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WAR DIARY

OF

46th BATTALION A.I.F.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	<u>Feb</u> <u>1</u>		The Battalion is still at MURRUMBIDGEE CAMP (Sheet 28 N.7.a), the strength being - With Battalion 35 Officers 590 other ranks. In Hospital 1 " 32 " Detached on various duties) 19 " 296 " TOTAL 55 " 918 "	
			Working parties are still being provided for work on the New Corps Line (Sheet 28 I34 c.), constructing strong points, machine gun positions, duckboarding, revetting, and constructing wire entanglements. The usual party of 11 Officers and 255 o/r were engaged on this work, being conveyed from the camp to SPOIL BANK (Sheet 28 I 33 a.30.10) by Light Railway at 8 a.m. and returning about 4.30 p.m. - A long day's work, leaving no time for recreation or training. The weather to-day was cold, but fine. In the evening the last of a series of lectures to Officers was given, Lt. BULL lecturing on the prismatic compass. <i>Sailing - Rapid Winch, Gas Drill, Musketry.</i>	H.J.
	2		Working parties were supplied and light training carried on as for previous day.	H.J.
	3		Working parties as usual, the remainder of the Battalion being given hot baths and change of clothing.	H.J.
	4		Working parties and training as usual.	
	5		The Battalion moved by road to PARRETT CAMP (Sheet 28 N 16.b.9.5) distance $3\frac{3}{4}$ miles - taking over from 47th Battalion A.I.F. Time of departure 2 p.m. Time of arrival 3.20 p.m. Reason for move is that the 12th Brigade takes over the line to-day and we are in reserve. Working party 6 Officers and 300 o/r was supplied to-day.	H.J. H.J.
	6		No working parties were supplied to-day, the day being used for inspection of clothing and boots, and equipment - bayonet fighting and gas drill. The Battalion Officers' Mess was opened to-day, with the following Officers directing - President - Major F.M. COUCHMAN Hon Sec & Treas. - Captain ELLIOTT TRUE, A.A.M.C. The formal opening took place in the evening when all Officers were present. A piano was engaged and a pleasant time was spent.	H.J.
	7		Working parties of 9 Officers and 310 o/r were supplied; of these 2 Officers and 60 o/r left camp at 6.45 a.m., the remainder at 8 a.m. The rest of the Battalion were engaged in light training.	H.J.
	8.		The same parties as yesterday were supplied. As the day was wet, the remainder of the Battalion were employed in Gas drill and musketry indoors.	H.J.

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	Feb 9		Working parties as for yesterday. Lieut BULL and 2nd Lieut PLEASANCE and 10 o/r proceeded to the Brigade sector of the line to reconnoitre enemy positions with a view to a raid when we go in. The part patrolled was between BELGIAN WOOD (Sheet 28 J 31.d) and POTSDAM (Sheet 28 - P 1 a & b).	Nf.
	10		Working parties as for previous day. 7 Officers and 10 N.C.Os from the different Companies proceeded to reconnoitre sector held by 45th Battalion. A voluntary Church Parade in Y.M.C.A. hut, about 120 Officers and men attending.	Nf.
	11		5 Company Officers and 8 other ranks proceeded to reconnoitre the Brigade sector of the line.	Nf.
	12		Working parties were supplied as for previous day. Rain fell at night.	
	12		Working parties as usual. A meeting of Officers was held at night to make final arrangements for our tour in the line. It was decided to put "C" Company (Capt.G.E. Milne) on the right, and "D" Company (Major E.S. Davis) on the left, with "B" Company (Lieut T.G. Carter) and "A" Company (Capt W.A. Syme, M.C.) in Support and Reserve respectively.	Nf.
	13		Today we relieved the 45th Battalion. Battalion moved to SPOIL BANK by Bus, as follows:- "A" Company 11 a.m. "B" Company and Battalion Headquarters 1 p.m. "C" & "D" Companies 3p.m. From there parties moved by sections to their allotted sectors and the whole relief was complete by 8 p.m. without sustaining any casualties. Full disposition of Battalion in the line shown in Intelligence Summary attached. The night passed off quietly on the whole - a few gas shells being sent over, but no damage done. The Battalion was under Command of Lieut-Colonel H.C.Ford D.S.O., with Major F.M.Couchman as Senior Major, Captain G.S.Vanstan, Adjutant, 2nd Lieut. W.C. Pleasance Intelligence Officer and Lieut. L.Bull as O.C. patrols and scouts. The sector occupied is shown on attached map.	Nf.
			It consisted of three lines of defence - An outpost line, a support line, and a reserve line. The outpost line consisted of three groups of four posts, each post manned by one N.C.O. and 8 other ranks. Each group also contained a platoon Headquarters - in each case a concrete pill-box to which those in the posts withdrew during the day. Four Lewis Guns were distributed along the line, and a further defence consisted of a belt of wire from 30 to 50 yards in front. This wire was good in places and formed an effective obstacle; at others it was rather thin, but was gradually strengthened during our tour. These groups were in a narrow valley, the bed of which was very broken by shell fire, and in places very marshy. On the whole, the ground was very difficult to walk over, especially after a few points of rain.	Appendix 1
			The Support Line was as shown and was in good condition for occupation, with the exception of 150 yards (JARROCKS FARM), which was not duckboarded; this part was impassable owing to	Appendix 2

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	Feb 13		<p>depp mud. The duckboarding and revetting of this was carried on with at night and about 50 yards were done during our tour. Progress here is necessarily slow owing to the limited number of men who can work at one time. The support line was poorly wired on taking over but during the week we constructed a belt of double apron wire along the whole front from 50 to 80 yards out. The Reserve Line was 750 yards in rear of the Support Line. It was in good condition, fire-stepped, revetted, duckboarded and with a good parapet - it had a good field of fire and was well wired. Two communication trenches joined the Reserve and Support lines. Imperial Avenue on the north and Olaf Avenue on the south. Both these C.Ts. were in good condition, revetted and duckboarded. Battalion Headquarters was situated in Fusilier dugouts marked on the map. Support Company was billeted in a tunnel close to Bn. Headquarters. (The tunnel was capable of holding 70 men) and in shelters in the vicinity. The Reserve Company was in Railway trench, capable of holding 150 men. The remaining two companies had headquarters at THE CLUSTERS and at the head of OLAF AVENUE respectively, their men being in the outpost groups and the surplus at their Company headquarters. We were also covered by two Brigades of 4th Divisional Artillery in addition to some 6" and 9" guns, two Trench Mortars, 1 light and medium, and 15 guns of the 12th Machine Gun Company.</p> <p>From a defence point of view the position is, in my opinion, not satisfactory. The whole position requires much more wiring, and when an attack started, too much movement is required to man the fighting posts. The C.Ts. would doubtless be heavily bombarded making progress difficult and costly. Alternative overland routes would be exposed to artillery fire. Doubtless the enemy had our defences well marked down, as his planes flew low daily over our lines and it is reasonable to suppose he took many photographs. The minimum of movement could be obtained if shelters for garrisons were constructed in each trench, and so have men on the spot. It is hard to conjecture what result an enemy attack would have, but no doubt he'd suffer heavy casualties.</p> <p>For full information of our tour in xxxx the line see attached Patrol. + <i>Intelligence Reports</i>. During the tour several Officers and men specially distinguished themselves. Lieut L. BULL showed himself a capable and daring patrol leader. He, in company with Captain G.S. VANSTAN, No 4789 Cpl W. DOLAN and No 2856 Pte G. ANDREWS occupied a deserted enemy position in MOAT FARM, and remained there 14 hours observing enemy positions and directing artillery fire on to the same. They were forced to remain in the prone position, but this never allowed their enthusiasm to wane, although suffering much from cold. Major F.M. COUGHMAN (senior major) displayed great energy and initiative throughout the tour, also Lieuts. T.J. GARR and J.P. COWEY, all of whom rendered good service in collecting information on our own and enemy defences.</p>	<p>#-</p> <p><i>Appendix 1</i></p>

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	Feb 20		To-day spent in making preparations for handing over. At dusk covering patrols were put out in front of each group to protect relief - they staying out until relief was complete. We were relieved by the 15th Battalion A.I.F. relief being completed by 9 p.m. without casualties. The method of moving back to SPOIL BANK was by sections at intervals of 50 yards. Battalion embussed at a point near O 1 b. on road running from VOORMEZEELE - STELOI to MOATED GRANGE. "C" and "D" Companies - 12 busses departing at 8 p.m. "A" and "B" Companies - 12 busses departing at 11 p.m. The Battalion debussed at CURRAGH CAMP near LOCRE (M 17.c.2.9) going into huts there.	A.A.
			For work done in line see works reports. For salvage work done in line see Salvage Returns. Whilst in the line 6000 drinks of hot Cocoa were supplied to the men from the Comforts Stall situated at IMPERIAL DUGOUTS.	Appendix 3. Appendix 4
	21		The day was spent in refitting, cleaning, and reorganizing generally.	A.F.
	22		Working parties for CORPS LINE were sent out to-day - Strength 10 Officers and 350 o/r.	A.F.
	23		Same as yesterday.	A.F.
	24		Same as yesterday. No Church Parade was held to-day no men being available. Weather fine and mild.	A.F.
	25		Working party reduced to 5 officers and 175 o/r. Rain fell considerably to-day. The following gifts were received from the Australian Comforts Fund - 5 cases - Cocoa and milk. 3 cases - Biscuits. 1 case - Chocolate. 1 case - Cigarettes. 3 parcels - Reading matter.	A.F.
	26		No working parties to-day. The blankets of "A" and "B" Companies were fumigated this morning.	A.F.
	27		The Battalion moved out by route march to MERRIS area to-day. Time of starting 8.30 a.m. Time of arrival 11.50 a.m. Distance 8 miles. Location of B.N.Q. Hut 27 x 26 D 4-0.	A.F.
	28		Battalion commenced training. - reorganization, bayonet fighting and musketry.	A.F.
			<u>MOVEMENT OF OFFICERS.</u> Captain W.C. Brooks detached for duty with overseas Training Brigade February 1st 1918. Lieut L.N. Crichton evacuated to Field Ambulance. 3rd February 1918. Lieut W.F.H. Master (M.C) admitted to hospital in England 22nd January 1918. Major H.F. McLaughlin returned to duty with 47th Battalion - 4th February 1918 from attachment with 46th Battalion.	A.F.

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	Feb.		<p><u>MOVEMENT OF OFFICERS (Contd)</u> Major J.M. Edgley, D.S.O., and 2nd Lieut. A.S. Dickinson rejoined from seconded list 8th February 1918. Chaplain Captain J.F. Hennessy attached 12th February 1918. Lieut. W. Hood (M.C) from seconded list 9th February 1918.</p> <p>Summary of other ranks evacuated and taken on strength attached.</p> <p><u>HEALTH</u> - The health of the troops has been good, generally, during the month. Number evacuated being - 2 Officers 47 other ranks sick. 2 do do wounded.</p> <p style="text-align: center; margin-left: 100px;"><i>Q. M.° report attached</i></p>	<p><i>H.S.</i></p> <p><i>Appendix 5</i></p> <p><i>Appendix 6</i></p>

46th Platoon Patrol Report. (1) Diff
 No. 1 Patrol Appendix 1.

Strength 1 Platoon of Pleasance W.C. 5th R

Time Departure 8:35 pm 9/2/18

Point " J 31 C 56

Task Reconnoitre Moat Farm locality
 P16 square & Pull Box at Wet Pond
 and ascertain if same are occupied
 by enemy

Report Patrol left above point & proceeded
 to Wood Farm Group. (J 31 C 12) reporting
 at Platoon HQ. from there proceeded to
 Fish Pond post, locality J 31 d 61, thence
 round west of Fish Pond to P16 75 90.
 Patrol remained at this point for
 about 30 min & noted

- 1) Shells were sent up from Damp Copse
 and Game Copse.
- 2) Enemy fired 2 TM shells on Potsdam
 Farm group - one being a dud. TM
 apparently being fired from Game Copse
 Patrol then proceeded to P16 75 80, &
 remained listening there for about half
 an hour & noted
- 1) Enemy MG's were fired from Damp
 Copse & what appeared to be a pill Box
 in rear of Moat Farm.
- 2) There was no enemy movement
 from Moat Farm.
- 3) Our 18/hrs were firing on enemy position.

4) in rear of Boat Farm enemy were continuously sending up flares from bicus point. which broke into orange color clusters - 22 in all being fired. Patrol then proceeded to P1667 towards pill box at Wet Pond. Whilst there patrol noted

- 1) a running stream at this point going towards bridge at P1655,65
- 2) shell holes very large & full of water. A number of them appeared to have been connected up with large shell holes to enable water to be drained out of smaller ones.

3) The pill box does not appear to be occupied & is very much battered about & is probably full of water. Patrol then proceeded to P1647 & thence to Plum HQ Potsdam Group reporting there, thence to P1618, thence to T31d12, thence to J31c93 thence to Sap Head; locality T31c56. No enemy movement was heard due probably to wind blowing strongly from NW.

Patrol returned to Sap Head at 12 M/N

10/2/18.

(19a) L Ball 7.0

Patrol Report 46th AIm (3) ²
 NO 2 PATROL OUP
 Strength 1 NCO 3 MEN (Corp Nolan)
 Time of Departure 8pm 9/2/18
 Point D J31 C 56
 Task Reconnoitre Game Copse at P1C 80 85
 & enemy were in front of same
 REPORT Patrol left J31 C 56 at 8pm &
 proceeded towards Potsdam Group
 reporting at Plm HQ, thence from there
 Patrol went to post at P1a 9530 thence
 to P1a 9015, whilst listening at this
 point patrol heard a low whistling
 noise coming from direction of hedge
 at P1a 9510. From there patrol proceeded
 to P1a 81 whilst here plane was
 sent up from Game Copse and patrol
 saw a party of the enemy 7 strong
 walking quietly in single file
 towards Game Copse from direction
 of P1a 8510. From point P1a 81
 patrol observed the enemy were in
 front of Game Copse which appeared
 to be thick & in good condition
 Patrol then proceeded to P1a 72 thence
 to post at P1a 9530 thence back to
 Plm HQ Potsdam Group thence
 to J31 d 11 thence to J31 C 15 thence
 to J31 C 56. Patrol arrived at this spot at
 11/15pm (Sgd) L Ball 90

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APPENDIX 1

Disposition Report 13/2/18 ⁽⁴⁾ app

Hollibake Map Sh 28 1/10,000			
Battalion HQ	136	95	50 (Fusilier Dugout)
			Garrison 6 off 65 off
RAP	136	35	75 (Imperial Dugout)
			Garrison 3 off 9 off
Right Half Sector C Coy of HQ men			
Post 1106 (06d79)	-	1	6
Pln HQ (06d 65 85)	1	1	3
Post 1206 (06d 85 90)			1 6
" 1PI (Pia 10 05)			1 6
" 2PI (Pia 25 10) Pln HQ	1	1	8
" 2PI (Pia 28 20)			1 7
Co HQ (06d 95)	2	5	21
Remainder of Coy at			
Chateau Dugout (136d32)	1	4	28
	<u>5</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>85</u>
Left Half Sector D Coy			
Post 3PI (Pia 80 45)	-	1	8
4PI (Pia 85 50)	-	1	6
5PI (Pia 95 55)	-	1	6
6PI (Pia 05 65) Pln HQ	2	1	5
7PI (Pia 10 70)		2	4
	<u>2</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>29</u>

Food

	OF	MCO	MEN	
	2	6	29	
Post 1 J31 (J31 d 30 15)	-	1	6	} Belgian Wood Group
2 J31 (J31 d 45 25) PHQ	2	-	12	
3 J31 (J31 d 65 15)	-	1	6	
4 J31 (J31 d 83)	-	1	6	
5 J31 (J31 d 95)	-	1	6	
Coy HQ (J31 C 15)	2	-	14	
46 Gas Guard at Map head J31 a 56	-	2	17	
	<u>6</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>96</u>	

Support

Right half A Coy

In Railway trench, Embankment

— incl Dugouts (including 40 Radar) 8 off 176 OR

Left Half B Coy

In tunnels Francher Avenue

(136 C 95 50) 5 off 105 OR

Total Strength

33 off 563 OR

Position of Lewis Guns

1 Gun at 11 0 6	} Right Half	1 Gun at 3 PI	} Left Half
1 " 1 PI		1 " 5 PI	
1 " 2 PI		1 " 7 PI	
		1 " 1 J31	
		1 " 4 J31	

Support LC's with A Coy 4 in reserve line

" B Coy 4 in Support line

(SAD) W Pleasance 1.0

46th Bn Intelligence Report

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10.6am 14/2/18

Relief The 46th Bn relieved 45th Bn on front line on night of 13/2/18 relief being completed by 8.30pm and effected without casualties.

Enemy Activity

Artillery Quiet. Gas shells were sent over at 7.40pm on night of 13th on BHO at 136 & 95. about 12 shells sent

MG Intermittent fire at Rotterdam & Belgian wood Posts. also at top head at J31 & 56

Our Activity

Artillery Quiet

MG firing carried out during night at enemy posts.

PATROLS Lateral communication was maintained between groups posts during night.

(sgd) W. Pleasance

2nd Lt.

1.0

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46th Bn PATROL REPORT (7)

NO 1 PATROL

NIGHT 13/14 Feb

STRENGTH

2nd Lt Willison 1 Sgt 7 OR.

Time departure

9 pm

Route taken

as per sketch.

Task

Search 4 ML Capture enemy patrols

Report

Patrol proceeded along track shown, MG's at May Farm & Game Copse were firing at frequent intervals. The ground in very bad condition. No enemy seen or encountered. Patrol returned 2 am.

NO 2 PATROL

Strength

1 Sgt 8 OR.

Time departure

9.30 pm

Route

see sketch

Task

To patrol track from Moat Farm through Wet Pond.

Report

80 yds from Fresh Pond patrol encountered barb wire attached to trees by roadside. MG was observed firing from east side of Wet Pond. Enemy was heard talking from same place. Barb wire (4 strands) poor condition were met along track between Wet Pond & May Farm. No enemy encountered. Patrol returned at 12.30 am.

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NO 3 PATROL

(8)

Strength 1st Bull 1st Cameron 5 of R

Time departure 1.45 am

Route taken see sketch

Task Proceed from Sap Head to Potsdam Group & from there to Moat Farm to reconnoitre same

Report Patrol lost direction. The ground in N M L is very boggy & impassable in parts. No enemy wire encountered. Numerous flares sent up from Circus point and 1 MG was firing from Circus Pond towards Sap Head & 1 MG at intervals from Game Cope on to Potsdam Group. No enemy seen or heard.

Time of Return 5 am Sap Head J 31055

NO 4 PATROL

Strength 2nd 1st Byrne 1 NCO 7 of R.

Time departure 12.30 am

Route see sketch

Task Ascertain if Moat Farm occupied. To proceed to Wet Pond & back to Potsdam Group. Report on wire round Moat Farm & condition of N M L.

Report Moat Farm was occupied by enemy also manned with MG. Wire was met on road from Fresh Pond to Moat Farm. Patrol was fired at from Moat Farm. Another MG was firing from a point.

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APPENDIX I

(9)

about P 16 86 83 also 1 Gun from
a point in rear of Moat Farm
No enemy encountered +
Time of Return 5.30 am

(sgd) W Pleasance 2/11
1.0

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Intelligence Report (10)

To 6 a.m. 15/2/18

Enemy Activity

Artillery See shelling report attached
Machine Gun From daylight to dusk
Enemy guns quiet at night guns normally active sweeping all posts on right sector from Game Copse and direction of Hollebake Chateau both R+L sectors report M.G. fire very accurate on all posts

Artillery night report 6 p.m. 12 m.c. shells
100 yds north Sap Head 5.30 a.m. 6
4.2. shells in vicinity of Clusters

T. Motors Nil

Aircraft Nil

Movement Party of 6 men observed at 3 p.m. at May Farm
At 2.30 p.m. several men seen to leave pill boxes at P.1.2.6 also at May Farm during shooting by our 18 pds men leaving pill boxes at P.1.2.6 made for crest of hill on sky line
At 5 p.m. from our sap Head 25 germanians were observed coming down ridge from P.2.8.9.2. in direction of Damp Copse another party of

(2) 9 were seen going in opposite direction
 a party of 5 came down from P.3. central and 2 returned it is thought
 a regimental relief was on. Our
 Artillery was switched on these
 parties immediately.

Miscellaneous Visibility bad during
 morning but greatly improved
 between 2 + 4 p.m.

Our Activity All day our guns were busy +
 in the afternoon good shooting on May
 Farm. Game Cops. Circus Point + enemy
 men that were observed during afternoon

T.M. between 11 a.m. + 11.50 a.m. 20 rounds
 fired at Game Cops.

Patrols as per patrol report
 Liaison patrols were carried out
 during night between posts + Groups

Work 40 Yards wire were laid in
 front of Post 35.31 about
 15 Yards in front

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Shelling Report, 14/2/18 (17)

TIME	LOCATION	ROUNDS	CALIBRE	DIRECTION	REMARKS
8. am	D. 4. C.	7	4. 2.	Bassville Wood	OP J. 31. C. 1. 5.
8. 15.	P. 1. A. 2. S.	5	"	D.	O.P. D. 6. b. 4. 5.
8. 28	J. 32. a. 1. 5.	4	"	D.	Both O.P.s
9. am	1. 36. d. 3. 5.	8	"	D.	Both
9. 3.	1. 36. d.	3	5. 9.	Zandvoorde	D. 6. b. 9. 5.
9. 0.	J. 32. C. 3. 4.	2	Smoke S.	Bassville Wood	J. 31. C.
9. 14.	J. 32. C.	4	4. 2.	"	Both
9. 25.	J. 31. b. 5. 5.	3	"	"	O.P. J. 31. C.
9. 30.	J. 31. C.	5	"	"	O.P. O. 6. b.
9. 38.	J. 31. b.	4	"	"	D.
9. 35.	J. 31. C. 2. 8.	1	5. 9.	Zandvoorde	J. 31. C.
9. 40.	J. 31. b.	4	4. 2.	Bassville M.	D.
9. 42.	J. 31. D.	5	5. 9.	Zandvoorde	O.P. a. b. c.
10. 0	J. 32 a.	6	"	"	D.
11. 5.	J. 31. b.	3	4. 2.	Bassville M.	D.
11. 30.	J. 31. D.	5	4. 2.	"	D.
11. 50.	P. 1. a. 5. 5.	3	5. 9.	Zandvoorde	D.
1. 20. P.M.	D. 5. b.	25	Thought to be gas shells		
1. 25.	1. 36. C.	7	4. 2.	no direction	J. 31. C. 1. 5.
2. 20.	O. 6. b.	8	4. 2.	"	"
2. 30.	J. 31. C.	10	4. 2.	"	"
2. 55.	J. 31. C.	4	"	"	"
3. 20.	O. 5. b.	7	"	"	"
4. 5.	J. 31. b.	6	4. 2.	"	"
1. 15. pm	1. 36. C.	32	Gas Shells		

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Patrol Report (13)
Night 14/15 Feb

No. 2 Patrol

Strength 4^L Leath 1 Sgt 4 o/R

Time of departure 6.15 p.m.

Route Taken As per sketch

Task To go from Podsdam Group to May Farm & back through Hessian Wood finding out strength of position amount of wire state of ground & to engage ~~if~~ enemy if met with

Report The patrol crawled up to 10 feet of enemy wire at point shown in sketch were appeared in good order 4 ft high proved to be 20 ft thick. The extreme right pill box in the farm had 2 M.G.'s firing from it & there was another M.G. between this pill box & wire which seemed to be firing through wire in direction of Podsdam. Another M.G. was observed in third pill box from the right one of this group. The ground in between our lines is very wet but fair tracks can be picked in between shell holes no enemy were seen or encountered.

Time of Return 9.30 p.m. Patrol Hessian

2) Wood Group Post 1.3.P.1. (14)

N^o 2. PATROL

Strength Lt Goldsmith, Sgt. G. O'R.

Time of departure 10.15 p.m.

Route As per Sketch

Task From Poddam Group to May Farm & back through Hessian Wood Group To ascertain strength and defences of May Farm nature of Ground to attack enemy patrols met with

Report

Travelled route as per sketch Three pill boxes were seen each containing M.G.'s a lot of talking was heard a working party could be heard at extreme left Pill. box, but not seen. Two men were seen walking down shallow trench between barbed wire & pill boxes carrying what appeared to be tins as though going to big pool for water

The ground in front is strongly wired in two belts the outer on a light one the inner being a heavy belt from 15 to 20 ft thick This wire runs from a small pond on left of position along the whole front of pill boxes The ground over route taken was

2) very muddy No enemy was encountered ⁽¹⁵⁾

PLACE OF RETURN N^o 9 Post (3.P1 P.A.3.2) 2.45^{am}

N^o 1. PATROL

L^t Bull L^t Cameron 15.018

ROUTE

As per sketch

TASK

Reconnoitre Moat Farm and attack any enemy occupying it

TIME AND PLACE OF DEPARTURE 6.30.p.m. S.31.d.7.1

REPORT

Patrol proceeded to Moat Farm & inspected the dugouts along road from P.I.b.8.3. to P.I.b.6.7 Moat Farm was located at P.I.b.8.5. to which consists of a dugout made of large logs of wood & concrete opening toward enemy. The ground inside is dry & there were numerous water bottles & mess tins about showing recent occupation. A piece of German newspaper dated 30/1/18 was also found in dugout. The remainder of dugouts were much battered about and uninhabitable. Enemy fired 6 rifles & a M.G. from Damp Copse at patrol whilst at Moat Farm.

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2) There is practically no wire in front of Moat Farm Flares were sent up from Damp Copse enemy were also heard talking from this direction No enemy encountered
Time of return 12.15. A.M. 1.31. d. 7.1

N° 4 PATROL
STRENGTH 1. N. C. C. 6. Pl Dolan 5. O/R
TIME OF DEPARTURE 1 a.m. from Post 2.P.1
ROUTE As per sketch
TASK Ascertain strength of barb wire in front of Game Copse and barb wire in front of our own post

REPORT. On having inspected wire in front of our ~~own~~ post 2.P.1
 4 found 3 lengths single apron fencing in good order
 2 enemy trip wires were met about 15 yds in front of his barb-wire at Game Copse
 Whilst proceeding west along barb wire was fixed at M.C. from rear front of wire at P1 a.g. 0.15 One man was hit wounded in leg (5721 P^H W Hossack)
 Patrol prepared for attack but no enemy movement observed

2) No 4 Patrol

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one man went back for stretchers & the man was carried back in safety by party Position where man was wounded P.A.M.O the M.G. appeared to be in shell hole in front
Returned to Post 2 P.I at 4.30 a.m.

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Shelling Report 24 hrs to ⁽¹⁶⁾
6.am. 16/2/18

TIME	LOCATION	ROUNDS	CALIBRE	DIRECTION	REMARKS.
8.15 ^{A.M.}	1.36.d.	5	4.2.		Q.P. J.31.C.04
8.30.	1.36.d.	6	" "		
8.40.	O.6.b.	5	44 mm		
8.50.	O.6.b.	9	4 2		
9.0	O.6.b.	4	" "		
9.10.	O.6.b.	5	44 mm		
9.15	J.31.d.	4	" "		
9.15	O.6.b.	4	4.2.		
9.20	O.6.b.	6	44 mm		
9.20	J.31.d.	4	" "		
9.30	1.36.d.	10	" "		
9.35	O.6.b.	6	4.2.		
9.40	J.31.d.	4	44 mm		
9.40	O.6.b.	6	" "		
9.45	J.31.c.	5	" "		
9.55	O.6.b.	4	" "		
10.40	O.6.b.	6	4.2		
11.15	J.31.d.	6	44 mm		
NOON	1.36.d.	4	" "		
12.25 ^{P.M.}	O.6.b.	6	4 2		
12.45	P.1.a.	10	H.E. Shrapnel		
1.0	TRWAY TR 1.36.c	43	Gas Shells		
1.15	J-31 b	15	4.2.	Handvoorde	
1.10	J.31.C	5	" "	Bassville M.	
1.20	J.31.C.8.2	5	" "	Handvoorde	
1.25	J 31 C	10	" "	Bassville M.	
1.30	J.31.C.	15	" "	" "	

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APPENDIX I

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TIME	LOCATION	ROUNDS	CALIBRE	DIRECTION	REMARKS
2.0. P.M.	J. 31. 6. 6. 7	15	4.2	Bassville. Md	AP. P. 1. 4. 5. 50
3.0	P. 1. a. 2. 6	4	" "	Zandvoorde	OP. J. 31. C. 04
3.30	P. 1. a	2	" "		
5.30	P. h. a	5	5.9.		
4.15	Co HQ 06. B. 95	5	5.9.		
10.30	Impl th J. 31. C. 24	10	5.9		
4.30 am.	B. HQ FUSILIER D	30	Gas		
"		10	4.2		
3.0.	HESSIAN C.	15	4.2		

Patrol Report (20)

Night 15/16 Feb '16

No 3 PATROL

Composition 1 Corp 3 O/R (Corp Dolan) (night strength of Platoon reduced on account of moonlight)

Time of Departure 7.15 pm

Point 50 2 PI (Herman Wood)

Task Reconnoitre. Machine guns were in front of Game Copse - attack enemy patrol route as per sketch

Report Patrol proceeded from 2 PI post, thence to P1a 70,05. They stayed at this point for about 20 minutes. Whilst there they observed enemy patrol MG firing from Game Copse towards Herman Group, then Patrol proceeded to P1a 60,00. Listened there for about 20 minutes but no enemy movement was heard. Patrol was unable to get closer to enemy wire than this point owing to night being moonlight therefore were unable to inspect the wire. The ground over which they patrolled was fairly good and is hardening. No flares were sent up by enemy during patrol's tour.

No 5 PATROL

Composition 1 Sgt 6 O/R

Name of NCO Sgt Plante

Time of Departure 6:30 pm (21)
 Point BOR. 3 J 31

Task Reconnoitre Damp bopse, examine enemy wire around same, attack & capture enemy patrols.

Route as per sketch.

Report Patrol proceeded from 3 J 31 post thence to Moat Farm. Went through dug outs there & ascertained that same were not occupied. Patrol then went to within about 80 yds from Damp bopse report

- 1) Enemy wire as far as they could see surrounded the pill box & is about 20 to 25 ft wide
2. Heard & saw a party of enemy about 30 strong working on the wire. Owing to the night being moonlight the patrol were unable to get closer to wire. The patrol then returned to Moat Farm. Went through Dug-outs again & found them empty. Patrol then returned to Post 3 J 31. No enemy patrols seen.

Time of Return 10 pm.

NOTE As soon as patrol returned to BOR. at 10 25 pm Artillery were communicated with & same fired on Damp bopse. MG's were also asked to fire but they did not do so until

11.23 pm which was probably too late

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NO 1 PATROL

Composition 2 off 207R. This party was reduced on account of moonlight night

Names of Officers 1st Cameron & Keith

Time of Departure 11.30 pm

Point of Departure POST 2 P1

Task Reconnoitre wire in front of Game Copse & May Farm. Attack & capture enemy patrols.

Route as per sketch

Report Patrolled from Hessian Wood towards Game Copse to within 30 yds. from the wire, then turned to the left and patrolled along the front of wire to point shown on sketch, then turned and moved along front of wire again returning to starting point. No enemy patrols encountered or heard. MG fired from Game Copse on to left group i.e. Wood Farm Group. Patrol fired on by MG from May Farm. Owing to the light patrol unable to get close enough to wire to examine it, but it appeared unbroken & to be about 30 feet wide. No man's land was very wet but freezing hard.

Time of return 12.40 am

No 2 PATROL

(22)

Strength 2 officers 5 OR.
 Names of officers Lt Bull & Goldsmith
 Time of departure 2.15 am
 Point do 7 p1 (Potsdam Group)
 Task Reconnoitre wire in front of
 May Farm. Attack all enemy
 patrols

Route as per sketch

Report Patrols proceeded from Potsdam
 Group to within about 30 yds of enemy
 wire. From this point patrol observed
 a large party of the enemy working
 on the wire over a frontage of about
 50 yds. Owing to this patrol were unable
 to get close enough to the wire to examine
 it. The ground over which patrol went
 was freezing hard & very difficult
 for patrolling as a lot of noise is made
 on the ice breaking under foot. A
 MG was located at P1 d 35 90 flares
 were fired from Circus Point. No
 enemy patrols seen. Patrol returned
 to Maitling Point at 3.30 am

No 6 PATROL

Composition 1 NCO 5 OR (A91 Lee)
 Time of Departure 11.30 pm
 Point do 3 J31 Wood Farm
 Group

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Task Occupy Moat Farm - Attack & capture any enemy attempting to occupy same

Route As per sketch

Report Patrol proceeded to Moat Farm & occupied same till 4am. No enemy were seen. Enemy MG fired from about P 2a 54 on No man's land in front of wet pond. No enemy patrols encountered.

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(SGD) L Bull 9.0. 46 B1

Intelligence Report

to 6 am 16/2/18

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Operations

Our Artillery. Active at intervals during the day on Funny Farm, Nut Farm & May Farm - about 200 rounds being fired on later during afternoon. The shooting was very good - about 40 to 50 direct hits being made on full boxes. One shell was placed in entrance of Pill Box. During night Artillery engaged Damp Copse, May Farm, Circus Point - enemy working parties being seen by our patrols at the first two places.

T.M.'s NIL

M.G.'s firing intermittently during night under instructions from us. M.G.'s opened fire on enemy working party at Damp Copse at 11 20 pm

Aircraft Our planes were bombing behind enemy lines about 2 30 am. Enemy A.A. & M.G.'s were heard firing on same.

PATROLS Lateral patrols were carried out throughout the night. Small frontal patrols were also sent out during night.

Miscellaneous

At 1.30 am unusual activity T.M.
T.M.G.

(2) was heard coming from approx. the right of 48th. At about 3 am a small 48th BkM patrol reported to an NCO at Chateau Dugouts they were lost. They reported two of their number had been killed whilst out in front. At about 4.30 am a white flare was observed burning approx. behind the left of 48th and on the Railway Bank. It burned for some time.

Enemy Activity

Artillery as per attached sheet
M.G.'s firing intermittently during night from Damp Copse May Farm & same Copse

T.M.'s Nil

Aircraft Plane came over our line at 5 pm & was downed back by our M.G. fire

Movement Small enemy working parties were observed near Hut Farm. (P 3039) during morning. Artillery were notified & fired on same.

At 11.43 pm an enemy patrol (about 10 strong) were observed in front of May Farm and apparently lost their way. An argument ensued & they returned to May Farm.

Miscellaneous

a pigeon was observed.

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flying from May Farm in a
Westerley direction.

During our bombardment with gas
shells about 5.30 pm enemy gas alarm
could be heard & a great deal of
shouting was going on.

Very few flares were sent up during
the night probably owing to it
being moonlight.

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(19d) L. Bull

90. 46" 15/2

Patrol Report

Night 16/17 Feb

(28)

NO 1 PATROL

Strength 1 NCO 7 OR

Task. Occupy Moad Farm for 4 hours
 & engage & attack any enemy met with.

Time & place departure 6.30 pm Belgian Wood

Report. Patrol ascertained Moad Farm was
 empty then took up position along hedge.
 No enemy came near but 2 men were
 seen to leave a MG position directly in front
 of Farm about 200 yds distant & make
 back in direction of pill box on right.
 Ground frozen. Night bright. Very few
 flares fired.

Time & place of return Belgian Wood Group 10.15 pm

NO 3 PATROL

Strength Lt Cameron Lt Feeth 4 OR

Task. Leaving Potsdam Group to patrol enemy
 front from May Farm to Game Copse
 returning via Hessian Wood. To attack
 all enemy patrols encountered.

Time & place departure 12 M/N Potsdam

Report. Route as per sketch. Direct to within
 30 yds of enemy were in front of May Farm
 then turned to right & travelled along
 the front of Game Copse. Then turned
 NW & returned to Hessian Wood.

Everything was very quiet, the enemy

not appearing to have out either ⁽²⁹⁾ patrols or working parties. One MG fired occasional bursts from Moat Farm on to Potsdam. The ground was frozen making going easy. Night was very light even after moon had set. (12-15am) A light was seen signalling the whole time from a high position away to rear of Moat Farm.

Time of Return 2 AM Russian Wood Group.

NO 2 PATROL

Strength 1 NCO (Corp Hattmell) 7 OR.

Task Through Belgian wood to go to Moat Farm, relieve patrol there & hold farm for 4 hrs attacking & capturing all enemy approaching.

Time of departure. Belgian Wood PHQ

Report No sign of any enemy movement ^{10pm} in the vicinity of Moat Farm. MG fired from direction of Circus Point. The night was clear & enemy used very few flares.

Time of Return Belgian Wood PHQ
12 45 am

NO 4 PATROL

Strength 1 Goldsmith 5 OR.

Task Patrol No Man's Land between Potsdam Russian Wood Group &

attacks any enemy seen or met ⁽³⁰⁾ with
Time & place of departure Pohdam 3am
Route as per sketch
Report Proceeded in direction of Circus
 Point until stopped by sheet of water at
 P1 to 7505. Stopped here for 15 min and
 heard working party talking & working as
 though handling heavy steel rails. The
 sound came from a point slightly to right
 of and to rear of Circus Point. Ladders
 could also be heard moving from that
 direction. No barb wire was seen
 from here. Patrol then turned about
 & proceeded in front of game copse
 back to Hessian Wood. No further
 movement or sign of enemy was seen.
 Enemy did not make much use of
 flares tonight. Thus M.C.'s were quieter
 than usual. Ground still bad for
 patrolling owing to brittleness of ice
 which breaks easily & makes a big
 noise.

Time & place of Return Hessian Wood
 5am

(sgd) W. Pleasance 2/11
 9.0 46 B1-

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Shelling Report to 6am 17/2/18

TIME	LOCATION	NO ROUNDS	CALIBRE	LOCATION	REMARKS
8 ^{AM} 0	136d 34	5	4.2	Bannewille road	OP1
8 5	P1a 88	1	"	"	OP2
8 20	P1a 38	2	"	"	"
8 30	136G 34	12	"	"	OP1
9 30	J31d 55	14	"	"	"
10 40	J31d 35	10	"	"	"
11 10	136G 36	6	"	"	"
11 15	P1a 38	4	"	"	OP2
11 30	136G 46	2	5.9	Zandvoorde	OP1
11 35	136C 34	3	"	"	"
12 ^{AM} 30	J31C	3	77m	P26	OP2
1 0	J31a	7	"	"	"
1 20	136C	2	42	"	"
2 25	136a	5	77mi	"	"
3 36	J31C	5	"	"	"
4 0	J31C	2	"	"	"

OP1 at J31C 15
 OP2 at P1a 15.80

(SGD)
 W. Pleasance
 2nd Lt
 1.0 46th Bn

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(32) Intelligence Report to Comd 17/2/18

Operations

Our Artillery 18 pds fired on Yame Copse during the day - heavier fired on enemy positions in rear. Artillery not very active.

MG's Firing intermittently during night

TM's NIL

Aircraft Our planes bombed behind enemy lines between 7 & 8 pm several bombs were heard.

PATROLS Lateral patrols were carried out at intervals during the night.

Enemy Activity

Artillery as per sheet attached

TM's Enemy fired about 10 TM shells on Hessian Wood Group, but no damage was done.

MG Active during day on our planes at night MG's fired at intervals.

Aircraft At 9 am an enemy plane with 2 red streamers flew over our lines very low towards Bln HQ at Hunter dug out. It then back again towards his own line. The plane was about 300 ft up when it passed Bln HQ. This plane afterwards hovered around behind our lines practically the whole day flying very low.

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Movement

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Enemy were seen walking about at May Farm during the day

At 5.45 am enemy transport was heard coming from direction of road at P 26-95

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(Sgd) L. Bull

I.O. 46th Bn

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Disposition Report

(34)

6am 18/2/18

On night 17/18 inter company relief was carried out without casualties. relief being complete by 8pm the present disposition of Battalion is as under. HOLLEBEKE. S28 1/10,000

BHQ (136c 95, 50) Further Dugouts Garrison 6 off 65 of R

RAP. (136c 35, 75) Imperial Dugouts Garrison 3 off 9 of R

RIGHT HALF SECTOR A Coy (Capt W Syme)

	OF	NCO	MEN	
POST 1PI (PIa 10, 05)	-	1	7	Hessian Wood Group
• 2PI (PIa 25, 10) PHQ	1	1	4	
• 2PI (PIa 28 20)	-	1	6	
• 3PI (PIa 80 45)	-	1	7	Potsdam Group
• 4PI (PIa 85 50) PHQ	1	1	8	
• 5PI (PIa 95 55)	-	1	7	

Co HQ (066 95) including Vickers Gun Guard 266 post 1 5 25

Remainder Coy at Chateau

Dugouts (136d 32)	2	2	20
	5	13	84

LEFT HALF SECTOR B Coy (Lt Carter)

POST 6PI (PIb 05 65)	1	-	4	Potsdam Group
7PI (PIb 10 70)		1	5	
	1	1	9	

	Off	NCO	Men	
	1	1	9	(35)
Post 1 J31 (J31 d 30 15) PHQ	2	2	11	
2 J31 (J31 d 45 25)	-	1	6	Belgian Wood Group
3 J31 (J31 d 65 15)	-	1	6	
4 J31 (J31 d 83)	-	2	5	
5 J31 (J31 d 95)	-	2	5	
Coy HQ (J31 c 15)	3	5	30	
Reserve Line (Remainder of Coy)	-	4	16	
	<u>6</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>88</u>	

Supports

RIGHT HALF C. Coy in

Railway trench (136C 32)

Embankment dugout (includ

-ing 41 Raiders)

8 off 141 of R.

LEFT HALF D. Coy in

Tunnels Furber Avenue

(136C 95 50)

at Reserve line (136 d 16)

6 off 86 of R

1 off 21 of R

Position of Lewis Guns

1 Gun at 1 PI

1

1

1

3 PI

5 PI

Coy HQ

1 gun at 1 J31

1

1

1

4 J31

5 J31

7 PI

LEFT

HALF

(19d)

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Shelling Report

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For 6 am 18/2/18

TIME	LOCATION	No OF ROUNDS	CALABRE	DIRECTION	REMARKS
8.15	J.31. C	3	44 m	P.2. B	
8.20	O.6A.5.5	5	4.2	Handmade	
8.25	J.31. C	3	44 m	P.2. B	
8.30	J.31. C	3	"	"	
9. -	J.31. d.3.0	2	4.2	Handmade	
9.45	J.31. C	2	"	"	
12.10 p.m.	J.31. C	2	44 m	P.2. B	
1.20	Hill 60'	5	HE Shrap	Handmade	
1.30	" "	10	"	"	
1.50	" "	3	"	"	
2.25	" "	6	4.2	"	
3.20	J.31. d. 8.3	5	"	P.3 a	

W Pleasance 2/Lt
J.V 46 B.Aln

Patrol Report 6 AM.

18/2/18 (37)

No 1 PATROL

Strength 1 N.C.O 6 men

Time departure place Wood Farm 6 pm
 Task Reconnoitre Moat Farm and stay
 in occupation till relieved. Attack
 capture enemy attempting to enter
 post

Report found farm unoccupied. No enemy
 seen or heard.

Time place of Return Wood Farm 10.30 pm

No 2 PATROL

Strength 1 N.C.O 6 men

Time place of departure 10 pm Belgian Wood
 Farm. Relieve No 1 Patrol at Moat Farm
 and stay there till relieved. Object
 to capture any enemy attempting to
 occupy Moat Farm

Report Relieved No 1 Patrol occupied
 Farm till relieved. Enemy were quiet
 No movements seen or heard

Time place of Return 2.30 am

No 3 PATROL

Strength 1 Sgt 4 O-R

Time place of departure 2.15 am Wood Farm
 Task To occupy Moat Farm, until
 relieved, to capture or kill
 enemy approaching post

3/ REPORT Believed patrol & remained in occupation of Farm till relieved by Lt Bullis Patrol. Night very quiet very few flares being fired. No enemy seen or heard. (38)

TIME & PLACE OF RETURN Wood Farm 5 a.m.

NO 4 PATROL

Strength Lieu Bull Capt Vanston 2 O/R
 Time & Place of Departure Wood Farm
 Task Occupy Wood Farm and remain there all day observed enemy movements & positions in vicinity.
 Note This patrol relieved No 3 and is still out

NO 5 PATROL

Strength Lieut Goldsmith 12 O/R
 Task Patrol N.M.L from Belgian Wood to wet Pond thence towards Circus Point then to Potsdam Group. Object to attack and capture enemy patrols
 Time & Place of departure Wood Farm 11.25 p.m.
 Report Bomb as per sketch wiring party was seen between Circus Point & May Farm. Working party was heard in direction of Lake Cross. Pds Hammering and handling heavy timber & steel rails
 No enemy encountered
 On return the artillery was put on the working party that was seen.

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5/ Between Circus Point & May Farm (39)
Time & Place of Departure 2.30a-m Potsdam
NO 6 PATROL

Lieut Cameron 6 O/R
Time & Place of Departure 11 p.m Potsdam
Task Proceed to P1a.9.1 thence to P1a 5.9
thence to P1c 3.6 thence to P1c 1.5 thence
to Hessian Wood Group

Object Attack & capture all enemy patrols
Inspect wire on front of Game Copse
Report Route as per sketch at May Farm
Talking was heard but no work was
going on nor any hums seen Patrol
then came round the end of the wire
between May Farm & Game Copse Bank
taken parallel to wire until opposite
Northern edge of Hessian Wood. No enemy
were seen or encountered. At Game
Copse Patrol leader crawled to wire
and found it very thick & the belt
looked 30ft wide

Time & place of Return 2.30 Hessian Wood
No 4 PATROL

Strength Lieut Leith 6 O/R
Time & place departure Hessian Wood 2 a.m
Task Proceed to P1c 5.4 thence to P1a 8.0
thence to P1b 1.2 thence to Potsdam Group

4. Object To examine in front of Game ⁽⁴⁰⁾
 borse and capture all enemy
 patrols
 Report from Mission Group struck
 straight south towards enemy wire
 Inspected in front of Game
 borse for 30 yds and found no
 gaps wire in good order 3ft high
 20/30 ft wide Game borse is very
 quiet Mines fired from same
 distance behind Game borse and fell
 among Pill Boxes. Patrol then went
 to May Farm and then across to
 Potsdam Group. frozen ground
 caused much noise whilst patrolling
 No enemy seen or heard
 Time + place of return 5 am Potsdam
 Group

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Intelligence Report

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60 m 18/2/18

Enemy Activity

Artillery as per sheet attached Very quiet on forward positions

M.G. fired intermittently. Right Group report fire on them parts very accurate

I.M. Nil

Aircraft Increased activity. The same plane that flew over our lines yesterday was over again at 10.15 a.m. At 10.15 a.m. 3 planes circled over our sector flew back at 10.30 a.m. All were engaged by our M.G. & A.A. guns 1 plane was observed fall in Battle Wood 1.35 a.m.

Movement Our Posts 1.J.31 3.J.31 reported 2 men seen between Belgian Wood & Potodans Groups at 2 a.m. in N.M.L. Patrol was sent out to investigate but no one was seen

Smoke At 10.30 a.m. smoke was seen coming out of May Farm Pill Box from 4.30 p.m. to 5.10 p.m. smoke seen rising from Damp Copse Pill Box

Our Activity

artillery active on Game Yapse circus Point single House & back areas

2/ No 4 Active on enemy planes and carrying out interdiction fire at night (42)

Aircraft Five of our planes overhead between 9 & 11 a.m and planes active all afternoon

Patrols as per list farm patrols were maintained between groups & posts

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Intelligence Report

do 6 a.m. 19/2/18 (123)

Enemy activity

Artillery as per attached list

M.G. active all day principally against aeroplanes

Anti aircraft guns active against our planes

T.M. Mil

Aircraft More active than usual, 1 Plane across reserve line flying low at 10 a.m. another hostile plane approached one of our balloons which threw out a smoke bomb, during the day 13 planes came across our sector

At 10 a.m. 1 enemy plane dropped a dark object about the size of an egg which fell in water near Potsdam

Balloons 1 enemy balloon was observed

Movements 2.30 p.m. train was seen on flat in front of Zandvoorde travelling North. Two hums were seen by listening post in front of Potsdam Group were fired at by sentry and disappeared

Our Activity Active all day from 2 till 3 p.m. were firing on Game Copse May Farm. Many direct hits were observed on the wire

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Aeroplanes Ours were over continuously during the day but did not appear to engage enemy planes

A.A Guns engaged enemy planes but with out result

M.G. Very active against enemy planes

T.M. About 2.30 p.m French mortars were fired at May Farm & Game Copse chalk Farm

casualty Lt Col Brown B.M. 1664 was wounded inside and arm at No. 1 Post early last night by M.G. bullet

Patrols As per sketch
Liaison patrols were carried out during night between group posts

Work Each night parties are up improving condition of wire in front also that of posts erecting fresh wire

W. Pleasants 2 Lt
J. D
46th BATT

Shelling Report

(45)

to 6 a.m. 19/2/18

TIME	LOCATION	ROUNDS	DIRECTION	CALABRE	REMARKS
8.30 a.m.	J36 B. 6.4	8	Zandvoorde	4.2	O.P. J31C 04
9	J36 B 6.4	18	" "	"	
9.45	J31C 05	15	" "	"	O.P. J31C 3.3
10.30	J31C 04	15	" "	"	O.P. 1
10.45	J36 B 1.1	10	" "	"	O.P. 2
11.50	J36 B 6.4	20	" "	"	O.P. 1
1 p.m.	J36 B 5.8	15	J.34. e	"	"
1.30	Hill 60	16	" "	"	"
1.40	J36 B 5.8	6	" "	"	"
2.30	Hill 60	18	Zandvoorde	"	"
3.30	O.6. B 4.2	8	P. 2. d	"	"
3.50	J36 B 4.6	3	Zandvoorde	"	"

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Patrol Report 6 am 19/2/18

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N.O.I. PATROL

Strength 1 N.C. 0 50/R

Place Wood Farm

Task Proceed to Moat Farm thence to

P2 a 3.8 & ascertain strength of wire at Damp bopse thence to P2 a 2.8 & find out strength of wire & Damp bopse thence to P2 a 2.2 thence up road through Moat Farm and return to Wood Farm. Patrol to attack all enemy patrols and obtain information of enemy defences

TIME OF DEPARTURE 2.45 a.m

PLACE Belgian Wood Group

REPORT Patrol took route as per sketch enemy more active than usual with flares. Heard voices in pill box 150 yds to right of Damp bopse in a disused strong point. M.G. were firing from Damp bopse and Circus Point. No enemy were encountered Moat Farm was again unoccupied. No enemy wire was observed round Damp bopse

Time of Return 5 a.m

Place Belgian Wood

No. 2. PATROL

(47)

Strength Lt Goldsmith to Pleasance 4 of R

Time of departure 12.20 p.m.

Place of departure Belgian Wood

Task Proceed round West side of Wet Pond South to Circus Point thence west to May Farm thence North returning to Potsdam

Attack All enemy patrols reconnoitre state of enemy wire between May Farm and Circus Point seeing if wire is continuous or if there are any breaks or gaps in it

Report The night was very bright and did not set until 2.30 p.m. This hampered good progress. Patrol started West side of Fish Pond and about 20 yds further on encountered a telephone cable (2 wires) which ran into pond and back to Belgian Wood Proceeding another 20 yds we came across a single apron barbed wire fence which we got through. It was noticed that one stake had been cut and the ends sprung back there were also footmarks here just near the northern edge of Pond we found two more cable lines and also a tape that appeared to have been laid

some time, We followed hedge to within ⁽⁴⁸⁾ 50 yds of road. Here sounds made by working & carrying parties could be heard but no enemy seen. After some time at this spot patrol returned to Potsdam Group

TIME 3:30 am
Place of return Potsdam

No 3 PATROL

Strength 11 Cameron 11 Leth 11 O'R
Time of departure 1:30 am
Place " Potsdam

Task Ascertain damage done to wire in front of Game Copse & Moat Farm see if Game Copse is occupied. Attack all enemy patrols

Report Patrol left Potsdam & proceeded as per sketch. 3 men crawled up to wire at Moat Farm & found it much shattered by our artillery especially on extreme left. There were no tracks through it. Moat Farm & Game Copse were both occupied & MG's were firing from them. Talking & working could be heard in these two places. Wire in front of Game Copse was not fully reconnected owing to brightness of the night

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No enemy met with
Time & place of return 5am ⁽⁴⁹⁾ Hessian Rd.

NO 4 PATROL

Strength Capt Vanslan Lt Bull 2 Scouts

Time of departure 4am 18/2/18

Place Do Wood Farm Group.

Task Remain at Wood Farm until dusk
& observe enemy positions.

Report At daybreak 3 enemy were observed
at P2a74. This point where there is a
large dug out would appear to be a HQ
of some description as there are numerous
tracks from all directions leading to it.
The artillery were notified & registered on
it. At about 8am large volumes of
smoke were coming out of Bull
Bos in Circus Point. The artillery were
also notified of this & same was
shelled by 4.5. several direct hits being
observed. Later on in the day smoke
was also observed coming from
dug-out at P2a98. The 18 pdrs were
put on to this & direct hits were
made. The artillery did some
excellent shooting today on the
above positions also on Damp
Cops & enemy were round
Circus Point.

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Enemy dispositions

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wire The wire from Damp Copse to
Circus Point is from 20 to 30ft wide
& about 3ft high. very thick & in good
condition. Wire is also very thick

Trenches on the foremost slope of the hill in rear
in rear of Damp Copse & Circus Pt
appears to be a series of trenches
with good wire in front of them.

MG's appear to be very numerous over
our section. Over 15 guns opened fire
on our aircraft between 2.54 pm.

Ground The ground in front of Wood Farm
in P1b & P2a squares is flat covered
with short grass & is in fair condition
for patrolling

Movement. Excepting as mentioned no
enemy movement was observed
during the day. At dusk an enemy
working party was heard working
on wire at Circus Point. Our
artillery were informed & shelled
same with shrapnel & HE.

Patrol returned at 6.15 pm 18/2/18
to Wood Farm Group

(sgt) W. Pleasance
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Shelling Report 6am 20/4/18

TIME	LOCATION	ROUNDS	Calibre	DIRECTION	REMARKS
8.50	136668	4	4.2	P2d	
9.20	P1619	5	77mm	J33d	
9.25	J31046	6	4.2	"	
9.50	136626	4	77mm	"	
10.20	J36053	7	4.2	Zandvoorde	
10.40	Hill 60	4	"	"	
10.55	"	7	"	J33b	
11.20	04d	8	"	P9a	
11.25	P1017	5	77mm	P3c	
Noon	04d	5	"	"	
12.20	P1017	8	4.2	P9a	
1.0	Hill 60	5	"	J34c	
1.10	do	17	5.9	Zandvoorde	
2.40	-	4	4.2	"	

Patrol Report

6am 20/2/18

NO1 PATROL

Strength Lt Bull 4 O/R
 Time of departure 12.15am
 Place " Post 3 J 31
 Route as per sketch

Task Capture any enemy patrols

Report Patrol proceeded to Moat Farm
 thence along hedge to P2a14. At
 this point MG from direction of Damp
 Copse opened fire on them. Patrol
 waited here 15 min then proceeded
 to P2a34 when MG was again opened
 on them. Waited at this spot for 20
 minutes then made back to Moat
 Farm. When patrol reached
 P1a98 MG again opened fire on
 them but without result. Patrol
 then returned to post 3 J 31. No
 enemy patrol encountered. NOTE Route
 as set down was altered on account
 of moonlight to enable patrol
 to obtain cover from hedge

Time Place Return 2am Fresh Pond Post

NO2 PATROL

Strength Lt Cameron 2 O/R
 Time departure 11pm
 Place " Potsdam Group

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Task To attack & capture any enemy 53
 Route as per sketch patrol
 Report The patrol left Potsdam Group. thence
 to Chau Farm, along front parallel
 to wire, past May Farm, then past
 Game Copse, coming in at Hessian
 Wood. No sign of enemy seen or
 heard, in front of his wire. Everything
 was quiet though voices were heard
 at both posts MG's were quiet
 Place of Return Hessian Wood Group
 Time Do 1:30 am

PATROL NO 3

Strength 11 Led by 4 O/R
 Time departure 2:30 am
 Place " Hessian Wood
 Task Attack & capture any enemy patrol
 Route as per sketch
 Report Patrol went first to Chateau
 Rd Post (47 Bln) and reported
 there, thence down Chateau Rd to
 O 6d 85, turned east for 50 yds, then
 half left along in front of Hessian
 Wood. At PIC 20 55. found a dead
 German. He had been dead some time
 Examined him but could find nothing
 that could help identification. Patrol then
 moved along past Game Copse & back
 into our lines at Potsdam Group. No

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enemy patrols were seen or heard, ⁽⁵⁴⁾ though
 talking & movement could be heard behind
 enemy lines at Game Copse & along
 Chateau Rd. MG's were active from
 Chateau Rd firing towards 48th Bn also
 at Game Copse & May Farm firing over
 our front

Time of Return 5am
 Place " Potsdam Group

NO 4 PATROL

Strength Lt Goldsmith 4 OR
 Time departure 2.30 am
 Place " Wood Farm
 Route as per sketch

Object Attack & capture all enemy patrols
 Report Patrol travelled towards Sunny
 Farm, then in front of Damp Copse
 & returned via Wet Pond to Potsdam
 Group. MG fire from Damp Copse active
 No enemy seen or heard. Ground
 very exposed to observation & the
 moon hindered the work of patrol

Time of Return 5am
 Place " Potsdam Group

(19d) W Pleasance R/L
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Intelligence Summary
to 6 am 20/2/18 (55)

Enemy Activity

Artillery as per attached list

MG active during day on our planes
and at night on posts & patrols. MG's
at night on night sector normal

TM 4 shells landed in our wire at post 3P1

Aeroplanes Active again today at NOON. One plane
was driven down over our lines in
direction of Railway Trench. Enemy planes
flew over our front & support lines at
frequent intervals during morning
our MG fire proving ineffective in
driving them off

Balloons One balloon rose at 12.30 pm & was
pulled in again at 12.50 pm Bearing
83° TN from OP at J31C04.

Movement 10.45 am 3 men moving hurriedly
from one point to another in Game Copse
9 am 2 men were fired at by us near
pull box in May Farm. No hit was
observed

Miscellaneous Snipers were fairly active
near circus Point & Hummy Farm

New duckboards were observed running
from P2d72 to P8a06 to P7b06 (approx)

Smoke observed from small pull
box J32b95 (Hummy Farm)

Enemy MG again firing up gully (30) where Chateau dugouts are situated. One hit a petrol tin & a bearing was taken on this MG B. 192° from 136 d 39-40.

Our activity

Artillery Active during afternoon & night on enemy strong points. Near positions Marf Farm, Bureau Point & Game Copse & Camp Copse, all received attention and direct hits were observed.

MG during day were busy on enemy planes. At 5 am 3 minute barrage was placed on MG SOS line.

FM From 8 to 11 pm they were firing on Game Copse & Bureau Point.

Aeroplanes Very active from daylight.

Patrols as per report.

German patrols visited the battalion on our left 3 times during night & they visited us twice. Patrolling between posts was done as usual.

Work Working parties were out working in front of posts at night. A sentry group of ours has been pushed out in front of post 2 P1.

(sgd) W.P. Pleasance

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Brigade Intelligence Officer 20/2/18

Herewith portion of German newspaper
and torn envelope found by a scout
in No man's land in front of Mas
Farm (P1642). This scout who speaks
German thought from the one
or two words (curses) heard
that they were Wurtembergers
found on night 19/20 Feb.

sgt W Pleasance 2nd Lt
P.O. 46th Bn

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Shelling Report

to 6 am 20/2/18

TIME	NO PDS	CALIBRE	LOCATION	DIRECTION	REMARKS
8.30	4	-	136d77	P2d84	UP
8.35	2	4.2	J31C04	P2d95	J31C33
9.00	2	"	J31C34	P2d	"
1 ¹⁵	3	"	Hessamford	P3C	"
1.30	5	77mm	Hill 60	-	"
1.45	4	4.2	J31d91	P36	"
1.50	5	5.9	Hill 60	Handmade	"
2.15	3	"	O5a	Do	"
2.30	38	"	J31C	Do	"
2.35	5	"	J31d	Do	"
2.50	10	4.2	Hill 60	Bassville	"

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Intelligence Report

10 ~~to~~ 20/2/18

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Our activity

Artillery Active during the day on enemy positions at Damp Copse Circus Point & Game Copse

TM's Our mediums fired 34 shells on May Farm & were surrounding same. Good shooting was observed & the wire appeared to be much broken.

MG's Harassing fire carried out inter-mittently during day.

Enemy Activity

Artillery see report attached.

TM Between 1:45 pm & 2 pm 35 shells were fired on Moat Farm. At 2:45 15 shells were fired at J 31 C 55. The shells had a light shrapnel burst & they burst about 5 at a time. No flash from the gun could be seen but the direction they appeared to come from was Circus Point.

MG's Firing from TB 187° from 136d 41

Aircraft Nil

Relief The 15 Btltn AIF. relieved this Battalion from front line trenches at 8:30 pm. Covering patrols sent out in front of each group during relief. No casualties.

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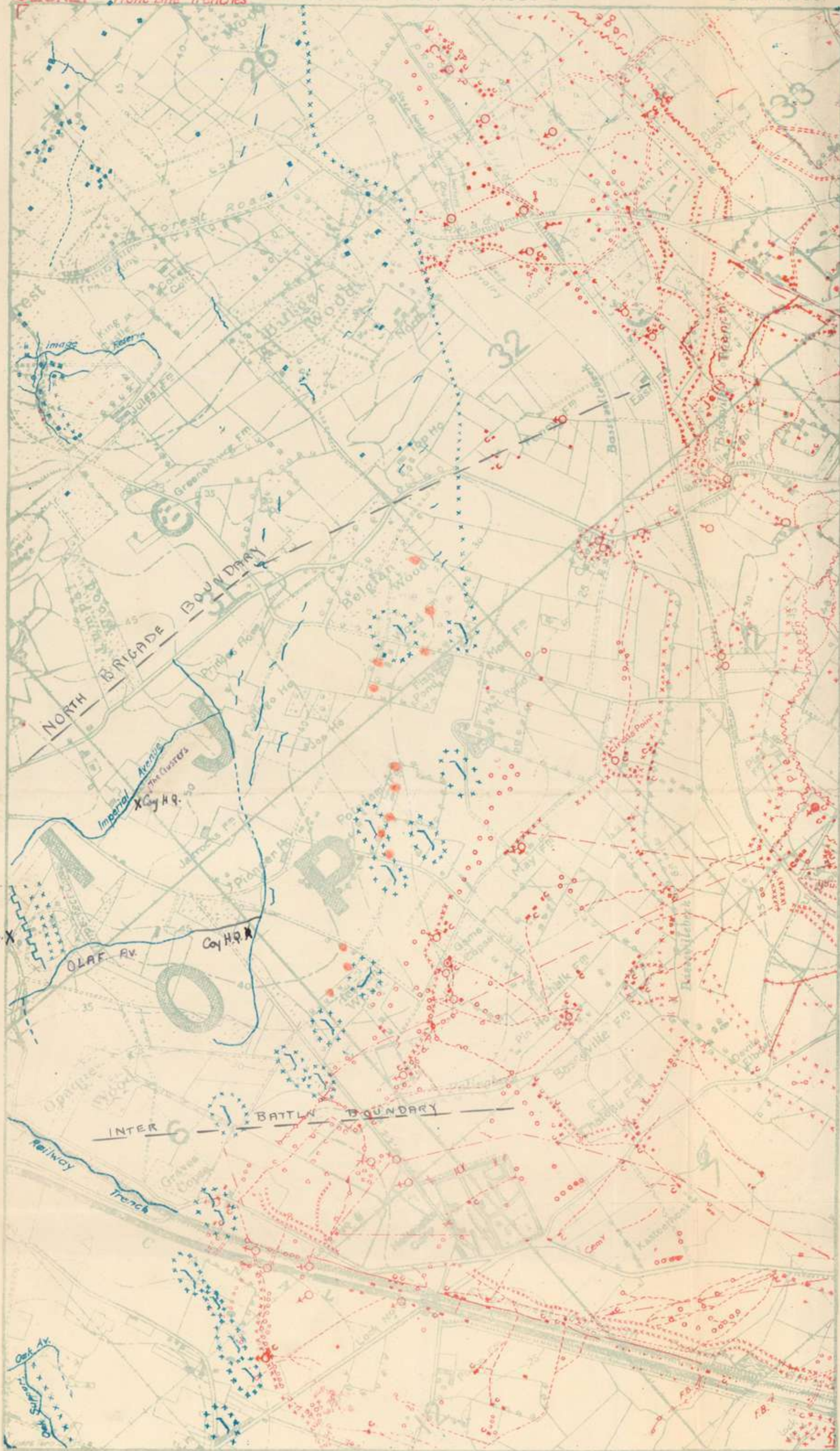
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Not to be taken into Front Line Trenches

PATROL MAP Sheet 5

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APPENDIX

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Strength Off		Where at Work	Nature of Work.	Amount Done.	Material Used.	Hours Worked	
	o/r					From	To
<u>No 1. OUTPOST LINE - 15.2.18.</u>							
1	16	Belgian Wood	Wiring from No 3 J 31 to 4 J 31 posts	50 yds.	16 long 32 medium pickets. 8 coils.	P.M. 6.30	P.M. 8.45
<u>No 1. SUPPORT LINE.</u>							
1	7	Support Line.	Wiring.	35 yds. double apron.	12 long 14 medium pickets. 10 coils.	6.	11.
<u>No 1. SUPPORT LINE.</u>							
1	50	Support Line.	Bench cleaning & draining & consolidation of revettments	cleaning 300x draining 300x. consolidation 40x.	Nil.	6.	10.
<u>No 1 Accomodation.</u>							
	11	Imperial dugouts.	Improving R. A. P.	110 sandbags filled.	110 sandbags?	2	5
<u>No 1 Communication .</u>							
	8	Railway Dump.	Erecting Camouflage	Completed work allotted.	5 Poles (20') 2 coils plain wire.	5	9
<u>No 2 Outpost Line. 16.2.18.</u>							
1	12	Belgian Wood.	Completing Wiring - (apron fence) between 3 J. 31 & 4 J. 31.	50 yards.	8 Long 16 short pickets. 9 coils wire.	6.30	9
<u>No 2 Support Line - 16.2.18.</u>							
4	80	Support Line.	Wiring draining & revetting	90 ^x double apron wire? 200x draining & revetting.	18 coils barbed wire. 35 Long 50 Med. 50 Short pickets 30 screens.	6	10

APPENDIX 3

Strength. Off	Where at o.r Work	Nature of Work.	Amount Done	Material Used	Hrs Worked		
					from	to	
<u>Acommodation 16.2.18.</u>							
11	Imperial dugouts.	Improving R.A.P.	120 sandbags filled - 230 erected. 6 steel gdrs. 6 Shts. G.I. 6 " E.I. erected.	120 sandbags 6 steel gdrs. 6 shts. G.I. 6 " E.I.	9a.m.	12noon	
					2p.m.	4 p.m	
<u>Outpost Line 17.2.18.</u>							
1	22	Belgian Wood Group between 3 j 31 & 4 j 31.	Wiring.	70 yards double apron	16 long & 32 short pickets 14 coils wire.	P.M. 6.30	P.M. 8.35
1	18	Potsdam Group.	Sandbagging and improv- ing posts.	200 sandbags filled & erected.	200 sandbags	8.	12.
<u>Support Line 17.2.18.</u>							
3	59	Support Line.	Clesning trench &c. Wiring.	30x excavation 40x drained 60x consolida- ated. 100x double apron wire.	30 revetting screens. 45 long- 90short pickets - 18 coils wire.	6	10.
<u>Acommodation 17.2.18.</u>							
10	Imperial dugouts.	Improving R.A.P.	200 sandbags filled & erected. 4 shts E.I. erected.	1 sht Steel 4 shts E.I. 225 sandbags.	9 a.m.	12	
					1 p.m	3.30	
<u>Support Line 18.2.18.</u>							
2	20	Support Line.	Wiring	40 yds double apron. 60 yds strength ening wire.	20 long 40 short pickets 20 coils wire.	P.M. 6	P.M. 9.30
<u>Acommodation 18.2.18</u>							
8	Imperial Dugouts	Improving R.A.P.	80 sandbags filled and erected 40 feet timber erected.	80 sandbags 40' timber.	9a.m.	11.30	
<u>Outpost Line 19.2.18</u>							
1	12	Between Potsdam & Belgian Wd Group in front of 7 p 1.	Wiring	55 yds double apron	18 long 36 short pickets 15 coils wire.	P.M. 6.30	P.M. 8.45
1	15	Between Hessian Wd. and Potsdam	Wiring	50 yards double apron	20 long 40 short pickets. 12 coils wire	6.30	9

Strength off No.r	Where at work.	Nature of Work	Amount done.	Material used.	Hours Wkd.	
					from	to
2 78	Support Line.	Digging draining & revetting.	150x cleared 50x revetted	24 revetting screens.	P.M. 7.	P.M. 10
1 8	do	Wiring	40 yds double apron.	15 long 30 short pickets. 10 coils wire.	8.30	10
11	do	Sandbagging and cleaning trench	50 sandbags filled and erected. 30x cleared.	50 sandbags.	2 5.30	5 8.30
<u>Acommodation 19.2.18.</u>						
11	Imperial dugouts	Improving R.A.P.	500 sandbags filled and erected.	500 sandbags 2 duckboards.	9 a.m 1.30	12 4pm
<u>Outpost Line 20.2.18</u>						
2 26	Potsdam Group.	Wiring	135x double apron.	42 long 84 short pickets 32 coils wire.	P.M. 6.30	P.M. 11
<u>Support line 20.2.18</u>						
2 23	Support Line	Wiring	190 yds single apron	73 222 long 120 short pickets 32 coils wire.	6.30	9.45
2 50	do	Digging draining & revetting.	50x cleared 25 x revetted.	12 screens.	6.	9.45
<u>Acommodation 20.2.18</u>						
11	Imperial dugouts	Improving R.A.P.	140 sandbags filled and erected.	140 sandbags & 12 duckboards	2	4

N.C. Ford Lieut Colonel

C.O. 46th Battalion. A.I.F

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Salvage Return

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46th Battalion

21st Feb 1918

ARTICLE	Quantity Salvaged	How disposed of		
		Reused	Returned to Sal Dump	Handed over as Trench Stores
Rifles	128		128	
Helmets P.H.	17		17	
" Box	1		1	
" Steel	4		4	
Jerkins, Sheepskin	6		6	
" Leather	2		2	
Coats Great	9		9	
Equip. Complete	25		25	
" Sundries	-		-	
Water bottles	27		27	
Bayonets	18		18	
Scabbards	5		5	
Frogs	2		2	
Belts	2		2	
Pouches	9		9	
Haversacks	7		7	
Carriers W.B.	4		4	
Braces	3		3	
Packs	1		1	
Stretchers	11		11	
Tapes Marking [Reels]	4		4	
Panniers L.G.	29		29	
Belts M.G.	4		4	
Piston Rod L.G.	1		1	
Magazine L.G.	1		1	
Bipod L.G.	1		1	
Angle Irons - Long	5		5	
Lewis Guns	2		2	
Mess Tins	12		12	
" Covers	6		6	
Slings Rifle	2		2	
Ent Tool Handles	6		6	
" Covers	6		6	
Ground Sheets	8		8	
Blankets	2		2	
Jars Rum	18		18	
Tins Petrol	10		10	10
Grenades Rifle	-		-	
" No 5	254		254	254

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ARTICLE	Quantity Salvaged	How disposed of-		
		Re-used	Returned to Sat	Handed over as French Stores
T.M. Shells	1 box			1 box
Wire Barb (Coils)	101	75		26
" Plain "	6		6	
S.A.A. (rounds)	4300		1300	3000
Boots Gum - Pns.	29		29	
" Ankle "	3		3	
Shovels	162		52	110
" Heads	13		13	
Picks	51		3	48
" Heads	23		23	
" Handles	3		3	
Pickets Screw Long	188	188		
" " Short	205	155		50
Pumps Water	2		2	
Wire Cutters	9		9	
Camp Kettles	3		3	
" Lids	1		1	
Fantasie	1		1	
Piping (coils)	2		2	2
Sandbags	16 bags			16 bags
Pickets Screw Medium	120			120.

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 Captain
 Adjutant 96th Batta.

SUMMARY OF OTHER RANKS EVACUATED AND TAKEN ON STRENGTH.

Feb. 1918

<u>Evacuations -</u>	
To Field Ambulance	44
<u>Struck off strength -</u>	
Sick to hospital	27
Medical Board	4
Invalided to Australia	1
To 47th Battalion	1
Transport duty Australia	1
Tsfd. to 12th Fld. Ambulance	5
Wounded	2
<u>Detached -</u>	
From duty with A.I.F. Depots U.K.	3
Overseas Training Brigade	2
Traffic control	1
12th Training Battn.	4
To forestry party	-
Committed to F.P. Compound	7
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TOTAL.	102

<u>Rejoined -</u>	
From Field Ambulance	31
Ex A.I.B.D.	48
Reinforcements	8
From Hospital	4
From Field Punishment Compound	8
From No 7 Military Prison	1
From 2nd Pioneer Battalion.	1
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TOTAL.	101

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CO. 46th Bn A.I.F.

QUARTERMASTER'S REPORT FEBRUARY 1918.

RATIONS - Number of rations issued 19,740.

BREAD - At the commencement of the month the bread reached us in a very broken condition but after the first week this improved greatly.

VEGETABLES - have been light, especially potatoes, but this shortage was not noticeable on account of Vegetables bought from Regimental Funds.

MEAT - The Fresh Meat ration has been good with the exception of 5 days when quantity was light; weight was made up with preserved meat ration.

At the beginning of the month, up to the 12th inst. the men were out on all day working parties and some on night working parties. The day working parties had breakfast at 6 a.m. To ensure a good meal the usual issue of bacon was cut out and bully beef rissoles with vegetables was given in lieu; the vegetables being those bought by Battalion Funds. On every second morning two companies got a double issue of bacon and two companies - boiled ham with vegetables. This worked satisfactorily as it made a good solid meal and also varied the diet from day to day. The midday meal for these working parties consisted of tinned boiled beef, pickles, bread and cheese.

The night working parties which usually returned to camp at 10.30 p.m. or 11.30 p.m. had their usual evening meal with cocoa and milk issued for the purpose from the Comforts Fund.

On 13.2.18 the Battalion took over in front line. Prior to moving up two men were sent to take over the Australian Comforts Shack to ensure a continuous supply of hot cocoa during relief. Biscuits and cigarettes were also available.

IN THE
LINE.

Rations were of good quality and quantity.

Breakfast - Bacon was boiled overnight and issued sliced for breakfast, and on two mornings hot vegetables were issued with bacon and tea.

Dinner - Fresh meat was issued for dinner in the shape of stews - tea was also issued for this meal.

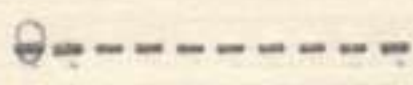
Tea - Rice was boiled for tea on two nights, after that it was replaced by preserved meat and vegetables and mustard; tea was issued for this meal also.

Shell hole line - Men that could only be reached with rations at night were supplied with hot stew, tea, water, and cocoa and milk shortly after dark and again in the morning with ham and tea. The men were well satisfied with the food.

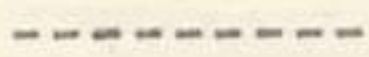
It was found that where tea or stew was put into petrol tins with a wet sandbag round it covered two or three thicknesses of dry sandbag the contents of the tin was kept warm for 4 or 5 hours.

The best parts of the bacon and ham were boiled and sent up with tea in addition. This meal left the cookhouse at 3.15 a.m. The evening meal left the cookhouse at 6 p.m. and consisted of stew, tea, cocoa and milk and water. Dry rations also went up with this meal and sandwiches were cut for consumption during the day. Cocoa and milk was sent up in sufficient quantities to allow of drinks being heated up during the day with Tommy Cookers.

ON THE SHELL hole line - Chocolate was also supplied to these men
LINE- by the Comforts Fund.
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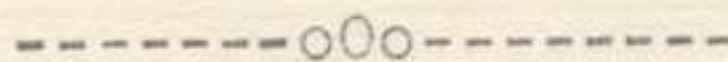
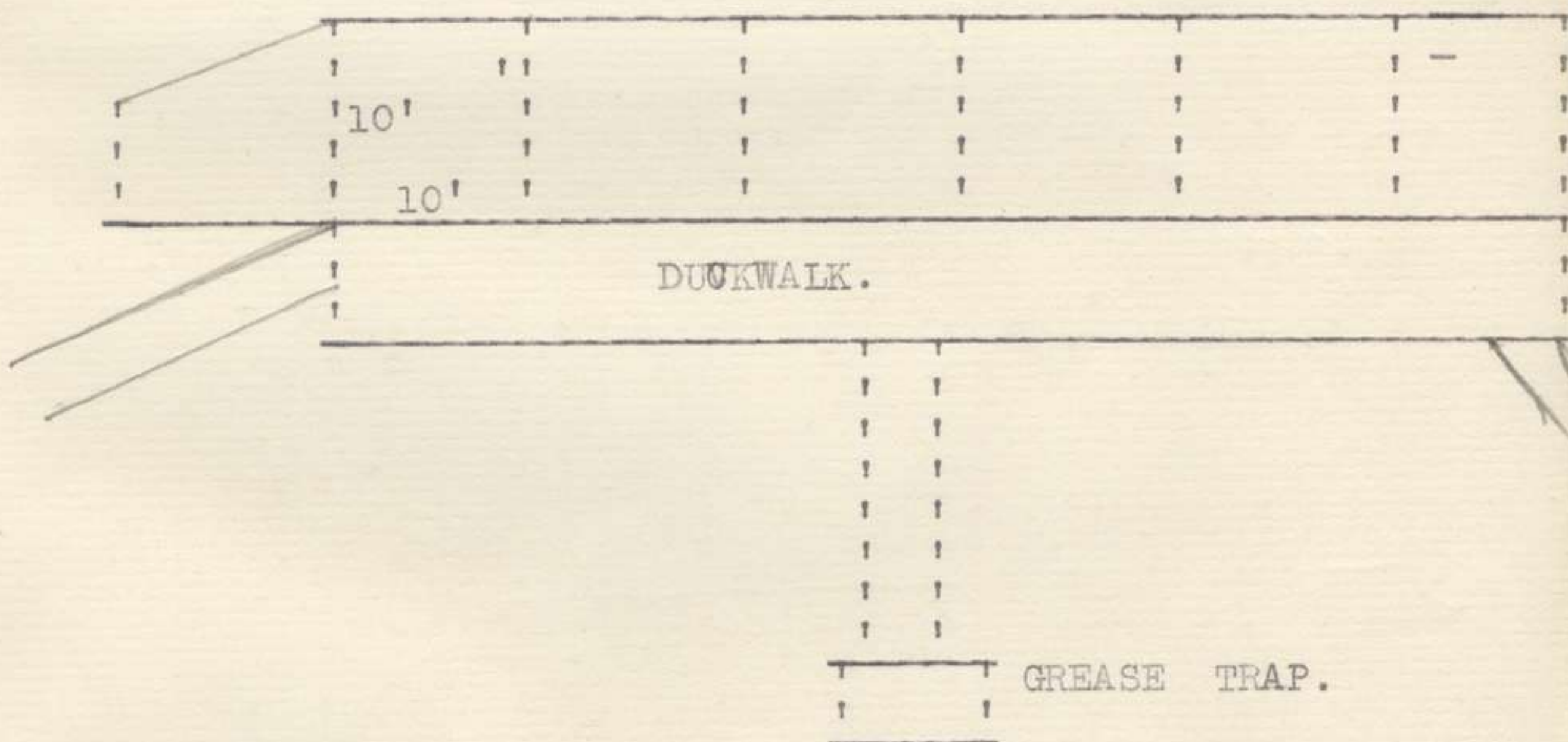


CURRAGH On relief the battalion moved to CURRAGH CAMP when a meal
CAMP - consisting of curried machonochie and pork and beans with
hot cocoa and milk and rum were issued. *work in parties*
From 23rd to 25th February inclusive ~~fatigues~~ were rationed
in the same manner as they were in the early portion of month,
with the exception of breakfast at 4.30 a.m. for early party
and tea at 7 p.m. for late party.



CAMPS & ACCOMODATION - On 5th February the unit moved from MURRUMBIDGEE CAMP to
PARRETT CAMP. The latter was about one of the finest camps
we have been in, that is for hutments, the only fault being
the lack of accomodation for cookers. One cookhouse had been
built in the lowest part of the camp consequently stagnant
water lay in the drains. This state of affairs was altered
by having a fresh cookhouse built adjoining the camp. The
material was salvaged from the neighbourhood and the structure
was completed in 3 days. Each cooker had two compartments
each 10' x 10' open at one end - one for the cooker and one
for the limber. The floors were made of broken brickwork.
A double width of duckboard ran along the front of the whole
shed and single duckwalk at both ends leading to the several
company huts. In the centre a grease trap was constructed for
all slops.

PLAN OF COOKHOUSE.



FUNDS - Money spent on foodstuffs for the month amounted to
784 francs 45 centimes.

F A T - The amount of FAT returned to Railhead for the month amounted
to 922 lbs.

BOOTS - The number of boots for the month issued and repaired was.-
Issued New 51 pairs
" Repaired 357 "
Retd to DADOS 26 "

CLOTHING - Supply of clothing was not good as tunics indented for in
January are not yet to hand.

HATS - The Regimental Hatter renovated 244 hats.

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TAILOR - Repairs for the month -

Overcoats	repaired -----	13
"	tabbed(to make coat shorter if desired)	83
Tunics		34
Slacks cut down		42
Breeches		82
Hats		30

POSTAL SERVICE -

	Despatched	Received.
Letters	17,418	38,281
Parcels	252	883
Papers	345	7,145
Registered	80	146
Cash	899 francs	
Packets	290	626
Cables	30	

COMFORTS SHACK -

When in the line the Australian Comforts Shack was kept going near battalion headquarters. The number of drinks served from the shack for the 7 days was 1500 and biscuits and cigarettes were also available.

SOX -

1074 pairs were exchanged, the system being as follows - A reserve of 500 pairs was taken to Battalion headquarters and each man took in two pairs. On sox being changed by the men they were immediately sent to Battn. H.Q. and exchanged for dry pairs and returned at once to Companies. Wet sox were taken back to a laundry by the ration limbers and dry ones received in exchange.

M. M. M. M. Lieut
Actg. Q.M. 46th Battalion.

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MENU SHEET

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FOR WEEK ENDING 28.2.18.

	21.2.18	22.2.18	23.2.18	24.2.18	25.2.18	26.2.18	27.2.18
breakfast	Fried Bacon & Tea.	Boiled Ham & Tea.	Rissoles Potatoes & Tea	Rissoles Potatoes & Tea	Fried Bacon & Tea	Fried Bacon Potatoes & Tea.	Fried Bacon Potatoes & Tea.
inner	Stew & Tea	Boiled Beef, Potatoes & Tea.	Rice Mince & Tea	Tea	Preserved Meat & Tea.	Boiled Rice, Fruit & Tea.	Mince & Tea.
tea	Rice & Tea.	Fruit & Biscuit Pudding Tea	Boiled Beef & Carrots & Tea.	Rice Stew & Tea.	Stew, Fruit & Biscuit Pudding & Tea.	Boiled Beef Potatoes & Tea	Stew & Tea.

J.P. Bowry Lieut.

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