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September 1916



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59th Batta.

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Sheet No 20

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
RUE DE BOIS	1/9/16		Day clear and bright. Dispositions unchanged. Artillery activity on our side during late afternoon. Usual fatigues supplied. is 1 party of 10 men for work on Bomb Store Rifle Hill 1 party of 18 O.R. working on Tram-lines and 1 party of 32 O.R. working on 300' line	
do	2/9/16		Our artillery very active between 5pm and 7pm. Our aeroplanes very active during afternoon.	
	2/9/16		Day dull. Dispositions unchanged. Usual fatigues supplied. 1 Officer 3 O.R. marched in from Engineering School.	
do.	3/9/16		Day dull. Our aeroplanes active in early morning. Our artillery kept up a desultory fire all day. Dispositions unchanged. ceremonial parade held in Sailly for the purpose of presenting	

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RUE DE BOIS	3/9/16		<p>ribbons of decorations awarded for 19th July.</p> <p>1 Off. 35th O.R. representing Batta attended.</p> <p>2 O.R. marched out to Engineers School of Instruction.</p>	
RUE DE BOIS	4/9/16		Day dull and quiet. Fatigues supplied as usual. Dispositions unchanged.	
RUE DE BOIS.	5/9/16		<p>Day quiet until about 5 pm when our Artillery became active.</p> <p>Occasional showers towards evening.</p> <p>Usual fatigues supplied. Dispositions unchanged.</p>	
RUE DE BOIS.	6/9/16		<p>Day quiet until about 4 pm when our Artillery became active. One fatigue party supplied only (20 men).</p> <p>5 Officers of this Batta attended lecture on New Small Pot Respirator given at Sully. Dispositions unchanged.</p> <p>our artillery again active about 9.30 pm.</p>	<p>Cont.</p>

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
RUE DE BOIS.	7/8/16		Day quiet. One fatigue supplied (20 men) Dispositions unchanged. Our Artillery active about 3 pm again at 6 pm.	
RUE DE BOIS.	8/8/16		Day quiet. Fatigues of 30 men supplied. Artillery active towards evening. Dispositions unchanged.	
RUE DE BOIS.	9/8/16		Weather fine and clear. Our Artillery active during day and night. Fatigues of 30 men supplied. Dispositions unchanged.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
RUE DE BOIS.	10/9/16.		<p>Very quiet day on both sides. Fatigues of 58 men supplied. Dispositions unchanged. 1 Off 2 O.R. marched out to Engineering School Dailly. 2. O.R. marched out to Signal School Dailly. 1 O.R. marched in from Div. Bomb School.</p>	
RUE DE BOIS.	11/9/16.		<p>Day fine and clear. Our Artillery active about 7-30 am. Fatigues of 60 men supplied. Dispositions unchanged.</p>	
RUE DE BOIS.	12/9/16.		<p>Day fine. Our Artillery active during day. Fatigues supplied as usual Dispositions unchanged.</p>	<p>4</p>

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
RUE DE Bois.	13/9/16.		<p>Day dull and showery. Our Artillery active about 1 am and again at 5 pm.</p> <p>Usual fatigue of 60 men supplied for work on 300' line at intersection Brompton and 300 yds line.</p> <p>Dispositions unchanged.</p>	
RUE DE Bois.	14/9/16		<p>Day dull. Artillery activity on our side.</p> <p>Usual fatigue of 60 men supplied.</p> <p>Dispositions unchanged.</p>	
RUE DE Bois	15/9/16.		<p>Day quiet our artillery firing intermittently during day and night.</p> <p>Usual fatigue of 60 men supplied.</p> <p>Dispositions unchanged.</p>	B.M.K.

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ROE DE Bois	16/9/16		Day fine. Our Artillery became very active about 10-30pm. Usual fatigue of 60men supplied. Dispositions unchanged. Casualties. 1 O.R. killed.	
do	17/9/16		Day dull. Artillery active during day. No fatigues supplied. Sent 4 off and 60 O.Ranks into training at Div. Bomb School, Sailly to train and prepare for a raid to be held at a later date. Capt. Hornby L.L. to act as C of B raid with Lieut. Johnson and 2 Lt. Gannon as supernumeraries and 2 Lt. Rawson to act as stand by. Byg Order No 44 (copy attached) received from Page H. 2nd relating to relief to be carried out on 18/19th Sept. 16.	Ref. Append "A"
do.	18/9/16.	12-55 am	Day dull and showery. 58th Batta. carried out a raid on Enemy's front line	G.M.H.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
RUE DE BOIS	18/9/16	12-55 am 12 noon 8 pm	<p>System at N. 10. c. 05-30. Retaliation not severe. Identification obtained. Details of relief arranged between C/O's Battus concerned. 57th Batta taking over front line and supports from 59th and both Battus (Sector. Rond Street Sap inclusive to mine av. exclusive) Batta to take over all posts in subsidiary line.</p> <p>Relief completed ^{8 pm} at. Batta now situated as under:-</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Subsidiary line.</p> <p>Windy Post (N. 1. b. 2-5) 4 off 55 O.R's. Winters Night Post. (H. 32 a. 2-4) 1 off 27 O.R's. Charred Post. (M. 6. d. 7-8)</p> <p>Remainder of Batta billeted in area G 29. H. 2s of Batta situated at G 29. d. 10-2.</p>	
RUE DE FIEFES	19/9/16		Day quiet and fine. No fatalities supplied. Dispositions unchanged.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
RUE DE FIEFES.	20/9/16		Day fine and quiet. Bge. Order No 46. received. The 5th Pioneer Battalion to relieve Battalion in Winters night, Windy and Charrred posts. Relief to be completed by 8 pm on 21st inst. Dispositions unchanged.	
RUE BIACHE	21/9/16		Details of relief arranged between 5th Pioneer Battalion. New billets inspected. Relief completed by 7 pm. Battalion moved to billets in Area H. 25 with Battalion H. 25 ad. H. 25. d. 8-7. 1 Off. 11 O.R.'s marched out to Lewis Gun School of Instruction. 2 Off. 2 O.R.'s marched out to Army Corps School Morbecque. New billets vacated by portion of 8th Bge found to be left in an unsanitary condition.	
RUE BIACHE.	22/9/16.		Day quiet till 4 pm when our Artillery became active. Party at Div. Bomb School recalled. Operations in which they were to take part have been post-poned indefinitely	

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RUE BIANCHE	22/9/16		Billets arranged for party of 3 off. 127 O.R.'s of 58th Batta who are to be attached to Batta. No fatigues supplied.	
RUE BIANCHE	23/9/16		Day quiet and fine. No fatigues supplied. Party of men sent to Div. Baths.	
		8am	Party of 3 off. 127 O.R.'s marched into billets chosen for them. Now billeted in Area H. 25.	
			Transport and Q. M.'s Store moved from previous location which was - Transport G. 22. a. 8-5. Q. M.'s Store I. 23. c. 8-1.) now located at - Transport I. 29. d. 2-4. Q. M.'s Store I. 29. d. 4-4 - Transport lines much superior to previous lines in every respect. All horses and mules under cover with good tick floor well drained. Accommodation for Transport personnel good after a few repairs have been carried out.	

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RUE BIANCHE	22/9/16.		<p>2. M's Store located in good dry shed which is very suitable for requirements.</p> <p>2. O.R's marched in from Signalling School.</p>	
RUE BIANCHE	24/9/16.		<p>Day quiet till 12 noon when our Artillery became active</p> <p>1. Off and 30 men attended parade for presentation of Cup won by Brigade at Sports held at Macclesfield prior to leaving Egypt.</p> <p>Fatigues supplied</p> <p>10 Off 60 O.R's for work on 300' line in new Sector. (Devon to Minnow)</p> <p>1 Off. 60 O.R's for work on 300' line in new Sector.</p> <p>10 O.R's for work on Drying Sheds.</p> <p>25 O.R's for burying cable of new telephone lines being laid in Sector.</p> <p>Dispositions unchanged.</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
RUE BIANCHE	25/9/16		<p>Day quiet and fine. Our artillery became active at 4-45 pm. 1 Off (Lt. Col. Layb) and 2 OR's proceeded on 10 days leave to England. Major Trickey has taken temporary command of Batta, during G/O's absence.</p> <p>3 Offs (1st 58th attchd) 2 OR's left for School of Instruction Tordington.</p> <p>Operation order issued by Major F. T. Trickey Temp. Commdg in case of order to reinforce Sector mine Av. to Devon Av inclusive.</p> <p>Fatigues supplied.</p>	Ref. Appendix "G"
RUE BIANCHE	26/9/16		Day fine and quiet. Dispositions unchanged. Usual fatigues supplied.	
RUE BIANCHE	27/9/16		Day fine. Artillery fired intermittently during the day	Comd.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
RUE BIANCHE	27/9/14		Usual fatigues supplied. Dispositions unchanged	
RUE BIANCHE	28/9/14		Day quiet and fine. Usual fatigues supplied. Dispositions unchanged. Received draft of 25 O.R.'s as reinforcements from 157th Inf. Battn. (1 O.R. Hosp). These men have been well trained and a good stamp of man. Good physique and appear keen. Party for operations on Enemy's front, again went into training to-day at Div. Bomb School. Party consists of 4 Offs and 65 O.R.'s. As accommodation at Bomb School is limited they are billeted at G. 16. C. 8. 5.	
RUE BIANCHE.	29/9/14		Day fine and quiet. Usual fatigues supplied. Dispositions unchanged. 1 off. 3 O.R.'s marched in from Snipers School.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
RUE BIANCHE	29/9/16		<p>Former bay Observers resumed practice under acting Intelligence Officer. They visited the line with the object of making themselves familiar with new front to be taken over shortly. During spell in billets these Observers have been carrying out training as far as practicable, chief among which training has been practise with BARR and STROUD Range Finders. Received instructions to collect 2 Offs and 20 O.R's (Reinforcements) from Saily.</p>	
RUE BIANCHE	30/9/16	12 noon	<p>Day fine and quiet. Div. duties taken over from both Batta and 2nd Arzac Cyclist Batta. This absorbs 113 O.R's. 1 Off. 11 O.R's marched in from Lewis Gun School. Lewis Gun Officer commenced to re-organize Lewis Gun Section. Report of casualties through sickness for month ending ^{28/9/16} attached. 2 Offs 20 O.R's marched in from 5th Aust. Div. Base Depot. 2 Offs and 10 O.R's of these are rejoining unit after being evacuated</p>	<p>Ref. Append "H"</p> <p><i>Wint.</i></p>

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RUE BIANCHE	30/9/16	4pm	<p>wounded.</p> <p>1 Off. 33 O. Rs marched in from 5th. Aust. Div. Base Depot.</p> <p>1 Off. 9. O. Rs of these being new who have belonged to unit previously and have been evacuated wounded.</p> <p>Balance of both reinforcements are new from Tring Batta and appear keen and well trained.</p>	

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 15th Australian Infantry Brigade Order No 44.

Reference: - Trench Map Area "L" and sheet 38 N.W.

Reliefs: (1) The 57th Battalion will relieve the 58th, 59th, and 60th Battalions in the line during the night 18th/19th September 1916.

The details of the relief will be arranged mutually by the C.O.'s. concerned, Specialists of ingoing unit should report to outgoing unit 12 hours before relief.

Dispositions: (2) (A) The 57th Battalion will take over the whole of the present sector front line and supports.

Battalion H.Q. to be at V.C. house N 2 d 1-3.)

(B) The 58th Battalion, when relieved, will move into billets in area H 19 and 25, G 24 with Battalion H.Q. at H 10 d 1-0 1/2.

(C) The 60th Battalion will take over all posts in the subsidiary line, remainder to billet in area G 29 with Battalion H.Q. at G 29 d 10-2.

(D) The 60th Battalion will, when relieved, move into billets in area G 36 with Battalion H.Q. at G 36 b 0 1/2-4.

Traffic: (3) V.C. Avenue will be used for up traffic and Pinney's and Exeter for down traffic during the relief.

Taking and handing over: (4) All log books, defence schemes, trench stores and ammunition, etc, will be checked (and inventories taken) and handed over during the day. Receipts to be made out in triplicate, one copy to be forwarded to Brigade.

Rules laid down in D.R.O. 711 will be observed and certificates forwarded to Brigade.

Gas, precautions in case of: (5) If the wind is favorable for enemy gas ingoing parties will assume "Gas Alert" immediately on leaving billets.

Working parties: (6) The 60th Battalion will take over from the 57th Battalion all external fatigues and working parties; i.e, parties for work other than in the defensive line of the sector.

The ordinary chits will be issued for work coming under the latter head.

Reports: (7) Reports to be forwarded by 57th Battalion to Brigade Headquarters on completion of the relief.

(Signed:) R.G. Legge, Captain.
 Staff Captain 15th Aust. Inf. Brigade.



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APPENDIX G

OPERATION ORDER

By Major F.V. Trickey

Temp Commanding 59th Battalion.

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ACTION OF RESERVE BATTALION ON SECTOR "MINE AVENUE TO DEVON AVENUE INCLUSIVE" IN CASE OF ORDER TO REINFORCE 300 YARDS LINE.

Normal. Normal this would be carried out by this Battalion in two lines of Companies "B" "D" and the 58th Company in first and "A" and "C" Companies in Second Lines.

Route. The normal Routes to be followed are shewn in the attached sketch but it must be remembered that the Battalion may be ordered to reinforce by one Route only. It therefore becomes necessary for Officers N.C.O's and Battalion Runners to make th themselves thoroughly acquainted both by day and night with all three Routes and to this end the following time table will be adhered to and report when completed by Companies to Battalion Headquarters by 8 a.m, on 28th inst.

Time Table for Company's details moving over Routes to 300 yards Line.

Date	Time		Coy	Route	Remarks.
	Day	Night			
26/9/16	9 a.m,	7 p.m,	"B"	Moves via Nos 1 and 3 Routes	When following line of Tram track parties must be of not more than two. on other parts of Routes parties may consist of six. It is advisable to move under cover of hedge and trees when following Tram Line
" "	" "	" "	"A"	" " " 3 " 1 "	
" "	10 " "	8 " "	"B" 58th	" " " 3 " 1 "	
" "	" "	" "	"C"	" " " 1 " 3 "	
" "	" "	9 " "	"D"	" " " 2 " 2 "	
" "	1 p.m,	9 " "	"D"	" " " 3 " 1 "	
" "	" "	" "	"A"	" " " 2 " 2 "	
27/9/16	9 a.m,	7 p.m,	"B"	" " " 2 " 2 "	
" "	1 p.m,	" "	"C"	" " " 2 " 2 "	

Sections of 300 Yards Line. For purpose of occupation by Reinforcing Units the 300 yards line is divided thus:- Right Sector ("B" Coy) Mine Avenue to Tram Track Centre Sector ("D" Coy) Tram Track inclusive to York Avenue. Left Sector (58th Battn) York Avenue inclusive to Devon Avenue and Mill Road Post inclusive.

Battn Reserve. "A" and "C" Companies form the Battalion Reserve and would follow the outer Routes ("A" Coy via Rue Bassieres and "C" Coy No 1 Route) they would move to Eton Hall and occupy trenches in rear of same and to right and left and await further instructions.

Battn. Head-quarters. Messages would be sent to Eton Hall which would become intermediate Battalion Headquarters.

Transport Route Reserve S.A.A. Rations would be moved forward by Route shewn on attached sketch and S.A.A. would be further moved via Rue-de-Bois and Rue Bassieres to head of Devon Avenue.

Dressing. The Battalion Dressing Station would be at head of Devon Avenue.

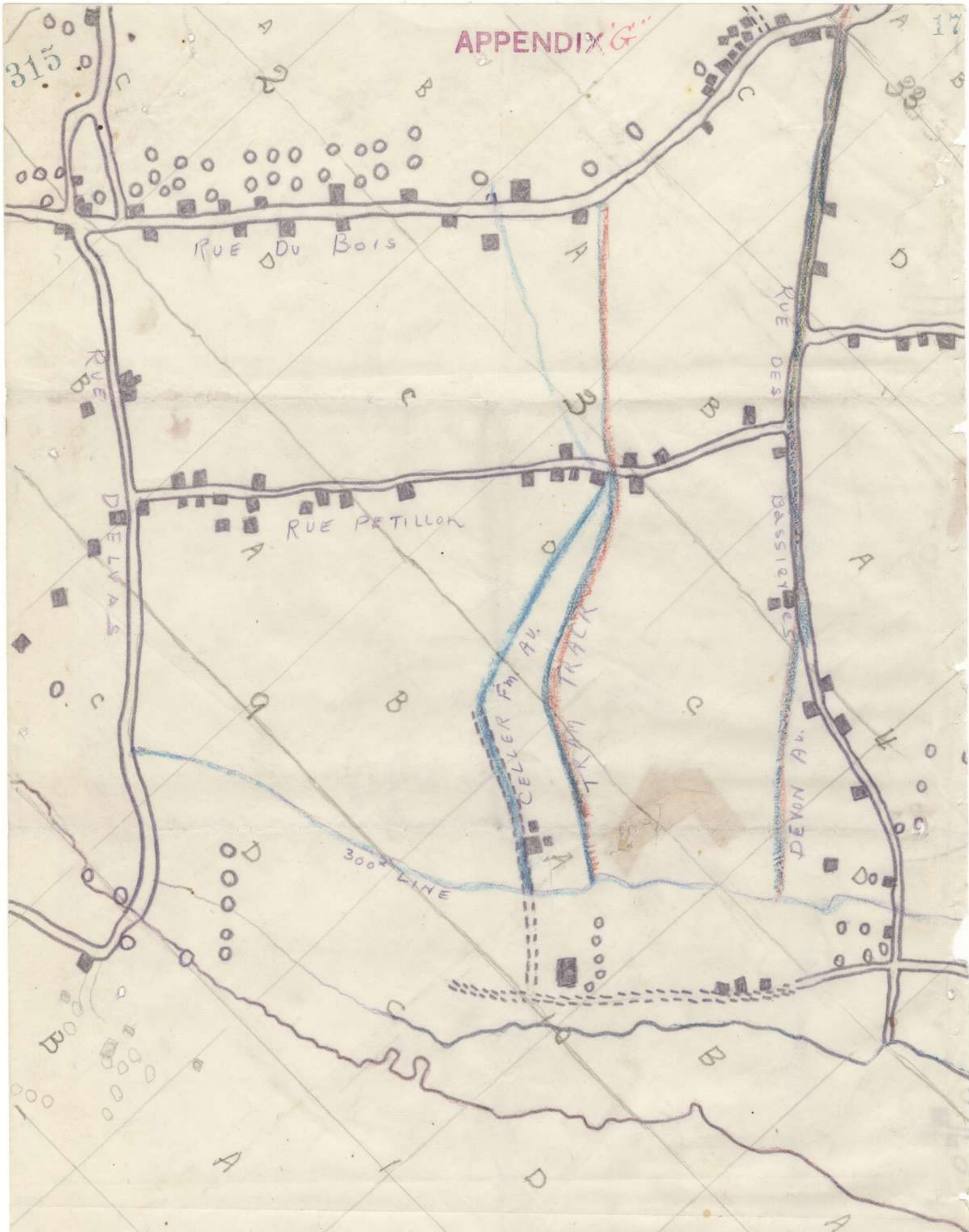
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Major.
Temp Commanding 59th Battalion.A.I.F.

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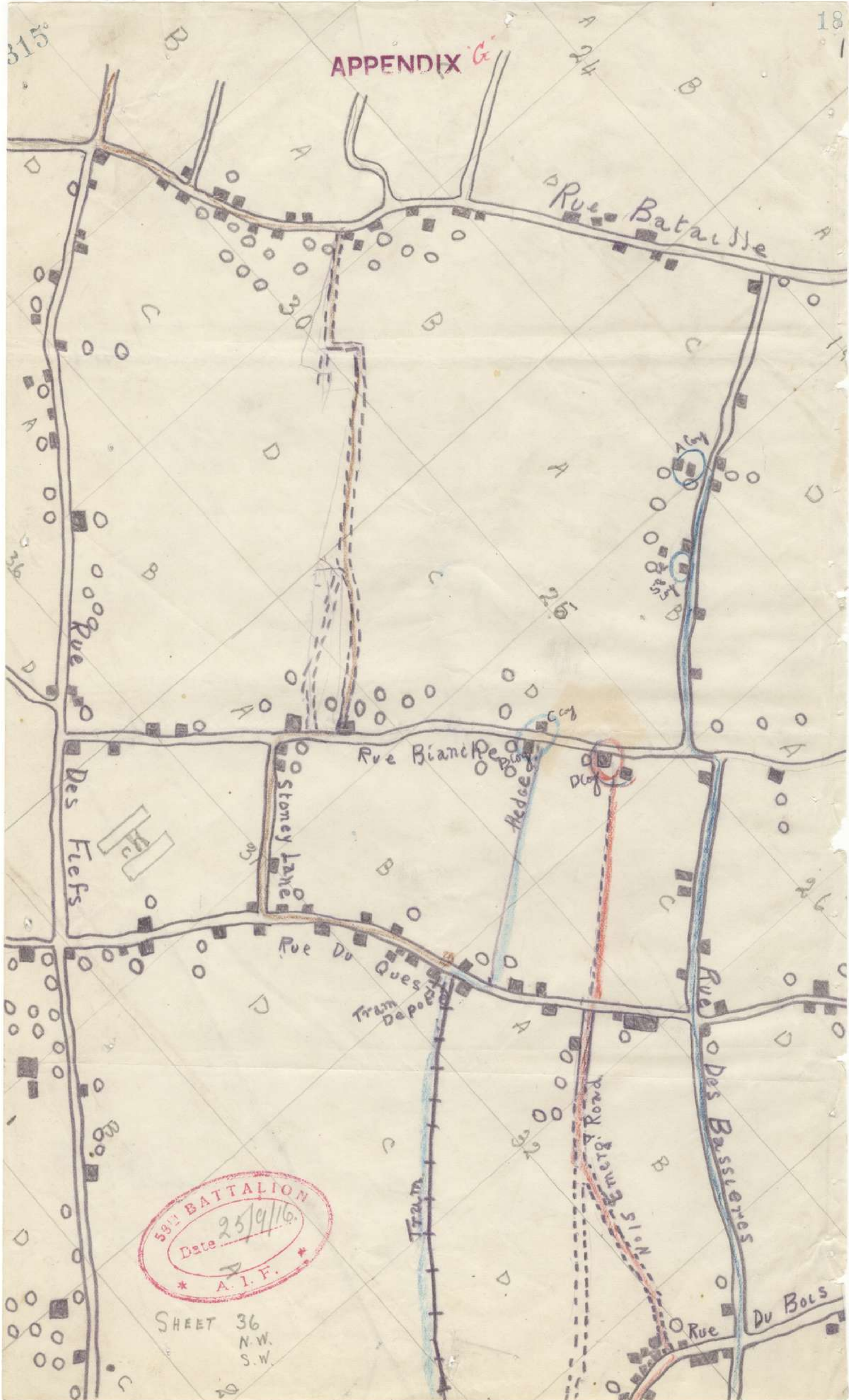


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APPENDIX ^H

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59th BATTALION A. I. F.

30th September 1916.

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CASUALTIES THROUGH SICKNESS FROM THE 1st to 28th September 1916.

	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>OTHER RANKS.</u>
1.9.16 to 7.9.16	2	7
8.9.16 to 14.9.16	-	4
15.9.16 to 21.9.16	-	11
22.9.16 to 28.9.16	$\frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{9}{31}$
Returned during Month	<u>2</u>	<u>17</u>
Leaving a total of	1	14
Evacuated to a Hospital out of Divisional Area		8
Total number in Field Amb.	<u>1</u>	<u>6</u>