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OF

12th Aust. Machine Gun Coy.

FOR

February, 1918

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Near KEMMEL Sheet 28 N.15.d.2.5.	1918 Feb.			
	1st		"D" Section proceeded to SPOIL BANK at 6.30 a.m. to make Corps Machine Gun positions under Lt. J. A. PONTIN and 2/Lt. W. GREGSON. Remainder of Company continued training. Strength - Off. 12 Other Ranks 168. Attached 29 O. R. Horses 54.	<i>John</i>
	2nd		"A" Sect. to SPOIL BANK to work on Corps M. G. positions under 2/Lts. W. GREGSON and W. WOOD. Lieut. C. N. KING, 2/Lts. A. R. TREE, B. O'REILLY & J. H. GIBSON thoroughly reconnoitred 4th Aust. M. G. Coy. positions. 10 Other Ranks reinforcements marched in, and taken on strength. Strength. Off. 12. Other Ranks 178. Attached 29 Other Ranks. Horses 54.	<i>John</i>
	3rd		"D" Sect. to SPOIL BANK on Corps M. G. positions under 2/Lt. WOOD. Positions visited by Major RADFORD, D. M. G. O. Strength. Off. 12. Other Ranks 178. Attached 29 O. R. Horses 54.	<i>John</i>
	4th		"A" & "C" Sects. employed on Corps M. G. positions at SPOIL BANK under 2/Lts. J. H. GIBSON & A. R. TREE. Lt. J. A. POINTIN, 2/Lts. W. WOOD & W. GREGSON reconnoitred right positions of 4th Aust. M. G. Coy. Particulars taken for Service stripes of Company. No. 2355 L/Cpl. J. F. COYLE awarded BELGIAN CROIX DE GUERRE.	<i>John</i>
Near HOLLEBEKE Sheet 28 I.33.d.3.7.	5th & 3rd		) Strength. Off. 12. Other Ranks 178. Attached 29. Horses 54.) 1695 Sgt. N. G. HAMLIN rejoined from M. G. School, CAMIERS.	Appendix I. "Honour & Rewards."
	5th		12th Aust. I. Bde. relieved 4th Aust. I. Bde. in line on night of 5/6th. 12th Aust. M. G. Coy. relieved 4th Aust. M. G. Coy. in right of the 4th Aust. Div. Sector on 6th. Coy. H. Q. established in tunnel on CANAL near NORFOLK LODGE (Sheet 28. I.33.d.3.7.) No casualties. Strength. Off. 12. Other Ranks 178. Attached 29 O. R. Horses 54.	<i>John</i> Appendix II. Coy. Order 160.
	7th		Court of Enquiry pronounced 2/Lt. J. T. EAST (Missing xx on 12-10-1917) "Killed in Action." Strength, 7th - 9th. Off. 12. O.R. 178. Attd. 29 O.R. Horses 54.	<i>John</i>
	8th		No. 2355 Sgt. N. G. HAMLIN appointed Acting C. S. M.	<i>John</i>
	9th		New xx distribution of guns made. New positions of greater importance.	<i>John</i>
10th		Crews of Forward Guns relieved at night, No casualties. 2 O. R. struck off strength - evacuated out of Divisional area. Strength. Off. 12. O. R. 176. Attd. 29 O. R. Horses 54.	<i>John</i>	

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Nr. HOLLEBEKE Sheet 28 I.33.d.3.5.	Feb. 11th		A. M. C. Detail returned to 12th Aust. Field Ambulance. Strength 11th - 14th. Off. 12. O. R. 176. Attd. 28 O. R. Horses 54.	Dhm	
	12th		Capt. H. W. CROUCH, M. C. XXXXXXXX U. K. leave.	Dhm	
	13th		No. 3893 Cpl. R. J. A. ROWE to M. G. School, CAMIERS. 46th & 48th Btn. relieved 45th and 47th Btn in line.	Dhm	
	14th		Forward gun crews relieved at night.	Dhm	
	15th		7 Other Ranks Reinforcements (5 old details) taken on strength. Strength. Off. 12. O.R. 183. Attached 28 O.R. Horses 54.	Dhm	
	16th		Lt. E. M. CULLIMORE rejoined from U.K. leave. 7 Other Ranks (evacuated out of Div. area) struck off strength. 2/Lts. W. WOOD, A. R. TREE, promoted Lieutenant as from 5-1-1918 2/Lts. B. O'REILLY & W. GREGSON promoted Lieutenant as from 20-1-1918. Strength. Off. 12. O.R. 176. Attached 28 O.R. 54 Horses. From 16th to 19th.	Dhm	
	18th		Forward Gun crews relieved without casualty.	Dhm	
	20th		12th Aust. I. Bde. (less 12th Aust. M. G. Coy. and 12th Aust. L.T.M.Bty) relieved in line on night of 20/21st. 4152 Sgt. A. E. DOOLAN proceeds to Officer Cadet Btn., England, after brilliant course at Aust. Corps School, AVELUY. 1 Other Rank wounded at Forward Guns.	Dhm	
	Near KEMMEL Sheet 28 N.15.d.2.5.	21st		Strength 20th to 23rd. Off. 12. O.R. 174. Attd. 28 O.R. Horses 54. Company relieved by 4th Aust. M. G. Coy. in afternoon & evening. No cas- ualties. Personnel conveyed by motor lorries to Camp at SIEGE FARM, near KEMMEL.	Dhm Appendix III. Relief Order No. 2.
		22nd		1 Other Rank sick to hospital.	Dhm Appendix IV. Report on Oper- ations.
23rd			Guns cleaned and gear sorted.	Dhm	
24th			1 Other Rank sick to hospital. 3 Officers 105 Other Ranks employed on Corps Machine Gun positions in Forward Area. 1 Other Rank transferred from 4th Aust. Field Ambulance.	Dhm	
25th			Strength. Off. 12. O.R. 175. Attached O.R. 28. Horses 54. Web equipment withdrawn and leather issued in lieu. Strength 25th - 27th. Off. 12. O.R. 175. Attd. O.R. 28. Horses 54.	Dhm	

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METEREN Sheet 27 X.15.d.9.8.	Feb.																																							
	27th		<p>12th Aust. I. Bde. moved to MERRIS Area by road via LOCRE and BAILLEUL. Company billeted in METEREN village. Coy. H. Q. at Sheet 27, X.15.d.9.8. Recommendations for General List, Honours and Rewards submitted (King's Birthday List).</p>	D.M.																																				
	28th		<p>General overhaul of guns, gear and equipment, etc. Capt. H. W. CROUCH, M.C. returned from U.K leave. 2335 Sgt. N. G. HAMLIN promoted C. S. M. as from 10-2-1918. 1750 Cpl. A. STUART proceeded to GRANTHAM to join staff of Aust. M. G. Training Depot.</p>	D.M.																																				
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WAR DIARY

OF

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FOR

FEBRUARY, 1918.**LIST OF APPENDICES.**

No.	Subject.
I	"Honours and Rewards."
II	Company Order 160. (Relief of 4th Aust. M. G. Coy. by 12th Aust. M. G. Coy)
III	Relief Order No. 2. (Relief of 12th Aust. M. G. Coy. by 4th Aust. M. G. Coy.)
IV	Report on Operations (6th to 21st February, 1918.)

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Appendix II

12th AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY.

Company Order No. 160.

Reference HOLLEBEKE
Special Sheet 1/10,000.

5th February, 1918.



- 1. The 12th Aust. M. G. Coy. will relieve the 4th Aust. M. G. Coy. on the night of the 6th inst.
- 2. The Company will be formed into 4 groups as shown in tabulated form :-

Group.	Officers.	Relieves.	No. of Guns	Section.
A	2/Lt. B.O'REILLY 2/Lt. J.GIBSON	Right Bty. at WHITE CHATEAU.	4	D
B	2/Lt. A.R. TREE	Centre Bty. at BATTLE WOOD.	4	B
C	2/Lt. W.WOOD	Left Bty. at IMPERIAL DUGOUTS	4	C
D	XXXX.XXXXXX 2/Lt. W.GREGSON	Forward Guns	4	A

- 3. The Company will entrain at KILMARNOCK at 12 noon, and detrain at SPOIL BANK.
Guides will meet Sections there at 1.30 p.m. and will take them to gun dumps and thence to positions.
- 4. Completion of relief will be notified to Coy. H. Q., time to be stated.
Disposition of ~~xxx~~ guns and Group H. Q. will also be notified.
- 5. All gun gear with exception of guns, spare parts, clinometers and T aiming posts will be taken over.
- 6. Cooking utensils for A, B, and C Groups will be taken.
- 7. Quartermaster will arrange to send sufficient candles for each group, and will also provide two primus stoves for forward guns.
- 8. Remaining portion of day's rations will be carried on the man. Rations for consumption on 7th inst. will be sent in bulk on the limbers.
- 9. Transport Officer will arrange to send limbers as follows :-
Rations and gun gear for A, B, C and D Groups will leave at 11.30 a.m.
One man per group will accompany the limber, and will remain on guard until sections arrive.
Limber for A Group will proceed to OAK DUMP and gun gear will be unloaded there.
Limber for remaining Groups will go to MOLEN DUMP.
Limber for Coy. H. Q. will leave at 12.30 p.m. and will be accompanied by Pte. SAARI.
- 10. Receipts will be given for all trench stores, maps and gun gear taken over.
Two copies of these receipts will be then sent to Coy. H. Q.
- 11. Arrangements are being made for A, B and C Groups to be in telephonic communication with Coy. H. Q.
- 12. All packs will be dumped in the Q. M's. Store by 10.0 a.m.
Greatcoats and one blanket will be placed in packs.
- 13. Spare parts boxes will not be taken. First aid wallets will be used in lieu.



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WORKS REPORT.

19th February, 1918

<u>Date.</u>	<u>Hours worked.</u>	<u>Work done.</u>	<u>Remarks.</u>
12-2-18	(a) 7 1/2 hrs. (b) 7 hrs.	Work on gun emplacements & trench. Salvaging material to complete revetment of trench & gun emplacements.	(a) Work on B near WHITE CHATEAU. (b) Work on B BATTLE WO
13-2-18	(a) 7 hrs. (b) 6 1/2 hrs.	Work on gun emplacements, belt-filling positions, etc. Digging trench & gun emplacements for battery positions.	Minor improvements have been carried out all Bty. positions.
14-2-18	(a) 3 hrs. (b) 7 hrs.	Completed trench: more work on improving gun emplacements. Trench & gun emplacements completed.	Duckboard tracks have been accommodated.
15-2-18	(a) 4 hrs. (b) 5 hrs.	Gun emplacements completed. Trench duckboarded & drained. Carrying ammunition from MOLEN DUMP to Battery position.	Drainage pipes installed.
16-2-18	(a) 6 1/2 hrs. (b) 4 hrs.	All gun positions further improved: duckboard tracks laid from Bty. H. Q. to gun positions. Improving gun positions. draining trench, etc.	A great deal of salvage has been carried out all positions. Work has been carried out at new positions.
17-2-18	(a) 6 1/2 hrs. (b) 5 hrs.	All trenches & positions thoroughly camouflaged. Trench dug from gun positions to gun crews' dugout. Improving crews' accommodation. Making tracks & general improvements.	Work at CANAL
18-2-18	(a) 3 hrs. (b) 4 hrs.	Gun positions improved. Belt-filling positions completed. Improving belt-filling positions; camouflaging trenches etc.	

Raymond H. H. H.
 Captain,
 C.C., 12th Aust. M. G. Company.



14. DRESS. Fighting Order, steel helmets, box respirators, one blanket and ground sheet.

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- 12 4th Aust. M. G. Coy.
- 13 D. M. G. O.

Sgd. D. S. MARTIN Captain.
C. O., 12th Aust. M. G. Coy.

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Signature: *S. S. ...*

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Captain. ~~...~~

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12th AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY.

Relief Order No. 2.

APPENDIX 3



Reference Special HOLLEBEKE MAP 1/10,000.

1. The 12th Aust. M. G. Coy. will be relieved by the 4th Aust. M. G. Coy. on the afternoon and evening of 21st February, 1918.
2. One guide from CANAL GUNS and one from FORWARD GUNS (Lt. CULLIMORE) will report to Coy. H. Q. at 12.30 p.m.
3. All gun gear with exception of guns, spare parts and clinometers will be handed over to incoming company.
Separate receipts in duplicate will be obtained and brought to Coy. H. Q.
4. All maps and trench stores will be handed over and receipts in triplicate obtained. Special precautions will be taken to see that everything is accounted for, such as gum boots, maps, etc.
5. On completion of relief officers in charge of guns will report to company H. Q.
6. Motor lorries will be at SPOIL BANK and will convey men to Transport Lines at SIEGE FARM.
7. Officers will see that the situation, S. O. S. barrage, etc., is thoroughly explained to relief.
8. Certificates will be obtained certifying as to the sanitation of dugouts, etc.
9. With exception of motor lorries, no other transport will be provided.

Acknowledge.

[Signature] Captain.
C. O., 12th Aust. M. G. Coy.

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7	"C" Group.	12	Transport Officer.

12th AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY.

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Appendix III

Report on Operations

APPENDIX 4

from 6th to 21st February, 1918.



Reference HOLLEBEKE Special Map 1/10,000.
Sheet 28 1/40,000.

1. The Company relieved the 4th Aust. M. G. Coy. in the ~~KINE~~ HOLLEBEKE Sector on the afternoon and evening of 6th February, 1918. The Sector extended from J.32.e.3.7. to O.12.a.2.5. Prior to relief reconnoitring parties were sent up to thoroughly reconnoitre the whole sector. Reconnoitring parties consisted as follows :-
2nd February 5 Officers 7 Other Ranks.
4th February 5 Officers 7 Other Ranks.
The Relief of the Barrage Guns was complete by 3.30 p.m., and of the Forward Guns by 7.0 p.m.
Relief was completed without casualty.
2. The greater part of the period was devoted to :-
 - (a) Making new battery positions, improving gun emplacements and accommodation, and making all positions habitable and systematic.
 - (b) By night and on misty days, harassing fire on enemy dugouts, tracks, trenches, posts and centres of movement, etc, was carried out, and was reported to cause annoyance to the enemy.
 - (c) On several occasions special shoots were carried out in co-operation with the artillery.
These shoots were composed as follows :-
 - 1 Battery of 18 pdrs.
 - 2 4.5" howitzers.
 - 12 machine guns.Fire was maintained for about 15 minutes.
The artillery fired an average of 1 round per minute, and the machine guns at the rate of 60 rounds per minute.
The fire was brought to bear on enemy dugouts and posts.
 - (d) Co-operation was attempted with infantry battalions, the machine guns being used to neutralize enemy machine gun fire, and also to cover the infantry patrols.
3. It was understood from the D. M. G. O. that the battery positions at BATTLE WOOD and WHITE CHATEAU were almost completed, but when they were taken over it was found that this was not the case, and this necessitated a great deal of work, as three guns at BATTLE WOOD and four at WHITE CHATEAU ~~were~~ had to be moved. Working parties at each battery positions of 20 men and 1 officer worked 3 days at the rate of 12 hours daily. Good work was done, and the guns were in their new positions on the night of the 9th February.
4. All guns of the batteries had direct fire positions which were to be occupied in case of a break-through. These guns were badly sited, and it was considered that it would be impossible for the guns to be moved, so a scheme was devised so that the inner defence could be covered from battery positions. This necessitated the withdrawal of the four Forward Guns, which were in positions of little tactical value. On the night of the 20th the two right

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Forward Guns were withdrawn and placed in shaft positions at CANAL DUGOUTS. The fields of fire for direct covering fire were good, and covered ground of importance. The two left Forward Guns had not been withdrawn by the time of our relief, but they were to be moved to positions that had been selected at I.36 Central (near KLEIN ZILLEBEKE).

- 5. Anti-aircraft guns were mounted at all battery positions, and were used frequently during the fine days. Armour piercing and tracer ammunition were used. The tracer appeared to be effective, as the enemy planes would always turn from it, and get out of range.
- 6. Closer co-operation than had hitherto been kept was attempted with the infantry, but there is still room for improvement. Section Officers visited Battalion Commanders daily and volunteered the service of the guns for covering patrols, etc. The ~~MLL~~ Liaison Officer frequently visited Right Group Artillery H. Q., and gathered information regarding useful targets. The Co O. visited the Brigade Commander daily, and kept in touch with Left and Right Machine Gun Companies.
The infantry have not yet sufficient confidence in the Vickers Machine Gun, and it is suggested that, if possible, lectures and demonstrations should be arranged for their benefit. They have a tendency to "duck" every time a machine gun fires over their heads, though the bullets are anything from 90 to 150 yards above their heads.
- 7. The company was relieved on the afternoon of 21st February, 1918 by the 4th Aust. M. G. Coy. Relief of WHITE CHATEAU, BATTLE WOOD, IMPERIAL DUGOUTS and CANAL DUGOUTS guns was complete by 3.0 p.m. Relief of two Forward Guns was complete by 7.0 p.m. Relief was carried out without casualty.
- 8. Transport and Quartermaster's duties were conducted by Lieut. E. P. C. UPTON in a satisfactory manner.
Rations. Rations were good, all ranks being well satisfied.
Water was drawn from water points, no shell-hole water being used.
Socks. Wet socks were exchanged for dry at Coy. H. Q.
Ammunition was kept up in accordance with instructions, 380,000 rounds being sent to Battery positions. Owing to shortage of KN ammunition, difficulty was experienced at the end of the tour in obtaining supplies. Permission was however granted by H. Q. M. G. (4th Aust. Div.) to draw on the reserve at the VOORMEZEELE dump. (Report on ammunition is attached to this report).
Spare Parts. A supply was kept at Coy. H. Q., and breakages were replaced from there.
- 9. (a) Casualties for period -
1 Other Rank wounded (M. G. fire, slight.)
(b) Sick evacuations -
Nil.
(c) Trench Feet cases -
Nil.

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10. The total ammunition expended for the period was :-
274,000 rounds, an average of nearly 18,000 rounds per
day of 24 hours.

This includes that expended on anti-aircraft work.

(a) IMPERIAL DUGOUTS Battery of 4 guns used 142,000 rounds.

(b) BATTLE WOOD Battery of 4 guns used 40,000 rounds.

(c) WHITE CHATEAU Battery of 4 guns used 92,000 rounds.

All guns fired well, and with the exception of the usual small breakages, there were no mishaps. No cases of nickelling in barrels occurred.

- 11.(a) The Front was quiet during the tour, and work was not hampered by shell fire. Enemy artillery ranged on various points, but the only M. G. positions ranged on were the two forward left guns. Undoubtedly the enemy knew they were there as his M. Gs fire was directed also on these positions in bursts of about 30 rounds per minute. The longest period these bursts were kept up was one hour.

- (b) The work of all ranks was good, and the relieving company expressed satisfaction at the state of the gun positions, dugouts and organization.

Good work by the following Officers, N. C. Os. and men deserves mention :-

Lieut. A. F. TAYLOR.

3617 Sgt. A. E. NICHOLLS.

Lieut. B. O'REILLY.

3726 Cpl. J. MATTEN.

Lieut. C. N. KING.

2784 L/Cpl. F. H. CASSELLS.

Lieut. W. H. WOOD.

476 Pte. L. L. CHAPPLE.

4302 Sgt. R. MILLER.

548 Pte. H. W. BISHOP.

1701 Sgt. A. ARMSTRONG.

Weather. During the period no snow fell, though there were several hard frosts. Visibility was generally bad owing to mists and cloudy days. Slight rain fell on two days.

J. Martin
C. O., 12th Aust. M. G. Coy. Captain.

- Note. - (a) Daily summaries of intelligence)
(b) Disposition Reports.) are attached to
(c) Works Reports.) War Diary copies.
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Disposition Report.

6th February, 1918.

12TH AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY.	
No.	.....
Date	.....

Guns are disposed as follows :-

"D". Forward Guns.

J.31.c.18.30.
 J.31.c.15.18.
 P.1.a.00.55.
 O.6.b.90.46.

"A". Battery Guns.

O.10.b.54.65.
 O.10.b.54.70.
 O.4.d.96.70.
 O.5.c.78.18.

"B" Battery Guns.

I.35.d.23.21.
 I.35.d.25.31.
 I.35.d.40.32.
 I.35.d.51.39.

"C" Battery Guns.

I.36.a.28.00.
 I.36.a.32.08.
 I.36.a.35.12.
 I.36.a.38.18.

Company H. Q. at SPOIL BANK, NORTH STREET, "D" TUNNEL.

S. Martin Captain.
 C. O., 12th Aust. M. G. Coy.

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12th AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY.

Intelligence Summary No. 1.

Period ending 6.0 a.m. on 7-2-1918.

12TH AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY.
No.....
Date.....

Our Operations -

Artillery - 18 pdrs. on left of sector firing intermittently from 3.0 p.m. to 4.0 p.m.

Aircraft - In-active during night.

M. Gs. - Owing to relief no firing was done during the period.

Hostile Activity -

Artillery - Enemy shelled KLEINE ZILLEBEKE with light shells at 3.15 p.m. About 12 rounds were fired. About 25 5.9 H.E. shells fired about 0.5.e.30.60, between 4.0 a.m. and 4.30 a.m. BATTLE WOOD and TRANSPORT CORNER intermittently shelled from 3.30 p.m. to 10.0 p.m.

Aircraft - One machine flew over our lines about 2.0 p.m., and was engaged by our anti-aircraft guns and M. Gs.

M. Gs. - During the night enemy M. Gs. played on the vicinity of JARROCK'S FARM. Medium bursts were used about every half-hour.

12th AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY.

Intelligence Summary No. 2.

Period ending 6.0 a.m. on 8-2-1918.

12TH AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY.
No.....
Date.....

Our Operations -

Artillery - 18 pdrs. fairly active at 8.15 p.m. carrying out bombardment for 10 minutes. Our artillery shelled vicinity of LINKS WOOD and buildings in front of ZANDVOORDE. Good effect noticed.

Aircraft - Inactive owing to inclement weather.

Patrols - 2 sent out from vicinity of JARROCK'S FARM (by infantry).

M. Gs. - 4 guns from "C" Group at I.36.a.21.02 carried out harassing fire throughout the night. Targets - trenches and tracks at P.8.a.43.03 and P.7.c32.50. Ammunition expended 6000 rounds.

Enemy Activity -

Artillery - Quiet during morning. MOLEN DUMP shelled at 12, noon. Dump at I.36.a.20.20 shelled at 3.0 p.m. Between 5.20 p.m. and 5.40 p.m. about 40 rounds of 77s were placed in vicinity of JARROCK'S FARM and 0.6.b.95.49. No damage was done. Between 8.30 p.m. and 9.30 p.m. artillery was active on right sector and vicinity of WHITE CHATEAU.

Aircraft - Inactive owing to bad weather.

M. Gs. - Active about 1.0 a.m. enfilading our guns near JARROCK'S FARM.

Miscellaneous - Enemy artillery apparently firing from about P.3.a.40.30 Arrangements made with 45th Btn. for a bombing post to be placed at J.31.c.35.30.

S. MacIntyre
Captain.
C. O., 12th Aust. M. G. Coy.

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APPENDIX 4

12th AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY.

12TH AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY.	
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Intelligence Summary No. 1.

Period ending 6.0 a.m. on 7-2-1918.

Our Operations -

Artillery - 18 pdrs. on left of sector firing intermittently from 3.0 p.m. to 4.0 p.m.

Aircraft - In-active during night.

M. Gs. - Owing to relief no firing was done during the period.

Hostile Activity -

Artillery - Enemy shelled KLEINE ZILLEBEKE with light shells at 3.15 p.m. About 12 rounds were fired. About 25 5.9 H.E. shells fired about 0.5.e.30.60, between 4.0 a.m. and 4.30 a.m. BATTLE WOOD and TRANSPORT CORNER intermittently shelled from 3.30 p.m. to 10.0 p.m.

Aircraft - One machine flew over our lines about 2.0 p.m., and was engaged by our anti-aircraft guns and M. Gs.

M. Gs. - During the night enemy M. Gs. played on the vicinity of JARROCK'S FARM. Medium bursts were used about every half-hour.

S. H. ...

Captain.

C. O., 12th Aust. M. G. Coy.

12th AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY.

Intelligence Summary No. 3.

Period ending 6.0 a.m. on 9-2-1918.

12TH AUSTRALIAN
MACHINE GUN
COMPANY.No.....
Date.....Our Operations -

Artillery - Our artillery was fairly active with light batteries during the afternoon and again at night. Heavies active at times. Good effects noticed.

Aircraft - Our machines went over enemy territory about 12.0 midnight and returned at 3.0 a.m. They were engaged by enemy anti-aircraft guns and M. Gs. fire.

M. Gs. - Barrage Group of M. Gs. were firing intermittently throughout the night from positions near IMPERIAL DUGOUTS. Targets engaged were centres movement, tracks and tram-lines at P.7.c.32.50, P.7.a.80.40 and P.8.a.10.45.
Ammunition expended 5000 rounds.

Enemy Activity -

Artillery - Shelled KLEINE ZILLEBEKE at 11.15 a.m. and 3.0 p.m. with light shells. About 60 H. E. shells dropped in the vicinity of WHITE CHATEAU between 3.0 p.m. and 3.30 p.m. Gas shells and 5.9s intermittently fired on BATTLE WOOD and TRANSPORT CORNER ~~xxx~~ between 4.0 p.m. and midnight. Artillery active in the vicinity of our Forward Guns. Working parties seemed to attract this fire. About 10% of shells fired on Forward Areas were "duds".

Trench Mortars - Fairly active on Supports and in vicinity of Forward Guns.

M. Gs. - Inactive during the night.

Identifications - Enemy signal lamp operating from railway bank in O.12.b central. In use just after dark, and early hours of the morning.

Miscellaneous - Our aircraft went over during the night and dropped bombs apparently with good effect. They were heavily engaged by A. A. guns and M. Gs.

J. H. Macdonald Captain.
C. O., 12th Aust. M. G. Coy.

12th AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY.

Intelligence Summary No. 4.

Period ending 6.0 a.m. on 10-2-1918.

12TH AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY.	
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Our Operations -

Artillery - Our light artillery was fairly active during the day, LINKS WOOD being straafted at frequent intervals. Vicinity of Lock 5 was shelled about 11.15 a.m. Shooting appeared to be good.

Patrols - Usual patrol activity by infantry.

Aircraft - Fairly quiet, a few bombing and scouting machines going over during the period.

M. Gs. - Our M. Gs. were active during the night, taking part in the special shoot at 4.30 a.m., the following targets being engaged :- GAME COPSE; CHALK FARM at P.1.c.95.10. During the remainder of the night the usual harassing fire was carried out on tracks and centres of movement at P.8.a.10.45, P.7.a.80.40, ~~RXXXX~~ P.7.c.32.50, TUBE CROSS ROADS at P.8.a.33.80, and roads running East and West in P.7.a. During the shoot our guns acted in co-operation with artillery and trench mortars. Ammunition expended 15,500 rounds.

Enemy Activity -

Artillery - Enemy shelled ridge intermittently from I.36.a.50.63 to I.36.d.00.80 with 4.2s, being especially heavy at 3.45 p.m. MOLEN DUMP and vicinity shelled at 8.30 p.m., 5.9 H. E. and shrapnel being used. Support lines shelled intermittently as usual. Right sector received very little attention.

Aircraft - Enemy machine crossed our lines about 4.0 p.m., flying at a fairly low altitude, was heavily engaged by our anti-aircraft and Machine Guns and driven off.

M. Gs. - Inactive during the period.

Trench Mortars - Fairly active on positions on the right of our Forward M. Gs.

Identifications - Signal lights again noticed flashing at frequent intervals from the direction of WERVICQ.

Dispositions - Our dispositions unchanged.

J. H. Martin Captain.
C. O., 12th Aust. M. G. Coy.

12th AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY.

Disposition Report.

10th February, 1918.

12TH AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY.
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Dispositions of Guns have been altered.

Guns are now distributed as follows :-

"A" Battery.

No. 1 Gun.	0.10.b.58.65.
2.	0.10.b.65.72.
3	0.10.b.66.76.
4	0.10.b.70.82.

"B" Battery.

No. 5 Gun	I.35.d.41.22.
6	I.35.d.48.24.
7	I.35.d.53.26.
8	I.35.d.60.29.

"C" Battery.

No. 9 Gun.	I.36.a.28.00.
10	I.36.a.32.08.
11	I.36.a.35.12.
12	I.36.a.38.18

"D" Battery - Forward Guns.

No. 13 Gun	P.1.a.25.50.
14	P.1.a.25.55.
15	J.31.c.15.18.
16	J.31.c.18.30.

Direct Fire Positions for these guns for Inner Defence Scheme are as follows :-

No. 1 Gun	0.10.b.59.61.	No. 9	I.36.c.81.81.
2	0.10.b.60.72.	10	I.36.c.80.86.
3	0.5.c.15.12.	11	I.36.b.13.12
4	0.5.c.15.20.	12	I.36.b.17.16.
5	I.35.d.42.18.	13)	
6.	I.35.d.43.22.	14)	Same as
7	I.35.d.50.60.	15)	above.
8	I.35.d.60.62.	16)	

D. L. Martin Captain.
C. O., 12th Aust. M. G. Coy.

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12th AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY.

Intelligence Summary No. 5.

Period ending 6.0 a.m. on 11-2-1918.

12TH AUSTRALIAN
MACHINE GUN
COMPANY.

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Our Operations -

Artillery - Light artillery shelled enemy front line with H. E. and shrapnel intermittently during the day. At 10.0 p.m. a heavy bombardment opened up, lasting till 10.45 p.m.

Patrols - Usual patrol activity by our infantry.

M. Gs. - Our M. Gs. carried out the usual harassing fire during the night. Targets fired on were :- KIKI FARM at P.8.c.30.90; dugout and trenches at P.2.b.90.75; and tracks at P.7.c.32.50. Ammunition expended 12,000 rounds.

Enemy Activity -

Artillery - IMPERIAL DUGOUTS were shelled at 6.55 p.m. with 4.2s and 7.7s. At 8.0 p.m. railway embankment was shelled. At 11.0 p.m. JARRACK'S FARM was shelled with gas. On the right enemy answered our bombardment at 10.0 p.m., about 50 H. E. shells falling in the vicinity of WHITE CHATEAU, and our right M. G. battery position. No Damage was done.

Aircraft - None were observed during the period.

M. Gs. - Indirect fire, apparently from the direction of FUNNY FARM fell in the vicinity of our M. G. battery position near IMPERIAL DUGOUTS.

Miscellaneous - During our bombardment at 10.0 p.m. many flares were sent up, a number of coloured ones being noticed.

Disposition - Our dispositions are the same as notified last night.

J. Hart Captain.
C. O., 12th Aust. M. G. Coy.

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12th AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY.

Intelligence Summary No. 6.

Period ending 6.0 a.m. on 12-2-1918.

12TH AUSTRALIAN
MACHINE GUN
COMPANY.

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Our Operations -

Artillery -

Our artillery was fairly quiet during 24 hours. 18 pdrs. were active between 5.55 p.m. and 6.0 p.m.

Aircraft -

Inactive as usual.

Patrols -

Usual activity by infantry.

M. Gs. -

Our barrage M. Gs. fired intermittently throughout the night from positions near IMPERIAL DUGOUTS and WHITE CHATEAU. Targets engaged were :- Road running E. and W. in P.7.a; KIKI FARM, P.8.c.30.90; TUBE X-ROADS at P.8.a.33.80; and dugout at P.2.b.90.75. Ammunition expended ~~xxx~~ 14,000 rounds.

Enemy Activity -

Artillery -

Quieter than usual during the period. Between 2.15 p.m. and 2.30 p.m. enemy shelled vicinity of IMPERIAL DUGOUTS and BATTLE WOOD with 77s and 4.2s. At 11.0 p.m. enemy fired on Support Line with a small gun of "whiz-bang" type, about 33 rounds being fired. No other activity.

Aircraft. -

Inactive. At 4.0 p.m. one enemy plane was observed patrolling enemy front, but did not venture to cross our lines.

M. Gs. -

Again active on our M. G. positions near IMPERIAL DUGOUTS, firing bursts at irregular intervals.

Miscellaneous -

Enemy very quiet during 24 hours. Very few flares put up during the night.

D. Hauber Captain.
C. O., 12th Aust. M. G. Coy.

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12th AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY.

WORKS REPORT.

12th February, 1918.

12TH AUSTRALIAN
MACHINE GUN
COMPANY.

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<u>Date.</u>	<u>Hours worked.</u>	<u>Work Done.</u>	<u>Remarks.</u>
7-2-18.	(a) 5½ hrs.	Dismantling revetments to enable Gun Emplacements to be dug.	(a) Work on Bty. near WHITE CHATEAU.
	(b) 7½ hrs.	Digging gun emplacements and trench.	(b) Work in Bty. in BATTLE WOOD.
8-2-18.	(a) 7 hrs.	Commenced dismantling trench & digging new gun emplacements.	Work has been carried out by crews at IMPERIAL BTY.
	(b) 7½ hrs.	Digging gun emplacements & trench. Revetting same.	Strengthening dug-outs, erecting belt-filling positions.
9-2-18.	(a) 9 hrs.	More work on gun emplacements & trench.	Deepening gun-pits. Carrying Ammunition.
	(b) 7½ hrs.	Digging gun emplacements & trench. Revetting same.	Digging drains & making tracks.
10-2-18.	(a) 7 hrs.	More work on gun emplacements. Pill-box drained & cleaned for living purposes. Ammunition moved.	Salvaging & general cleaning up at all positions.
	(b) 7½ hrs.	Digging gun emplacements & trench. Revetting same.	
11-2-18.	(a) 7 hrs.	More work on emplacements. Pill-box finished & filled with bombs.	Proper pits made for anti-aircraft guns.
	(b) 7½ hrs.	Digging gun emplacements & trench. Revetting same.	

G. O.
G. O., 12th Aust. M. G. Coy. Captain.

12th AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY.

Intelligence Summary No. 7.

Period ending 6.0 a.m. on 13-2-1918.

12TH AUSTRALIAN
MACHINE GUN
COMPANY.No.....
Date.....Our Operations -

Artillery - Heavies and light guns fairly active, shelling intermittently during the 24 hours. Heavies shelled COMINES between 3.0 p.m. and 3.30 p.m. 18 pdrs. fired on LINKS WOOD with good effect.

Aircraft - Inactive.

Patrols - Usual activity by Infantry Units.

M. Gs. - Our M. Gs. from batteries at IMPERIAL DUGOUTS and WHITE CHATEAU carried out harassing fire intermittently throughout the night. Targets engaged :- P.8.a.70.25; P.7.a.87.44; P.7.c.90.80; P.7.a.12.25; and P.7.c.95.25. Ammunition expended 20,000 rounds.

Enemy Operations -

Artillery - Enemy artillery was fairly ~~quiet~~ quiet during the period. Front Line and KLEIN ZILLEBEKE shelled with 77s at 10.15 a.m. and 3.0 p.m. Between 3.0 p.m. and 4.0 p.m. enemy shelled Support Line in vicinity of JARROCK'S FARM with 5.9s. OPAQUE WOOD and OLAF AVENUE shelled intermittently during the afternoon with 5.9s.

Aircraft - At 4.10 p.m. an enemy aeroplane flew across our Line at a low altitude. It was engaged by our Lewis gunners, riflemen, A. A. guns and Vickers guns, and eventually driven off.

Miscellaneous - Dark, misty night, observation being bad.

J. Schachtin Captain.
C. O., 12th Aust. M. G. Coy.

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12th AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY.

Intelligence Summary No. 8.

Period ending 6.0 a.m. on 14-2-1918.

12TH AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY.	
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Our Operations -

Artillery - During the night our 18 pdrs. were fairly active firing salvoes and gun fire. Heavies also active about 11.0 p.m. Remainder of period quiet.

Patrols - Usual activity by Infantry Units.

Aircraft - Inactive.

M. Gs. - Our M. G. batteries from IMPERIAL DUGOUTS and WHITE CHATEAU carried out more than the usual harassing fire during the night, the idea being to cover relief of the Infantry. Targets engaged :- CHALK FARM and tracks in vicinity; fortified shell-holes and tracks at P.7.a.15.65; and GAME COPSE. Ammunition expended, 23,000 rounds.

Enemy Activity -

Artillery - Quieter than usual. At 5.15 p.m. a few shells were fired on RAILWAY TRENCH. From 7.0 p.m. till 8.30 p.m. OLAF AVENUE, BATTLE WOOD and CANAL DUGOUTS were shelled with gas shells. Our Support Line at P.1.a.2.6 was shelled intermittently with 5.9s.

M. Gs. - Enemy M. Gs. fired a great deal on the vicinity of JARROCK'S FARM, apparently from direction of P.1.e.

Aircraft - Inactive.

Miscellaneous - Weather extremely dull, with a continual mist, and sleety rain. Visibility bad.

J. H. Martin Captain.
C. O., 12th Aust. M. G. Coy.

12th AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY.

Intelligence Summary No. 9.

Period ending 6.0 a.m. on 15-2-1918.

12TH AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY.	
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Our Operations -

Artillery - Artillery active at different periods. From 3.0 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. 18 pdrs. were active. Heavy guns active from 5.20 p.m. to 5.40 p.m., excellent results being obtained on a dugout in front of our Forward Guns.

Aircraft - Inactive.

Patrols - Usual activity by Infantry.

M. Gs. - Our M. Gs., taking advantage of bad weather, were active throughout the period. Intermittent fire was kept up from 10.0 a.m. till dawn. Special shoots were carried out on LOCK 4, 8 guns being concentrated there. Targets engaged :- P.2.e.05.90, CIRCUS POINT (preventing enemy artillery while our troops patrolled CHALK FARM); P.8.e.30.90; P.8.a.70.25; TUBE X-ROADS; tracks at P.7.a.80.40; PIE FARM; PUMP FARM; traversed from LOCK 5 to LOCK 4. Ammunition expended 28.500 rounds.

Enemy Activity -

Artillery - Battery Salvoes of 77s were fired on our Supports at 6.0 p.m. At 5.55 p.m. till 6.5 p.m. enemy put up a brisk bombardment with 775 on ridge running EAST of IMPERIAL DUGOUTS. Otherwise artillery quiet during the period.

Aircraft - Inactive.

M. Gs. - M. Gs. active on our battery at WHITE CHATEAU from 2.30 p.m. till 5.0 p.m., and on our Forward Guns from 6.0 p.m. till 9.0 p.m.

D. Strain Captain.
C. O., 12th Aust. M. G. Coy.

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12th AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY.

Intelligence Summary No. 10.

Period ending 6.0 a.m. on 16-2-1918.

Our operations -

Artillery - Our artillery was active during the afternoon, guns of heavy calibre firing a great deal between 5.0 p.m. and 5.45 p.m. Numerous targets were engaged, apparently with success.

Patrols - Usual activity by infantry formations.

Aircraft - A few scouting machines seen during the day, 6 passing over our lines at 10.0 a.m.

M. Gs. - Our machine guns were very active from dusk to daylight, guns firing from IMPERIAL DUGOUTS, BATTLE WOOD and WHITE CHATEAU. Targets engaged :- Neutralizing fire on CIRCUS POINT from 11.30 p.m. to 11.40 p.m.; rapid fire was carried out by 4 guns of "C" Battery on DAMP COPSE at P.2.a.70.90, medium fire till 12.0 midnight, and from 12.0 midnight till 6.0 a.m. neutralizing fire. Other targets engaged :- TUBE X-ROADS; tracks near DAMP COPSE; EAST FARM; PIE FARM; PUMP FARM; tracks from LOCK 5 to LOCK 4. Ammunition expended 41,500 rounds.

Enemy Activity -

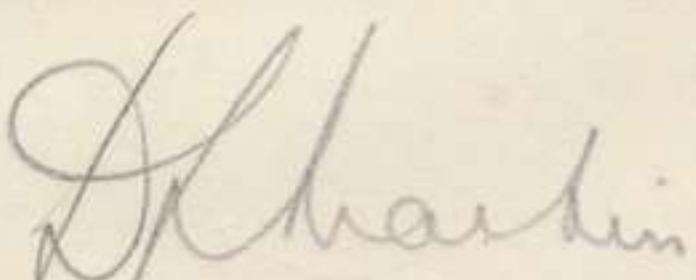
Artillery - 30 5.9 H. E. shells fell in vicinity of WHITE CHATEAU from 10.0 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. Shrapnel and gas shells on OLAF AVENUE and BATTLE WOOD at 7.0 p.m. Working parties in saps near JARROCK'S FARM shelled at 11.0 a.m., between 8.0 p.m. and 9.0 p.m. and at 12.0 midnight.

Aircraft - One enemy plane was seen flying over enemy lines at 10.0 a.m. and again at 2.0 p.m., and was engaged by our A. A. guns. From 4.45 p.m. to 5.20 p.m. it flew over our lines, was heavily engaged by our A. A. guns and eventually driven off.

Trench Mortars - Heavy trench mortars engaged our Support Line in front of WHITE CHATEAU between 8.30 p.m. and 9.30 p.m.

M. Gs. - Intermittent fire in short bursts on our guns at IMPERIAL DUGOUTS and our Forward Guns, apparently from directions of FUNNY FARM and LOCK 5.

Miscellaneous - Sharp frost during the night. Weather bright and clear. Visibility good.


Captain.
C. O., 12th Aust. M. G. Coy.

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12th AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY.

Intelligence Summary No. 11.

Period ending 6.0 a.m. on 17-2-1918.

12TH AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY.	
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Our Operations -

Artillery - Our artillery was more active than usual during the day, many targets being ~~engaged~~ engaged. LOCKS 4 and 5 were shelled intermittently. Counter-battery work carried out by heavies.

Aircraft - Our aircraft were very active during the day, many planes crossing the enemy's lines.

M. Gs. - Our M. Gs. were active from 7.0 p.m. till 9.0 p.m., when all firing was stopped owing to the infantry imagining that our bullets were falling short (this is, of course, absurd). Targets engaged were :- LOCK 4; dugouts near DEVIL'S ELBOW; and a CIRCUS POINT. Ammunition expended 16,000 rounds.

During the day our A. A. M. Gs. engaged many enemy aircraft, helping to drive them off. Ammunition expended on aircraft 3,000 rounds.

Enemy Activity -

Artillery - Enemy artillery was more active than usual. WHITE CHATEAU and BOW H. Q. shelled with 5.9s. LONE HOUSE shelled from 3.40 a.m. to 4.0 a.m. with 5.9s. OLAF AVENUE, OPAQUE WOOD, TRANSPORT CORNER, THE BLUFF and CANAL WALK shelled intermittently throughout the day with 5.9s.

Aircraft - Enemy aircraft very active during the day, on several occasions flying low ~~over~~ over our lines. These were engaged by our A. A. guns and M. Gs. and eventually driven off. They showed great enterprise and daring.

M. Gs. - M. Gs. from GAME COPSE and other places were active during the night, firing on our Support Line, posts, and battery M. G. positions.

A. Martin Captain.
C. O., 12th Aust. M. G. Coy.

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Intelligence Summary No. 12.

Period ending 6.0 a.m. on 18-2-1918.

12TH AUSTRALIA
MACHINE GUN
COMPANY.

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Date.....

Our Operations -

Artillery - Our artillery (18 pdrs.) have been fairly quiet during the period. Heavies have been fairly active at times on counter battery work and shelling back areas.

Patrols - Usual activity ~~during the day~~ by infantry units.

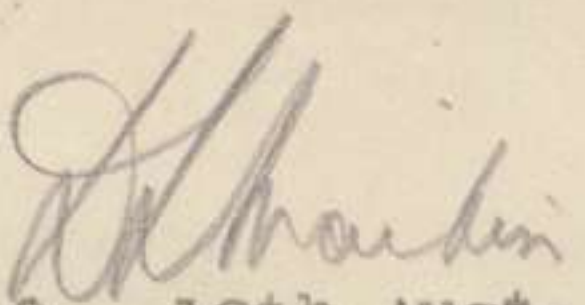
Aircraft - Very active during the day. During the night many bombs were dropped on the enemy's lines.

M. Gs. - Usual activity, harassing fire being carried out during the night. Targets engaged :- KIKI FARM; P.2.b.90.75; P.7.c.32.50; PEN HO.; CHALK FARM; BASSEVILLE FARM. Ammunition expended 14,000 rounds.

Enemy Activity -

Artillery - Enemy artillery less active. WHITE CHATEAU shelled between 12.30 p.m. and 1.30 p.m. with 15 5.9s. IMPERIAL DUGOUTS bombarded with 4.2s at about 9.0 p.m.

Aircraft - Enemy aircraft active during the day, several planes being heavily engaged by our A. A. and M. Gs. Ammunition expended by our M. Gs. 6,000 rounds.

 Captain.
C. O., 12th Aust. M. G. Coy.

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12th AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY.

Intelligence Report No. 13.

Period ending 6.0 p.m. on 19-2-1918.

12TH AUSTRALIAN
MACHINE GUN
COMPANY.

No.
Date

Our Operations -

Artillery - Our artillery was fairly quiet, except for bursts of activity by our heavies. At 6.0 a.m. a bombardment was carried out on our left.

Patrols - Usual activity by infantry, strong patrols being kept out all night without intermission.

Aircraft - Active during the period, especially early in the morning, continually patrolling the enemy's line.

M. Gs. - Our M. Gs. carried out the usual harassing fire during the night. Targets engaged :- Roads and tracks near HOLLE-BEKE CHATEAU; CIRCUS POINT; BASSEVILLE FARM; P.8.a.70.25; P.8.a.10.4; P.7.c.32.50; CHALK FARM and CHATEAU FARM. Ammunition expended 19,250 rounds.

During the day our M. Gs. heavily engaged enemy aircraft, driving them off on many occasions. Ammunition expended 7,750 rounds.

Enemy Activity -

Artillery - Quiet throughout the period. SHERWOOD DUMP received the usual attention during the day, especially between 12.15 p.m. and 1.0 p.m.

Aircraft - Enemy aircraft very active, some planes flying very low over our lines. They appear to pay particular attention to the ground between the Support Line and our Battery positions. They were heavily engaged by our A. A. M. Gs., Lewis guns and rifles, but without apparent success.

M. Gs. - M. Gs. active during the night, firing on our Forward Guns, apparently from the direction of DAMP DOPSE and MAY FARM.

Miscellaneous - Weather fine and cold, freezing during the night
Wind mild.

D. J. Sheridan

Captain.
C. O., 12th Aust. M. G. Coy.

12th AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY.

WORKS REPORT.

19th February, 1918.

12TH AUSTRALIAN
MACHINE GUN
COMPANY.

<u>Date.</u>	<u>Hours worked.</u>	<u>Work done.</u>	<u>Remarks.</u>
13-2-18	(a) 7½ hrs. (b) 7 hrs.	Work on gun emplacements & trench. Salvaging material to complete revetment of trench & gun emplacements.	(a) Work on Bty. near WHITE CHATEAU. (b) Work on Bty. in BATTLE WOOD.
13-2-18.	(a) 7 hrs. (b) 6½ hrs.	Work on gun emplacements, belt-filling positions, etc. Digging trench & gun emplacements for battery positions.	Minor improvements have been carried out at all Bty. positions.
14-2-18.	(a) 3 hrs. (b) 7 hrs.	Completed trench: more work on improving gun emplacements. Trench & gun emplacements completed.	Duckboard tracks have been made; accommodation improved, proper drainage system installed
15-2-18.	(a) 4 hrs. (b) 5 hrs.	Gun emplacements completed. Trench duckboarded & drained. Carrying ammunition from MOLEN HUMP to Battery position.	A great deal of Salvage has been carried out at all positions.
16-2-18.	(a) 6½ hrs. (b) 4 hrs.	All gun positions further improved: duckboard tracks laid from Bty. H. Q. to gun positions. Improving gun positions. draining trench, etc.	Work has been carried out on new positions at CANAL DUGOUTS
17-2-18.	(a) 6½ hrs. (b) 5 hrs.	All trenches & positions thoroughly camouflaged. Trench dug from gun positions to gun crews' dugout. Improving crews' accommodation. Making tracks & general improvements.	
18-2-18.	(a) 5 hrs. (b) 4 hrs.	Gun positions improved. Belt-filling positions completed. Improving belt-filling positions; camouflaging trenches etc.	

Raymond H. P. J. Captain.
C.O., 12th Aust. M. G. Company.

12th AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY.

Intelligence Summary No. 14.

Period ending 6.0 a.m. on 20-2-1918.

12TH AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY.	
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Date.....	

Our Operations -

Artillery - Our artillery was fairly quiet during the day. At 9.0 p.m. a brisk bombardment opened up on our right, guns of all calibre taking part. It lasted for 20 minutes.

Patrols - Usual activity by infantry units.

Trench Mortars - Trench mortars bombarded DAMP COPSE between 8.0 p.m. and 9.0 p.m.

Aircraft - Active throughout the day, continually patrolling our lines from dawn till dusk. About midday our planes brought down a German machine, which fell in the vicinity of SANDBAG BRIDGE.

M. Gs. - Our guns were active throughout the night, the usual harassing fire being maintained. Targets engaged:- Dugouts at P.7.d.90.80; tracks and dugouts at P.7.e.90.35; LOCK 4; road running East and West in P.7.a; TUBE X-ROADS; dugouts and tracks at CIRCUS POINT; tracks at BASSEVILLE FARM. Ammunition expended 22,250 rounds.

Enemy Activity -

Artillery - Enemy artillery fairly quiet during the period. BATTLE WOOD shelled during the afternoon with 5.9s.

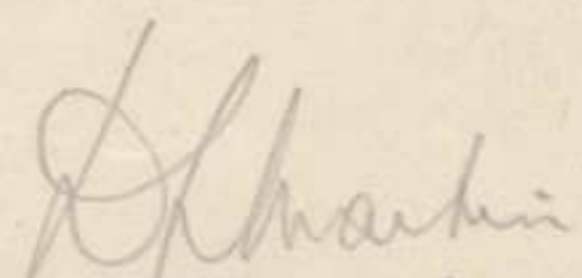
M. Gs. - Enemy M. Gs. active from 6.30 p.m. onwards, indirect fire being directed on our Forward Guns.

Aircraft - Enemy aircraft fairly active during the day, occasionally flying low over our lines. They were engaged heavily by our A. A. guns and M. Gs. and driven off.

Miscellaneous - Weather still fine and calm. Visibility practically nil till 10.0 a.m. owing to ground mists.

Dispositions - The following dispositions have been altered :-
Two Right Forward Guns have been moved to CANAL DUGOUTS and are now situated at

- 0.5.b.70.65.
- 0.5.b.65.65.


 Captain.
 C. O., 12th Aust. M. G. Coy.

Apr 4

12th AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY.

Intelligence Summary No. 15.

Period ending 6.0 a.m. on 21-2-1918.

12TH AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY.	
No. ....	.....
Date .....	.....

Our Operations -

Artillery - Our 18 pdrg. active at intervals during the period, good shooting being observed on pill-boxes and wire in front of our Forward Guns. LOCKS 4 and 5 were shelled during the afternoon with apparent good results.

Aircraft - A few of our planes patrolled enemy's line about midday.

M. Gs. - Our M. Gs. were active during the night, carrying out harassing fire on the following targets:- LOCK 4; tracks at P.7.c.80.40; dugouts at P.7.c.80.40 and P.2.c.12.85; tracks at P.7.c.32.50, P.7.b.35.95, P.7.c.90.35; NAPOO FARM and KIKI FARM. Ammunition expended 20,250 rounds.

Enemy Aircraft Activity -

Artillery - At 12.30 p.m. and 2.30 p.m. a few 5.9s were fired in the rear of our Forward Guns, 50% being "duds." At 9.30 p.m. about 20 gas shells were fired on WHITE CHATEAU. A few 5.9s and 4.2s were fired on the BLUFF between 10.30 a.m. and 11.0 a.m.

Aircraft - Inactive. Only one machine seen.

M. Gs. - Very quiet throughout the period.

Dispositions - Unaltered.

Miscellaneous - Weather very misty and dull with drizzling rain.
Visibility bad.

J. H. ... Captain.
C. O., 12th Aust. M. G. Coy.

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12th AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY.

Tactical Lessons learnt during Recent Operations.

22nd February, 1918.

12TH AUSTRALIAN
MACHINE GUN
COMPANY.

Owing to the quiet nature of the front on which this Unit was employed, there were few opportunities of any tactical or technical lessons being learnt.

Experience again proved that there must be the closest possible liaison and co-operation with the infantry and artillery. A great deal of help can be given to infantry patrols by bringing fire to bear, on suspected enemy M. G. positions and posts, thus covering the patrols and allowing them to gather fullest information.

Co-operation with artillery is also of value, as special shoots can be arranged, which are undoubtedly useful.

The question of the distribution of guns gives rise to a great deal of argument, but in my opinion the following policy should be adopted :-

(a) Forward Guns should be abolished, and distributed on the Reserve Line. The present establishment of Lewis Guns to a Battalion is sufficient to cope with front line work, and being far more mobile than Vickers Guns should be of greater value. During the last tour in the line I had four guns forward, and although they had good fields of fire, I feel certain that, should the Hun have made any kind of attack, they would have very quickly been scrapped.

(b) The distribution of at least 12 guns into batteries of four guns is a good policy, as they are well under control, and can therefore be switched on to any given point. These guns however should be sited with a view to bringing direct fire to bear as well as indirect fire, and if possible should cover vulnerable spots, ~~snags~~ or as the tactical situation demands.

(c) The remaining four guns should be "silent guns" and should be sited in pairs according to the tactical situation.

(d) The usual S. O. S. barrage should be laid out, but in my opinion care should be taken to see that spots where an attack is most likely to come from should be well covered, allowing say 40 to 50 yards per gun.

L. Martin
Captain.
C. O., 12th Aust. M. G. Coy.

Copies to -

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5 D. M. G. C.

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H. Q.,
12th Aust. I. Bde.

P. 36.

22nd February, 1918.

12TH AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY.	
No. ....	.....
Date	.....

Reference Q. 198 of 21st February, 1918.

The following brands of ammunition were used during the last tour in the line :-

K & KN, RL & J.

K & KN - A great deal used. Found to be excellent ammunition.

RL - A fair amount used and found fairly reliable. The main faults in this ammunition are
(a) Thick rims.
(b) Bad charges, causing misfires.

J - A little used, and found to be bad and unreliable. As many as 50 No. 4 Stoppages occurred in a belt of 250 rounds. The charges appear to be all powder and practically no cordite, and consequently misfires occur frequently. On several occasions the force of explosion was only sufficient to drive the bullet half-way down the barrel.

Past experience in the use of numerous brands of ammunition has conclusively proved that the most reliable ammunition is K or KN, and in my opinion ~~if~~ if this ammunition is obtainable it is the only kind that should be used for Machine Gun work. If not obtainable, the next best brand is RL, but failing the ~~surely~~ supply of these two brands, I should consider it ~~not~~ advisable that no other brand be used.

D. Martin

Captain.

C. C., 12th Aust. M. G. Coy.

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5 Brigade.

12th AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY.

List of Articles Salvaged.

From 6th to 21st February, 1918.

12TH AUSTRALIA MACHINE GUN COMPANY.	
No.....	.....
Date.....	.....

Article.	Number.	Article.	Number.
Rifles M.L.E. (Short)	74	Steel Helmets	1
Bayonets	10	Belts, Web Equipment	5
Lewis Gun Magazines	55	Mess Tins	1
Entrenching Tools	5	Food Containers	1
Picks	22	Ammunition Boxes and Belts (Vickers)	6
Shovels	25	Pouches	4
Rum Jars	10	Packs, Web	1
D.2 Reels, Signalling	2	S. A. A. Boxes	72
Equipments, Web	29	Lewis Gun Bipods	1
Sandbags of S.A.A		Water Bottle Carriers	3
Empty Shells	62	Vickers M. G. Tripod	
Stretchers	3	Mark IV	1
Water Bottles	11	Camp Kettles	3
Haversacks	7	Cirsingle	1
Ropes, Pack Saddlery	1	Lewis Gun	1
Box Respirators	4		

J. H. Martin Captain.
C. O., 12th Aust. M. G. Coy.

6th 12th M G Coy

Relief completed at
4.30 p.m.

Disposition No 1 Gun
010 B 5465

No 2 Gun 010 b 5470

No 3 Gun 04 d 9670

No 4 Gun 05 c 7818

I find present positions
impossible for battery
fire will carry on with
work started by 4 M G Coy
barrage position A.A.A.

I believe it advisable
for No 4 Gun to remain
in present position having
very good field of fire
for direct attack.
B. O. Riely

6th

12th M G Coy.

Relief completed -
everything in order

2.30 p.m.

6.2.18

R. R. Yee



6/2/18

O.C. 12 to Capt M. G. G. G.
Ref. S.H. 28.

Relief complete at 2.30 P.M.

Everything in order

Dispositions

Section H. Q. (I 36 C 4 M)
(Imperial Dugouts)

- Battery No 9 Gun I 36 a 28.0
- No 10 Gun I 36 a 32.08
- No 11 Gun I 36 a 35.12
- No 12 Gun I 36 a 38.18

(2.30 P.M.)
(Runner)

W. H. Wood

O.C. M. G.

GREG. I 6th AAA

RELIEF COMPLETED FIVE P.M.

SITUATIONS DISPOSITIONS

NO 10. AF.	J 31	C 18.30
NO 15 "	J 31	C 15.18
NO 14 "	P 1	A 0 55
NO 13 "	O 6	B 90 46
HQ TARRIT. FARM	J 31	C 2 2

EVERYTHING O.K.

W. H. Wood
5 P.M.

By W. H. G. G.



To
 O.C. 12th M.G. Coy.

Attached is a chart
 showing disposition of
 Guns in B. Group. "Battle
 Wood".

The guns are still in their
 original positions, no trench
 has been dug as was
 stated

6-2-18

A. R. Lee

Battle Wood. B. Group

Gun No.	Gun No.	Target No.	Range	Gun Cal.	Target Cal.	VV	DE	Range DE	OT. Cal.	Traj	Advance	A.B.C.	Retained	Range of	Clay
															Bearing
5	I35. D25.20	012 B68.45	1950 ⁺	48 ^m	24 ^m	24 ^m	163'	1600 ⁺	24 ^m	25 ⁺	46 ⁺	26 ⁺	1150 ⁺	151 ^o	
6	I35 D20.30	012 B94.60	1900 ⁺	50 ^m	23 ^m	24 ^m	141'	1700 ⁺	24 ^m	31.7 ⁺	54.7 ⁺	24 ⁺	1175 ⁺	147 ^o	
7	I35 D40.31	012 B17.22	1800 ⁺	48 ^m	24 ^m	21 ^m	157'	1600 ⁺	35 ^m	25 ⁺	38 ⁺	25 ⁺	1150 ⁺	163 ^o	
8	I35 D50.40	012 B42.35	1800 ⁺	48 ^m	26 ^m	22 ^m	155'	1600 ⁺	32 ^m	25 ⁺	41 ⁺	25 ⁺	1150 ⁺	160 ^o	

All Gun Traverses 1^o R+L
 Bearings to centre of Barrage lines

A. R. Lee

OC 12 McCloy

CRBC 5 SIXTH

17/12/18

I will have to render all reports, with the morning situation report, as 9am under direct and close observation and cannot have runners leaving the position in daylight.

Have left four men from 13 & 14 Coy, back at EMBANKMENT DOGBOYS. They will relieve the men now with 13 & 14 Coy tomorrow night. At the same time will bring up rations. Sgt Pugh in charge of my position with 15 & 16 Coy very comfortable. Will report by Sgt Pugh's position

as soon as possible will send him early in the morning.

To Gregor

9 PM.

SIXTH 7/18

OC 15

TIME SENT

2 AM 7/2/18

By RUNNER
COBBING



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OC 12 M G Coy
GREG 7 SEVENTH. AAA.

Situation report
Our artillery scored several good hits on the pill boxes & buildings in front of ZANDVOORDE. Very little shell fire by enemy. Our artillery quiet but accurate when they do fire. Weather very changeable, misty, then clear, very slight rain. All aircraft nil.

W. Lynegton
1st Lt
D. Group
TIME SENT
1.45 PM. 7/2/18

OC 12 M G Coy
GREG 2 (5th Coy) SEVENTH. AAA

Situation report
Artillery very quiet. Aircraft nil, weather sprinkling with rain. inclined to be a wet and dull day.

W. Lynegton
1st Lt
D. Group

TIME 1.55 AM.
BY RUNNER
LOBBING
7/2/18



100 12 M C 604

GREG 4 SEVENTH AAA.

Intelligence report

Our operations Nil

Identifications Nil

Hostile artillery VERY QUIET

Hostile aircraft Nil

Salvage Nil

Works Nil

Hostile m Guns play on position periodically. Medium bursts about every half hour.

W. G. [Signature] Lt D Group

By RUNNER TIME 1.50 AM
COBBING 7/2/18

"C" Group

Intelligence Report
For Period ending 5.30 a.m. 7/2/18

Our Operations: Our 18 pdr
bombed intermittently
from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.

No aircraft observed during
period

No machine gun fire
was carried out by
"C" Group during the period

No enemy defences or MG
emplacements have been
identified

Appendix 37

Hostile Artillery:

Enemy shelled Weyn
Billebeke with light
shells at 3.15 P.M. about 12
rounds were fired in
all, 1 shells landed
near M99 gun but did
no harm.

At 4 P.M. one 77 H.E. landed
on duck board track between group
H.Q. and battery.

No gas at "C" group but GAPP HQ
had a few casualties from shell gas

No enemy aircraft observed
during period

No salvage work done
during period

Work
Position of M99 Gun completed
cook-house being constructed

Miscellaneous

4 belt box carriers are
urgently required as
none were handed over
by outgoing Coy.

A good trench map of
this sector would be
great help as the one
handed over is badly
damaged and not up to
date

4 old blankets are
required to complete
the antigas arrangements

If one of those acetylelene
gas lamps could be sent
up with a supply
of carbide I would not

Appendix

have to live in
darkness. Cpt present
there is only 1 candle,
left to 4, only came in
the ration bags

Could you send me
about 150 YDS of
Luminous Tape such
as the artillery use
to mark out the tracks
type used by night.
This can be obtained from
artillery.

Intelligence Summary
12th Aust Mt Coy
Period ending 6.0 am. on 7-2-18.

Our Operations -

Artillery - 18 pdrs. on left of sector firing
intermittently from 3.0 pm. to 4.0 pm.

Aircraft - Inactive during night.

M.Gs. - Owing to relief no firing
was done during the period.

Hostile Activity -

Artillery - Enemy shelled KLEINE
ZILLEBEKE with light shells at
3.15 pm. About 12 rounds were fired.
About 25 5.9 H.E. shells fired about
0500-60 between 4.0 am. and 4.30 am.

~~Battle~~ BATTLEWOOD and TRANSPORT
CORNER intermittently shelled from
3.30 pm. until 10.0 pm.

Aircraft - One machine flew over
our lines about 2.0 pm. and was
engaged by our anti-aircraft guns
and M.Gs.

M.Gs. - During the night enemy
M.Gs. played in the vicinity of
JARROCK'S FARM. Medium bursts
were used about every half-hour.

John P. [Signature]

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Intelligence report for 24 hours
ending 6 A.M. 17/2/18

To O.C. 12th M.G. Coy (11)

Our operations:- Our artillery
has been exceptionally quiet for
the whole of the period.

No aircraft has been observed.

Hostile artillery:- Very quiet
except from 14 A.M. to 4.30 A.M.
when about twenty five H.E.
shells presumably 5.9 fell in the
neighbourhood of No 3 position.

Hostile aircraft:- None observed
on this sector during the period.

Work:- work was continued
during the night on the battery
positions started by 12th M.G. Coy.

Miscellaneous:- If possible
send me a Primus Stove for
No 4 gun. Being under
direct enemy observation they

cannot possibly make a fire.
Also send me some sand bags
as soon as possible for those who
positions. Remainder of
material I will be able to
salvage

V B O Rully

5.45 A.M.

Per Runner

Appender

O.C. 12th M.G.C.

By Runner

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O.C. 12th Gun Coy. 7-2-18

Intelligence report for forward ending
6 A.M. 7/2/18

Our Operations
Artillery. Active on our left
front.

Aircraft. Active

Patrols

Machine Guns. ---

Identifications

Enemy Defences ---

U.G. Positions ---

Hostile Artillery. Very active
ranging with 5.9" from
Battle Wood to transport lanes
intermittently from 3.30 P.M.
until 10 P.M.

Hostile Aircraft. One machine
flew over our lines, & was engaged
by our anti aircraft guns, flying

in direction of Spoil Bank
She was also engaged by
machine guns. Could see
no result of their fire.

Salvage. nil
Wats. Latrine dug.

Miscellaneous. Only 3 Pandas
came up by today's rations

5.30 P.M.
7-2-18

A.P. Lee

. O C 12 M 4 104
 GREG. 3 SEVENTH AMM
 CASUALTIES ENDING
 TWO AM NIL
 D group
 TIME 2 AM 7/2/18
 BY RUNNER
 COBBING.

O. C 12 M 4 104
 GREG 6 SEVENTH AMM
 Could you possibly get
 have have one telephone
 and a reel spooler? I so
 I will be able to get into
 telephonic communication
 with you. I tried to raise
 you early this morning
 from a company HQ (telephone
 call FW 57) but could not
 wait, as it was getting too
 light. I had to get back to
 the position. If the rigs
 had not got a phone they
 may be able to borrow
 one from brigade. Sgt Rugh's
 No 13 & 14 guns are in
 good position. Teams in
 two splinter proof shelters
 built into a bank. They are

APPENDIX

СОВЕТС.
РАКОНЕК

1/2/42
МЛС БИЛ
Учред. Д. Гуров

12 М. 61
1917. М. 21
Б. ДАВЛ

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СП
XIII БЕНДИХ
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about two hundred yds
 from an outpost, but closely
 supported by a party of
 infantry. Fields of fire, apart
 from 505 barrage line, are
 good. Rearrangement leave
 here as soon as possible
 with this message. Everything
 OK. Am sending eight pairs
 of wire use

W. G. G. G.
 W D Group.

Time written 12:20 AM
 Time sent

By runner Cobbing
 1:45 PM
 7/2/18

To
 O.C. 12th. Gun Coy.
 Intelligence report for period
 ending 6 PM. 7/2/18

Our Operations.

Artillery	Slightly Active -
on our	left front.
Aircraft	---
Patrols	---
Machine Guns	---

Identification

Hostile Artillery. Shelling
 with high explosives +
 shrapnel between Battle Wood
 + Transport Corner. between
 the lines of 9 par. + 4 P.M.

Hostile Aircraft ---
 Salvage ---
 Work Tracks from dugouts to
 trench suspected

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Miscellaneous.

I am proceeding with the work of trench + gun positions. I will require an axe. Please have one sent up.

Will have to borrow some men from Ell. Wood to give a hand.

5.30 P.M.

8.2.18

R. P. Lee

Intelligence report for 24 hours ending 6 A.M. on the 8/2/18

To D. B. 12th M. G. Coy

(12)

Our operations:- Our artillery has been quiet during the whole of the period. No friendly aircraft has been observed.

Hostile artillery:- Enemy artillery active between 8.30 P.M. & 9.30 P.M. A large number of shells being dropped in the vicinity of Bore H. Built during the remainder of the period.

Hostile aircraft:- None observed during the period.

Work: work was continued on battery positions. Will continue to work night & day according to orders.

Salvage:- 4 picks 3 Shovels
2 rifles.

Miscellaneous:- Did you make a mistake when you said you would send me that lamp. I ~~was~~ believe Mr Wood ordered a lamp but I asked for a Primus stove. I have no dirty socks to send this morning. Will see they are sent down to-morrow.

Casualties:- Nil

5:30 A.M

Per Runner.

B O'Reilly

①
OC IRM G'LOY

Creg 8 Light. AAA

Intelligence report. Our operations. Artillery periodically shells vicinity of LIMITS WOOD. and finds two and three with good effect on several pillboxes & old buildings in front of ZANDVOORDE

Air craft Nil.

Patrols went out last night in my section. No further knowledge of same. Machine Guns Out.

Intelligence. Enemy defenses consist of line of all posts. Stationed in pillboxes. which are very numerous. No signs of life

During day. Artillery
can be seen to fire from
just about P3 to 40 30

Evidently enemy m guns
are situated in pillboxes.
Nasty swamp in low
lying woods between
enemy and our outposts.

Hostile artillery fairly
quiet until 5:20 PM. When
either trench mortar or
medium artillery opened
up in quick succession
put about twenty rounds into
vicinity of 13+ 14 gun

Immediately after he
switched on to vicinity of
15+ 16 gun and put in
twenty four rounds doing
no damage.

At 5:40 PM put
another 15 or 20 rounds into

vicinity of 13+ 14 guns.
No damage or casualties.
Am afraid that when
they 13+ 14 gun received
a way they were down. This
is the first trouble we have
had with his artillery.

Fired from direction of
left of ZANNOYORDE. No birds
Hostile aircraft nil with
unfavorable.

Salvage net.

Could have been
communication tonight
by telephone had my report
been sent up. Did
not receive half enough
to do the job. Hope to salvage
enough to pull me through
in the morning. My
call will be NV

After dawn visited
13+ 14 gun. Rem from EMB

- HUNGARIAN TROOPS, relieved
men at guns. Everything
OK then with the excep-
tion of ~~the~~ ~~shelling~~
shelling last night.

Apl. Dawn went to
45 Bn HQ on a cow colored
re letter bombing party
for no 15 & 16 guns. Got
all I wanted and partly
ought to be in position by
dawn light say 5 AM location
J31 C 35-30

Tanks, artillery
trouble opened up about
twelve PM. Left 15 & 16 positions

Time sent *by [unclear]*
2 AM 8/2/17
by *[unclear]*

Map SH 28

8/2/17

Intelligence Report
For period ending
5:30 P.M.

Own Operations

Own artillery bombarded
intermittently during
the period with 18 shells.
At ~~12:15~~ 8:15 P.M. carried
out rapid bombardment
for 10 minutes

Aircraft inactive during
period, owing to inclement
weather

"C" Group M. G. Barrage
Battery carried out
harassing fire on TRENCHES
and TRACK at P8a 43.03

APPENDIX

and P. 7. c 32.50.

4,000 mds S A A being expended

Time: P. M. 8-8.15 8.45-9.11-11.15.
A. M. 4.30-5. 6-6.15

No Enemy defences or M G emplacements were identified

Hostile artillery more active than during preceding period. several 7.7 shells fell around "C" Group causing six casualties to infantry
Molen Dump was shelled at 12 noon several direct hits being registered
Dump in I 36 a 20.20. also shelled at 3 P. M.

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No hostile aircraft were observed during period

No salvage

Work book house completed trench duck boarded

No of hrs worked: - 12

Box screens erected around guns.

Miscellaneous Tea ration very short also sugar
No butter or rum came with rations.

Some disinfectant is needed here.

Luminous tape wanted at earliest opportunity

Belt box carriers also

(Punner 5.30) ~~Wattwood~~

12th Aust MG Coy.
Intelligence Summary No. 2.
Period ending 6.0 am. on 8-2-18.

Our Operations -

Artillery - 18 pdrs. fairly active at 8.15 pm. carrying out bombardment for 10 minutes. Our artillery shelled vicinity of LINKS WOOD and buildings in front of ZANDVOORDE. Good effects noted.

Aircraft - Inactive owing to inclement weather.

Patrols - 2 sent out from vicinity of JARROCK'S FARM (by infantry).

M.G.s. - 4 guns from 'C' group at I 36a 21.02. Carried out harassing fire throughout the night. Targets & trenches and tracks at P.S.A. 43.03. and P.7. C.32.50. Ammunition expended 6000 rounds.

Enemy Activity -

Artillery - Quiet during the morning. MOLENDUM P shelled at 12 noon. Camp at I 36. a 20.20 shelled at 3.0 pm.

Between 5.20 pm. and 5.40 pm. about 40 rounds of 77s were placed in vicinity of JARROCK'S FARM and O.6.6.95.49.

No damage was done. Between 8.30 pm. and 9.30 pm. artillery was active on right sector and vicinity of WHITE CHATEAU.

Aircraft - Inactive owing to bad weather.
M.G.s. - Active about 1.0 am. in - firing our guns near JARROCK'S FARM.

Miscellaneous - Enemy artillery apparently firing from about P.S.A. 40.30. Arrangements made with 45th Bn. for a bombing post to be placed at J.31.C.35.30.

St Martin
C.O.

OC 12 AM CLOY

GREG 10 EIGHTH AAA

Situation report

Sleeping enemies 194
fire exploded air 15+ 16 guns
about 1 AM. antiaircraft
guns not used. weather
misty and trying to rain.

W. G. G. G.
the O group

Incident 8
2 AM
By [unclear] 19

OC 12 AM CLOY

GREG 9 EIGHTH AAA

CASUALTIES ENDING

1:30 AM

Nil

W. G. G. G.
the O group

Incident
2 AM 8/2/18
By [unclear]

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O C 121705T M.C. 104

GREC 11 EIGHTH AAA

The wrong lot of mail was sent up with me, I always get today's post instead of my own. Was very much disappointed. Compl.?

8
1/2
18

W. Gregson
D Group

Unsent
2 PM
by Rume/Robinson

121705T M.C. 104

GREC 12 EIGHTH AAA

We have no condensed milk or bags. Please let me have some as soon as possible for four years. Please find in lock bag plans of anti-air for exchange.

W. Gregson
D Group

Unsent
2 PM
by Rume/Robinson
8
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0612 AM 4 (100)

Apr. 15 HINTON AAA

Submarine report. Weather clear and calm. suggests it will be good clear day for aircraft.

Artillery. Our artillery occasionally shells with HE. and whrapnell. enemy our posts. about 5% duds just stray shells from enemy artillery this last hour.

Aircraft. Our aircraft raid enemy outposts and positions directly in rear of his outposts. Enemy engaged our planes with three search lights from the left. and with

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three directly in front of us from ZIMBOORDE. ENEMY successful in getting two of about the twelve planes that went over. into his search light and engaged them with anti-aircraft & m Gun fire. the latter being very weak and being fired a good way back from his outposts.

Three planes to our knowledge have come home. The remainder having gone right on. Enemy aircraft, number of planes unknown, have just crossed over our position. and are now being engaged by our anti-aircraft batteries from

the rear.
 Machine Guns
 have fired on these occasions from the rear since midnight. Enemy retaliation with a burst from one gun about 1000 yds from our position. Enemy for guns however every now and again at random. Everything OK

Wheeler
 Lt D Group
 Time 2.1 AM
 Sent by Runner
 Whiting
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 $\frac{18}{18}$

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 Intelligence Report

For Period Ending 5.30 a.m.

Our Operations

Our artillery fairly active with light batteries during period especially at 7.15 P.M.

Our aircraft inactive owing to weather conditions

"C" Group Barrage Machine Guns fired during night on centre of movement at P 7 c 32.50. Track centre and vicinity of P 7 a 80.40. Track and centre of movement at P 8 a 10.45. 4000 mld 5 AA expended

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No enemy defenses or
M. Gs. were identified
during the period

Hostile artillery shelled

KLEIN ZILLEBEKE
at 11:15 AM and 3 P.M.
with 77mm shells. 1 dud
was observed

Otherwise enemy artillery
was quiet during period

Hostile M. G. of

6:30 P.M. the enemy fired
~~into~~ with one M.G. on
at IMPERIAL DOGOUTS
from unknown direction

No enemy aircraft
were observed during
the period

No salvage work was
done during the period

Work 4 men supplied
to Lt. Free working
in 2 shifts of 4 hours each.

Book house completed
concrete dugout at
battery pumped out

Dispositions. Guns
unchanged
Group H. 9 is now at
I 30 C48. near battery

Miscellaneous

Impossible to work
on battery at 9.00 hours
during daylight owing
to good visibility.

Resol or other
disinfectant is needed
to render latrines more
sanitary.

Could you supply
me with a small tin
of white paint also
a small brush.

Please send some 0.14.00 S
envelopes up, small size.

No cocoa and milk
or coffee and milk
came up today. The issue
of tea was $\frac{3}{4}$ lb and sugar
3 lb.

W. Wood

12th Oct M.G. Coy
Intelligence Summary No. 3
Period ending 6.0 am on 9-2-18.

Our Operations

Artillery - Our artillery was fairly active
with light batteries during the afternoon
and again at night. Heavies active
at times. Good effects noticed.

Aircraft - Our machines went over enemy
territory about 12.0 midnight and re-
turned at 3.0 am. They were engaged
by enemy anti-aircraft guns and M.G.
fire.

M.G.s. - Barrage Group of M.G.s. were
firing intermittently throughout the night
from positions near IMPERIAL DUE OUTS.
Targets engaged were centres of movement,
tracks and tram-lines at P.7.0.32.50.
P.7.0.80.40 and P.8.0.10.45.

Ammunition expended 5000 rounds.

Enemy Activity

Artillery - Shelled KLEINE ZILLEBEKE
at 11.15 am and 3.0 pm with light shells.
About 60 H.E. shells dropped in
the vicinity of WHITE CHATEAU
between 3.0 pm and 3.30 pm. Gas
shells and S.G.s. intermittently fired
on BATTLE WOOD and TRANSPORT
CORNER between 4.0 pm & midnight.

Artillery active in the vicinity of our Forward Guns. Working parties seemed to attract this fire. About 10% of shells fired on Forward area were "duds".

Trench Mortars - Fairly active on supports and in vicinity of Forward Guns.

M.G.s. - Inactive during the night.

Identifications - Enemy signal lamp operating from railway bank in O. 12 B. central. In use just after dark, and early hours of the morning.

Miscellaneous - Our aircraft went over during the night and dropped bombs apparently with good effect. They were heavily engaged by A.A. guns and M.G.s.

Alfred C. Calk
C.O.

Intelligence report for 24 hours ending 6 A.M. on the 9/2/18

To D.C. 12th M.G. Coy (03)

Our operations:- Our artillery quiet during the whole of the period. Two friendly planes passed towards enemy territory at midnight and returned at 3 A.M. Lightly engaged by enemy Anti-Aircraft batteries.

Hostile artillery:- Active from 3 P.M. to 3:30 P.M. About sixty H.E. shells (presumably 9.2) being dropped in the vicinity of No. 2 Gun and White Chateau. Remainder of period quiet.

Hostile aircraft: none observed during the period.

Work: work was continued on the new battery positions. Most of the work done by the other company has to be undone in

order to get decent positions dug.
Anti-air-craft mounting
erected at no 3 position.

Salvage:

Equipments	2
Water bottles	2
Haversacks	3
Ropes (Pack Saddles)	1

Miscellaneous:- Please send me
as many "tommy cookers" as possible
for no 4 gun team. Also arrange
for two tins of biscuits to be sent up

Casualties: Nil

5:30 A.M.

B O'Reilly

To J.C. 12th & 1st Coy.

Intelligence report for period ending
6 Oct. 9-2-18

Our operations
Artillery. Shelling over our
immediate front throughout
day & night.

Aircraft. None observed
Patrols
M. Guns

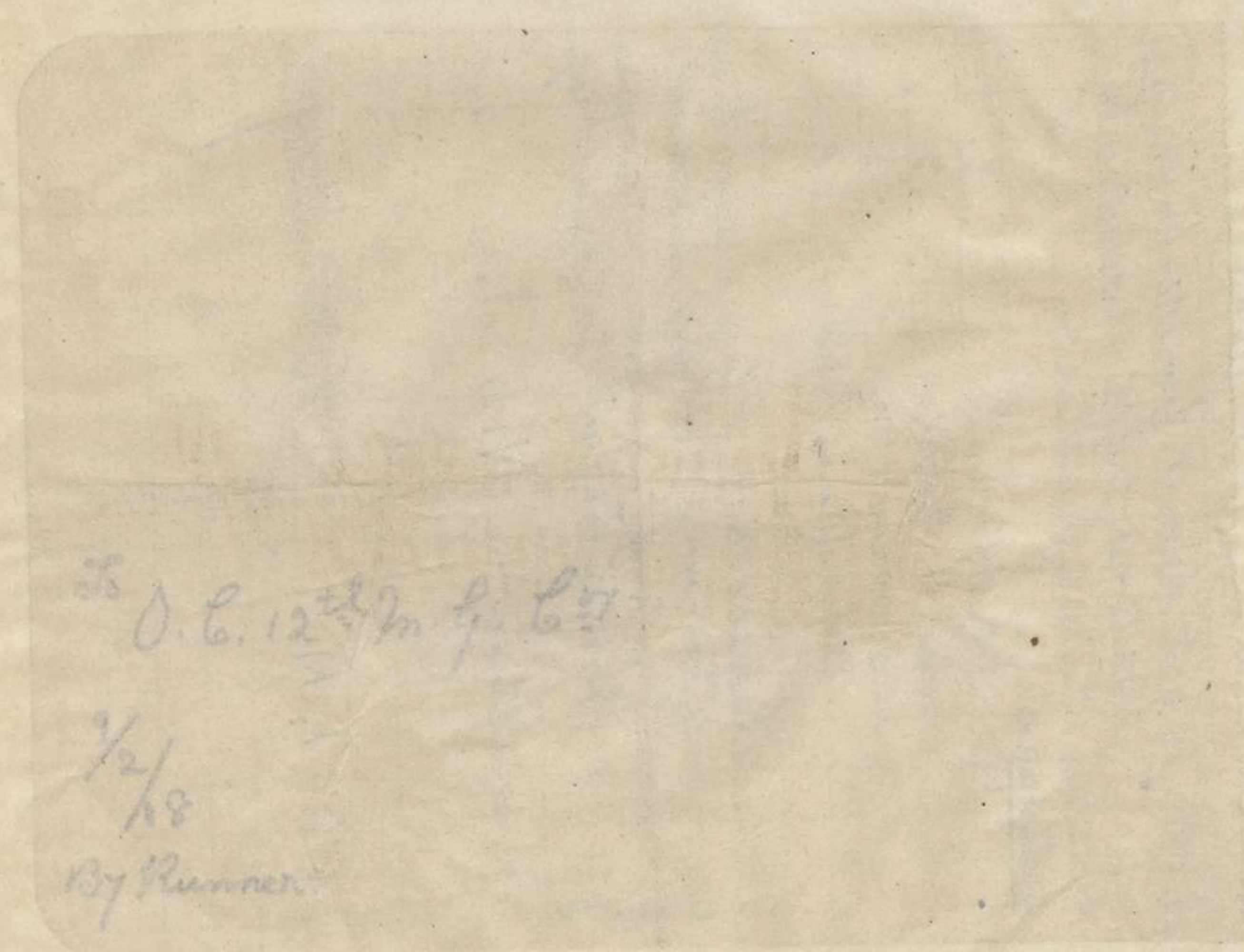
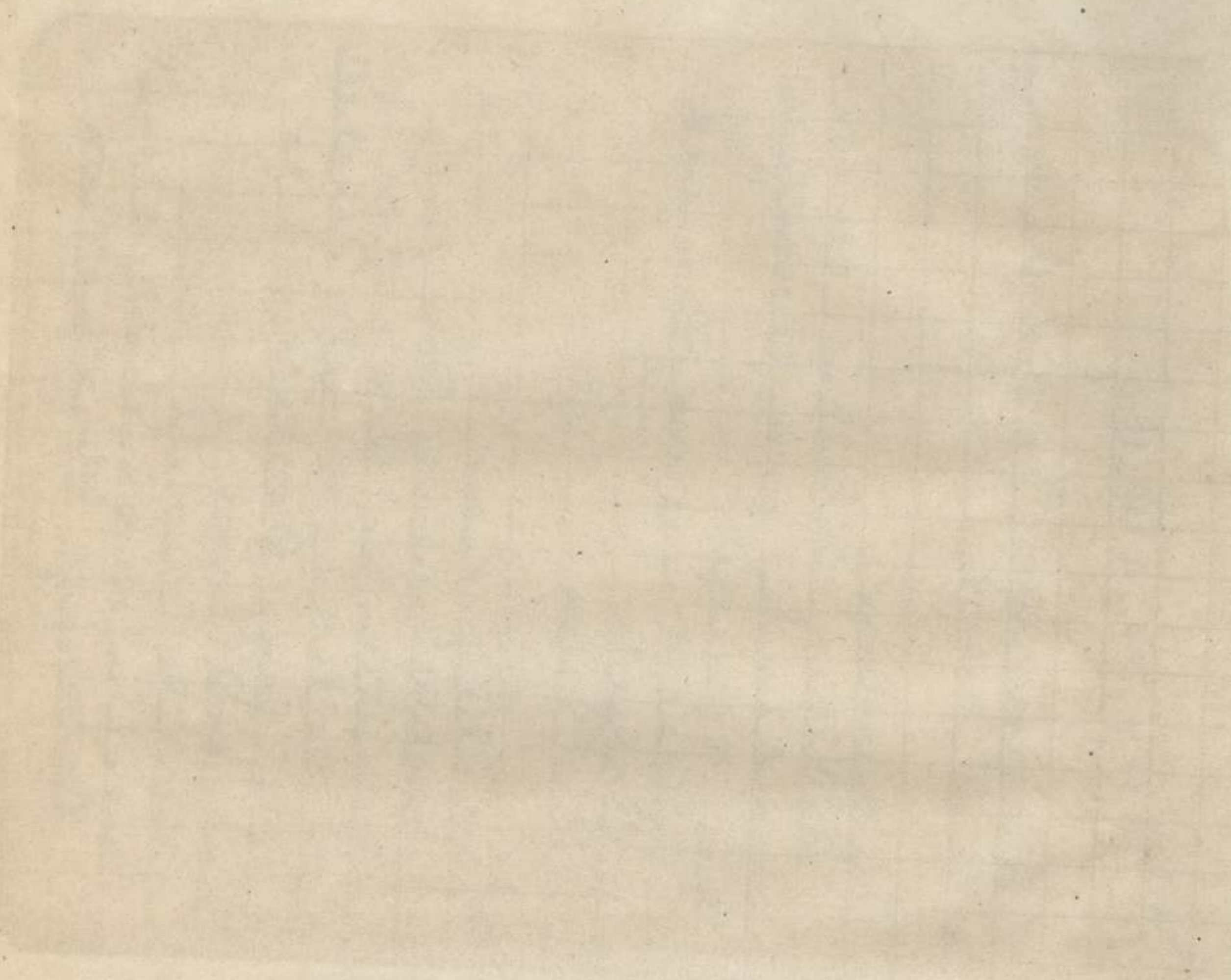
Identifications
Hostile Artillery. Shelling
intermittently from 4 P.M. up
till 12 midnight with gas shells
& 5.9. from Battle Wood to
Transport Corner.

Hostile Aircraft: nil
weather & visibility against
Aircraft observation

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By Runner.

mittently from I. 36.0 50.63 to I. 36.0 00.70.
with No. 2 s, being especially heavy
at 3.45 p.m. MOLENT DUMP and vicinity
shelled at 8.30 p.m. 5.9 HE and shrapnel
being used. Support line shelled inter-
mittently as usual. Right Sector received
very little attention.

Aircraft - Enemy machine crossed
our lines about 4.0 p.m. flying at a
fairly low altitude, and was heavily
engaged by our anti-aircraft and M.G.s,
and driven off.

M.G.s - Machine during the period.

Trench mortars - Fairly active on positions
on the right of our Forward M.G.s.

Identifications - Signal lights again
noticed flashing at frequent intervals
from the direction of WERVICQ.

Dispositions - Our dispositions unchanged.

J. M. C. O.
C.O.

To:
O.C. 12 M.G. Coy

Intelligence report for period ending
6 A.M. 10.2.18

Our Operations. Artillery
fairly active on left front.
Aircraft. None seen
Tanks ~ ~
M.G.s ~ ~

Identifications. Artillery Hostile.
Shelled with shrapnel transport
column, & a few 5.9 on Battle Wood
at 8.30 P.M.

Hostile Aircraft. One enemy machine
flying low over our positions at
4 P.M. was engaged by machine
guns & anti-aircraft guns, & driven
back but unhurt.

Work; machine gun positions
finished. Still working on the
trench. 6 AM 10/2/18 A.R. Pres

Miscellaneous.

The work done today. All the day was spent in digging the trench & draining off water carrying duck board wetting material.

The ground is very wet & has to be wetted & drained as we dig. & now have all the material for the work on hand.

9-2-18

6 am

A. R. Lee

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00 12 AUGUST M G Coy

GREG 13 NINTH AAA
Intelligence report
Our operations.

Artillery periodically engages same targets as in yesterday's reports. Whichever used above enemy outpost positions along line at different intervals. Light & motor guns ~~occasionally~~ occasionally from our right. Aircraft not

Patrols no notification of same going out at all during night. With exception of the usual patrol. No special patrol ~~was~~ sent out.

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Machine guns very quiet. Occasionally hear our batteries in rear fire after dark. Low guns fire small bursts now and then.

Indications.

Enemy signal lamp operating from railway bank on O12 & CENTRAL. In use just after dark, and early hours of morning. I fail to observe any movement of enemy troops. Plenty of freshly beaten tracks to be observed running in all directions on the other side of valley. In front of my position. Caused by patrols and working parties. As far as I can

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make out.

Hostile artillery much more active today, putting over bursts of medium artillery and T motor mixed. About a dozen or so at a time. Plays on to support line trench and behind our supports. ~~is~~ working parties work on this support line which accounts for so much fire being drawn there. All work goes on during the night. Also plays along ridge above thicket, especially in rear and on the left of 15 & 16 gun. Also plays all round 139 in front. Appears to just fire at random on the off-chance of doing

Damage. Quilt 10%
of shells sent over today
gone and shells appear
to be about 4.5. Direction
fired from ZANDVOORDE.

Possible aircraft hit
Salvage net.

I failed to get into telephone
communication and able
to salvage sufficient wire.

Men came up
from embarkment 00400T
to relieve 138 14 guns
aft. dark. Impossible
to relieve here before 0000
PM. ~~and~~ relieved Sgt
Hugh for the night. Sgt Corp
Abdullah. Hugh is with
me. to allow them to have
a good nights sleep. He
will relieve Abdullah
tonight. Returns OK.

promis stores are
excellent. no sock
required.

Our aircraft has
just landed. Fat out
just and support line
with about 100 lbs. mach-
-ines. dropping bombs.

Enemy machine guns
caught two of our planes
in his side. Sgt to be
had shoving. Engaged
our machine guns
Aft our own guns &
in 15. with no effect
Planes hit over ~~the~~ position
Enemy aircraft hit.

Time of writing
midnight
Time sent
10 AM
by Runners

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W. J. [Signature]
O. Green

O C 12 AM 4 Coy

GREG 16 NINTH AAA.

I am sending my
 runner Annelly on to
 you this morning on
 the off chance of these being
 something you may have
 for me. They will call on
 the wood on their way
~~down~~. I received
 the condenser bags and
 tubes last night OK.
 Also Kerwood. We are
 receiving no "RUM" I presume
 there is no more. Everything
 OK. Don bother about any
 more telephone work.
 1 AM W. G. G. G.
 D. G. G. G.

O C 12 AM 604

GREG 14 NINTH AAA

CASUALTIES FMD

SICK Nil

All men in good health
and spirits.

W. G. G. G.
 D. G. G. G.
 Immediate 9
 1 AM 2
 by runner 18
 W. G. G. G.

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GREG 21 OC 121057 M (LOY
 TENTH AAA.

DISPOSITION REPORT

Slight alteration in
 disposition of No 13 & 14 guns. Positions
 were correctly marked on charts and
 maps when handed over. Have
 corrected same.

No 13 GUN. PI A 25.50
 No 14 GUN. PI A 25.55

TIME 1 PM 10/2/18
 By RUNNER. Cobbing

W. Gregson
 Lt. D. Jones

12th Aust MG Coy
Disposition Report
10-2-1918

Dispositions of Guns have
been altered.
Guns are now distributed
as follows:-

<u>"A" Battery</u>	No. 1 Gun	O.10.6.58.65.
	2 "	O.10.6.65.72.
	3 "	O.10.6.66.76.
	4 "	O.10.6.70.82.
<u>"B" Battery</u>	No. 5 Gun	I.35.d.41.22.
	6 "	I.35.d.48.24.
	7 "	I.35.d.53.26.
	8 "	I.35.d.60.29.
<u>"C" Battery</u>	No. 9 Gun	I.36.a.28.00.
	10 "	I.36.a.32.08.
	11 "	I.36.a.35.12.
	12 "	I.36.a.38.18.
<u>"D" Battery</u>	- Forward Guns.	
	No. 13 Gun	P.1.a.25.50.
	14 "	P.1.a.25.55.
	14 "	P.9.
	15 "	J.31.C.15.18.
	16 "	J.31.C.18.30.

12th Aust MG Coy
Intelligence Summary No. 4
Period ending 6.0 am on 10-2-18.

Our Operations

Artillery - Our light artillery was fairly active during the day, LINKS WOOD being shelled at frequent intervals. Vicinity of Lock 5 shelled about 11.15 am. Shooting appeared to be good.

Patrols - Manual patrol activity by infantry.
Aircraft - Fairly quiet, a few bombing and scouting machines going over during the period.

M.G.s. - Our M.G.s. were active during the night, taking part in the special shoot at 4.30 am, the following targets being engaged: - GAME COPSE; CHALK FARM at P.I.C. 95.10. During the remainder of the night the usual harassing fire was carried out on tracks and centres of movement at P.8.a.10.45, P.7.a.80.40, P.7.C.32.50, TUBE CROSS ROADS at P.8.a.33.80, and roads running East and West in P.7.a. During the shoot our guns acted in co-operation with artillery and trench mortars. Ammunition expended

Enemy Activity

Artillery - Enemy shelled ridge inter-

Intelligence report for 24 hours ending 6 A.M. on the 10/2/18

To D.C. 12th M. G. Coy (54)

Our operations: - Our artillery opened fire at 4:30 a.m. and were fairly active for about five minutes. Remainder of the period they have been quiet.

One of our planes patrolled the enemy lines at 7:45 a.m. Was not engaged by enemy anti-aircraft batteries.

Hostile artillery: - Very quiet during the whole of the period.

Hostile aircraft: - One enemy plane attempted to cross our lines at 4:15 p.m. but was immediately engaged and by both anti-aircraft artillery and machine guns and driven off.

Work: has been continued on battery positions and no 3 gun has been shifted and will be no 4 gun (directing gun) in new position. No 1 & 2 guns opened fire at 4:30 a.m. and fired for three minutes on G.A.M.E. COUSE then switched on to road running East & West in P7a and fired until 5:30 a.m.

Salvage: Nil
Miscellaneous: I will be able to shift the remaining gun into new battery position fall day light to-morrow morning.

Ammunition expended 2500 rounds
Casualties: Nil

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B. O'Reilly

Per Runner

B. O'Reilly

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Intelligence Report
For Period Ending 5.30 a.m.

Our Operations

Own light artillery
fairly active during
period

About 1 battery of
18 pndrs bombarded
enemy at same time as
"C" Troop fired special shot

Trench Mortars also
fired a number of
rounds

Machine Guns carried
out harassing fire
on tracks and centre of
movement at P 89. 10.45.
Tracks at P 7a 8.4.
Centre of movement at
P 7. C 22.50.

6.000 rnds of S. A. A being
expended on these targets
between 7.45 P.M. and
4 a.m.

4 Guns fired down
"C" Battery Barrage
M. G.

At 4.30 M. G. co-operated
with artillery T.M. and
L. G. and bombarded
CHALK F.M. at P 1095. 10
at maximum rate for
3 minutes

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Afterwards firing
250 rnds per gun per
hour on and in the
vicinity of TUBE
CROSS ROADS
P. 8a 33.80 till daylight

In all 1300 rnds SAA
were expended by M.G.
Barrage "C" Group during
the period

No enemy defences or
M.G. positions were
identified during
period

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Enemy artillery shelled
ridge East of "C" Group
Barrage ad. Coy. from
I 36a 50.63. to I 36d 0.8.
with 4.2" and 77mm
shells intermittently
during the period
especially at 3.45 P.M.
MOLEN DUMP and
vicinity also received
the attention of enemy
medium calibre guns.
at 8.30 P.M.

One hostile aeroplane
flew over our lines
at 4 P.M. and was driven
off by our A.I.A guns
and A.H.M.G.

No saboteur

Appendix

Work 4 men supplied
to St. Tree for 10 hrs.
for work on M 6 Battery
position.

Concrete dugout
further pumped and
drain from trench
commenced

Miscellaneous Some
form of disinfectant
is required.

Gas blanket has been
put over door of dugout
where I live.
Sound signals are being
installed.

30 000 rnds of SAA are
required to keep reserve
up to normal at C. Group
Some small carelessness envelopes
Enemy sent up an ^{1/2} doz
unusual number
of flares during "Special
Shot" but no colours
other than the ordinary
were observed

~~W. Wood~~

(Dinner 5.30)

Collymore
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O.C. 12TH A.M. 1917

GREG 17.

TENTH

AAA.

Intelligence Report

Our Operations.

Artillery engages usual targets but dropped particularly LITTLE WOOD at frequent intervals.

Aircraft Nil

Patrols. usual patrol out. will make a careful reconnaissance of GAME COOPS. aft: our artillery has finished its bit of a stunt which comes off at 4.30 A.M.

Machine Guns. Our batteries active from the rear. Lewis guns fire periodically during ^{night} short bursts.

Indications. Signal light observed a gain at apparent intervals, as reported in my previous reports.

Hostile Artillery.

quite active, regularly, staffs support line in front of 15 & 16 guns and ridge in rear of same positions. Carls on in

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morning of night, about 3:45 AM.
 Enemy shelled my position JARRIF
 FARM with about twenty shells in
 rapid succession. scored one direct hit
 but fortunately did no damage.
 fired from ZANDVOORDE - no hits.
 Also fired on our T MORTAR position
 just on our right, at least searched
 for same, size about 4.5.

Hostile aircraft

At 3:30 PM on night
 one enemy air scout patrolled
 all along front line. engaged by
 our m. guns and Lewis guns, patrolled
 for about twenty minutes, about
 balloon height.

Sabvage hit work hit

Two enemy m. guns and
 one T mortar located in LAIRB COOPS
 will be straffed early morning
 about 4:30 AM on tenth.

I received your copy of
 Company orders 70161 and have noted
 same. and read to all ranks.

Done 1 PM $\frac{10}{2}$
 By James Lobbey. $\frac{2}{78}$

W. J. Nepton
 Lt. Colonel

SH 28

SECRET

Inner Defence Scheme
"C" Group M.G.

On receipt of intelligence that enemy had passed our barrage line

The four guns of "C" Group would come into action on to the country indicated on accompanying sketch.

All this ground can be covered with the exception of dead ground comprising ~~the~~ enclosed by a line drawn through
05a 9.6 05 central 05c.07
046 4.0. 046 5.5. 046 9.9.

The ridge E of "C" Group

Limits field of fire to 200x
but field of fire to
WHITE CHATEAU is
2,600x long

Inf. action unknown by "C" Group

DISPOSITION

Group H.Q. would
move from present location
to 36a 4.2

Guns remain as at present
Communication By

telephone and runner
Probable route, from Group H.Q.
to MOLEN DUMP thence

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OC 12. AM. C 104

TENTH

11 AM

CASUALTIES ENDING 1 AM

Nil

Trench lost 1 AM
By Remembrance, $\frac{1}{2}$
 $\frac{1}{18}$ by fire of
the O group

to SPOK BANK by
existing trenches and
traps

Supplies in hand
60 000 rnds S. A. A.

W. J. Ford

8 1/2 / 10

9:45

Dinner

OC 12 Aust M. C Coy

GREG

TENTH

AAA

Re tonight's relief. I propose that my runners wait down at HQ, whilst relief arrives by train in afternoon. Then guide them up to me. If relief leaves Spoil BANK at 4.15 PM. no later, it will get up to me about 6^{PM} or a little later. They will call at EMBANKMENT DUGOUTS and leave four men of NO 13 + 14 gun teams at dugouts. And will pick up their rations there. My men that are there now, will have rations split up in lots ready. My runners know what to do when they get up to me. The four men that are left back at EMBANKMENT DUGOUTS tonight, will come up tomorrow night to arrive here at 11 PM (on 11th / 18.) and relieve the men on 13 + 14 guns. Who in turn will go back for their turnly few hours rest.

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W. Pegler
 of O. Coy

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OC 12 A.M. C. Coy

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Intelligence Report
for 7 hours period ending 1 a.m.
11.2.18

OUR OPERATIONS.

at Arklay. - At 10 p.m. artillery
on our right opened up
an intense bombardment.

As this was some distance
away and various flares of
different colours, mostly green
and red, were being freely
used, it could not be
determined from here whether
our S.O.S. went up or not.

This bombardment lasted
for three quarters of an hour.

IDENTIFICATION. - Nil.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY. - At 11 p.m.
the vicinity of Jarbeck's

² Farm was subjected to
a slight shelling from
enemy gas shells.
HOSTILE AIRCRAFT Nil
SALVAGE Nil
WORK Nil
MISCELLANEOUS Nil

J. A. [Signature]

Map HOLLEBEKE 1/10000

Intelligence Report
For Period Ending 5.30 AM

Our Operations

Light artillery shelled
enemy front line with
H.F. and Schrapnel,
intermittently during
the day.

A few heavy shells
were fired overhead
but could not observe
where they landed.

Aircraft were inactive
throughout the period.

Machine Guns of "C"
Group Barrage Guns

413
Fired on KIKI FARM
P.C. 30.90. De Goot and
TRACK P.C. 90.75. and
TRACK at P.C. 32.50
12,000 rnds being
expended.

Times of fire 7-7.15 PM
7.45 to 8 PM 9-9.30 PM
10.30 to 11 PM.
12.30 to 1 AM. 5.30 to 6.

No enemy defences or
M.G. were identified
during the period.

Hostile artillery.
Light guns shelled
vicinity of B Group
Barrage M.G. at 1.45 PM
at 6.55 PM, enemy
bombed vicinity of

IMPERIAL DUGOUTS
with 4.2 and 7.7mm
shells no direct hits
were obtained on any
dugouts

At 8 PM enemy
bombed to the
right of "C" Group Barrage
M. G.

Enemy M. G. also
fired on ~~the~~ IMPERIAL
DUGOUTS and "C" Group
Barrage M. G.

No salvage work has
been done during period
work. Four men
supplied to
Y. Tree for work on
"B" Group Battery position
Dugouts at "C" Group
strengthened and
made gas proof

Miscellaneous

No crepe or luminous
tube has yet reached

"C" Group
Salvage work will
be in full swing
tomorrow also
constructional work
on "C" ~~Group~~ Group
Battery position

At 10 P.M. a heavy
bombardment opened to
the south and many
coloured flares went up.
It could not be observed
~~that~~ whether the guns
firing were our own or
the enemies. W. Wood
(Runner 5:30) $\frac{1}{18}$

To
O.C. 12 all active Gun Coy

Intelligence report for period
ending 6 AM 11-2-18

Our Operations

Artillery. Very quiet
from 6 AM until 10 PM
At 10 PM on our Right S.O.S
went up & bombardment lasted
about 1/2 hour firing lively then
till 11 PM. Was then quiet, rest of
the night

- Aircraft - nil
- Patrols -
- M.G.s -

Identifications. Hostile Artillery
a few S.G. along Plat Avenue &
Chapel towards transport corner
between the hours of 2 PM & 5-30 PM
Very little shelling during night

- Aircraft - nil
- Salvage -

Miscellaneous

As soon as
our gun positions are completed
& will get on with all the
salvaging possible

5:30 PM

11/2/18

A.P. Lee

Intelligence report for 24 hours
ending 6 A.M. on the 11/2/18

D. C. 12th M. G. Coy

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Our operations:- Our artillery opened
up at heavy bombardment at 10 p.m.
and continued to 10.45 p.m.

Remainder of the period quiet
Hostile artillery: Enemy artillery
replied to bombardment, about
fifty shells falling in the vicinity
of White Chateau and our new
battery position. All H. & were
used.

Sentry's report quiet for the
remainder of the period.

Hostile aircraft:- No enemy planes
observed for twenty four hours.


Work: Work has been continued
on battery positions and is
progressing pretty fast

Salvage Nil

Miscellaneous:- I am shifting
No 4 Gun at daylight this morning.
I will if possible have the
whole battery in the trench
to-morrow. I propose to
keep only 1.29 315 in dug out at
position and will keep No 4 here.
I will set about getting salvage
immediately.

5.50 a.m.

Per Runner

B. O. Reilly


~~DISPOSED~~

~~O. C. 12th M. G. Coy~~

~~11/2/18~~

~~137/14000~~

~~DISPOSED~~

~~O. C. 12th M. G. Coy~~

~~11/2/18~~

~~137/14000~~

12th Aust M.C. Co.
Intelligence Summary No 5.
Period Ending 6.0 a.m. on 11-2-18

Our Operations -

Artillery - Light artillery shelled enemy front line with H.E. and shrapnel intermittently during the day. At 10.0 p.m. a heavy bombardment opened up lasting till 10.45 p.m.

Patrols - Usual patrol activity by our infantry.

Aircraft - Inactive during 24 hours.

M.G.s. - Our M.G.s. carried out the usual harassing fire during the night. Targets fired on KIKI FARM P.D.C. 30.90, dugout and tracks at P.2.6.90.75 and tracks at P.7.C.32.50. Ammunition expended 12,000 rounds.

Enemy Activity -

Artillery - Imperial Dugouts shelled at 6.55 p.m. with 4.20 and 7.75. At 8.0 p.m. railway embankment was shelled. At 11.0 p.m. JARROCK'S FARM was shelled with gas. On the right enemy answered our bombardment at 10.0 p.m. about 50 H.E. shells falling in the vicinity of WHITE CHATEAU, and our right M.G. battery position. No damage done.

Aircraft - None observed during the period.

M.G.s. - Indirect fire apparently from the direction of FUNNY FARM fell in the vicinity of ~~the~~ our M.G. battery position near IMPERIAL DUGOUTS.

Miscellaneous - During our bombardment at 10.0 p.m. many flares were sent up, a number of coloured ones being noticed.

Disposition - Our dispositions the same as notified last night.

R. J. Martin Capt.
CO.

Casualty & Sick
 Evacuation Report
 for period ending 11.2.18

W.L.

J. G. [Signature]

Return of work done by
 A Group from 7.2.18 to 11.2.18 (inc)

Date	Hours	Work Done
7.2.18	5 1/2	Dismantling settlements to enable gun emplacements to be dug. (Clear day)
8.2.18	9	Completed dismantling trench and commenced digging new gun emplacements (Dull day)
9.2.18	9	Completed No 4 Gun emplacement and put in gun. Advanced work on No 3 Emplacement (Dull day)

~~Ob. H. G. Co.~~

~~Per runner
1 a.m. 1/2-18.~~

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Date	Hours	Work Done
10.2.18	7	Completed no 3 gun emplacement and put in gun. Moved ammunition from original no 4 gun. Drained fill box for crew.
11.2.18	7	Continued work on emplacements. Completed draining fill box. Salvaging done.
Totals 35 1/2 Indirect fire was carried out on morning of 10 th & men firing rested during the day.		
	11.2.18	BORSELL

MAR HOLLEBEVE 410000

Intelligence Report 12/2/18

Fore Period Ending 5.30 AM

Our Operations.

Artillery not so active as during preceding period. Slight bombardment by 18 hows from 5.55 to 6 P.M.

Aircraft Inactive

Machine Guns.

"C" Troop Machine Gun Barrage Battery fired on KIKI HARRA. P8c 30.90
TUBE X ROADS. P8a 33.80
DUG OUT P2b 90.75.

Intermittently during the night. 7000 rnds. SAA being expended

No enemy defences or
M.G. positions were
identified.

Hostile Artillery

Quieter than usual
only a few 77 shells
being fired during the
period. At 2.15 to 2.30.
enemy shelled vicinity
of "B" and "C" Groups
with light shells doing
no damage.

Enemy M.G. continues to
fire small bursts at
irregular intervals on
to dugouts and battery
position of "C" Group
M.G. Barrage Battery.

Salvage of salvage

dump has been
established and a man
put in charge of same
Salvage is taken by
truck to the MOLE
DUMP and handed over
to driver of ration limbers

Work Dugout and
cook house at "C" Group
strengthened.
Belt filling position
strengthened.

No 9 and 89 Gun pits
deepened and strengthened
Drain started at battery
position.

S.A.A. brought from
 $\frac{1}{2}$ mile East of MOLE
DUMP

Miscellaneous.

Lt Col Fowler reported
and put on duty vice
Lt Col de Grath on
Paris leave.

30000 rds only of
S. A. H. sent up yesterday
have been brought to
"C" Group, remainder
will be brought up
to-day, only 1,000 rds of
this was K brand the
remainder being P. K.

(Runner 5.15. a.m.)

Intelligence report for 24 hours
ending 6 A.M. on the 12.2.18.

O. C. 12th M. G. Coy (06)

Our operations:- Our artillery
has been unusually quiet the
whole of the period. No planes
have been observed.

Hostile artillery:- Enemy
artillery has also been very
quiet during the 24 hours.

Enemy aircraft:- No enemy
aircraft reported.

Work:- An account of work
done is attached.

No 1 & 2 guns fired intermittently
during the night on targets
ordered.

Ammunition expended: 7000 rounds

Salvage:-	Propped (Pack Saddle)	2
	Water bottles	3
	" carriers	2
	Braces (Equipment)	3

Salvage (cont'd)

Carrier (entrenching tool)	1
Rifles	2
Picks	1
Shovels	4
Knives	1
Magnifying Glass	4

This salvage was sent down by ration trolleys yesterday. Miscellaneous. During the doing indirect fire I did not shift no. 2 gun into battery position as intended. Will try & get it done today.

Casualties: Nil.

5:45 a.m.

12/2/18

B. R. Lee

to P. C. 12 All. Gun Coy.

Intelligence report for period ending 6 AM 12/2/18

Our Operations. Artillery very quiet both day & night
 Aircraft Nil
 Patrols ~
 All. Guns ~

Identifications. Hostile Artillery
 A few shells on Battle Wood + Clap Avenue at 3:30 p.m. + Shrapnel in direction of transport lanes.
 Hostile Aircraft - nil

Salvage 4 Rifles, 1 Bayonet
 6 Lewis Gun Mag.

5:30 am

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Work done since taking
over this position

Have built 4 Machine Gun
installments. + have dug
60 yds of trench 5 ft deep
3 ft wide + have reworked
same.

Hours worked each day.

8 AM. 12 noon

2 P.M. 5-30 P.M.

P. P. Lee

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Intelligence Report for period
24 hours ending 1.11.18

1. DUTY OPERATIONS. — Artillery —
Throughout the period
our artillery were very
quiet, only firing occasional
shells at irregular intervals.
2. Identification etc.
3. Hostile Artillery. Unusually
quiet. At 11 p.m. enemy
fired on our support-
line with small guns
of which bang type
about 30 shells. Guns
of larger calibre scarcely
fired at all during the
period.
4. Hostile Aircraft. At 4 p.m.
our enemy plane

12th Aust MG. Coy
Intelligence Summary
Period ending 6.0 a.m. on 12-2-18.

Our Operations -

Artillery - Our artillery was fairly quiet during 24 hours. 18 pdrs were active between 5.55 pm and 6.0 pm.

Aircraft - Inactive as usual.

Patrols - Usual activity by infantry.

M.G.s. - Our barrage M.G.s. fired intermittently throughout the night from positions near IMPERIAL DUGOUTS and WHITE CHATEAU.

Targets engaged were: Road running E and W in P.7.a; KIKI FARM, P.8.c. 30.90; TUBE X-ROADS at P.8.a. 5380. dugout at P.2.b. 90.75.

Ammunition expended 14000 rds.

Enemy Activity -

Artillery - Quieter than usual during 24 hours. Between 2.15 and 2.50 pm. enemy shelled vicinity of IMPERIAL DUGOUTS and BATTLE WOOD with 77s and 4.2s. At 11.0 pm. enemy fired on Support Line with a shell gun of "whizz-bang" type, about 33 rounds being fired. No other activity.

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was observed patrolling enemy front but too far away to offer a target. It did not venture to cross our line. This was the only plane of any description seen during the day.

5. Sabrage - Nil.

6. Work. - Dugout at Jarrocks Farm thoroughly cleaned out. Eighteen bags of flesh being removed.

7. Miscellaneous. Although a dark night, exceptionally few flares were used by the enemy.

J. W. Pauling
S.I.

aircraft - inactive. At 4.0 pm one enemy plane was observed patrolling enemy front, but did not venture to cross our lines.

M.G. - again active on our M.G. positions near IMPERIAL DUGOUTS firing bursts at irregular intervals.
Miscellaneous - Enemy very quiet during 24 hours. Very few flares put up during the night.

Richard C. [unclear]

12-2-18

(P.H.)

12-2-18

To O.C. 12th P.C.C.

Please have sent up as soon as possible, some chloride-of-lime or other disinfectant as this dugout is in a most unsanitary state and alive with vermin.

It would be advisable to have meat ration for these guns sent up cooked, as cooking is extremely difficult under present conditions.

J.A. [unclear]

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Casualty & Sick
Report for period 24 hours
ending 12.2.18.

Casualties
Sick Ev. -

J. A. Paulin

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C. Group
Salvage Return No. 1

- 2 Half mile galvanised
D2 reels.
- 6 L. G. magazines in
carriers
- 2 Rifles
- 1 Equipment (webb)
- 2 Sandbags of empty
S. A. A cases
- 3,000 rnds S. A. A (retained)
- 3 stretchers (handed
over to A. M. C.)

W. Wood

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~~Report 6th~~

~~to 12th Feb 1918~~

O.C.

12th A.M.C. Co

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MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

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TO: GAG CACE
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Sender's Number: * Z 9549 Day of Month: 12 In reply to Number: AAA

Hold positions at all costs
aaa 9th Brigade situation as
before advance and get touch
with right and left aaa
push out posts in front aaa
GAG will arrange a company
near D17 central to cover
left flank aaa artillery.
Have been informed of new
situation and new SOS
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From: Gaby
Place: G.S.O.
Time: 6.50.

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) *[Signature]*
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19th Aust MG. Coy
Intelligence Summary No. 7
Period ending 6.0 am on 15.2-18.

Our Operations

Artillery - Heavies and light guns fairly active, shelling intermittently during the 24 hours. Heavies shelled COMINES between 3.0 pm and 3.30 pm. 18 pdrs fired on LINKS WOOD with good effect.
Aircraft - Inactive.
Patrols - Manual activity by Infantry units.
M.G.s - Our M.G.s. from Batteries at IMPERIAL DUG OUTS and WHITE CHATEAU carried out harassing fire intermittently throughout the night. Targets engaged: P.8.A.70.25; P.7.A.87.44; P.7.C.90.80; P.7.A.12.25; P.7.C.95.25.
Ammunition expended 20000 rds.

Enemy Operations

Artillery - Enemy artillery was fairly quiet during the period. Front Line and KLEIN ZILLEBEKE shelled with 770 at 10.15 am. and 3.0 pm. Between 3.0 pm. and 4.0 pm. enemy shelled Support Line in vicinity of JARROCK'S FARM with 5.90. OPAQUE WOOD and OLAF AVENUE shelled intermittently during the

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afternoon with 5.95.
Aircraft - At 4.10 pm. an enemy
aeroplane flew across our line
at a low altitude. It was engaged
by our Lewis gunners, riflemen,
H.A. guns and Vickers guns,
and eventually driven off.
Miscellaneous - Dark, misty night,
observation being bad.

J. Shaulin Capt.
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12th Night A.S. Log
Intelligence Summary No 8.
Period ending 6.0 a.m. on 14-2-18.

Our Operations

Artillery - During the night our 18
pdrs. were fairly active, firing salvos
and gun fire. Heavies also active
about 11.0 pm. Remainder of period
quiet.

Patrols - Usual activity by Infantry
Units.

Aircraft - Inactive.

M.G.s. - Our M.G. batteries from
IMPERIAL DUGOUTS and WHITE
CHATEAU carried out more than the
usual harassing fire during the night,
the idea being to cover relief of the
Infantry. Targets engaged:-
CHALK FARM and tracks in vicinity;
fortified shell-holes and tracks at
P.7.a. 15.65; and GAME COPSE.
Ammunition expended, 23,000 rds.

Enemy Activity

Artillery - Quieter than usual. At
5.15 pm. a few shells fired on RAILWAY
TRENCH. From 7.0 pm. till 8.30 pm.
OLAF AVENUE, BATTLE WOOD and
CANAL DUGOUTS staked with gas shells.

Our Support Line at P.O. 2.6. shelled
intermittently with 5.90.

M.G. - Enemy M.G. fired a great
deal on the vicinity of JARROCK'S
FARM, apparently from direction of
P.O. 1.6.

Aircraft - Inactive.

Miscellaneous - Weather extremely dull,
with a continual mist, and steady
rain. Visibility bad.

J. H. Mackinnon

14-2-18

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12th Aust M.G. Coy.
Intelligence Summary No 9.
Period ending 6.0 am. on 15-2-18.

Our Operations -

Artillery - Artillery active at different
periods, from 3.0 pm. to 5.30 pm. 18 pds.
were active. Heavy guns active from
5.20 to 5.40 pm, excellent results being
obtained on a dugout in front of our
Forward Line.

Aircraft - Inactive.

Patrols - No activity by Papantia.

M.G. - Our M.G. taking advantage
of bad weather were active throughout
the period. Intermittent fire was
kept up from 10.0 am till dawn.

Special shoots were carried out on
LOCK 4, 8 guns being concentrated
there. Subjects engaged: - P.O. 05.90
CIRCUS POINT (presenting enemy
artillery while our troops patrolled
CHALK FARM); P.O. 30.90;
P.O. 70.25; TUBE X-ROADS; tracks
at P.O. 80.40; PIE FARM; PUMP
FARM; Traversed from LOCK 5 to
LOCK 4. Ammunition expended
28,500 rounds.

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Enemy Activity -

Artillery - Battery salvoes of 770 fired on our supports at 6.0 pm. till 5.55 pm. till 6.5 pm. enemy put up a brick bombardment with 770 on ridge running EAST of IMPERIAL DUGOUTS. Otherwise art-illery ~~was~~ during the period.

Aircraft - Activity

M.G. - M.G. active on our battery at WHITE CHATEAU from 2.30 pm. till 5.0 pm. and on our Forward Bases from 6.0 pm till 9.0 pm

[Signature]

12th Aust. M.G. Coy
Intelligence Summary No. 10.
Period ending 6.0 am on 16-2-18.

Our Operations -

Artillery - Our artillery active during the afternoon, guns of heavy calibre firing a great deal between 5.0 pm and 5.45 pm. Numerous targets were engaged, apparently with success.

Patrols - Usual activity by infantry formations.

Aircraft - A few scouting machines seen during the day, 6 passing over our lines at 10.6 am.

M.G. - Our machine guns very active from dusk to daylight, guns firing from IMPERIAL DUGOUTS, BATTLE WOOD and WHITE CHATEAU.

Targets engaged: - Neutralizing fire on CIRCUS POINT, from 11.30 pm to 11.40 pm rapid fire was carried out by 4 guns of C battery on DAMP COPSE at P. 2. a. 70.90, medium fire till 12.0 midnight, and from 12.0 midnight till 6.0 am. neutralizing fire. Other targets engaged: - TUBE X-ROADS; tracks

Tracks near DAMP COPSE - EAST FARM; PIE FARM; PUMP FARM; tracks from LOCK 5 to LOCK 4. Ammunition expended 41,500 lbs.

Enemy activity -

Artillery - 370 5.9 H.E. shells fell in vicinity of WHITE CHATEAU from 10.0 am. to 10.30 am. Shrapnel and gas shells on OLAF AVENUE and BATTLE WOOD at 7.0 pm. Working parties in saps near JARROCK'S FARM shelled at 11.0 am, between 8.0 pm. and 9.0 pm. and 12.0 midnight.

Aircraft - One enemy plane seen flying over enemy lines at 10.0 am. and again at 2.0 pm. Engaged by our A.A. guns. From 4.45 pm. to 5.20 pm. heavily engaged by our A.A. guns and eventually driven off.

Trench mortars - Heavy trench mortars engaged our Support Line in front of WHITE CHATEAU between 8.30 pm and 9.30 pm.

M.Gs. - Intermittent fire in short bursts on our guns at IMPERIAL DUCK-OUTS and our Forward Sums.

apparently firing from directions of FUNNY FARM, and LOCK 5. Miscellaneous - Sharp Frost during the night. Weather bright and clear. Visibility good.

Johnston Capt.

12th Aust MG Coy.
Intelligence Summary No. 10
Period ending 6.0 am. on 17-2-18.

Our Operations -

Artillery - Our artillery was more active than usual during the day, many targets being engaged. LOCKS 4 and 5 shelled intermittently. Counter-battery work carried out by the heavies.

Aircraft - Our aircraft were very active during the day, many planes crossing the enemy's lines.

M.Gs. - Our M.Gs. were active from 7.0 pm till 9.0 pm. when all firing was stopped owing to the infantry imagining that our bullets were falling short (This is, of course, absurd). Targets engaged were: - LOCK 4; dugouts near DEVIL'S ELBOW; CIRCUS POINT. Ammunition expended 16,000 rounds. During the day our A.A. M.Gs. engaged many enemy aircraft, helping to drive them off. Ammunition expended on aircraft 3,000 rounds.

Patrols - Usual activity by infantry units.

Enemy Activities -

Artillery - Enemy artillery was

more active than usual. WHITE CHATEAU and BOW H.Q. shelled with 5.9s. LONE HOUSE shelled from 3.40 am. to 4.0 am. with 5.9s. OLAF AVENUE, OPARKE WOOD, TRANSPORT CORNER, THE BLUFF and CANAL WALK shelled intermittently throughout the day with 5.9s.

Aircraft - Enemy aircraft very active during the day, on several occasions flying low over our lines. These were engaged by our A.A. guns and M.Gs. and eventually driven off. They showed great enterprise and daring.

M.Gs. - M.Gs. from GAME COPSE and other places were active during the night, firing on our support line, posts, and Battery M.G. positions.

J. J. Martin Capt

12th Aust MG Coy.
Intelligence Summary No. 12.
Period ending 6.0 am. of 18-2-1918.

Our Operations -

Artillery - Our artillery (18 pds) have been fairly quiet during the period. Heavies have been active at times on counter-battery work and shelling the back areas.

Patrols - Usual activity by infantry units.

Aircraft - Very active during the day. During the night many bombs were dropped on the enemy's lines.

M.G.s. - Usual activity, harassing fire being carried out during the night.

Targets engaged: - KIKI FARM; P.2. B. 90.75; P.7. C. 32.50; PEN HO; CHALK FARM; BASSEVILLE FARM.

Ammunition expended 14,000 rounds.

Enemy activity -

Artillery - Enemy artillery less active. WHITE CHATEAU shelled between 12.30 pm and 1.30 pm with 15 5.90. IMPERIAL DUG OUTS bombarded with 4.2's at about 9.0 pm.

Aircraft - Enemy aircraft active during the day, several planes being

heavily engaged by our AA and M. guns. Ammunition expended by our M.G.s. 6,000 rounds.

J. H. Markham (Capt)

12th Aust M.G. Co.
Intelligence Summary No. 13
Period ending

Our Operations -

Artillery - Our artillery fairly quiet except for bursts of activity by our heavies. At 6.0 a.m. a bombardment was carried out on our left.

Patrols - Usual activity by infantry, strong patrols being kept out all night without intermission.

Aircraft - Active during the period, especially early in the morning, continually patrolling enemy lines.

M.G.s. - Our M.G.s. carried out the usual harassing fire during the night. Targets engaged: - Roads and tracks near HOLLEBEKE CHAT; CIRCUS POINT; BASSEVILL FARM; P.8.a.70.25; P.8.a.10.45; P.7.0.32.50; CHALK FARM and CHATEAU FARM.

Ammunition expended 19,250 rds. During the day our M.G. heavily engaged enemy aircraft driving them off on many occasions. Ammunition expended 7,750 rds.

Enemy activity -

Artillery - Quiet throughout the period. SHERWOOD BUMP received the usual attention during the day, especially between 12.15 p.m. and 1.0 p.m.

Aircraft - Enemy aircraft very active, some planes flying very low over our lines. They appear to pay particular attention to the ground between the Support Line and our Battery positions. They were heavily engaged by our A.A. M.G.s, Lewis guns and rifles, but without apparent success.

M.G.s. - M.G.s. active during the night firing on our Forward Edges, apparently from the direction of DAMP COUSE and MAY FARM.

Miscellaneous - Weather fine and cold, freezing during the night. Wind mild.

J. J. [Signature]

12th Aust MG Coy.

Intelligence Summary No. 14.

Period ending 6.0 am. on 20-2-18.

Our Operations -

Artillery - Our artillery fairly quiet during the day. At 9.0 pm a brisk bombardment opened up on our right, guns of all calibre taking part. It lasted for 20 minutes.

Patrols - Usual activity by infantry units.

Trench Mortars - Trench mortars bombarded DAMP COPSE between 8.0 pm and 9.0 pm.

Aircraft - Active throughout the day, continually patrolling our lines from dawn till dusk. About midday our planes brought down a German machine which fell in the vicinity of SANDBAG BRIDGE.

M.G.s - Our guns were active throughout the night, the usual harassing fire being maintained.

Targets Engaged - Dugouts at P.7 d. 9080
Tracks & dugouts at P.7 c. 9035; BUCKY
Road running East & West in P.7. a;
TUBE X-ROADS; dugouts and tracks
at CIRCUS POINT; Tracks at BASSEVILLE
FARM

Ammunition expended 22,250 rds.

Enemy activity -

Artillery - Enemy artillery fairly quiet during the period. BATTLE WOOD shelled during the afternoon with 5.9's.

M.G.s - Enemy M.G.s active from 6.30 pm onwards, indirect fire being directed on our Forward Guns.

Aircraft - Enemy aircraft fairly active during the day, occasionally flying low over our lines. They were engaged heavily by our A.A. guns and M.G.s. and driven off.

Miscellaneous - Weather still fine and calm. Visibility practically nil till 10.0 am. owing to ground mists.

Dispositions - The following dispositions have been altered: -

Two Right Forward Guns have been moved to CANAL DUGOUTS and are now situated at

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O. 5. b. 65. 65.

J. M. C. [Signature]

12th Aust M.G. Coy
Intelligence Summary No. 15.
Period ending 6 am on 21-2-18.

Our Operations -

Artillery - Our 18 pdrs. active at intervals during the period, good shooting being observed on pill-boxes and wire in front of our Forward Guns. LOCKS 4 and 5 shelled during the afternoon with apparent good results.

Aircraft - A few of our planes patrolled enemy's line about midday.

M.Gs. - Our M.Gs. were active during the ~~day~~ night, carrying out harassing fire on the following targets: - LOCK 4, tracks at P.7.C. 80.40; dugouts at P.7.a 80.40 and P.2.C. 12.85; tracks P.7.C. 32.50 P.7.C. 35.95; P.7.C. 90.35; NAPOO FARM and KIKI FARM.

Ammunition expended 20,250 rds.

Enemy activity -

Artillery - At 12.30 and 2.30 p.m. a few 8.9s fired in the rear of our Forward Guns, 50% being 'duds'. At 9.30 p.m. about 20 gas shells

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were fired on WHITE CHATEAU. A few 5.9s and 4.2s were fired on the BLUFF between 10.30 and 11.0 am.

Aircraft - Inactive. Only one machine seen.

M.Gs. - Very quiet throughout the period.

Dispositions - Unaltered.

Miscellaneous - Weather very misty and dull with drizzly rain. Visibility bad.

[Signature]

12TH AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY.
No.
Date.

Nº E520

O. C. 12 to dust M. G. Bay

Will let you have "Inner
Defence Scheme" by
9 a.m. It is not
light enough to sketch
country I could fire on

W. Wood

Revised 5.30

with question paper

Am sending that sketch of
field of fire for inner
defence scheme as requested

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O. C.

12th August 1917

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SECRET. Copy No. 9
12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 191.

Map Reference Sheet 27 and 28. 1/40,000. 25-2-18.

1. The 12th Australian Infantry Brigade will move from their present camps by march route to the MERRIS Area, replacing the 1st Australian Infantry Brigade on the 27th February, 1918, in accordance with attached March Table.

2. Units will arrange their own starting point so as to pass at the time stated in March Table.
Brigade Headquarters and the Trench Mortar Battery will march in rear of the 48th Battalion.

3. Distances as under will be maintained by Units during the march. Halts being made at 10 minutes to the clock hour throughout.

- 100 yards between Companies.
- 100 " " Units and their Transport.

4. 1 Officer and 4 N.C.O.'s from Battalions, and 1 Officer and 1 N.C.O. from other Units, will report to Lieut. STABBACK at 1st Australian Infantry Brigade Headquarters, METEREN, at 12 noon on 26th and arrange billets in new area.

Similar parties from the 1st Australian Infantry Brigade Units will report to these Headquarters on 26th and will be sent to Units to take over our present camps.

Units will arrange to leave parties behind to ensure that present camps are left in a clean and sanitary condition.

5. Supplies. Supply wagons will fill at M.F.D. as usual on 26th and will accompany units during move

27th February. Supplies will be delivered at METEREN but will not be issued to Units.

28th February. 2 days issue will be delivered to Units at METEREN. Time of drawing later.

Baggage wagons will report to Units on the afternoon of 26th.

6. Motor lorries will be available for transport of blankets etc. Exact time of reporting will be notified later.

7. Brigade Headquarters will close at LA CLYTTE at 9 a.m. and open again at METEREN on arrival.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

R.H. [Signature]
Major.
Brigade Major.
12th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

Issued to Signals at 8-30 p.m.

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- 9 - 12th Machine Gun Coy.
- 10 - 12th A.L.T.M.Bty.
- 11 - 4th Aust. Div.
- 12 - 1st A.I. Brigade.
- 13 - 26th A.A.S.C.

MARCH TABLE TO ACCOMPANY BRIGADE ORDER No. 191.

Date	Unit	From	To	Unit S.Pt.	Route	Remarks
27th Feb	46th Bn.	CURRAGH CAMP	4th Bn. Area X 26 D 40 00	8.30 a.m.	LOCRE-BAILLEUL	
do	47th Bn.	DEZON CAMP	1st Bn. Area METELEN	8.45 a.m.	do	
do	48th Bn.	MURRIGE CAMP	3rd Bn. Area X 15 G 13 95	do	do	
do	12th TMB	LA CLYTTE	METELEN	do	do	
do	12th BHQ	do	do	do	do	
do	12th MG Coy	SIEGE FARM	1st MG Coy METELEN	do	KEMMEL-LOCRE- BAILLEUL	
do	45th Bn.	PARRETT CAMP	2nd Bn Area X 17 J 3 2	9 a.m.	do	

APPENDIX.