

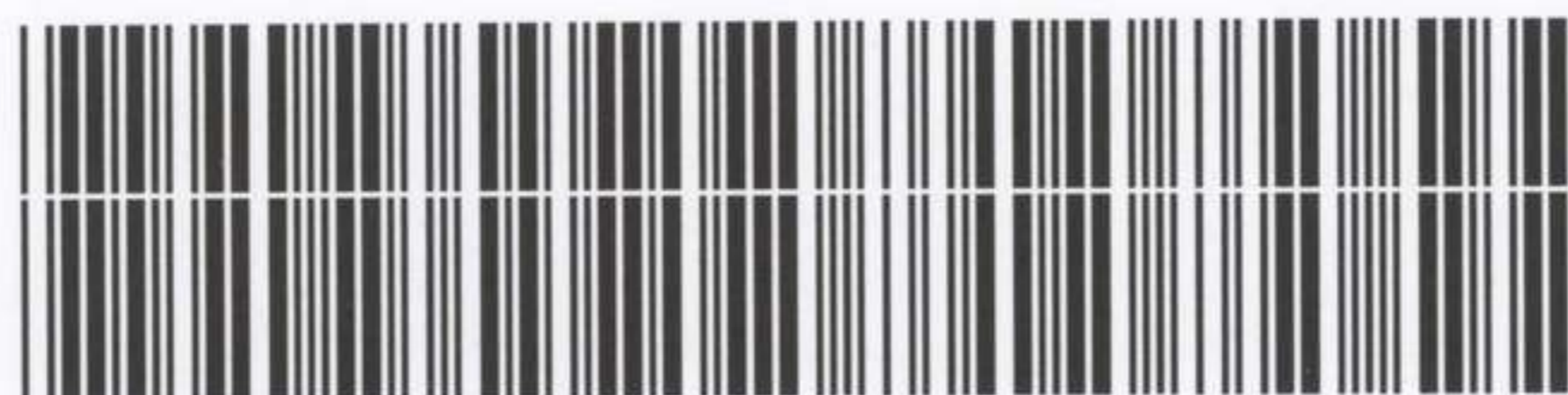
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OF

46th BATTALION A.I.F.

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JUL - 1918

H.Q.  
12TH AUSTRALIAN  
INFANTRY BRIGADE  
No. 28-18  
Date

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Signature of Officer Commanding *G. Cronigan* Lt. Col.

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			<p>Enemy Artillery active on front and support lines with 4.2's and 77's. Battalion H.Q. also shelled at intervals with 5.9's. At night an inter-company relief took place, "D" Coy. relieving "A" Coy. on the right, and "B" Coy. relieving "C" Coy. on the left. Relief was complete at 11-30 p.m. without casualties. The relief interfered with working parties, but patrols were out in front as usual.</p>	WSP																														
	2nd		<p>During the morning the G.O.C. and Brigade Major visited Battalion H.Q. At 9-30 a.m. an unfortunate incident occurred, the Officers Cook-house caught fire and in a few minutes the whole thing was a mass of flames, the day's rations and all eatables being consumed in the fire.</p> <p>Enemy Artillery was lively throughout the day, particularly near Battalion H.Q. Two platoons were sent up from the Support Company, to strengthen the front line, one going to the right company and one to the left line company. Acting under brigade instructions an Officer and 7 other ranks were sent to the south side of the SOMME to establish a joint post with 42nd Battalion at J.34.d.7.2. The 45th Battalion on our right was relieved by the 42nd Battalion.</p> <p>Arrangements were also made to accommodate H.Q. Officers of the 42nd Battalion who are establishing their H.Q.'s with us temporarily.</p>	WSP																														
	3rd		<p>usual programme of work carried out at night.</p> <p>The enemy was normally active, one shell killing the Adjutant of the 42nd Battalion and badly wounding an American Major</p> <p>Careful and full arrangements were made, in view of tomorrow's operations, to minimise likelihood of casualties occurring from enemy retaliation. Works programme at night was considerably reduced owing to this.</p>	WSP																														
	4th		<p>at 3-10 a.m. an attack was launched by battalions of the 11th, 6th &amp; 4th Brigades. The flanks of this attack were the SOMME Canal and the PERONNE-AMIENS Road, and certain fixed objectives</p>																															

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	4th		<p>were allotted. The barrage lasted 2 hours and was a very heavy concentration, the shooting being all that could be desired. The tanks played a most important and successful part and all objectives were gained by the infantry with the minimum number of casualties to themselves. We were anticipating trouble for the Artillery, Trench Mortars and Stokes were making a demonstration on our front besides endeavouring to silence any enemy activity, but the enemy was quieter than we had hoped for. He placed light barrages on our front and support lines and also in SAILLI-LE-SEC, but our casualties were light, 2 being killed and 4 wounded. During the day our Observation Post was in continual touch with Battalion H.Q. giving targets for our artillery. Extra precautions were taken at night, but beyond an S.O.S. barrage at 10-25 p.m. away on our right, the night passed quietly, and no counter-attacks were made by the enemy. Working parties were out at night as usual.</p>	WCP
	5th		<p>The enemy showed no added activity, on our front, though on the right he shelled HAMEL and the trenches in its vicinity heavily. Working Parties carried on their usual tasks and strong patrols were out in front cutting enemy wire. C.O. visited brigade H.Q. during afternoon. The 48th Battalion on our left were relieved by the 54th Battalion.</p>	WCP
	6th		<p>The enemy shelled our front and support lines intermittently throughout the day with 5.9's and 77's. Digging and Wiring Parties were supplied at night and strong fighting patrols and reconnoitring patrols were out in front gathering information before tomorrow's attack. C.O. and Company Officers were busy throughout the day developing their plans for tomorrow. The C.O. went down to Brigade H.Q. and came back with definite plan which was somewhat different to the original one planned, which was to be a silent "stunt". Meeting of Company Commanders was held and plans were discussed and the situation viewed from every point of view. (For full particulars see Operation Order.)</p>	WCP
	7th		<p>These orders were speedily put into execution and the attack was launched at the appointed hour and carried out successfully. (See report by C.O. for full particulars of attack.)</p>	Appendix 1
	8th		<p>Throughout the day the enemy subjected our new support line and our old front line to heavy barrages with 5.9's and 4.2's. At night enemy heavily gas shelled the ravine where Battalion H.Q. is situated and casualties were caused through it. At night rations were got up to the men in their new positions and working parties were out</p>	Appendix 2

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	8th		<p>consolidating.</p> <p>The right company "D" who were slightly in rear of their allotted objectives pushed forward their line to the correct position, capturing 8 prisoners and 2 Machine Guns during the advance. Posts were dug and the men were well settled down before daylight.</p> <p>The weather changed and a heavy thunderstorm took place at 11 p.m., but fortunately, we escaped the worst of the rain.</p> <p>C.O. visited "B" Company H.Q. during the morning.</p> <p>The G.O.C. and Brigade Major visited Battalion H.Q. during the afternoon.</p>	WP
	9th		<p>Throughout the day our whole forward area was continuously and heavily shelled by 5.9's, 4.2's and 77's, it being especially <del>heavily</del> heavy on our old main line. Enemy Trench mortars were also very active. All night this bombardment continued and prevented working parties from digging and wiring, but rations were sent forward to the line companies successfully. It was decided to maintain liaison with 45th Battalion by means of telephonic communication across BOUZENCOURT Bridge from our right company to their support company.</p> <p>Rain fell during the afternoon.</p>	WP
	10th		<p>C.O. went round to right and left front line companies during morning.</p> <p>Enemy artillery slightly less active than it has been during the last two days.</p> <p>Lieut. Keogh was evacuated this morning suffering from the effects of the gas bombardment of the night of the 8th July.</p> <p>At night the intention was to wire the whole battalion front but owing to the liveliness of enemy artillery which caused casualties to Engineers and ourselves, the work was hindered somewhat.</p> <p>At night Lieut. Col. J.J. Corrigan D.S.O., our new Commanding Officer arrived at Battalion H.Q. and took charge of the Battalion.</p>	WP
	11th		<p>The C.O. and Senior Major had a look over the Battalion sector.</p> <p>During the afternoon 5 Company Officers of the 34th Battalion who are relieving us visited Battalion H.Q. and were given full information re their company sectors.</p> <p>The enemy's gun activity has been above normal, though quieter than during the last two days.</p> <p>At 8 p.m. several officers with a number of men from the 34th Battalion forming their advance party arrived and were sent out to their respective companies.</p> <p>At night the C.O. went round the front line and inspected the posts.</p> <p>Wiring parties were out in front wiring the new front. The enemy put over 3 minute barrages frequently, during the night.</p>	WP

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	12th		The day was a busy one, for preparations were in progress for tonight's relief. Trench stores were checked, lines were cleaned, shortages made up, and detailed preparations made.	
			The enemy's artillery was less active than usual throughout the day. At night the 34th Battalion relieved us, the relief being complete by 12-30 a.m. with only 1 casualty.	
			The Companies had been instructed to march back <del>separately</del> independently to our Nucleus Camp in H.32.a. & b. It was a distance of 10 miles and the men arrived there worn out and weary, but already cheery and in high spirits at the thoughts of a rest.	
	13th		The companies arrived at various times between 4 a.m. and 7 a.m. and as each man arrived he was given a hot meal and tea and then either went to sleep or spent his time washing and getting rid of the dirt of the last few weeks. Lunch was at 11 a.m. after which a foot inspection was held and men's feet were bathed. Tea was at 4 p.m. and at 6 p.m. the Battalion moved out to their final destination headed by the band which had been sent down to meet them. It was a short march of 2½ miles and the Battalion arrived at their new camp in G.C.D. 95.90. This camp is in a wood and the cover consists of tents for the officers, trench shelters and humpies for the men and there is good accommodation for all ranks. The transport is also situated close handy in the same wood. (Sheet 62d.)	
			Men again had their feet washed after settling down. The Battalion mess which, owing to circumstances had broken up at MURMIDGEE Camp was again started and the officers of the Battalion are once more brought in touch with each other.	
			Men's packs were handed out to them and officers had the use of their valises once again and the result was that everybody felt much cleaner and much more contented with life.	
	14th		Today being Sunday a voluntary Church parade was held in the I.M.C.A. Chaplain Robbins conducted the service.	
			The baths at CARDONETTE were open to the Battalion and at intervals A.B.C.D. Coys were marched there and given a bath and clean change of underclothing.	
	15th		Training was commenced as per Syllabus.	Appendix 3
			At 9 a.m. the Battalion was formed up in Mass and our new Colonel addressed the men.	
			During the afternoon sports were indulged in, Cricket being the chief attraction. Inter-company and inter-platoon matches have been arranged for the week.	
			During the night there was a thunderstorm bringing heavy rain with it and some of the men's bivouacs were not capable of resisting the elements.	
	16th		Rain prevented the day's programme of training being carried out, so those men of the companies needing inoculation were treated by the M.O. The remainder of the men were on fatigue duty.	

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	16th		thoroughly cleaning up the camp which had been left in a pretty dirty condition by the previous unit.	
			During the day the Band played selections, and in the afternoon cricket, tennis, horse and mule riding were in full swing.	
			It rained again at night.	
	17th		Work was carried out as per Syllabus of Training and during the afternoon Sports held sway.	
			At night there are attractions for all in the shape of the 12th Brigade Concert Party, and the Divisional Party "The Smart Set".	
	18th		the programme of training as laid down was altered somewhat to allow the battalion to be put through the Lachrymatory Gas Test at G.10.d.5.2. The companies going through in the order A.B.B.D.	
			During the afternoon whilst the various games were in progress we were visited by a French Mission who are shortly leaving for AUSTRALIA to foster trade between the two countries.	
			General Pau was in charge and there were several representatives of French Industries present including M. Metin, President of Mission, M. Thompson, a representative of the French Labour organisations, and Mr. Meadows Smith a former secretary of the British Chamber of Commerce in Paris. They spent an hour watching the Lewis Gunners drilling and the lads playing cricket and football.	
	19th		The Battalion marched by route march to a Rifle Range east of AMIENS, the band accompanied the troops, midday meal was carried. Shooting practice was carried out. Battalion returned to Camp at 4 p.m.	
			On arrival of the Battalion in the area a "Delouser" was built and the blankets and clothes of every man has been put through it, rendering them clean and free from vermin.	
			In addition cooking ranges have been built for each company enabling the men to have roast joints as a change.	
	20th		Battalion was inspected by G.O. and battalion drill and March Past in column of platoons were carried out, the drill being satisfactorily carried out, considering the length of time that has elapsed since this battalion last did any parade ground drill.	
			In the afternoon the battalion held a sports meeting which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. The entries were large and the competition keen. "A" Company proving to be the most successful company, closely followed by "C" Company. The prizes amounted to roughly 1000 Francs and were	

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	20th		given by the officers and from Regimental Funds. Showers of rain fell during the afternoon but this had very little effect on either the competitors or onlookers.	WJ
			At night the 12th Brigade Concert Party gave an excellent free entertainment to all members of this Battalion.	
	21st		The remainder of the Battalion was inoculated by the R.M.O. today. Rain fell during the early morning.	WJ
	22nd		The men spent the day quietly. Training was carried out during the morning, Specialists on their particular branch and the remainder of the men in practising "Rapid Wiring".	
			During the afternoon the Division ran a monster Race Meeting at ALLONVILLE. It was an excellently organised affair and the horse and mule racing was keen and well contested. Book-makers were well in evidence and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon's sport. A number of animals from this battalion were entered and those that were most successful were:-	WJ
			Hebuterne Scamper. 1st. Brooks (Rider- Capt. D.B. Payne "MC")	
			Pozieres Stakes. 3rd. Brooks ( " " " " " " )	
			Messines Gallop. 3rd. Torchy (Rider- Dvr B. Misson.)	
			Villers-Bretonneaux Sprint. (Mule Race) 2nd. Yellow Belly (Rider-Dvr B. Misson)	
			" " " " " " 3rd. Hun's Daisy (Rider-Dvr. M. Roache)	
			Hamel Steeple. (Mule Race.) 3rd. Narrow Guts. (Rider- Dvr M. Roche.)	
	23rd		At night a free Cinema show was given at the Hangars, ALLONVILLE. Reveille 5 a.m. and the Battalion moved off at 7 a.m. by route march to VAUX-en-AMIENOIS (dress fighting order). The band accompanied the battalion. Time of marching was just under 3 hours. A demonstration attack in co-operation with tanks was given by 2 companies 58th Battalion together with 4 Tanks. The attack was to take two systems of enemy trench aided by creeping barrage and Tanks. After seeing the demonstration "A" & "B" Companies made the attack and later on "C" & "D" Companies together went through it. Heavy rain during the morning considerably handicapped the practices. Battalion returned to billets at 6 p.m. The men's feet were then bathed on Condy's.	WJ
	24th		The men were again bathed, the companies marching to CARDONETTE at intervals throughout the morning. Training was also carried out, the companies being in the hands of their O's C. for re-organisation.	
			During the afternoon another successful Race Meeting was held at the Chateau Grounds, ALLONVILLE. The event was run by the 12th Brigade and entries were limited to horses within the brigade	WJ



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	24th		Group. Our horses again proved very successful enabling our lads to come home richer than they want, through backing our colours. The following were our successes.-	
			Flight to Calais Sprint. - 3rd. Torchy (Rider- Dvr. B. Misson)	
			Rest Sweep Stakes. - 1st. Brooks " Capt. D.B. Payne "MC"	
			Kid Stakes (Mule Race) - 1st. Hun's Daisy ( " Dvr. M. Roche	
			" " " " - 2nd. Narrow Guts " Dvr. B. Misson	
			Jamberoo High Jump. - 3rd. Mobile " Pte. C. Unwin	
			Hobart Hurdles. - 1st. Brooks " Capt. D.B. Payne "MC"	
			Adelaide Hop (Mule Race) - 2nd. Hun's Daisy " Dvr. M. Roche	
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			Melbourne Trot. - 2nd. Rose " Pte. C. unwin	
			Brisbane Hurdles (Mules) - 1st. Narrow Guts " Dvr. M. Roche	
			Australian Cup. - 2nd. Jimmy " Dvr. B. Misson	
	25th		During the morning training as per Syllabus was carried out, and cricket and football were the order for the afternoon.	
	26th		Battalion marched to G.10.d.5.2. for Gas instruction. The Divisional Gas Officer gave a lecture on the various types of gasses used by the Germans and their methods of using them and how to counteract them. Men were then passed through a gas-proof chamber, after which the various gasses were smelt, and finally a demonstration of the method of using projector gas was given. During the afternoon the Officers played the Sergeants at Football (Australian Rules) and the Officers won a keenly contested game by 4 points.	
	27th		Very heavy showers fell during the morning, but between the showers training was carried on. The undermentioned gifts have been received from the Australian Comforts Funds:-	
			2 cases Sweets	
			4 " Socks	
			1 " Oxo Cubes	
			4 doz. Packs Playing Cards	
			2 parcels Reading Matter.	
			6 cases Cocoa & Milk	
			1 " Puddings	
			1 " Cakes	
			1 set Quoits	
			2 cases Vegetables	
			1 " Sauce	
			10 sets Draughts.	
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	28th		<p>R.C. Church Parade was held at CARDONETTE Church at 9-30 a.m. The Battalion marched to the Hangar, ALLONVILLE and a Church Parade was held under Chaplain Justice.</p> <p>During the afternoon the 12th Brigade H.Q. played a cricket match against this Battalion and we came out winners by 20 odd runs, the result being decided on the first innings.</p> <p>At 6 p.m. a Voluntary Church Parade was held at the Hangar, ALLONVILLE and this service was followed by a Cinema Entertainment.</p>	<p>W</p>
	29th		<p>the companies were at the disposal of Company Commanders till 10 a.m. when battalion formed up for a route march. Dress - Marching Order less blankets. As the day was warm coats were left off and shirt sleeves rolled up. Battalion returned to camp at midday.</p> <p>During afternoon the C.O. with several Officers rode to GLIS to reconnoitre new area we are likely to take over.</p>	<p>W</p>
	30th		<p>Training as per Syllabus during morning. A special muster parade was held at 3 p.m. when all packs were dumped, men were inspected in fighting order, and the camp thoroughly cleaned ready departure. At 4 p.m. advance party went forward to billet the battalion in CAGN.</p>	<p>W</p>
	31st		<p>Reveille - 4 a.m. Battalion formed up and moved off by route march in fighting order, passing Starting Point at 5-30 a.m. order of march - A.B.C. &amp; D Coys. Distance marched 7<math>\frac{3}{4}</math> miles. The Battalion arrived in its new quarters at BOUTILLERIE (Sheet 62d M.33.b.05.20) at 8-30 a.m. The whole battalion are billeted in a large building which affords accommodation for all the men. The Officers have quarters close by and the transport is handily situated.</p> <p>This move brings us to the end of our brief but but very enjoyable spell out of the line. The mornings have been devoted to training and the snap and smartness which slackens through long spells in the line was quickly renewed. The mens' spare time was catered for in a manner not known before, and the men showed their appreciation of it. Sporting material was obtained from the Australian Comforts Funds and the vitality, and high spirits of the men were quickly renewed by keen competition in cricket, football, and sports. Every evening Concerts were given by either the Brigade Concert Party, or the Divisional Pierrot troupe, and occasionally, we had picture shows, all these shows were well patronised. The weather generally speaking was fine and though we had a lot of rain throughout the month, the weather was never cold.</p> <p>As soon as the battalion settled down in their new billets company parades were held and the men were marched down to the river close by for a swim.</p> <p>The Nucleus left us today and marched to CAMON where the Brigade Nucleus camp is situated.</p>	<p>Appendix 11</p> <p>W</p>

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY. 46th BATTALION A.I.F.  
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*J. P. Corrigan* Lieut. Colonel  
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**WAR DIARY**

OF

46th BATTALION A.I.F.

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Reference Map Sheet 62 N.E.

1. The 46th Battalion will attack, capture and consolidate a line running from J.36.b.10.30 to J.36.c.55.55 to P.5.b.80.50. 54th Battalion on the left will co-operate.
2. Attacking Companies:- "D" Company on the right.  
"B" Company on the left  
The SAILLY-LE-SEC - SAILLY LAURETTE road as the inter-company boundary. Road inclusive to Right Company.  
Major F.R. NORTH in charge of attacking Companies.
3. The attack will be carried out with Artillery, M.G., Medium and light Trench Mortar support,
4. Jumping off lines will be marked out in advance of present wire and companies will be in position by Zero minus 20 minutes.
5. Formation for attack; Companies on a two platoon front in two waves. First wave, 20 to 25 yards between first and second line. Second wave 50 yards from second line of first wave. One mixed section of 1 Sgt 12 O/R (Riflemen and Bombers) from each platoon of second wave to be detailed as moppers up and will accompany second line of first wave.
6. (a) The assaulting companies will carry in addition to Fighting Order 220 rounds S.A.A., 4 Mills Hand Grenades, 2 Sandbags, waterbottles full and 24 hours rations per man.  
(b) Second wave will carry in addition to (a) 1 pick or 1 shovel per man (equal number).
7. One Light Trench Mortar has been detailed to accompany each assaulting company. They will move forward with second wave and will be established at (approx) J.35.d.6.5. and J.36.a.2.5. Two carrying parties each of 1 Sergeant and 10 O/R to be detailed by "A" Company will report to H.Q., A.L.T.M.B. at 10-30 p.m. with 40 sandbags.
8. Stretcher Bearers will take any seriously wounded cases to present front line, where first aid sub-stations have been established. Evacuations by taped-track south of village to R.A.P.
9. Prisoners will be handed over to Captain Vanstan in No.9 (CHARLTON'S) Post, who will arrange for the escort to Battalion H.Q.
10. Watches will be synchronised by Special Runner from Battalion H.Q. at 9-30 p.m.
11. Artillery. Artillery barrage will fall on first objective at Zero. At Zero plus 3 it will lift 100 yards and thence 50 yards each minute, finally forming a protective barrage on advance of objective for 35 minutes.
12. Signals. On objective being reached one RED and one WHITE Very Light will be fired simultaneously from the objective towards our old line. Contact plane will fly over the line about 4-30 a.m. 8th inst. RED ground flares will be lit by advanced troops, only signal for flares will be KLAXON Horn or white Very Light fired from plane.
13. Carrying Parties. "A" Company will detail 1 Sgt and 10 O/R to report to "D" Company by 11 p.m.  
"C" Company 1 Sgt and 10 O/R to report to "B" Company at 11 p.m.
14. "C" Company will move forward from present position and occupy present front line.  
"A" Company will move forward and occupy Support Line.  
Move to be completed by 11-30 p.m.

15. On the objective being reached Platoon Posts will be dug and the new line will be held by 2 platoons from each of the attacking companies. The remaining 2 platoons will move back on completion of consolidation and occupy the old German Front line.
16. Zero Hour will be notified later.
17. Vickers Guns at present in Support Line are moving at to present Front Line.

(Sgd) F.M. Couchman Major  
A/C.O. FOTE.

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Reference Operation Order No. 6.

ZERO Hour will be 12-15 a.m. 8.7.18.

(Sgd) F.M. Couchman Major  
A/C.O. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ FOTE

REPORT ON MINOR OPERATION CARRIED OUT BY 46th BATTN.  
ON NIGHT 7/8th JULY 1918.

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Sheet. 62d.

1. Intention. On the 5th July G.O.C. 12th Inf. Brigade informed me that with the object of straightening the line, 46th Battalion would have to advance and establish a new line from J.36.b.20.50 to P.5.b.80.45. 45th Battalion on our right and the 54th Battalion on our left, were so-operating. Definite instructions were given to me verbally on the 7th that the attack would be carried out that night and that it would be with Artillery support.
2. Disposition for attack. Battalion had been in the line since June 16th. I returned to B.H.Q. from Brigade at 2-15 p.m. with my instructions. Company Commanders were given verbal instructions by 4-30 p.m. Written instructions issued at 9 p.m. At 11-30 "A" Company had moved up from support and had taken over the Outpost line. "D" and "B" Companies were moving into position for the attack and were ready at 12 midnight.
3. Formation for Attack. The attack was delivered on a two company front, "D" Company on the right, "B" Company on the left. The assaulting companies attacked in two waves, two platoons of each company in the front wave, and two in the second wave. Moppers up of 2 Sergeants and 22 O/R in two parties were detailed from the second wave, and moved off with the 2nd line of the 1st wave. Distance between lines of waves 25 yards, 50 yards between waves. In forming up I instructed that this distance be considerably reduced for the following reasons:-  
(a) I did not want the first line to get up too close to enemy and give the show away.  
(b) I wanted the rear to be well away from our mine wire and to be clear of the enemy barrage.  
Each man carried in addition to Fighting Order 220 rounds S.A.A., 4 hand grenades. 2 snadbags, phosphorus bombs, 24 hours rations and Rifle Grenades, Mark 36 rifle grenades. 2nd wave carried in addition, picks, shovels, some tins of water, boxes of bombs.
4. Narrative of Assault. For a few seconds prior to Zero, light Trench Mortars, as previously arranged, fired on known M.G. positions on our right. At Zero the artillery came down on the start line, medium Trench Mortars firing on given targets. Barrage lifted after 3½ minutes, the infantry moving off and getting their correct distance whilst moving. On the left flank of the left company sector, the advance was easy and practically no opposition was met. On the right an enemy post at J.35.d.90.85 was encountered and quickly overcome. On the right company sector several posts were encountered at J.35.d.65.65; 70.30; 40.20; These were all speedily overcome. ~~Enemy wire did not prove a great obstacle, it being considerably damaged by artillery fire, and the large gaps cut by us on previous nights were of great assistance. The information gained by patrols who had been through the enemy wire on previous nights was of great assistance to the advance. First objective was reached at 12-46 a.m. and success flares fired. At 1-25 am it was reported that patrols were out. The barrage was a little slow and in some instances it was difficult to keep the men from getting into it, especially on the left. The enemy did not fight, but either ran or surrendered. Those who did show fight were killed. When things had settled down it was discovered that the right flank was slightly in rear of the objective, with an enemy machine gun in front of them that was very active. Under the~~ Enemy wire did not prove a great obstacle, it being considerably damaged by artillery fire, and the large gaps cut by us on previous nights were of great assistance. The information gained by patrols who had been through the enemy wire on previous nights was of great assistance to the advance. First objective was reached at 12-46 a.m. and success flares fired. At 1-25 am it was reported that patrols were out. The barrage was a little slow and in some instances it was difficult to keep the men from getting into it, especially on the left. The enemy did not fight, but either ran or surrendered. Those who did show fight were killed. When things had settled down it was discovered that the right flank was slightly in rear of the objective, with an enemy machine gun in front of them that was very active. Under the



4. Narrative of Assault. circumstances it was decided to leave the right flank as it was and to take the post in front by surprise the next night. This was done by a smart piece of work by No.15 platoon under Lieut. Painsent. A post was captured without casualties to ourselves. 1 Sergeant Major 7 O/R with 2 Machine Guns were captured whilst 2 Germans who attempted to fire the gun were killed.
5. Consolidation - Consolidation was commenced immediately the objective was reached, L.G.'s being established in front for cover. The left company dug a trench 4"x3"x2" running from J.36.b.25.52 to the road in J.36.c.65.50 continuous except for a gap of 30 yards in the centre. This trench is fairly well sited, with a fair field of fire. The whole of this company were left in the front line instead of withdrawing two platoons to the old German trench in J.36.a. as previously arranged. Many casualties were undoubtedly saved by this, as the old German trench has been shelled practically continuously ever since. The right company dug a series of pot holes for three platoons and sent one platoon back to the old German trench in J.35.d.75.60 as arranged. On the night 8/9th July, the right was advanced and a series of 8 posts dug slightly in advance of the objective laid down. These posts are well sited with a good field of fire, and are being connected up.
6. Artillery Barrage. The Artillery Barrage was good only two shorts being reported. M.G. support was excellent, 12 guns firing on targets as previously arranged direct with M.G. Coy. T.M.'s rendered good service by putting a few shells into known M.G. positions just prior to our barrage dropping. One gun crew became casualties at the start. One on the left went forward under Captain Cherry, and was established in the position arranged for, but did not have a target within range.
7. COMMUNICATIONS. Were good. Lines were run out with each Company H.Q. as they advanced. Telephone was difficult at times owing to wire being destroyed by shell fire, and casualties in Signallers. Runners were little used. The Lucas Lamp went forward with second wave and messages were received at at the O.P., the first one at 1-25 a.m. Signal Flares (Success) were highly satisfactory.
8. Captures. 1 Officer, 1 Sgt. Major and 30 O/R all unwounded. Nil wounded. Machine Guns - 5.
9. Casualties. Number of enemy killed is estimated at at least 25. Our casualties up to 10 a.m. on 8th inst were 2 Officers wounded slightly, 23 Other ranks wounded slightly, 12 O/R wounded seriously. 3 O/R killed and 2 O/R missing believed killed.
10. Remarks. All arrangements worked well. The advance was ~~very~~ well carried out and the spirit and dash of all ranks was excellent. Hot meal was issued to all ranks at 10 p.m. and again at 2-30 a.m. in the new positions. Immediately our barrage opened at 12-15 a.m. one enemy red flare was responded to by enemy artillery on the right company front in 45 seconds. This was followed by enemy S.O.S. in response to 2 green and 2 reds at 12-17 a.m. Identifications - 201st R.I.R.
11. Time Table. 12-7 a.m. Companies reported O.K.  
12-8 a.m. Reported O.K. to Brigade.  
12-15 a.m. Our barrage opened.

11. Time Table.

12-15 a.m. Enemy Red flare fired from left.  
 12-16 a.m. Enemy barrage dropped on right cy. front.  
 12-17 a.m. Two green and two red flares fired by enemy.  
 12-18 a.m. Enemy barrage dropped right across battalion front and light shelling of main line.  
 12-30 a.m. Left company reported first objective gained.  
 12-46 a.m. Success signals fired.  
 1 - a.m. Our Artillery died down.  
 1 -10 a.m. Reported by phone, objectives on right and left gained.  
 1 -20 a.m. Lieut. Brearley reported at B.H.Q. wounded and confirmed previous reports.  
 1 -25 a.m. Front line report by lamp patrols were out.  
 2 -25 a.m. 1 Officer 18 O/R prisoners of war were brought in.  
 3- 45 a.m. Reported complete liaison was established right along the front.  
 3 -55 a.m. Our front heavily shelled from direction of VAIRE Wood.

Note:-

Owing to the very heavy enemy shelling of the whole area by 5.9's 4.2's and Gas shells it has been extremely difficult up to the present to get in captured material. For the same reason work on the new support line has been very much hampered.

10 p.m. 9.7.18.

(Sgd) F.M. Couchman Major  
 A/C.O. 46th Battn.

46th BATTALION.13th July 1918.15th July.

9 a.m. to 9-50 a.m. Inspection of turnout ~~and~~ by platoon and Company Commanders.  
 10 a.m. to 10-50 a.m. Respirator Inspection and Close Order Drill by Platoons.  
 11 a.m. to 11-30 a.m. Gas Drill.  
 11-30 a.m. to 12-20 pm Rifle Exercise and Close Order Drill.

16th July.

9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Close Order Drill by Sections and training of Section Commanders.  
 10 a.m. to 10-30 a.m. Gas Drill.  
 10-30 a.m. to 11-30 am Bayonet Fighting.  
 11-30 a.m. to 12-30 p.m. Platoon Drill and Rifle Exercises.  
 11 a.m. to 11-30 a.m. Lecture on value of personal cleanliness.

17th July.

9 a.m. to 10-30 a.m. Close Order Drill by Sections, and training of Section Commanders.  
 9-30 a.m. to 12 noon Route March. March Discipline.  
 12 noon to 12-20 p.m. Foot Inspection by Platoon Commanders.

18th July.

9 a.m. to 9-45 a.m. Close Order Drill by Platoons.  
 9-45 a.m. to 10-30 am Bayonet Fighting.  
 10-30 a.m. to 11 a.m. Gas Drill.  
 11 a.m. to 11-30 a.m. Lecture on care of feet.  
 11-30 a.m. to 12-20 pm Musketry Instruction.

19th July.

9 a.m. to 9-30 a.m. Gas Drill.  
 9-30 a.m. to 10-15 am Bayonet Fighting.  
 10-15 a.m. to 10-30 am Lecture on Saluting.  
 10-30 a.m. to 11 a.m. Saluting.  
 11 a.m. to 12-30 a.m. Platoon Field Training.

20th July.

9 a.m. to 9-45 a.m. Company Drill.  
 9-45 a.m. to 10-15 am Gas Drill.  
 10-15 a.m. to 11 a.m. Bayonet Fighting.  
 11 a.m. to 11-30 a.m. Guards and Sentries.  
 11-30 a.m. to 12 noon Lecture - Sanitation in Trenches and billets.  
 12 noon to 12-20 p.m. Musketry Instruction.

21st July.

Sunday.

22nd July.

9 a.m. to 9-30 a.m. Gas Drill  
 9-30 a.m. to 12-15 p.m. Battalion Route March  
 12-15 p.m. to 12-30 pm Foot inspection and washing of feet.

23rd July.

9 a.m. to 12-30 p.m. Ceremonial Drill.

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24th July.

9 a.m. to 9-45 a.m. Section Drill under Section Commanders.  
 9-45 a.m. to 10-15 am Gas Drill.  
 10-15 a.m. to 10-45 Lecture - Arms and Equipment care of.  
 10-45 to 11-15 a.m. Musketry Instruction.  
 11-15 to 12-30 p.m. Company Field Training.  
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25th July.

9 a.m. to 9-30 a.m. Gas Drill.  
 9-30 a.m. to 12-15 p.m. - Route March.  
 12-15 to 12-30 pm Washing of feet and foot inspection.  
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26th July.

9 a.m. to 9-30 a.m. Gas Drill.  
 9-30 to 11 a.m. Tactical handling of a platoon.  
 11 a.m. to 11-30 Musketry Instruction.  
 11-30 to 12 noon Bayonet Fighting.  
 12 noon to 12-30 pm Company Drill  
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27th July.

9 a.m. to 9-45 a.m. Bayonet Fighting.  
 9-45 to 10-30 a.m. Gas Drill.  
 10-30 to 11-30 a.m. Musketry Instruction.  
 11-30 to 12 noon Company Drill.  
 12 noon to 12-30 pm Battalion ~~March~~ March.Past.  
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SPECIALIST TRAINING AS FOLLOWS.

Lewis Gunners under Specialist Officer daily and instruction in firing German M.G's.  
 Signallers under Signalling Officer daily.  
 Bombing Instruction daily under Bombing Officer.  
 Rapid Wiring daily.  
 Scouts daily under Intelligence Officer.  
 Stretcher Bearers under Medical Officer.  
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One Company on range daily after 2nd day.  
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Short Lecturette will be given during "Smoko's" on:-

1. Espirit de Corps.
2. Value of information.
3. Reading a Map.
4. Duties of N.C.O's.
5. Discipline.
6. Trench Digging and Siting.

Surprise Gas Alarms will be given during training.  
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(Sgd) J.J. Corrigan Lieut. Col.  
 C.O. 46th Battalion

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46th BATTALION  
SYLLABUS OF TRAINING.

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28th July 1918.

29th July.

9 to 9-50 a.m. Platoon Drill.  
10 to 10-50 a.m. Wiring  
11 to 11-30 a.m. Musketry  
11-30 to 12 noon Gas Drill  
12 to 12-30 p.m. Bayonet Fighting

30th July.

9 to 9-30 a.m. Gas helmet Drill & Inspection.  
9-30 to 12 noon Route March  
12 to 12-30 p.m. Foot Inspection.

31st July.

9 to 10 a.m. Bayonet Fighting & Physical Training.  
10 to 11 a.m. Wiring with night glasses.  
11 to 11-30 a.m. Musketry  
11-30 am to 12-30 Company Drill.

1st August.

9 to 9-30 a.m. Lecture  
9-30 to 11-30 a.m. Platoon attacking Strong Point.  
11-30 to 12 noon Criticism  
12 to 12-30 p.m. Gas Drill

2nd August.

9 to 9-30 a.m. Gas Drill  
9-30 to 12 noon Route March  
12 to 12-30 p.m. Foot Inspection.

3rd August.

9 to 9-30 a.m. Gas  
9-30 to 12 noon Rifle Exercise and Platoon Drill  
10 to 12-30 p.m. C.O.'s Inspection and Battalion Drill.

SPECIALIST TRAINING.

Scouts under Intelligence officer.  
Lewis Gunners under Lewis Gun Officer.  
Signallers under Signalling Officer.  
Bombing Instruction daily under Bombing Officer.  
Stretcher Bearers under Medical Officer.  
1 Company on range daily.

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*J. J. Arrigan* Lieut. Colonel.  
C.O. 46th Battalion.

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MONTH OF JULY.Major F.R. NORTH.

At SAILLY-LE-SEC on night 7/8th July 1918 in charge of attack. Personally supervised the forming up and visited every portion of the line during consolidation under intense shell fire. Displayed great coolness and was a splendid example to all ranks. Utter disregard for personal safety.

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Lieutenant H.C. PINSENT.

At SAILLY-LE-SEC during operations 7/8th July 1918. His platoon was held up by 2 enemy machine guns. He immediately rushed the post, killing 2 huns and capturing the 2 machine guns. Night 8/9th July with his platoon skilfully attacked enemy post capturing 8 prisoners and 1 M.G. with casualties. Displayed great qualities as a leader. Set a splendid example to his men.

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Lieutenant W.H. KEOGH.

At SAILLY-LE-SEC during advance 7/8th July 1918 & taped out portion of jumping off line. Went forward with assaulting troops. When objective gained moved from flank to flank to ensure no gap in line. Although suffering from gas refused to be evacuated till operation was finished.

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Lieutenant W.C. PLEASANCE.

At SAILLY-LE-SEC night 7/8th July 1918 taped out portion of jumping off line and went forward with assaulting troops moving from flank to flank to ensure no gaps under intense enemy shell fire. Splendid example of devotion to duty and cool courage throughout the whole operation.

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Lieutenant N.W. FAULKNER.

Displayed great courage and devotion to duty. Went out under intense artillery fire on 3 occasions to repair broken telephone lines. Period 17th June to 11th July was responsible for getting up supplies to front line. Night 9th/10th owing to casualties carried two loads through intense artillery fire.

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Lieutenant J.K. HALL.

Night 7/8th July made two trips to captured positions at SAILLY LAURETTE, in charge of party carrying material. Work done with utmost skill and daring. Party was several times dispersed by intense hostile barrage. He rallied his men and his example inspired his men so that stores urgently required were promptly delivered. Light casualties.

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No.4041 Sergeant J.W. WESTWOOD.

At SAILLY-LE-SEC during operations on night 7/8th July 1918 - Platoon Officer a casualty - took charge and led men to final objective. Reorganised and instructed them where to dig. With a small party rushed an enemy machine gun post and captured it with crew of 4. Displayed great courage and leadership.

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No. 2881 Pte (L/Cpl) W.A. CHADWICK.

At SAILLY-LE-SEC 7/8th July 1918 collected wounded and despite heavy artillery barrage dressed 15 men. He then with aid of prisoners had them carried to R.A.P. thus saving a number of lives.

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No. 90 Sergeant S.E. SARGENT "MM".

SAILLY-LE-SEC night 7/8th July 1918 in charge of a party carrying ammunition. Before final objective reached was severely wounded but refused to leave until ammunition was delivered. Then led his men back through heavy M.G. barrage. Utter disregard of danger and splendid example devotion to duty.

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No. 2318 Pte R.L. DAHLENBURG.

AT SAILLY-LE-SEC night 7/8th July 1918 acted as guide to carrying parties to final objective three times through heavy artillery and M.G. fire. Carried important messages through barrage to Battalion H.Q. Displayed great courage and coolness. Devotion to duty.

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No. 3336 Private A. FORREST.

At SAILLY-LE-SEC on night 7/8th July 1918 brought in 4 wounded under heavy artillery and M.G. fire. On bringing in 3rd man he was badly wounded in the head but refused to leave. returned to final objective and brought in another severely wounded man thus saving a number of lives.

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No. 1862 Sergeant E. BROMAN.

At SAILLY-LE-SEC on night 7/8th July 1918 in command of a party carrying T.M. Shells with 2nd wave. Took charge of ration party carried rations to front line. Returned and again went forward with wire. Displayed great courage and skill leading his men through heavy Artillery barrage.

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No. 2429 Private E. HAYCRAFT "MM".

At SAILLY-LE-SEC night 7/8th July 1918. One of a party carrying T.M. shells in the attack. After objective gained carried number of wounded to R.A.P. passing through heavily shelled areas on 4 occasions. 2 of his platoon were missing, went out and searched for them. Utter disregard of personal safety. Great inspiration to comrades.

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No. 5968 Private (L/Cpl) S.A. BUCKLE.

At SAILLY-LE-SEC night 10/11th July 1918. Stretcher bearer to wiring party on new front line. Party caught in enemy barrage suffering heavy casualties. Whilst dressing wounded had his leg fractured. In spite of wound ~~was~~ attended to other wounded until exhausted. Supreme devotion to duty, coolness and courage. Saved several lives.

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No. 3891 Sergeant H.G. RITTER "MM"

At SAILLY-LE-SEC night 7/8th July 1918. In charge of a party carrying ammunition with attacking party. Despite heavy casualties continued to work until all ammunition delivered to front line, through heavy enemy barrage. Devotion to duty and personal gallantry were the means of front line being well supplied with ammunition during critical time.

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No. 2636 Private H.J.C. CARMICHAEL.

At SAILLY-LE-SEC night 7/8th July 1918 guide to assaulting company. Flank out of touch with other troops, went out and established connection. Ammunition and S.O.S. Signals required in front line, promptly volunteered and carried them forward through intense artillery fire.

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No. 3758 C.Q.M.S. F.J. HURREN.

At SAILLY-LE-SEC night 7/8th July 1918. Casualties in carrying parties heavy. On own initiative formed carrying party and succeeded in getting ammunition to final objective under heavy artillery, M.G. and Gas shell fire. Displayed great qualities as a leader and himself carried in a

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carried in wounded men and whose lives were saved by his prompt action.

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No. 3158a Private F.J. HUGHES.

At SAILLY-LE-SEC night 7/8th July 1918. During the advance badly wounded by a shell but carried his L.G. forward to the objective. Remained with the gun until the position was consolidated. Sent away on a stretcher.

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No. 5030 Private D.C. ANDERSON.

At SAILLY-LE-SEC 7/8th July 1918. During the advance had charge of a Rifle grenade section. Personally rushed M.G. post killing gunner and put the gun out of action. Great courage and resourcefulness throughout the operation.

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No. 4730 Corporal W. ANDERSON.

At SAILLY-LE-SEC night 7/8th July 1918. Great initiative and courage directing fighting patrols that were out whilst consolidation was carried on. Attacked and captured 5 Germans during patrolling. Work done kept enemy M.G. fire down and enabled position to be consolidated with few casualties.

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No. 3590 Private R.H. MURPHY.

At SAILLY-LE-SEC night 7/8th July 1918. Owing to casualties during advance only Signallers left with company. Worked continuously for 72 hours under heavy artillery fire endeavouring to maintain communication. Out on 63 occasions.

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Lieutenant A.B.R.E. WILLISON.

Exceptionally good work and organisation under heavy M.G. fire during attack on enemy position in front of SAILLY LAURETTE night 7/8th July 1918. Led platoon with great gallantry and carried 2 objectives. Re-organised platoon and consolidated. Organisation and leadership enabled platoon to capture objective with slight loss.

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No. 2487 Sergeant B.W. ROLLINS.

Gallant conduct and devotion to duty under heavy shell fire during attack near SAILLY LAURETTE night 7/8th July 1918. Displayed great courage and initiative. Platoon Commander became a casualty and he took charge, led men and captured final objective. During consolidation went out and established touch with flanks, Organisation and construction of defences enabled platoon to withstand 5 days heavy bombardment without sustaining casualties.

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No. 2929 Private H. McQ. KNIGHT.

At SAILLY-LE-SEC during advance night 7/8th July 1918. Stretcher bearer. Carried wounded under intense artillery fire to R.A.P. Other bearers wounded in "No Man's Land". Knight worked by himself and carried 2 wounded men in on his back.

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No. 1741 C.Q.M.S. W.R. RAYNER.

At SAILLY LAURETTE night 7/8th July 1918. Company Scout Sergeant. Owing to heavy barrage difficult to obtain information from attacking platoons. Volunteered to go forward and reconnoitre Company front and bring back information. He did. Information obtained - enemy machine gun holding up advance. This was mopped up.



No. 3119 Sergeant E. PICKERSGILL.

Skilfull and daring control of carrying parties night 7/8th July 1918 at SAILLY LAURETTE. Led 2 parties w th rations and tools to captured positions through heavy T.M. and Artillery barrages inspiring his men by his bravery and skilfull leadership. Contributed very largely to the success of the operation by his courage and coolness under most trying conditions.

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to 6 a.m. 2.7.18. 24

Our Activity.

Artillery. Our activity normal, the usual prescribed shoots taking place. one 18 pdr shell fell short in dug-out at J.35.a.45.40 at 4-30 p.m. on 1st inst.

T.M. Active at night in operation with artillery. 12 rounds fired at P.4.b.70.05 and 12 on P.5.b.8.9.

M.G. Quiet. Guns were engaged firing at enemy planes at intervals during the day.

Patrols. Covering patrols were out in front whilst inter-company relief was in progress. When relief was complete, patrols were sent out as per Report - Liaison patrols were maintained.

Aircraft. Active throughout day crossing enemy lines and dropping bombs behind his lines. At 7 p.m. engagement took place and one enemy plane and one of our were brought down.

Gas. Nil.

Sniping. Nil.

Bombing & Identifications. - Nil.

Works. As per report attached.

Relief. Inter-company relief took place relief being complete at 11-30 p.m. without casualties.

Enemy Activity.

Active at intervals on front and support lines with 77's and 4.2's. Gully in J.28.a.&.a. was strafed at intervals with 5.9's and 4.2's the shooting being very ~~active~~ accurate. 6 Gas shells fell near J.28.b.3.3. at 1-30 a.m. 20 Gas shells fell at J.29.d.1.1. at mid-night (calibre 4.2. Gas phosgene).

M.G. Very active at night firing continued bursts on front and support lines from previously reported posts.

T.M. At 12-30 a.m. 5 rounds fell about 20 yards in front of No.12 post fired from the direction of J.36.a.8.1.

Patrols. Nil.

Aircraft. 5-36 a.m. 2 planes in vicinity of HAMEL.

7 p.m. 9 enemy planes attacked 4 of ours bringing one down. 1 enemy plane came down at the same time.

7-10 p.m. 5 planes came over our lines and dropped bombs at J.24.a.

7-45 p.m. 4 enemy planes in vicinity SAILLY LAURETTE.

Gas. See Artillery.

Sniping. Nil

Bombs. Nil.

Movement. 5 a.m. Movement in O.P. at K.31.c.2.5.

6 a.m. Two wounded huns on road in P.4.d. running N. & S.

10-30 a.m. - Train at R.26. and considerable movement in its vicinity.

1-30 p.m. - Train seen in R.25.d.

5-45 p.m. - Ammunition dump exploded in MALARD Wood at K.33. a.5.9.

8-0 p.m. - Smoke rising continually from Q.8.b.8.2.

8-30 p.m. - 8 men moving in small trench at K.31.d.20.65.

8-40 p.m. - Transport Waggon at P.17.a.8.0. moving towards HAMEL. Enemy horse transport heard in LAURETTE at 3 a.m.

Balloons. The following balloons were up on true bearings taken from O.P. at J.28.b.2.3. 5-15 a.m. - 150°. 5-30 a.m. - 75½°

7 a.m. 133½°. 167½°. 178½°. 112½°.

Defences. Nothing new

Attitude. Very alert and careful.

Miscellaneous. - 7 a.m. Battery 77's firing from P.24.d. 9 a.m. Battery 77's firing from vicinity marshes in P.6.b. 9-13 a.m. - 5.9.

Battery from direction P.36.central. 9-15 a.m. 5.9. battery from direction K.17. central.

(Sgd) W.C. Pleasance Lieut.  
for I.O. 46th Bn.

Our Operations.

Artillery. Active during day and night special attention being paid to K.31.c. by day. Night shoots as per programme carried out t At 5.5 a.m. 60 pounders fired on party of enemy at P.16.b. dispersing the party and causing casualties. During 11-35 p.m. shoot a large number of our shells fell behind our outposts and trenches. No casualties were caused but their continued short shooting should be corrected. Suggest No.1 (Sergeant) of every gun do tour of duty in the front line.

Trench Mortars. Active. Sunken Road J.36.a & c 30 shells. Enemy T.M. engaged at night P.4.b.70.c. 15 shells. Shooting good.

Machine Guns. Usual activity at night.

Patrols. Liaison and protective patrols operating during night. Reports attached.

Aircraft. Very active all day, patrolling and observing. Succeeded in keeping all hun planes off. Bombing flights heard crossing our lines at various times during night and later heard bombing enemy rear areas.

Gas. Nil.

Sniping & Bombing. - No target.

Identification - Nil.

Work. Report attached

Enemy Operations.

Artillery. Less active with a few fairly heavy concentrations. The following areas were shelled at irregular intervals during day - J.28. 29.30. About 400 shells all calibres. Otherwise quieter than usual. A.A. very active engaging our numerous planes at every opportunity No result.

Trench Mortars. 4 Granatenwerfer landed in J.35.b.7.5., guns not located. T.M. in position P.4.b.70.05 engaged by medium T.M.

Machine Guns. Fairly quiet. Less ~~xxxxx~~ indirect fire than usual.

Patrols. None seen.

Aircraft. Only one plane observed all day and it was forced to land near MORLANCOURT at 5-30 a.m.

Gas. Nil.

Sniping and Bombing. No target.

Identification - Nil.

Works. Report attached.

Movement. 12-55 p.m. to 3-45 p.m. Transport in Q.17 and 18.

6-10 p.m. Train at P.25.d. going in direction of PROYART.

7-30 p.m. - Party 9 men P.30.d.9.3. moving towards O.25.c.

7-45 p.m. - 2 Transport wagons at Q.25.d.

8-45 p.m. 1 " " " "

9-10 p.m. 4 " " " "

5-5 a.m. Party of about 100 leave wood at P.16.b. moved to P.17 central. Artillery advised and responded dispersing the party and causing casualties. Enemy scattered to Trench system at P.10.d & d and P.11.a. Artillery again directed and some direct hits observed.

5-50 a.m. - 2 parties of 50 each seen entering WARFUSSEE ABANCOURT. Artillery advised.

Balloons. From O.P. J.28.b.3.2. Balloons were observed at the following true bearings:- 4-30 a.m. 77° 4-40 a.m. 112° 8-15 p.m. - 81° 4-35 a.m. 167° 6-25 a.m. 125°

Attitude. Defensive.

Defences. Nothing new reported.

(Sgd) W.H. Keogh Lieut.  
I.O. 46th Bn.

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Our Operations.

Artillery. Rather quiet during day, mostly registering, Q.7.a.4.6., evidently being the registration point for half the batteries on our sector. During night the usual shoots were carried out. Post at J.36.a.20.35, J.36.a.67.28 and J.36.a.4.4. being engaged. At 3.2 a.m. our artillery opened on our front with smoke, H.E. and shrapnel. Working from the S.O.S. line forward with concentration on M.G. posts at J.35.d. 8.7., 33.40., 90.00., 73.35. Barrage on our front was wonderfully well placed and smoke screen was very effective. Enemy reply was very weak and confined principally to our front line causing only 2 casualties. On southern side of SOMME Canal our barrage opened up to time and could be plainly seen sweeping forward. Barrage fire continued violently until about 3-30 a.m. when our attacking troops were seen to have gained their objectives and were consolidating behind a protective H.E., Shrapnel and smoke screen flung well forward. The artillery have apparently done everything asked of them.

F.M.'s. - Co-operated with the artillery from zero minus 8 minutes until about zero plus 2 hours. Gas, Smoke and H.E. being used. M.T.M.'s fired 150 rounds on J.36.a.75.50., J.36.b.50.50., b.50.00., and a.75.00., J.35 d.35.25., d.70.50., 00.05., P.6.a.10.90. Engineers (R.E.) fired about 350 Smoke and Gas shells on S.O.S. line. All shooting was very good. Smoke effective. Med. T.M. dump was destroyed by shell fire at 4.30 p.m.

M.G.'s. - Quiet during day, usual activity at night on indirect fire.

Patrols. - Liaison and special protective patrols were operating on our sector from 10 p.m. to 2-30 a.m. Report enemy quiet.

A few M.G. bursts and some flares. No working parties heard.

Aircraft. - Our scouts patrolled during the day from 5 a.m. succeeding in keeping enemy planes well away all day. No enemy crossed our lines during the day.

Gas. - R.E.'s shelled J.36. c & d with 3" Stokes gas shell. No reports received.

Sniping. - Sniping at No.11 post claims casualty in Sunken road J.36.c.5.5.

Bombing. - Nil.

Identification - Nil.

Works. - Report attached.

Enemy operations.

Artillery. - Quiet. Scattered shelling during day. J.30.c. being rather heavily strafed at 9-45 a.m., 10-15 a.m., 10-55. a.m., 2-10 p.m., 5-30 p.m. Battery positions reported at Q.8. b & d. Q.2.d. MALARD Wood, Q.14.b., ARQUIRE WOOD and P.36 central. Enemy replied to our offensive barrage was comparatively weak. Our front system, SAILLY-LE-SEC and roads and U.T.'s leading to front line being shelled with all calibres but guns seem to be firing from a long way back.

T.M.'s. - Inactive.

M.G.'s. - Active at intervals during night but nearly all silenced by our barrage.

Patrols. - None seen.

Aircraft. - Neutralised by our scouting and battle flights.

Gas. - Nil

Sniping and Bombing. - Nil.

Movement.

4-15 a.m. - Limber P.17 central., 4-25 a.m. - 5 men ARQUIRE WOOD.,

4-30 a.m. - 7 men ARQUIRE Wood - all moving towards P.17 central.

4-40 a.m. - Large party ARQUIRE Wood.

7 a.m. - Transport and men at P.30.d. 7-30 a.m. - Limbers and horsemen at P.30.d. 7-30 a.m. to 9-15 a.m. continual movement on road P.30.d.

9-30 a.m. 30 trucks on railway line Q.31.a.

9-35 a.m. 10 Horses grazing at Q.26.a. central.

9-35 a.m. Considerable movement on road at Q.25.d.

2-30 p.m. Train R.25.d.

6-20 p.m. Continuous movement to and fro between ruined house at Q.23.a. 9.1. and wood Q.29.b. central.

8-50 p.m. - 8 transport waggons and 30 men P.17.a.8.0.

Enemy Operations.

Balloons. - From O.P. J.28.b.3.2. 4-30 a.m. - 1240 grid bearing  
7-35 a.m. - 1700 Grid bearing.

Attitude. - Quiet but retaliative.

Defences. - Nothing to report.

Miscellaneous. When barrage opened many flares bursting into 2 reds were fired from enemy trenches also single greens. Owing to the attack about 20 message rockets were fired towards ACCROCHE Wood. No action was observed on account of our smoke barrage and the intensity of our drum fire.

(Sgd) W.H. Keogh Lieut.  
I.O. 46th Bn.

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to 6 a.m. 5.7.18.

Our Operations.

Artillery. Very active during last 24 hours, S.O.S. line, SAILLY LAURETTE J.36.c.4.5. and J.35.d.85.80 receiving particular attention. Shooting was mostly good with occasional inaccuracy. 15 to 20 4.5's falling round one of our outposts. On southern side of SOMME our artillery was exceptionally active shelling enemy communications with heavy calibre guns. Shoot on enemy party at P.28.a. was well placed and caused casualties.

Trench Mortars. - Active. Mediums shelling SAILLY LAURETTE and vicinity. No results observed.

Machine Guns. Increased activity engaging enemy planes during day and on indirect fire by night.

Patrols. Liaison and reconnoitring patrols on our sector during night. Report attached.

Aircraft. Very active during 24 hours by day flying well into the enemy's territory at low altitudes, invariably engaged by A.A. M.G's but A.A. guns quieter than usual. By night our bombing planes were active bombing enemy back areas. 1 of our planes was observed to crash near HAMEL and later on another crashed about P.15.b. identity not known?.

Gas. Gas shoot at 10 p.m. not noticed but faint traces reported at 10-45 p.m.

Sniping and Bombing. - No targets.

Identifications. - Nil.

Works. Report attached.

Enemy Operations.

Artillery. - Increased activity. Newly captured territory, SAILLY LE SEC Outpost Line, HAMEL and VAIRE WOOD being heavily shelled with guns of all calibres at intervals during day and night.

Note:- During our operation on right enemy barrage was very light on our front and 90 per cent of his shells fell between our outposts and main line. SAILLY LE SEC was very heavily and accurately shelled with 5.9.

Trench Mortars - 1 firing from direction of J.36.a. ventral actively shelling our left post during day. 1 direct hit was obtained causing 2 casualties. Otherwise quiet.

Machine Guns. - Enemy machine guns were very ~~quiet~~ active during operations on right but evidently some were silenced by barrage. A nest at J.36.a.99 approx. usually very aggressive being silenced.

Patrols. - None observed.

Aircraft. - Exceptionally active from 6 a.m. to 10 a.m. 4.7.18. 4.7.18. Large formations flying low reconnoitred our lines and in a few instances engaged our A.A. L.G.'s with M.G. fire. Enemy planes avoided battle but took every opportunity of crossing our lines. Our A.A. Guns in only one case engaged these planes. Later enemy planes only appeared at intervals and remained well behind their own lines.

Gas. - Distinct traces of gas apparently drifting from left battalion's sector was experienced from 9 p.m. to 3 a.m. Gas used - Blue Cross and lachrymatory. No other particulars reported. At times gas helmets had to be worn.

Sniping and Bombing. - Nil.

Movement

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Enemy Operations.

Movement. - Usual movement observed in back areas. Train at R.28.d. again reported. Usual transport movement on main road leading to WARFUSSE all day. 8-0 a.m. Considerable scattered movement in P.17. centre P.23.b. 24.a. 11-10 a.m. - Several small parties and later about 100 men in full marching order seen to enter TAILLOUX Wood at P.23.a. Artillery advised and acted causing casualties. 4-10 p.m. - About 40 huns Q.21.a.5.6. moving towards Q.20.b. 4-30 p.m. - About 50 Huns in small parties and well extended at Q.15.b.6.5. going in direction of Q.14.d. 7-30 p.m. - About 2 companies at Q.20.b central moving towards Q.26.c.

Balloons. - A few balloons up during day in the direction of MORIANCOURT and WARFUSSEE. From J.28.b.3.2. 1 at 110° GB 1 at G.B. 162° 5 a.m. 5.7.18.

Defences. - Nothing to report.

Miscellaneous. Heavy battery located at Q.29.d.2.9. at 6-30 p.m. Large enemy dump on fire Q.27.c.5.4. During night enemy felled 5 trees in vicinity of P.5.d.99 Suggest enemy was either constructing a bridge across Canal or were improving their field of fire for M.G's.

(Sgd) W.H. Keogh Lieut.  
I.O. 46th Bn.

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to 6 a.m. 6.7.18.

Our Operations.

Artillery. - Exceedingly active. During the day our heaviest shells enemy communications and enemy battery positions. During the night two practice barrages were put down at 10.15 p.m. and 3-5 a.m. Both shoots were exceptionally good but the 10-15 to 10-35 barrage made absolutely no effect on enemy wire, although it apparently neutralised his M.G's which kept very quiet for the remainder of the night.

Trench Mortars. - Fairly active. Good shooting on J.36.c.6.7. being marred by short shooting during the 3-15 a.m. shoot many shells falling round right company's outpost line.

Machine Guns. - Inactive.

Patrols. - Liaison patrols were maintained during the night and special offensive and wire cutting patrols operated on whole sector. Reports attached.

Aircraft. - Very active all day. Large formations patrolling our line and going well into enemy territory, engaging and driving off enemy formations. From 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. over 70 of our planes were counted in our area, all in large formations.

Enemy Operations.

Trench Mortars. Inactive.

Machine Guns. Quieter than usual.

Patrols. A small patrol observed behind enemy wire at approx. J.35.d.53.20.

Aircraft. Active but neutralised to a certain extent by our excessive air activity.

Gas. About 200 Blue cross gas shells fell on our front line in J.35.b. & d. No casualty.

Sniping & Bombing. - Our patrols were fired on by rifle men and bombed from trench running from J.36.a.00.10. to J.35.d.85.80 and from J.35.d.45.25. No casualties caused.

Movement. Usual movement of transport and men on main road leading to WARFUSSEE. Much movement of small parties of men in and around TAILLOUX WOOD all day. Otherwise nothing to report.

Balloons. ~~Usual movement of transport~~ Grid bearings of several balloons from O.P. J.28.b.2.3. - 162° 66° 169 72 113°

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Enemy Operations.Defences. - See Patrol Report.Miscellaneous. - Lights were observed from embankment in P.5.b.80.90 to P.6.a.40.85. during night apparently dug-outs.Weather. - Clear and calm with slight mist during morning 3.7.18.  
Visibility fair.(Sgd) W.H. Keogh Lieut.  
I.O. 46th Bn.-----  
to 6 a.m. 7.7.18Our Operations.Artillery. Heavies and 18 pdrs active throughout the day. At night artillery were firing on a new S.O.S. line 400 yards east of line drawn through J.30.d.60. - P.11.a.40. Between 3-15 a.m. and 3-25 a.m. a shoot was placed in the old S.O.S. line. Shooting very good.Trench Mortars. Quieter than usual owing to patrol programme but during the S.O.S. shoot at 3-15 a.m. T.M's fired on targets at J.35.d.75.75 and J.35.d.95.05.M.G's. Indirect fire active throughout the day on roads and tracks to SAILLY-LE-SEC and road in J.36. b.c.&d.Patrols. Liaison patrols were maintained between units on our flanks and patrols were out in front as per report.Aircraft. Active throughout the day and constantly engaging the attention of enemy "Archies" without result.Gas. NilSniping and Bombing. Nil.Identifications. - Nil.Enemy Operations.Artillery. - More active than he has been for last three days. His chief centre of activity being MALARD WOOD, SAILLY LE SEC and reserve in J.28.a. & c. shelled at intervals from 4.2's 5.9's. Front and support lines were similarly treated.T.M. Nil.M.G's. Quiet. Gun at J 35.d.5.1. still active on right company front.Patrols. Nil.Aircraft. were kept well in hand by our planes and A.A. guns. At 10 am 1 plane over J.24. central. At 6-45 p. . 3 planes were over BOUZECOURT but same returned behind their own lines, At 7 p.m. 1 plane over SAILLY LE SEC.Balloons. The following were up at intervals during the day:-

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1.15.	1.36	6 am	6 am	pm

Gas. Nil.Sniping & Bombing. - 5 a.m. party of 8 men at P.22.a.5.5.

6.25 a.m. Movement in turn O.P. at K.31.O.25.75 this O.P. is in constant use by enemy. It is situated in white chalk trench in rising ground to south side of road.

9-25 a.m. Party men digging strong posts at Q.7.c.2.8.

10-30 a.m. Party men digging at Q.8. central.

11-0 a.m. 4 transport waggons on road in R.19.a.

11-55 a.m. Transport and limber movement on road in R.19.a.

12-35 p.m. 12 waggons on road Q.18.c.5.1. going to PROYART.

2-20 p.m. Party 60 men well extended on road at Q.9.d.05. going in direction of Q.15.c.70.

3-50 p.m. Enemy fired 20 single green flares over P.17. central from direction of wood at P.23.a.3.6.

6-20 p.m. Train located at R.25.d.

8-5 p.m. 4 men in small trench at Q.9.b.10.25.

Attitude. Quiet and aggressive.(Sgd) W.C. Pleasance Lieut  
for I.O. 46th Bn.

Our Operations.

Owing to the minor operation on our front which occupied the attention of the Company Commanders and the Battalion I.O., very little information has been forwarded. The C.O., 46th Battalion is forwarding a report on the operation.

- Artillery. - Very active. Shot on J.36. a. and J.35.d. (sunken road) was very good. Barrage for offensive was admirably placed and very effective.
- T.M.'s. - Mediums fired a few rounds on selected targets. 4 T.M.s advanced with the second wave and established 2 guns in O.G. 1. Captain Cherry personally supervised the placing of guns. 1 Officer (Lt. Shillabeer) and team of the right gun becoming casualties.
- M.G.'s. - 2 guns advanced to our old front line and remainder of guns on our sector kept up continuous protective barrage fire from zero to zero plus 1 hour, afterwards active to a lesser degree. M.G. co-operation was very good.
- Patrols. - Nil except to act as a protection for advanced parties digging in and to establish flanks.
- Aircraft. - Active all day keeping the enemy planes well away.
- Gas. - Nil.
- Sniping & Bombing. - In attack bombs were used and enemy fired on when seen.
- Identifications. 201st R.I.R.
- Works. - New posts dug, further particulars later.

Enemy activity.

- Artillery. - Enemy was either shooting short or registering on his own front line at intervals during the day. Several shoots were reported without times being stated except one shoot with 5.9's at 9-15 p.m. on his front line and his own wire. 1 green flare was thrown up but no result was observed. On one Red going up on the right where our barrage opened, enemy barrage came down on right company front in about 45 seconds. Later 2 greens and 2 reds brought down his S.O.S. barrage on whole front. Enemy continued shelling with all calibres for nearly three hours our old front line. Enemy shelling was very intense during this time but the shooting was rather erratic.
- T.M.'s. - During attack, active on left.
- Aircraft. - Active all day, ~~keeping the enemy planes well away.~~
- Gas. - Nil
- Sniping & Bombing. - Nil.
- M.G.'s. - Very active during and after the stunt. Mostly indirect and shooting very wild.
- Patrols. - Nil.
- Sniping. - Some rifle fire on our advancing waves. No real resistance
- Bombing. - On attempt being made to reconnoitre ridge over SAILLY LAURETTE patrol was bombed. Owing to general confusion direction was not noticed.
- Movement. - Report not to hand.
- Attitude. - Before attack very nervous, more flares being thrown up than during the whole of our tour of duty.
- Defences. - Enemy wire previously reported cut by patrols offered no obstacle to advance.

Correct Dispositions will follow later.

(Sgd) W.H. Keogh Lieut.  
I.O. 46th Battn.

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to 6 a.m. 9.7.18.

Our Operations.

- Artillery. - During day active on counter battery work in answer to calls from us. No impression being made on enemy's batteries. During night usual shoots as per programme plus 1 extra shoot at 10-15 pm which brought down a very intense retaliation. Our shooting on the whole being good with the usual gun firing sort.



Our Operations.

- Trench Mortars . - No activity reported from front line companies.
- Machine guns. - Exceedingly active.
- Patrols. - Liaison and protective patrols were active during the night.
- Aircraft. - Very active during the day, flying low over ~~the~~ our new line calling for flares and by their activity keeping enemy aircraft away most of the day.
- Gas. - Nil.
- Sniping. - Occasional fleeting targets engaged.
- Bombing. - A little bombing on our right front, also targets engaged with No.36's.
- Identifications. - 201st R.I.R. 7/8 Company.
- Works. - Improvements and wiring of new line continually interrupted by enemy shell fire.

Enemy Operations.

- Artillery. - Excessively active during last 24 hours on whole Battn area. From 8 p.m. to 3 a.m. enemy put over concentration at intervals not exceeding 1 hour, duration of "Srafes" varying from  $\frac{5}{4}$  hour to 10 minutes. In each instance with all calibres with a preponderance of 5.9's. The old german trench in J.35.b. J.36.a. is now practically non-existent owing to accuracy of enemy artillery. The inaccuracies of the previous 24 hours being corrected by a low flying E.A. at 8 p.m. Enemy main artillery activity being from MALARD Wood (Southern end) (Northern End and MORGOURT. Gas shells were also used during the night especially on Battalion H.Q. and close vicinity from 8-30 p.m. to 2-30 a.m.
- Trench Mortars. - Very active all day and night on our new front line, but mostly on sunken road in J.36.a. 1 gun in particular situated in SAILLY LAURETTE about J.36.d.6.4. being very active. Other T.M's firing but not definitely located. 1 Gun at K.31.c.3.7.
- Machine Guns. - Active on every possible target. 1 located at approx. J.36.d.2.2.
- Patrols. - Nil.
- Aircraft. - Practically inactive. 1 E.A. over our lines (new position) from 8 a.m. to 8-35 a.m. This plane dropped red and white flares at intervals but no action followed. This plane also corrected enemy artillery.
- Patrols. - Nil.
- Gas. - During enemy shelling from 8-30 p.m. to 2-30 many gas shells fell on whole Battalion area, but enemy's gas concentration was mostly round Battalion H.Q. These gas shells had a distinct shrapnel effect. Gas officer states gas to be MUSTARD. No casualties have been reported. The usual precautions were taken.
- Sniping & Bombing. - Nil.
- Movement. - Owing to low visibility and continual dust and smoke cloud raised by enemy shells very little observing could be done. Nothing new is reported. Transport could be heard in SAILLY LAURETTE during the night.
- Attitude. - Very aggressive or extremely nervous.
- Defences. - Enemy reported to be digging in on a line approx. from CEMETERY to J.36.b.50.05. Light wire is reported running from CEMETERY northwards.
- Miscellaneous. - During the straightening of the line on the right Company's front a M.G. post with 2 M.G.'s and crew of 10 was rushed by Lieut. Pinsent and his platoon, 2 of the enemy being killed, the remaining 8 men with 2 guns being captured. At 8-30 p.m. our 18 pdrs. threw some shrapnel over approx. J.36.c.9.3. and enemy stretcher bearer horn was heard. At 7-30 a.m. enemy plane flying low over our front line from BOUZECOURT to ARQUIRE WOOD dropping white flares at intervals.

(Sgd) W.H. Keogh Lieut.  
I.O. 46th Battn.

Our Operations.

- Artillery. - Active throughout day and night. At night heavies shot on MALARD WOOD which had troubled us. It did not appear to have effect for enemy guns from this place were active all night.
- T.M's. - Quiet.
- M.G's. - Very active throughout night firing on SAILLY LAURETTE, roads and tracks in K.31.
- Patrols. - Liaison patrols were carried out during night between units. It was found impossible for patrols on our right to meet patrols from the Battalion on our right, but a special telephone wire has been laid connecting up the two forward companies.
- Aircraft. - Very active over our new positions.
- Gas. - Nil.
- Identifications. - Nil.
- Works. - The programme of work was very much hampered by the exceedingly heavy shelling of our forward areas. See Works Report.
- Sniping. - Enemy gave no opportunity for our snipers.
- Bombing. - Nil.

Enemy Operations.

- Artillery. - Exceptionally active on the whole battalion front. From 8-5 pm to 1-30 a.m. the old front and support lines, the old german trench and SAILLY LE SEC were continuously shelled with 5.9's, 4.2's 77's and gas. 5 batteries (3 gun) of 5.9's were firing from direction of both MALARD WOOD and MORGOURT. 4 batteries of 4.2's (4 guns) also from MALARD WOOD and a large number of 77's. A single 5.9 H.V. gun from direction of ALBERT fired one shot in same direction at 7-30 p.m. observed by a new balloon which had not been seen by us before. Balloon was soon pulled down. This gun fired in all barrage work afterwards on our old front line from J.35.b.5.5. to Canal at J.35.c.6.4. During the day the sunken road on J.36.a. & c was frequently shelled with 5.9's and 4.2's and the old german line from J.35.d.6.5 to J.36.a.1.3. was obliterated. At 1-30 a.m. enemy shelling until 2-15 a.m. when he again fired continuously till 3-10 a.m. when he ceased on forward area.
- T.M's. - A minnenwerfer was firing from SAILLY LAURETTE at K.31.c.2.6. approx. at frequent intervals during into sunken road at J.36.a.
- Other T.M's firing from LAURETTE could not be located.
- M.G's. - Active at night. 1 located at P.6.b.1.7. approx. Another gun located at J.36.b.90.60. and 1 from J.36.d.20.30.
- Patrols. Nil.
- Aircraft. Quiet. 2 planes seen at 12-30 p.m. flying over his own front line. At 1-50 p.m. 1 enemy plane was overhead in J.27. but was driven off by our A.A. and M.G. fire.
- Balloons. - 10-35 a.m. - 1 balloon at 181 $\frac{1}{2}$ <sup>o</sup>. one at 117 $\frac{1}{2}$ <sup>o</sup>. one at 112 $\frac{1}{2}$ <sup>o</sup>. 1 at 171 $\frac{1}{2}$ <sup>o</sup>. 6-15 p.m. - 1 at 167 $\frac{1}{2}$ <sup>o</sup>. 6-25 p.m. - 149 $\frac{1}{2}$ <sup>o</sup>. 6-40 p.m. - 1 at 163 $\frac{1}{2}$ <sup>o</sup>. 7-30 p.m. - 1 at 110 $\frac{1}{2}$ <sup>o</sup> and 117 $\frac{1}{2}$ <sup>o</sup>.
- Gas. - During bombardment enemy put over a large number of gas shells which fell in between old front line and SAILLY-LE-SEC. Owing to artillery row direction of shelling and quantity of shells was impossible to be established. Blue and Yellow Cross gas was used.
- Sniping. - Nil.
- Bombing. - Nil.
- Movement. - Good deal of movement at J.36.b.75.65, enemy working on this Trench.
- 5-40 a.m. - 12 Transport on road Q.26.d. moving east.
- 6-30 a.m. - Considerable movement on road between Q.25. and Q.28. Troops in batches of 30 odd. 5 Gun limbers going in direction of WARFUSSEE.
- 7-50 a.m. - 4 batches of troops on main road in Q.26.d. about 150 strong.
- 7-0 a.m. - At Q.25 and 56 two guns pulled into what appears to be gun positions in sunken road. Also an amount of fresh earthwork at same spot.
- 12-10 p.m. - Considerable movement in vicinity of huts at R.26.a. huts occupied.
- 10-35 a.m. - 4 carrying stretchers leave TAILLOUX wood.
- 11-35 a.m. - Enemy A.A. gun located Q.14.b.85.45. Bearing of same 131 $\frac{1}{2}$ <sup>o</sup> true from O.P. at J.28.b.25.20.

Enemy Operations.

- movement (cont) - 3-15 p.m. Train seen again at R.25.d.  
 7-25 p.m. - 7 men at P.24.d. going direction of WRAFUSSEE. Men wearing full marching order. All the afternoon movement of small groups of men was observed in Q.18.19. and 24.  
Attitude. - Very hostile but also very nervous.  
Works. - Enemy trench at J.36.b.75.65 has been extended by what seems to be a small trench crossing southern end of right angles.  
Miscellaneous. Enemy artillery fired short at times during day. His signal to indicate this seems to be one golden flare bursting into golden spray.

(Sgd) W.C. Pleasance Lieut.  
 for I.O. 46th Bn.

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 to 6 a.m. 11.7.18.

Our Operations.

- Artillery. - Activity much reduced - beyond time table shoots 18 pdrs shooting throughout day on K.31.c. J.36.b. and d. and Q.8.b.  
T.M's. - Nil.  
M.G's. - Active at night with harrasing fired in SAILLY LAURETTE and tracks in K.31.a. and c.  
Aircraft. - Our planes were again active and prevented enemy planes from crossing out lines.  
Gas. - Nil.  
Sniping & Bombing - Nil. No sign of enemy seen during daylight.  
Identifications. Nil.  
Works. - See Works Report. Work was again interrupted by enemy shelling at night.

Enemy Operations.

- Artillery. - Considerably less than for previous 24 hours. At night enemy increased his fire, firing at short intervals right throughout the night. His object appeared to be the disorganising of working and carrying parties and to cause casualties. His chief targets were sunken road in J.36.a. and c., Our old front line in J.35.b. & d. road from SAILLY LE SEC to LAURETTE and towpath along north bank of Canal. A battery of 77's firing from direction of extreme northern edge of MALARD Wood enfilades the sunken road in J.36. a and c. This battery was very troublesome all night.  
T.M's. - Much less active only one being located firing from direction of J.36.d.5.4.  
M.G's. - Firing bursts across our front at night. Gun located at J.36.d.16.  
Aircraft. - Quiet. 8-50 a.m. 1 plane flew over but quickly driven back. At 9-5 a.m. 1 plane patrolled J.28. 12-40 p.m. 2 planes over WELLCOME WOODS All these planes driven off by A.A. and M.G. fire.  
Balloons. - 5-30 a.m. 1 balloon at 134½°. 147½°. 7-20 a.m. - 117½°. 8-30 a.m. - 182½°. 137½°. (true bearings from O.P. in J.28.b.20.25.  
Gas. - Nil.  
Sniping & Bombing. - Nil.  
Movement. - Throughout the day there was considerable individual movement in Q.25.d. Q.23.b. P.24.c.  
 5-15 a.m. 12 gun limbers Q.25.d going to WARFUSSEE and Q.18.c.  
 5-30 a.m. Field gun drawn by 8 horses in Q.26.d. going east.  
 6-30 a.m. A.A. gun firing from Q.15.d. True bearing of 129½° from J.28. 20.25.  
 8-40 a.m. Battery located firing from Q.14.a.45.40  
 5-10 p.m. Train shunting in R.25.d.  
Attitude - Quieter and less jumpy. Flare kings very active firing white flares continuously throughout the night.

Enemy Operations.

Works. - Enemy has put down at P.6.a.45.90 some wire. It appears to have been very hurriedly put down as it was very low and narrow. It consisted of two rows of stakes and a few strands of wire twisted round. Working party was again wiring at J.36.d.118.

Miscellaneous. - Owing to wiring parties being out in front, the usual fighting patrols did not go out, their place being taken by covering parties well pushed out and also listening posts. Liaison patrols kept in touch.

(Sgd) W.C. Pleasance Lieut.  
for I.O. 46th Bn.

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to 6 a.m. 12.7..28.

Our Operations.

Artillery. - Active throughout day. Movement at P.23.a. and Q.19.d. was engaged. Particular attention was paid by 18 pdrs. at night to K.31.c. and d.

M.G's. - Usual night firing on SAILLY LAURETTE and tracks in K.31.c.

T.M's. - Nil.

Aircraft. - Contact planes active over enemy lines from 4 a.m. to 9 a.m.

Patrols. - Protective patrols were sent out to protect wiring party in front. Liaison patrols were also maintained. See patrol Report.

Gas. - Nil.

Sniping & Bombing. - Nil.

Identifications. - Nil.

Works. - See Works Report.

Enemy Operations.

Artillery. - Quiet throughout the day but very lively at night. Our front line was shelled with 5.9's. 3 minute barrages were put down at frequent intervals at night in SAILLY LE SEC and old front line in J.35.b. d. and e. and sunken road in J.36. a and c. At night enemy put down light practice barrage 150 yards in front of our line. Shell used - 4.2 and 77's. Throughout 24 hours enemy has confined himself chiefly to 4.2's and his 5.9's have been quiet today.

T.M's. - Nil.

M.G's. - Fire from M.G's much more accurate than usual. One gun appears to be firing from the rear northern edge of Cemetery. Other guns previously located were active.

Aircraft. - Enemy planes crossed our lines between 4 a.m. and 7 a.m. flying very high. They were driven off by A.A. fire. At 4 a.m. 2 enemy planes in vicinity of HAMEL dropped 2 green flares at P.23.d.

Balloons. - 5-30 a.m. - 91°. 6 a.m. 77°. 6-50 p.m. 81°. (Mag. bearings from O.P. at J.28.b.20.25.)

Gas. Nil.

Sniping & Bombing. Nil.

Attitude. - Quieter though alert.

Movement. - Considerable individual movement of men in small parties with full marching order, throughout morning. Possibly a relief and the men allowed to make their way back independently to a fixed meeting place.

5 till 8 a.m. - General movement between Q.25. and Q.28 men in small groups marching along road. This road is camouflaged at most conspicuous points. Batch of 100 men with full packs disappear behind wood at P.24.a. A.A. gun firing from approx. Q.14.a.

6-15 p.m. Train arrived in R.25.d. and stopped there.

6-45 p.m. Smoke from 4.2 batteries firing located at Q.8.d.06 and Q.14. a. 84.15.

7-55 p.m. Another 4.2 battery fired from Q.8.d.3.5.

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for I.O. 46th Bn.

Relief. - The 46th Battalion was relieved by the 34th Aust. Battalion on the night 12/13th July, relief being complete by 12-30 a.m. Owing to relief taking place, intelligence is not as complete as usual.

### Enemy Operations.

Artillery. - has quietened down to his normal activity before we made our attack on him. Our right front and support lines shelled at intervals with 77's. J.36.b and c was also shelled with 4.2's intermittently

T.M's. - Nil.

Aeroplanes. - more active than usual. 6-15 a.m. 1 plane over LAURETTE, quickly driven off by A.A. fire. 6-50 a.m. - 4 planes over LAURETTE. 7 a.m. - 1 plane over BOUZENCOURT. 7-45 a.m. - 1 plane over HAMILTON and HAZEL WOODS. All enemy planes were engaged by A.A. and M.G. fire and did not remain over our lines for long.

Balloons. - 5-45 a.m. -  $144\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ . and  $170\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ . 5-20 p.m. -  $160\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ .  $176\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$   $165\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ . All true bearings from O.P. at J.28.b.20.25.

Patrols. - Nil.

Movement. - Considerable movement of transport throughout the morning.

4-30 a.m. 2 transports at Q.25.d. going west.

4-35 a.m. 3 transports on road at Q.25.b. going north.

4-40 a.m. 17 Horse wagons on road Q.25.c. going east.

4-45 a.m. 4 " " " " Q.25.b. going north.

4-50 a.m. 6 " " " " Q.25.d. " west.

5-0 a.m. 8 " " " " Q.25.b. " north

5-30 a.m. 12 " " " " Q.20.c. unloading.

6-50 a.m. 7 limbers on road in R.25.d.

9-45 a.m. Train coming into R.25.d.

2-50 a.m. Observed flash of gun vicinity HARBONNERES at W.5.a.

6-45 a.m. Party 12 men well extended leave LAMOTTE en SANTERRE and walk to TAILLOUX WOOD.

8-30 p.m. Dump burning at PROYART.

7-10 p.m. Party 20 men carrying packs leave LAMOTTE en SANTERRE and walked to TAILLOUX WOOD.

8-50 p.m. Train at R.31.a. central going S.W.

Attitude. - Quiet.

Identification. - Nil.

Gas. - Nil.

### Our Operations.

Patrols. - Covering patrols were placed out in front and not withdrawn until relief was complete.

Position: - The Battalion is situated at present in Wood in H.32. a and b. under trench shelters.

(Sgd) W.C. Pleasance Lieut.  
for I.O. 46th Bn.

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## DISPOSITION REPORTS.

2.7.1918.

Last night inter company relief took place and position of posts is exactly the same as per last report but strength of posts has altered as per table herewith.

B.H.Q. - J.28.a.78.82.

R.A.P. - J.28.b.90.58

Reserve Company. - "C" Company. H.Q.27.a.50.45

do Embankment J.27.a.45.65 to J.27.a.50.30.

Strength - 4 Off. 111 O/R. 5 L.G's.

Support Company. - "A" Company. H.Q. J.28.a.35.60.

Embankment at J.28.a.90.65 to J.28.a.95.45.

Strength - 4 Off. 109 O/R. 7 L.G's.

Right Line Company. "D" Company - H.Q. - J.35.a.45.40.

Trench J.35.a.95.75 to J.35.a.37.00. 2 L.G's.

Strength - 3 Off. 57 O/R.

Posts No. 1 10 O/R 1 L.G.

2 1 Off. 15 " 1 " Small trench at J.35.a.5.5.

3 7 " 1 " 16 O/R carrying party)

4 8 " " "

5 1 Off 8 " 1 "

6 8 " " "

Left Line Company. "B" Company H.Q. J.29.05.05. - 1 Off 11 O/R.

Trench at J.35.a.9.9.78 to J.29.d.75.20.

Strength - 2 Off. 42 O/R. - 2 L.G's.

Posts No. 7 6 O/R

8 6 " 1 L.G.

9 1 Off. 25 " 1 "

10 5 " " "

11 10 " 1 "

12 1 Off. 12 " 1 "

(Sgd) W.C. Pleasance Lieut  
for I.O. 46th Bn.

8.7.18.

Reference my Disposition Report and summary of last night's operation.

The line now runs from J.36.b.30.50 to J.36.c.69.55 to J.36.c.30.20. thence to P.b. 50.70.

"B" Company (4 Platoons) from N. boundary to road at J.36.c.60.45.

"C" " (3 Platoons) from J.36.c.60.45. to river.

1 Platoon in support at J.35.d.70.55.

Casualties. The following is all casualties known at present.

2 Officers wounded slightly.  
23 Other ranks " "  
12 Other ranks " seriously  
3 " " Killed  
2 " " Missing believed killed.

(Sgd) P.M. Couchman Major  
46th Battalion.

9.7.1918.

Ref. Sheet 62d N.E. & S.E.

Battn. H.Q. - J.28.a.78.82.

R.A.P. - J.28.b.90.58

Reserve Company - Company H.Q. - J.29.d.05.05.

Company occupies continuous trench from J.35.c.3.2. to J.29.d.6.2.

Support Company. - Company H.Q. - J.35.b.45.50.

Company occupies continuous trench from J.35.c.5.5. to J.35.b.85.90.

Right Front Line Company. - Company H.Q. - J.35.d.20.30.

Series of posts from P.5.b.95.75 to J.36.c.50.50 and 1 Lewis Gun post at P.5.b.50.70. This company have a total of 5 L.G's and 2 enemy M.G's in position.

Left front line Company. - Company H.Q. - J.35.b.90.40.

Company in two lengths of continuous trench from z.

J.36.c.55.55 to J.36.c.85.90 and from J.36.a.92.05 to J.36.b.25.45.  
With 5 L.G's.

(Sgd) W.H. Keogh Lieut.  
I.O. 46th Battn.

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to 6 a.m. 10.7.18.

Outpost Line Right Company.

No. 1	Post	1	N.C.O.	6	O/R	P.6.a.30.85	)
2	"	1	"	5	"	P.6.a.30.90 (L.G. Post.)	)
3	"	1	"	5	"	J.36.c.40.05	)
4	"	1	"	5	"	J.36.c.40.15. (L.G. Post.)	) 1 Officer
5	"	1	"	5	"	J.36.c.40.20 (L.G. Post	)
6	"	2	"	6	"	J.36.c.45.30	)
7	"	2	"	4	"	J.36.c.45.35 (L.G. Post	) 1 Officer
8	"	1	"	3	"	J.36.c.46.37	)
9	"	-	"	4	"	J.36.c.52.42 (L.G. Post	)

Lewis Gun post on Canal at P.5.b.50.65.  
Company H.Q. at J.35.d.45.00

Other dispositions unaltered.

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for I.O. 46th Battalion.

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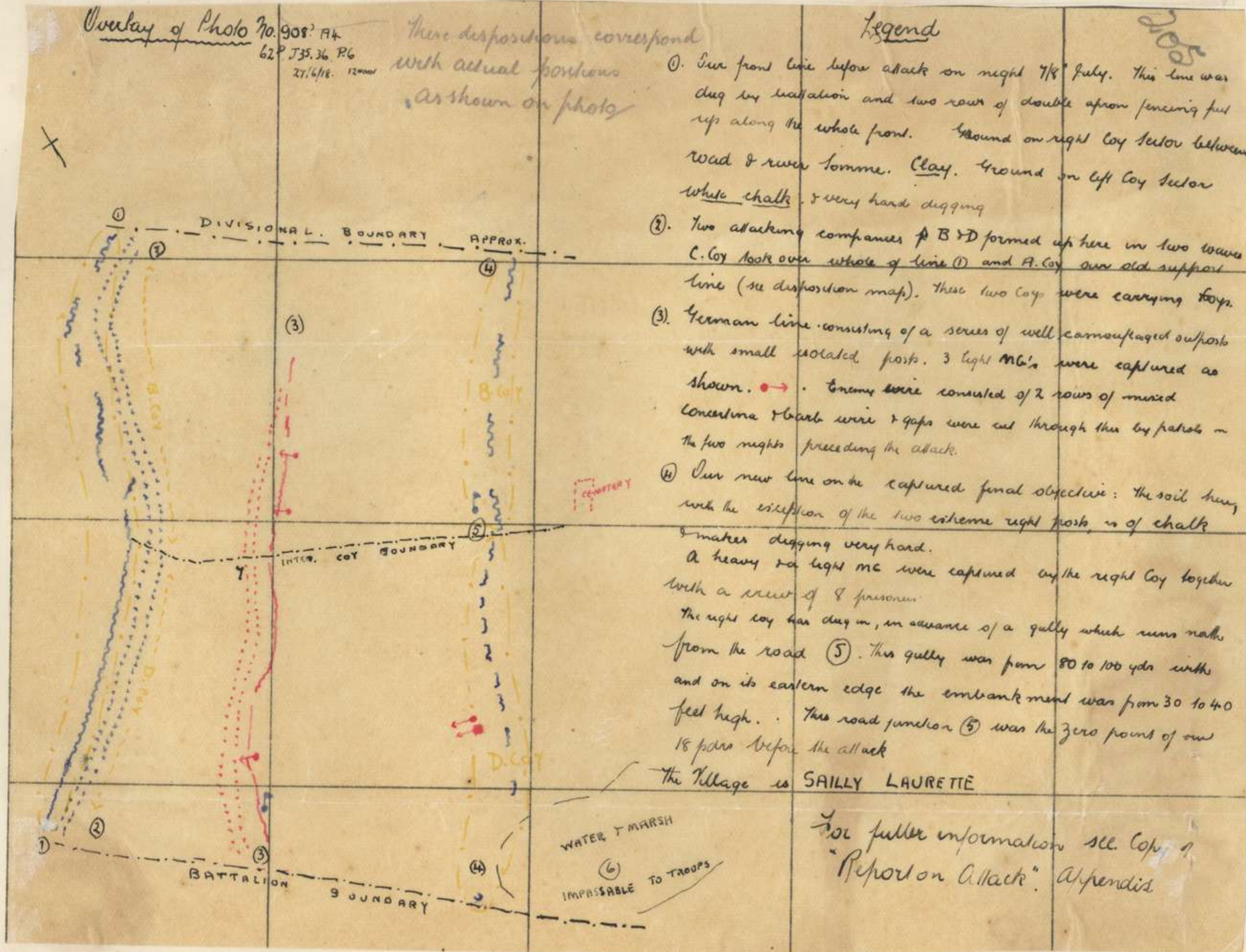
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27/6/18. 12000ft

These dispositions correspond  
with actual positions  
as shown on photo

Legend



- ①. Our front line before attack on night 7/8 July. This line was dug by machine and two rows of double apron fencing put up along the whole front. Ground on right Coy sector between road & river Somme. Clay. Ground on left Coy sector white chalk, & very hard digging.
- ②. Two attacking companies B & D formed up here in two waves. C. Coy took over whole of line ① and A. Coy our old support line (see disposition map). These two Coys were carrying foxes.
- ③. German line consisting of a series of well camouflaged outposts with small isolated posts. 3 light MG's were captured as shown. →. Enemy wire consisted of 2 rows of mixed Concertina & barbed wire & gaps were cut through this by patrols on the two nights preceding the attack.
- ④. Our new line on the captured final objective: the soil heavy with the exception of the two extreme right posts, is of chalk & makes digging very hard. A heavy & a light MG were captured by the right Coy together with a crew of 8 prisoners. The right Coy has dug in, in assurance of a gully which runs north from the road ⑤. This gully was from 80 to 100 yds wide and on its eastern edge the embankment was from 30 to 40 feet high. This road junction ⑤ was the zero point of our 18 paces before the attack. The Village is SAILLY LAURETTE.

For further information see Copy 1  
"Report on Attack" Appendix

APPENDIX

This picture is of interest when compared with that of 24/6/18 as it gives a good idea of our shelling of enemy's forward positions between those dates.

This photo is of interest compared with one taken on 27/6/18. as it shows a portion of the digging system that has been done in our forward system during that period.

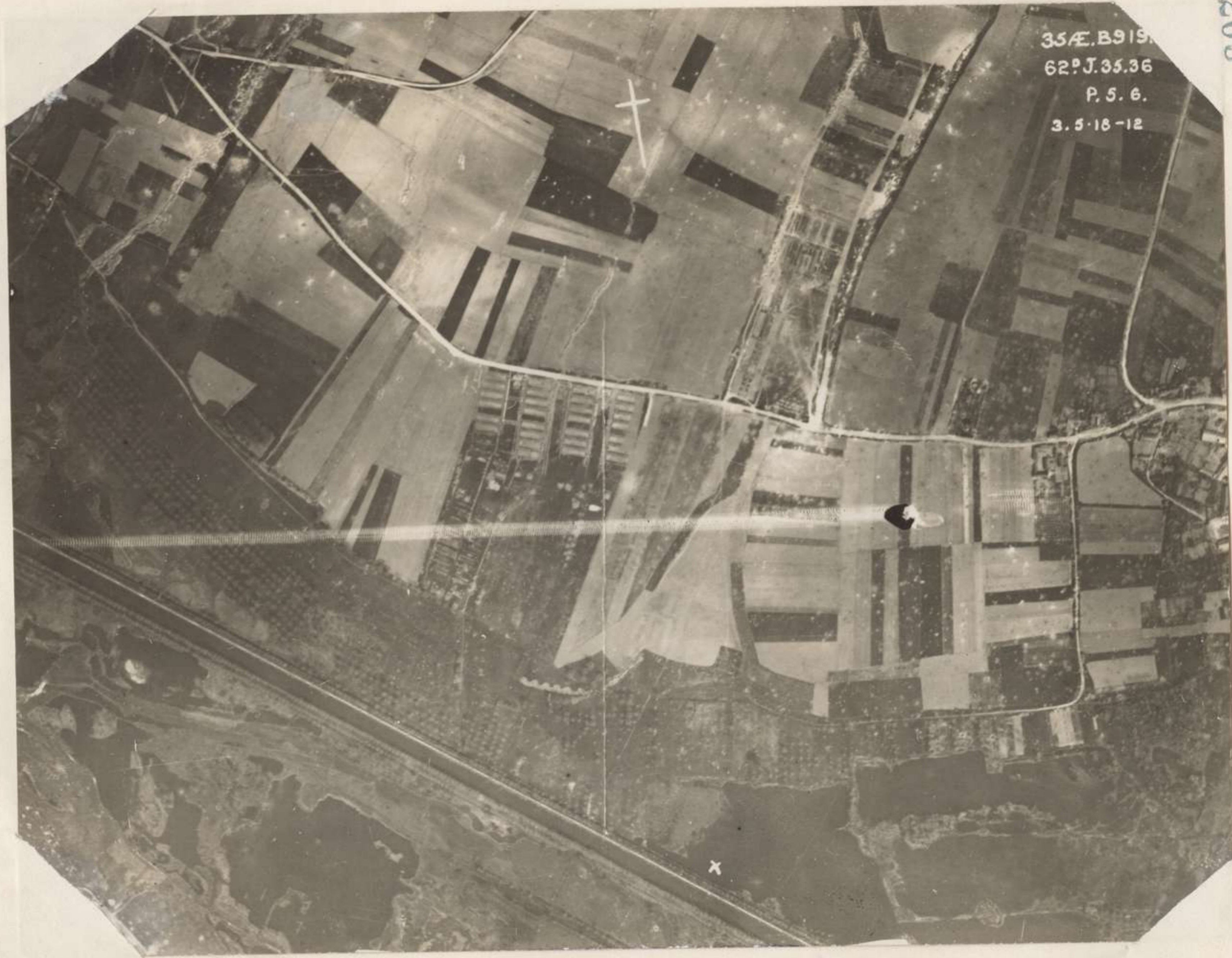


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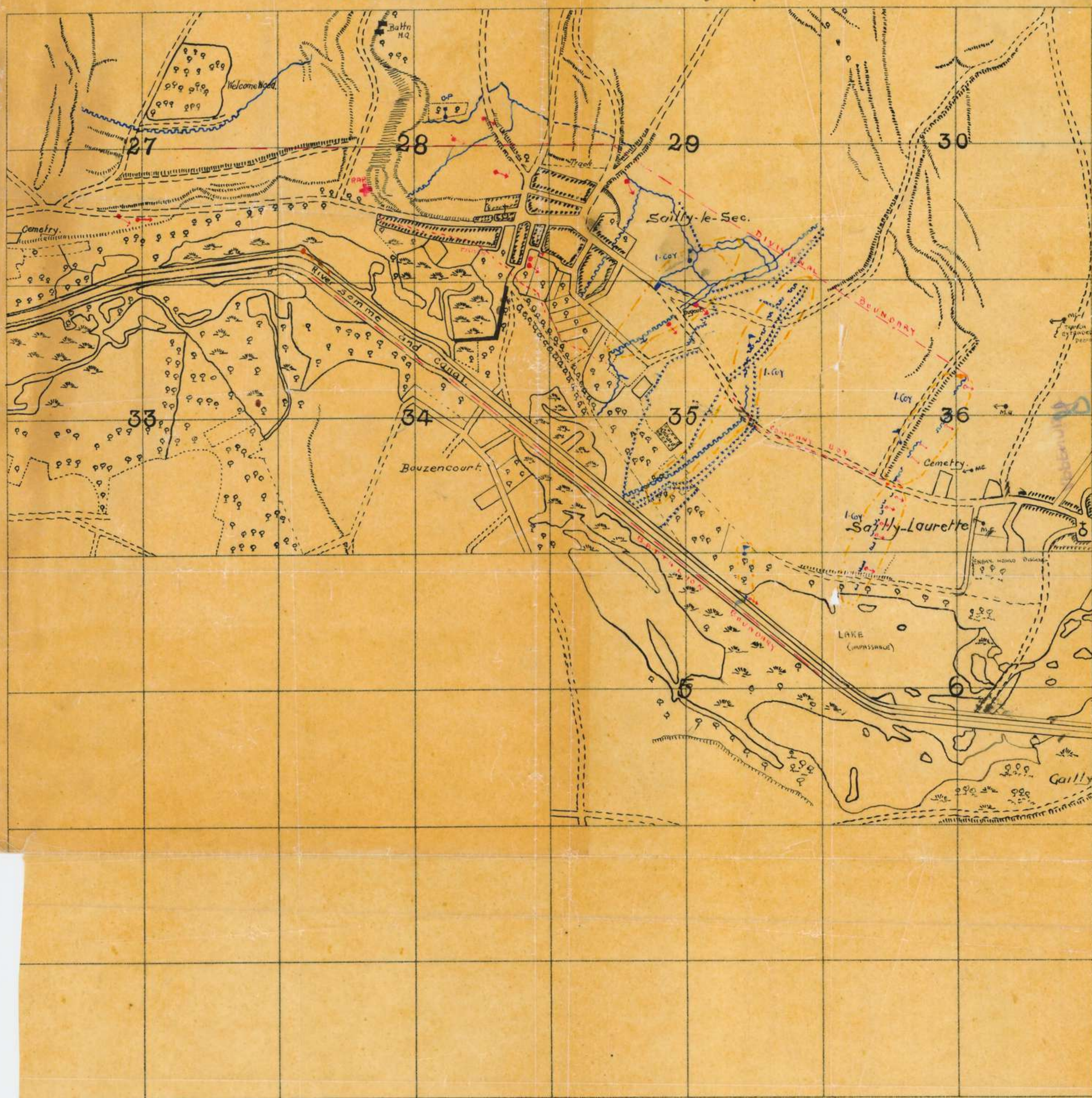
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Identification Trace for use with Artillery Maps.

LEGEND  
 ENEMY DEFENCES, SHOWN IN BLACK  
 .... BARRIERS  
 ▲ T.M.



NOTE.—(1). These traces are intended to facilitate the communication of information as to the position of targets, which have been located on a squared map.  
 (2). The squares on this trace are 500 yards in length on the 1/10,000 scale, 1,000 yards in length on the 1/20,000 scale, and 2,000 yards in length on the 1/40,000 scale.  
 (3). The squares on the trace are fitted to the squares of the map showing the targets, which are then drawn on the trace. Sufficient letters and numbers must also be added to enable the recipient to place the trace in the correct position on his own map. A little detail may also be traced, but this is not essential. The name and scale of the map to which the trace refers must be always given. The trace can be used for the 1/10,000, 1/20,000, or 1/40,000 scale.

Tracing taken from Sheet .....  
 of the 1:..... map of .....  
 Signature ..... Date .....

46th BATTALION A.I.F.

1.7.1918. 45

1 Off 6 O/R. Lt. Goldsmith.	J.35.c.8.9. P.5.b.20.35. J.35.d.35.40 J.35.d.60.80 J.35.b.30.20	10 p.m.    12-30 p.m.	Wire at P.5.b.20.95. 2 rows. 1st row - Light barbed concertina. 2nd Light barbed concertina changing to open fence between Canal & road. Talking was heard near J.35.d.55.40. Otherwise everything was quiet.
2 Off. 4 O/R. Lt. Coulson Lt. Pleasance	J.35.c.80.90 J.35.c.90.35. J.35.d.10.70 J.35.c.80.90	1 - 0 a.m.   3-30 a.m.	M.G. in vicinity of J.35.d.40.20 engaged with rifle grenades. Cries heard. Enemy replied with bursts of M.G. fire. No enemy patrols seen. Everything quiet.
1 Off. 6 O/R. Lt. Charlton	J.35.b.50.50 J.35.b.90.10 J.35.d.80.90 J.35.d.50.50	10-10 p.m.   12-30 p.m.	Enemy fired three (3) shots at patrol from approx. J.36.a.1.1. Otherwise the whole of the sector very quiet. No movement observed.
1 Off. 4 O/R. Lt. Willison.	J.35.b.81.90 J.36.a.10.65 J.35.b.97.40 J.35.b.95.20 J.35.b.50.50	1 - 0 a.m.   3-15 a.m.	Enemy wire at J.35.b.95.20. 1 row plain concertina and 1 belt of barbed wire about 3" high 12" ft. wide. Whilst examining wire 3 Canister bombs were thrown at patrol.
Lt. Keogh " Brough 6 O/R.	J.35.c.5.5. J.35.d.25.25 J.35.d.27.27. J.35.c.8.9.	12-35 p.m.   2-45 a.m.	6 a.m. 2.7.18. Enemy fired almost continuously with M.G. and rifle fire but owing to good cover. Patrol got to about 25 yards from enemy wire. No movement was seen or heard in trench system enemy apparently having M.G. posts well apart, one on canal bank (not located) and 1 at J.35.d.4.0 (near bushy tree). No rifle or M.G. fire came from patrol's front. Limbers heard in SAILLY LAURETTE.
Lt. Keogh 1 O/R.	J.35.c.8.9. J.35.d.25.30 J.35.c.8.9.	8-15 p.m.  11- 0 p.m.	Patrol moved straight to J.35.d.25.30. where enemy wire was seen but no signs of enemy posts were noticed. After observing here for about 2 hours 1 hun was seen in what appears to be an outpost at J.35.d.90.95. 2 rifle shots fired at hun with result.
Lt. Brearley 6 O/R.	J.35.b.8.9. J.36.a.15.70. J.35.b.85.10 J.35.b.3.3.	12-45 a.m.   3-15 a.m.	Patrol proceeded to J.36.a.15.70. & located enemy M.G.'s at J.36.a.30.70 & J.36.a.9.8. approx. Patrol was fired at twice by M.G. when attempting to move forward, so withdrew & moved to J.35.b.85.10 where it remained 30 minutes. No movement could be heard or detected in enemy lines.

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Party.	Route.	Time	Remarks.
Lt. Brough 4 O/R.	J.35.c.90.75. J.35.d.4.1. J.35.d.6.4. J.35.d.75.70 J.39.d.40.95.	9-30 pm    1 a.m.	Patrol saw flare king firing from P.6.d.40.95 and also heard rifle fire from this direction. Patrol met no opposition and no enemy movement was seen or heard.
Lt Pinsent 4 O/R.	J.35.c.8.9. J.35.d.2.3. J.35.d.7.5. J.35.b.4.0.	1-15 am   2-30 am	M.G. firing from J.35.d.5.1. approx. No sign of enemy movement seen or heard. Patrol was forced to return owing to sneezing and coughing caused by our own gas drifting back.
Lt Willison 4 O/R.	J.35.b.5.5. J.35.d.7.9. J.35.b.8.5 J.35.b.95.40 J.35.b.65.75.	9-30 pm    12-30 am	Enemy attitude exceptionally quiet this sector. Patrol saw and heard no sign enemy movement. No enemy patrols were encountered.
Lt Brearley 4 O/R.	J.35.b.8.9. J.36.a.10.70 J.35.b.8.5. J.35.b.65.80	1 a.m.   2-15 am	Snipers fired two shots at patrol from approx. J.36.a.2.5. No enemy seen or heard. Patrol had to return to our lines owing to our gas drifting across "No Man's Land".

## Night 5/6th July 1918.

Lt Pleasance 12 O/R.	J.35.c.8.9. J.35.d.25.05 J.35.d.35.00 J.5.b.40.90 J.35.c.8.9.	10-50 pm    1-20 am	Patrol moved to J.35.d.25.05. where 1 strand of wire, breast high, attached to trees was met with running north and south on our side of enemy patrol track. Patrol moved to J.35.d.35.00 and met enemy barbed wire (barb and concertina mixed).
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This was found damaged in places by shell fire. Patrol remained here and 6 went forward for 40 yards but no more wire was encountered. They then returned to patrol and gaps were cut in enemy wire. Enemy sniper and M.G. were firing from our left at J.35.d.90.25. Patrol was fired at from M.G. at J.35.d.45.05. No enemy M.G. or rifle fire came from canal flank during time patrol was out, but movement was heard. No casualties from our shoot at 10-45 - 10-50 were seen.

Lt Brough	J.35.c.8.9. J.35.d.50.20 J.35.d.60.45. J.35.c.8.9.	11 pm   1-15 am	Patrol met enemy wire at J.35.d.50.20. Patrol worked north to J.35.d.60.45. and cut 7 gaps in enemy wire whilst at work bombs were thrown at patrol and rifle shots were fired from J.35.d.70.40 approx. and patrol returned.
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Lt. Keogh Lt. Willison 10 O/R.	J.35.b.5.5 J.36.a.05.30 J.35.d.90.90 J.35.b.5.5.	10-30 pm   2-30 am	Enemy post at J.36.a.12. wire on both sides was unoccupied. Patrol cut and removed all wire in vicinity whilst here party of 12 huns at approx. J.36.a.8.5. were seen.
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Patrol moved south along wire cutting gaps sufficient to allow free passage 7 gaps were cut when enemy opened up on patrol with rifle fire, and threw flares and bombs. Patrol retired. Wire on left - 1 row light concertina and 1 row light trip wire. This was destroyed for 30 yards in centre. 2 rows concertina very thick and heavily barbed, 6 paths cut in this. On right for 100 yards to road 3 rows two light concertina with 1 row heavy barb wire. Very good obstacle. Patrol was fired on after cutting 1 path.



Night 6/7th July 1918.

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Party	Route	Time	Remarks.
Lt. Pleasance Lt. Pinsent 6 O/R.	J.35.c.8.9. J.35.d.25.05 J.35.d.35.00 P.5.b.45.90 J.35.c.8.9.	11-45 p.m.    1-45 a.m.	Patrol followed same route as a patrol on night of 5/6th in order that men will be familiar with route and task required on night 7/8th. Enemy has made no attempt to repair any of his wire cut on the previous evening. Patrol went about 60 yards beyond this wire. Enemy still has m.G. at J.35.d.5.1. and small post at J.35.d.60.00 approx. and m.G. fired short bursts at frequent intervals. No working parties heard. Enemy attitude judged to be very nervous and no attempt has been made to intercept or attack patrol in this area.
Lt. McKenzie 12 O/R.	J.35.c.8.9. J.35.d.5.4. J.35.d.6.6. J.35.d.65.70 J.35.b.4.0	M/N    2-15 p.m.	Patrol moved to enemy wire and commenced to locate gaps. Were seen and fired at from J.35.d.85.75 approx. Patrol retired at short distance and then made north. Enemy wire was again reached and patrol commenced cutting wire when they were again fired at from same post and grenades were thrown from J.35.d.70.50 approx. Patrol then returned to our lines. The nature of the ground and the absence of good cover makes patrolling difficult in this area.
Lt. Willison 8 O/R.	J.35.b.5.5. J.35.d.9.9. J.36.a.15.50 J.35.b.5.5.	11 p.m.   2-15 a.m.	Patrol moved to enemy wire at J.35.d.9.9. wire here thick and in good condition. Wire could not be cut here as patrol was fired at several times. Flares were also sent up. Enemy post has 9 men approx and enemy is very alert just here. Patrol walked north along wire and found gaps cut on previous night still exist. Enemy post of 2 men seen at J.36.a.4.1.
Lt. Brearley 8 O/R.	J.35.b.8.9. J.36.a.7.5. J.35.b.9.9.	11 p.m.  2-30 a.m.	<del>Patrol moved to enemy wire at J.35.d.9.9. wire here thick and in good condition. Wire could not be cut here as patrol was fired at</del> several times. Patrol moved to J.36.a.7.5. without opposition. Enemy's wire runs in a N.E. direction at this spot. It consists of a single apron with trip wires. A m.G. was located at J.36.a.95.20. This appears to be the m.G. previously reported as at J.36.a.3.4.
to 6 a.m. 10th July.			
1 N.C.O. 2 O/R.	J.36.c.55.55 J.36.c.80.50 J.36.c.55.55	M/N  3 a.m.	Patrol moved forward toward cemetery. An enemy working party was heard wiring about J.36.c.95.65. m.G. appeared to be covering party
Another m.G. located at J.36.d.2.2 Enemy patrolling was difficult. fired flares frequently and			
1 N.C.O. 4 O/R.	J.36.b.1.3. J.36.b.25.25 J.36.a.90.00	9-30 p.m.  11-30 p.m.	Patrol moved to J.36.b.25.25. Were fired at by m.G. located at J.36.b.35.05. Flares were fired constantly and continued m.G. fire
Patrol was prevented from pushing on further. Patrol returned to our lines at J.36.a.9.0.			
1 N.C.O. 4 O/R.	P.6.a.10.85 P.6.a.7.7. P.36.c.9.1. J.36.c.4.3.	M/N   2-30 a.m.	Patrol worked along wire to P.6.a.7.7. and listened for 15 minutes. m.G. located at P.6.b.1.7. Patrol moved north for 100 yards. Party could be heard digging in direction of P.6.b.1.9. Patrol returned to our post at J.36.c.4.3.

Party	Route	Time	Remarks.
1 N.C.O. 4 O/R.	J.36.c.5.5. J.36.c.80.45 J.36.c.5.5.	12-30 a.m. 2-30 a.m.	Patrol moved to J.36.c.80.45. M.G. noticed firing from J.36.c.90.60. also M.G. from J.36.d.20.30. T.M. firing from centre of SAILLY LAURETTE

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## Night 11/12 July 1918.

1 N.C.O. 4 O/R.	J.36.a.95.10 J.36.b.30.05. J.36.d.1.8. J.36.85.90	9-30 p.m. M/N	Enemy trench at J.36.b.30.05 found unoccupied. At 10-30 enemy working party was heard at J.36.a.45.90. Patrol returned to lines and 2 L.G's taken out and opened fire on party, causing dispersal of them.
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1 N.C.O. 4 O/R.	J.36.c.5.5. J.36.c.85.50 J.36.b.30.05 J.36.a.9.0.	12-30 a.m. 3 a.m.	Patrol proceeded to cemetery unopposed. Two M.G's were located at rear northern end of cemetery and "No.36's" grenades were fired. This had the effect of stopping them from firing, for no further firing came from herebefore 4 a.m. Patrol followed wire to J.36.b.30.05. and found to be a very thin single apron fence roughly put down.
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1 N.C.O. 3 O/R.	P.6.a.30.70 P.6.a.60.80 J.36.c.75.10 J.36.c.40.10	11-30 p.m. 2 a.m.	Patrol moved to P.6.a.60.80. Whilst here enemy M.G. located at P.6.a.90.70. Patrol moved to J.36.c.75.10. Flare king firing from J.36.c.95.10. No enemy patrols were seen or working parties heard.
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1 N.C.O. 3 O/R.	J.36.c.5.4. J.36.c.80.45 J.36.c.80.25 J.36.c.4.0	12-30 a.m. 2-30 a.m.	Patrol proceeded to J.36.c.80.45 but no sign of enemy could be seen or heard. At J.36.c.80.45. M.G. was heard firing from direction of cemetery. Also another M.G. at J.36.d.30.40.
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## WORKS REPORTS.

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Night 1/2nd July 1918

Strength Off. O/R.	Location of Work	Nature of Work.	Amount Done.	Material Used.	Hours Worked From To.	
21	J.35.a.90.95	Trench Im- provements	45x deepened from 4' 6" to 5'6". 5 Fire steps each 4' deep 3' wide.	Nil.	10-30 p.m. 1-30 a.m.	
16	J.29.d.6.1.	Trench Im- provements	35x deepened from 5' to 5'6" 2' wide 40x parapet levelled.	Nil	10-30 p.m. 1 a.m.	
Night 3/4th July 1918.						
1	30	J.26 d.9.3. to temp. R.E. Dump.	Carrying 300 Sandbags 3 sheets Cupola iron 4 dug-out Frames.	Nil	9 pm 10 pm	
1	20	J.35.b.2.3.	Trench Deepening	50x deepened from 3' to 5' Nil	12 mn 2 a.m.	
	20	J.35.d.3.7. to J.35.d.1.6.	Trench Deepening	50x deepened from 3' to 5' 1'6" bottom. Nil	12 mn 2 a.m.	
8	J.28.b.25.20. b. J.26.c.93. to J.28.b.25.20	a. Construct- ing O.P. b. Carrying	a. Complete 5' wide 5' deep 3' wide cov- ered with Cupola iron. 250 sandbags	a. 2 sheets Cupola iron 5013nadbags	9-30 p.m. 3 a.m.	
Night 4 <sup>th</sup> 5th July 1918.						
2	80	J.35.c.95.60 to J.35.b.4.0	Deepening & widening front line Completing T heads.	130x x 2' x 1'. Nil 70x x 5' x 2'	11-30 p.m. 2 a.m.	
1	16	J.35.b.55.60	Joining up posts.	25x x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 2' Nil	12-30 p.m. 2 a.m.	
1	25	J.35.b.5.5	Digging, connecting up front line posts	30x X 3' X 2'. Nil	M/N 2 a.m.	
1	18	J.35.b.7.9.	Digging, connecting up front line posts	39x X 3' X 2' Nil	11-30 p.m. 2 a.m.	
1	20	J.26.c.1.4 Circular Quay.	Loading Party.	Loaded and unloaded 50 mules with barb wire Stores.	120 Coils Barb wire 275 L.S. Pickets 500 Short Screw Pickets	9 pm 1 a.m.

Strength Off. O/R	Location of Work.	Nature of Work.	Amount Done	Material Used.	Hours Worked From To
2 75	J.28.b.	a. Digging Saps. b. Improving Saps.	30x 2' deep 2-6" wide 100x deepened.	Nil.	11-15 2 a.m. p.m.
22	Circular Quay J.28.c.1.4	Loading and Unloading.	15 coils B. wire. 5 bundles long pickets. 5 bundles short pickets	Nil.	9 pm 12-15 a.m.
1 15	J.35.b.70.50	Digging Front line	21x X 2' deep 2'6" wide.	Nil	12 M/N 2-15 a.m.
Night 8/9th July 1918.					
1 42	J.36.a.20.30 J.35.d.60.50	Digging Support Line.	30 yards 3 ft deep & 3 ft wide. 15 yards 3 ft deep 3 ft wide.	Nil.	12 M/N 2-30 am
1 11	J.36.c.60.60	Wiring	140 yards two wire fence	14 Screw Pickets. 6 Coils Barb Wire.	12 M/N 2-30 a.m.
22	J.35.b. & 36.a.	Carrying Wire & Pick- ets to front line.	20 Coils wire 8 bundles long Pickets. 16 bundles small Pickets	-	11 pm 3 a.m.
11	J.28.b. & 36 a. & d.	Carrying Ammunition to front line.	5,000 rds de- livered to "D" Coy.	-	11 pm 3 a.m.
21	J.28.b. & 36 a. & d.	Carrying 40 boxes bombs to front line.	20 boxes deliv- ered to each company.	-	11 pm 3 a.m.
This report does not include new posts dug by R. line company or Ration Parties					
Night 9/10th July 1918					
11	J.29.c.30.45 to J.36.c.50.60	Carrying.	Carrying 100 short and 50 long pickets to front line.	-	10-30 12-30 p.m. a.m.
Night 10/11th July 1918					
1 29	P.5.b.95.70	Wiring Front Line.	100x 12 wires	50 long pickets 102 medium 22 coils B. wire.	10-30 2 a.m. p.m.

Strength Off. O/R.	Location of Work	Nature of Work.	Amount Done.	Material Used.	Hours Worked From To
1 32	P.6.a.75.85	Wiring Front Line.	100x single apron.	50 long pickets 100 short pickets 6 coils B. wire.	11 pm 2-30 am
Night 11/12th July 1918.					
1 7	J.36.c.5.2.	Wiring Front line right Company.	100 yards single apron (7 wires)	50 L.S.P. 50 M.S.P. 50 S.S.P. 7 coils B. wire.	10 pm 3 am
1 24	J.36.c.75.70	Wiring front line left Company.	140 yds double apron (12 wires)	75 L.S.P. 140 S.S.P. 18 coils B. wire (100 yards each).	11-30 pm 2-30 a.m.

By  
 Lieut. Colonel J.J. Corrigan D.S.O., C.O. 46th BATTALION. 30th July 1918.

1. MOVE. The Battalion will move by march route from present area to CAGNY tomorrow 31.7.18.
2. ROUTINE. REVEILLE - 4-~~30~~ a.m. BREAKFAST - <sup>4.30</sup> 5 a.m.  
 MARKERS - 5-50 a.m. PARADE - 6 a.m.  
 5-20
3. ROUTE. ALLONVILLE - CAMON - CAGNY.
4. PACKS. All packs will be dumped in Hangars by 2-30 p.m. 30.7.18. Duty Company will supply Guard of 1 N.C.O. and 3 O.R from Nucleus.
5. REAR PARTY. Duty Company will detail an Officer and each company 5 O/R to act as Rear Party. The Sanitary squad will remain with the Rear Party.
6. VALISES. Officers valises will be dumped at Q.M. Store by 5 a.m. on 31.7.18. Company Office boxes and Mess gear to be dumped with valises.
7. PRISONERS. Prisoners and Guard will be marched by the Orderly Officer in rear of the column.
8. ORDER OF MARCH. "B" Section, "A" Coy, Band, "B" "C" & "D", Guard.
9. DRESS. Fighting Order. Waterbottles filled, steel helmets will be carried on haversack.

*Corrigan*

Lieutenant.  
 Asst. Adjt. 46th Battalion.

REINFORCEMENTS, CASUALTIES ETC. FOR MONTH OF JULY.

JULY	Struck off Strength.								Taken on Strength.				REMARKS.					
	Killed.		Wounded.		Sick.		Gassed.		Transfd.		Prison.			Rfets.		Rejoined		
	Off	O/R	Off	O/R	Off	O/R	Off	O/R	Off	O/R	Off	O/R		Off	O/R	Off	O/R	
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<b>Total</b>	19	4	89	1	44	30	1	10	4				2	169	6	73		

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## TRANSPORT OFFICERS DIARY.

July 1918.

From the 1st to 12th the battalion was in the line near SAILL-LE-SEC. Transport were situated near DACOURS off the road to PONT NOYELLES (H.38.a.) While here new horse troughs were erected within 400 yards of lines. During this period rations were carted to Battalion H.Q. leaving the lines at 8-45 p.m. except after the advance on the 4th when we were able to get up in daylight.

The work done during the period was on the heavy side, teams being used to cart rations forward, to Nucleus, water to HAMEL, ammunition to HAMEL and SAILLY-LE-SEC, R.E. material to VAUX and SAILLY-LE-SEC, and green fodder from near CORBIE. Limbers were also used to cart vegetables from CAMON and take valises to VAUX and AILLY-Sur-SOMME.

On the 2nd all men had a bath and clean change of clothing.

On night of the 4th enemy planes bombed and used machine guns on lines, none of our animals were wounded, but another unit close by had one horse killed by machine gun fire. One bomb dropped within 15 feet of our wagon lines but did not explode.

On the 11th animals and men attached to Divisional Pack Troop returned, they were in good condition and had had no casualties.

On 12th Cookers and water carts were sent to Nucleus Wood and 3 limbers at 9 p.m. Two limbers at 1-30 a.m. to bring cooks gear and Lewis Guns out of line to Nucleus Wood.

On 13th Transport with the exception of Cookers, water carts and two Lewis Gun limbers moved to wood near ALLONVILLE on St GRATIEN road. The lines here were very poor as there were hardly any bomb proof shelters erected, these have been completed now. Water for troops has to be drawn from CARDONETTE where animals are also watered at good troughs, a distance of  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile from our lines.

On 18th two cookers and limber went with Battalion through AMIENS to Rifle Range.

On the 22nd the Divisional Races were held. The Transport Officer's hack getting 1st and 3rd in two races, and three of our mules getting second and two thirds in the three mule races.

On the 24th at the Brigade Races our horses got two firsts, three seconds and a third while the mules got two firsts, two seconds and a third, our animals being unplaced in only one event out of 10.

On the 26th Lieut. Colonel Holdsworth C.O. 4th Divisional Train inspected the Transport, everything being satisfactory.

At the Battalion Sports the Transport won the three team events, Tug-of-War, Relay Race, and Chariot Race.

On the 31st the Transport moved behind the Battalion to CAGNY leaving ALLONVILLE ~~xxxxxx~~ Wood at 5-30 a.m. and reaching CAGNY about 8-15 a.m. and thus avoiding the heat of the day. A fine big shed was available for horse lines, water for horses is plentiful, but water for drinking and cooking is a slow job, only a hand pump being used. Three limbers had to make a return trip ~~xxxx~~ for Q.M. Stores.

(Sgd) Donald B. Payne Capt.  
T.O. 46th Battalion.



## MEDICAL SERVICES FOR 46th BATTALION DURING JULY 1918. APPENDIX 14

On the morning of the 1st the two companies that were relieved from Front Line were sent to the baths at VAIRE. In anticipation of heavy casualties on the 4th, as a possible result of the advance of the troops on our fight on that date, an ample supply of blankets and stretchers was made. An extra squad of ambulance bearers was also provided. There were few casualties on our sector.

On the night of the 7th at 6 p.m. I was informed that the battalion would advance their line about 800 yards next morning. I decided not to move the R.A.P. forward because the advance was to be but a small one and there was no shelter in the village or immediately to the east of it. Three extra squads of bearers and an additional wheeler were put at my disposal at my request to the Ambulance. The advance was commenced at 12-15 am. The first wounded to arrive entered the R.A.P. at 1-5 a.m. There was no delay in getting the wounded away as soon as their wounds had been properly dressed and splinted where necessary. Recourse was had to rechauffement in several cases. 40 cases were put through between 1-5 a.m. and 5 a.m.

On the night of the night of the 8th the enemy fired many gas shells about Battalion Headquarters. Next morning 25 men from here were evacuated suffering from the effects of mustard gas. The strain of the continuous shelling for the four days following the advance, was responsible for considerable exhaustion amongst some of the men. 15 of these were retained at the R.A.P. until the night of the 12th when the battalion was relieved. Provision was made on the night of the 12th for the carrying of 8 men, unable to march, by car. After reaching their bivouacs the usual precautions for care of feet by bathing them in Condy's fluid, were adopted.

The battalion marched to a wood to the north of ALLONVILLE on the 13th and camped there until the 31st. There a delouser was constructed and the mens clothes and blankets systematically disinfected with good results. With the aid of tubs borrowed from the Brigade baths and a boiler from the Y.M.C.A. 18 cases of scabies were effectively treated. The battalion visited the baths at CARDONETTE on two occasions. All men who required it were inoculated with T.A.B. vaccine.

During the spell from the line the health and spirit of the men were maintained by a judicious combination of training and sports with also amusements in the evening.

#### Sickness for the month.

The number reporting sick amounted to 426.

79 of these men were treated in the Battalion Rest Billet, 61 of whom were returned after recovery, to their companies for duty. There are now 9 men in the Rest Billet.

Sick evacuations numbered 31.

The most prevalent disease was Influenza, which was responsible for 18 of the evacuations. These were practically all sent away during the Battalion's sojourn in the line.

There were 2 cases of measles amongst the new reinforcements, the source of infection being from their training camp in England.

Three cases of Venereal Disease reported in the last week.

#### Casualties for Month.

The number wounded for the month amounted to 87 including 3 Officers. In addition there were 34 gassed cases, 6 of whom were evacuated after we left the line. The delayed effect of the gas made itself apparent after the lapse of several days.

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R.M.O. 46th Battalion.

July 1918.

- 1.7.18. Rations good, Bacon full issue. Fair supply of fresh meat. No butter on issue. Rations forwarded to Battalion at usual hours. Weather fine.
- 2.7.18. Rations fair, bacon full issue. No butter or vegetables on issue, dried fruit in lieu. Owing to heavy shelling of road leading to Battn. H.Q. during the previous nights choose a fresh road for limbers tonight. Rations to Battalion at usual hours.
- 3.7.18. Rations fair, bacon full issue. No butter, potatoes or onions on issue, dried fruit in lieu. Limbers went to Battalion H.Q. by the new road, everything satisfactory. Sent four bootmakers to coys forward. Rations to battalion at usual hours.
- 4.7.18. Rations fair, bacon full issue. No butter or vegetables on issue, dried fruit in lieu. Battalion Interpreter sent out to try and procure some vegetables for the Battalion, succeeded in buying 234 kilos at 70 Frs per kilo. Rations to battalion at usual times.
- 5.7.18. Rations fair, bacon half issue. ~~Meat~~ Onions on issue but no potatoe or butter, dried fruit in lieu. Rations sent out at usual hours.
- 6.7.18. Rations fair, bacon half issue. Meat issue good. No potatoes on ~~is~~ issue. Received the following goods from the Australian Comforts Funds:- 8 cases Cocoa & Milk, 8 cases Coffee & Milk, 1 bag sugar, 1 case chocolate, 1 case tobacco, 2 cricket bats, 2 cricket balls. Rations sent to Battalion at usual hours.
- 7.7.18. Rations good. Full issue of bacon. Fresh meat issue good also issue of potatoes and onions. M & V on issue. Succeeded in buying another 384 kilos of Potatoes which will help the small issue we have been getting lately. Cigarettes and tobacco on issue. Sent limber to dump and secured a good issue of coal. Rations sent forward to Battalion at 6-30 p.m.
- 8.7.18. Rations good, bacon full issue. Fresh mutton issue good. Potatoes and margarine on issue.
- 9.7.18. Rations fair, bacon full issue. Potatoes and margarine on issue. The Sergeant Cook and several cooks evacuated from battalion having been gassed. The Q.M. attended a lecture at ~~RENNEXNOYKXXXXX~~ PONT REMY on Cookery etc. The main points of which were, advocating the underdrawing of rations, importance of building up By-products and Economics. Rations forwarded to battalion at 7 p.m.
- 10.7.18. Rations good, bacon full issue. Good issue of fresh mutton. Potatoe and margarine on issue. Chocolate from the Comforts Funds sent out to battalion. Sigarettes and tobacco on issue. Rations sent out at 6 p.m.
- 11.7.18. Rations good, bacon full issue. Potatoes on issue but no onions, dried fruit in lieu. Powdered milk on issue. No butter or ~~XXXXXXXX~~ margarine. Meat good. Fried biscuit and fruit pudding and resoies sent to troops forward. Rations sent out at 6 p.m.
- 12.7.18. Rations good, bacon full issue. Potatoes and margarine on issue. Fruit in lieu of vegetables. Bacon, Biscuit Pudding and Resoies cooked at Transport lines and sent forward to troops. Rations sent to Nucleus camp to await arrival of battalion when it came out of the line. Cookers also sent there to prepare meal for men when they march in. Q.M. Store moved from transport lines to G.6.d. (Sheet 62d) at ALLONVILLE. Move completed by 6 p.m.
- 13.7.18. Rations Good. Good issue of fresh meat and bacon. Potatoes but no onions on issue. Battalion marched into new position at 7-30 pm. Cookers had been moved previously and a hot meal was ready for the men, and they were also issued with their rations for the following day.
- 14.7.18. Rations good, bacon half issue. Fair issue of vegetables. Tobacco on issue but no cigarettes. Rations issued to battalion at 3 p.m.
- 15.7.18. Rations fair, bacon half issue. Fresh meat issue good. Potatoes on issue. An oven was built for each company so that roasts could be supplied. Rations at usual hours.
- 16.7.18. Rations good, bacon full issue. Fresh meat issue good. Potatoes on issue. Drew from Comforts Funds Cocoa & Milk, Confectionery, sauce, jam, Golden syrup, canned vegetables, plum puddings, cakes, socks and sporting material. Rations distributed at usual hours.

- 17.7.18. 205 Rations fair, bacon half issue. Fresh meat issue fair. Potatoes on issue.
- 18.7.18. Rations fair, bacon half issue. Unserviceable clothing returned to D.A.D.O.S. Captured German Machine Guns sent to Museum. Drew from Ordnance.
- 19.7.18. Rations good, bacon half issue. Vegetables, Pickles and sauce on issue. Goods received from Co forts Funds issued to Battn. Fresh meat issue good. Rations sent out at usual hours.
- 20.7.18. Rations good, bacon half issue. Fresh meat issue good. Potatoes and onions on issue, also oatmeal and flour. Rations at usual hours.
- 21.7.18. Rations good, bacon half issue. Fresh meat issue good. Potatoes on issue. Cigarettes, tobacco and matches on issue. Dried fruit in lieu of vegetables. Rations at usual hours.
- 22.7.18. Rations good, bacon half issue, fresh meat issue good. Potatoes and onions on issue. Rations issued at midday on account of Div. Sports.
- 23.7.18. Rations fair, bacon half issue. Meat issue good. Vegetables light, dried fruit in lieu. Drew from Ordnance.
- 24.7.18. Rations good, bacon half issue. Fresh meat issue good. Potatoes Oatmeal and rice on issue. Rations issued early on account of Brigade Sports.
- 25.7.18. Rations good, bacon full issue. Meat issue good. Potatoes, oatmeal and rice on issue. Unserviceable clothing returned to D.A.D.O.S. Rations to Battalion at usual hours.
- 26.7.18. Rations good, bacon half issue. Potatoes onions and rice on issue. Fresh meat issue good. ~~Drew from Ordnance.~~ Rations at usual hours.
- 27.7.18. Rations good, bacon half issue. Potatoes on issue also rice. Fresh meat issue good. Drew from Ordnance. Rations at usual hours. Unserviceable clothing returned to D.A.D.O.S.
- 28.7.18. Rations good, bacon half issue. Australian rabbits in lieu of fresh meat. These were made up into rabbit stew which was much appreciated by the men. Potatoes onions and rice on issue. Rations at usual hours.
- 29.7.18. Rations good, bacon half issue. Fresh meat issue good. Potatoes on issue but no onions. General rations very good. Rations supplied to Battalion at usual hours.
- 30.7.18. Rations good, bacon half issue. Fresh meat issue good. Potatoes and rice on issue. Rations at usual hours. Unserviceable clothing returned to D.A.D.O.S.. Underclothing returned to Baths at CARDONETTE.
- 31.7.18. Rations fair, bacon full issue. Fresh meat issue light. Pork and Beans in lieu. Potatoes on issue also green vegetables, the first for some considerable time. The Battalion moved out from camp at 5-20 a.m., the Q.M. Store following at 6 a.m. Cookers were got into position and a meal was immediately prepared for the men. Rations were issued at 3 p.m. to all coys. also the Nucleus which are situated at CAMON.

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POSTAL RETURN FOR JULY.

	<u>Despatched</u>	<u>Received.</u>
Packets	113	186
Cables	20	-
Official	177	211
Papers	-	1,997
Parcels	165	578
Letters	14,122	41,661
Registered	68	106
Cash handled	1438 - 40 Frc.	

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Clothing. 205

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Issued to Companies.

Drew from Ordnance.

Jackets S.D.	140
Breeches D.S.	80
Puttees prs.	200

139
154
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Boots.

Drawn from Ordnance - 99 prs.      Issued - 113 prs.      Repaired - 295 prs.

Fat returned to Railhead per A.S.C.

270 lbs.

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