARM. The observers escaped in parachutes.

G. I. Kimberley
Major.

Brigade Major 11th Inf. Bde. A.I.F.

11th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 69.

Brigade Headquarters.
2/6/17.

Reference Map:- 28.S.W. Edition 4B. 1/10,000.

1. A raid will be carried out by the 44th Battalion on the night of 3rd/4th June and also on night of 4th/5th June.
2. Particulars of those raids will be as follows:-

	<u>Night 3rd/4th June.</u>	<u>Night 4th/5th June.</u>
(a) Point of Entry.	U.15.a.27.90.	U.15.a.66.71.
(b) Strength of Party.	1 Officer 30 O.R.	1 Officer 30 O.R.
(c) Penetration.	To Support Line.	To Support Line.
(d) Leave enemy trenches at	Zero+ 25 minutes.	Zero+ 25 minutes.
3. O/C 44th Battalion will arrange Artillery, Machine Gun, and Trench Mortar action direct with the Os/C the Units concerned.
4. Detailed orders will be issued by the O/C 44th Battalion. Two copies of these orders will be forwarded to Headquarters, 11th Infantry Brigade.
5. Watches will be synchronized at Headquarters 11th Infantry Brigade at 6.p.m. and 9.p.m. on the 3rd and 4th instant.

H. L. Coetter
Major.

Brigade Major, 11th Inf. Bdo., A.I.F.

Issued at 10p.m.

Copy No. 1.	G.O.C.	By.	Hand.
2.	Brigade Major.		Hand.
3.	41st Battalion.		D.R.
4.	44th Battalion.		D.R.
5.	11th Machine Gun Company.		D.R.
6.	11th Trench Mortar Battery.		D.R.
7.	11th Brigade Signal Section.		Hand.
8.	Detachment 57th Division.(G.I.1).		Hand.
9.	2nd NEW ZEALAND Brigade.		D.R.
10.	3rd. Australian Division.		D.R.
11.	C.R.A.		D.R.
12.	3rd. Canadian Tunnelling Coy.		D.R.

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11th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE OR PER No. 70.

Brigade Headquarters.

3/6/17.

PRIORITY - 1/10,000.

- I. At 3.15 a.m., 4/6/17, No. 2 Special Coy. R.S. will fire Gas bombs on to enemy trench junctions and strong points, from 4" Stokes mortars which are installed along the front line between ASH LANE - U.S.C. 57.67-- and GERMAN NO. U.21.D.28.15.
- II. Battalions in the line in the area affected will thin their front prior to the above time to avoid casualties from enemy retaliation.

ACKNOWLEDGE.



Major.
Brigade Major, 11th Inf. Bde., A.I.F.

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Issued at p.m.

Copy No. 1. G.O.C.

2. Brigade Major.	Hand.
3. 41st Battalion.	Hand.
4. 44th Battalion.	R.H.
5. 2/4th L. North Lanes.	D.R.
6. 2/5th L. North Lanes.	D.R.
7. 15th Motor Machine Gun Battery.	R.H.
8. 11th Machine Gun Coy.	R.H.
9. 11th Trench Mortar Battery.	D.R.
10. G.H.A.	D.R.
11. 3rd. Australian Division.	R.H.
12. 9th Infantry Brigade.	D.R.
13. 10th Infantry Brigade.	D.R.

Copy No.....

11th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 71.

Brigade Headquarters.
4/6/17.

Map Reference: PLOEGSTEERT, Edition 4b. 1/10,000.

- SECRET.
- INFORMATION. 1. 4th. BAVARIAN Division are holding front opposite this Division.
- INTENTION. 2. Under cover of practice barrage it is intended to raid enemy trenches with 5 simultaneous patrols for purpose of :-
 (a) Obtaining one or more prisoners.
 (b) Obtaining information about state of enemy's wire in and in front of any of his trench systems.
 (c) Report on condition of enemy trenches and dugouts.
 (d) To locate enemy machine guns.
 (e) Report on enemy activity and intention generally as result of our barrage.
- ARTILLERY: 3. Artillery will barrage along the whole Divisional front on following timings:-
 Zero to zero plus 3 minutes - front line trenches.
 Zero plus 3 minutes to zero plus 5 minutes - support line trenches.
 Zero plus 5 minutes to zero plus 7 minutes - 100 yards beyond support line trenches.
 Zero plus 7 minutes to zero plus 20 minutes - 200 yards beyond support line trenches
 Zero plus 20 minutes-cess fire.
- MACHINE GUNS 4. Divisional Machine Gun Officer has arranged for machine guns to fire in such a manner that will give enemy impression that an attack on a large scale is threatened
- SMOKE. 5. No.2 Special Coy. R.E. has arranged for screening of right and left flanks by projecting smoke from 4" Mortars, from zero to zero plus 20 minutes at :-
 (a) FACTORY FARM (U.16.c.00.25.)
 (b) ULRICA ROW. (U.8.d.75.88.)
- INFANTRY. 6. (a) 1 Sergt. and 10 Other Ranks 40th Battalion enter U.8.d.98.64. - operating 50 yards North and South front line only.
 (b) 1 Sergt. and 10 Other Ranks 37th Battalion enter U.9.c.15.25. - operating 50 yards North and South front line only.
 (c) 1 Officer and 20 Other Ranks 43rd Battalion enter U.15.a.48.75. - penetrating to U.9.c.52.00.
 (d) 1 Officer and 20 Other Ranks 42nd Battalion enter U.15.a.98.57. - penetrating to U.15.b.02.82.
 (e) 1 Officer and 20 Other Ranks 33rd Battalion enter U.15.b.48.45. - operating 50 yards North and South of front line only.
 42nd and 43rd Battalions will each operate 75 yards North and South of their respective points in both front and support line.
7. (a) 10th Brigade units will use ONLY WAY and QUEBEC
 (b) 33rd Battalion will use ST YVES AVENUE
 (c) 42nd Battalion will use TORONTO AVENUE
 (d) 43rd Battalion will use ONTARIO and WESTWOOD.

APPROACH
MARCH.

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- ZERO HOUR. 8. Zero hour will be 9.30 p.m. on night 5th/6th June. At this hour the Artillery barrage will commence and our patrols will leave our front line trenches.
- TIME OF RETURN 9. Infantry will leave the enemy's trenches at Zero plus 18 minutes.
- SYNCHRONI- ZATION OF WATCHES. 10. Watches will be synchronized at Advanced Brigade Headquarters at 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. on 5th June.
- AID POSTS 11. The following Aid Posts will be manned by Medical Officers and A.M.C. personnel:-
 (a) U.14.a.65.68.
 (b) U.14.d.90.75.
 (c) U.21.a.15.75.
- ROLL CALL 12. Roll call and collecting points will be:-
 (a) 42nd and 43rd Battalions U.20.c.50.90.
 (b) 33rd Battalion U.21.a. 30.95.
 (c) 10th Brigade units U.14.c. 35.15.
- ACTION BY GARRISON 13. C.O. 41st Battalion will dispose of his garrison in such a manner as to prevent heavy casualties due to enemy retaliation, and will ensure that there is no Lewis gun fire or infantry action to interfere with operations of the patrols.
- REPORTS 14. Reports will be rendered to 11th Brigade Advanced Brigade Headquarters at CATACUMBS (G.F. 76.)

Major.
 Brigade Major 11th Inf. Bde. A.I.F.

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5.	43rd Battalion	D.R.
6.	44th Battalion	D.R.
7.	11th Machine Gun Coy.	D.R.
8.	11th Trench Mortar Bty.	D.R.
9.	No.2 Special Coy. R.E.	D.R.
10.	C.R.E.	D.R.
11.	C.R.A.	D.R.
12.	C.R.A.	D.R.
13.	C.R.A.	D.R.
14.	9th Infantry Brigade.	D.R.
15.	33rd Battalion	D.R.
16.	10th Infantry Brigade.	D.R.
17.	37th Battalion	D.R.
18.	3rd Aust. Division.	D.R.
19.	3rd Aust. Division.	D.R.
20.	3rd Aust Division.	D.R.
21.	1st. N.Z. Bde.(Bde on 3rd Div Left)	D.R.
22.	Lieut Col. GEDDES.O.C. 57th Div Detached Force	Hand.
23.	Major PATTERSON Div. M.G. Off.	D.R.

Appendix No. 4

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MEMORANDUM OF INSTRUCTIONS IN
CONNECTION WITH RAID TO BE CARRIED OUT BY
ADMIRAL night of 5th/6th.

INFORMATION. (1). Information gained by our raiders on afternoon of 4th implies that the 9th Bavarian Brigade has side-stepped from immediately north of RIVER LYS and is now holding the sector immediately opposite our offensive front.

INTENTION (2) Five small raiding parties will leave our trenches at 9.30 p.m. 5/6/17 under cover of Artillery Bombardment and penetrate the enemy front and support line.

OBJECT. To secure prisoners.
Report on condition of wire in and in front of enemy trenches.
Report on condition of trenches, location of M.G.'s. Action of the enemy in retaliation for our bombardment and raids.

ARTILLERY ACTION. (3). Zero to Zero plus 3 minutes - bombard enemy F.L.

Zero plus 3 to Zero plus 5 - bombard S.L.
Zero plus 5 to Zero plus 20 - bombard 100 yds in rear S.L.
Zero plus 7 to Zero plus 30 - Bombard 200 yds in rear of S.L.
Zero plus 30 - Cease fire.
By Zero plus 18 our patrols must be clear of enemy trenches.

DISPOSTION (4). Raiding party from 43rd. Battn consisting of 1 Officer and 30 D.R will leave our trenches at junction of WESTWARD AVENUE and F.L. and ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ enter enemy trenches at U.15.a.48.75 penetrating to his S.L. U.9.c.50.00. The Raiding party will move to right and left of points of entry of Front and Support lines to a distance of not more than 70 yards. Raiding party will leave our trenches at Zero hour.

ZERO HOUR. (5) Zero hour will be 9.30 p.m.

APPROACH MARCH. (6) A Lorry will be at PONT de NIEPPE church at 7 p.m. 5/6/17 to convey party to the STRAND. From this point party will file in via TORONTO - ONTARIO and WESTWARD AVENUES.

MEDICAL ARRANGEMENTS. (7) Casualties will be treated at PROWSE POINT dressing station situated in the Tunnel. Medical Officer, 43rd Battn will be at PROWSE POINT AID POST at 9.30 p.m. and will detail 4 stretcher bearers with 3 stretchers to report their at same time.

ROLLCALL. (8) O.C. "B" Coy will detail 1 sgt. 1 L/Cpl and 2 runners to report at GLOUCESTER HOUSE junction BUNHILL ROW and STRAND at 9.30 p.m. After the Raid all members of the party with the exception of Officer and N.C.O's will report at this place; the Sgt. will check their names of the roll and forward roll when checked by runner to Bde. H.Q. CATACOMBS. If first check shows some men absent progress reports will be rendered. A duplicate report of all checks will be kept by the Sgt. O.C. "B" Coy will render nominal roll in triplicate to Battn H.Q. at 2 p.m. 5/6/17. 1 copy of which will be handed to Sgt. detailed to check names and 1 copy to Brigade H.Q. CATACOMBS.

REPORTS. (9). The officer and N.C.O's taking part in raid will report to Major WOOTTEN Bde H.Q. CATACOMBS as soon as the party returns to our trenches.

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SMOKE SCREEN.

(10). At Zero hour a smoke screen will be developed North of ULRICA ROW and in vicinity of FACTORY FARM u. 15.00.49.

EQUIPMENT.

(11). Members of Raiding party must not carry any maps letters or papers that would give information of our position or disposition of our troops. Each man will carry 35 Rds. S.A.A. and 4 bombs. Bombers will carry 8 bombs. Every man will carry 3 biscuits and water bottle to be filled.

WITHDRAWAL.

(12) If enemy action renders raiders liable to casualties they will lay up in shell holes in NO MANS LAND and return to our lines independently, as opportunity offers.

CASUALTIES.

Stretcher bearers detailed by M.O. and the 3 with Raiding party are responsible for evacuation of casualties from NO MANS LAND to PROWSE POINT TUNNEL AID POST.

W Dennis Lön

Capt.

W/Adj. ADMIRAL.

J Shepherd

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

SECRET.

B.M./S/115/163.

- 2nd. Anzac. R.A.
- 3rd. Aust. Divn. "G".
- C.B.S.O. H.A.
- 2nd. Anzac H.A.
- 57th. Divl. Artillery.
- N.Z. Divl. Artillery.
- GROUPS.
- D.T.M.O.
- 9th. Aust. Inf. Bde.
- 10th. " " "
- 11th. " " "
- Lt-Col. Rabett. C.M.G.
- Lt-Col. Stevenson. D.S.O.
- Major Richards.

Handwritten initials

Patrols will enter the enemy's trenches to-morrow night, 5th/6th instant, under cover of a bombardment. Time-table as follows :

	Total
<u>18-Pdrs.</u> Zero to Zero plus 3m.	- Barrage German F.L. - 3 rds. per gun per min. - 9
Zero plus 3 to Zero plus 5m.	- Barrage German S.L. 2 rds. per gun per min. - 4
Zero plus 5m to Zero plus 7m.	- Lift 100 yds. 2 rds. per gun per min - 4
Zero plus 7m to Zero plus 20m.	- Lift 100 yds. 2 rds. per gun per min. - 26
Zero plus 20.	- Cease Fire.

"M" Group will not take part.

75% of all guns will be employed, and on the Offensive Front only.

<u>4.5" Haws.</u> - Zero to Zero plus 5m.	- Bombard Reserve Line, 2 rds. per gun per min.
Zero plus 5m. to Zero plus 20-	da. 1 rd. per gun per min.
Zero plus 20m.	- Cease Fire.

2nd Anzac H.A. have been asked to assist with Counter Battery work, from Zero to Zero plus 30.

ZERO HOUR 9.30 p.m. ||||

ACKNOWLEDGE.

Handwritten signature: W. B. Nicholls

Major R.A.
B.M., R.A., 3rd. Aust. Divn.

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Report on raids carried out by 42nd and 43rd Battalions, A.I.F.

42nd BATTALION.

At 9.15 p.m. the enemy opened up a heavy bombardment of our trenches in U.15.a and ceased bombardment at 9.26 p.m. At 9.30 p.m. our fire commenced and the party moved to within 20 yards of barrage and as soon as it lifted dashed towards the trench with a cheer. A few rifle shots were fired by the Bosche and a few bombs thrown, but almost immediately threw down their rifles and fled overland towards the support lines. It is estimated that at least 50 men were in this party and these men were lightly equipped and appear to have been surprised. They wore no equipment, carried no gas masks and had abandoned their arms. Ten of the enemy were quickly killed by rifle fire and bayonet and those who escaped fled through our barrage and a number were seen to fall. While they were retiring rapid fire was opened on them by our raiders, each of whom expended at least 15 rounds.

A number of those killed were very young indeed, perhaps not more than 17 years. Normal identification from shoulder straps was brought in from two bodies. A certain amount of material was also brought in which bore no identification marks.

Enemy defences. Wire presented no difficulty. The party penetrated 100 yards and found no wire in that distance traversed. The trenches are destroyed almost beyond recognition just at this place. Two dugouts totally destroyed were seen in the P.L.

Enemy artillery. Artillery opened a very feeble fire at zero ~~xxx~~ plus 10 on our F.L. and N.M.L. from the direction of Warneton. No M.G. fire was encountered at all but rifle fire from S.L. was directed against party while returning.

Casualty - 1 other rank slightly wounded.

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3rd Battalion Raid.

This Battalion did not encounter any enemy barrage prior to our zero hour.

At zero hour the artillery barrage commenced and was not at all simultaneous, as much as 30 seconds separated some batteries fire. This caused a little anxiety among the men, who were lying up very close to the barrage. However, on the left they followed on quickly and entered the trench without any serious opposition.

Two dugouts were encountered immediately after entry and were bombed, six men being killed, arms and equipment being brought in. A party on the left flank now commenced firing a machine gun and threw bombs at our party. A group on the right fled down a ruined O.T. and were fired on by our right party as they retired. By this time machine gun fire from a position on the S.L. opened on our party which had penetrated 30 yards overland, so party took cover in shell holes and continued to fire on the section of Bosches. At time allotted the party withdrew and reached our lines safely with only one casualty - slightly wounded.

Enemy defences. Trenches badly wrecked but the two dugouts seen were intact. Wire at F.L. was passable but still needs a little more attention, to render passage of same easy.

Artillery At zero plus 10 barrage came down on our F.L. and S.L., then to No Mans Land and gradually back on to our F.L. again. Two machine guns were noticed to north of party at approximately positions shown on sketch.

REMARKS. The success of the operations is again attributed to the following closely on the heels of the barrage.

Ratmball

*File to War Diary
with Lutell Sumner*

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Reports on Raids.

9th BRIGADE.

This party endeavored to raid the portion of trenches which held up a party from 11th Brigade yesterday afternoon. They made determined efforts to carry out the task but failed, owing to difficulty in crossing wire and intensity of rifle and machine gun fire which developed after the lift of the barrage. The casualties are, killed 3 other ranks, wounded 1 officer, 7 other ranks. Herewith report of O/C, "C" Coy., 33rd Battalion.--

"I have to report that my raid failed to enter enemy's lines, as the wire was uncut and trenches very heavily manned by enemy's troops. As soon as our barrage opened, enemy opened with machine guns and when our men were seen advancing, enemy machine gunners got out of their trenches into their wire and opened fire on them.

"The rifle fire was heavy, also bombing.

"There were no gaps in enemy's wire and his front line was very heavily manned.

"The officer leading the raid was wounded.

"The men are having extreme difficulty in getting back.

"Casualties - 2 killed
about 8 wounded."

10th BRIGADE.

Raiding parties from 37th and 40th Battalions did not leave our trenches tonight owing to heavy enemy bombardment which

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which preceded our zero hour. They were thus obliged to remain in our trenches. No casualties were incurred.

Herewith report -

"As soon as party reached front line aeroplane dropped a red light and the Bosch opened out on our front line and No Man's Land.

"After consideration Sgt. Walsingham decided not to go over.

"As soon as our barrage opened Fritz threw up red lights from the entering spot and 30 seconds later barraged our line.

"Sgt. Walsingham did not have time to withdraw our troops but is in front line now."

This report is confirmed, except for the aeroplane episode, by the O/C raid from the 40th Battalion.

11th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 72.

Brigade Headquarters.
5/6/17.Reference Maps: Sheet 36 N.W. 1/20,000.
PLOEGSTEERT 1/10,000.

- (a) On Y/Z night the Units of the 3rd Australian Division are to move into their battle assembly positions.
- (b) The approach routes of the assaulting Brigades are shown coloured on Map "A" attached.

Right Brigade routes are shown in Red and Blue.
Left Brigade routes are shown in Green and Brown.

- (a) On Y/Z night the 43rd Battalion (less 1 Coy) will move from its position in the Subsidiary Line South of the PLOEGSTEERT-LE GHEER Road and will occupy its battle position in ST. ANDREW'S DRIVE from ST. YVES AVENUE to COOK'S LANE.
Approach route for this Battalion is shown RED on attached Map "B".

Starting point will be TOUQUET BERTHE U.26.a.20.10.

Head of Battalion will pass starting point at Zero minus 5 hours.

- (b) Headquarters and 1 Coy. 43rd Battalion will approach via ONTARIO AVENUE, and extend along ST ANDREW'S DRIVE to the right. (This party must not use TORONTO AVENUE).

- (c) Two Companies 43rd Battalion will approach via ANNSCROFT AVENUE and extend outwards along ST ANDREW'S DRIVE. These Companies must not use ONLY WAY.

- (d) As the troops of 43rd Battalion enter ST. ANDREW'S DRIVE the Reserve Coy. of 41st Battalion will be withdrawn to the Subsidiary line South of the PLOEGSTEERT - LE GHEER Road, but must not use any route shown coloured in the attached Maps "A" and "B".

Anti-aircraft Lewis Gun personnel of 3rd Pioneer Battalion and 44th Battalion will remain in position until Zero plus 30 minutes. They will then withdraw to the CATACOMBS.

- (e) The 43rd Battalion on occupying ST ANDREW'S DRIVE will take over the anti-aircraft duties from 41st Battalion and will control the action of the Lewis gunners of the 44th and 3rd Pioneer Battalions employed in anti-aircraft duties, until their withdrawal to the CATACOMBS, vide sub-para.(d) above.

- (f) One Company 43rd Battalion will remain in the Northern part of the Subsidiary line South of the PLOEGSTEERT - LE GHEER Road and will come under orders of the O/C 41st Battalion after Zero hour.

- (g) The 43rd Battalion (less 1 Coy.) must be in position in ST. ANDREW'S DRIVE by Zero minus 4 hours.

- (a) On Y/Z night the 42nd Battalion will move from Billots in PONT DE NIEPPE to its battle position in BUNHILL ROW.

The approach route for this Battalion is shown BLUE on attached Map "B".

Starting point will be B.23.a.05.99.

Head of Battalion will pass the starting point at Zero minus 3 hours 15 minutes.

- (b) This Battalion will be following in rear of troops of 9th Brigade and Engineers and Pioneers. Its pace will therefore be regulated by the pace of the troops in front.

- (a) In Map "B" alternative routes are shown dotted. Should routes be blocked by enemy shelling, any other route may be taken provided the movement of other troops is not interfered with. A thorough reconnaissance of all likely routes will therefore be made.

- (b) Battalions will post guides at all cross roads and road or track junctions to ensure that none of their troops take wrong roads.

5. (a) On Y/Z night the assaulting Brigades will approach by the routes shown in Map "A", and will enter our front line system from the outer flanks of each assaulting Brigade frontage.
- As the troops of the assaulting Brigades enter, the troops of the 41st Battalion in each assault Brigade frontage will move inwards from the outer flanks of each of the right and left assault brigade frontages, and will leave our front line system by TORONTO AVENUE and THE ONLY WAY respectively, and move to the Subsidiary line South of PLOEGSTEERT - LE GHEER Road and as far South as GUNNER FARM exclusive.
- (b) TORONTO AVENUE will only be used by 41st Battalion as far West as U.20.b.70.90., after which troops will move overland. Troops moving out by THE ONLY WAY, will follow this trench to BUNHILL ROW and will move thence South along BUNHILL ROW and Subsidiary Line to the position allotted to this Battalion vide sub-para. (a) above.
- (c) The leading Company of the 10th Infantry Brigade on the Green route is a Reserve Company, and will take up its position in THE ONLY WAY between ADVANCED ESTAMINET and HASTED HOUSE. This Company will be in position before any of 41st Battalion troops from front line system commence to move out along THE ONLY WAY.
6. (a) At Zero minus 3 hours the eight defensive Vickers Guns will be withdrawn to the CATACOMBS.
- (b) Eight Vickers Guns for barrage work will come under control of Divisional Machine Gun Officer under arrangements to be made direct between Divisional Machine Gun Officer and O/C 11th Machine Gun Company.
7. At Zero minus 3 hours the 11th Trench Mortar Battery will withdraw to the CATACOMBS.
8. In all cases outgoing troops must make way and give way to incoming troops, so as not to interfere and delay the assembly of the latter. Outgoing troops must on no account use "in" routes.
9. Completion of all moves will be reported immediately to Brigade Headquarters.
10. The 42nd Battalion when moving along the main NIEPPE - PONT DE NIEPPE Road from PONT DE NIEPPE to their starting point will move on the left of the road. Troops of 9th Infantry Brigade moving along the same road in the opposite direction will also move on the left of the road and thus avoid any possibility of clashing.

[Signature]
Major.
Brigade Major, 11th Inf. Bde. A.I.

Issued at 10 p.m.

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2. Brigade Major.	Hand.
3. Staff Captain.	Hand.
4. 41st Battalion.	D.R.
5. 42nd Battalion.	D.R.
6. 43rd Battalion.	D.R.
7. 44th Battalion.	D.R.
8. 11th Brigade Signal Section.	Hand.
9. 11th Machine Gun Coy.	D.R.
10. 11th Trench Mortar Battery.	D.R.
11. 9th Infantry Brigade.	D.R.
12. 10th Infantry Brigade.	D.R.
13.)	
14.) 3rd. Australian Division.	D.R.
15.)	
16. C. R. A.	D.R.
17. C. R. E.	D.R.
18. Divisional Machine Gun Officer.	D.R.
19. War Diary	

11th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 73.

Brigade Headquarters.
6th June, 1917.

Map References:- 1/10,000.

INFORMATION. 1. The boundary between the 4th BAVARIAN and 40th DIVISIONS, i.e. the boundary between the 6th and 4th ARMIES starts at the point where the RIVER DOUVE crosses the enemy's front line, thence it follows a line North East to branch junction U.4.a.6.2. thence along road to a point in U.5.d. North of FME DE LA CROIX thence to GAP-ARD Road at U.6.c.4.6.

The 3rd. Australian Division is the right Division of the 2nd. Army attack.

OBJECTIVE OF DIVISION. 2. The 3rd Australian Division will attack and consolidate, firstly the BLACK line and secondly the GREEN line. The 9th Brigade will attack on the right and the 10th Brigade on the left:- 11th Brigade in reserve. The 9th Brigade are responsible for capture of country between the BLACK and GREEN line South of the LA DOUVE RIVER.

After capture of the objective or objectives, the 9th Brigade will be responsible for right flank of the 3rd Australian Division up to and including the LA DOUVE RIVER.

The New Zealand Division will be on left of 3rd Australian Division up to the BLACK line with 3rd New Zealand Brigade as right Brigade of New Zealand Division.

The 4th Australian Division will be on left of 3rd Australian Division from BLACK line to GREEN line with the 12th Brigade as right Brigade of 4th Australian Division.

47th Battalion is right Battalion of the 12th Brigade.

CONSOLIDATION. 3. The BLACK line and Black dotted Support line will both be consolidated and wired South of LA DOUVE RIVER. The BLACK line will be consolidated North of the LA DOUVE RIVER but not wired until GREEN line is captured. When the GREEN line is captured it will be consolidated and wired throughout its whole length. The GREEN line, when captured, or the most advanced points of the country captured (either the BLACK line or in advance thereof) will be main line of resistance of the Division.

The BLACK line must be held at all costs.

ARTILLERY. 4. Action will be as per barrage Map issued with "Preliminary Instructions No.1. for 'Magnum Opus' " of 28/5/17. From Zero plus 2 hours 10 minutes to Zero plus 10 hours the BLACK line will be protected by protective barrage.

From a "New Zero", which for time being will be considered at Zero plus 10 hours, the barrage will advance at rate of 3 minutes per 100 yards. The barrage will lift off the GREEN line (UNCAJNY TRENCH) at Zero plus 10 hours 20 minutes, and will rest on the GREEN Support line (UNCAJNY SUPPORT) until Zero plus 10 hours 35 minutes when it will lift and the GREEN Support line will be captured.

A protective barrage will be formed 300 yards beyond the GREEN Support line from Zero plus 10 hours 35 minutes until Zero plus 11 hours 5 minutes when it will stop to allow of Mounted Troops to go forward.

It will be prepared to re-open on the S.O.S. signal.

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- MACHINE GUN BARRAGE. 5. Two Sections of 11th Machine Gun Coy. will participate in Divisional Machine Gun barrage under orders issued direct to C/O 11th Machine Gun Coy.
- TANKS. 6. 20 Tanks will co-operate with 2nd ANZAC Corps in the attack on the BLACK line and capture of MESSINES. In addition 12 Tanks in Army Reserve will advance through the Corps Area to assist in the attack on the GREEN line; 4 of latter tanks will attack trench systems in U.4.a.
- SMOKE. 7. Smoke shells will be thrown in vicinity of FACTORY FARM (U.16.c.0.2) to screen the right flank of this Division. Smoke shells will also be employed on UNBO ALLEY and UNCLE TRENCH South East of FLATTENED FARM.
- GAS. 8. If wind is favourable Gas will be released from our trenches U.21.2 to the RIVER LYS at Zero hour.
- AIRCRAFT. 9. Contact planes of design and marking already issued to Units, and with two black streamers attached to the right hand lower plane, will fly at the following times:-
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|-----------|----------|-------------|
| Zero plus | 1 hour | 5 minutes. |
| " " | 2 hours. | |
| " " | 2 hours | 30 minutes. |
| " " | 4 hours | 30 minutes. |
| " " | 6 hours | 15 minutes. |
| " " | 8 hours. | |
| " " | 10 hours | 40 minutes. |
- The call for flares will be a series of A's sounded by the plane on a Klaxon horn and by the firing of a White Very Light. Troops will be prepared to light flares at times other than the above if the plane calls for them. Green flares will be used and will be lit in groups of not less than 5. Only the most advanced troops will light flares at the times laid down.
- MOUNTED TROOPS. 10. Mounted Troops have been ordered to push forward reconnoitring detachments after Zero plus 11 hours 5 minutes in the direction of O.35 Central and U.5. Central. These troops may come under view of our Infantry, and Observers must therefore look out for them.
- SYNCHRONIZATION OF WATCHES. 11. Watches will be synchronized at Advanced Brigade Headquarters at 8.p.m. and 12.Midnight Y/2 night.
- SIGNALS. 12. S.O.S. will be a Red Very Light. Arrangements must be made where necessary for this Signal to be repeated back to the Artillery in the event of their Observers not being able to see the Signal during the hours of daylight. There will not be any special Signal to concentrate S.O.S. action, but troops will be able to obtain a certain degree of concentration by continuing to repeat the S.O.S. Signal. The "lengthen" signal for Machine Gun will be a White Very Light. On this signal being observed, Machine Guns covering the Sector affected will lengthen their range 200 yards. If the signal is repeated they will continue to lengthen by 100 yard lifts until the request ceases to be made.

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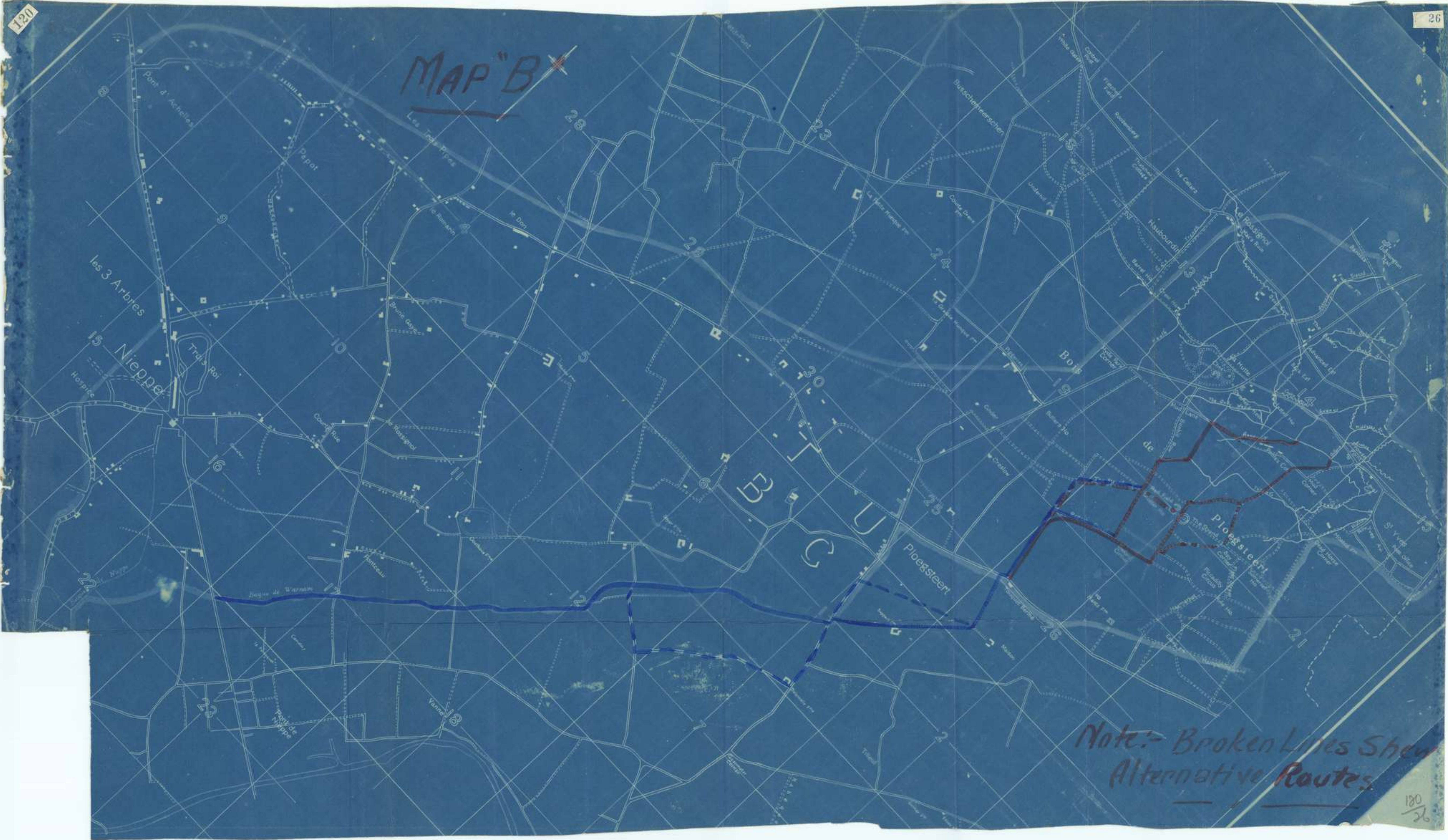
REPORTS. 15. Reports will be sent to Advanced Brigade Headquarters at CATACOMBES.

G. F. Wooten
Major.

Brigade Major, 11th Inf. Bde., A. I. F.

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		7. Liaison, 10th Inf. Brigade.	D.R.
		8. 9th Infantry Brigade.	D.R.
		9. 10th Infantry Brigade.	D.R.
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		16. 12th Aust. Inf. Brigade.	D.R.
		17. 11th Machine Gun Coy.	D.R.
		18. 11th Trench Mortar Battery.	D.R.
		19. 41st Battalion.	D.R.
		20. 42nd Battalion.	D.R.
		21. 43rd Battalion.	D.R.
		22. 44th Battalion.	D.R.
		23. 11th Bde. Engineering Coy.	D.R.
		24. Lt.-Col. Geddes (Detached Force 5th Divn).	D.R.

MAP "B"



Note:- Broken Lines Show
Alternative Routes.

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Time	From	To	Text of M ^{SG}
9 Wire	2-17pm	BM Bn. 147.	Brigade on left will have working parties pulled out wire tonight between 10pm and 2 am. in front of their lines.
9 "	2-30pm	ADD BM 148.	Are your patrols yet out and Division require information as to whether 9th Brigade patrols have reached THATCHED COTTAGE.
9 "	2/5pm	AZKR FB7.	Enemy heavily shelling working parties on new C. T. and carnage parties WEST of SEANITZEL FARM and front line seems to be quiet.
9 "	2/4pm	by BM 83.	Working parties will be pulled out wire tonight between 10pm and 2 am in front of our line and will you please inform your Left Battalion.

Date	Time	From	To	Remarks
9	Wire	2/30 pm	L. St. S.	HUN activity seen and reported to Lt. Bussett Batt. on Green line at HUNS WALK a.a. they report hostile activity NE from there along a main road lined with trees. Timed 12-30 pm ARMOUR
9	"	2/35 pm	ALZR F.B. 6	Enemy batteries in direction Warnerton shelling new C.T. just here a.a. front line seems to be quiet a.a. fear that working parties of C.T. have had to cease work.
9	"	3/10 pm	Ar - C66	General bearing true 218 degree.
9	"	3-5 pm	L.T. 2 BMSO	With report enemy seen advancing in waves on both sides of LA DOUNE River from direction of WARNETON a.a. Report Timed 3.12 pm

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Date	How Recd or Sent	Time	From	To	End-ers No.	
9	Hummer	3.55 pm	ARM-OUR	168.		Enemy massed in jumping off trench 500 yds in rear of LA POTTERIE FARM Time 2/10 pm
9	Wire	3.55 pm	Supr & Supt merchants	151		Messag from Capt. aia Rates aia Enemy massed in jumping off trench 500 yds in rear of LA POTTERIE FARM aia Messag timed 2.10 received 3.25.
9	Wire	4 pm	G.T. 2.	BM 151		With Bu report enemy massed in jumping off trench 500 yards in rear of LA POTTERIE FARM aia timed 2.10 pm.
9	"	4/14 pm	AIDD	B.M. 152.		Send in at once all available information re your patrols ordered by us this morning.

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Date	How Recd or sent	Time	From	To	Lead or cr's No.	
9	Wire	4/30 pm	7.7 Bq			Acknowledged copy wire re Artillery LOS line.
9	"	4/30 pm	Sum Gner. Hays			885- Germans running along UNCHAINED TRENCH in U.16.3 at 30 contours aaa they were going north and fired at several being hit.
9	"	4/25 pm	AKR FB			Situation unchanged. Loc. details that all spare men of your B ² work on C.T. from our old front line to screen line now being done by 43 nd B ² pioneers engineers 43 rd B ² being withdrawn from this work.
	"	4/25	AZKR	FBQ		Some damage NORTH DIVUS 50+
	"	4/25	AZKR			Held up by M.G. fire against U.S. to 15-17.
	"	5.3	42 nd			Enemy seen in waves along front both sides of DOVE. Skinning up up with 5.9 HE firing from

Date	How Reached or Sent	Time	From	Sent to	Details
9	Runner	5.10	11 th TMB	BM 153	Reaction WARWICKTON - G.O.C. wishes to see you at the CHIBCO MBS at once urgent.
	White	5.10	44 th	S74	C Coy reports that M.C. is holding them up at VAB 157. They ask can we deal with the gun. I have ordered them to deal with this gun with rifle grenades work from a flank. Hope to report further progress shortly.
	White	5.13	44 th	S76	Have not yet received information required to send an officer forward to obtain field information.
	Runner	5.20	11 th TMB	BM 153	An enemy machine gun at VAB 157 is holding up C Coy 44 th B ² . The idea is that you run water tanks to deal with this and to two close to GPTN have to be dealt with by artillery. 44 th informed 11 th TMB ordered to run up two guns to deal with this gun.
		5.25	44 th	BM 155	

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Date	How Recd or Sent	Time	From or To	Sender No	
9	Runner	5.40	44 th B ⁿ	577	Following message from Left Coy. "Coy moved out to consolidate on Green line at 2pm. by sections. This coy. was held up by snipers & M.G. fire. Casualties already 1 killed 3 wounded before line was reached. Work being done on with but report later. Coy doing work originally allotted it helped by N ^o 11 platoon C Coy. Timed 4.20pm"
Wue		5.45	9 th B ⁿ (Reason)	ES56	34 th B ⁿ front heavily shelled last 2 hrs. Stopped now. 33 rd B ⁿ pushed out to POTTERIE F ^m & THATCHED Cottage.
Wue		5.51	12 th B ⁿ	BM 156	Our left B ⁿ has pushed out to GREEN line. Left flank at approx Uka 9570. Have been instructed to get in touch with your right Coy.
Wue		5.55	AZKR	FB11	Enemy apparently digging in in front of our position
Wue		6.10	Dio	BM 156	44 th B ⁿ reports having captured GREEN line on their left.
Wue		6.12	AZKR	BM 159	Can you give approx. line on which enemy is digging in.

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Date	How Recd or Sent	Time	From or To	Send- ers No.	
9	Wire	6:25 pm	ST 2	S. 172	<p>Following is situation at 5:22 pm with regard to patrols and Patrols directed to move to UNCERTAIN TRENCH found it and vicinity of POTTERIE FARM full of snipers and our patrol was driven back and 1 officer and 3 O.R. wounded and the wounded officer is being brought in and it is hoped to obtain valuable information from him and Message by runner from THE COTTAGE patrol states this patrol is in a satisfactory position and reports that enemy must have suffered severe casualties from our bombardment many shell-holes are spotted with blood and this patrol saw the boche moving along UNCERTAIN TRENCH the enemy was fired at and casualties were inflicted and 9th Brigade</p>

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Date	How Sent	Time	From or To	Sender's No.	
9	Wire	6:30 pm	G.I. 2	172	report further that enemy has been shelling severely for the past two hours and our planes retaliated by counter battery work and added 2nd Airacraft 11/2 Edge and defensive battalion.
9	"	7 pm	AZKR	#B12	No aaaa observed merely states he observed part of enemy dig in left of LA POTTERIE FARM and will go forward and find out if you say so.
9	"	7:47 pm	Sum	Edson	Nothing to report aaaa position unaltered.
9	"	7:48 pm	Ar-	578	Left party making satisfactory progress and consolidation aaaa main enemy in sight snipers troublesome aaaa message timed 4:30 pm aaaa

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How recd at	Time	From or To	Send- er's No.	
9 Wire	7:50 pm	Arm our	580	<p style="text-align: right;">70</p> <p>Work on GREEN LINE proceeding. aa hope to have the whole trench consoli- dated as far as UNDULA- TING TRENCH by 6 pm. aa parts much disturbed at the junction of the three trenches aa provided consolidation not inter- fered with by shell fire thought to be fairly well down in dark aa Message timed 5:50 pm. aa No further word re- ceived yet from patrol on</p>
9 Wire	7:53 pm	T 2	5175	<p>Fourth Division intends tonight to push out strong patrols to estab- lish themselves well east of their GREEN line North of HUNS WALK aa 11th Bde intends tonight to take UNDULATING trench down to the DOUVE aa 9th Bde will push out at least three strong posts to establish</p>

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No	How recd	Time	From or To	Cont- No.
9	Wire	7-53	T2	775

themselves on a line between
 post already at THATCHED
 COT TAG-E and bridge over
 DOUVE at left boundary of
 9th Bde. but not east of
 this line. Object is to
 secure an advanced line
 from which to assault
 POTTERIE system later. Small
 patrols from these
 posts should also during
 night reconnoitre towards
 LA POTTERIE and report
 state of wire and whether
 enemy present in any
 stretch. Important
 in view of subsequent
 artillery action that
 position of all posts 9th
 Bde established shall be
 exactly reported. Air
 photos and observers
 reveal that POTTERIE
 system has been practi-
 cally obliterated and enemy
 are dribbling eastward from
 it in small parties. Repeated
 11th Bde acknowledge by wire.

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Date	How recd or sent	Time	From or To	Sent or recd No.	
9	Wire	8-7 pm	T2	Bm 100	Acknowledged.
9	"	8/10 pm	42nd Bn	Bm 109	The 43rd Bn will relieve the 42nd Bn in the GREEN line tonight commencing about 12 midnight aaaa for your information.
9	"	8/10 pm	45th Bn	Bm 157	G.O.B. pleased to hear you have gained GREEN line wishes you to get in touch with Right Coy 45th Bn on your left aaaa 9th Bde have established patrol at THATCHED COTTAGE Patrol leading for LA POTTERIES FARM driven back aaaa establish strong patrol at junction UNBODLY AVENUE and UNDU-LATING TRENCH and work along and capture UNDU-LATING TRENCH aaaa Northern 300 x of your line to be urgently

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Date	Hour recd sent	Time From	Send- To No.	
9	Wire	8/30	with B.M. from Co. 157 (contd.)	wired aca 43rd Bu will relieve you tonight com- mencing about 12 mid- night. Can relief you will move to St. AN- DREWS DRIVE 43rd Bu requires guides. They are to be arranged direct between you and C.O. 43rd Bu aca. Ede obser- vers report enemy digging in in front of you can you locate approx posit- ion of their line aca acknowledge.
9	#	8/23	A.I.D.D from	Sgt. Green line.
9	Wire	8/27	Arm-683 from our.	Artillery firm shot aca B Coy forced back on Command trench aca Message timed 7-45 pm aca
"	"	8/35	Sum-688 from mess	Message from Colonel Martin aca very heavy barrage north of DUVRE now extending behind our left battalion front.

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Date	How Received	Time	From or To	End- No.	
9	Wire	9:35 pm	G.775 GABY	BTM 112	43rd Bu will relieve with Bu in G.R.E.F. line tonight a.a. for your information.
9	Wire	9:40 pm	G.T.2	BM 163	Ad. J. from 4th Bu received a.a. Artillery reformed 9:25 pm.
9	Run over	9:40 pm	Sum 225	Calsg.	Scouts of the 3rd went out to within 100 yds of Uncertain trench LA POTTERIE FARM at 4 pm a.a. they were either not seen or allowed to come out. Patrols then moved out and the Germans opened up severe M.G. and rifle fire. Patrols pressed on but Officer and 6 others wounded & patrol held up. Wounded have been brought in. Intention of op- eration to find if POTTERIE held in strength. Amount of fire indicates that it is Scouts saw what they think are loopholes in trench ments for M.G. emplacements.

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E	How Recd Time or Date	From or To	Sender's No.		75
9	Wire Jan 1918	ANNA	—	Message picked up from AZKR re: believes our Artillery falling short ends aka Beliefs our Company falling back on command line re Words our Company are doubtful addressed known.	
9	Wire Jan 1918	Blund.	903	You will each send out strong fighting patrols tonight as follows GAFE one patrol to STEIGNAST FARM U.S.A. 2.7 one patrol to LE QUATRE ROIS CABINET 035CSH aka GAFE one patrol to GAPAARD 035AS.2 aka THOSE PATROLS will estab- lish themselves at these places as strong points aka Patrols will go out at mid- night get info Artillery has been informed of move- ment you must keep me informed of situation as frequently as it admits of. Tracul tapes are being sent out to you per	

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Date	How Recd	Time	From To	Serial No.	
9	Wire	Spec	12th	583	patrols to use as guide lines acknowledge and addd C-AFF and Care, repla Kate group Anchor and Dab.
9	Wire	9-16	Lumbago	580	Heavy artillery fire on front particularly heavy on left of S.F. 75 Gas shells used by enemy 20 minutes ago left-battalion been in gas masks for about one hour.
9	Wire	9-22	ARTM	582	Report from patrol despatched by D. Coy has just been received. As they reached their position within 50 yards of UN-GODLY AVENUE and were driven in by enemy snipers and enemy in UN-GODLY AVENUE. Estimated strength 100 and from observation enemy were in small parties in rear of UN-GODLY AVENUE

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Date	How Sent	Time	From or To	Send or No	
9	Wire	9-22	Arms from our (contd.)	S 82	and appeared to be working and about 5 o'clock they ceased work and moved south in small parties towards LA POTTERIE Farm area. The boat in charge became a casualty. This patrol is being again dispatched a.a.
9	Wire	9-26	Arms from our	S 83	"B" Coy report consolidation proceeded on GREEN LINE with Artillery to make LOS lines for this advance position a.a. Men becoming weary as this is the third line they have dug in a.a. Capt R. SKINNER timed 6.40 pm a.a.
9	Wire	9-30	AZKR from	FB 13.	No LOS signal sent up here a.a. Enemies were seen massing on both sides of DOVE a.a. Preparations were made to receive him a.a. He did not come over however.

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Date	Hour or Time Sent	From To	Sent No.	Content
9	9:30	AZKR	FB13	<p style="text-align: right;">48</p> <p>but consequent on the short range of our artillery barrage (15 P.M. DR) caused our troops had to withdraw to shell-holes slightly in rear of Green Line and some 18 Puds still firing very short and our movement along an enemy communication trench and bombed about 20 of the enemy.</p>
Wue Fos	7.55	DIV	G175	<p>11th Div. intends tonight to push out strong parties to establish themselves well east of their Green line north of HUNS WALK. 11th Bde to night intends to take UNDOULATING trench down to the DOUVE. 9th Bde will push out at least 3 strong parties to establish themselves on a line between post already attached COTTAGE and bridge over DOUVE at left boundary of 9th Bde but not east of this line. Object is to secure an advanced line from which to assault the POTTERIE system later.</p>

D. 15	Hour Recd. Sent	Time or To	From Sender's No.	79
9	(Continued)	9:17	9176	<p>Small patrols from these posts should also during night reconnoitre towards La Potterie and report state of wire and whether enemy present in any strength. Important in view of subsequent military action that position of all posts of the Bde established shall be exactly reported. Air photos and observers reveal that La Potterie system has become practically obliterated and enemy are dribbling eastward from it in small parties. No knowledge.</p>
	Wire	9:55	1044 th S56	<p>Further information received. Our C Coy looking up with 'B' in UNDULATING TRENCH the enemy were observed about 100' along the trench to be putting in a block. These were bombed which resulted in the SOS being called for by the enemy. UNDULATING TRENCH is undoubtedly occupied by the enemy. B' Coy report they are hanging on in shell holes in rear of our barrage. Time 8.6 pm.</p>

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Date	How Recd	Time	From	Send- of To	Send- of To	
9	Wire	9-58	Div	R175		Reference my G175 to 9 th Bde (copy sent you) Corps now orders pushing forward of strong patrols to endeavour establish a line of posts extending from STEIGNAST FARM (exclusive) to point where UNDOULATING TRENCH meets RIVER DOUVE a.a. 4 th Division is taking similar action north of STEIGNAST FARM. a.a. 11 th Bde. will take all necessary action in conformity with principles conveyed in my G175 a.a. Acknowledge 2 a.s. addressed GF76 repeated GF75
9	Wire	10 pm	Div.	BM16a		Acknowledged.
9	Wire	10-10 pm	AIDD	BM 165		Information indefinite. Give definite information and quote map co-ordinates in all cases.
9	Wire	10-10 pm	AIDB	BM 16b		4 th Inf. Bde are relieving 1 st NZ Bde tonight.
9	Wire	10-15 pm	ARM	S90		H.Q. now removed to position of advanced H.Q. roughly at U9 a 5-5.
9	Wire	10-57	GTL	BM167		In accordance with instructions received patrols went out towards south end of UNGOBY. AVENUE and reached

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DATE	HOW RECD OR SENT	TIME	FROM OR TO	SEND ERS NO	81
9	(continued)		BM16	Joint U.A. 80-00	near UNGODLY AVENUE occupied by enemy estimated strength 100 near Patrol held up by snipers and enemy in small parties immediately in rear of UNGODLY AVENUE, apparently digging in etc. Further patrol has been sent out - no report yet received concerning its action. Further patrols will be sent out during the night.
9	Wire	10-49	GTZ	G180	Preliminary Instructions near 4 th Aus. Div. will take over the front held by 3 rd Aus. Div. North of RIVER DOUVE near. Relief to be completed by morning of 11 th June 1919 and Boundary between 3 rd & 4 th Aus. Divisions will then run along RIVER DOUVE westward to LA HUTTE-MESSINES ROAD thence to old boundary of 3 rd Aus. Div. at our old front line U8C A.7. and acknowledge.
9	Wire	10-50	GTZ	G180	Acknowledged.

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DATE	HON. RECD OR SENT.	TIME	FROM OR TO.	SEND ERS NO.	
9	Runner Wire	11 pm	HE ARM OUR	589	82. Lieut Skinner reports as follows. "All O.K. now. As soon as our artillery cease fire will occupy green line again, at present in shell holes just in rear. Consolidation was going very well until interrupted by our own barrage. Saw anything be done to lengthen artillery fire and prevent them firing into green line. Some even burst over our own line.
9	Runner Wire	11 p.m.	HE ARM OUR	591	Enemy reported to be massing in front of 34 th Battalion on our right. timed 9.45 pm
9	Wire	11.33	HE Dir	6193	Message received from 2nd Angas begins aaa. Plane landed at 9.36 p.m. reports between 8.30- 35 pm enemy put up lights at STEIGNAST FARM, U5675, O35 d.5.8. U6c6.2 7030 d.2.6 aaa. ends aaa. Addressed GF 75 and GF 76
9	Runner	11.45	C.O. 2 nd B ^o AIDD	BM 169	It is intended to hold a line of posts extending from STEIGNAST FARM (exclusive) to RIVER DONVE aaa. In view of above A3 rd B ^o

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DATE	HOW RECD OR SENT	TIME	FROM TO.	SENDER'S NO.	83.
9	(continued)			BM169	will establish posts at or near U4610 - U4c9535 - U10a7.9 aaa. When established these positions will be consolidated and addressed 43 rd B ⁿ - repeated AA th for information
9	Nine	11.48pm	Same Hayco	ES91	Enemy reported marching on right front of GF75. This information given next 11.25pm
9	Nine	11.48pm	GT2	6182	The 4 th Aus. Inf Bde will relieve the first New Zealand Inf this evening and 4 th Aus. Inf Bde 4.9 will be at FORBES TERRACE T6 C 10.45 aaa Acknowledge.
9	Runes	11.50pm	42 nd 43 rd 44 th BNS	BM170	The 43 rd B ⁿ are sending forward patrols to establish posts in cooperation with 44 th B ⁿ in vicinity of UNDULATING TRENCH and North of RIVER DOUVE refusing right flank to LA POTTERIE FARM system aaa There will be no relief of 44 th or 42 nd B ⁿ on night 9/10 th inst or until further notice
9	Runes	11.55	ANVIL RP 11/7		Major Heron left boy reports that he has been strafed for the last hour with 5.9!

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DATE	How RECD SENT	TIME	FROM	TO	NO	REMARKS
9	Continued		2)	RP	1/9	Shrapnel and HE. could you please arrange for some heavy retaliation on his line at the battery WARRETON. (D.A. promised C/Big action)
9	Wire	11:55 <small>hour</small>	AIDD	BM	171	Battery reported firing shot by you today has been located and the error corrected.
9	Wire	12:10	Summer Hayes	ES	92	Red light gone up in front of 75
9	Wire	12:20	Lt Col Manbridge	H	92	Situation report green line held and still being further consolidated. Enemy machine gun active bombardment of our whole sector still continues. Supplies now going forward normally. Wiring commenced in front and being carried on vigorously. No launch on right and left. Enemy aircraft active at early dawn.
10	Wire	12:30	AZK	FB	14	Enemy bombarding fronts of right and left sides and of 4 th B ^{ty} area. Our SOS signals went up on our front but artillery are delaying taking action for the present. The shelling has abated and positions is normal.

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DATE	How SENT	TIME	FROM TO	SEN DERS NO	
10	Wire	12:40	Sumner - Hayes	ESQ3	Artillery barrage ceased. Everything normal on this front at present.
10	Wire	12:50	ARMOUR	SQ3	Acknowledged.
10	Wire	3:20	GF75	ARMOUR	CABLE has relieved COMMODORE in left B ¹² front area. Addressed G12 + checked GF76 and GE36.
10	Wire	4:10	GF38	OB 1/10	Situation shows frequent intermittent bursts 5.9's, A.2's and shrapnel over our lines and back areas throughout night area. Enemy landing gas shells over all part. Entrenched with whizzbangs and few A.2's otherwise normal.
10 th	Wire	4:45	Amphib	1/10	Relief of 10th and N.2 Bde complete. Reptr Gaby, Kate, Doc, Linch.
	Wire	5:12	GF76	Amphib	Ltr. rept from 5:15 from Cassin + Cassin indicated to push forward towards LAFFRERIE line area. No reports received re result of the operation which has been hampered by shelling + gas.

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DATE	Hour Height in low	Time	From To	Sender's No.	86
					(continued) At 7/55 pm. 1/2 hour artillery activity and then 1/4 hour activity Midnight to 11 am left and support boys right Bn were heavily shelled by batteries from direction of FRELINGHEIM aaa Cable completed relief of COMMODORE about 3 am. in left Bn front-boards at same time being withdrawn to rest in BUNHILL ROW Situation now very quiet aaa
16 th	None	5 am	GT 2	IBM	Sit rept. aaa Host. arty active on front & rear lines aaa from midnight gas shells have been used freely on Ploester Wood vicinity H. K. a comb. in its vicinity have been shelled with 5.9 and 4.2. H.E. Wind N.W. mild.
16 th	"	6 am	GT 2	IBM 21	Sit. rept. 4.25 am. Green line held & wiring in progress Steady bombt. of our fwd. and rear trenches with H.E. & Gas

DATE	Hour	Time	From	Serial No.	By
					(Continued). Refer to 4th fire 4th patrol moved out 2 am Fire casualties incurred prior to leaving line was 5-45 am. Patrol did not get into Undulating Terrain Train, 1st fire both flanks Smoking from very light Continuously, as officers report not yet to hand as Information from a Sgt of patrol 10th Wire 6.45 21st 10422 Patrol officers report confusion statement of Sgt. as Observation Chiefly hindered by movement Gas shelling + H.E. in air F.L. Patrol in works Continuously for 3 hours & greatly hampered on their account. At 5:30 am Shelling continued as Direction of shells - from N.W.
10th	Wire	6.45	21st	10422	
10th	Wire	6.45	Bombard illum Armed	96	Situation report 4-30 am Green line held and unimpeded ceeded with steady machine barge ment throughout the whole night included many gas shells kept steady that fire seems very active 4-30

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Date	Hour	From	To	Subject
10	Wire 5/12	Capt. Hillary (Winnam) (Boulton)	896	patrols moved out - but no information to hand yet - they suffered 5 casualties up to reaching that HQ. No wind. Observation bad
9	Wire 7/25	LT		Situation reports to reach Div. HQ. at 5.15 am 11.15 am 5.15 pm daily until further orders.
10	Wire 6/50	LT 75	3100	Strong posts been established on the front as follows a a Bu CABLE at THATCHED COT & another at junction ULTIMO RESERVE & ASH AVENUE a a Bu CABLE just North intersection ULSTER AVENUE and road running South-East through point C on Green line & another near intersection same road ULSTER DRIVE a a These posts will be numbered from right to left & vice versa & referred to by their number. a a Addressed to 37 & 32 7/16

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Date	How Recd or Sent	Time	From or To	Sender's or Recv's No.	
11	Wire	6-50 am	S.F.	575 75	102 post CARGO found abandoned 77 mm gun ammunition in drain near post addressed Lt Col repl'd S.F. 76 for information.
11	Wire	6-12 am	ARMOUR	475 OUR	Enemy battery reported to be situated at U.S.B. 70. 40. (Reported to Six Brig at 1033)
11	Wire	9-10 am	AZKA	FB 16	Enemy is consistently shelling our back area between black line and rear support area front line seems to be quiet though occasionally enemy snipers and M.F.s active.
11	Wire	10-10 am	T-2	102	Be prepared for orders cancelling your relief tonight by 13th Bde for time being as repeated 9th and 10th Bdes.

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Date	Time	From	To	Ref- No.	Remarks
10 th Nov	11:40 am	GT	BM	173	Reference Order No: 90 para. 4 one battalion at each CATA COMBS and D billets satisfactory as but could ST. ANDREW DRIVE or C G H billets be allotted we as a PLOGSTEERT Wood will heavily shelled with H.E. and gas shells and would be Headquarters move to MIE PPE for the few days.
10 th Nov	1:10 pm	GT	BM	174	During the recent fighting the possibility for having A.A. Lewis Guns in our newly won the captured line to deal with hostile aircraft has become apparent.
10 th Nov	2-19 pm	Sumner	BM		Position normal strong posts recently established do not appear to have been detected by enemy.

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Date	For Recd. To	Time	From	Sent No.	91
10 th	Wire	2-29 pm	Wren	172	A buried cable has been found at U.4 B. 42. aaa Bombardment persistent with heavy guns firing from the direction of W. R. NETON
10 th	Wire	2-25 pm	BM	172	Forward calibre, bearing, time of commencement and direction of all hostile shells. No other work not being done.
10 th	Wire	3-35 pm	ARMY	173	There will be a bombardment of LA DOTTE R. 12th Division by the heavies between 5 pm and 6 pm today.
	Wire	3-35 pm	195		LA DOTTE R. 12th Division will be bombarded by heavy artillery from 5 to 6 pm today.
	Wire	4-25 pm	42		Very open cannot trace it for which 4-30 was working. Am sending in sketch.
	Wire	4-40 pm	5108		Shells commenced about 4 pm with Calibre 5.95 in firing from direction W. R. NETON (true bearing from 190 to 95). Towards 5.30 pm (Art. reported 4.40)

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No.	How sent	Time	From	To	Subject	92
	Phone	4:35	435		<p>Have unorganised shopping from SCHWITZEL & DOUPE. Trying to find out direction etc</p>	
	Phone	6	435		<p>Have plan from flyers over Green Line for the hour using M.C.</p>	
10	Phone	5:45	ADMIRAL	ADMIRAL	<p>ADMIRAL will complete relief of ARMOUR by 10 pm tonight and hand C Co's ADMIRAL to relieve A and D Co's A and D Co's ADMIRAL to relieve B and C Co's and take out the area addressed ARMOUR. ADMIRAL repeated SE 38.</p>	
10	Phone	5:50	3407	3110	<p>Word Bu. will complete relief of unit by 10 pm tonight and for your information</p>	
10	Phone	6 pm	3110	ADMIRAL	<p>Reference operations night 26 15th June, Dec. would pilot for sort of wireless signal's operating location</p>	

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Date	How Recd. Sub	Time	From	Head- quar- ter's No	
					93 BM & irregular lifts to dis- (Route) tance of one thousand yards east of front. Station to make from zero plus fifteen min- utes until cease fire and require special attention to LA DOUVE RIVER UNDATED Trench and STEIG- NAST Fa.
10	Run- over	6/18 pm	4th Bn	BM 177	Will you please send four (4) of the extra stretcher bearers to report to me as soon as possible. They are required to go to 45nd.
10	Run- over	6-20 pm	4th Bn	BM 177	Herewith 4 AA Mountings for Lewis Guns. Please arrange to have four Guns mounted tonight in or about the BLACK LINE. Guns to be in service all hours of daylight. An effort to give the order to fire on any aeroplanes.

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Date	Time	From	To	Content
10th Wire	6-43 pm	ARM-BM	178	On relief you will move to ST. ANDREW'S DRIVE and your first two boys will not leave till B boy on right and D boy on left ADMIRAL arrive and acknowledge.
10 Wire	6-45 pm	Sum.	6896	Nothing further to report yet.
"	6-50 pm	GT 2	2199	Action is being taken to give effect to your request.
"	6-50 pm	3rd Div.	2200	Ref div order No 43 of 10th June para 4 heavy artillery will not open on UNCERTAIN SUPPORT and UNCHAINED TRENCH at zero but at this hour they will open on selected points none of which must be nearer than 400 yards to the new line of posts and action of div. Artillery is unaltered and addressed to RA 9th & 11th Sup Bde's corps & A & B M 20. info - not final. For corps artillery for information.

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Date	How sent or sent	Time	From to	Sent to	
10	Wire	7 pm	UKR	FB18	95. Strong enemy barrage seems to be concentrated on green and black lines both side DOUVE sea It is also shelling as far back as SCHNITZEL FARM but not further back.
10	"	7.29 pm	Sum mar hays	6897	Report from 36th that our men retiring from North of DOUVE
10	"	7.34 pm	Sum mar hays	6898	Three green lights seen at LA POTTERIE and a heavy barrage.
10	"	7.38 pm	Sum mar hays	6899	Re my messages 97 and 98 it is now explained that our Haries have been fired on our own front line.
10	"	7.45 pm	15th Br Atay		Runner from 15th Br sent to advise that our hays are shooting into our Green line in U.G.B. & 10A damaged defence & inflicting casualties.

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Date	Hour sent	Time	From To	Sent No.	Remarks
10	7-50 pm	7-50 pm	AIDD	BM 179	Submit as soon as possible report giving map coordinates times etc re short-shooting by heavies about 7 pm tonight.
10	7-50 pm	7-50 pm	AIDD	BM 180	Heavies have been stopped a.a.
10	8/10 pm	8/10 pm	GT 2	L 204	Brigade commanders will consider the advisability of sending an ample supply of hippons out with all advanced posts in order that they may communicate rapidly with headquarters in the event of hostile attack or shelling by our heavy artillery.
10	8/10 pm	8/10 pm	GT 3	L 205	Have you received my No L 200 of today?
"	8/27 pm	8/27 pm	GT 2	BMA 181	Yes.

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Date	How sent	Time	From To	Lead- er's No.	
					97
10	Wire	29 pm	12	203	Send in as soon as you possibly can statements with regard to short shooting of our heavy artillery & the results it produced (A) as regards casualties to our men (B) as regards our men having to evacuate their forward positions etc. Make sure that the statements can be thoroughly substantiated in order that drastic measures may be taken to prevent recurrence of this very regrettable action on the part of the heavy artillery etc. An advanced officer's report should be sent over the wire.
10	Wire	3:00 pm	All Units 0074	BNA 182	Reference 0074/Zero hours will be 11 pm. tonight.

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Date	Hour Start	To Time	From Loc	Send No.	
10	Wire	8/50 pm.	AIDD	BM 183	Reference my BM 179 and include in report results it produced as regards (A) Casualties to our men (B) our men having to evacu- ate their forward positions and Make sure statements can be substantiated.
10	Wire	9-16 pm.	G.T.	908	Take all possible steps to warn the patrols which are out tonight to respond by flares to the call of our plane at seven tomorrow morning and addressed G.F. 75 Rpt'd G.F. 76.
10	Wire	9-30 pm	3rd Aust Div	G.T. 907	A contact plane will fly over our lines at 7 PM tomorrow morning with and please issue instruct- ions for flares to be lit by our advanced troops when the plane calls for them and front line and other troops may also show flares if other orders to load to our line definitely has addressed G.F. 11 and repeated 2 times.

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Date	How Recd	Time	From	Land- to	99
10	Wire	9-31 pm	AIDC	BMI 184	Contact plane will fly at 7 am tomorrow.
10	Wire	9-45 pm	LT 2	BMI 185	Troops re-established in whole of GREEN line.
10	Wire	10-20 pm	LT 2	HQ 161	The G.O. b. regrets that he cannot commit himself to approve suggested course of action while the time for it is so far ahead.
	Wire	10-55	AZKR	GDI	at 10 30 German SOS opened fire 5-9 and shrapnel falling very heavily in front of the Black line. Isolated parties reported here en route for 43 rd delayed by shape of terrain 43 rd OK at HQ commencing their ERDI and AZKR
	Reur	10 pm	43 rd	BMI 186	The BROWN line on attached sketch shows the SOS line that comes into force from 11 45 pm tonight. This line cannot be brought more West without orders from Corps. To be handed over on relief.
	Wire	"	G th Bn	FS (Rum) 100	Heavy barrage on but no information available line also front is OK

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Date	How sent	Time	From	To	Content
10 ⁵	Wire	12:20 am	#ZKR	GD2	Situation now quiet. Intermittent burst of double Shrapnel & M.G. fire. Searchlight active at 11pm. Not again exposed. No information yet available forward.
	Wire	12:20	#Bde	BM 627	Please wire location of HQ ARMOUR Lt. from extreme left unit.
	Runna	12:25	#3 rd	PI	Up till 10:50 pm I had no communication forward to my B ⁿ or back to you. I therefore have established myself in #2 nd B ⁿ HQ. From there I got in touch with my forward B ⁿ HQ & find that the signallers have been buried but a new station in shell hole 50 ⁺ from Bde forward station. Have no word of my attacking Corps at present.
	Wire	12:40	#Bde	ES 101 (Reason)	No information available at present. Will advise as soon as received.
	Wire	12:55	#Bde	BM 187	USC 6555 with advanced report Centre at 6595 that is ADMIRAL.
	Wire	1:36	#Bde	ES 102 (Reason)	Left B ⁿ sends report that #3 rd pool new line has consolidated 50 ⁺ beyond objective. #4 th pool consolidated. No news from other yet.

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Date	How sent	Time	From or To	Sent or No.
17 th			(Bouté)	
			out strong parties with moppers up to establish line of posts in LA POT- TERIE trench system aaa Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 posts were reported def- initely established aaa Some enemy were killed two unwounded prisoners taken and several wound- ed prisoners still out there aaa Position regarding No. 6 post not yet defined aaa One officer 4 men 33 rd Bn who went out about midnight to clear up situation reported missing aaa An officer 33 rd Bn who went out later search this party sig- nalled that post to with- draw aaa 35 th Bn been instructed to establish this post as soon as possible to- night aaa Our casualties slight for operation although shelling earlier in the night caused some aaa 35 th Bn	

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Date	Hour Received or Sent	Time	From	Send To	Remarks
17 th				(Kouta)	relieved 33rd Bn. in Right Bn front during night and Addressed S.T. repeated S.F. 76.
17 th	Nite	5-5	G.T.	BTM	Morning report aaaa During night ad vacced line taken E of UNDULATING TRENCH from crossing of GREEN LINE and UNDULATING SPT to R. DOUVE aaaa consolidation well under way. One S.T. almost completely to Green line aaaa five prisoners 9th Bn. Inf. Rot ("Werde"). enemy barrage black and Green lines heavily and caused about 50 cas- ualties aaaa in addition 19 casualties were inflicted on our attacking troops by enemy barrage aaaa black line is well marked down by enemy and engaged continuously during night especially at S.P.

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Date	How Recd Sent	Time	From To	Sent ers No.	
11	Wire	5-20 am	72	215	Morning reports anxiously awaited.
11	"	5-40 am	ES	B/M	Present situation quiet report following.
11	"	6 am	42 NZ Rt 510	BM	Situation normal wind N.W. 3 mph.
11	"	6 am	7-5	BM 79	Left Bn reports 2 more unwounded prisoners in addition one reported B.M. 194. 2 prisoners belong apparently to 9th Bavarian I.R. (normal) and other 1st Guard R.R. (normal) Adsd 972 rpt 12 27 76.
11	"	6-30 am	975	BM 290	Short written reports from Capt Doig 36th Bn at No. 4 post defines situation as follows aaaa Nos. 4, 5 and 6 posts all reached positions assigned them and now consolidated aaaa Encountered 100 Enemy most of whom killed aaaa The position re No. 3 post is obscure aaaa

Date	How Recd or Sent	Time	From or To	Sender's No	
17 th			(Koruta)		Capt. D'Arcy had seen nothing of them at time of written report but thinks they may be further south than position assigned them area 2. Units all arrived safely area 2 casualties slight approx. 10. Addsd T's report 17.7.75.
17 th	Wire	6-45 am	G 22	IBM 26	Personal reconnaissance confirms capture of UNDUKATING. Troops E of beach being consolidated and almost continuous from UNDUKATING Spt. to River DOME. 3 to 4 feet deep area held by 4 Platoons area Forward. Position selected commanding DOUVE VALLEY.
	Wire		G.O.C. Div.	G 223	I congratulate you and your troops upon the unqualified success of last night's operations which reflect the greatest credit on all concerned.
	"		G.O.C.	IBM 27	Above message from G.O.C. repeated.

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How Sent	Time	From	Send-er's No.	
11 th Wire	10:32	DIV.	HQ 167	The Div. Commander has much pleasure in repeated the following message. The Corps Commander wishes to Congratulate the division on the brilliant capture of the whole of the enemy system of defences about LA POTTERIE last night. He thinks that the way in which the operation was planned and executed reflects the greatest credit on all concerned.
Wire	12:45	6 th Bde	MC 310	Accept best congratulations on your fine show last night
Wire	1:40	9 th Bde (Kass)	ES 108	No. 2 advanced post held by 30 men - consolidated. Trenches full of dead Germans. 36 th B ⁿ has consolidated POTTERIE F th & hold it with 100 men.
Wire	1:50	6 th Bde 16 th Bde		Congratulations on capture of UNQUATING and field guns
Wire	2:20	9 th Bde	B ⁿ 188	Congratulations your excellent show last night. Trust you will have many more.
Para	2:45	43 rd		If my Coy. Commanders report re battery of guns in tree what about getting 305. This post found sufficiently far to allow a party of men to go out & see what can!

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Date	How Recd or Sent	Time	From or To	Send- ers No.	
11	(Cont)		#3		Done as regards securing position My men are very bucked at their Success.
	Wire	4:55 1:45	3 rd DN HIT.	1729	Barage now runs as follows from V5A 8850 to V5C 06 to V4C 5800 to U17A 3720 and thence in direct line to U16C 0316
	Wire	4:5	9 th Bde (Rear)	ES 109	One battalion New Zealand troops arriving in this area otherwise nothing to report.
	Wire	4:25	Div.	ly 243	NIGHT JARS cannot operate at 5 pm. They will operate at one of the following times 9:45 pm, 1:30 pm, 1:15 am. The notices will be given.
	Wire	5:33	12 th Bde	8 pm	Acknowledged.
	Wire	5:45	9 th Bde	189 I.O. 132	Situation Report since noon. Establishment of additional Bde forward ^{Advanced} Sig Station at THATCHED COTTAGE in progress. Generally situation is quiet with light shelling in front support occasionally. No reports from advanced posts to hand since advice apparently OK. in ⁱⁿ the ^{the} front ^{front} .
	Wire	7:17	9 th Bde (Rear)	ES 110	Patrol sent out from THATCHED COTTAGE east to the Knoll. around ^{around} 30 UN- CHAINED TRENCH were only able to advance 200' were fired on by M.G. from the north. Also barage

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Date	How Recd or Sent	Time	To or From	Sender No	Details
=	(Cont)		ES110	from	German pickup. They were compelled to retire enemy put up red-green lights 105.
1	Wire	7-20 pm	Face	BM 654	<p>German reported withdrawn east-BAPPAARD farm aaa FADE will send out patrols to establish themselves on line STEIG-NAST FARM (inclusive) LE QUATRE Rot (incl) Bapard Farm (exclusive) (Fade patrols on line Bapard Farm inclusive) along road to stream at 025A 309aa (All patrols to leave Green line at 9 pm tonight via Artillery has been warned via Added FACT FILE FAIR FALL DAB GABY KATE ANCHOR TREE FADE FAD.</p>
1	Wire	7-20 pm	Face	BM 655	<p>Rel to BM 654 aa Password NC 841 021 410 730 665 889 679 aa Added fact file fad fad fair fall dab gaby kate Anchor tree</p>

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Date	How Recd or Sent	Time	From TO	Sender No	
11	Wire	7-22	Sum - 20111 from Halls	110	Re my message 110 patrols now report M.G. fire was from the front - not North.
11	Wire	7-22	Sum - 20112 from Halls	112	Report received enemy is heavily shelling LAMPOTTER IE line.
11	Wire	7-20	775 A.M. from	218	Order No. 71 is cancelled
11	Wire	8-17	LT 2 BM from 775 FACE	190	In cooperation with mounted troops 43rd Bn propose tonight to establish posts at A U5 c 10.55 B U5 c 45.95 C U5 a 10.30 D U4 b 70 to E U5 a 2 b aca Advance from our front line to posts A B and C will be at 10 pm to D and E at 11 pm aca Addressed LT 2 775 FACE.
11	Wire	8-22	GE38 BM from ADMIR- FACE ITMB ITMC	191	The S.S. signal will become inoperative south of HUNS WALK after 10 pm tonight aca.

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Date	How Read Sent	Time	From To	Serial No	Text
11	Wire	9 pm	Sum - 25113	25113	LA POTTERIE system cut our own front-line wire shelled heavily
11	Wire	9-10 pm	3rd Div.	250	Message reference 11 Corps in view prisoners of 14th Cav. states that bombardment for said 400 yards south of River LYS will begin at 9 pm. and last one hour aaa

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11th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 74.

Brigade Headquarters.
10/6/17.

Reference Map:- PLOEGSTEERT 1/10,000.

1. Objective is UNDULATING TRENCH system North of LA DOUVE RIVER, with left flank resting on where GREEN line cuts roadway 50 yards North of "UNDULATING SUPPORT" - frontage will be 700 yards. The 9th Australian Infantry Brigade will co-operate and take LA POTTERIE Farm system and establish posts to the East of this system.
2. Line of consolidation will be U.4.c.85.05 - U.4.d.00.30 - U.4.d.05.75, thence to present GREEN line at U.4.a.87.17 with Lewis Gun Sections in posts at U.4.b.20.25 and U.4.d.18.45.
3. Artillery barrage will commence at Zero hour on a frontage 200 yards East of our present GREEN line and will remain there for five minutes. It will then creep at the rate of 100 yards in 3 minutes and will finally rest for half an hour on Line U.4.b.62.87 thence U.4.d.63.80 thence South to LA DOUVE RIVER thence East of 9th Brigade line of consolidation.
4. Machine Gun barrage will fire on its present S.O.S. barrage North of LA DOUVE RIVER from Zero to Zero plus forty-five minutes.
5. 43rd Battalion will employ 2 Companies attacking in one wave - they will do their own mopping up.
6. One sub-section of Trench Mortars will co-operate and fire on HOUSE U.4.b.15.20 from Zero to Zero plus 4 minutes.
7. Zero hour will be hour at which intense bombardment starts, and will be notified later.
8. Watches will be synchronised at 9 p.m. on night 10th/11th June.
9. Reports to Advanced Brigade Headquarters.

A. A. Vasey Major
Brigade Major, 11th Inf Bde A.I.F.

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6. 42nd Battalion.	D.R.
7. 43rd Battalion.	D.R.
8. 44th Battalion.	D.R.
9. 11th Machine Gun Coy.	D.R.
10. 11th Trench Mortar Battery.	D.R.
11. 11th Field Coy. Engineers.	D.R.
12. "D" Coy. Pioneers.	D.R.
13. 9th Infantry Brigade.	D.R.
14. 9th Infantry Brigade.	D.R.
15. 12th Infantry Brigade.	D.R.
16. 12th Infantry Brigade.	D.R.
17. C.R.A.	D.R.
18. C.R.E.	D.R.
19. A.D.M.S.	D.R.
20. 3rd. Australian Division.	D.R.
21. Composite Works Coy.	D.R.
22. Liaison Artillery.	Hand.
23. Bde. Intelligence Officer.	Hand.

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11th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 75.

Brigade Headquarters.
11/6/17.

1. During the night of 11th/12th June the 4th Australian Infantry Brigade is to take over that part of the 3rd. Divisional Front lying between LA DOUVE River and the 3rd. Divisional Northern Boundary.
2. (a) The 42nd and 43rd Battalions will be relieved by the 16th and 13th Battalions, the 16th Battalion being on the right and the 13th Battalion on the left.
(b) 11th Trench Mortar Battery and 11th Machine Gun Company will be relieved by the 4th Trench Mortar Battery and 4th Machine Gun Company respectively.
(c) Details of reliefs to be arranged by Gs/C Units concerned. Relief is to be completed by 6 a.m. 12/6/17.
3. (a) During afternoon of 11th instant 44th Battalion will move to billets in Sub. area "b" of "D" (Corps reserve) area.
(b) 43rd Battalion on relief will occupy ST. ANDREW'S DRIVE and Subsidiary Line.
(c) 42nd Battalion on relief will move into billets. (Detail of billets to be notified later).
(d) 11th Brigade Headquarters and 41st Battalion will remain at the CATACOMBS.
(e) 11th Machine Gun Company and 11th Trench Mortar Battery on relief will be billeted at the CATACOMBS.

H. J. Wooten
Major.

Brigade Major, 11th Inf. Bde., A.I.F.

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	7. 43rd Battalion.	D.R.
	8. 44th Battalion.	D.R.
	9. 11th Machine Gun Coy.	D.R.
	10. 11th Trench Mortar Battery.	D.R.
	11. 3rd. Australian Division.	D.R.
	12. 9th Infantry Brigade.	D.R.
	13. 10th Infantry Brigade.	D.R.
	14. 4th Infantry Brigade.	D.R.
	15. C. R. A.	D.R.
	16. 11th Field Coy. Engineers.	D.R.
	17. 870th Company A.S.C.	D.R.
	18. A.D./H.S., 3rd. Aust. Division.	D.R.
	19. War Diary.	

11th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 76.

Brigade Headquarters.
13/6/17.Reference Maps:- FRANCE Sheet 28.S.W.) 1/20,000.
FRANCE Sheet 36.N.W.)

1. The 11th Australian Infantry Brigade, less Machine Gun Company plus 11th Field Ambulance, will march to-morrow 14th instant in accordance with attached March Table.
2. The 11th Machine Gun Coy. will remain in its present position at HILLSIDE CAMP.
3. Halts will be at 15 minutes to every clock hour.
4. Billeting areas will be as shown in Appendix "A" attached.
5. Brigade Headquarters will be established at Sheet 36^A, F.29.d.5.3.
6. Billeting parties and other "a" arrangements will be notified separately.
7. ACKNOWLEDGE.

G. A. Vasey Capt for Major.
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4. Brigade Signal Section.	Hand.
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6. 41st Battalion.	B.R.
7. 42nd Battalion.	B.R.
8. 43rd Battalion.	B.R.
9. 44th Battalion.	B.R.
10. 11th Machine Gun Coy.	B.R.
11. 11th Trench Mortar Battery.	B.R.
12. 11th Field Ambulance.	B.R.
13. 270th Company A.S.C.	B.R.
14. War Diary.	

Units in order of March.	Starting Point.	Time of Passing Starting Point.	Route.
Brigade H.Q. details) and) Signal Section.)	Cross Roads Sheet 28 S.W. T.14.c.30.50.	4.00 a.m.	Road junction 100 yards South of KORTEPYP CABt. --STEENWERCK STATION -- LE PONT DE PIERRE -- LE Gd. BEAUMART.
Trench Mortar Battery.	do	4.7. a.m.	do
44th Battalion.	do	4.16 a.m.	do.
43rd Battalion) and) Engineering Coy.)	do	4.28 a.m.	Road junction 100 yards South of KORTEPYP CABt. --STEENWERCK STATION -- LE PONT DE PIERRE -- CABt. du SAULE.
41st Battalion.	do	4.41 a.m.	Road junction 100 yards South of KORTEPYP CABt. -- LA CRECHE.
11th Field Ambulance.	do	5.8. a.m.	Road junction 100 yards South of KORTEPYP CABt. --STEENWERCK STATION -- LE PONT DE PIERRE -- LE Gd. BEAUMART.
42nd Battalion.	do	5.18 a.m.	WESTHOFF FARM -- CABt. du BERTHOFF.

11th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 77.

Brigade Headquarters.
20/6/17.

Reference Maps:- FRANCE Sheet 28.S.W. 1/20,000.
Sheet 36.N.W. 1/20,000.

1. The 11th Australian Infantry Brigade, less Machine Gun Company, will move to-morrow as per March Table attached.
2. The usual halts of 15 minutes will be observed.
3. Units will send on billeting parties to arrange direct with Area Commandant, HILLSIDE CAMP, NEUVE EGLISE.
4. Brigade Headquarters will be established at T.14.b.80.20.
5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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5.	42nd Battalion.	D.R.
6.	43rd Battalion.	D.R.
7.	44th Battalion.	D.R.
8.	11th Machine Gun Coy.	D.R.
9.	11th T.M. Battery.	D.R.
10.	Brigade Signal Section.	Hand.
11.	3rd Australian Divn.	D.R.
12.	9th Aust. Inf. Bde.	D.R.
13.	870th Coy. A.S.C.	D.R.
14.	11th Field Ambulance.	D.R.
15.	11th Field Coy. Engrs.	D.R.
16.	War Diary.	

Unit in Order of March.	Starting Point.	Time of Passing Starting Point.	Via.	Destination.	Remarks.
43rd Battalion.	STEENJERCK Station.	4.15 a.m.	B.ā. Contral.	Billets, NEUVE EGLISE.	Same billets to be occupied as on 13th instant.
44th Battalion.	do	4.30 a.m.	do	do	do
41st Battalion.	do	5.00 a.m.	do	do	do
Trench Mortar Battery.	do	5.15 a.m.	do	do	do
Brigade Headquarters and Signal Section.	do	5.20 a.m.	do	do	do
42nd Battalion.	ROAD JUNCTION S.27.a.95.10.	4.30 a.m.	WESTHOF FARM.	do	do.

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11th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 78.

Brigade Headquarters.
21/6/17.

Reference Map:- Sheet 28 S.W. 1/20,000.

(a) The 11th Australian Infantry Brigade will relieve the 74th Infantry Brigade in the line from LA DOUVE RIVER to the BLAUWEPOORT-BECK (inclusive) during the night of the 22nd/23rd instant.

Relief to be complete by 2.30 a.m.

(b) The Sector will be known as the MESSINES Sector.

(a) The Brigade will be disposed as follows:-

2 Battalions in the line.

2 Battalions in close support.

(b) Each Battalion in the line will have 3 Companies in front line, 1 Company in Support.

The 41st Battalion will relieve the 13th Cheshire Regiment and will be Right Front line Battalion ("A" Battalion).

44th Battalion will relieve the 9th L.N.Lancs and will be Left Front line Battalion ("B" Battalion).

43rd Battalion will relieve the 2nd. R.I.Rifles and will be Right Support Battalion ("C" Battalion).

42nd Battalion will relieve the 11th Lancs. Fusiliers and will be Left Support Battalion ("D" Battalion).

11th M.G. Company will relieve 74th M.G. Company.

11th T.M. Battery will relieve 74th T.M. Battery.

(a) On the night 22nd/23rd June Guides will meet Units as follows:-

41st Battalion at GABION Farm (U.1.d.90.15) at 8.45 p.m.

42nd Battalion at SWAYN. S Farm (O.32.b.3.0) at 9.15 p.m.

44th Battalion at GABION Farm at 9.15 p.m.

43rd Battalion at GABION Farm at 9.45 p.m.

11th M.G. Company } GABION Farm at 10. p.m.

11th T.M. Battery }

(b) The number of Guides reporting to Units as above will be :-

Per Battalion - 21. (1 per Battalion Headquarters and 1 Officer and 4 N.C.Os. per Coy.).

M.G. Coy. and T.M. Battery - 2 to each Unit.

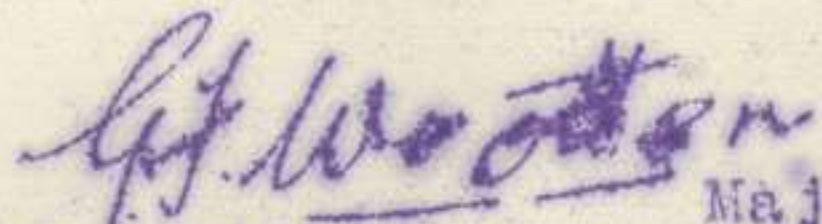
Advanced parties of Specialists of the two front line Battalions and Brigade Signal Section will move into the line on the morning of the 22nd instant. They will be met by Guides at GABION Farm as follows:

Two per Coy., Two per Battalion Headquarters, 1 per Brigade Signal Section.

Guides for Battalion parties will report at 1.a.m.

Guide for Brigade Signal Section will report at 3.a.m.

Completion of reliefs will be reported to Brigade Headquarters at LA BASSE COUR Farm.



Major.

Brigade Major, 11th Inf. Bde., A.I.F.

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3.	Staff Captain.	Hand.	13.	11th Field Coy. Engrs.	D.R.)	fo
4.	41st Battalion.	D.R.	14.	3rd. Aust. Division.	D.R.)	in
5.	42nd Battalion.	D.R.	15.	102nd Inf. Bde. B.E.F.	D.R.)	fo
6.	43rd Battalion.	D.R.	16.	1st N.Z. Brigade.	D.R.)	m
7.	44th Battalion.	D.R.	17.	870th Coy. A.S.C.	D.R.)	tic
8.	11th M.G. Company.	D.R.	18.	11th Aust. Fld. Amb.	D.R.)	
9.	11th T.M. Battery.	D.R.	19.	9th Aust. Inf. Bde.	D.R.)	
10.	11th Bde. Sig. Sec.	Hand.	20.	War Diary.		

11th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 79.

Brigade Headquarters.
21/8/17.

Reference Map: 1/10,000, Sheet 28 S.W.

- 1.(a) On the 23rd instant the 3rd. Australian Division will take over the Sector from BLAUWEPORTEBECK on the North (inclusive) to LA DOUVE RIVER on the South (inclusive)- total length about 2,600 yards.
This Sector will be known as the MESSIN S Sector.
- 2.(a) This sector will be defended by a system of four organised lines of defence, with such intermediate supporting points as may be approved by Divisional Headquarters, known respectively as the:-
 - 1st or Front Line.
 - 2nd or Support Line.
 - 3rd or Subsidiary Line.
 - 4th or Corps Line.
- (b) One Infantry Brigade is to hold the sector and will be known as the Front Line Brigade.
One Infantry Brigade is to be quartered immediately West of MESSINES and will be known as The Support Brigade.
One Infantry Brigade is to be quartered in the vicinity of WESTHOF FARM and will be known as The Reserve Brigade.
- 3.(a) The Front Line Brigade is responsible for the garrisoning and development of the defences in and forward of the Second line. It will be disposed with two Battalions in line - "A" and "B" Battalions - and two in close support - "C" and "D" Battalions - each Battalion being organised in depth on a 3 Company frontage with one Company in support. Until sufficient living accommodation has been made available in appropriate localities, it will not be practicable to fully realize a distribution of personnel in conformity with these tactical dispositions, but these should be kept in view in the construction of all dugouts, shelters, splinter-proof cabins &c.
 - (b) "A" and "B" Battalions will be responsible for the construction and upkeep of 1st or Front Line and also for the three Communication Trenches per Battalion frontage from the Front Line to the Support Line.
 - (c) "C" and "D" Battalions are responsible for the construction and upkeep of the Second or Support Line, and pending the commencement of work by the Support Brigade will maintain existing Communication Trenches from the Support Line to the Corps Line.
 - (d) The boundary between "A" and "B" Battalions will be a line drawn due West from U.S.a.75.58.
4. Every effort is to be made to economise personnel for the garrisoning of the forward lines by the following means:-
 - (a) Organization of lines in a series of defended localities, disposed to render mutual support to each other, - with intervening gaps.
 - (b) Efficient wiring in front of all lines.
 - (c) Disposition of Machine and Lewis Guns in depth, to cover gaps and to render mutual support to each other.
 - (d) Wiring between the several lines, in conformity with the approved dispositions of Machine and Lewis Guns.
5. All lines will be constructed and maintained so as to give efficient lateral communication, between localities, with cover from view and fire, although only the portions to be garrisoned will need to be fire-stepped. Fore and aft communications will be provided between first and second lines to the number of at least one per Company front. Main fore and aft communications between second and third lines will be provided to the number of at least two per Battalion front.

- Names already given to trenches commenced by the 25th Division will be retained. Names proposed to be allotted to any new trenches constructed will be reported to Divisional Headquarters.
7. All existing works will, as far as possible, be adopted and worked into the general scheme.
8. All works in and forward of the Second Line will be under the direction of the Front Line Brigadier, assisted by his affiliated Field Company Commander, and not under the C.R.E. All works in and forward of the Third Line, as far forward as the Second Line (exclusive) will be under the direction of the C.R.E.
9. The greatest care must be taken that in the location of all trenches and works due regard must be had to the principle of making the fullest use of the natural slopes of the ground to secure automatic drainage, and to prevent the accumulation of water during periods of rain. All drains, in the respective areas, necessary to keep the defences clear of water will be dug or cleared as soon as possible. The valleys of the DOUVE and of the BLAUWPOORTBEEK afford convenient points of discharge.
10. (a) Dispositions of Vickers Guns will be decided by G.O.C. Front Line Brigade and Divisional Machine Gun Officer - subject to approval by Divisional Headquarters.
- (b) Dispositions of Lewis Guns will be decided by O's.C. "A" and "C" Battalions and "B" and "D" Battalions respectively, in consultation and will be submitted to Brigade Headquarters.
11. No living accommodation is to be constructed in the first line. The practice of burrowing out shelters under the front parapet is forbidden. There is no objection to temporary shelters against sun and rain behind the parapets.
12. Three Brigades of Field Artillery are available to cover the Divisional Front. S.O.S. and concentration schemes have been arranged.
13. The Front Line Brigade will at all times maintain not less than eight Anti-Aircraft Lewis Guns disposed between the Front and Subsidiary Lines. For this purpose four Lewis Guns and crews of the Pioneer Battalion are placed under the orders of the Front Line Brigadier and will be attached two to each of "C" and "D" Battalions. "C" Battalion and "D" Battalion will each supply two Lewis Guns and crews for this work, and in addition will each supply an Officer to be continuously on duty throughout the hours of daylight who will have charge of the Anti-Aircraft defences in the Right and Left Battalion sub-sections respectively.
14. Although it is not the policy of the Corps to advance our line or to adopt a general offensive against the enemy, for the time being, it is essential that the Brigade garrisoning the front system shall adopt a most vigorous policy of patrolling, with a view to :-
- Obtaining a complete mastery of the whole of NO MAN'S LAND right up to the wire of the "WARNETON" line.
 - Dislodging, and whenever possible capturing, the whole of the enemy's posts in advance of that line, and then withdrawing.
 - Reconnoitring the enemy's dispositions in the "WARNETON" line.
 - Raiding the enemy with a view to destroying personnel and defences.
15. Dummy Strong Points will be constructed at selected places with the object of drawing the enemy's fire on to localities where it will be harmless. This must be done gradually and all care must be taken to keep the enemy in ignorance of the true nature of the "dummy" works.

- 16. Os.C. all Brigade Units, will arrange that all military equipment and accoutrements and all material useful for the construction and revetting of defensive works are immediately salvaged. Military equipment and accoutrements salvaged will be disposed of in the usual way. Revetting and constructional material will be utilised immediately for the defensive works on hand.
- 17. Engineering Platoon of each Battalion will be attached to its Support Coy. and will be utilised for engineering work.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

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 Brigade Major, 11th Inf. Bde. A.I.F.

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- 10. 11th Field Coy. Engineers.
- 11. 3rd Australian Division.
- 12. 9th Infantry Brigade.
- 13. 10th Infantry Brigade.
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SUPPLEMENT TO 11th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 79.

Brigade Headquarters.
23/6/17.

- Screening Works 1. Care will be taken to avoid making the sections from Aeroplane Observation prepared for occupation conspicuous in air photographs.
- Method of Carrying out work on 3 lines. 2. Work on the 3 Divisional lines will proceed concurrently; the support and subsidiary lines must not be neglected in favour of development of the front line.

The work of developing each line will be undertaken in checker fashion, so that well-developed portions of one line will be behind the weaker portion of the line in front.

Communication trenches will be slitted and fire-stopped at suitable points as they are constructed.

- Action in case 3. enemy obtain footing in our Trenches. In the event of the enemy obtaining a footing in our trenches, he will be counter-attacked by the troops immediately available on the initiative of the Commander on the spot.

The quicker the immediate counter-attack can be delivered the better, before the enemy has time to reorganise and consolidate.

Should the immediate counter-attack fail, or should it not be possible to organise it within two hours after the enemy has gained his footing, a deliberate counter-attack will be organised under instructions from the Corps in order to secure the employment of adequate forces and artillery support.

4. ACKNOWLEDGE.

G. C. Lacey Capt/Major.
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Appendix No 6

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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6.a.m. 22/6/17 - 6.a.m. 23/6/17.

OUR OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY.:- Desultory firing during day and night on enemy F.L.
At 1.a.m. a barrage covering raiding operations of
N.Z. Brigade was opened.

GRENADE MORTAR:- Nil.

MACHINE GUNS:- Nil.

PATROLS.;- Continuous patrolling was maintained. Three strong
fighting patrols operated without having encountered
any enemy. The work of the other patrol was mainly con-
fined to preliminary reconnaissance.

OUR DEFENCES.:- On completion of relief trenches were improved, as far
as possible.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY.:- From 10.50.p.m. to 11.30.p.m., 4.2s., 5.9s., and
shrapnel fell on roads, back areas, and Sub.line and
Communications.

In reply to our bombardment at 1. a.m. enemy put
down a barrage on Front and Support Lines, 4.2s., 5.9s.,
and shrapnel. A few gas shells were put over
later on HUNS WALK, MESSINES and BETHLEHEM FARM shelled
intermittently throughout the night.

MACHINE GUNS:- Very active during 1.a.m. "Stunt", most noticeable
from left flank.

SNIPERS: Nil.

PATROLS: None seen.

ENEMY DEFENCES:- Nothing to report.

AIRCRAFT:- At 5.a.m. one of our planes flew fairly low over
front line system. At 5.20.a.m. enemy plane flew very
low over our front line.

COMMUNICATIONS:- Green and Red lights used on the opening of our
barrage which brought down enemy barrage. At 1.45.a.m.
double green, green rain, and single green lights used
by enemy. No apparent action followed.

R. J. W. Brown
for Major,
Brigade Major, "ANCHOR".

"ANCHOR".

For 24 hours ending 6 a.m., 24/3/17.

(Confidential).

OUR OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY:- Fired intermittently all day. Heavies on farms and villages in vicinity of WARNETON and battery positions. 18 pdrs. on WARNETON LINE.

TRENCH MORTARS:- Nil.

MACHINE GUNS:- Fired bursts at intervals especially to cover working parties in front line. Fired at aeroplanes during the day.

SNIPERS:- positions being prepared. No hits claimed.

PATROLS:- Seven patrols operated on this front during the night, several meeting with strong enemy opposition. One patrol which went out from LA ORCIX FARM towards River DOUVE crossed ditch by means of two foot-bridges at U.11.b.65.62. No sign of UNDULATING TRENCH could be found though the wire was followed for a distance of 200 yards. patrol then moved North at about 250 yards from our line, when near ditch running through U.5.d.8.0. flares followed by a burst of 6 whizbangs were fired into patrol. A flare fired by our patrol revealed enemy patrol of about 30 men. It is estimated that this was the same patrol encountered by one of our own patrols, earlier in the evening, and that it acts as a covering patrol working in rear of enemy posts. A sniper's post at U.5.d.57.63. was attacked, rifle fire and bomb throwing was exchanged. The enemy was observed trying to envelop our party from the rear about 50 in strength: a short bombing fight ensued and our patrol then moved into shell holes and opened a brisk rifle fire on enemy who quickly retired to cover. The enemy are believed to have suffered casualties. Numerous shell holes were found in U.5.d., fire-stopped and prepared for defence. patrol of one Officer and twenty other ranks located a strong enemy patrol, strength about sixty, on road U.5.b.4.5; and machine gun at U.5.b.7.4. Shots were exchanged, nothing of any importance ensued. A second enemy patrol of same strength was observed a little to the North of this point.

OUR DEFENCES:- Improvement of trenches carried out by all Units throughout the period. Fresh trenches constructed and old trenches deepened and improved. Fire bays, C.T's and dugouts constructed. New C.T's commenced between front and support line. PINE AVENUE deepened and cleared between old Black and Green line. A new C.T. from Red line (0.35.c.30.10) to Blue line (0.35.c.85.05), a distance of about 250 yards, was constructed. Several machine gun positions are under construction.

AIRCRAFT:- Fairly active over enemy lines. 3 of our Observation balloons brought down.

P.T.O.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY:- Active during the period. particular attention being paid to MESSINES, HUNS WALK, BELHEEM FARM, DOUVE VALLEY Road and Dump in rear with 5.9s., 4.2s. and shrapnel. Whizbangs were distributed throughout the different tracks and working parties.

From about 10.30 p.m. onwards to 1 a.m. Gas shells, 5.9s., 4.2s. and shrapnel on C.T.'s, dumps, forward lines, and areas in rear. Fair amount of counter battery work indulged in. Enemy battery located at 110 degrees T.B. from U.3.b.70.62.

MACHINE GUNS:- Fairly active. Machine guns located at U.5.b.7.4, U.11.b.90.35. Gun at Windmill U.5.b.83.11 again active. Enemy appear to have these guns brought up at night and covered by strong patrols.

SNIPERS:- Fairly active. No damage caused.

PATROLS:- Four strong enemy patrols were encountered and casualties inflicted.

AIRCRAFT:- Very active, at 11.40 a.m. Bosche plane with two black streamers flew along front line and fired on garrison with M.G. One squadron of ten machines flew over our lines between 8. and 9. p.m.; one dropped white and green lights. This squadron met one of ours of eight planes both parties retiring. Three Bosche planes brought down three of our balloons during the day. The enemy returned safely to their lines.

OBSERVATION:-

10.25 a.m. Gun flashes seen at house U.6.b.20.30.
10.30 a.m. Observation Balloon ascended O.36.d.
10.50 a.m. Four men seen running from house U.6.b.20.30.
10.55 a.m. Balloon ascended further to right of last.
11.50 a.m. One Balloon ascended over WARNETON.

R. J. O'Brien Lieut.
For Major.
Brigade Major, "ANCHOR".

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"ANCHOR".

For 24 hours ending 3 a.m. 25/6/17.

(Confidential).OUR OPERATIONS:-

ARTILLERY: Fairly active all day and heavy between 10.30 p.m. and midnight, during which period it bombarded enemy line near River DOUVE and replied to our S.O.S. on right Battalion. Heavies mostly did work well behind enemy line.

TRENCH MORTARS: positions being constructed.

MACHINE GUNS: Fired on S.O.S. lines between 10.30 p.m. and midnight.

LEWIS GUNS: Did good work during yesterday afternoon's "stunt"

SNIPERS: Several hits claimed during the afternoon.

PATROLS: Active patrolling maintained throughout the night and day. At 9.45 a.m. 24/6/17, Lieut. FOWLER of left Battalion accompanied by Cpl MITCHISON moved down the road towards WARNETON from U.5.b.30.75, and were suddenly bombed by party of 3 enemy near U.5.b.25.50. The Corporal was wounded, but both returned safely owing to the covering fire put up by Lieut. FOWLER despite a heavy shower of bombs and rifle grenades. No trace of enemy observed during the night. Our patrolling was hindered by the gas shell attack which prevented shell holes being used as cover. Enemy very lights were active.

OUR DEFENCES: Improvements of all kinds to trenches continued. Several new lines of trench were dug and C.T.'s running back from them. Drainage of trenches also carried out. Work in new front line system was interfered with by enemy artillery, but was pushed on with at every possible opportunity, and is now well under construction.

AIRCRAFT: Active during hours of daylight. Planes also heard at about 10.40 p.m..

ENEMY OPERATIONS:-

ARTILLERY: Active throughout the period. Special attention being paid to STEIGNAST FARM, SEPTIEME BARN, HUNS WALK and MESSINES areas, with 5.9s., 4.2s. and shrapnel. Back areas were also shelled with H.E. and shrapnel during the period. Yesterday morning 77 mm, 4.2s., 5.9s. and shrapnel were distributed over front areas and again for an hour or so during the afternoon. At 10 p.m. a heavy barrage was put down on front, support, reserve trenches, and C.Ts., and lasted until 11 p.m. Intermittent shelling then took place until daylight.

TRENCH MORTARS: Nil.

MACHINE GUNS: Very active during bombardment of our line. One located at U.11.d.65.58.

SNIPERS: Very active causing few casualties.

PATROLS: None observed during the night.

DEFENCES: Enemy appear to have connected up shell holes from O.35.b.90.05. to O.55.b.7.4. Two sentry groups seen in this vicinity. Enemy works also reported on right flank of LEFT Battalion. A concrete culvert supported by a trench is reported here.

AIRCRAFT: Very active all day.

OBSERVATION: Visibility not good during early morning, several volumes of smoke issuing from rear of enemy lines during the day.

P.T.O.

ENEMY OPERATIONS (Contd.).

COMMUNICATIONS: During "stunt" yesterday afternoon party of Huns were seen advancing over NO MAN'S LAND firing flares as if directing a barrage.

MISCELLANEOUS: S.O.S. was called for by right Battalion at 10.25 p.m. last night during heavy enemy bombardment but no infantry action took place although a party of enemy were seen.

R. S. O'Keefe Lieut.
For Major.
Brigade Major, "ANCHOR".

Intelligence Summary.
"ANCHOR".

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For 24 hours ending 6 a.m. 20/11/17.
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OUR OPERATIONS:

ARTILLERY:- The usual harassing fire carried out during period on Enemy front line trenches and back areas. 18 pdrs. fairly active early this morning on enemy front line system in O.S. and Heavies on back areas.

TRENCH MORTARS:- Nil.

MACHINE GUNS:- No firing carried out. positions under construction. 207th Coy. relieved 2 teams of 11th M.G. Coy.

LEWIS GUNS:- Fired bursts during night and at 2 enemy patrols.

SNIPERS:- No hits claimed, but active.

PATROLS:- patrol of Right Battalion came under enemy M.G. fire several times from approximately U.S.b. 92.45. and U.S.b. 70.38. Very active patrolling was hindered by rain and state of ground. Low system of screens observed at U.S.d. 65.90. evidently used to cover movement of M.G. detached posts. patrols of Left Battalion had nothing of importance to report.

DEFENCES:- Consolidation of position carried out during period. Right Battalion again occupied most advanced trenches in Blue line, and C.Ts. pushed out. New post dug at U.S. a. 3.8. Very little damage caused by enemy shelling. Right Coy. of Left Battalion has now advanced 300 yards and joined up on flanks.

ENEMY OPERATIONS:

ARTILLERY:- Fairly active during period. Intermittent shelling 5.9s. 4.2s. 77mm. and shrapnel carried out on front line systems, C.T's., HUNS WALK, MESSINES, and back areas. M.L. tracks and roads with H.E. and shrapnel during hours of darkness. During afternoon special attention was paid to all dugouts in this area. An old Enemy Ammunition Dump at BETHHEM Farm was set alight. In consequence of our artillery becoming less active a slackening off is noticeable in the enemy's activity.

TRENCH MORTARS:- Nil.

MACHINE GUNS:- Fairly quiet during the night.

SNIPERS:- Not so active.

PATROLS:- Two seen and fired on with Lewis Guns.

DEFENCES:- Nothing to report.

AIRCRAFT:- Very active on both sides. Enemy planes flew at a low altitude over our lines early yesterday morning and again last night between 9. and 10. p.m. Between 5.30. and 6.30. p.m. aeroplanes were exceptionally active: 17 of our planes and 4 Bosch were counted in the air at once. 2 of our planes were brought down - 1 in flames in our lines and one driven down in Bosch lines.

OBSERVATION:- Numerous columns of smoke were noticed issuing from buildings in rear of Bosch Lines.

MISCELLANEOUS:- Owing to last night's rain trenches are in a bad condition, some having up to 9" of water in them.

R. W. Ryan

Lieut.
For Captain,
A/Brigade Major, "ANCHOR".

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11th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 80.

Brigade Headquarters,
26/6/17.

The following reliefs will take place on night 27th/28th June:-

- (a) 43rd Battalion will relieve 41st Battalion.
- (b) 42nd Battalion will relieve 44th Battalion.

On relief the 41st Battalion and 44th Battalion will move to positions in Subsidiary and Corps Lines vacated by 43rd and 42nd Battalion respectively. Battalions will then become:-

43rd. - "A" Battalion.
42nd. - "B" Battalion.
41st. - "C" Battalion.
44th. - "D" Battalion.

3. All Details will be arranged direct between C/Os, concerned.

4. Continuity of work will be maintained, and work will be interrupted as little as possible during night of relief.

5. In accordance with Divisional Trench Orders, para. 4, a proportion of Specialists of 43rd and 42nd Battalions will relieve a similar number of 41st and 44th Battalions to night 26th/27th June.

6. There will be no movement on either night before 10.30 p.m.

7. Completion of relief will be reported to Brigade Headquarters.

8. ACKNOWLEDGE.

G. A. Vasey Captain.
A/Brigade Major, 11th Inf. Bde., A.I.F.

Issued at 3.30 p.m.
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1.	G.O.C.	By Hand.
2.	Brigade Major.	Hand.
3.	Staff Captain.	Hand.
4.	41st Battalion.	D.R.
5.	42nd Battalion.	D.R.
6.	43rd Battalion.	D.R.
7.	44th Battalion.	D.R.
8.	11th Machine Gun Coy.	D.R.
9.	11th Trench Mortar Battery.	D.R.
10.	C.R.A. 25th Division.	D.R.
11.	3rd Australian Division.	D.R.
12.	1st N.Z. Infantry Bde.	D.R.
13.	107th Infantry Bde.	D.R.
14.	11th Field Coy. Engineers.	D.R.
15.	11th Field Ambulance.	D.R.
16.	File.	
17.	War Diary.	
18.	9th Infantry Brigade.	D.R.
19.	9th Machine Gun Coy.	D.R.
20.	207th Machine Gun Coy.	D.R.

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11th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE DEFENCE SCHEME.
(PROVISIONAL).

Brigade Headquarters,
26/8/17.

Reference Maps: (FRANCE, Sheet 28 S.W. 1/200,000
(Special Sheet, 8150/5, 1/100,000).

1. FRONT.

The front held by the 11th Australian Infantry Brigade extends from LA DOUVE RIVER on the SOUTH to BLAUFPOORTBEEK on the NORTH, both inclusive.

2. DISPOSITIONS.

(A) There are four lines of defence known as :-

- (i) Front or BLUE line.
- (ii) Support or RED line.
- (iii) Subsidiary or GREEN line.
- (iv) Corps or YELLOW line.

(B) The Brigade front is divided into two Sub-Sectors known as Right Sub-Sector and Left Sub-Sector.

(i) The Right Sub-sector extends from the Southern boundary of the Brigade to a line drawn due WEST from U.5.b.40.55 (inclusive) and is held by "A" Battalion with "C" Battalion in support.

(ii) The Left Sub-sector extends from the Northern boundary of the Right Sub-sector to the Northern boundary of the Brigade, and is held by "B" Battalion with "D" Battalion in support.

(C) "A" and "B" Battalions.

(i) Each has 3 Companies, plus 4 Lewis Gun Sections taken from Battalion reserve, in the front systems of trenches subdivided as follows:-

(a) Front line :- 2 platoons of each Company plus 4 Lewis Gun Sections of Battalion reserve.

(b) Support line :- Headquarters and 2 platoons of each Company.

(ii) 1 Coy., less 4 Lewis Gun Sections in Battalion reserve accommodated in pits off WELLINGTON and GAPAARD AVENUES between Support and Subsidiary lines.

The six Lewis Guns of each Battalion in the Support line form the nucleus garrison for the protection of this line and will not take part in local counter-attacks. These guns will at all times be ready for immediate action.

(D) "C" and "D" Battalions.

These Battalions are Brigade reserve and must not be employed in counter-attack without permission of G.O.C. Brigade. They are each distributed with two Companies in Subsidiary line and two Companies in Corps line.

50% of the Lewis Gun Sections of their Companies, i.e., 4 of each Battalion in each of the Subsidiary and Corps lines, form nucleus garrisons for the protection of these lines, and must at all times be ready for immediate action. They will not take part in counter-attacks. Thus for counter-attack these Battalions have each 8 Lewis Guns available.

3. MACHINE GUNS.

8 Machine Guns of each of the 11th Machine Gun Coy., Reserve Brigade Machine Gun Coy., and Divisional Machine Gun Coy. cover the Brigade front. Their positions and S.O.S. action are shown in Appendix "A".

4. TRENCH MORTARS.

The positions of the Mortars of the 11th Trench Mortar Battery in the line are shown in Appendix "B".

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5. ARTILLERY. Two F.A. Brigades cover the Brigade front. Their S.O.S. barrage is shown in Appendix "C".
6. PRINCIPLES OF DEFENCE. (A). The front line will be held at all costs and no troops will fall back to another line. In the event of the enemy obtaining a footing in our trenches he will at once be counter-attacked and the front line re-captured.
(B) Counter attack will be made:-
(i) On initiative of any Commander of front line troops, either of the portion captured by the enemy or on the flanks of that portion.
(ii) On initiative of Commanders of Support line troops.
(iii) On orders of C/Os. "A" or "B" Battalions by use of Battalion reserve.
(C) Should the above counter-attacks not succeed in dislodging him, G.O.C. Brigade may order another counter-attack by "C" and "D" Battalions either with or without artillery support.
If counter-attack is successful the front line must immediately be placed once more in a state of defence, but the garrison must then be reduced to its previous strength.
7. ANTI-AIRCRAFT LEWIS GUNS. "C" and "D" Battalions will, except when the guns are required for forward counter-attack, maintain not less than 4 Anti-Aircraft Lewis Guns each, disposed between front and subsidiary line.
8. ENGINEERING WORK. This Brigade is responsible for all work in and forward (EAST) of the Support line.
9. WORKING PARTIES. Commanders of all working parties will on arrival at place of work report to nearest O.C. Coy. In case of an enemy attack whilst at work, these parties will be used at discretion of O's C. Coys. to whom they reported. O's C. will consider the advisability of sending these parties back to their own Battalion, so as to avoid overcrowding the front system of trenches.
10. COMMUNICATIONS. Diagram of Communications is shown in Appendix "D".
11. DUMPS. Locations of all Dumps in Brigade area are shown in Appendix "E".
12. WATER. Water for drinking purposes may be obtained at:-
U.7.a.6.7.
T.5.d.3.3.
T.5.d.7.6.
13. MEDICAL. Location of R.A.P.'s, Relay posts, and A.D.S.'s are shown in Appendix "F".
14. HEAD-QUARTERS. Location of all Unit Headquarters is shown in Appendix "G".

ACKNOWLEDGE.

L. A. Vasey

Captain.

A/Brigade Major, 11th Inf. Bde. A.I.F.

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	2.	Brigade Major.	Hand.	11.	207th M.G. Coy.	D.R.
	3.	Staff Captain.	Hand.	12.	3rd Aust. Division.	D.R.
	4.	41st Battalion.	D.R.	13.	107th Inf. Brigade.	D.R.
	5.	42nd Battalion.	D.R.	14.	1st N.Z. Inf. Bde.	D.R.
	6.	43rd Battalion.	D.R.	15.	9th Aust. Inf. Bde.	D.R.
	7.	44th Battalion.	D.R.	16.	War Diary.	
	8.	11th M.G. Coy.	D.R.			
	9.	11th T.M. Battery.	D.R.			

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11th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Brigade Headquarters.

27/6/17.

Herewith addition to 11th Australian Infantry Brigade Defence Scheme (provisional), and Appendices "C" and "F" to same.

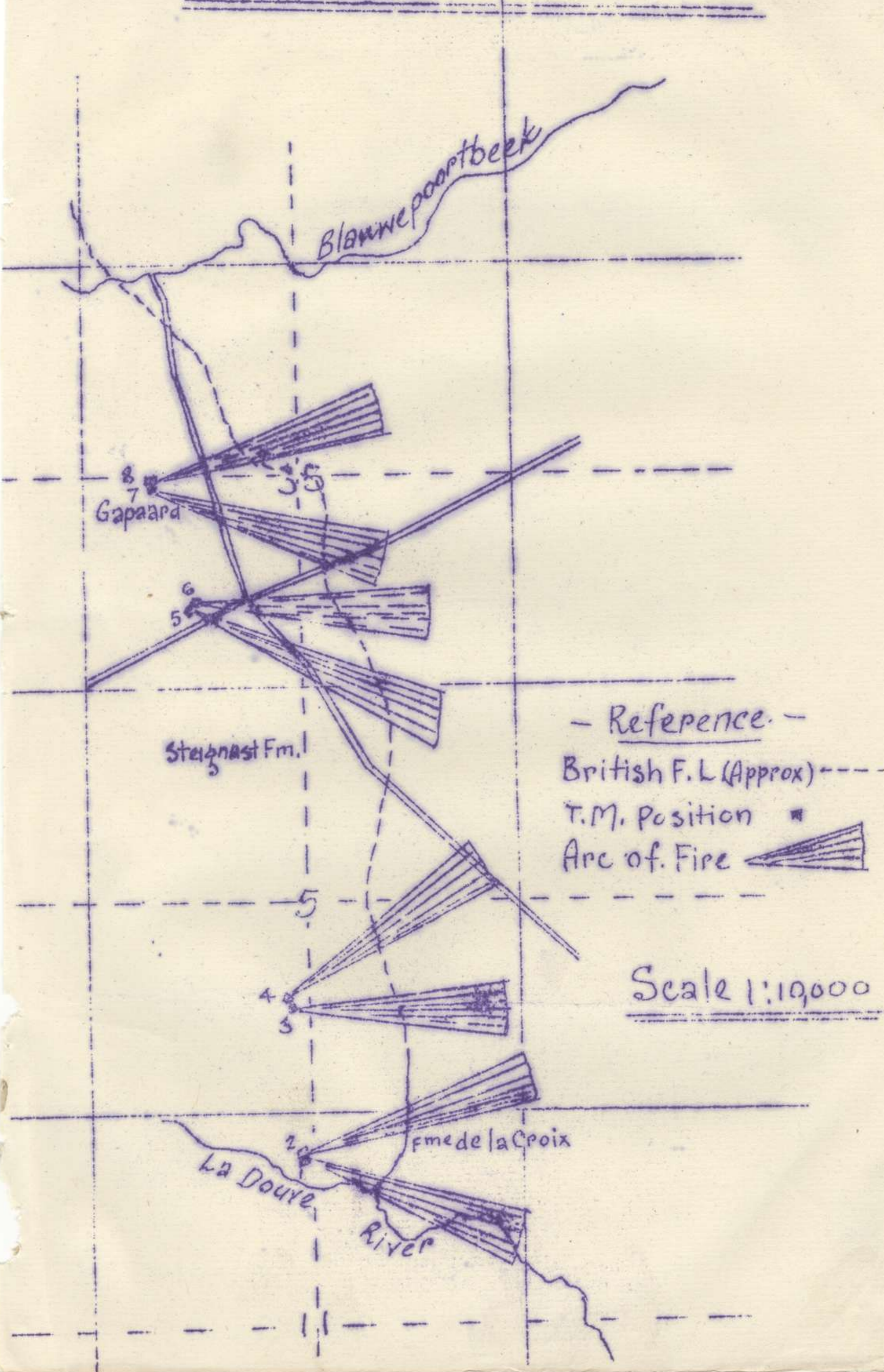
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Captain.
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SKETCH TO SHEW — Appendix B —
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Appendix "C".

The Artillery S.O.S. barrage extends along the line
U.12.a.0.3. - 0.36.c.00. - 0.35.b.70. - 0.29.d.00.

The Right Brigade covers Squares U5, U6, V1.

The Left Brigade covers Squares 035, 036, p31.

Appendix "F".

A.D.S's are established at :-

ST. QUENTIN CABARET - T.6.c.1.4.

BOYLES FARM - U.1.a.3.1.

GABION FARM - U.1.d.9.1.

Relay posts are established at :-

U.3.c.3.5.

U.2.c.9.9.

U.3.a.1.0.

0.32.Central.

0.33.a.5.6.

R.A.P's are situated at :-

U.3.c.40.80.

U.3.b.21.83.

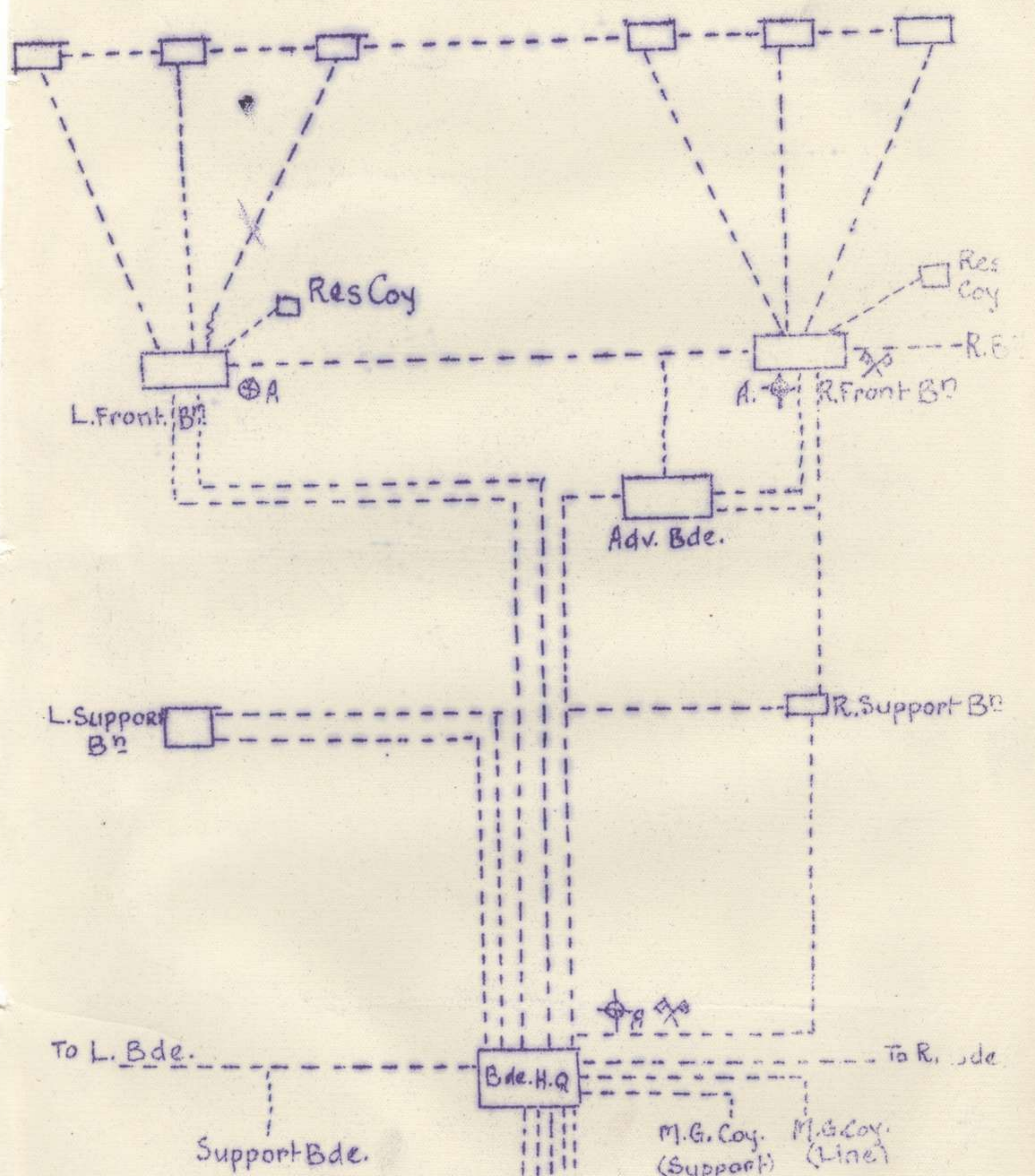
U.4.a.73.23.

0.33.a.70.45.

Addition to 11th Australian Infantry Brigade Defence Scheme
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para.2 C(11), line 2. After "WELLINGTON" add
"CROSS and PINE".

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 — DIAGRAM OF COMMUNICATIONS —
 — MESSINES SECTOR. —



⊙ A Power Buzzer & Amplifier

- Nº 1. AYC (Div.)
- Nº 2. AYC (Div.)
- Nº 3. H G 110th Arty. Bde.
- Nº 4. LG (Arty. Ex.)
- Nº 5. LG (Arty. Ex.)

⊠ :- Visual Stations

Appendix "E".

Dumps containing:- S.A.A., Grenades, R.E. Material, and Stokes Mortar Ammunition.

82nd Dump - U.4.a.3.3.

Basse Cour Dump - U.2.d.7.7.

HUNS WALK DUMP - O.34.c.5.0.

Appendix "G".

Unit Headquarters are as under:-

Brigade Headquarters	-	U.3.a.1.1.
41st Battalion.	-	U.4.b.2.3.
42nd Battalion	-	U.3.b.45.80.
43rd Battalion	-	U.3.c.9.6.
44th Battalion	-	O.34.d.05.60.
11th Machine Gun Coy.	-	U.2.c.7.8.
11th Trench Mortar Battery	-	U.4.a.45.69.
Reserve Brigade Machine Gun Coy.	-	U.3.a.80.62.
Divisional Machine Gun Coy.	-	U.2.c.7.6.

NOTE:- Appendices "A", "C", and "F" will be issued later.

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11th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Brigade Headquarters.

5th July, 1917.

Herewith Appendix "A" 11th Australian Infantry Brigade
Defence Scheme (provisional).

Please acknowledge.

G. A. Vasey Captain.
A/Brigade Major, 11th Inf. Bde. A.I.F.

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11th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE DEFENCE SCHEME (PROVISIONAL).

Appendix "A".

Divisional Machine Gun Company Guns are located at:-

U.4.d.05.17.
 U.4.c.97.35.
 U.4.c.39.42.
 U.4.c.90.61.
 U.4.c.48.85.
 U.4.c.76.86.
 U.4.a.87.00.
 U.4.a.71.05.

Support Brigade Machine Gun Company Guns are located at:-

U.4.a.57.36.
 U.4.a.52.50.
 U.4.a.60.53.
 U.4.a.60.60.
 U.4.a.37.87.
 U.4.a.69.95.
 U.4.a.37.97.
 O.34.c.57.12.

11th Brigade Machine Gun Company Guns are situated at:-

O.34.c.37.27.
 O.34.c.97.28.
 O.34.c.34.32.
 O.34.c.90.57.
 O.34.c.39.39.
 O.34.c.40.43.
 O.34.c.94.50.
 O.34.d.10.71.

The Machine Gun S.O.S. barrage extends along the wire WEST of the WARNETON line from U.12.a.32.17 to O.36.a.47.92.

In addition to the above Guns, two of the 11th Machine Gun Company are situated at U.5.d.25.45. and O.35.d.1.4. They are silent guns and only open fire on S.O.S. signal being sent up. Their S.O.S. lines of fire cross at U.5.b.80.27.

"ANCHOR".

For 24 hours ending 6 a.m. 27/6/17.

(Confidential).

OUR OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY:- Not as active as usual. Carried out a few shoots on enemy's front line system, Communication and Back areas. 30 para. and Hows. fired into KIWI FARM and GARDE DIEU.

TRENCH MORTARS:- Improving Gun emplacements. Fired 13 rounds on enemy strong point, U.5.b.40.60.- direct hits being obtained.

MACHINE GUNS:- Nil.

LEWIS GUNS:- Fired bursts at intervals. Very active between 3. and 5 a.m. this morning, traversing NO MAN'S LAND.

SNIPERS:- Active against Bosch moving about at dawn and dusk. No hits claimed.

PATROLS:- Active throughout night. Strong patrols were sent out to try and find out enemy's movements. One patrol which left our line about U.11.b.50.70., after circling round to a point about U.11.b.80.80. from where flares had been observed to come, lay up but was unable to locate enemy post so moved up. Enemy, as soon as they saw our patrol, retired along ridge towards WARNETON. Our patrol followed up but with no results. patrol report enemy has linked up line of shell holes from his main line to forward positions. Enemy appeared to be nervy and sent up constant stream of lights. patrol was fired on heavily by M.G.'s and rifles. Enemy also sent up 2 green, 1 red, and 7 green rockets, upon which his artillery immediately opened heavy barrage on our front line systems. Another patrol which moved out from U.5.d.30.40. when approaching point U.5.d.80.50. was challenged excitedly from some distance, followed by rifle fire: patrol was fired on when returning by M.G. at U.5.b.80.20. Another patrol which left line at 0.35.d.10.55. worked along HUNS WALK, then towards OTIRA TRENCH. Enemy outpost encountered at 0.35.d.50.55, the garrison of which made off at patrol's approach. A party of 5 retired to what is undoubtedly a strong point - 0.35.d.85.70. - the remainder (9) going in the opposite direction to strong point U.5.b.3.7. patrol was fired on by M.G.'s from both these points. patrol then advanced 150 yards further and came across sap at 0.35.d.50.35. A series of shell holes connected up was found on each side of sap; large supplies of stick bombs were found. At this point enemy put up heavy fire of bombs and M.G.'s supported by artillery. patrol returned safely. Other patrols nothing to report.

DEFENCES:- Consolidation of positions carried out by all units. New portions of front line trenches are being extended to flanks. Last night enemy bombardments hindered work to a great extent.

AIRCRAFT:- Active. At 10 a.m. 3 enemy planes flew at a low altitude over our lines. Between 8 and 9 p.m., 12 each of ours and Bosch planes were observed in the air at once. A fight ensued in which one of our planes was driven down in enemy lines. All planes then retired.

ENEMY OPERATIONS:-

ARTILLERY:- Fairly quiet during the day but active at night. MESSINES, HUNS WALK, Farms, Front line systems and back areas shelled at intervals with all kinds of shells. A few Gas shells sprinkled round FARM de la CROIX and GAPAARD FARM. Six 8" shells (reported to be armour piercing) were fired into BETHHEEM FARM.

P.T.O.

ENEMY OPERATIONS (contd).

At 11.50 p.m. in response to red and green rockets front line system in vicinity of O.35 Central was heavily shelled. At 12 Midnight in response to red and green rockets enemy heavily shelled front line system of Left Battalion; each series of shelling lasting roughly 30 minutes. At 12.50 a.m., in response to red and green rockets, a heavy barrage was put on front line system and in vicinity of B.H.Q. of Right Battalion.

These rockets were of course put up by outposts on-
countered by our patrols.

MACHINE GUNS:- Very active during bombardments. Machine Guns were located at U.5.b.35.70. and U.5.b.80.20. Both these have been previously reported. M.G. also observed at U.5.b.42.45.

SNIPERS:- Nothing special to report.

PATROLS:- None seen or heard.

DEFENCES:- Enemy is evidently holding outpost system very strongly in front of WARNETON. Work heard at O.29.d.45.20.

AIRCRAFT:- Active. Brought down one of our planes.

OBSERVATION:- Several fires observed in WARNETON and Bosche Back Areas. No enemy balloons were observed until 5 p.m. Two enemy dumps sent up; 4.50 p.m. one small explosion - 9.30 p.m. three large bursts.

COMMUNICATIONS:- Nil.

MISCELLANEOUS:- Enemy appears to be very nervous, and alert, as if expecting some movement on our part.

R. G. Bryan

Lieut.
For Captain,
A/Brigade Major "ANCHOR"

Intelligence Summary.

"ANCHOR"

For 24 hours ending 6 a.m. 28/6/17.

(Confidential).

OUR OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY:- Carried out usual harassing fire on enemy's F.L., Roads and Back Areas.

TRENCH MORTARS:- Nil - improving position.

MACHINE GUNS:- Following points fired on during the night:-

A L'ESPERANCE CABT., KIWI FM., KINGSLERE, A L'HIRONDELLE CABT.

LEWIS GUNS:- Fired bursts at intervals.

SNIPERS:- Active, but no hits claimed.

PATROLS:- Active. One patrol reports enemy is vigorously working on a line opposite O.35 Central and running North 250/300 yards from our trenches. Although active, saw nothing of the enemy.

DEFENCES:- Consolidation and improvement of positions by all Units.

AIRCRAFT:- Active all day. At 11 p.m. four of our planes flew over enemy's lines, and bombs are reported to have been dropped. Enemy used Searchlights and Aircraft guns against them. Planes reported to have returned safely.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY:- Not so active during day, but livened up at night. 4.2s., Whizbangs, and shrapnel on front line system at intervals during the day - FM. de la CROIX, GAPAARD, BETHHEEM FM., HUNS WALK and MESSINES receiving usual attention. Few 5.9s. and shrapnel thrown over back areas at intervals. At 10.20 p.m., 5.9 Hows. were put over between OWL and OXYGEN Trenches. Fuel tracks and dumps were shelled at intervals during hours of darkness.

MORTARS:- A few pineapples were fired from Strong point at approximately U.5.b.5.5.

MACHINE GUNS:- Fairly active, sweeping approached and F.L.

SNIPERS:- Active.

PATROLS:- None seen or encountered.

DEFENCES:- Enemy vigorously digging and wiring on a line opposite O.35 Central and running North at about 2/300 yards from our front line. Extensive excavation in progress at O.36.a.2.2. Camouflaged screens being used to hide the earth. Target has been pointed out to F.O.O.

AIRCRAFT:- At 8.30 a.m. eight planes flew over lines for half hour. 5.30 p.m. 2 enemy planes flew over and destroyed one of our balloons. One plane was brought down while returning. As it was some distance away it is not known if it fell in our line. 9 p.m. 20 enemy planes were noticed over our lines at once; (5 of 6 planes were painted red) and stayed until it became dark.

OBSERVATION:- At 5.30 p.m. Observers jumped out of enemy observation balloon as one of our planes was immediately overhead. Balloon pulled down soon after. While our Aeroplanes were over at 11 p.m. last night, enemy had no less than seven searchlights operating at once at one period.

COMMUNICATIONS:- The signal for artillery to stop during the different bombardments on night 26th/27th seemed to be a rocket which burst into a golden shower.

MISCELLANEOUS:- Relief of Front Line Battalions by support Battalions took place during night.

R. J. O'Brien Lieut.
For Captain.
A/Brigade Major, "ANCHOR".

Intelligence Summary

"ANCHOR".

For 24 hours ending 6 a.m. 29/6/17.

(Confidential).OUR OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY: Fired chiefly on back areas and enemy battery positions. Few shells on enemy front line system.

TRENCH MORTARS: Nil.

MACHINE GUNS: Nil.

LEWIS GUNS: Fired bursts at intervals. Casualties were inflicted on enemy patrol at daybreak yesterday.

SNIPERS: One hit claimed yesterday morning. Snipers positions have been established in shell holes and snipers remaining out all day.

PATROLS: Front actively patrolled throughout the night. Enemy patrol observed moving South about 700 yards out from our line in 0.55.d. Enemy reported at U.5.b.37.50. and 0.35.d.50.55. Enemy reported working on line reported yesterday. Two patrols of Right Battalion were fired on by rifle and a few bombs were thrown by strong enemy standing patrol about 250 yds out from our line in U.5.d. Enemy sniper posts were found in shell holes about 150 yards from our front line in 0.35.d. A pack was brought back from one. A sniper's post was also found at U.5.d.80.50. Other patrols carried out mainly preliminary reconnaissance.

DEFENCES: Consolidation of positions carried out. New C.T. begun. Work was hampered by heavy storm last night. Trenches are in a bad state, some having almost two feet of water in them. *Left* Battalion occupy a post at U.5.b.4.5.

AIRCRAFT: patrolled area in rear of our front line.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY: Fairly active at intervals. FM. de la CROIX shelled with 4.2s. intermittently throughout day and night. During morning enemy apparently ranging on our front line system with 77mm and 4.2s. MESSENGERS was again paid particular attention with 4.2s. and 77mm intermittently during the day. Right Battalion was troubled during day by batteries firing from direction of BAS WARETON which fired on F.L. at U.5.d.20.30. and from U.6.d. which fired into FM. de la CROIX. Mule tracks, roads, and battery areas shelled during hours of darkness.

TRENCH MORTARS: Nil.

MACHINE GUNS: Occasional bursts.

SNIPERS: Fairly active at intervals.

PATROLS: 2 patrols observed; rifle fire and bombs exchanged. Nothing of importance ensued.

DEFENCES: From patrol reports enemy appears only to be consolidating line from opposite 0.55.d. Central to a point about 0.5.b.7.5. as no signs of works are reported by other Companies on flanks.

AIRCRAFT: Active; penetrated our lines on several occasions and flying very low several times and fired M.G. into our F.L.

At 5 p.m. two enemy planes, red fuselage, chased 5 of our planes into our back areas.

OBSERVATION: U.6.c.45.55. Man ran out of house with sheet of paper in hand and disappeared in bush.

Gun flashes observed at T.B.155 degrees from O.P. 0.33.d.12.10. Gun flashes at V.15.c.50.50. shells bursting in front of PLOEGSTEERT WOOD.

R. J. ... Lieut.
For Captain.
A/Brigade Major, "ANCHOR".

"ANCHOR"

For 24 hours ending 6 a.m. 30/6/17.

(Confidential).OUR OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY: During yesterday morning indulged in counter battery work and back area shoots. From 4 - 8 p.m. and at intervals during the night 18 pdrs. were active, firing shrapnel on Enemy Front and Support Lines.

At 1.5 a.m. 18 pdrs. opened up along front apparently in answer to S.O.S. sent up by Battalion on our right. Firing continued for quarter of an hour, when it was stopped at our request. At 1.30 firing again started, Artillery stating that a S.O.S. had been sent up on our front, but no report of this has been received. Firing ceased at 1.45 a.m.

TRENCH MORTARS: Nil.

MACHINE GUNS: Indirect fire used on Farm O.36.c.5.5., KIWI Fm., Road O.36.a.42.25., Cross Roads O.36.b.22.58. Ground in between these points occasionally searched.

LEWIS GUNS: Bursts fired at intervals at reported strong points, etc.

SNIPERS: Two hits claimed on left Sector; about 12 other shots fired by snipers out in shell holes, but no hits claimed though enemy sniping slackened at dusk. Active but no hits claimed on right Sector.

PATROLS: Whole front actively patrolled. Right Sector report no signs of enemy. Left Sector report Hun patrol of 12 observed crossing MILITARY Road some distance off, and fairly large carrying party moving up in sections of 4 or 5 towards new works in O.35.d. Both these parties were fired on with M.G.'s. A patrol which moved out from centre of left Sector O.35.d.2.4., report having gone to within 20 yards of enemy line - now works opposite O.35 Central - and no movement or work was heard. Other patrols report no sign of enemy. Several shell holes which showed signs of recent occupation were found.

DEFENCES: Consolidation of positions proceeded with. New C.T. (reported yesterday) runs from O.35.d.5.0. Westward. Trenches still very wet on account of previous night's rain.

AIRCRAFT: Active all day. Several fights ensued during the afternoon. One Bosche plane driven down in enemy lines, at 1 p.m. Another Bosche plane (red fuselage) forced to land in enemy lines at 4 p.m.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY: Fairly active during the period. Fired intermittently all day on front line system - Red line - Farms - isolated dugouts, - and back areas with 5.9s., 4.2s., 7.7 c.m. and shrapnel. Fm. de la CROIX - STEIGNAST - GAPARD - HUNS WALK - WHITE SPOT COLTAGE - DOUVE VALLEY - MESSINES, receiving special attention. Mule tracks and roads fired on during hours of darkness. Between 1 and 2 a.m. heavy retaliation sent back in answer to supposed S.O.S. mentioned in "OUR OPERATIONS". Enemy put up three separate shoots on our right Sector at about 2 a.m. for no apparent reason whatever, each shoot lasting approximately ten minutes.

MACHINE GUNS: Active during the night.

SNIPERS: Quiet on Right Sector. Active during early morning on Left Sector but slackened off at dusk.

PATROLS: None observed on right Sector. One seen on left Sector on which M.G. fire was opened.

-T.O.

DEFENCES: patrols report no sounds of work or movement opposite centre of left Sector; evidently the intermittent shell- ing with shrapnel prevented this going on.

AIRCRAFT: Active throughout the day. At 9 a.m. enemy plane flew along F. Line firing at garrison with M.G. Several en- counters took place with out planes, two Bosche driven down at different times, between 1. and 4 p.m. 7 p.m. enemy planes numerous; hotly engaged by our A.A. guns. 8.30 p.m. two planes flew at a low altitude over our lines but were driven back by 18 pdr. gun fire.

OBSERVATION: 1.45 p.m. Observer jumped out of enemy balloon in parachute for no apparent reason. 2 p.m. two men appeared from behind hedge U.6.c.45.55. and walked across field. 2.10. to 2.30 p.m. gun flashes appeared at intervals U.12.d.20.20. 2.50 p.m. four men wearing caps appeared from trees in U.18.a. (exact co-ordinates unable to be given) walked across open space and disappeared behind hedge on apparently a sunken road. 3 p.m. Several enemy parties of 2s. and 3s., U.17. Central, walked towards SUGAR REFINERY. 3.30 p.m. Signal flashes from hedge in front of block hut U.18.b.14.20. 4.25 p.m. One man came out of trench U.12.a.18.60. and disappeared in scrub. 5.30 p.m. Gun flashes observed behind hedge U.13.a.15.60. 5.30 p.m. Gun flashes observed V.13.a.10.69. 6.30 p.m. Two motor transports seen beside PONT de DEULEMONT. 6.30 p.m. Five men apparently digging trench at about ten yards between each man U.18.b.20.37. 7.5 p.m. Gun flashes behind hedge U.18.b.50.37. 7.10 p.m. Gun flashes behind hedge U.18.b.40.65. 7.15 p.m. Three men came from behind hedge and walked across field U.18.b.50.60.

Close observation of enemy works at 35.b. did not disclose much movement during the day. Only 6 men seen altogether. Large vol- umes of smoke observed all day North-West of COMINES. A building broke out in flames S.E. of DEULEMONT at 8 p.m. Various columns of smoke observed in different parts of Bosche back areas during the day.

COMMUNICATIONS: Enemy signal for Artillery fire appears to be an orange or amber coloured rocket - bursting into stars. (This may be the light picked up by our artillery as S.O.S. for our right Sector).

MISCELLANEOUS: Early this morning enemy put up a smoke barrage opposite GABAARD FARM. Smoke, continuous for two or three hours, and seemed to be discharged from projectors.

A. J. W. J. C.
Lieut.
For Captain.
A/Brigade Major "ANCHOR".

CORRIGENDUM.

Intelligence Summary for 24 hours ending 6 a.m. 29/6/17.
Under "OUR OPERATIONS - DEFENCES" cancel "Left Battalion occupy a post at U.5.b.4.5." and add under heading "PATROLS" - "Left Battalion report post at U.5.b.4.5. occupied by enemy".

Casualties.Wounded in Action.

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Date.	Officers.	ORs.	Date.	Officers.	ORs.
4-17.	2/Lt. COLLIVER. W.G.	16.	28-6-17.	—	10.
6-17.	" BUTLER. C.H.	14.	29-6-17.	—	8.
6-17.	" BATES. S.E.	12.	30-6-17.	Lt. SMITH. M.S.C.	18.
6-17.	" GAZE. F.O.	56.			
6-17.	—	29.			
6-17.	" SWEET. L.P.	53.			
	Lt. LEWIS. F.G.				
	" ADAIR. A.P.H.				
	Capt. FRENCH. C.W.S.				
6-17.	2/Lt. NIX. R.B.T.				
	Capt. UREY. W.				
	2/Lt. DUMMIER. L.S.	45.			
	Lt. CLARK. E.D.				
3-6-17.	Major. PATTERSON. A.T.	27.			
6-17.	2/Lt. RAYNER. L.M.				
	" PRICE. J.H.N.	77.			
	Lt. JOSEPHS. H.E.				
2-6-17.	2/Lt. ROBERTSON. J.H.				
	Lt. HANLEY. J.J.				
	Lt. FISHER. R.D.	230.			
	2/Lt. HARRIS. P.V.				
	Lt. MARTIN. R.H.				
	2/Lt. HERBERT. C.L.				
	" BOND. A.H.				
6-17.	Capt. LONGMORE. C.				
	" KENNHAM. R.L.				
	Lt. SKINNER. R.	98.			
	2/Lt. CASEY. R.				
2-6-17.	2/Lt. HEAL. J.T.	26.			
5-17.	—	3.			
		4 MISSING.			
3-6-17.	Major. CHRISTOE. J.E.				
	2/Lt. DIMMOCK. A.E.	22.			
	" BENNETT. A.W.				
	" LINDSAY. C.B.				
6-17.	—	19.			
2-17.	2/Lt. BONE. A.B.	37.			
6-17.	" BALME. C.H.	13.			
7-6-17.	" MCGIBBON. F.W.	14.			

Date	Officers	ORs	Date	Officers	ORs
1-6-17	—	6.			
2-6-17	—	6.			
3-6-17	—	6.			
4-6-17	Lt. WELLINGS, L. (41 st Bn.) • COLMARI, F. (43 rd)	10.			
5-6-17	—	2.			
6-6-17	—	7.			
7-6-17	—	1.			
8-6-17	—	3.			
9-6-17	—	10.			
10-6-17	Lt. DICKIE, A. 2/Lt. BARTLEY, T. J. Capt. BRYANT, W. T. Lt. WALSH, R. E. 2/Lt. HUGHES, G. H.	64.			
11-6-17	2/Lt. HOCKING, E.	17.			
12-6-17	—	2.			
23-6-17	—	12.			
24-6-17	—	3.			
25-6-17	—	9.			
26-6-17	—	3.			
27-6-17	—	1.			
28-6-17	Capt. PEAT, J.	3.			
29-6-17	—	1.			
30-6-17	—	5.			

11th Inf Bde A.S.G.

DATE	HOW REC'D SENT	TIME DESPATCH RECEIPT	FROM TO	SENDER TO	TEXT
7.6.47	Phone	4 am	F.41 st	—	4 th Lt of 1 st Bn arrived in position (1000m) 18.5
.	Wire	4.50 am	F.9 th Bde	11	A 1000 yard front line formed on
	Phone	4.7	Lance F.9 th Bde	—	1st Lt of 1 st Bn got 2 nd objective - found smoking gas shell in dugouts
	Phone	4.26	11 th	—	Assembly not yet complete
	Wire	4.40.2	9 th Bde	82	4.30 am H.8 B th position Satisfactory tactical slight north F. B th 11 th B th
	Wire	4.41	3 rd DIV	BM101	All units of this Bde in position at times ordered with 11 th B th not complete assembly in subsidiary line 4.30 am. Due to shelling in rear position of wood
	Wire	4.41	3 rd DIV	BM1	Contact planes flew at 4.15 am with 11 th B th response to which light not visible

DATE	HOW RECEIVED SENT	TIME DESPATCH RECEIPT	FROM TO	SENDER TO	TEXT
7.6.47	Phone	4.45 4.48	9 th Bde 4 th B th	—	Everything OK Do not know when 10 th Bde + Adjutant and Capt should be ordered to renew the B th & select in adjacent front
	Wire	4.58	10 th Bde	E.S.49	News of 10 th Bde are as USSEK received (4.57 am)
	Phone	5.3	9 th Bde	ES	R.L. B th - 2nd objective Next parcel through, 11 th ammunition & 11 th B th parade captured.
	Wire	5.9	10 th Bde	ES.49	Michael James captured on the road and Bethlehem all OK
	Wire	5.9	11 th	BM102	Your Pilot & Mate have just arrived OK with everything in front going well.
		5.15	3 rd DIV	ADCHD	We have captured SCHWITZ EL FARAH CURCER BARR and also BLUE LINE On night of our attack the Centre progressing but no definite news of progress but generally going well.

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DATE	How REC'D SENT	TIME DISPATCH RECEIPT	FROM TO	SENDER NO	TEXT M ³⁹
7617	Ww	5.21	43 rd	R 21	2 major quarters laden food & casualties slight
	Ww	5.25	3 rd DIV	183M 2	2nd observation of troops on night of MESSINES RIDGE and visibility gradually improving and troops probably NZ but exact position difficult Black line being consolidated. Everything going well. Enemy activity mainly on old F.L. F.N.M.L. About 50 prisoners coming down SWET for capture. Casualties very light. SCHMITZEL + BETHLEHEM captured Tanks near SCHMITZEL in front with 10 th Bde 1 Coy came across point as though moving off. in front with pan
	Phone	5.40	7 th Bde		

DATE	How REC'D SENT	TIME DISPATCH RECEIPT	FROM TO	SENDER NO	TEXT M ³⁹
7617	Ww	5.47	42 nd 8 th 43 rd	Bm103	Skipped dinner that all ranks including officers are to eat & sleep AAA. Men must not be allowed to leave their assembly positions AAA. Possibility of moving any time after midnight AAA. Water bottles to be kept filled. MADDSLEY consolidating 100 th in front of VULSER. Received AAA GREY farm captured by 39 th AAA. G. B ² at left of SCHMITZEL farm in front with NZ on left SCHMITZEL farm.
	Ww	5.51	10 th Bde	ES49	
	Ww	5.55	3 rd DIV	B71104	Please see instructions in France. B ² AA Lewis gunners who have now been withdrawn to Catracom to.

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DATE	How Received Sent	Time Dispatch Receipt	FROM TO	Senders No	TEXT: M ⁵⁹
16.17	Wire	6.33	9 th Bde	S3	Situation satisfactory Consolidating Black line Everybody at 10 th Bde 10 th passed but now improving. No further reports to hand. Approx 30 prisoners just brought in Runner provided no is not worth a damn Can be replaced Everything OK
	Runner	6.35	10 th Bde (Summit report)		
	Wire	6.35am	10 th Bde	BM109	Runner cannot be replaced.
	Wire	6.40am	3 rd DIV 10 th Bde	IBM 3	Bde observed to pass N2 parties from Chelle du Volens U33 C8030 South towards SCHNITZEL FARM at 6.15 am
	Wire	6.50am	41 st	Sq	Acknowledged
	Wire	6.55am	3 rd DIV	6154	Run Millie Div Sig Coy needs to report to you at CHATEAUCOMBS to take over party of 150 for work.

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DATE	How Received Sent	Time Dispatch Receipt	FROM TO	Senders No	TEXT: M ⁵⁹
16.17	Phone	6.59	9 th Bde		Recd message at 6.59am. That local controlling area has been formed up at LA POTTERIE No further news.
	Wire	7	3 rd DIV	BM109	Will Millie know from which dump tools will be drawn and if not please say VETRA Support Near FACTORY. F ¹³ Mines known.
	Verbal	7.10	Patterson (3 rd DIV)	Enemy	In touch with 9 th Bde + N2. Can solidating post in front of GREY farm. Estimate of casualties cannot be given. Near farm heavy MG fire from direction in rear GREY farm. Could identify post in rear of BETHLEHEM.
	Wire	7.11	10 th Bde	ES409	

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How Received / Sent	Time Dispatch / Receipt	From / TO	Sender No	Text, MSG
Wire	7.30	9 th Bde	S4	Get decision on enemy massing supply trenches E of Wood Blockstead for counter attack with large number M.G's.
Wire	7.30	10 th Bde	MC243	Wire tools stores shells urgently required by 38 on BLACK LINE Can you supply special carrying party please
Wire	7.45	11 th Bde	BM110	Regret cannot supply all requests for carrying & other parties must come through Div Hd Qrs.
Wire	7.50	41 st 42 nd 43 rd	BM111	No working party reinforcements or details of any kind will be supplied to other units unless ordered by written

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How Received / Sent	Time Dispatch / Receipt	From / TO	Sender No	Text, MSG
Runner	7.55	Observer		message from 11 th Bde.
Runner	7.55	Observer		47 th B ⁿ Consolidated on our left flank. Can men digging in in front of enemy second line trench right of ULRICH Row Visibility still poor 7.55am. Lt Coy F B ⁿ report enemy massing in front of GREY F ⁿ 33 rd B ⁿ report enemy massing 1000' in front of Black Line towards Les TROIS TILLEULS F ⁿ Gas Shells on 33 rd B ⁿ HQ Company received 26 men missing to present time. All little known details caused. Balance requested for from dumps.
Phone	8.10	9 th Bde		
Wire	8.18	11th Bde 6L59		

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DATE	How Rec'd	Time Rec'd	From TO	Sender No	Text of Message
7 th	Wire	7.30	GE 37	MC 252	Division has wire approving my request
	Wire	8.30	Message	-	Observed New Zealanders at 8.19 am firing up Ulham Avenue and along Ulster Reserve carrying packs and shovels.
	Wire	8.30	10	"	Division has wire approving my request
	Wire	8.40	3 rd Div		GE 37 advise that you have given authority for me to supply him with 50 men for carrying AAA. Advise to this effect received here from you AAA Com. I to supply these. Tank hung up at 02c 9090 at 7.50. 8.20 am Tank advanced behind MESSINES. 8.20 am Tank advancing at this point 47 th consolidating on their black line.
	Phone	8.50	SOC	War	Enemy are coming attacking from La Potterie system. Inform Maj. Patterson for SOS MG'S
	Message	8.53	9 th Div	8M 113	SOS AAA Enemy attacking from Vico + Ulha onto our Black Line AAA Rt Bde Front

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Date	How Rec'd	Time Rec'd	From TO	Sender No	Text of MSG
7 th	Phone	8.57	SOC	War	Authority to send 50 men to 10 th Bde given
	Wire	9.5	DW	6376	Inspection of prisoners show that only one B th of each Regt. in the line has been disposed of by us & that therefore there are still two other B th s of each Regt further back from whom counter attacks may be expected AAA Addressed 4.775. GE 37 + GF 76
	Message	9.10	Message		Message from Capt have just passed UNSEPARABLE Tank enemy seen in front of LA POTTERIE Farm.
	Wire	9.12	9 th Div	S5	Left Coy AB th report from Black Line 8 am. twenty enemy seen vicinity Grey Farm. Situation unchanged. Consolidation proceeding.
	Phone	9.16	SOC	War	9 th Bde very happy - few small enemy has picked down heavy baggage E of Black Line. Enemy attack on right flank expected tomorrow.

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DATE	How Rec'd or Sent	Time Despatch Rec'd	From or To	Sender No.	Text of MSG
7	Phone	9:16	GOC to GOC Bde		<p>10th Bde had had doing - H Bⁿ still intact.</p> <p>In view of above may have to supply 10th Bde with up to 200 men this including Bⁿ HQ & Lewis Gunners (41st)</p> <p>Likely that we^{re} will have to back up a flank on Green Line & may be employed under GOC 10th Bde</p> <p>No demands for services to be complied with except on Div instructions.</p> <p>N.Z. have their line & are quite happy.</p> <p>If large counter attack ride got materialise in next 48 hours almost certain that this Bde may be booked for LA POTTERIE system - there fore study Artillery & MG Banned for this.</p> <p>Your four possibilities,</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 - To do H Bⁿ job 2 - To assist in capture of H Bⁿ job.

Verbally 9:42 Co. HQ

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DATE	How Rec'd or Sent	Time Despatch Rec'd	From or To	Sender No.	Text of MSG
7	Verbally	9:42	CO. HQ		<p>3 - To reinforce H Bⁿ should it succeed but be too weak to hold</p> <p>4 - To counter attack of Green Line lost</p>
7	Phone	10:5	10 th Bde	459	<p>no change in situation</p> <p>First Party of 50 men not yet arrived</p> <p>Our troops advancing towards SEPTIEMIE Barn.</p> <p>Enemy counter attack repulsed.</p>
	Runner	10:17	Observed		<p>Our troops have advanced up to STEIGNAST Fth</p>
	Runner	10:46	Observed		<p>Observed from HEATH TRENCH report advance of all troops of our left Bde along ridge beyond UN-DULATING TRENCH towards STEIGNAST FARM. This confirmed.</p>
	Wire	10:47	3 rd DIV 13M6		<p>Can you inform our liaison officer what the present situation is so that we may be informed</p>
	Wire	11:14	10 th Bde B71114		

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DATE	How Recd Sent	Time despa Recd	From or TO	Sender No	Text of MSG
7 th	Runner	11:15	9 th Bn SL Lisson	SL	Enemy infiltrating his old F.L. from right with 77's + M.G.S. A B ⁿ have practically continuous line with men out of sight + down about four feet. Right counter attack apparently broken up by our artillery. Enemy does not appear to have located Black Line which is fairly quiet. Enemy M.G. fairly active but unlocated. Strong support line being prepared WITH F B ⁿ report small parties enemy moving to barbed part TROIS TILLEVLS FARM + do not appear to be concentrating there. Parties of two or three enemy seen run back to left of UNCERTAIN trench + into dead ground 400' in front of F B ⁿ . These parties cleared out with Stokes Mortars + then moved away to right. Enemy parties who appeared to be forming behind Pottery farm have dispersed.

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DATE	How Recd Sent	Time despa Recd	From or TO	Sender No	Text of MSG
7	Runner	11:15	9 th Bn SL Lisson (cont)	SL	10:45 am reports from Black Line Situation fairly quiet + line well dug in.
	Wire	11:25	3 rd DIV ADC	117	Replying your 18M6 information not confirmed + probably incorrect possibly refers to advance of 7.2. German units towards Green Line. Our men are consolidating + lying in front of UNDU-LATING trench. Our troops moving up near Grey farm in artillery formation.
	Runner	11:30	Oliver		Continuing our 18M6 reports again state consolidation in process immediately in front of UNDU-LATING trench. Working in progress. Troops also appear to be advancing past GREY Farm in artillery formation. This latter may only be strong patrols.

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Date	How Recd or Sent	Time Recd or Sent	From or To	Sender No	Text
7	Phone	11:36	10 th Bde		Cannot confirm that troops are beyond Black line, sending forwards to find out. Given strict orders not to move beyond Black line till new zero
7 th	Wire	11:53	21 st Bde	G38	Zero hours to be 3.10 pm this
	Runner	12:11 pm	Observer		11:45 am Considerable number of our troops crossing left of the LA PETITE DOUVE Farm in an easterly formation heading towards SCANNITZEL Farm
	Runner	12:15 pm	Observer		Our men moving up in artillery formation past GREY farm - SEPTIENNE Barn. Enemy shelling HUNS WALK
	Wire	12:17	DW		Major PAIV has gone to GREY Farm to endeavour to clear up the situation. It shall appear that a number of our troops are on Green Line at present.

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7	Wire	12:23	DW	G43	Persistent reports received here that our troops are being observed advancing far east of Black Line. No objection to this for reconnaissance provided they are withdrawn within influence of our renewed barrage well before new zero minus 30. Responsible officers from B HQ concerned will immediately go forward to ensure this & clear up situation. Advise 9 th 10 th & 11 th Bdes.
	Wire	12:23	10 th Bde	E549 (Kesson)	Situation unchanged.
	Runner	1:20	Observer		Enemy shelling with H ₂ O & Shrap increasing though no sign of infantry attacks.
	Wire	1:25	43 rd	R27	All going well. No sign to be paying more attention to front lines than previous.
	Wire	1:30	7 th Bde	S7	Situation unchanged.
	Wire	2:09	10 th Bde	E549 (Kesson)	Situation unchanged. Men returning from front line report heavy enemy shelling.
	Wire	2:12	DW	G50	Have you received any G38 AAA Digest.
	Wire	2:14	DW	B4115	Info AAA Recd 11:40 am.

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					Text: 7739
7 th	Wire	4:15pm	CT2 E37	IBM 9	at 4pm 3 Tanks advanced from Septime Barn towards PUITO along Huns Walk area attacking infantry close behind and on flank by Tanks Enemy attack on messines smashed up trenches retiring and 9 th Bde Black Line (quiesced down + consolidation preceding)
7 th	Phone	4:30pm	Same	-	Tanks moving up on left of 10 th Bde getting up with forward troops and nothing remained during last 55 minutes.
7 th	Wire	4:30pm	Same Hays	ES49	100 of our Inf moving up to reinforce Septime Barn.
7 th	Wire	4:52	Same		4pm Tanks advanced from Septime barn towards Puito along HUNS walk area FOO reports infantry had reached uncanny Trench but met with considerable shell fire. Green support line thickly manned by enemy + had machine guns doing considerable harm
7 th	Wire	5:12	Same Hays	ES49	9 th gained Green line at 4pm.
7 th	Wire	5:30pm	Same		Heavy enemy shelling on Ulrich support. Five tanks seen returning by 7pm of 7 th Bde farm.
7 th	Wire	5:50pm	Same		
7 th	Wire	6:25	Same		

DATE	HOW RECD SECT	TIME DESPT RECEIVED	FROM TO	SENDERS IP	Text
					Text: 7739
7 th	Wire	6:50pm	Same	Bm 117	Give your messages continuous sequence as regards senders numbers
7 th	Wire	6:20pm	Sup CT2	Bm 118	asking for 100 pigeons from table sent to refilling point by 8pm tonight
7 th	Wire	6:45	AF75	S9	Trenches utterly quiet on black line area Position fairly satisfactory
7 th	Wire	7:40	ES	ES50	Position satisfactory nothing to report
7 th	Wire	8:40	Pioneer	LASH	As present DHR will not approve.
7 th	Wire	8:45	DIV	115119	Is it possible to have any aeroplane photos of trenches from U16a to U16b taken since 16.17
7 th	Phone	9pm	DIV		4 th Aust DIV driven back N.Z. holding black line Left of 3 rd Aust Div with drawn to Black Line
7 th	Wire	9:10pm	CT2	Bm 119	If you employ independant to take combs in new gas shelling. Please wire if you approve

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DATE	How Recd or Sent	Time Dis Sp or Recd	FROM or TO	Service No	TEXT. - M ³⁹
7th	Wired	9:30pm	40C Div	—	44 th Bn least under 40C 10 th Bde. To capture Bloemfontein system and Co. adyt 44 th to report to me at once
	Wire	9:38p	G.T. 2	G. 72	know your Bn forward to the Black line which was earmarked if necessary to take the place of H. Bn. of 10 th Bde and send the OC the report to Gen. McNeill forthwith and He will act under his orders and artillery action will be watched out by at D.H.D. you will be informed of the situation and action of any of the troops as addressed G.T. 76 Repeated 9:37.
	Wire	9:15p	G.E. 37	B.M. 20	By G. 72 via Co. adyt 44 th Bn have left here and report to you and 44 th Bn is ready to move under your instructions etc as required by you

STAFF M³⁹ DIARY

DATE	How Recd or Sent	Time Dis Sp or Recd	FROM or TO	Service No	TEXT. - M ³⁹
7	Wire	10pm	10 th Bde (Bacon)	ESSI	Heavily counter attacked Sector OWL Support measuring trench have retired on Black Line
	Wire	10:5	D.W.	G. 74	Yes approved
	Wire	10:8	D.W.	G. 74	By G. 72 not timed please insert 9:30pm as time of message
	Wire	10:26	D.W.	G. 73	Prisoners upon Corps Commander orders have ordered 1 B ^d 11 th Bde to move forward hurriedly to Black Line in readiness to act under orders 10 th Bde to capture Green Line as soon as artillery action of troops on our left has been arranged. An holding a second B ^d 11 th Bde in close support to be available if required. I understand that 4 th Bde is being sent up to Black Line on our left. I understand further that air barrage is standing in front of Black dotted line and ANZAC repeated 10 th Bde

STAFF MSG DIARY 20

DATE	How Rec'd Sent	Time Rec'd	From TO	Serials No	TEXT, MSG
7 th	Phone	10:50	10 th Bde		Has Col Mansbridge arrived. Yes 10 th understands that 44 th is not moving until on receipt of orders for them.
	Phone	10:50	9 th Bde (Racon)		Reports 47 th Bde came back + 10 th Bde withdrew then plan to conform. Does not think the whole line is back.
	Wire	11:11	10 th Bde	B31121	If you wish any of 11 th MG's or T.M.'s to accompany 44 th Bde will you please send HQ to instruct us to that effect as they can only go if ordered by GOC division.
	Verbal	11:19	44 th Bde		Have received instructions from CO. to move Bde to SCHNITZEL Farm, am moving now.
	Verbal	11:27	44 th Bde		You will move your Bde up to the catacombs.
	Wire	11:30	Meteor GHR		Forecast. Wind light + variable mainly westerly at first then probably

STAFF MSG DIARY 26

DATE	How Rec'd Sent	Time Rec'd	From TO	Serials No	TEXT, MSG
7 th	Wire	11:30 AM	Meteor GHR		easterly. Mostly fair light + warm. Morning mist then fair visibility. Note conditions much less favorable for thunderstorms though still a slight risk. Wind midnight variable but mainly westerly 4 mph. 4 am calm a light variable air.
8 th	Verbal	12:25 AM	CO 44 th		Expected two 11 th T.M.'s to accompany me. Ring 10 th + ask them to advise me at SCHNITZEL Farm what they are going to do.
	Phone	12:31	10 th Bde		CO 44 th been here + informed that he is not going to get two 11 th T.M.'s. Please advise him at SCHNITZEL farm what you are going to do - Will send him two of ours.

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DATE	How Recd. SENT	TIME DESPATCH	FROM TO	SERIAL NO	TEXT of M ^{SG}
8	Wire	12 30	DIV	986	Yours lde reinforced by 44 th B ^{de} will cooperate with units of 4 th Aust Div comprising 45 th , 47 th & 48 th B ^{de} to reoccupy all country between BLACK & GREEN lines inclusive. Combined advance will take place precisely at 3am from BLACK line upon or near which attacking troops will previously establish lateral touch. Our Barrages remain E of GREEN line & will at same time increase rate of fire until ordered to slow down. Acknowledged by wire. Addressed 10 th Bde. Repeated to 4 th Aust Div 9 th & 11 th Bdes.
	Wire	12 32	DIV	E352	Artillery observer near BETHLEHEM reports that infantry of HEEM 3 rd DIV is steadily reestablishing itself on GREEN line.

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DATE	How Recd. SENT	TIME DESPATCH	FROM TO	SERIAL NO	TEXT of M ^{SG}
8	Wire	12 35	DIV	Bm127	Received.
	Wire	2 20	DIV	989	The following report from 4 th Aust Div begins with 13 th Bde report to Staff Office: sent to find out the situation left 52 nd HQ at 0250 central at 8:15 pm & reports owing to troops on left not coming up till 5pm the B ^{de} extended to the left and now holds from 022d22 - 028661 028077 - 028073. They are in touch with 49 th B ^{de} on right Barrage is short particularly on right flank of 52 nd . The Lincoln are spread along the whole front in sixes & sevens. They have a little wire & will do on their left flank tonight. 49 th HQ are at 027d00. They have not touched with the 45 th B ^{de} on their right & the post with regard to their right flank is obscure. Message ends. Repeated 9 th , 10 th , 11 th Bdes

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DATE	How Recd	TIME DESPATCH	FROM TO	SENDERS No	TEXT of M ¹
6	Wire	2 20	10 th Bde (Reason)	ES53	Position unchanged nothing to report
	Phone	3 15	43 rd		B th all in CATACOMB
	Wire	4 25	10 th Bde (Reason)	S574	No information on counterattack received.
	Wire	4 36	9 th Bde	BM98	Situation unchanged. Hostile artillery activity slight & scattered.
	Wire	5 am	10 th Bde (Reason)	ES55	Line only advanced 300 ⁺ from old Black Line as left flank was in the air. Have formed a defensive flank to the left linking up again with that line. 48 th do not appear to have moved forward.
	Runner	7 15	43 rd B th	D14	Suitable sig for RAP Ugc 3053. This post was used by Hms for the purpose.
	Runner	7 20	43 rd	D16	My liaison officer with 10 th B th reports at 4 10 am. Heavy H.E. shelling on FL - strong bombing.

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DATE	How Recd	TIME DESPATCH	FROM TO	SENDERS No	TEXT of M ¹
8	Runner	7 20	43 rd	D16 (Cont)	Post held by us Lt POTTERIE F th - M.G. fire light - CT blown in wire pan in front of our line. Enemy wire at POTTERIE undetermined none visible.
	Runner	7 47	43 rd	D17	Reason officer with F B th reports at 6 25 am - enemy artillery quiet. Our artillery shelling POTTERIE farm and CT's Service MG's apparently knocked out - one of our planes brought down.
	Runner	7 47	43 rd	D18	Reason officer with F B th reports at 6 25 - Situation normal. Enemy shelling of farm destroyed FRELINGHEIM. No further signs of movement.
	Wire	7 55	10 th Bde (Reason)	BM 123	Is there anything further to report.
	Runner	8 31	43 rd B th	D20	Artillery both sides active - MG's quiet. All CT's badly blocked. No wire yet in front. Right Coy F B th .

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STAFF M³⁹ 19 APRIL 31

Date	How Received	Time Received	From	To	Content	Text of M ³⁹
8	Wire	8 39	10 th Bde (Reason)	ES57	Green Line held in its entirety as far NORTH as its junction with UNDOULATING TRENCH thence along UNCANNY trench to DIV Boundary	
	Wire	9 40	10 th Bde (Reason)	ES58	No further report to hand	
	Runner	9 45	10 th Bde	Sketch	Sketch shows part of 4 th B ^d at 6.50	
8 th	Wire	10.45	10 th Bde	ES59	47 th Bde cap. German Plan showing Backhays U4. P. 7. 3. 10 th Bde occupied Owl Trench in trench Lot 2 on right: left O. 2 nd central: moving forward to Owl Suppl. 45 th Bde in Owl Suppl. Patrols E. of Uncanny Suppl. understand 15 hold intersection of trenches South of UNCANNY Trench. Water in trenches tested. 3% Arsenic.	
8 th	"	11 37	10 th Bde	"	"	

STAFF M³⁹ 19 APRIL 32

Date	How Received	Time Received	From	To	Content	Text of M ³⁹
8 th	Wire	11.45	9 th Bde	S10	Situation unchanged	
8 th	"	12.20	10 th Bde	ES61	N.3. captured plan showing M.G. post. 1 st line: shows M.G. post at U.42.90.08 U.42.58.76 U.5.a. 31.75	
"	"	12.30	9 th	"	Water tested in trench contains 3% Arsenic.	
"	"	12.30	10 th	ES62	Situation unchanged.	
"	"	1.40	"	ES63	No further report	
"	"	1.41	"	ES64	Situation unchanged heavy heavy shelling witnessed.	
8 th	runner	4.40	4 th Bde	R57	30 th Bde then B.M. says he will put every available man on to front the 3 CT's tonight	
	Wire	3.35	4 th Bde	ES66	Pigeon message received from 44 th Bde stating we are driven out of trenches. all wires cut	
	Wire	5.10	DIV	G121	Some of the changes in dispositions discussed with Brigadier by GOC are possible before tomorrow 11 th Address at 11 th Bde	

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Date	How Recd Sent	Time RESPD RECD	From TO	Sent to No	TEXT of MSG
8	Wire	5-15	9 th Bde	S11	Position unchanged from 6-6 am tonight
	Wire	5	DIV	G118	Lt POTTERIE system of trenches will be shelled by heavy hows. Infantry to be warned
	Wire	5 35	10 th Bde (Reason)	ES68	Since 1 pm enemy has been heavily shelling area U3d58 to U3d15 using 5.9 hows from direction North WARWINGTON #42 Guns show from direction of DEULEMONT Also been shelling MESSINES with 5.9 + #2 all day. Infantry consolidated position U3d45 sector of Green Line.
	Wire	5 50	10 th Bde (Reason)		#44 th report 350 pm Shelling by heavy HE shells in progress + very heavy work of consolidation interfered with + a great deal of the work destroyed. In event of heavy

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Date	How Recd Sent	Time RESPD RECD	From TO	Sent to No	TEXT of MSG
8	Wire				(Cont)
	Wire	6 20 pm	10 th Bde (Reason)	ES71	Consequent attacks will require all present personnel of 37 th + 38 th to count. Heavy enemy shelling from the N. of BETHLEHEM farm extending down to Bde on right OPI. Shelling particularly heavy in first sector + third. Enemy reported barbed support lines all toward BETHLEHEM 7m.
	Wire	6 45	43 rd Bde	R61	Reason given A G th report enemy retaliation falling behind F.L. left Coy otherwise OK. Telephone communication established between all Coys of B ⁴³
	Wire	7 7	10 th Bde (Reason)		Strong counterattacks in progress apparently right of 10 th Bde front.
	Wire	7.45 pm	ES75	S12	Heavy enemy barrage black line, no infantry action apparent.

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DATE	How Received Sent	Time DESPATCH Rec'd	FROM TO	Indices	TEST: M ³⁹
8th	line	7.58p	S Hayes	ES 73	AKA C' Coy reports at 7.14 pm an enemy company attacking in force from right of Side Black line and Inhelcock says his line is strong enough to hold up a determined attack. The line on his right held by 33rd Bn
	"	8.4p	S Hayes	ES 74	Liaison Officer with New Zealand Div reports that 4th Aust Div FOD went forward to Unkenable Trench and Unconquered Trench and the same a major of 3rd Aust Div was informed that small enemy counter attack made and repulsed. AAA this report received by me at 7.25 pm. AAA this report was made at 4.45 pm as far as known Green line still holds. black line all right and Barrage coming down
		8.20	S Hayes	ES 76	On artillery in action all along front and SOS notes are there unconfirmed account that 4th Bn on our left have repulsed counter attacks and captured prisoners. This message sent from G T 2 at 7.17 pm just received by me
		8.26	S Hayes	E 75	

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DATE	How Received Sent	Time DESPATCH Rec'd	FROM TO	Indices	TEST: M ³⁹
8th	Wire	7.30 pm	SE 40	R 65	Liaison Officer A Bn reports enemy retaliation on FL support and carrying party approaches chiefly on F Bn side and Lt Coy A Bn are getting reported at bus that enemy had launched counter N of Down area
"	"	8.25 pm	SE 75	S 13	Situation normal.
"	"	8.47 pm	Sumner	S 77	G/D 12 message as follows and company of this front reports that Battalion supports retiring to vicinity of US Bn account of heavy artillery fire and situation normal in this unit and Report time 7 pm. and Report G/D 12 8 pm.

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Date	How Msg Sent	Time Despatch Recd	From TO	Senders No	TEXT of M ^{SG}
8th	Wire	7-50pm	Y Euc	R 66	Liaison Officer A Bn reports counter on 4th Division repulsed enemy retiring aaaa LO F bn reports heavy enemy barrage on main old FL especially Ulster Support aaaa All approaches F Bn heavily shell d aaaa.
"	"	9-12 pm	Newark	S 78	S.O.S. North of BEHTLEEN FARM Summerhays.
"	Runner	7-30pm		R 62	From a point where La Dœuvre River cuts the Green line to Gray Farm and then to a point U. 9. 6. 60. 90. a trench has been dug, deep and narrow. It is difficult for two men to pass.

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Date	How Msg Sent	Time Despatch Received	From or To	Senders No.	Text of M ^{SG} .
8	Runner	7-30pm		R 62	Very little wiring has been done. The Right Coy having the strongest. The new portion of the Green line has also a little in front of it. Support line is not quite complete from the original Brigade boundary to the left of the black line. There are six posts on the Battalion frontage two to each Coy forward of front line. There are held day and night. Three bombing blocks have been established at one end of Ulrica Lane another Ulster Drive and Ulster Avenue. From Gray Farm to Ulster Avenue a slit has been made from front to rear.

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Date	How recd sent	Time Despatch Recd	From or To	Sen- ders No.	TEXT of M ^{SE}
8	Runner	7-30pm		Rb2	<p>Dump was established approx at the Tin Ulrica Support but this has all been carried forward. There is no Advanced Battalion Hqs only a forward signal station. Lines of communication from BTLN. H.Q. to forward signal station and from there to one box has been connected with wire. The remaining boys work through this to BTLN. H.Q. Pigeons Runners and Down Buzzers have been the best means of communication. No lateral communication from 33rd to 34th Battlms.</p> <p>The view of enemy position from front line is as follows. The breastworks seem very</p>

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Date	How recd sent	Time Despatch Recd	From or To	Sen- ders No.	TEXT of M ^{SE}
8	Runner	7-30pm		Rb2	<p>weak at places. There is practically no wire except in places where it seems to be all tangled up in big heaps. From our FL to his ground has a slight slope upward. From the Wood on the left from tree tops enemy snipers have been very busy. Trouble from M.G.s has been experienced from approx FACTORY FARM</p>
8	Runner	9pm		Rb7	<p>Front and support lines practically completed also 1 communication trench; another comm. trench is in progress. In front line fire steps are being made. Wire, centre and left companies - an average of two-row picket wire forms a good obstacle. Right company wire is only fair.</p>

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STAFF M^SE DIARY 41

Date	How sent	Time Recd	From To	Sender's No.	TEXT of M ^S E
8	Runner	9 pm		R 67	<p>Strong Points - Right Companies have practically consolidated mine-crater behind front line of right Coy.</p> <p>A new support line covers the left and centre boys and our old front line forms the support to the Right Coy. The new support line is in good condition and the part of our old front line behind the Right Coy is only fair. Best line of approach is up St. Yves Av. and Lone House Avenue into our old front line trench across the Russian Sap on the right - and the new support line on the left.</p> <p>One Battalion Dump situated top of Lone House Avenue.</p> <p>R E Dumps are being</p>

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Date	How sent	Time Recd	From To	Sender's No.	TEXT of M ^S E
8	Runner	9 pm		R 67	<p>formed. Behind Grey Farm and the other near intersection of Ulrica Sap and old enemy front line. The situation here is sound, and the moral of our troops is good.</p>
8	Wire	9-40 pm	Major	BM 124	<p>Forward by runner as soon as possible a full and comprehensive report on the action up to date indicating means of communication, brigade forward station, Battalion forward Hd Qs, location of dumps and dugouts, trench system and any other information which may affect us.</p>
8	Wire	11/20 pm	Sum- mer hazel	ES 77	<p>View ^{to St. Yves} to St. Yves barrage along Messines to Douve River have heard nothing to indicate anything serious enemy shells back areas of his old line for consolidating</p>

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Date	How Sent	Time	From	Lead. No.	TEXT of MESSAGE
8	Wire	10/20 pm	Sum. 10 th Bde	6579	and carrying parties nearly all shrapnel area. Above message received from A.S.B. 9-45 pm.
8	"	10/30 pm	"	6580	Both barrages slackening down as a result of black line reports no attack been made there.
"	"	10.50	D.W.	65134	Major Pattison DMGO has been wounded. Capt WELLS will therefore assume the duties of DMGO from the receipt of this message. He will seek advice from Maj Pattison's 2 nd in command who it is believed is thoroughly in touch with Maj Pattison's intentions. For information or advice he can also refer to D.H.Q. or 11 th Bde. Addressed Capt Wells repled. 11 th Bde.

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Date	How Sent	Time	From	Lead. No.	TEXT of MESSAGE
8	Wire	10.55	10 th Bde	53	No report 4 th Aust Div down back from position Green Line NZ holding Black dotted line. Nothing to report from 10 th Bde front. Verbal message from numbers that field guns are in position on S. side of MESSINES ridge.
"	"	11.10	11 th Bde	R	Co left 13 th (9 th Bde) reports heavy barrage by enemy on whole front 8.40 pm. Bde artillery opened SOS including shelling all approaches left 13 th smoke screen + lacrymatory shells. No attempt at attack. Canal light.
"	"	12.17	D.W.	139	During tonight 5 th June the 11 th Bde will take over the sector from DOVE inclusive to left boundary of division but will leave 1 B th in Div reserve being 9 th Bde for time being. This 1 B th will be reformed to 11 th Bde as soon as 10 th Bde has rested. 16 Bde will withdraw for rest and

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STAFF M^{SG} DIARY 45

Date	Hour	Time	From	Send	TEXT of M ^{SG}
	Recd	Despatch	or	ers	
	Sent	Recd	To	No	
9	Wire	12 17pm	DW		Reorganisation of Staff to arrange billets. HQ to be at BRUNE GAYE. 9 th Bde will arrange to carry out internal reliefs through acknowledge address all concerned. Received
	Wire	12 23	DW	BMDS	Received
	Wire	12 30	10 th Bde Liam	ES81	Nothing to report All com- paratively quiet.
	Wire	12 42	DW	RMOL	When 42 nd B ^{de} moves from the CATACOMBS it is proposed to move to 41 st B ^{de} for temporary position in subsidiary line S of PLOIGSTEERT - LECHER Road to the CATACOMBS. This will put them in a better reserve position. Please wire if you approve. Reference my G139 the 9 th Bde will only carry out such in- ternal reliefs as the GOC of that Bde may consider necessary. 11 th Bde will report position of B ^{de} after completion of moves. 11 th
	Wire	12 45	DW	G. 140	

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Date	Hour	Time	From	Send	TEXT of M ^{SG}
	Recd	Despatch	or	ers	
	Sent	Recd	To	No	
9		(Cont)			B ^{de} comes under command of 11 th Bde again. DTR have 6 M.M.G.S available for 11 th Bde if required. 11 th Bde HQ will remain at CATACOMBS + signals will arrange to plug through. Reports of completion of reliefs will be rendered to DTR. Bde will take nec- essary precautions regard- ing troops who may have to move by day light. Ask address all concerned. Received
	Wire	12 52	DW	BM 127	
	Wire	1 3am	DW	G147	Message from Corps begins the GREEN line protective barage is not to be short- ened under any circumstances whatever without reference to Corps HQ. Address all concerned.
	Wire	1 7	DW	G148	Approved but please notify 9 th Bde
	Wire	1 14	9 th Bde Dw	BM 128	11 th B ^{de} will be the immediate divisional reserve. They will be in CATACOMBS as from

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Date	How Read or Sent	Time	From or To	Sender No	Text
9	(Cont)		BM	128	2 am 9 th inst. I have given C.O. to understand that he is only to be employed under Divisional Authority. Station call GF 77. Address GF 75 repeated GT 2.
Run	1 23	47 th	BM	129	You will establish liaison with 44 th B ^{de} with one of the officers of your reserve supplying him with a proposition of numbers so that you may be kept posted with the situation on the GREEN line.
Wire	1 55	9 th Bde	BM	130	I understand that you have 2 MG's in vicinity of GREY FARM which have direct observation on HUNS WALK. May these guns be instructed to cover this bare front in case of an attack on it maturing from that direction.
Run	2 4	44 th B ^{de}	BM	131	11 th Inf Bde are to relieve 10 th Inf Bde tonight 8/9 between Divisional northern boundary and LA DOUVE River Dispositions will be as follows 44 th B ^{de} will

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Date	How Read or Sent	Time	From or To	Sender No	Text
9	(Cont)		BM	131	hold & be responsible for the GREEN line. 42 nd B ^{de} will hold the BLACK line. 41 st + 43 rd B ^{de} will be in reserve, 41 st B ^{de} being divisional reserve 11 th MG Coy (less 8 guns) will be in support of the BLACK line. 11 th T.M. Bty will relieve 10 th T.M. Bty Artillery + MG SOS barracks for GREEN line will remain as at present. Wiring + Consolidation of GREEN line to be vigorously carried on. Acknowledge 44 th reports holding Green line including UNANNY support. Am in touch on left. One Vickers gun on left been very knocked up after today's work. Everything satisfactory after a ten hours bombardment.
Wire	1 53	10 th Bde (Liaison)	ES	82	
Wire	2 27 am	10 th Bde (Liaison)	ES	83	No further reports to hand. All comparatively quiet.

Date	How Recd or Sent	Time	From or To	Sender's No.	
9	Verbal (phone)	3/40am	---	---	G/O and Adjt. arrived. Report back from front. Told to tell us that they are holding whole Green line.
"	Wire	5am	E 37	BM 53	Brigade observers report that enemy's plane is flying very low over our lines aaaa.
"	Wire	5am	AIDD	BM 132	You must wire your GREEN Line from LA DOUVE River inclusive to HUN'S WALK aaaa endeavour establish posts in front of Green line and inside (West) of our barrage aaaa. Also construct command line about two hundred yards West of Green line and wire it aaaa Wiring must be vigorous done.
"	Wire	6-27 am	E 38	R.P. 2/9	59660, 56345, 61.
"	"	6/40 am	G.T.2	BM 133	Relief of BLACK LINE complete aaaa 6.15am.

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Date	How Recd or Sent	Time	From or To	Sender's No.	
9	Wire	6am	G.T.2	G 29	You will send six guns and crews to report to report to 11th Aus. Inf. Bde at CATACOMBS HYDE PARK CORNER aaaa Report when move completed aaaa Addressed 7.15 M. M. G. Coy repeated 11th Aus. Inf. Bde.
9	Wire	6.5 am	Liaison	10 th Bde	Position unchanged. nothing to report aaaa behave over with 11th Bde practically complete.
9	Runner	7am	G 77	G.T.2	Relief 'Aerial' complete 5.0 AM. aaaa.
9	Wire	7.5am	G.T.2	BM 134	Command of Left Bde sector passed to G.O.C. 11th Inf. Bde at 7am. aaaa. 44th Bn holding Green line aaaa. 45 th Bn holding black line aaaa 43 rd Bn St. Andrew's Drive Brigade Reserve aaaa 44th Bn Catacombs Div. Reserve. (Repeated of Inf. Bde).

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9	Wire	7:35 am	AIDD	S47	Line 18 pr. battery firing short at approx. U.4 B.2.7. it is constantly spraying trenches in this vicinity with shrapnel could this be adjusted, please.
9	"	8 am	AIDD	B.M. 135	Aeroplane sketch timed 6 a.m. shows you holding undulating trench and is this so? aaaa Reply urgent so that if necessary S.O.S. barrage can be lengthened aaaa If it is so say what steps are being taken to protect your right flank and if it is connected up to left Bn of right Bde aaaa Good blocks would be necessary aaaa Reply urgent.
9	Run-ner	-	11th T.M. Batt.	G 252	All guns of 10th in line relieved.

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9	Wire	9-15 am	9th Inf Bde	BM 136	Major Summerhays is reporting to you here - with to relieve Capt. Sims as Liaison Officer and Capt. Sims is to report back to these Hd Qrs.
9	"	9-19 am	G.I. 2	G 15	Inter-Brigade and inter-Batt Liaison may now be withdrawn at discretion of brigades concerned.
9	"	9-19 am	L.D.	683	Nothing to report aaaa (Sent to all bdes.) (Name of bde obliterated)
9	Run-ner	-	11th T.M. Batt	G 251	Six Guns across. Relief almost complete 10th. Selecting position for the two guns still on this side. Hope to have balance of guns in position in three hours time. Will forward detailed report as soon as dispositions completed. No casualties.

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Date	How Recd or Sent	Time	From or To	Send- er's No.	
9	Wire	9.20 am	E.38 A.I.D.D.	B.M. 137.	Hearn Artillery Section reports enemy massing North-East of Messines and can you confirm this and urgent.
9	"	9.30 am	A.I.D.D.	B.M.138	Give bearing on which this gun is firing otherwise it is impossible to take definite action.
9	"	9.35 am	A.I.D.D.	B.M.139	State map reference of point at which your front-line crosses UNDULATING TRENCH and any other particulars available and urgent.
9	Run- ner	9-45 am	E.38	ARW7	Hearn reports Green line to be as per sketch attached and forwarded for your information and I have established Aid post for present at BAKERY and.

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Date	How Recd or Sent	Time	From or To	Send- er's No.	
9	Wire	9.50am	42nd Bn.	B.M.138	Will you please get in touch with W.O. with Ben. and assist him to improve his present Aid Post which is situated in vicinity of U.G.A. 85.55.
9	Runner	-	20th M.B. Coy	-	There seems at present to be no M.G.'s in line in place of M.G.'s of 10th Com. pany which have been practically put out of action. May I suggest that one of the two following should take place: - (1) Either order me to take four of my guns sending two from F Bty to replace them here, or (2) May I be ordered to take up 2 or 4 guns from F Bty. I shall have 2 Officers to leave with D Bty if I move forward. If I receive word from you by phone "carry on" I will take it and do as I think best.

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9	Runner	-	207th Coy (Boulton)	-
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There seems to be a heavy gun firing from PONT NIEPPE or ARMENTIERES in vicinity ULCER SAP U.S.C. Can this be enquired into, please? Casualties since my last report 2 O.R's (1 shell shock) one wounded.

9	Wire	-	1st Bn B Mass	
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Wire the location of your Hd Qrs giving map reference.

9	Wire	9-40 am	AZKR FB 4	
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Col. Mausbridge still at R.D. 1. aaaa His forward command post is at U.G.A. 2. 3. aaaa His Rgt reports that consolidating on Green line aaaa Good line dug just behind and almost parallel to ULCER RESERVE aaaa Occupied by some 42nd Troops aaaa Good to T. between LA. DUNE and Ulna Avenue due to ULCER RESERVE

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9	Wire	9-40 am	AZKR FB 4	
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to a depth of 6 feet aaaa Working parties not interfered with aaaa Getting in touch with 9th Bde from this station.

9	Wire	10-30 am	AZKR FB 1	
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Message delivered to Col. Mausbridge misunderstood in here aaaa Some of units appear to have gone back thinking that they were relieved aaaa Have sent out snipers to investigate and clear situation aaaa Green line appears to be held by mixture of troops from different battalions aaaa Met Col. Mausbridge at R.D. 1 aaaa Situation at present quiet aaaa Met gas shells on way up aaaa No casualties

9	Wire	10-40 am	GT 2	2159
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9th Bde will immediately push out strong patrols towards THATCHED COTTAGE and UNCERTAIN SUPPORT aaaa 11th Bde

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Date	How recd sent	Time	From To	Serial or No.	Text
9	Wire	10-40 am	LT2. (boud).	159	will similarly push out strong patrols towards junctions of UNDULATING TRENCH with RIVER DOUVE and UNCODLY AVENUE and these patrols to be well supplied with flares & S.O. signals and first intention reconnaissance second intention to establish forward positions and this operation to be done quietly without special Artillery action and Artillery is arranging up Bombardment by heavies within 400 yds of this line and protective barrage for this New line will be arranged and most important for fullest reports upon above action to be transmitted here rapidly and addressed g/c & H.Q. Brigades.

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Date	How recd sent	Time	From To	Serial or No.	Text
9	Wire	11-14 am	LT2. g/c & H.Q.	161	Lt Stables reports at 10.10 am. Large number of enemy have been moving in parties from LA POTTERIE FARM they are moving up behind strong point at head of UNCODLY AVENUE and trees which extend along our front somewhere close to UNDULATING TRENCH URGENT.
9	Wire	11-27 am	LT2. BM F75. H+2		Reliable Subaltern reports at 10.10 am large parties of enemy have been moving in parties from LA POTTERIE FARM they are moving up behind strong point at head of UNCODLY AVENUE and trees which extend along our front somewhere close to UNDULATING TRENCH and addressed LT2 repeated F75.

Date	How Recd	Time	From or To	Sent or No	59
9	Wire	12-20	Sumner	to 583	Nothing to report situa- tion satisfactory with this unit aaaa
9	"	12-55	11 Lt	BTM	The S.O.S. of your true mortars near BETHLE HEM FARM are WEST of the GREEN line aaaa Are these mortars placed there to be used in case that the GREEN line goes only or are they intended to be used on receipt of S.O.S. from GREEN line aaaa In the latter case they must be moved forward to some position between the BLACK and GREEN lines aaaa The 4th Bn has been ordered to est- ablish a post at junction of UNBODLY AVENUE and UNDULATING TRENCH about 100* North Down River aaaa Please keep yourself in touch with the situation at this point.

Date	How Recd	Time	From or To	Sent or No	60
9	Wire	1-5 pm	LT 2	BANNEY	1st Bn report enemy concentration from direction of WAR NETON continues along line STEIGNAST FARM LA POTTERIE FARM aaaa Roughly five or six platoons have been seen.
9	Wire	1-27 pm	3rd Bn	119	In confirmation of telephone message new artillery protective and S.O.S. barrage will be put down as foll- ows aaaa U. 4. B. 70.58 to U. 4. B. 3.0 to U. 4. D. 54.60 to U. 4. D. 6.16 to U. 10. B. 60.22 to U. 10. D. 80.38 to U. 16. B. 62.88 to U. 16. B. 12.30 These along ULTIMO LANE to original protective barr- age line aaaa No shooting will take place west of this line without sanc- tion of DAHQ. aaaa Acknowledge aaaa

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Date	How recd or sent	Time	From	Sent to	Remarks
9	Wire	1-27	L.R.A.	W.A.G.	This gives opportunity of pushing out the patrols as arranged and keeping touch with 12th Bde.
9	"	1-27	L.R.A.	B.M. 45	Received.
9	"	1-27	L.T. 2.	G. 164.	Enemy identifications show 9th Bavarian Regt. are opposite our right between ST. YVES and DOUVE first Guards Reserve Regt. are opposite our left between DOUVE and line of UNBEARABLE TRENCH and second Guards Reserve Regt. post on North sea confirmation wanted and addressed L.F. 75 and L.F. 76.
9	"	1-55	L.R.A.	B.M. 45	Enemy identifications show 9th Bavarian Regt. are opposite our right between ST. YVES and DOUVE first Guards reserve post are opposite our left between DOUVE and line of UNBEARABLE TRENCH and second Guards Reserve Regt. post on North sea confirmation wanted.

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