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WAR DIARY

OF

12th Battalion A.I.F.

FOR

March **1918.**

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12th Batta.*

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3rd Inf. Bgde
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
NEUVE EGLISE. YPRES-COMINES CANAL	1918 March	1	Strengths 64 officers 1108 97R. Lt. F. C. Priddy returned from hospital.	<u>CMW</u>
		2	Embussed at 10.30 a.m. & proceeded to VOORMEZEELE, thence by march route to relieve 15 th Batta. as Support Battalion to Right Brigade in the line - HILL 60 Sector. Relief complete 2.40 p.m. On completion of relief, Battalion was disposed as follows:- Batta HQ. } A Company } CRATER D Company } DUGOUTS. B Company, less 1 platoon - GASPAS CLIFF C Company + 1 platoon B Coy - CANAL DUGOUTS. Transport + Q.M. store - BEDFORD CAMP, KEMMEL-LA CLYTTÉ RD.	<u>CMW</u> <u>aim</u>
		3.	All available men working. Carrying R.E. material to front line. Trench work wiring Support Line.	<u>aim</u>
		7.	9 th Battalion HQ. badly gassed in FUSILIER WALK. Maj. McPherson, Maj. Johnston (R.M.O.) with runners, signallers + medical personnel relieved 9 th Bn HQ. personnel about 7.30 a.m. until arrival of 11 th Bn staff.	<u>aim</u> <u>aim</u>
		9	Lt. L. Dadson reported back from 1 st T.B. Strengths 63 officers 1112 97R.	
		10.	Relieved 10 th Battalion as right Battalion in Brigade sector. Companies were disposed as follows:- A Company - right ^{left} Company in the line:- Posts 4. O. 6., 5. O. 6. Support Platoon + Coy. HQ. in OAK SUPPORT } right of Canal. Posts. 6. O. 6., 7. O. 6., 8. O. 6 (Platoon HQ.) 9. O. 6., 10. O. 6. } left of Canal. Support Platoon in RAILWAY TRENCH D Company - right Company in the line:- Posts 2. O. 12, 3. O. 12, 4. O. 12, Platoon HQ. 1. O. 6., 2. O. 6., 3. O. 6., 2 Platoons + Coy. HQ. in OAK SUPPORT. B Company - support Company :- WHITE CHATEAU. C Company - reserve Company :- 2 Platoons + Coy HQ. in WHITE CHATEAU. 2 Platoons in S.P. 2, 3, 74 in Reserve Line. Patrol Platoon (Lt FLETCHER, KING YANDERSEN + 50 men) :- WHITE CHATEAU. Wiring Platoon (Lt B. VAUGHAN + 36 men) :- Bn. HQ., BOW DUGOUTS.	<u>CMW</u> <u>aim</u>

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YPRES - COMINES CANAL	March 1918	10.	within 2 hours of taking over in the line, a direct hit was obtained on right company HQ and Capt. H. Webber was killed.	<u>CMS</u>
		12.	Enemy is very active with machine guns along front line posts along all tracks which are very well defined. OAK SUPPORT is strafed very badly every evening with 5.9's 4.2's and 7.7's from direction of WERVICQ which required a lot of silencing.	<u>CMS</u>
		13.	As it was very necessary to get identification of the enemy on this front, a strong fighting patrol of 2 officers 25 GR from 10 th Batta left our lines from Post 4.0.12. They soon came in contact with a strong enemy post bombs were thrown by both parties. The patrol at once returned with 3 casualties. Capt. S.R. Houghton returned from hospital.	<u>CMS</u>
		14.	at 12.15 a.m. a heavy artillery barrage was opened on OAK SUPPORT and OAK AVENUE and light & medium minnenwerfer fire on front line posts. All telephone lines were at once cut. On re-establishing communication it was found that an enemy raiding party consisting of 3 officers & 60 GR, especially trained for the purpose had attempted to raid our posts around HOLLEBEKE. Their object was to get behind the posts & then return, taking the garrisons with them. Rifle & machine gun fire was opened upon them & bombs thrown. This, together with the wire, completely broke up the attack. We took 12 prisoners - 6 of whom were wounded & 1 died. There were also many dead in the wire. Our casualties were 4 killed & 11 wounded. Sgt Reading did particularly good work by holding Post 3.0.6. completely on his own, refusing to surrender, & eventually keeping 3 wounded Germans prisoners covered until an officer came along & re-garrisoned the post. Simultaneously with the above, a smaller party attacked Post 6.0.6 on the left of the canal but were driven off by machine gun fire & bombs. Four S.O.S's - 2 from Platoon HQ & 2 from Coy HQ - were fired, but owing to a very thick ground fog, were not seen by any relay post & so the raid was beaten off without the assistance of any artillery.	<u>CMS</u>

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VPRES-COMINES CANAL.	March	14.	Prisoners proved to belong to 70 th Inf Regiment, 31 st Division, from the Russian front. Lt J.S. Moninon returned from Supernumerary List, ^{rappointed} acting Divisional Gas officer.	<u>CMW</u>
		15.	Lt J.F. Keen returned from hospital. Front line & RAILWAY TRENCH badly troubled by minenwerfer fire from direction of Locs 5, 6.	<u>CMW</u>
		17.	Inter-company relief. B Coy - left company in line with Coy HO - in RAILWAY TRENCH. C Coy - right Coy in line. Heavy gas shell bombardment from 10 p.m. to midnight. Casualties NIL. CHATEAU WOODS badly shelled.	<u>CMW</u>
		18.	Lt A. D. Syraw returned from hospital & appointed Assistant Adjutant.	<u>CMW</u>
		19.	Gas projectors fired from 53 rd Batta on our right at 10.30 p.m. minenwerfers still very troublesome.	<u>CMW</u>
		21.	Heavy gas shell bombardment round batteries at 5.30 a.m. German offensive commenced from the Scarpe to the Oise. Capt. S.R. Houghton reported to 9 th Bn for temporary duty as signal officer.	<u>CMW</u>
		22.	Inter Company relief. Strengths 64 officers 1064 OR.	<u>CMW</u>
		24.	Relieved by 10 th Battalion. Complete at 9.56 p.m.	<u>CMW</u>
		25.	Bn HO & D Coy at CRATER DUGOUTS. B Coy at GASPAS CLIFF. C Coy at WHITE CHATEAU. A Coy at CANAL DUGOUTS. The Brigade front, having been extended to the north, D Coy moved over to LARCH WOOD TUNNELS in order to support the new front.	<u>CMW</u>
		31.	Strength 63 officers 1077 OR. The weather during the month has been particularly fine, especially so during this unit's tour in the line. The health of the men is also, on the whole, good, although colds and scabies have been rather prevalent due to the close & confined living in the deep dugouts. A difference was at once noticed when the Battalion moved into the line & the men lived more in the open. Rations have been very good and hot meals were provided twice daily when in the line. Baths were established at NORFOLK BRIDGE and men were bathed on relief.	<u>CMW</u>

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YPRES-COMINES CANAL.	March 1918	31.	<p>Casualties for the month:- 1 officer 12^{01R} Killed 4^{01R} Died of Wounds. 27^{01R} Wounded. 7^{01R} ? Gas. 6^{01R} ? Shellshock.</p> <p>The leave allotment for this month has been particularly good, as many as 6 or 7 going to England daily, having been in France 8 months over. All leave, however, both to England & places in France was cancelled from 21st inst.</p> <p>The following N.C.O.'s & men have been awarded Military Medals by the Corps Commander:-</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>1767 Sgt. A. Keeling</td> <td>6527 Pot H. Shroove</td> <td>1659 Pot. C. H. Witzgerman.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3068 Lt. Cpl. F. Cole</td> <td>4878 " D. Sullivan</td> <td>7212 " J. Cox.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>7103 " H. G. Brown</td> <td>6519 " W. H. Glover</td> <td>1137 " L. O. Monks.</td> </tr> </table> <p>Dating from 13/3/18, a new organisation for an Infantry Battalion was introduced, the main feature of which was the increased strength of Battalion HQ., which now includes 6 sergeant specialist instructors.</p> <p>The transport - both animals & vehicles - are at present in excellent condition.</p> <p>During the tour in the forward area, Lt. M. Bensley has acted as works officer.</p> <p>12th Capt. A. S. Bowles D.S.O. transferred to Indian Army.</p> <p>19th Lt. J. A. Lay detached for duty with 3rd A. I. T. M. B.</p>	1767 Sgt. A. Keeling	6527 Pot H. Shroove	1659 Pot. C. H. Witzgerman.	3068 Lt. Cpl. F. Cole	4878 " D. Sullivan	7212 " J. Cox.	7103 " H. G. Brown	6519 " W. H. Glover	1137 " L. O. Monks.	<p><i>[Signature]</i></p>
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R. W. Newton *crab*

12th. BATTALION OPERATION ORDER, NO. 25.BY
Lt. Col. G. H. Elliott, D.S.O. Commanding 12th., Battalion.Reference Sheet 28.Battalion Headquarters
1/3/18.

1. The 12th. Battalion will relieve 15th. Battalion as Support Battalion to-morrow, March 2nd., 1918.
2. The Battalion will embus on the NEUVE-ECLISE--ARMENTIERES road at 10.30 a.m. The Battalion will parade on the ground east of B.H.Q. at 9.30a.m., and assemble again on a selected spot when companies will be told off into bus parties of 1 officer & 25 O/Ranks.
3. Dress for the line will be as follows:- Fighting order, greatcoat, 1 blanket and Water-proof Sheet.
The pack with 1 blanket and leather jerkin inside, will be stacked at R.Q.M. Store by 9 a.m. Felt hats will be dealt with similarly, and C.Q.M. Svs. will carefully check numbers handed in.
4. Cookers will be ready by 8 a.m.. All gear for the line, such as officers blankets, Batt. Orderly Room gear, Mess gear, signalling gear etc., must be at R.Q.M. store by 8 a.m. and plainly marked "For the line". All valises, bags, Orderly Room boxes, Canteen gear, surplus signalling gear, Batt. Mess gear, Sports material, etc., to be at R.Q.M. store by 8 a.m. and plainly marked "Transport Lines". Maltese cart to be loaded by 8 a.m.
5. The following personnel, not proceeding into line, will parade at R.Q.M. store at 8.30a.m. with full marching order, and will proceed with transport to BEDFORD Camp:- Band, all batmen of officers not proceeding into the line, tailors, bootmakers, 2 A.M.C. details, 1 N.C.O. and relief of signallers. Captain Holyman will detail an officer to take charge of this party, and march with them in rear of the transport.
6. No rear party will be left behind, but companies will be responsible for the cleanliness of their own areas. S/Lt. E. B. King is detailed to remain behind, and hand over all Area Stores to incoming unit, and obtain certificate of cleanliness. He will satisfy himself before companies move off that their huts and areas are clean.
7. Captain Holyman is detailed as O/C. Rear Battalion Headquarters.
8. Duplicate receipt for trench stores taken over will be handed in to Battalion Headquarters by 6 p.m.
9. Code word for relief complete, "Still going strong".

G.M. Newton
Lieut. & Ad
12th. Battalion.

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BATTALION OPERATION ORDER NO. 26.

Copy No. 5
Appl. 27

By
Lieut. Col. C. H. Elliott, D.S.O. Commanding 12th. Battalion.

Reference Sheet HOLLEBEKE - 1/10.000.

Battalion Headquarters
9th. March 1918.

1. The 12th. Battalion will relieve the 10th. Battalion in right sector of Brigade front on night of 10/11th. March.
2. The Battalion will be disposed as follows:-
 - "A" Coy.- Left Company in line, with 1 supporting platoon in each RAILWAY TRENCH & OAK SUPPORT.
 - "B" Coy:- WHITE CHATEAU.
 - "C" Coy:- 2 platoons in WHITE CHATEAU, 1 platoon in Strong Posts "A" & "B" in Support Line, and 1 platoon in cupolas in Strong Posts 4, 5. & 6. in Reserve Line.
 - "D" Coy:- Right company in line with 2 supporting platoons in OAK SUPPORT.
3. As already instructed, each company will detail 2 N.C.O's. and 10 men for special patrol work, and 1 N.C.O. and 8 men for a wiring team. These will be specially selected men.

The patrol platoon will be accommodated in WHITE CHATEAU and will rendezvous there at 5 p.m. when Lieut. R.W. Fletcher will supervise their occupation.

The wiring platoon will be accommodated at Battalion Headquarters, and will rendezvous at 5 p.m. when Lieut. B. Vaughan will supervise their occupation.
4. A percentage of specialists and one officer per front line will go into the line on night of 9/10th. and will remain in. Company Commanders will forward Disposition Sketches (showing posts, L.M.G's etc.) to Batt. Headquarters with Intelligence report on morning of 11th inst. Receipts for reserve rations must be obtained on special Divisional pro forma.
5. Support Companies will not commence the relief before 2 p.m. after which time 1 platoon at 1/4 hour intervals may proceed. Strong Posts "A" & "B" will not be occupied until after dusk. Front line companies will not commence relief until 7 p.m. Batt. Headquarters details will relieve at 5 p.m.
6. The following guides will report as under:-
 - RIGHT LINE COMPANY.

3 guides will report to Batt. Headquarters between 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. 2 of them will guide the garrisons of the front line posts via OAK AVENUE to right line platoon Head Q'ters. where a guide for each post will meet them. The other one will guide the 2 support platoons into position.
 - LEFT LINE COMPANY.

2 guides will report to CANAL DUGOUTS between 6 p.m. & 7 p.m. 1 of them will guide the garrisons of the front line posts via OLAF AVENUE to left line platoon Head. Q'ters. (Post 8.0.6.) where a guide for each post will meet them. The other one will guide 1 supporting platoon into OAK SUPPORT.

O/C. "A" Company will make his own arrangements for getting his support platoon into position in RAILWAY TRENCH.
7. Completion of relief will be wired in code.

C. M. Newton

Lieut. :& Adj. Lt.

12th. Battalion.

SECRET. BATTALION OPERATION ORDER NO. 27.

By.
Lieut. Col. C. H. Elliott. D.S.O. Commanding 12th. Battalion

Reference Sheet HOLLEBEKE - 1/10.000. Battalion Headquarters.
23rd. March 1916.

1. The 12th. Battalion will be relieved in the line by the 10th. Battalion on night 24/25th. March.

2. On relief the 10th. Battalion will be disposed as follows:-

Line Right. ----	"A" Coy.
Line Left. ----	"C" "
SPADGERS LANE. --	"D" "
WHITE CHATEAU ---	"B" "

3. On completion of relief, 12th. Battalion will move into Support position and will be disposed as follows:-

Battalion Headquarters. ---	CRATER DUGOUTS.
"A" Company. ---	CANAL DUGOUTS.
"B" " 3 Platoons. ---	GASPARS DUGOUTS.
"B" " 1 Platoon ---	CANAL DUGOUTS.
"C" " ---	WHITE CHATEAU.
"D" " ---	CRATER DUGOUTS.

One officer per company will be sent forward to-morrow morning to take over the accomodation, and sign for Trench Stores. Lieut Fletcher will act for "D" Coy. and afterwards return to Tran sport Lines.

4. The following duties will be supplied by "C" Coy. and will parade at WHITE CHATEAU at 1 p.m., when orders will be given them.

3 N.C.O's & 30 men--	Area Commandants Party. Rationed by Coy.
1 " " 3 " --	STAFFORD DUMP. " " "
1 " " 3 " --	BELMONT DUMP. " " "
1 " " 3 " --	NORFOLK BRIDGE. Drying Room. " " "
1 " " 4 " --	Brigade Gas Guard. " " Bde.

5. There will be 4 A.A. Guards required, 3 of which are at CRATER DUGOUTS and 1 at GASPARS CLIFF. "A" & "B" Coys. will each supply 1 and "D" Coy the other 2. Until Coys are relieved in the line "B" & "C" Coys. will each supply 2, to be ready at 2 p.m. L.M.G. Sergeant will arrange their mounting.

6. Receipts for Trench Stores and Reserve Rations will be received in triplicate, and will be returned to Battalion Headquarters before noon to-morrow.

7. The question of guides for incoming troops will be arranged between Company Commanders concerned.

8. Completion of relief to be wired in code.

C. M. Newton

Lieut. & Adj. t

12th. Battalion.

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SECRET. 19th. BATTALION OPERATION ORDER NO. 88.Ref. HOLLIBREKS 1/19,999,

Battalion Headquarters.

25th. March. 1919.

1. The 3rd. A.I. Brigade is extending its boundary to the north. The boundaries on re-adjustment will be:

Northern Division-- Boundary. NORTH Pa. (J.33.a.7.4.) exclusive-
 GROENENBURG Pa. (J.31.b.1.5.) - I.36.b.60.63.-
 I.30.c.0.0. - I.28.b.7.4. - thence along
 present boundary.

Inter-Battalion --- Boundary. P.1.c.15.85. - 0.6.b.70.15. - 0.6.b.90.35. -
 thence along the present boundary.

2. In accordance with this, "D" Company will garrison LARCH WOOD Tunnels, and will be responsible for the Defence of the Reserve Lines from the present to the new Brigade Boundary.
3. All Maps, Defence Schemes and Trench Stores will be taken over, and receipts forwarded to this office by 6 p.m. to-night.
4. Signal Officer will arrange telephonic communication.
5. Completion of relief will be wired in code.

R.M. Newton

Lieut. & Adj..

19th. Battalion.

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TWELFTH INFANTRY BATTALION.

DEFENCE SCHEME. (PROVISIONAL).

RIGHT BATTALION OF RIGHT BRIGADE.

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| | 7. | T.D. |
| | 8. | O/C. "A" Coy. |
| | 9. | " " "B" " |
| | 10. | " " "C" " |
| | 11. | " " "D" " |
| | 12. | H.Q. |
| | 13. | " " "W" " |
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Reference Sheet HOLLEBEKE 1/10,000.

1. ORGANISATION OF SECTOR:-

North Boundary passes through point 0 6 D 0 5. through 0 6 Central to CANAL at 0 6 A 15 50. and thence along Southern side of Canal.

SOUTHERN Boundary passes from point 0 12 A 0 6 along road from HOLLEBEKE due WEST, then follows the road 0 10 B 6 5-- 0 4 D 30 05 -- 0 10 A 4 5.

Inter-Coy Boundary passes from 0 6 C 9 3 -- 0 5 D 40 35.

2. METHOD OF HOLDING SECTOR:- The Battalion will be distributed in depth, 2 Companies each with 2 platoons in the Outpost lines, and 2 platoons in close support. 1 Coy. in support and 1 in reserve.

3. DISPOSITION OF TROOPS:- * Battalion Hd Q'trs. 0 5 A 20 00. 6 Off. 70 O/R's
R. A. P. 0 4 B 20 30.
* Brigade O.P. 0 5 C 80 20.
Battalion O.P. 0 5 B 50 70.

Front Line Coy. RIGHT.

* Company Hd. Q'trs.	0 5 D 35 50.	2 Off.	10 O/R's	} 2 Platoons.
* Platoon " "	0 12 A 25 95.2	"	6 "	
Post 2. 0. 12.	0 12 A 15 75.		9 "	
	(1 L.M.G).			
Post 3. 0. 12.	0 12 A 24 79.		9 "	
" 4. 0. 12.	0 12 A 40 90.		9 "	
	(1 L.M.G).			
" 1. 0. 6.	0 6 C 45 05.		9 "	
" 2. 0. 6.	0 6 C 30 10.		9 "	
" 3. 0. 6.	0 6 C 45 30.		9 "	
	(1 L.M.G).			

1 1/2 Platoons of 2 Off. & 40 O/R's in OAK SUPPORT from 0 5 D 40 50. to 0 11 B 25 55 with 1 L.M.G (from Support Coy.) at 0 5 D 50 20, and 1 at 0 11 B 55, and 1/2 Platoon in Strong Points "A" 0 11 A 85 60, and "B" 0 11 B 10 80.

Front Line Coy. LEFT.

* Company Hd. Q'trs.	0 6 A 55 00.	2 Off.	10 O/R's	} 2 Platoons.
* Platoon " " Right.	0 5 D 35 50.	1 "	10 "	
* (Post 8.0.6) " " Left.	0 6 C 65 65.	1 "	10 "	
Post. 4. 0. 6.	0 6 C 58 55.		7 "	
" 5. 0. 6.	0 6 C 62 37.		7 "	
	(1 L.M.G).			
" 6. 0. 6.	0 6 C 75 47.		7 "	
	(1 L.M.G)			
" 7. 0. 6.	0 6 C 70 60.		7 "	
" 9. 0. 6.	0 6 C 95 59.		7 "	
" 10. 0. 6.	0 6 D 15 80.		7 "	
	(1 L.M.G & Listening Post).			

1 Platoon in OAK SUPPORT from 0 5 D 90 75. to 0 5 D 40 55. with 1 L.M.G. at 0 5 D 85 75.

1 Platoon in RAILWAY TRENCH near 0 6 A 55 00.

Support Coy. 6 Off. and 3 L.M.G's at WHITE CHATEAU 0 4 D 10 70.

Reserve Coy. 6 Off. In cupolas in SPADGER'S LANE and the following Strong Points, (with 2 L.M.G's).

Post 2. 0. 4.	0 4 D 25 00.
" 3. 0. 4.	0 4 D 53 20.
" 4. 0. 4.	0 4 D 80 50.
" 5. 0. 4.	0 4 D 95 60.
" 6. 0. 5.	0 5 C 15 65.

Two L.M.G's mounted at Batt. Hd. Q'ters for A.A. duty.

One Company of Support Battalion will be at WHITE CHATEAU.

Apr 5-12

(2).

3. ACTION IN CASE OF ATTACK:-

- (1). Front posts will resist to the utmost. They are arranged so as to bring supporting fire, which must be made full use of. Should a post be lost, a counter attack will at once be made by support platoons with co-operation of adjoining posts. Company Commanders will advise Battalion Headquarters of action taken.
- (ii). Support Coy. will move by OWL WALK to positions in OAK SUPPORT and posts "A" & "B".
- (iii). Reserve Coy. will man posts 2^{0.4} to 6^{0.5} and not move without orders from Battalion Headquarters. Support Coys. will send 2 runners to Battalion Headquarters.
- (iv). 2 Companies of Support Battalion will occupy WHITE CHATEAU.

4. PRECAUTIONARY STAGE:-

On receipt of the message "precautionary action" an extra 50 rounds S.A.A. will be issued to all ranks. Support Coy. will move to previously allotted positions in OAK SUPPORT. Reserve Coy. will man posts 2, 0, 4 to 6, 0, 5.

5. DUMPS ETC:-

Brigade Ammunition--BELMONT DUMP. I 33 D 1 1.
 Battalion " Batt.Hd.Q'trs. O 5 C 4 9.
 Engineer Dump. LONE TREE. O 4 A 6 2.
 Reserves of S.A.A. are kept in all posts. WHITE CHATEAU and Coy. Headquarters.
 Reserves of Rations and Water are at Battalion Headquarters, WHITE CHATEAU, Brigade O.P. Pill Boxes B 13 and 14 near S.P's 4 & 3 respectively. Water point is at O 4 A 1 3.

6. S.O.S.

S.O.S. posts are marked ^{so, *} in red in para 3.

C.H. Elliott

Lieut. Col.

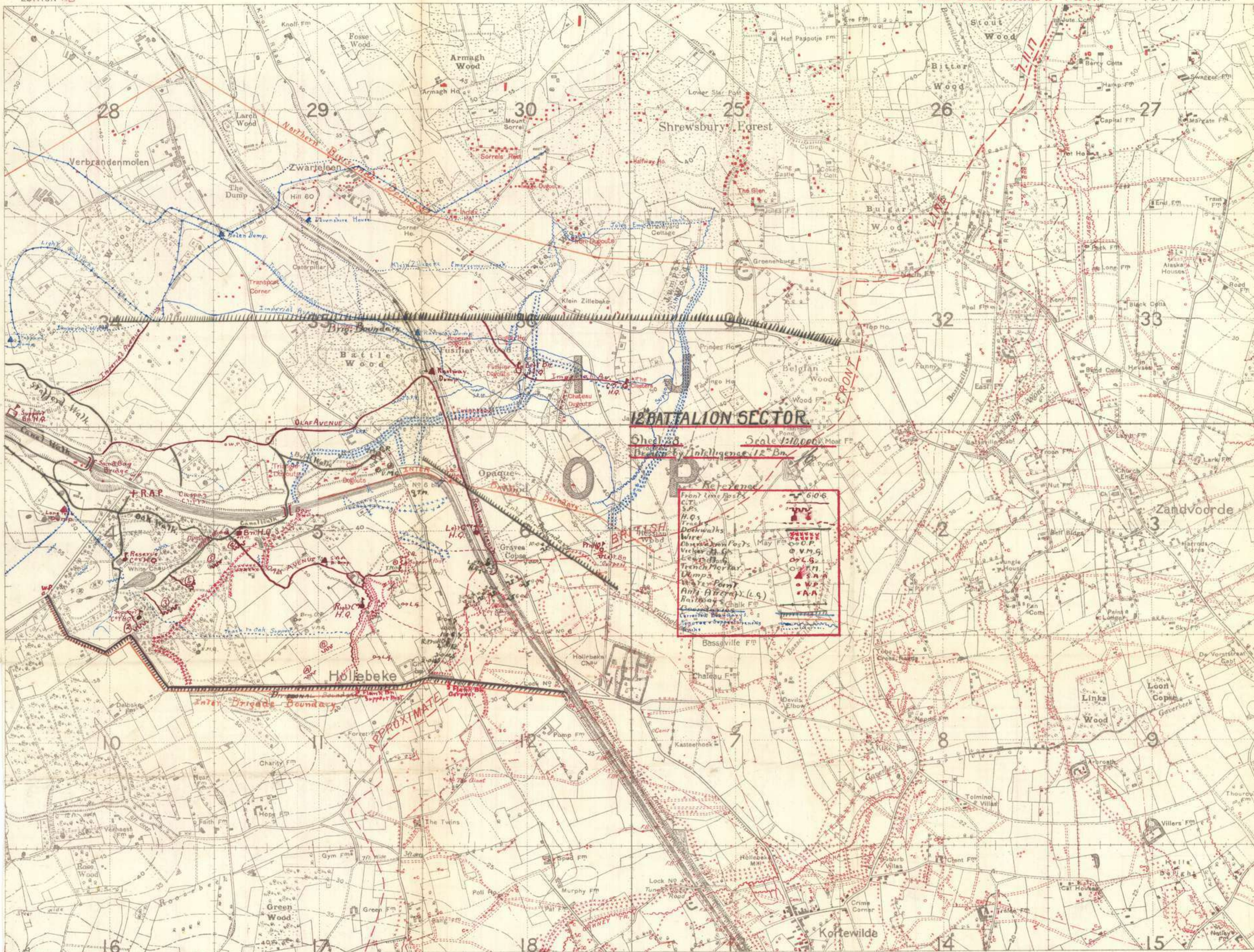
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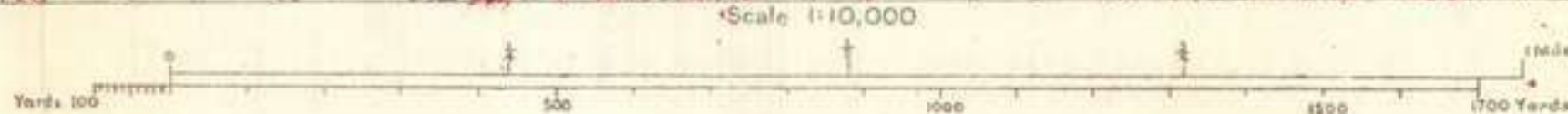
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Appendix 6.
German Trenches corrected to 7-11-17. Part of Sheet 28.

EDITION 4-B



F.S. Co. 1486, 15-11-17 Battery Positions
 (possible strong points) Probably Timber or Camouflage
 Probably Concrete



Concrete Structures = 0
 Organized Shell Holes 25

NOTE: A feed-water canal exists along the western side of the canal from P. 25 b 7.4 northward to O. 12 d 9.6, and from O. 12 b 2.5 to O. 6 c 9.1, and is conducted in tunnels at three points indicated. (Vide also HOUTHEN Sheet.)