

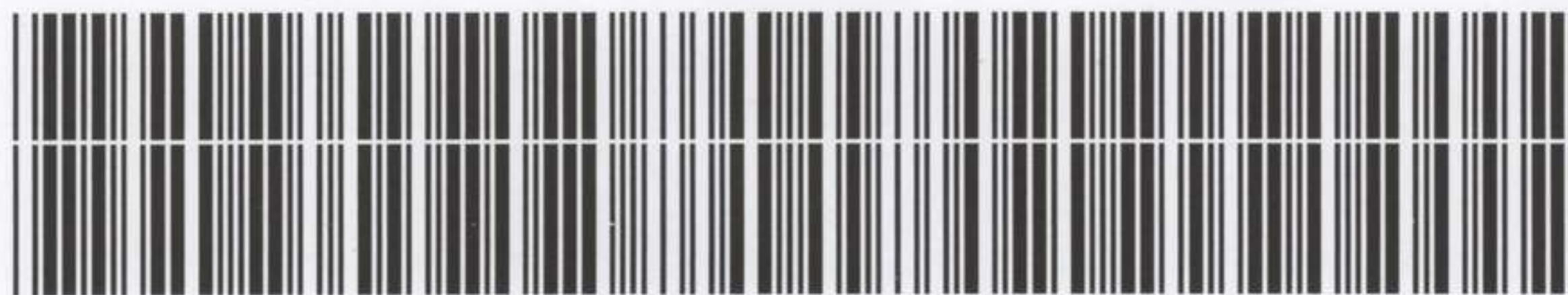
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**"O" FORM.**  
**MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.** No. of Message.....

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l s. d.	From.....	At.....m.	
Charges to Collect	By.....	To.....	
Service Instructions		By.....	

Handed in at.....Office.....m. Received.....m.

TO *COY Commanders*

* Sender's Number. <i>M 17</i>	Day of Month. <i>28</i>	In reply to Number.	<b>AAA</b>
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Please furnish	by	9 AM	
29 inst	short notes	on	
recent	(operations)	a a a	only
details	after	having	base
required	a a a	information	specially
required	as	to	1
appointment	met	and	where
first	check	received	2
how	touch	was	maintained
and	whether	direction	at
any	time	lost	3
distance	penetrated	4	consolidated
carried	out	5	who
was	on	12	and
2	6	any	special
incidents	sent	as	who
took	command	of	platoon

FROM \_\_\_\_\_

PLACE & TIME \_\_\_\_\_

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**"C" Form.**  
**MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.**

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Service Instructions	By.....	To.....	
		By.....	

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TO

* Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
etc	7	any	incidents
occurring	on	25th	
To: Lieut Henderson			
Pleas	confer	with	WCO
of	the	Co	on
which			
you	curious	prop	to boy
29.5.18			

FROM

PLACE & TIME

Advt 52B- A.J.F.  
9-35 PM

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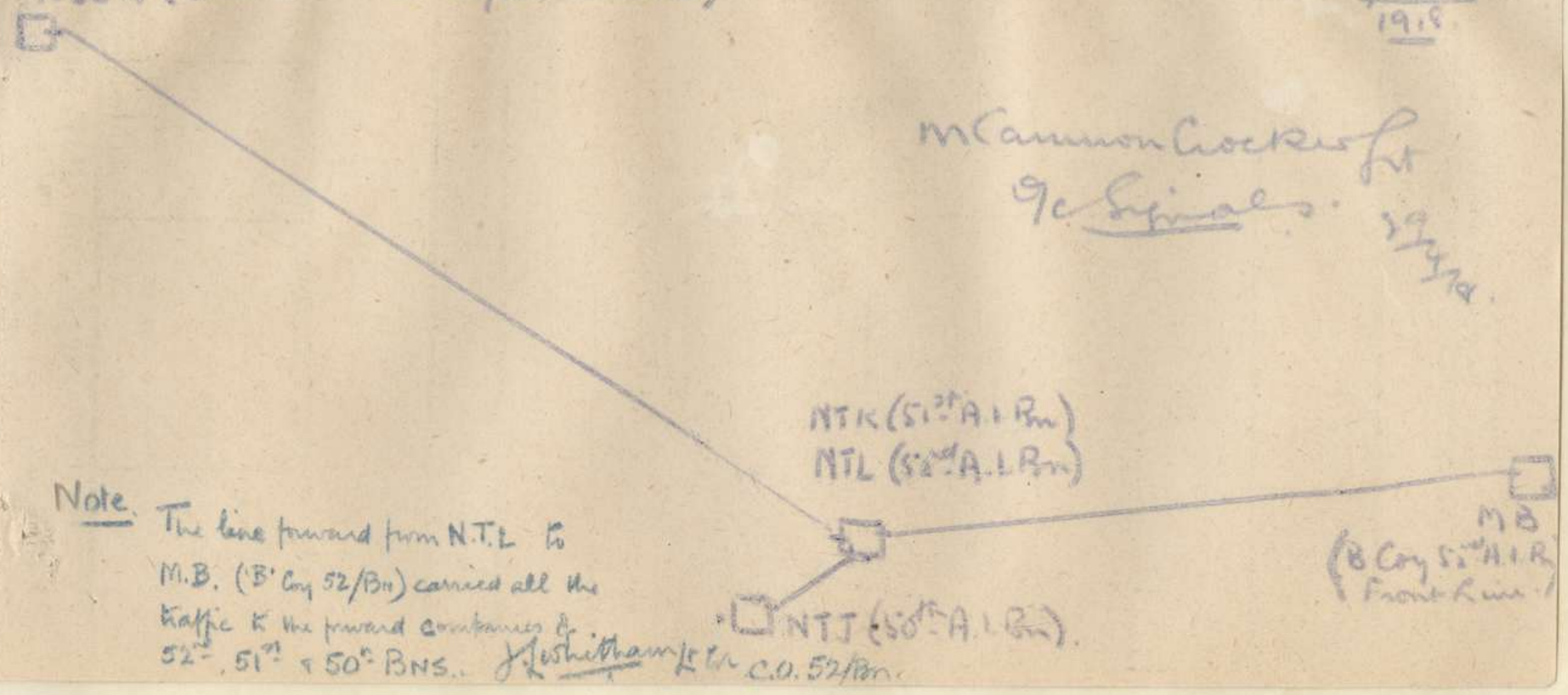
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# DIAGRAM No. 1 OF TELEPHONE COMMUNICATION

52<sup>nd</sup> A.I.B.N. 24/25<sup>th</sup> APRIL  
1918

Mcannon Crockers for  
90 Signals. 1918

NOCA (Bde Forward Report Centre)



Note. The line forward from N.T.L. to  
M.B. (B Coy 52/Bn) carried all the  
traffic to the forward companies of  
52<sup>nd</sup>, 51<sup>st</sup> & 50<sup>th</sup> BNS. *J. Lushington* C.O. 52/Bn.

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(attached to M25) DIAGRAM No 2  
OF TELEPHONE  
COMMUNICATION

S2nd A.I. Bn 24/50 April 1948

McCaum Crocker for  
Op Signals 29/5/48

NOCIA (Forward Bde Report Centre)



NTK (S1st A.I. Bn)  
NTL (S2nd A.I. Bn)



NTJ (S8th A.I. Bn)



(Coy S1st A.I. Bn)  
(Forward Centre)



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STRENGTH OF BATTALION DURING OPERATIONS.

	Off.	O/R.
Total strength of Battalion on 24/4/18	45	878
" " " " " 30/4/18	33	631

J. L. Whitlam  
Lieut Colonel.

Commanding 52nd. Battalion A.I.F.

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attachement

"B"

M 25  
Signals  
53<sup>rd</sup> A. I. Bn

53<sup>rd</sup> A. I. Bn

Report on Operations of  
24/25<sup>th</sup> April 1918.

24<sup>th</sup> April 1918

Telephone

U3a.6.4

At 10.00 pm the Temporary Bn Hqrs. was established at approx. U3a.6.4.

O25.2 <sup>3.2</sup> ~~2.8~~

Two Runners were sent to the Forward Brigade Report Centre, which was established at ~~O25.2~~ <sup>3.2</sup> ~~2.8~~ and guided the Brigade line laying party, who were to lay a telephone line to the Bn Hqrs.

U3b.2.0

At 11.00 pm the Temporary Bn Hqrs moved forward, behind the attacking troops, to a position at approx.

U3a.6.4

U3b.2.0. On arrival at this position, a Runner was sent to the previous position at approx.

U3b.2.0

U3a.6.4 to guide the Bde. line laying party to the new Bn Hqrs at approx U3b.2.0.

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24<sup>th</sup> April 1918

At 11.30 pm a line laying party, comprising of linemen of 51<sup>st</sup> A.I. Bn, set out to lay a line from Bn Hqs to the front line. This work was completed after 1600 yards of wire had been laid and telephone communication was established at 12.40 am

25<sup>th</sup> April 1918

At 1.00 am the Bde line party arrived at Bn Hqs and telephone communication was then established with the Forward Brigade Report Centre. This line was maintained by both Bde. and Bn. linemen. A line was then laid from 52<sup>nd</sup> A.I. Bn. Hqs. to 50<sup>th</sup> A.I. Bn. Hqs and telephone communication was established at 2.00 am. At 2.00 am the telephone communication was as per Diagram No. 1. These lines were from time to time broken by shell fire. These breaks were repaired by linemen who worked in pairs.



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25<sup>th</sup> April 1918

At 2.00pm a second telephone line was laid from 5<sup>2<sup>nd</sup></sup> A.I. Bn Hqrs. to 50<sup>th</sup> A.I. Bn. Hqrs. and telephone communication was established.

At 2.00pm the telephone communication was maintained, until the battalion moved into reserve, as per Diagram No 2.

Runner

Communication by Runner was maintained throughout the whole operations.

In Command of  
of Signals  
5<sup>2<sup>nd</sup></sup> A.I. Bn.

$\frac{29}{4}$  100pm  
 $\frac{19}{19}$

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LIST OF CASUALTIES DURING OPERATIONS ON 24/4/1918./25 April 1918

C O M P A N Y	KILLED		WOUNDED		MISSING		TOTAL.	
	OFF	O.R.	OFF	O.R.	OFF.	O.R.	OFF.	O.R.
HEADQUARTERS	-	-	1	7	-	-	1	7
"A" COMPANY	-	14	2	44	-	5	2	63
"B" COMPANY	1	2	1	27	-	2	2	31
"C" COMPANY	-	16	4	45	-	2	4	63
"D" COMPANY	1	14	2*	58	-	1	3	73
TOTAL	2	46	10	181	-	10	12	237

\* 1 died of wounds, 25.4.18.

*J. L. Whigham*  
Lieut-Colonel,

Commanding 52nd. Battalion A. I. F.

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52<sup>nd</sup> Battalion AIF  
April 1918

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Form C. 2123.  
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**"C" FORM.**  
**MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.** No. of Message.....

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Charges to Collect			By.....	To.....	
Service Instructions					By.....
Handed in at.....			Office.....m.	Received.....m.	
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block; font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold;">KEEP</div>					
* Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA		
B 56	28				
<p>Please forward short report on recent operations as soon as possible</p> <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 20px;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%; padding: 10px; display: inline-block;">             Recd. 35 PM JW           </div> <p style="margin-top: 10px; font-size: 1.2em; font-weight: bold;">Reply sent see M25</p> </div>					
FROM	KNIFE				
PLACE & TIME	12 55 PM				

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Headquarters,  
52nd Battalion A.I.F. 115.  
29.4.1918.

Headquarters,  
13th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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Map Ref. Sheet 62d.

REPORT ON OPERATION 24/26th April 1918.

24.4.18.  
9.40 a.m.

In accordance with your B.56 of 28th instant, the following report is submitted.

The Battalion was in billets at PONT NOYELLES.

Brigade message No. B.407 was received at 9.40 a.m. directing the Battalion to be ready to move at short notice, and a mounted officer reported at Brigade Headquarters for instructions. Packs and blankets, which had been reissued to men on 22nd instant on arrival at PONT NOYELLES, were dumped, and all arrangements for moving out completed, dress for troops being fighting order.

10.15 a.m.

Verbal message (phone) received to move out at 11.15am and this was confirmed by Brigade Operation Message No. B409, received after march commenced.

11.25 a.m.

Battalion marched out for BLANGY-TRONVILLE (10 minutes delay occurred at starting point owing to transport columns proceeding into and through village) with intervals of 50 yards between companies, following the valley of the HALLUE River, crossing this river in N.5 where distances were increased to 50 yards between platoons. On reaching the road junction in N.11.d., a halt was made as 50th and 49th Battalions were deploying ahead and towards the SOMME, and crossing the River by two bridges.

2 p.m.

On information given by Brigade Intelligence Officer an operation memo was issued, confirming verbal instructions given to Company Commanders at head of column.

2.10 p.m.

March was resumed, in artillery formations, into the SOMME Valley and the river was crossed in N.16, north of BLANGY-TRONVILLE.

2.15 p.m.

Instructions were issued to Battalion Commanders by Brigadier as Battalions defiled through BLANGY-TRONVILLE and units proceeded direct to the westerly edge of the BOIS de BLANGY. 52nd Battalion dug and occupied a series of posts in N.36.a.b. and d., where they were in a handy position should the reserve line of trenches in the BOIS L'ABBE be broken and a counter-attack be necessary.

5 p.m.

C.O's of 51st and 52nd Battalions were sent to report at 13th Brigade Headquarters, then located at 8th Division Headquarters at GLISY, arriving by car at 5.30 p.m. Instructions for a counter-attack to recover VILLERS-BRETENNEUX and restore line as held in morning of 24th instant, were given by G.O.C. 13th. Brigade, and before leaving Brigade Headquarters at 7.5 pm a copy of Brigade operation memo No. B51 was received.

7.20 p.m.

C.O's 51st and 52nd Battalions reached their Headquarters and respective Company Commanders were assembled, and verbal instructions given for the counter-attack.

7.30 p.m.

Company Commanders were given a copy of the map showing objectives and boundaries, and verbal instructions for the attack; time did not permit of any written instructions being issued, and it would not have been possible for them to read written orders to their platoons owing to darkness; 10 minutes at the most was available for Company Commanders to instruct Platoon Commanders, and no reconnaissance was possible.

8.30 p.m.

Battalion marched out, each Company moving independently, and maintaining connection, and skirting the Southern edge of the BOIS de BLANGY and BOIS L'ABBE, passed north of village of CACHY and reached the "jumping off" place for the attack at 9.45 p.m., leading Companies being extended on the tape line by 9.55 p.m. and "C" Company, which was to follow

8.30 p.m.

close  
down be-hind the right company, was in position by 9.55 p.m.  
"B" Company was a little late owing to their guide being wounded.

The jumping off tape for 13th Brigade had been laid by Battalion Intelligence Officers of 51st and 52nd Battalions, not quite in that position shown on sketch issued with Brigade message B.51. as enemy machine gun fire from the BOIS 1<sup>st</sup> ABBE in U.3.a. had made it impossible to lay the tape on a North and South line through U.3. central. To enable the work to be done assistance had to be obtained from a detachment of the 2nd Worcesters, who were in a near by trench, and a patrol of 10 men under an N.C.O. advanced to the edge of the weed, temporarily silencing the gun.

10. p.m.  
ZERO

It was not possible for all flank units to reach the tape by 10 p.m. Commanding Officers 51st and 52nd Battalions arranged for both Battalions to start together on word being received that left of 51st Battalion was in position. The Battalion on right of 52nd Battalion (2nd Bedford's) was reported in position by 10 p.m. or 10.5 p.m. but the unit on their right had not come up.

10.15 p.m.

All Companies of 51st and 52nd Battalions were clear of tape line. Enemy artillery very active by this time and machine guns opened from left flank, front and half right; this fire was intense.

ADVANCE

Advance of 52nd Battalion was fairly fast, the wire of the CACHY SWITCH trenches caused some delay and also touch to be temporarily lost between front companies - "A" platoon of "A" Company was pushed to the left and re-established touch. "D" Company on left was delayed by this wire also, and later received a check after crossing sunken road in U.4.a., from related German nests.

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"A" Company overcame enemy outpost line with little resistance; his line of resistance was met in approximately U.4.c.. A fire fight of about 3 minutes occurred here, followed by an assault, and the advance was continued to U.5.c. where enemy support line was encountered. Another fire fight ensued, the left flank of "A" Company swung half right and an assault was made which was successful, the enemy being purged into U.5.d.. This movement caused touch to be lost again with "D" Company (left); a patrol sent to reconnoitre returned in a few minutes with information as to left company. "B" Company under Major CRAIES, following in rear, now came up and a platoon from this company re-established junction between "A" and "D" Companies. This was approximately at 1 a.m., but it is difficult to establish at what hour of the night the advance stopped and consolidation commenced; but phone communication with front line was through by 12.40 a.m. and digging-in and strengthening previous trenches etc. commenced about them. An officer of "A" Company reports that by the time our support company reinforced the leading line, the unit on our right (2nd Bedford's) had commenced to dig in (in U.11.b.) their officer maintaining his objective had been reached. About a dozen rounds H.E. were put down by the enemy in this sector and unit on right withdrew to U.11.a. Right flank of "A" Company 52nd Battalion conferred and was established in U.5.c. (2 N.C.O.'s of this company are reported to have done good work in steadying men of this unit on our right and getting them settled down to work of consolidation.)

Battalion  
Headquarters.

It had been intended to establish Headquarters of each of the 3 Battalions engaged in the attack on 13th Brigade front in a depression in U.4.a. but this was not possible - enemy fired flares irregularly and kept machine gun on this sector. A vacant shallow trench was found about U.3.b.2.0 and this was occupied by portion of 51st and 52nd Battalion Headquarters by 10.30 p.m.; C.O. 51st Battalion joined us later here, Headquarters 50th Battalion was established about 200 yards S.E.

Communication.

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Communication by telephons was established with Brigade about 1 a.m. 25th April, ~~and~~ with front line half an hour earlier, and with 50th Battalion by 2 a.m. Report on Signals during operations is attached, marked "B". Excellent work was done by the Battalion linemen and runners.

CONSOLIDATION - Companies were rather mixed by the time "digging-in" commenced and in addition some men from 50th and 51st Battalions were in 52nd Battalion sector.

Major CRAIES, 52nd Battalion and Captain CHURCHILL SMITH conferred and arranged the siting of Brigade line of resistance; during this time and during consolidation patrols were sent out by "A" Company.

As the line was too thickly held in 52nd Battalion sector, "A" and "D" Companies were withdrawn to the support system. "C" and "B" Companies holding the front line of posts and trenches, these being in some cases old English and German trenches and M.G. positions. The attached rough diagram shows the approximate positions occupied by Companies of 52nd Battalion; consolidation was completed just before dawn and no change was made in our positions during the day. During the evening of 25th inst. our left flank was swung forward a little to conform to movements of the 50th Battalion who were endeavoring to get touch with 15th Australian Brigade on the left. About dusk on the 25th, owing to some gap occurring in the sector by units on our right, the right flank of that unit (2nd Bedford's) was withdrawn by Lieutenant HATTON (acting O.C. "A" Company 52nd Battalion) assisted by one of his sergeants, and a defensive flank to our position was formed. During night 25/26th French troops passed through our sector and, prior to the delivery by them of a counter-attack at dawn on 26th April, the 52nd Battalion was withdrawn - the last platoon leaving the front line at 4.45 am: the French attack commenced at 5.15 a.m.

26.4.18  
6 a.m.

GENERAL  
24/25th

52nd Battalion completed withdrawal to positions dug by them on afternoon of 24th inst. on edge of BOIS de BLANGY (square N. 35)

Direction during the advance 24/25th was good. Communication with flank units was maintained throughout; there was a general tendency to swing or edge to the ~~left~~ <sup>right</sup>, and "D" Company (left of 52nd Battalion) reported that 51st Battalion right seemed to lose direction somewhat and envelope our flank. The wire of the fences which crossed our line of advance obliquely was a nasty obstacle, causing delay and changes of direction; these latter were promptly rectified.

The heavy M.G. fire from direction of the Woods on left of Brigade sector of attack also created a strong desire to keep to the ~~left~~ <sup>right</sup>.

Fortunately the night was not very dark, the moon was obscured but, until the artillery fire became heavy and smoke and dust thickened things, it was possible to distinguish neighbouring sections of platoons. <sup>(was)</sup>

FORMATION. At commencement of advance were two platoons of each front Company in extended order across whole frontage, with remaining platoon and Headquarters of each Company following not more than 50 yards in rear in line of section columns.

Two Companies in rear in lines of section columns; it is difficult to say how long these formation lasted but companies and platoons appear to have been kept well in hand throughout.

GENERAL  
(24/25th)

The furthest point reached during the advance in 52nd Battalion sector was MONUMENT Weed in U.C.B. - a party of "D" Company under 2nd Lieutenant D. J. HENDERSON entered the weed, but not having any support on either flank they retired - rounding up a few prisoners en route.

Prisoners. No estimate has been arrived at and no figures were kept by Companies; unwounded men were used to help or carry out wounded and it was very difficult to keep any record of numbers ~~to send~~ to the rear.

SAM

## GENERAL

24/25th

During late afternoon and of 25th and again between 7 & 8 pm our sector was heavily bombarded, the last occasion being almost barrage fire.

Captured Machine Guns. None were brought out of the area by 52nd Battalion but a number were captured, one estimate being that fully 15 guns had been taken or their crews killed or driven off.

Hostile Fire Artillery concentration during the advance on 24/25th was good, within 5 minutes after ZERO and our artillery opening, the Hun put down a heavy ~~shot~~.

Hostile Machine Gun Fire-Intense - we suffered mostly at first from the left flank, but his guns in our immediate front, located apparently in his outpost line in U.4.

Throughout the whole of the 25th April the enemy kept up bursts of machine gun fire, any movement between CACHY and VILLERS-BRETONNEUX calling for a burst of fire. This fire was mainly from the right or South Eastern flank.

No counter-attack was made by the enemy on our front throughout the 25th April or night 25/26th; and no further attack was made by this battalion. After the successful mopping-up of BOIS d'AQUENNE by tanks and units of 23rd. Infantry Brigade during the morning, and the similar successes of the two battalions, BERKSHIRES and 15th Aust. Infantry Brigade in VILLERS BRETONNEUX, a forward movement by the 50th Battalion was ordered and 52nd Battalion was directed to conform to any advance by swinging forward our left.

During morning of April 25th the enemy sent in a flag of truce, calling on us to surrender as we were surrounded on three sides by superior forces; another messenger also came along to guide the "commander" to the German "commandant" but neither of the invitations were accepted. The bearer of the flag of truce was sent to 24th Infantry Brigade Headquarters, the other messenger was sent to the rear as a very willing prisoner of war.

CASUALTIES During the 24/26th April totalled:-

	Officers	Other Ranks	Total
Killed	3	45	48
Wounded	8	175	183
Missing	-	13	13
	11	233	244

Three Commanders were casualties before dawn on 25th, and the fourth was mortally wounded that evening. One Company ("C") was commanded by a sergeant during the afternoon of 25th and until an officer could be sent forward from the reserve.

Medical arrangements were carried out with great difficulty owing to the few places where shelter could be obtained. The work of the R.M.O., his assistants and all stretcher-bearers was quite up to the high standard set and always maintained by our A.A.M.C.

In concluding this report I wish to place on record the very excellent manner in which all ranks tackled the job of the night attack. The ground over which the night advance and the attack was made was not difficult but it was absolutely strange to all - no previous reconnaissance having been possible. The discipline throughout was good, junior officers and N.C.O's carried on splendidly and kept their commands well in hand.

*J. L. Whitham*

Lieut.-Colonel,  
Commanding 52nd Battalion A.I.F.

See also  
Appendix in  
MAY Diary





Attached to M. 25

## 52nd. BATTALION A.I.F.

## NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS WITH BATTALION DURING OPERATIONS 24/4/'18.

+ 25/4/18

HEADQUARTERS.

Lieut-Colonel	J.L. WHITHAM, C.M.G.
Captain	R.L. FORSYTH, (Med. Off.) Wounded 25/4/18
Lieut.	G.E. GILL, ADJUTANT.
Lieut.	M.C. CROCKER, SIG. OFF.
Lieut.	J.H. JULIN, INT. OFF.

"A" COMPANY.

Captain	CH. STUBBINS, M.C. Wounded 24/4/18
Lieut.	W. J. HALL,
Lieut.	G.M. TRAVERS, Wounded 24/4/18
Lieut.	N.G. HATTON, M.M.
2/ Lieut.	H.S. BURN,

"B" COMPANY.

Capt. (Hon. Maj)	W.A. CRAIES, Killed 25/4/18
Lieut.	J.O. SMITH,
Lieut.	J. BONNILY, Wounded 24/4/18 (since died. 4/5/18)
Lieut.	C.J. IVORY, <i>pm</i>

"C" COMPANY.

Captain	W. KENNEDY, Wounded 24/4/18
Lieut.	F. ROGERS, Wounded 24/4/18
2/ Lieut.	T.P. LONG, Wounded 24/4/18
2/ Lieut.	A.G. ROWE, Wounded 25/4/18

"D" COMPANY.

Capt.	W.F. WILMOTT, Died of Wounds 25/4/18
Lieut.	G.W. LEA Wounded 24/4/18
Lieut.	C.B. MARSHALL Killed 24/4/18
2/Lieut.	D.J. HENDERSON

oc. *J. Whitham*  
 Lieutenant. *(col.)*  
 A/Adjutant, 52nd. Battalion A. I.F.

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52nd.

BATTALION

A.I.F.

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NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS LEFT BEHIND DURING OPERATIONS  
24/4/'18 to 30/4/18.

HEADQUARTERS.

MAJOR	R.F. FITZGERALD	D.S.O.	Senior Major
LIEUT.	H.O. BILSON	M.C.	<del>D.S.O.</del>
LIEUT.	A.B. SPIERS		ASS <sup>t</sup> ADJ.
LIEUT.	J.D. FRYER		L.G. OFF.
LIEUT.	A. <del>S</del> E DYOS		BOMBING OFF.
HON. LIEUT.	T. CHILTON		TRANSPORT OFF.
LIEUT.	W.F.B. CREECH		R.Q.M.
			ASS <sup>t</sup> SIG. OFF.

"A" COMPANY.

LIEUT.	H. THOMAS	φ
LIEUT.	H.J. AIR	
2 "	H.S. BURN	φ

"B" COMPANY.

LIEUT.	R. DICKSON	φ
LIEUT.	L.H. BIBBY	

"C" COMPANY.

LIEUT.	W.H. CONWELL	M.C.
LIEUT.	C.W. WILSON	φ (joined Battalion 25/4/18)
"	E. WICKS	M.M.

"D" COMPANY

LIEUT.	F. FERNSIDE	
LIEUT.	M.R. HOCKINGS	φ
2/LIEUT.	E.F. HARRIS.	

Note: 5 Officers (marked thus against their names "φ" were brought into the line on evening of 25<sup>th</sup> - included to replace casualties.

oc. *J. Whitham*  
 Lieutenant (Colonel).  
 A/Adjutant, 52nd. Battalion A.I.F.

1  
Report of A Coy in recent operation.

A Coy was formed up for the attack with  
No 3 & 4 Platoons in the front line,  
and No 1 in support.

D Coy was on our left and the Bedfords  
on our right.

The first opposition was met in  
U4C and consisted of a belt of wire  
and the enemy's outpost line of  
Machine guns.

A slight check was caused by the  
wire, and touch was lost with  
the left company in getting through  
same.

No 3 Platoon under Lt Hutton was  
thrown in on the left flank &  
touch was reestablished.

The outpost line (enemy) was overcome  
with little opposition and the  
advance continued to U4C, where  
the enemy line of resistance was  
met.

Our advance was checked, and a  
fire fight, lasting about three  
minutes took place. This was  
followed by our assault &  
the position was cleared.

2

The advance was again continued into USC where the enemy support line was encountered.

A fire fight took place here and the position necessitated our swinging our left flank about half right to deliver a frontal assault.

The assault was successfully carried out and the enemy pursued to USD, touch being again lost with the left company.

A patrol, under Sgt Folkard was sent out to reconnoitre and returned in about 5 minutes with information as to the location of the left company.

In the meantime the support company under Major Craies had come up and a platoon under Lt Ivory was thrown in on our left, re-establishing touch. ~~and~~

By this time the unit on our right (Beaufords) had commenced digging in, in U11b, their officer maintaining that his objective had been reached.

Major Craies here took charge of the line. ~~and~~

The enemy put a dozen rounds of HE on the position held by the

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Beafords and they withdrew to U11a. Our line was withdrawn to U5c to conform with the movement of the right unit.

Sgt Wright & Cpl Aylott of A coy rendered the most valuable services in steadying the men of the Beafords and getting them settled in the work of consolidation.

While Major Cross & Capt Smith 51<sup>st</sup> were sitting the Brigade line of resistance, patrols were sent out and the work of reorganisation of companies was completed.

A coy under Lt Hatton & D coy under myself were withdrawn to the support line, B & C coys remaining in the front.

The support line was constructed, about 150 yds in rear of the front line, by linking up a line of enemy machine gun posts.

The work of consolidation was completed just before daylight.

During our attack reorganisation and consolidation Sgt Wright & Folkard, A coy; Sgt O'Keefe D coy; Cpl Aylott, A coy; Sgt French A coy; Pte Bennett A coy, Pte Hukins A coy,

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rendered most valuable assistance and are worthy of recommendation for the gallantry they displayed when the front line companies were depleted of Officers and NCOs.

At dusk on the 25<sup>th</sup> the right flank of the right unit (Beaforce) was withdrawn by Lt Hutton, assisted by Sgt Okeefe, to form a defensive flank to our position.

The success in the advance to the position reached was due to the excellent spirit shown by all ranks and the determination with which the assaults were delivered.

29/4/18

10 30 AM

W. Hall Lt

No 4 Platoon

Acroy

## Appendix W.

Report on Operations on 24/25<sup>th</sup> mid

The information contained herein was obtained from Lt Smith's diary + NCO's.

"B" Coy was support Coy & did not get into the front line until they were within 150 yds of the position finally taken up.

1. Opposition The main opposition came from M/L's + an Artillery Barrage which came down shortly after leaving the tape. Considerable trouble was caused by a plade M/L from the left flank. The enemy offered very little distance opposition when our men were close to them. The advance was not checked at all.

2. Direction Lt Smith says the Coy lost direction slightly just after leaving the tape but Major Craik ordered a change of direction  $\frac{1}{2}$  left which rectified matters.

3. Touch with flanks. Lt Smith states the Coy did not have touch with the Bedford support line when the advance commenced. We were in touch with the 50<sup>th</sup> Bn on our left. The Coy reinforced A Coy at 1 AM, 25/26. A gap was noticed between our right + the Bedfords. Major Craik ordered W's platoon to fill it.

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3 Distance penetrated. From 2500/3000 yds. Further progress was impossible as the flanks were hanging back.

4 Units on right Left. Bedfords on the right the 50<sup>th</sup> Bn on left.

5 Consolidation. Apparently the bay was distributed along the line mixed up with the Coy, so a general description of the Consolidation must suffice.

All German works were occupied and improved.

The line was too thickly held & May Craves moved AID Coy 500 yds to rear as supports.

Some of the 50<sup>th</sup> & 51<sup>st</sup> went through our positions a distance of about 300 yds but came back. A half of them stayed with us & the remainder dug in about 100 yds to rear. Late on the majority of these units in our front line were withdrawn to the positions 100 yds in rear.

b. No 6 platoon in charge of Lt Ivory  
 7 " " " Lt Bonville  
 8 " " " Lt Rendell  
 Coy in charge of Lt with  
 Line May Craves



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7. On evening of 25<sup>th</sup> our left flank was swung round in conformity with the 50<sup>th</sup> movements in order to get touch with 15<sup>th</sup> Bde

About 2 AM on 26<sup>th</sup> the French took over the line but did not relieve W's platoon part of W's which remained in the line until 5 AM in order to keep the line intact.

29/1/18

Richard  
O'Boyle

To: ADJUTANT  
52nd BN.

The following information is the general experience of B Coy, during recent operations.

1. Very strong machine gun fire, but really no opposition, however enemy prisoners. B Coy had barbed wire entanglements.
2. Good communication with people on right flank, & also B Coy on our left flank. Great tendency to lean over & crowd to the right necessitating constant changing of direction to fill up gaps, on the left.
3. Roughly between 2500 & 3000 yds to position where battalion dug in, but odd parties penetrated as far as  $\frac{1}{2}$  to  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile, further inland, but had to retire on account of enemy reorganizing

& forming a line on the opposite ridge to the one occupied by us. There was a gap of three to four hundred yards not covered by the enemy between the village & his first posts, which was immediately in front of the 51st Battalion.

4. Rough trenches dug, consisting of front & support lines with good parapets & good field of fire.
5. Right flank Bedford Regts.  
Left " B Coy, 52nd Bn.
6. After all officers had been wounded the company was commanded by Sgt. White, until arrival of Lt. Wilson. All platoons more or less mixed up, each man remaining where he dug in. Sgt. Wolfe & Roberts being in charge of platoons.

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A considerable movement of enemy  
 troops on skyline, right of our sector,  
 all day. Also movement in our  
 immediate front by odd men, apparently  
 coming up to form a line or  
 strengthen his front line.  
 B Sniping on both sides

29/4/18

100 Benson, 4 LT.

for O.B. B. Coy.

8:30 AM

TO KEEP B. Coy

to forward of

Robertson  
 for O.B. B. Coy

8:45 AM

29.4.18

By Russell

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## The Adjutant

### Notes on Recent operations

#### D Coy

Intense machine gun fire was met near Bachy switch and first check<sup>was</sup> received after crossing sunken road, by isolated German posts.

Touch on right was well kept, but on the left the <sup>5/12</sup> seemed to lose direction <sup>envelope</sup> our flank.

Direction was well maintained.

We penetrated to a depth of 100 yards and a small force under Lt. Henderson, got into Monument Wood but had to retire as the flanks did not come up.

Should read approx

2000 yards

RW

Line of trenches were dug in below formation covering C Coys & the Beafords flank.

F Coy was on our left & the Beafords on our right flank.

Our artillery was slow in lifting from

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Sunken road & caused  
many casualties

W.R. Hooker  
New  
7th Day

Recd 29.4. H  
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 PRECIS OF VERBAL INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN BY C.O., 52ND BATTALION TO  
 COMPANY COMMANDERS AT 7-30 P.M. 24/4/1918.

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(Battalion H.Q. was located in an open field in square W.35. and consisted of a hastily erected shelter: a few sticks stuck in ground covered with a piece of canvas.

Company Commanders were sent for immediately on return of C.O. from Brigade H.Q., and whilst the Senior Major (Major R.F. FITZGERALD, DSO) and Adjutant (Lieut. G.E.G. GILL) marked the 4 maps (8th. Divnl. Maps E.2. 11/20,000) with boundaries and limits of attack, C.O. briefly explained the ~~situation~~ instructions for the counter-attack, as contained in Brigade Message No. B.51 of 24-4-18 (Appendix "X(a)").

52nd. Battalion will move not later than 8-30 p.m. Platoons have already been instructed to assemble and should be ready for Company Commanders to explain operation by 8 p.m. We are to attack the enemy S.W. of VILLERS BRETONNEUX and push him beyond the line held prior to the enemy attack early this morning. On our ~~flank~~ right will be a Battalion of 54th. Infantry Brigade (18th. Division) and on our left the 51st. Battalion of our own Brigade; with the 50th. Battalion following in rear of our assaulting troops.

At the same time as our attack to the S.W. and S. of the town, the 15th. Aust. Infantry Brigade are counter-attacking from the N., and British troops (2nd. Northants) to do "mopping up" work in the town itself from the South. The woods on the west of the town (which are practically cleared of the enemy, British troops having been ordered to clear them this afternoon. The idea of the attack is to effect a junction by our Brigade with 15th. A.I. Brigade to the East of VILLERS BRETONNEUX and thus pinch off any Huns who are still in the woods and the town. We receive artillery help up to 11 p.m. by fire directed on to the town, and after that hour the guns lift well forward of our objective.

52nd. Battalion will advance from the jumping off tape (which is now being laid by the Battalion Intelligence Officers of 52nd. and 51st. Battalions) with "A" & "D" Companies in front, "C" Company following closely behind "A" Company, and "B" Company (in Battalion Support) following in rear of "D" Company. "A" & "C" Companies will maintain close liaison with the British Battalion on our right, and "D" & "B" Companies will keep close touch with 51st. Battalion.

Any enemy met with before reaching the road running North and South through MONUMENT Wood will be dealt with rapidly - as we have to get near that wood by 11 p.m.

At the point where this road is crossed (at U.6.c. central) by the E and W road from CACHY to MARCELCAVE is the right of our objective. "A" and "D" Companies will continue to advance, whilst "C" Company, pivoting at the cross roads will swing its left flank to a point approximately 500 yards due East of the cross roads: this will bring them facing due South, "A" Company will link up with "C" Company's left flank and prolong the line N.E. across the high ground behind the Monument, and "D" Company on extreme left will further extend line to the Southern VILLERS BRETONNEUX - MARCELCAVE Road, 51st. Battalion there junction and prolong the line still further N.E. across the railway to join up with 15th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

Vigorous work is required - and it is a difficult job - the great thing is to maintain touch with flank units, and to push hard.

The enemy has probably not had much chance of consolidating since his attack broke through this morning, but he has machine guns, impress this on all ranks before commencing and on Platoon and Section Commanders the need for good leading and careful control.

Direction will be possibly difficult to maintain as there are ~~trunks~~ <sup>trunks</sup> and wire crossing our line of advance obliquely and also an oblique road, but after this road is crossed the MONUMENT Wood, 1000 yards in front is a good land mark for left flank, and the Cross Road should be a good guide for right flank.

Send back information as early and as often as possible. We will endeavour to get phone wires laid as soon as possible after the advance has commenced.

Left flank  
 No attack  
 reported  
 at now

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The Battalion Signal Officer will arrange for guide to be sent back from spot finally selected for Battalion Headquarters to Brigade Report Centre at Railway Arch and Brigade Signal Section will then lay a line to us.

The intended position for H.Q. of each of our Battalions is in the dip or re-entrant about 1000 yards forward of the jumping off tape.

The maps now given you are of little use just now owing to the dusk, but the boundaries and objectives marked will serve as a guide in the morning.

The Machine Gunners will be with us at Battalion H.Q. and two Vickers Guns will be going forward with "C" Company so as to get a position to fire on our right flank; "B" Company will detail a carrying party of 6 men to assist this section.

I intended to leave 2 Company Commanders out of the line, as shown in our memo re nucleus reserve this morning, but the operation ahead is one which I consider requires the best of leadership and control, and any handing over of companies to seconds in command at this late hour may prejudice our chances of success. All four Company Commanders will, therefore, come in, but other officers detailed this morning for the Battalion reserve will stay out, reporting to the Senior Major, N.C.O's and men will all go in.

*J. Whitlam*

Lieut-Colonel,  
Commanding 52nd. Battalion A. I. F.

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"C" FORM.  
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Army Form C, 2123.  
(In books of 100.)

No. of Message.....

Prefix.....	Co le.....	Words.....	Received.	Sent, or sent out.	Office Stamp.
L s. d.			From.....	At.....m.	
Charges to Collect			By.....	To.....	
Service Instructions			By.....		

Handed in at..... Office .....m. Received.....m.

TO

52<sup>nd</sup> Btl

* Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
B406	21 <sup>st</sup>		

All	units	will	be
ready	to	move	at
short	notice		
Boy Corps.			
H.Q. Coy.			
R.O.M.			
Some take immediate action			
at 4:30 p.m.			
P. H. adj.			
S. B. H.			
C. Co. (W.D.)			

FROM

PLACE & TIME

12<sup>th</sup> A I Pds 50

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*[Faded handwritten notes on a piece of brown paper, including the words "FROM" and "7 Oct 18"]*




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"C" FORM. MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

Army Form C, 2123. (In books of R.O.)

No. of Message.....

Prefix.....Code.....Words..... <small>l s d</small>	Received.	Sent, or sent out.	Office Stamp.
Charges to Collect	From.....	At.....m.	
Service Instructions <i>Sheet No. 2</i>	By.....	To.....	
		By.....	

Handed in at.....Office.....m. Received *9. 20/4* m.

TO	
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* Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
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<i>report</i>	<i>to</i>	<i>Brigade</i>	<i>Brigade</i>
<i>at</i>	<i>once</i>	<i>(fr Julian reported)</i> <i>from 52/Br</i>	
<i>am</i>			
<i>9-10</i>			
<i>WTL</i>			
<i>EA C/W</i>			
<i>WTL</i>			

FROM	<i>12th A. I. Brigade</i>
PLACE & TIME	<i>9. 20/4</i>

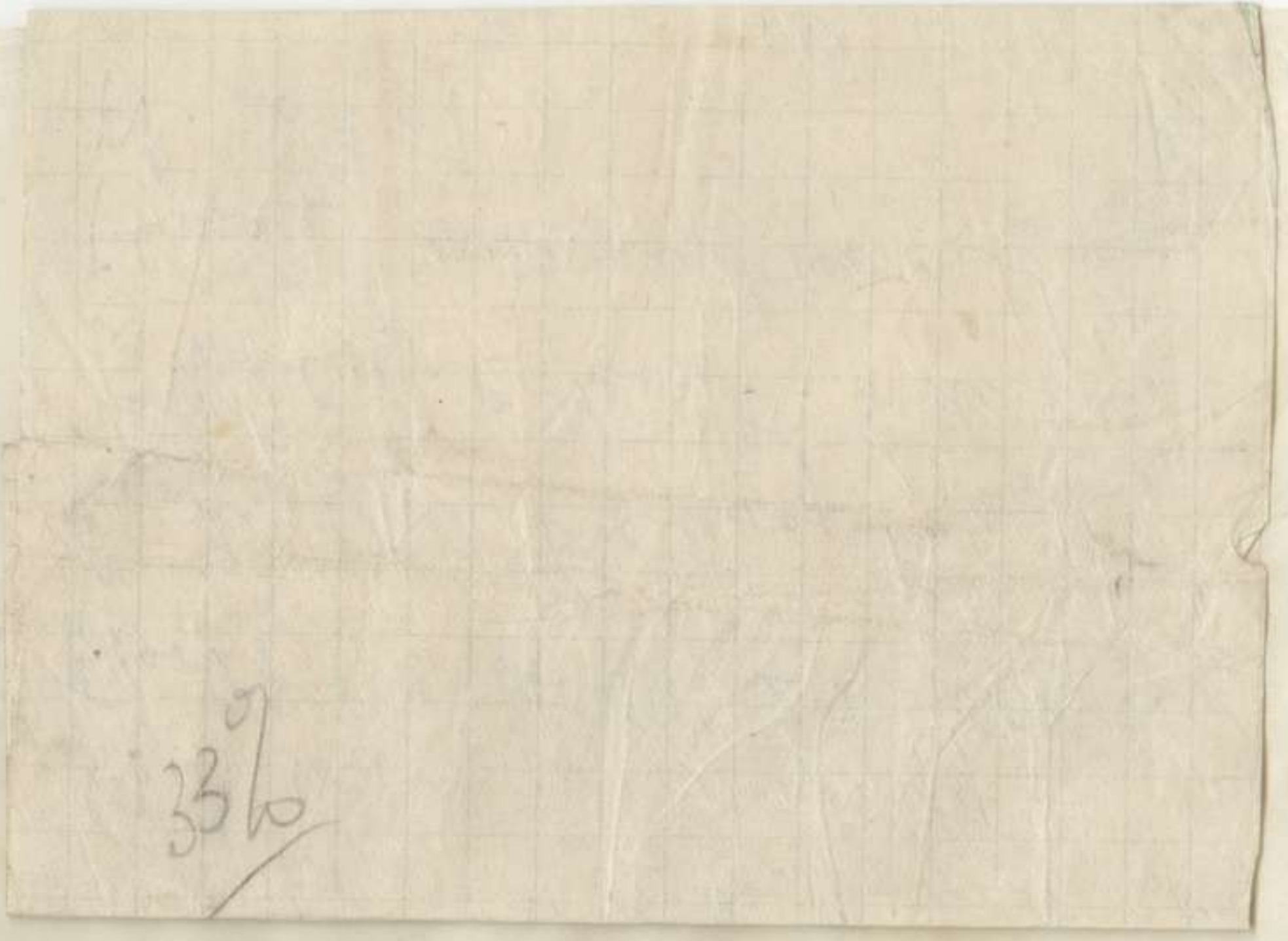
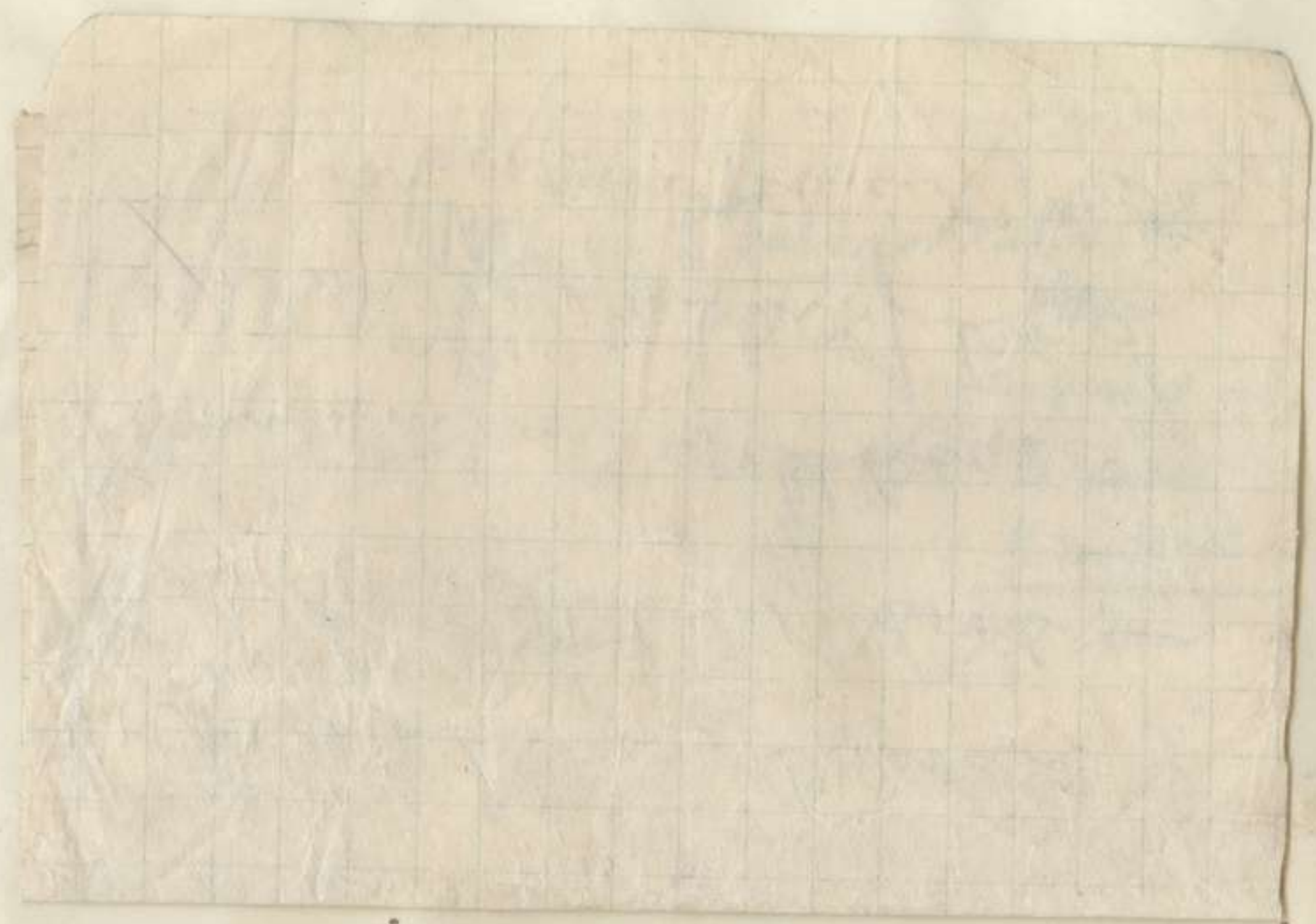
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13<sup>th</sup> Machine <sup>made</sup> 11:40 am <sup>by 2<sup>nd</sup> Julm at 13<sup>th</sup> Bde HQ</sup>  
 51<sup>st</sup> Bn 12 noon <sup>Confirmed on</sup> B 409  
 A 24/4/18  
 Brigade moves @ 11:30 am  
 Reports to Road & Railway X  
 N 21 Central after move.  
 Vickers & L. Gun Limbers  
 Mobile & det of tool &  
 Ammunition will accompany  
 units. Remainder of trans  
 will remain in present position

13 Brigade, 13 MG, 13 FA  
 + H Sub Sect DAC  
 Will move to Blanquy -  
 Trowville in N. 22. AA  
 route Old Railway track  
 to Vecque Mont. Siding  
 Thence across bog des in  
 N. 16 & 17.  
 Starting times 50 Bn 11:15 am  
 49 Bn 11:30 am 57<sup>th</sup> Bn 11:45 am

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"C" FORM. MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

Army Form C, 2123. (In books of 100.)

No. of Message.....

Prefix <i>3M</i> Code <i>KM</i> Words..... l s. d.	Received. From <i>NDC</i> By <i>Telegraphist</i>	Sent, or sent out. At.....m. To..... By.....	Office Stamp. <i>11/TL</i> <i>24/11/18</i>
Charges to Collect	Service Instructions		
Handed in at..... <i>NDC</i> .....Office.....m.		Received..... <i>10 a</i> .....m.	

TO *13th A.L. Brigade*

* Sender's Number. <i>50651</i>	Day of Month. <i>24</i>	In reply to Number.	AAA
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<i>News</i>	<i>fighting</i>	<i>Order</i>	<i>not</i>
<i>Arrangements</i>	<i>will</i>	<i>be</i>	<i>not</i>
<i>later</i>	<i>no</i>	<i>humps</i>	<i>not</i>
<i>Baggage</i>	<i>waggons</i>	<i>will</i>	<i>not</i>
<i>report</i>	<i>will</i>	<i>this</i>	<i>afternoon</i>
<i>gear</i>	<i>to</i>	<i>be</i>	<i>stacked</i>
<i>meanwhile</i>			
<i>Coy C&amp;D</i>	<i>20 Nov 18</i>	<i>10-5 am</i>	
<i>A B&amp;S</i>		<i>11</i>	
<i>C W&amp;K</i>		<i>Rw</i>	
<i>D W&amp;K</i>			
<i>R in H. P. B. B.</i>			

FROM *13th A.L. Brigade*

PLACE & TIME

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Prefix.....Code.....Words.....	Received.	Sent, or sent
6 s. d.	From.....	At.....m.
Charges to Collect	By.....	To.....
Service Instructions		By.....
Handed in at.....Office.....m.		Received.....m.

TO all hms

* Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
SC 652	24TH		

Dump Parks and  
blankets in same dump  
in PONT-NOVELLES as before  
aaa 52nd to detail one  
officer to take charge  
and each unit one  
man to report at  
Dump at once

FROM  
PLACE & TIME  
BTH 41Kde  
Wicks

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NOTES.

- Supplies. Will be dumped at LAMOTTE BREBIERE N.13
- Transport. Baggage wagons will report to Unit H.Q. at 11.30 a.m.  
Two Motor Lorries will be available to carry extra gear.
- Dump. Packs and blankets will be dumped in PONT NOYELLES at the same dump as formerly.
- Trench Shelters. The 49th Battalion will dump their trench shelters and tents on PONT NOYELLES-DAOURS Road about H.29.b. where they will be picked up by Motor Lorry.

*Raw*  
*24<sup>4</sup> 18*

*McIntosh*

13th. Aust. Inf. Bde. H.Q.

Captain.

Staff Captain, 13th. Aust. Inf. Bde.

24th April, 1918.

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"C" FORM. MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

Army Form C, 2123. (In books of 100.)

No. of Message.....

Prefix 50	Code 1000	Words 118	Received.	Sent, or sent out.	Office Stamp.
L S d.			From M.S.B.	At 7 m.	M.T.L. 21.4.18
Charges to Collect			By M. B. ...	To ...	
Service Instructions Major O.P.			By ...		
Handed in at ...			Office 11.15 a.m.	Received 11.33 a.m.	

TO 22nd Bn.

* Sender's Number. B409	Day of Month. 24 TH	In reply to Number.	AAA
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12th	A.I. Brigade	plus	12th MG
boy	13th	Field	Ambulance
K	Sub Section	DAC	will move
to	BLANGY-TRONVILLE		at 22 a.m.
Route	Old Railway Tracks		to
VECQUEMONT	riding and		hurry across
bridges	on 16 and 17 a.m.		starting
take	50th Bn.	11.15 a.m.	40th Bn 11.30 a.m.
52nd Bn	11.15 a.m.	MG boy	11.40 a.m.
51st Bn	12 noon	aaa	K Sub Section
at	once	aaa	13th Field Ambulance
Barrel No.	across country	Transport	Via
& CAMON - LONGVEAU-GEISY			at once aaa
Lewis Gun	limbers	Mobile Evulsion	and Tools
only to be taken	aaa	Brigade HQ	
does	QUERRIEU	11.30 a.m.	Reports

FROM \_\_\_\_\_

PLACE & TIME \_\_\_\_\_

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Army Form C. 273.  
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No. of Message.....

Prefix.....	Code.....	Words.....	Received.	Sent, or sent out.	Office Stamp.
		L   S   D.	From.....	At.....m.	
Charges to Collect			By.....	To.....	
Service Instructions				By.....	

Handed in at.....Office.....m. Received.....m.

TO

* Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
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to road and Railway crossing  
N 21 Central after morning rush  
addressed 1st. group reloaded 4<sup>th</sup> Div  
8<sup>th</sup> Div.

J. J. [unclear]  
[unclear]

[unclear] [unclear]

FROM	12 <sup>th</sup> A.I. Brigade 10.45am
PLACE & TIME	

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Army Form C. 2121. (In pads of 100.)

No. of Message.....

Prefix.....	Code.....	m.	Words.	Charge.	This message is on a/c of:	Reed. at.....
Office of Origin and Service Instructions.						
			Sent		Service.	Date.....
			At.....	m.		From.....
			To.....			By.....
			By.....			(Signature of "Franking Officer.")

TO { ~~13th Bde~~ ~~13th M.C. Coy~~ ~~13th Bde~~ } 52 Bn  
 13 M.C. Coy

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* B411	24		

you will take over the line  
 your Railway inclusive  
 at ~~027~~ 027 59 to 0206  
 81 aaa 1st WORCESTERS on  
 Right 15<sup>th</sup> Aust Inf Bde on  
 left aaa there may be a  
 fire Coy in this line  
 which is the old Res line well  
 dug and wired and is  
 now front line aaa you  
 will come under tactical  
 command of 24<sup>th</sup> Bde HQ  
 at Railway arch 0.25 000  
 aaa report there at once  
 where guides will be picked up  
 aaa 13<sup>th</sup> Bde HQ will be at

GLISY and address HQ Bn 50 51 52 Bn  
 From 13 Bde. Inf Bde 13 M.C. Coy  
 Place 24 Bde  
 Time 1.15 pm

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) *Remond*  
 Censor. Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.

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Bae at

24 4 18

Observation Memo.

1. Enemy reported to have broken through Yillers - Bretonneux & penetrated to Bois Labbe in vicinity about U. 33. cen.
2. Our divs. S. & N. of Yillers. Bureau have not broken.
3. Some strong simeanon troops of 8<sup>th</sup> Div. are counter-attacking in Bois LABBE & 15<sup>th</sup> Aus. Bde are counter-attacking on R. flank of 5<sup>th</sup> Aus. Div. line.
4. 13<sup>th</sup> A.I. Bde. are moving to N.W. edge of Bois LABBE, 49<sup>th</sup> Bu. occupying a position in O. 21. Cen to O. 27. cen.  
5<sup>th</sup> Div. Bu. will occupy a position in N. 35. b and N. 36. a (amended to N. 35 central)  
5<sup>th</sup> 51<sup>st</sup> Bu. is on our ~~left~~ Right, & 50<sup>th</sup> Bu. is on R. of 51<sup>st</sup> at approx. in N. 35. Cen (this was amended later).
6. Bde. will probably counter attack.
6. 5<sup>th</sup> Div. Bu. will continue march, crossing SOMME in N. 16, thence ~~S~~ to E. edge of BLANGY

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19 SE.

- FRONVILLE, thence ~~to~~ to position.
7. Companies will be directed to positions after crossing Road at N. 29. d (Rd. & Ry. Crossing).
  8. Reports. to N. 29. d. 3. b. (Rd & Ry crossing).

~~Phil.~~

24/4/18

Adj. S. Bu. AIF

2 pm

Wde

- D
- A
- B
- C

This memo was issued on the information given by Bde Int. Officer which Bu was on the march & column was halted & Coy commands given the memo (N. 11 & S.W. AVECQUEMONT.

Instructions were slightly altered at 2:30 pm by Brigadier

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"A" Form.  
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS. No. of Message.....

Prefix.....	Code.....	m	Words.	Charge.	This message is on a/c of:	Recd. at ..... m.
Office of Origin and Service Instructions					Sent	Date.....
<p style="font-size: 2em; opacity: 0.5; transform: rotate(-15deg); position: absolute; top: 0; left: 0;">note on pass</p>					At ..... m.	Service.....
					To.....	From.....
					By.....	(Signature of "Franking Officer.")

TO	52	51	50
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*at 10:00 AM 24/11/41*

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* B413	24		

The the event of Res line being broken ~~50~~ 50, 51, 52h message will be prepared to counter attack when ordered to do so anywhere from VIC 9.5. to 0 21 00. AAA necessary reconnaissance to be made and touch kept with the situation from 24 ~ 23 Bde HQ at Ry arch ~~N 30 2 90~~ N 30 2 90.

*Hand 3pm 24/11*

*Shown K 50/Bn. 3.30*

*Passed K 51/Bn. 3.30*

*13MBde*

From	
Place	
Time	7.55

*24/11/41*

*(Z) [Signature]*

Censor. Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.

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5. Tronville (Copy given to  
Major J. J. Gould)

Send guide to  
BLANBY TRONVILLE CHURCH  
for Rations at once  
empty wagons to return to  
PETIT CAMON tonight

Send runner to Bacth  
at once for SOS signals

Transport being  
established at N 7 c  
and M 18 to nucleus

Mukto for

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(In pads of 100.)

### MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

No. of Message.....

Prefix.....	Code.....	m.	Words.	Charge.	This message is on alc of:	Recd. at.....	m.
Office of Origin and Service Instructions.				Sent At..... m. To..... By..... (Signature of "Franking Officer.")		Date..... From..... By.....	

52 R

Recd 7 pm  
24/4/18  
JW

AAA

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* B 51	24		

A counter attack to recover  
 VILLERS BRETONNEUX and  
 restore the line as  
 held up to this  
 morning will be delivered  
 tonight in conjunction  
 with 53 and 57 Bde on  
 right and 15<sup>a</sup> Aust  
 Inf Bde on left. AAA  
 Attack will start at  
 10 pm with 52 Bn  
 on right and 51  
 Bn on left. AAA  
 Boundaries and objectives  
 are shown on a map issued  
 herewith. AAA Assaulting  
 Bns will establish

From	
Place	
Time	Note verbal instructions given to Coy Com <sup>nd</sup> 24/4/18
The above may be forwarded as now corrected.	
(Z)	at 7.30 pm
Censor.	Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.

\* This line should be erased if not required.

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in Ward Room

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"A" Form.  
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS. Army Form C. 2121.  
(In pads of 100.)

No. of Message.....

Prefix.....	Code.....	m.	Words.	Charge.		No. of Message.....
Office of Origin and Service Instructions.					This message is on a/c of:	
.....					Sent	Recd. at..... m.
					At..... m.	..... Service.
To.....					Date.....	
By.....					(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	

TO {	②		
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* Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	A A A
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liaison	at	places	marked
with	a	cross	on
sketch	aaa	50 Bn	will
move	forward	in	near
of	assaulting	Bn	and
establish	a	line	from
U b b	0 0	to 0 36 d 99	
aaa	forming	up line	
will	be	taped	by
Bde	and	Bn	IO's
aaa	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Bn	Northants
regt	will	be	responsible
for	mapping	up	village
of	VILLERS	BRETONNEUX	
aaa	artillery	will	bombard
VILLERS	BRETONNEUX	and	
area	east	of	road
			through

From			
Place			
Time			

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z)

Censor.      Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.

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**MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.** No. of Message.....

Prefix.....	Code.....	m.	Words.	Charge.	This message is on a/c of:	Recd. at.....	m.			
Office of Origin and Service Instructions.					.....		Date.....			
					Sent		Service.			
					At.....				m.	
					To.....					
					By.....					
					(Signature of "Franking Officer.")		By.....			

TO {			
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Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	A A A
* 662	and	until	11
pm	when	it	will
left	to	beyond	the
final	objective	and	
Royal	An	Force	will
troub	VILLERS	BRETTONEUX	
until	"	pm	and
one	section	13 MG	by
will	take	up	position
in	45	a	2 guns
each	are	allotted	to
51 + 52	Bns	and	will
report	further	with	and
2	sections	will	be
Reserve	at	in	CACHY
until	and	4	13
will	move	to	CACHY

From		
Place		
Time		

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z)

Censor.	Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.
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Prefix.....	Code.....	m.	Words.	Charge.	This message is on a/c of:	Recd. at.....
Office of Origin and Service Instructions.						Service.
			Sent			
			At.....			
			To.....			From.....
			By.....		(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	By.....

TO {

		(A)	

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
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switch and cooperate with  
 Bns as required and  
 Bde HQ will be at  
 BLANGY TRONVILLE Chateau  
 with Forward report  
 centre at 0.35 c 0.0.  
 and all units except  
 49 Bn will establish  
 HQ in CACHY switch  
 and telephone lines will  
 be run forward to the  
 trench as soon as  
 possible and acknowledge  
 and add 50 51 52 Bns  
 13 M.C. Co 13 L.M.B 2nd  
 Bn. Hottelant Regt and 8th Div  
 53rd Bde 15th Aust. Inf. Bde 49 Bn

From 13 M.C. Co

Place

Time 10:15 p

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) [Signature]

Censor. Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.

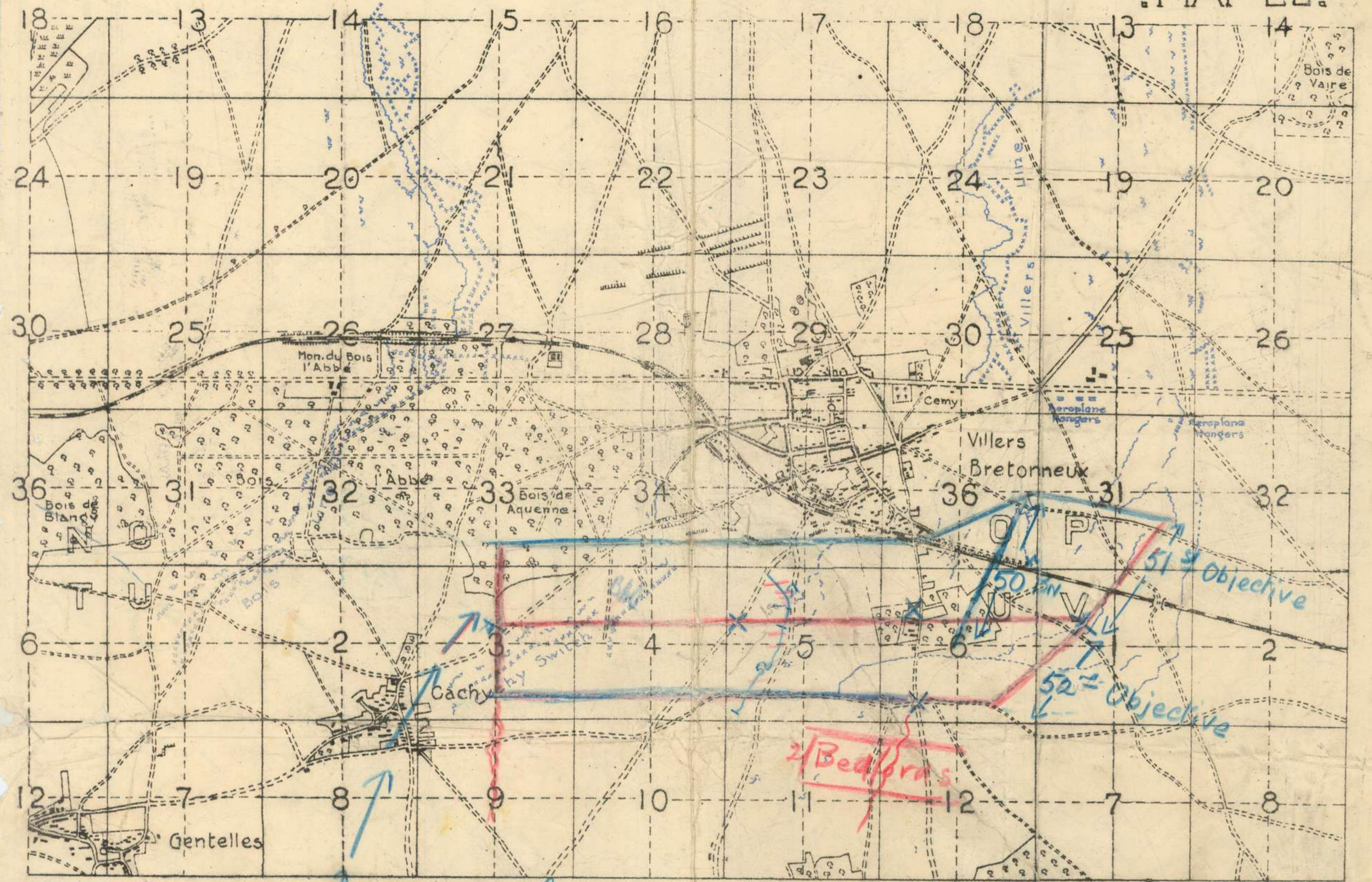
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attached K Appendix *W*  
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# MAP E2



*Buncho* { North & South Red Line indicates  
the Jumping off Place }  
SCALE 1:20,000

Legend { East and West Blue Lines, ~~to~~ indicate  
Flanks of 13<sup>th</sup> A.I. B. DIVISION 21-4-18  
East and West Red Line, boundary between Bns  
X Blue Crosses indicate Liaison Points.

*RW*

VX e

H.Q. 52/Bn

24/4/18  
spun

Operation Memo

1. Enemy reported to have broken through VILLERS-BRETONNEAU & penetrated to BOIS L'ABBE in vicinity about 11.33. Cen.
2. Our Divs. S & N of VILLERS-BRETONNEAU have not broken.
3. 20 most of situation troops of 8<sup>th</sup> Div. are counterattacking in BOIS L'ABBE, & 15<sup>th</sup> Aps. Bde. are counterattacking on R. flank of 5<sup>th</sup> Aps. Div. LINE.
4. 13<sup>th</sup> A.I. Bde. are moving to NW edge of BOIS L'ABBE, 49<sup>th</sup> Bn. occupying a position in O.21. Cen to O.27 Cen.  
52nd Bn will occupy position in N.35 b & N.36 a.  
51st Bn. is on our R., & 50<sup>th</sup> Bn. is on R. of 51st Bn. at approx. in N.35. Cen.
5. Bde. will probably counter attack.
6. 52nd Bn. will continue march, crossing SOMME in N.16, hence S. to E. edge of BLANGY-TROUVILLE, hence S.E. to position

3  
7. Companies will be directed to positions  
after crossing Road at N. 29. d. (Ry  
& Road crossing).

8. Report to N. 29. d. 316. (Ry & Road  
crossing)

24/4/18

*[Signature]*

*[Signature]*

Adj. S. Am AIF

(This message was issued whilst Batt<sup>n</sup>  
was on the march from PONT NOVELLES  
to BLANGY-TRONVILLE area. on  
24<sup>th</sup> April 1918. - Battalion had halted  
temporarily at road junction in N 11 d  
(SW of VECQUEMONT))

J. W. Whitham *[Signature]*

c.o. 5<sup>th</sup> Am



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- 7. Companies will be directed to positions after crossing Road at N. 29. d. (By Road crossing).
- 8. Reports to N. 29. d. 306. (By Road crossing)

24/4/18  
J. W. H. M.

*[Signature]*  
Capt. S. R. M. AIF

(This message was issued when a Batt<sup>n</sup> was on the march from PONT NOVELLES to BLANGY-TRONVILLE area. on 24<sup>th</sup> April 1918. - Battalion had halted temporarily at road junction in N 11 d (SW of VECQUEMONT).)

J. W. H. M. *[Signature]*  
C.O. 5<sup>th</sup> Div

HQ 57/Pon

13<sup>th</sup> a.v. Rd.

Am occupying position  
indicated by you in

N 35D + 35B with 1 Coy

South of Road - (35B + 35D)

and 1 Coy. north of same

Rd. with left flank N 35B-79

This line practically N+S  
with R. flank refused.

2 Coys. in support at about

N 35Cen.

Bn Sdgos 35A Central

(2)

~~Lead~~ established touch  
 with 50<sup>th</sup> Bn. but C.O. had  
 just received orders to move  
 to position allotted 49<sup>th</sup> Bn.

Am in touch with 51st Bn.  
 and am leaving one liaison  
 officer at 2<sup>nd</sup> Bde Hdqrs.

7<sup>th</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> 30<sup>th</sup>  
 18

J. Whitham  
 11<sup>th</sup> Cn  
 C.O. 52/Bn

This message was sent after Bn had  
 reached Bois de BLANGY. & sitting of  
 trenches & posts had been made - also  
 reconnaissance forward made.

S<sup>rd</sup> Bn. N. Q. Co.  
24. 4. 18.

By M. ~~X~~  
Transport Officer.

Please arrange to have  
the 4 cookers & water carts  
set up to present transport  
line as soon as possible.  
Rations to be sent to  
parent Bn. Headquarters tonight.

~~R. J. [unclear]~~  
5.30 p.m.

57/10/18

O/C

a } Coy.  
 b }  
 c }  
 d }

Please send one of  
 your Scouts (each) to report  
 to Lt Julian at Red House  
 (Chetani near wood) at once.

Lt Julian will take the  
 above to mine

~~Red~~  
 Capt. S. Stone

24/11/18  
 7/Jan

This message was sent prior to return of C.D.  
 from Bde HQ with operation order for counter attack - Lt JULIAN  
 went with Bde Int. Officer to lay the traps for "Jump Off"

24-4-18  
7.10pm

Boy. Edes.  
(or all Boy. Officers).

Platoons will be  
formed up at once in  
Cavalry formation facing  
East, ready to move to  
a North & South Line ~~from~~ in  
W. 3 Central

8.15pm. Ru will move at

*[Signature]*  
Adj. S. Ru.

R.1.

13 - A. 1. Bde. edges.

- 1. 5<sup>th</sup> Bde. in position on tape at 10 pm.
- 2. Moved forward about 10.15 pm. in conjunction with 5<sup>th</sup> Bde.
- 3. Right of line slightly delayed owing to a unit on left being delayed.
- 4. Machine established heavy Bde. edges in trench at ~~5.10~~ 5.10.
- 5. Machine with Adjt. 51st.
- 5. Machine not seen CA 51st. since zero.
- 6. The position appears to be favourable but no reports from boys yet.

24/4/18

11.30 pm Adjt. 5<sup>th</sup> Bde

*[Signature]*

R.2.

Bridges 52nd Bn 41F

W 3 Cms.

25/4/18 1am

Bridges 1st A.I. Bde.

1. The position of Bn. Bridges. is W. 3. Cms. (approx) & not as previously stated.
2. The C.O. 52nd Bn. has been located and both bridges are being established at W. 3. Cms.
3. Our number 10 says yet whether objectives have been reached but reports from wounded & prisoners' escorts indicate that the advance has proceeded beyond VILERS-BRETONNEAU.
4. Intelligence Officer went forward at 11.45pm to endeavour to clear the situation.
5. The wood in O 32, 33 & 34 is still occupied by enemy snipers & MG's, who are bringing enfilade & reverse fire on our troops.

JW  
C.O. 52nd Bn

Adm





Message written on the dark

R 4

52/Ber HQ

25. 4. 18.

HQ 13<sup>th</sup> A. Bde.

Herein the Map E-2 20,000  
showing disposition of units of  
13<sup>th</sup> A. Bde & flank units.

These dispositions are necessarily  
approximate but may be taken as  
fairly accurate

Information obtained by 52/Ber I, O.  
is written on map margins.

51<sup>st</sup> & 52<sup>nd</sup> Bns are occupying the  
same trench as a 14<sup>th</sup> Bn.

A packet of documents taken from  
a dead German Officer by Lt. Julian and  
also forwarded.

3.50 am

J. L. Julian  
Lt. Col.  
52/Ber

~~1st~~ Terry Wiggins  
O/C, Tanks

Will you send your Tanks  
with all speed to clear up  
the situation on ~~the~~ the  
hill directly over us from  
the position of your Tanks?

Time about 11 am

~~Recd~~

~~20/4/18~~

Edy S. Bn

~~NAME~~  
O/C Tanks reported to us but as he had  
also received an order from 23<sup>rd</sup> Bde to work  
through Lage 1 Bois L'ABBE & had him to  
cut this instruction out ~~of~~ co. 52/Pan

R6

Hodges

52Bn AIF

Very urgent

26-4-18

Major Fitzgerald.

7 am

2. am

Will you pls send numbers as  
under -

1 to Ben Hodges for dead

1 to Ben Hodges for Rig Tear, Rations  
& spare stores

1 to CACHY for Reserve Amm &  
Bombs.

All are reqd before 4 am

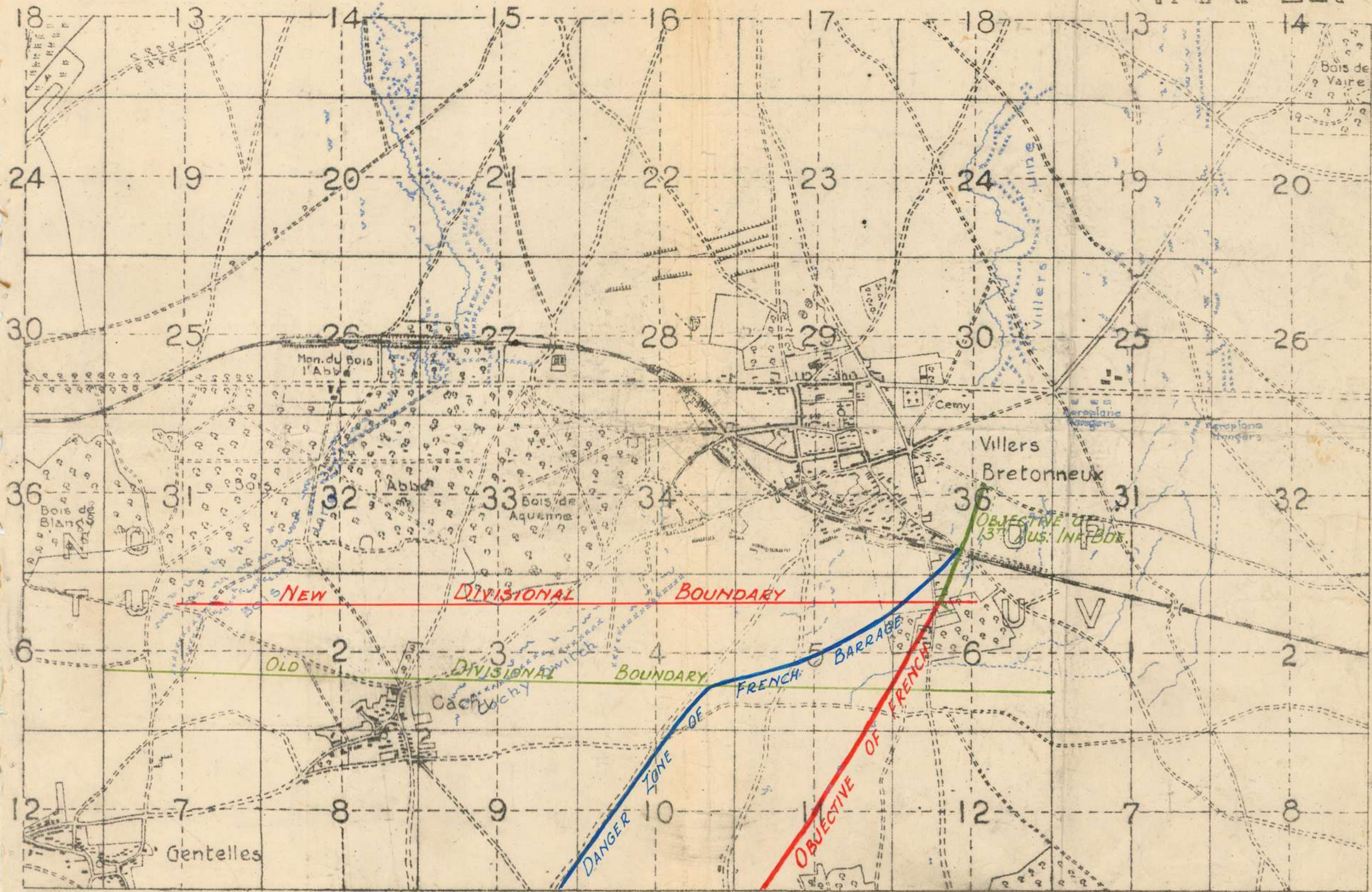
We are going back to Chokan  
this morning. Will you  
pls arrange for a 6 o'clock  
breakfast.

Ben  
Capt

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Attached to Appendix **APPENDIX Wca**  
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# MAP E2



SCALE 1:20,000

DIVISION 21-4-18

W/O  
52 no Br.

Herewith 36 Cases Grenades  
Saa.  
25  
1 Revolver Amm

Did you get S.O.S. from  
Saa Amber last night? RSM  
knew it was on board.

If you desire more Saa  
& Bombs please let me know,  
& time you require it.

Revolver Amm to be  
kept at RSM's command at your  
discretion.

How are all up you  
way? Let me know if you  
desire anything such as smokes  
&c

Yours truly  
W/O

25.4.18

N. 28. d. 25.

Adjutant  
52<sup>nd</sup> Bn

I have not seen the R.S.M. since he went forward with the battalion last night. He had the S.A.A. limber & I understand it is now near Cachy & near huts to the West of the village. Last night I sent the rations up but the R.S.M. could not be found at the spot I marked for him before he left. A very heavy barrage came down & they had to return. One horse was hit. I sent them again at 4 am & put in 10,000 rds. S.A.A. There was no one from H.Q. in or near the village except two stretcher-bearers who informed

to them that Bn. H.Q. has been moved forward.

The shelling was hot & the rations & L.A.A. were dumped just south of the village. The C.Q.M.S. is in charge & 2 guides went forward to find Bn. H.Q. & report.

So far nearly 200 prisoners have arrived here, representing several units.

I still have all the spare officers here. Do you want any of them? If not I will send them back about 10am. Am holding part of transport including caskets & W. Carts here. Is there any way of sending hot food up by day. If not I will try & get hot soup tonight. Could you give me your exact map



references? Everyone who returns has a different idea of your location. Kennedy, Lee, Travers, & Kofers have passed through here. About 300 cases from the brigade have been dealt with.

Understand the 12<sup>th</sup> Bde is moving up closer to 4<sup>th</sup> Bde following them. Prisoners state they were intended to attack this morning & were surprised that we did so last night.

R. H. G. [unclear] [unclear]  
23/4/18.

25/4/18.

Dear Colonel,

I have your messages.  
The 5 officers will report  
to you at dusk.

Re ammunition, Corporal  
Paham informs me that  
the limber of S.A.A. was  
left when instructed by  
the R.S.M. Such the R.S.M.  
has reported to you.

Again in regard to informing  
you where the rations & S.A.A.  
were this morning, I sent 2  
men forward last night to  
reconnoitre & afterwards they  
went with the limbers. When  
stuff was dumped, 1 C.S.M.  
remained with it & the 2  
men went forward & have since  
assured me that you were  
informed. One of them was

Wounded.

Capt. Clark has just arrived & handed me the original which is in Gill's handwriting. Surely he is not aware of all the facts. I had already sent full particulars & reasons for not going forward as far as Bde H.Q.s. The R.S.M. can tell him where the limber is. I am sending a pt. of mules up to get it forward at dusk. Have also sent for 25,000 rounds more from Bde H.Q.s. & still hold 15,000 rd here. I sent you 10,000 rd. with the rations.

Sincerely yours  
 H. H. [Signature]



(3)

P.S. Capt. Nicholson has just informed me that ration tins are not to go forward of U 1 a 5 6, at which point ration parties from battalions will meet them. I have instructed Chilton & Dyce accordingly. Tonight I am sending 12 tins of stew, 30 tins tea, 20 tins water & bacon ration divided into bags in sections of 8. It is quite equal to two rations.

R.H.

net

APPENDIX No 1  
1/2

The following are not to be  
 included in the list of  
 names of the members of  
 the committee who were  
 appointed in 1911 or  
 before that date. The  
 names of the members  
 appointed in 1911 or  
 before that date are  
 given in the list of  
 names of the members  
 of the committee who  
 were appointed in 1911  
 or before that date.

1911

25  
4  
18.

Adjutant  
52<sup>nd</sup> Bn.

Will you please inform  
companies that it is  
absolutely necessary that  
the 12 ~~20~~ paper dices be  
returned ~~to~~ <sup>by</sup> ~~to~~ a 56  
before 4 am, otherwise  
a ~~that~~ <sup>that</sup> ~~cannot~~ <sup>cannot</sup> be  
~~prepared~~ <sup>prepared</sup> tomorrow. Bde H.Q.  
~~is~~ <sup>is</sup> getting food containers  
from the base, but in the  
meantime we must use  
the cooker dishes. Have  
secured another 70 petrol  
tins for tomorrow. If short  
you have water in the village  
of Cachy as reported by  
C.S.M. Hope this morning.

*[Signature]*

*[Faint handwritten text on a piece of lined paper pasted onto a larger sheet of paper. The text is mostly illegible due to fading and bleed-through.]*

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"C" FORM.  
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

Army Form C, 2123.  
(In books of 100.)

No. of Message.....

Prefix.....Code.....Words..... <small>l s. d.</small>	Received. From..... By.....	Sent, or sent out. At.....m To..... By.....	Office Stamp.
Charges to Collect			
Service Instructions			

Handed in at.....Office.....m. Received.....m.

TO NTL

* Sender's Number. <u>AOB2</u>	Day of Month. <u>25</u>	In reply to Number.	<u>AAA</u>
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Messages R2 & R3 received  
and sent on to Brigade  
Saw LEA going through who  
stated things were pretty  
warm

FROM  
PLACE & TIME

3:10am

\* This line should be erased if not required.

(19629) Wt:528/M1970, 300,000 Pads. 4/17. M.C. & Co., Ltd. (E1213).

Adi NTL

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MD

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To Adj 50<sup>th</sup> AF 1 F  
Sheet 62<sup>o</sup>

3/ during morning  
in valley v. 4.5  
also in Villa Pictouma

NO CA  
7/50 am  
M. W. W.  
52 ad Bm

7.30 am  
25. 4.14

now at Bm  
50

Buttals

This message  
was seen by 53/Am  
splanned to  
Bill (A. Am)

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APPENDIX WD 179

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(5531) Wt. W 8411/M920 (50,00) Pads. 11/16 E 500.

"B" Form.

Army Form C 2122.

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

No. of Message.....

Prefix <u>SM</u>	Code <u>Fla</u>	Received	Sent	Office Stamp
Office of Origin and Service Instructions. Words.		At <u>8/9a</u> m.	At..... m.	<u>Span</u> <u>Nthe</u> <u>25/1R</u>
<u>3 addresses</u>		From <u>NDCG</u>	To.....	
		By <u>Cocoris</u>	By.....	

TO { All Bns & KICK

Sender's Number <u>Br 21</u>	Day of Month <u>25</u>	In reply to Number	<b>AAA</b>
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Three tanks	none	arriving at	
U.S.	Will be	placed under	
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Inf Bde	employed for	
purpose	of mopping up	BOIS	
DE	QUENNE	23 <sup>rd</sup> Inf	
Bde	will attack	as early	
as	possible and	will establish	
line	on eastern	edge of	
BOIS	DE	QUENNE	10
30 e	3-1	to Ozre	8-7

Recd 8.10 am Jan

From <u>13<sup>th</sup> A.I. Bde</u>	
Place <u>blu</u>	
Time	

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"B" Form.

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

No. of Message.....

Prefix.....	Code <u>Ka</u> m.	Received	Sent	Office Stamp.
Office of Origin and Service Instructions.	Words.	At.....m.	At.....m.	<u>NTL</u>
<u>50</u>	<u>183</u>	From <u>NTL</u>	To <u>SR</u>	<u>25/4/18</u>
<u>2 Addressees</u>		By <u>Wacker</u>	By.....	

TO { 52/Batt (see operations message no 10 m 6)  
AW

Sender's Number B 27 Day of Month 25 In reply to Number AAA

15<sup>th</sup> Bde have runs from 036 Central  
to P20 a 3.5 and patrols are  
moving round E side of BRETTONNEUX  
to obtain touch with our left aad  
2 Bns Royal Berks are mopping  
up BRETTONNEUX from the N. and  
have already cleared the village  
N. of the WARFUSEE - ABANCOCAT  
Road capturing 150 prisoners aad  
The 15<sup>th</sup> Bde are also mopping up  
the village from 036 Central and  
have taken many prisoners aad  
as soon as possible 50<sup>th</sup> Pi will  
without further orders advance and

From  
Place  
Time

\* This line should be erased if not required.

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D. D. & L., London, E.C.  
(6533) Wt. w.8119/M920 50,00 Pads. 11/16 E 500.

Army Form C 2122.

"B" Form.

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

No. of Message.....

Prefix.....	Code.....	m.	Received	Sent	Office Stamp.
Office of Origin and Service Instructions. Words.			At.....m.	At.....m.	NTE 257 14/18
			From.....	To.....	
			By.....	By.....	

TO { 51<sup>st</sup> Bn (2) 15<sup>th</sup> A1 Bde 8<sup>th</sup> Div  
50/52 Bn MG Coy 52<sup>nd</sup> Bde.

Sender's Number

Day of Month

In reply to Number

AAA

occupy the line from U5 Central  
to Railway line at 036 C4.3  
aaa If necessary the 52<sup>nd</sup> Bn  
will co-operate by swinging their  
left flank forward aaa The  
General line to be held is from  
U11 a 1.6 - 5<sup>th</sup> Central - to 36 Central  
aaa When this line is occupied  
Patrols must be pushed forward  
to make good the Monument  
Wood and Railway as far as  
P31 C 0.0 aaa 15<sup>th</sup> Coy to  
co-operate and with 50<sup>th</sup> Bn  
aaa

From 13<sup>th</sup> A1 Bde  
Place  
Time

\* This line should be erased if not required.

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MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

No. of Message.....

Prefix <u>WOP</u> Code <u>McPm</u> m.	Received	Sent	Office Stamp.
Office of Origin and Service Instructions. Words.	At <u>12:30</u> m.	At..... m.	
<u>WOP 21</u>	From.....	To.....	
	By <u>0915</u>	By.....	

TO { ALL BNS

Sender's Number	Day of Month	In reply to Number	<b>AAA</b>
<u>BH 24</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>-</u>	

15th Bde report that 57 Bn  
right now at 036 D12

Recd at 12:43 pm  
25 April 1917

From	<u>13 A Bde</u>
Place	
Time	

\* This line should be erased if not required.

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Prefix	Code	m	Words	Charge	No. of Message	
Office of Origin and Service Instructions.					This message is on a/c of:	
Maj Gen H. G. ...					Copy	
MOC					Date 25/1/18	
Sent					Service	
At ... m.					From Copy	
To ...					By ...	
By ...					(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	

TO All BNS

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.
* BM 427	25	AAA

Latest report shows that enemy is still in S.E. corner VILLERS BRETONNEUX near Railway Bridge in O36.C but rest of village is clear and 3 tanks are now on their way to mop up Railway Bridge and go on to Monument and Monument Wood and afterwards while 2 of the tanks clear up Monument wood one will go west towards our line and cover advance of 50<sup>th</sup> Bn join up with 15<sup>th</sup> A.I. Bde and address 50<sup>th</sup> 51<sup>st</sup> + 52<sup>nd</sup> Bns Repeated 49<sup>th</sup> Bn MG Coy LTMBG 15<sup>th</sup> A.I. Bde

From	15 <sup>th</sup> A.I. Bde
Place	
Time	4/5 pm

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No. of Message.....

Prefix <b>SO</b> Code <b>KOP</b> m.	Received	Sent	Office Stamp.
Office of Origin and Service Instructions <b>NDC</b> Words <b>93</b>	At..... m.	At..... m.	
	From <b>ag 119</b>	To.....	
	By.....	By.....	

TO { **51** **52**

Sender's Number **5428** Day of Month **25<sup>th</sup>** In reply to Number **AAA**

The 2 coys 49th will fall in line between railway line at 036d12 and right flank of 57th Bn at 036d58 & ac the 50th Bn will link up with 49th Bn at 036d12 & aa head of 49th Bn Corps to be at X roads 02pl34 at 11pm where they will be met by guide from 57th Bn. aaaa

49th Bn to remain with 50th HQ add 49 50th Bn repeated 51 52 57 Bn 13th MG Coy 15th AD Bde

From **13th AD Bde**  
Place **10 10**  
Time

\* This line should be erased if not required.

Nominal Roll of Officers  
 proceeding to join Ball  
 25/4/18

Lieut H. THOMAS	x	Batman
" C. W. WILSON	"	"
" E. R. HOCKINGS	"	"
Sgt E. F. HARRIS	"	"
" H. S. BURN	"	"

Adj. Smith

Herewith nominal roll of officers sent up from detail 15. Batmen accompanied them.

R.S.H.

25/4/18

Roll of  
a

Nominal Roll of Men  
going up to Battalion

25/4/48

- ✓ No 2328 Sgt BURGESS, F.E. 6/6/47
- ✓ 3241 Sgt CAPPER, S.J. "
- ✓ 3703 Pte HUSTIN, A.F. "
- ✓ 1933 " MALLON, J.J. "
- XX ✓ 2121 " ANDERSON, J.K. "
- ✓ 3335 " McCAULY, R.B. "
- ✓ 4499 " COLLISTER, J.H. "
- ✓ 2582 " CLIFFE, E. "
- ✓ 525 Sgt McROBERTS, W. H.B.
- ✓ 3383 Pte FARRELL, T.J. 17/6/47
- ✓ 3170 " HATTON, P. "
- ✓ 4547 " MATHER, D.C. D/6/47

Quay a.

~~They~~ Ady. 52-Br

Herewith nominal roll of  
O.R. returned to Bn for duty.  
They are not disciplinary cases.

25/4  
18. Ady.

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M.D.

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*[Faint handwritten notes on a piece of graph paper, including the word "Add" and "50" with a slash through them.]*

*[Faint handwritten notes, possibly including "M.D." and "188".]*

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Army Form C. 2121. (In pads of 100.)

No. of Message

Prefix	Code	m.	Words	Charge	This message is on a/c of Service.	Received at	m.
Office of Origin and Service Instructions.							Date
Sent							
At					m.		
To							
By					(Signature of "Franking Officer.")		

Secret DR

open message sent at 52/BN 50 am 26/4/18

1300 hours 5/15 am

TO 52 BN Recd 1.30 am 26/4/18

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. AAA

The French are attacking from HANGARD WOOD to MONUMENT at U6 a 6 6 tomorrow morning  
 aaa The eighth LOUVE Regiments will be on the left aaa 504 BN will conform to attack and join up their right flank at the MONUMENT with the French  
 aaa Barrage will come down at 5 10 am and all troops must be moved clear of following line by 4 am U10 8 07-4D  
 - 5 Central - 573 9 5 1 036 83  
 aaa as soon as the French pass through to the attack 51 BN will move out and take up positions in 034

From  
 Place  
 Time

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No. of Message.....

Prefix.....	Code.....	m.	Words.	Charge.	This message is on a/c of:	Recd. at.....
Office of Origin and Service Instructions.						Service.
			Sent			Date.....
			At.....	m.		From.....
			To.....			By.....
			By.....		(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	

TO

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Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
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B and D and the 52 BN will move to BOIS de BLANGY N 35 aaa 2 Corps of 49th BN will remain at O33 a 2nd BN 2 Corps 49 BN in front line will come under tactical command of O/C 50 BN aaa one section 13th MG Coy are placed at disposal of 50 BN remainder in present position aaa 13 LTMB at disposal of 50th BN aaa all ~~the~~ head quarters except 52 BN will remain as at present aaa reference sketch map being forwarded aaa address all BNs & 13 MG Coy 13 LTMB who will acknowledge by wire

From repeated 15 ans Inf Bde wire  
 Place 8th Div 24 Inf Bde  
 Time

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 13 a 1 Bde  
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DISPOSITIONS AFTER FRENCH HAVE  
GONE THROUGH.

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50th. Bn. 2 Coys. from Monument  
to Railway Line.  
2 Coys. dug in in support.

49th. Bn. 2 Coys. (under C.O. 50th.  
Bn) from Railway Line to right flank  
of 57th. Bn.  
2 Coys. in O.33.a.

51st. Bn. O.34.b. and d.

52nd. Bn. BOIS de BLANGY.

M.G. Coy. 1 Section with 50th. Bn.  
remainder as at present.

L.T.M.B. Under 50th. Bn.

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No. of Message.....

Prefix.....	Code.....	m	Words.	Charge.	This message is on a/c of:	Recd. at.....
Office of Origin and Service Instructions.			Sent		Service.	Date.....
			At..... m.			From.....
			To.....			By.....
			By.....			(Signature of "Franking Officer.")

TO: *Majors P. L. G. B. R. D.*  
*Sana Bu A.I.F.*

Sender's Number. * <i>M 1</i>	Day of Month. <i>25/4/18</i>	In reply to Number.	<b>AAA</b>
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<i>Rations</i>	<i>and</i>	<i>not</i>	<i>arrive</i>
<i>in</i>	<i>time</i>	<i>yet</i>	<i>issue</i>
<i>they</i>	<i>were</i>	<i>dumped</i>	<i>without</i>
<i>informing</i>	<i>me</i>	<i>and</i>	<i>should</i>
<i>have</i>	<i>been</i>	<i>taken</i>	<i>nearest</i>
<i>line</i>	<i>as a</i>	<i>ammunition</i>	<i>wagon</i>
<i>not</i>	<i>yet</i>	<i>located</i>	<i>can</i>
<i>please</i>	<i>arrange</i>	<i>to</i>	<i>send</i>
<i>to</i>	<i>U.S. Co</i>	<i>at</i>	<i>dark</i>
<i>a</i>	<i>dump</i>	<i>hot</i>	<i>meal</i>
<i>and</i>	<i>supply</i>	<i>of</i>	<i>water</i>
<i>in</i>	<i>Porter</i>	<i>also</i>	<i>as a</i>
<i>your rations</i>	<i>rations</i>	<i>to</i>	<i>U.S. Co.</i>
<i>at</i>	<i>dark</i>	<i>also</i>	<i>load</i>
<i>S.A.A.</i>	<i>and</i>	<del><i>to</i></del>	<del><i>to</i></del>

From: *C.O. Sana A.I.F.*

Place: *7 am*

Time: *7 am*

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No. of Message

Prefix Code m Words Charge
Office of Origin and Service Instructions.
This message is on a/c of:
Recd. at m.
Date
Service.
From
By
(Signature of "Franking Officer.")

TO Major D. J. General, 200
52 Bu AIF
Sheet 62 d 11-28 d. 25.

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number.
\* 192 25 AAA

Please instruct the following
officers to report to
me at dusk this
evening to replace casualties
aaa a Coy. Lieut
to Thomas aaa C
Coy Lieut C W
Wilson aaa E Coy
Lieut E R Locking
and E F Barris
aaa A Coy Lieut
H S Brown aaa
Lieut Major J. G. Gould reported 13 A Bde

From Co. 52 Bu
Place
Time 7:25 am

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No. of Message.....

Prefix.....	Code.....	m	Words.	Charge.	This message is on a/c of:	Recd. at.....	nl.
Office of Origin and Service Instructions.						Sent	Date.....
					At.....	Service.....	From.....
					To.....		
					By.....	(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	

TO	Major & General.	220	
	57th A.I.F.		

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* 192	25		

Pioneer	instruct	the	following.
Officers	to	report	to.
me	at	head	this
company	to	address	connection
aaa	a	Coy	with
to	houses	was	C
Coy	lieut	C	to
Wilson	aaa	D	Coy
lieut	E	R	bookings
and	F	F	Lewis
aaa	A	Coy	of lieut
H	S	Rum	aaa

From	CO. 57th A.I.F.		
Place			
Time	7.25 am		

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No. of Message.....

Prefix.....	Code.....	m.	Words.	Charge.	This message is on a/c of:	Recd. at.....	nl.	
Office of Origin and Service Instructions.			Sent			Service.	Date.....	
.....			At.....		To.....		From.....	
.....			By.....		(Signature of "Franking Officer.")		By.....	
.....			.....		.....		.....	

TO	1377	1 Rde.		

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* M 3	25		

Following	casualties	amongst	Officers
occurred	24 <sup>th</sup>	inst	aaa
<del>E</del>	<del>E</del>	Captain	C
H	STUBBINGS	m	C
Captain	W	KENNEDY	Captain
F	W	WILMOTT	Lieut
G	LEA	Lieut	T. P
LONG	Lieut	F	ROGERS
Lieut	G M	TRAVERS	<del>aaa</del>
all	<del>MISSING</del>	gunshot	wound
aaa	Lieut		MARSHALL
missing	aaa		

From	CO. 52nd Bu AIF
Place	
Time	7.45 am.

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Prefix	Code	m	Words	Charge	This message is on a/c of:	Recd. at	HL	
Office of Origin and Service Instructions.				Sent		Service.	Date	
				At	m.		From	
				To			By	
				By			(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	

TO { 13<sup>th</sup> AIF Bde  
8<sup>th</sup> Bn Royal Berks

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* M 5.			

Information from Right flank  
 Coy 52nd Bn in  
 u 4D (Sheet 62D NW) ~~not~~  
 Shows that the Bedford  
 on his Right have  
 gap of about 1000  
 yards on their right  
 in which the enemy  
 has passed this  
 may indicate that enemy  
 may advance towards CACRY and  
 Forwarded for your information & possible action.

From CO 5<sup>th</sup> Bn AIF  
 Place  
 Time 10.50 am

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) Whitthorn 11-6

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No. of Message.....

Prefix .....	Code..... m	Words.	Charge.	This message is on a/c of:	Recd. at .....
Office of Origin and Service Instructions.		Sent			Service.
		At .....	m.		From .....
		To .....		(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	By .....
		By .....			

TO <sup>O/C</sup>  
Forward Troops, 5<sup>th</sup> Bu  
(Major W.A. Croes)

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* 176	25		

15	A. I. Pae	Line	Runs
from	0.36 cen	to	P. 30 a. 35
and	patrols	are	moving
around	East	side	of
BRETONNEAU	to	obtain	touch
with our left	aaa	to	these
patrols reported	to	be	
in	0.36 cen	aaa	50 <sup>+</sup>
Bu	have	been	ordered
to	advance	and	occupy
the	line	in	U.S. Cen
to	Ry	Line	at
0.36 cen	aaa	if	necessary
52 Bu	will	cooperate	by
Reorganizing	left	flank	forward.
aaa	The	general line	to be held
is	from U. 11. a. 16 - 5 cen - <del>2.30</del>		

From			- to 036 Centar
Place			
Time			

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No. of Message

Prefix	Code	m	Words	Charge	This message is on a/c of:	Recd. at	nl.	
Office of Origin and Service Instructions.						Sent	Date	
						At	nl.	Service.
						To		From
					By		(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	By

TO

(2)

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* m 6			

When	this	line	is
occupied	Patrols	will	be
pushed	forward	to	make
good	MORNINGTON WOOD		and
Ry	as	for	as
P. 31. C. 00	aaa	machine	gun
Boy	are	cooperating	direct
with	50	Bn	aaa
50	Bn	are	making
the	advance	by	sending
among	fighting	patrols	along
S	edge	of	village
with	a	covering	force
in	rear	aaa	and
Northampton are	conforming	to	
movement	aaa	50 Bn are	
making a change of dispositions			

From	
Place	
Time	12.57 pm

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(In pads of 100.)

No. of Message.....

Prefix..... Code..... m. Words. Charge.
Office of Origin and Service Instructions.
This message is on a/c of: Recd. at..... m.
Sent
At..... m. Service. Date.....
To..... From.....
By..... (Signature of "Franking Officer.") By.....

TO { Major ORRIS

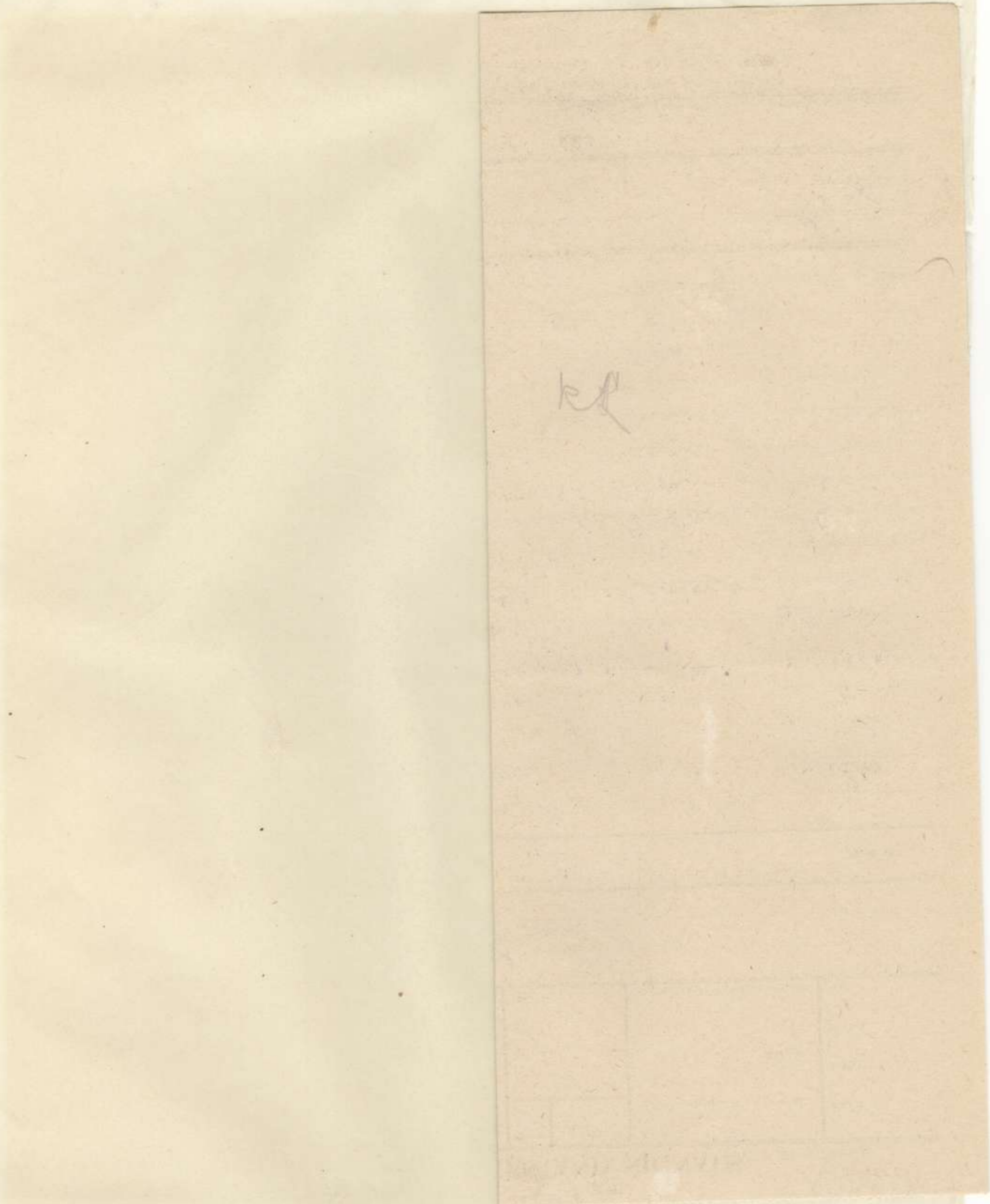
Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number.
\* m7 25 AAA

Party from each boy
for yesterday dry rations
to be at
logis early as possible
was Parties for today's
dry ration cooked meal
and water to be
at
or soon as
possible after dark aaa
Parties for any ammunition required
with last mentioned party
asa

From Adjutant mth
Place
Time 5.30 pm

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(In pads of 100.)

No. of Message.....

Prefix.....	Code.....	m	Words.	Charge.	This message is on a/c of:	Recd. at.....
Office of Origin and Service Instructions.			Sent			Service.
			At.....	m.		From.....
			To.....		(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	By.....
			By.....			

TO { 13<sup>th</sup> A.I. Bde.

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* M8	25 <sup>th</sup>	SC 703	

Officers	casualties	forwarded	my
M3	aaa	add	thereto
Lieut.	J	BORNILY	gunshot
25 <sup>th</sup>	aaa	Lieut	C.B.
MARSHALL	previously	reported	missing
now	reported	killed	gunshot
24 <sup>th</sup>	aaa	estimated	Casualties
Other	rank	150	aaa
Lieut	casualty	Captain	A
L	Bornily	AMC	cause
unknown	25 <sup>th</sup>	aaa	

From CO 5  
Place  
Time 7.30pm

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No. of Message.....

Prefix.....	Code.....	m	Words.	Charge.	This message is on a/c of:	Recd. at.....
Office of Origin and Service Instructions.			Sent			Service.
			At.....	m.		From.....
			To.....			By.....
			By.....		(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	

TO { Major O'Neil

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* HQ	25		

Copy of message sent 5:30pm -

Party	from	each	copy
for	yearly	day	ration
to	be	at	Bar
to drop	early	as	possible
as a	Parties	for	today's
dry	ration	cooked	meal
and	water	to	be
at	X roads	U.I.A.S.B	at
9pm	or	soon	as
possible	after	dark	as
Parties	for any	ammunition	night
with	last	mentioned	party
and			

From	Capt S. B. O'Neil	
Place		
Time	8:50pm	

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z)

Censor.	Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.
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No. of Message.....

Prefix Code m Words Charge
Office of Origin and Service Instructions.
This message is on a/c of:
Reed. at m.
Date
From
By
(Signature of "Franking Officer.")

TO

13 A. I. Bde

Sender's Number.

Day of Month.

In reply to Number.

AAA

\* 710

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Casualties

aaa

Major

W

A

CRAIES

wounded

and

evacuated

aaa

Cancelled

From

CO. 52nd Bn. A.I.F.

Place

Time

The above may be forwarded as now corrected.

(Z)

Censor.

Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.

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No. of Message.....

Prefix .....	Code.....m	Words.	Charge.	This message is on a/c of:	Recd. at.....m.
Office of Origin and Service Instructions.					
		Sent		Service.	From .....
		At.....m.			By .....
		To .....			(Signature of "Franking Officer.")
		By .....			

TO All Coys KEEP BN 52/Pon

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* M11	26/4/18		

The FRENCH will attack this morning from HANGARD WOOD to MONUMENT. aas Their troops are now forming up behind our lines and will pass through them to the attack aas as soon as they pass through our companies will withdraw through the CACHY SWITCH trench line to the bivouac site occupied by the Battalion in BOIS DE BLANGY (N 35 a) on 24<sup>th</sup> instant. aas

Withdrawal will commence from the left Company which is now in touch with 50<sup>th</sup> BN and conclude with right Company now in contact with BEDFORDS. aas Arrangements for this withdrawal will be completed by Lieut THOMAS with Coy commanders now in the line aas Coys after withdrawal from line

From	
Place	
Time	

The above may be forwarded as now corrected.

(Z)

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Army Form C. 2121.  
(In pads of 100.)

No. of Message.....

Prefix.....	Code.....	m	Words	Charge.	This message is on a/c of:	Recd. at.....
Office of Origin and Service Instructions:			Sent			Service.
			At.....	m.		From.....
			To.....			By.....
			By.....		(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	

TO {

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Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* M 11	26 April		

will move westwards in artillery formation past ~~present~~ Battalion HQs & then follow the same route to BOIS de BLANGY as taken when moving in the line on 24<sup>th</sup> whilst approximate time for withdrawal will be ~~between~~ between 4 am and 4.30 am but no companies will withdraw until the FRENCH are in the line behind them & actually holding the line.

50<sup>th</sup> BN are advancing with the FRENCH, their right ~~flank~~ on MONUMENT after the move is completed & 2 Coy of 49<sup>th</sup> Bn will be on left of 50<sup>th</sup> Bn joining up with 15<sup>th</sup> Awt. Inf Bde. Bn. HQs will be at RED CHATEAU when move is completed.

From *unintentional HQ will be at Red Chateau when move is completed*

Place CO 52<sup>nd</sup> Bn

Time 1.50 am

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Date
From
By
(Signature of "Franking Officer.")

TO 13th A 1 Bae

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number.
\* 1712 26 AAA

Table with 4 columns: Officers, casualties, aaa, Major.
Rows contain handwritten notes: W, A, CRAIES, died; of, gunshot, wounds, 3 aaa; Lieut, A, G, ROWE; wounded, gunshot, 25th, aaa.

From CO. 52nd Bn A.I.F.
Place
Time 12.50 pm

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