

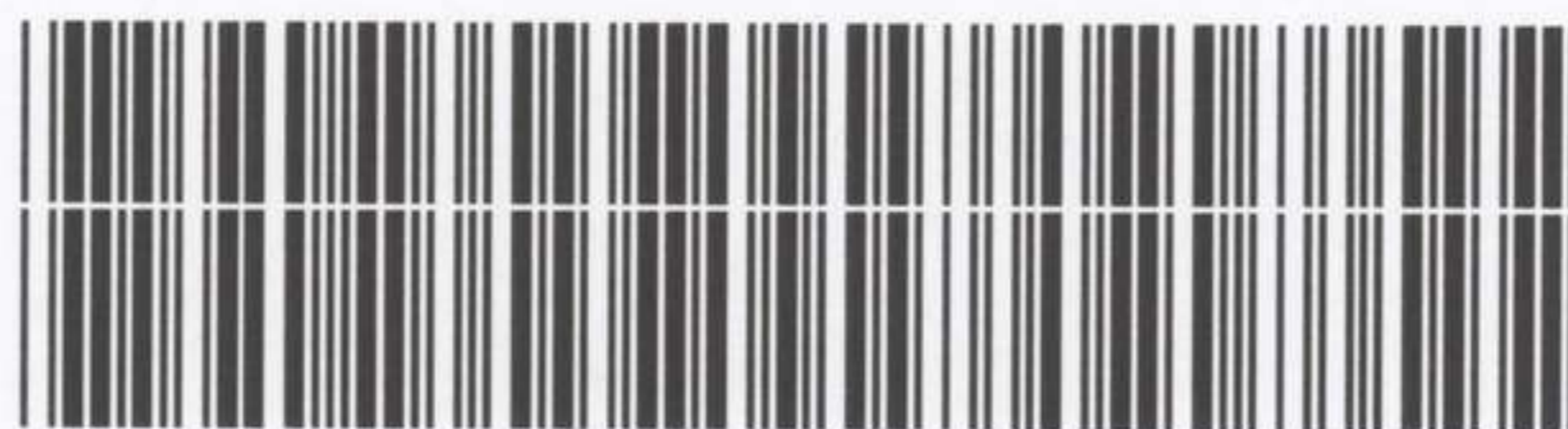
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Sheet 28.B.7. N. 21. B. 14.	1/12/17		Coy. has 8 guns in front line & 4 guns in reserve at Coy. H.Q. as per Machine Gun Map forwarded with previous months War Diary. Intelligence Summary marked Appendix 1. attached. Remainder of Coy. in reserve in Kemmel Camp.	Appendix marked 1 & also attached. M.B. Capt.
As above	2/12/17		C & B Sections relieved A & D Sections in the line on the night of 2 & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec. & without incident. A & D Sections returned to Kemmel Camp. 1 of Rank evacuated sick. Intelligence Summary marked Appendix 2. attached.	M.B. Capt.
As above	3/12/17		C & B Sections still in the line. Remainder of Coy. in reserve. Enemy planes active between 10 pm. & midnight. Bombs were dropped in the vicinity of Kemmel Camp. Intelligence Summary marked Appendix 3. attached.	M.B. Capt.
As above	4/12/17		As above. First fall of snow. Played football match against 14 <sup>th</sup> M/Gun Coy. Great interest shown on both sides. 1 of Rank evacuated sick. Intelligence Summary marked Appendix 4 attached.	M.B. Capt.
As above	5/12/17		C & B Sections still in the line. Enemy planes bombed in the vicinity of Kemmel Camp. Intelligence Summary marked Appendix 5 attached.	M.B. Capt.
As above	6/12/17		As above. Intelligence Summary marked Appendix 6 attached.	M.B. Capt.
As above	7/12/17		As above. 1 of Rank marched in from hospital. 1 Officer & 1 N.C.O proceeded to M/Gun School at Camieres. Intelligence Summary marked Appendix 7 attached.	M.B. Capt. M.B. Capt. D. 25 <sup>th</sup> Ar. G. Co.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Sheet 28 B+7 N. 21. G. 14.	8/12/17		As per previous days report. 8 guns in forward area & 4 guns in reserve at Coy. H.Q. Remainder of Coy. in reserve at Kemmel Camp. Intelligence Summary marked Appendix 8 attached.	M.B. Cpt.
As above	9/12/17		A+D Sections proceed to the line relieved C+B Sections, without incident. 1 N.C.O rejoined unit from M/Gun School Camieres. 2 Ranks, re-inforcements, marched in. Intelligence Summary marked Appendix 9 attached.	Appendix marked 9A also attached. M.B. Cpt.
As above	10/12/17		A+D Sections still in the line remainder of Coy. in reserve at Kemmel Camp. Intelligence Summary marked Appendix 10 attached.	M.B. Cpt.
As above	11/12/17		As above. 1 N.C.O marched in. Enemy planes were over but did no damage. Intelligence Summary marked Appendix 11 attached.	M.B. Cpt.
As above	12/12/17		As above. Enemy planes were again over but did no damage. Received orders for move to Samer Area (Calais Map). for 17 <sup>th</sup> inst. Intelligence Summary marked Appendix 12 attached.	M.B. Cpt.
As above	13/12/17		As above for disposition of unit. Major Wright rejoined unit from hospital & assumed command vice Capt. S.S. Berry. Lt. Watson of 21 <sup>st</sup> Aust. M/G. Coy. visited advanced Coy. H.Q. reference relief of this unit by the 21 <sup>st</sup> Coy. on the night of the 16 <sup>th</sup> - 17 <sup>th</sup> inst. Intelligence Summary marked Appendix 13 attached.	M.B. Cpt.
As above	14/12/17		1 N.C.O rejoined unit from 15 <sup>th</sup> Vet. Hospital School of Instruction. Disposition of unit as per above. Intelligence Summary marked Appendix 14 attached.	M.B. Cpt.

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Sheet 28 B+7 N. 21. G. 14.	15/12/17		A + D Sections still in the line. Nothing of interest to report. Preparing for move to Samer Area. Intelligence Summary marked Appendix 15 attached.	M.B. Cpt.
As above	16/12/17		Coy. was relieved in the line by 21st M/Gun Coy. as per Operation Order No. 7. Marked Appendix 16A attached. The relief was complete by 5.30 pm without incident. Intelligence Summary marked Appendix 16 attached. Transport moved out by road for Samer Area.	M.B. Cpt.
Line route to Cabanis sheet 5 B. 9. 8. FLORINGTHUN	17/12/17		Coy. marched out from Kemmel Camp at 11.0 A.M. for intraining station 2 miles distant. Unit entrained at 2.0 P.M., arrived at Desvres (Calais Map) at 1.0 A.M. Proceeded to map ref. quoted in column by motor lorries & arrived at 3.0 A.M. next morning. The move was without incident except for the usual delays associated with French trains.	M.B. Cpt.
As above	18/12/17		Coy. resting. Nothing of interest to report.	M.B. Cpt.
As above	19/12/17		Coy. resting. Transport reported on completion of route march from Kemmel Camp. The journey was without incident except that very heavy frosts made travelling very difficult.	M.B. Cpt.
As above	20/12/17		Coy Parade at 9.30 A.M. Kit Inspection. Nothing further of interest to report.	M.B. Cpt.
As above	21/12/17		Coy. resting. Pay parade.	M.B. Cpt.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Lalans Sheet 5 B. 9. 8. FLORINGTHUN	22/12/17		Company done 5 miles route march. Major A. H. Wright appointed Temporary D. M. G. O 5th Aust. Divison. Captain D. D. Berry assumes command of the unit. C. S. M. Robinson (W.O.), promoted. C. S. M. (W.O. class II) and to date 11/12/17. 1 other Rank evacuated sick.	M.B. Cpt.
as above	23/12/17		Nothing of Interest to report. 1 other Rank marched in from Hospital.	M.B. Cpt.
as above	24/12/17		420 Sgt H. L. Hanson proceeded to London for admission to O. S. C. Preparing for Company <sup>Dinner</sup> Christmas Day.	M.B. Cpt.
as above	25/12/17		A Ball was held in adjoining Village (Londette) The company was given Christmas Dinner commencing at 1 pm thirty odd Pounds was spent in hiring extra utensils & providing Foodstuffs & etc. Dinner lasted till 2.30 pm, when an impromptu concert was given, provided by local talent drawn from the company. A few speeches was made by various members of the unit, referring to the work the unit has done since its arrival in France. All agreed that the spread was highly successful.	M.B. Cpt.
as above	26/12/17		A heavy fall of snow was experienced during the day. 1 other Rank was evacuated to Hospital.	M.B. Cpt.

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of 25th M.G. Co.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Calais Duel	27/12/17		Nothing of Interest to report.	M.B. Capt.
F. B. 9. 8. FLORINCTHUM	28/12/17		" " " " " 1 other Rank marched in from Hospital.	M.B. Capt.
as above	29.12.17		Nothing of interest to report, 1 other Rank evacuated & 3 other Ranks marched in from hospital.	M.B. Capt.
as above	30.12.17		Nothing of interest to report.	M.B. Capt.
as above	31.12.17		A course of Machine Gun Training commences for the unit. A Drill school was also commenced for the Non Commissioned officers. Great difficulty is experienced in training, owing to the quantity of snow on the ground.	M.B. Capt.

M.B. Capt.  
Pl. 25<sup>th</sup> M.G. Co.

25th Aust. Machine Gun Coy.

C. 100/20

Intelligence Summary.

Map I

From 6 Am 30/11/17 to 6 Am. 1/12/17

1. Disposition

Reference re numbering of gun positions the following shows the new numbers allotted to the old positions.

In future referring to the various gun positions, the new number only will be quoted.

<u>Old Number</u>	<u>New Number</u>	<u>Map Reference</u>
Gun No 17	No 17	O. 16 C 50.50
" 18	" 18	O 16 C 70.90
22	" 19	O 11 C 30.50
23	" 20	O 11 A 00.00
25	" 21	O 10 D 20.20
24	" 22	O 11 A 47.08
26	" 23	O 11 A 05.35
27	" 24	O 11 A 05.45

It will be noticed that No 25 Gun (old No) has been moved to the new position, and is at present in a temporary emplacement pending the completion of the new emplacement by the Engineers

The position previously occupied by this gun, will be used for night firing and will be known as "Harassing Fire Position No 2." One other "Harassing Fire Position" has also been constructed at O 15 B 95.95. This will be known as "Harassing Fire Position No 1."

The guns used for this work are reserve guns. the remaining two are in reserve at DENYS FARM. O 15 B and if necessary can come into action from that position, or are available to replace casualties with forward guns

All alterations as renumbering etc to Maps & Battle Orders are being effected.

2. Casualties

nil

3. Rounds Expended

3000

## APPENDIX I

4. Aircraft.

Both sides unusually active throughout the day. At one period 26 of enemy planes were counted.

Our aircraft crossed and recrossed the enemy lines throughout the day, they were subjected to considerable Machine gun fire but less artillery fire than usual.

5. Artillery

During the day practically an absolute quiet prevailed, but in the late evening and night both sides livened up considerably.

Between the hours of 1. Am. and 1.30. Am. Gun positions adjacent to "Dollebeke Road" and area round same were severely "trafed".

Our Artillery shelled the enemy heavily throughout the night.

On both flanks heavy cannonades were heard throughout the night.

6. Miscellaneous

Harassed the following targets from 6 Am. then intermittently till dawn.

(A) CENTRE FARM in D18 c CROSS ROADS. D24 A.

(B) CROSS ROADS in D18 b. 60.05 to D18 b 20.75  
(system enemy trenches)

(C) ENEMY TRAMWAY in D24 A & B.  
(system enemy tracks)

During the night one of my sentries "spotted" two enemy M. Guns firing.

He immediately informed the nearest O. P. who with the aid of their instruments located them and are to be engaged today.

Three enemy observation balloons were observed up during the day.

The weather continues to keep mild and ground is drying fast.

K. Bury Capt.  
R. 25<sup>th</sup> M.S. Co.



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Operation Order No 5

NOTA

By Lt. S. S. Bury. oc. 25<sup>th</sup> M.G. Coy.

APP. 1A

Ref No. 9. Map: Nyschaete Map. 1.12.17

1. Ref later Coy. relief on the night of 2<sup>nd</sup> inst.
  2. The Relief as set out in Operation Order No. 4, will apply in this instance with the following exceptions.
    - (a) No. ration party will be required - reserve section will be available for any duties required.
    - (b) C Sect. will supply two runners.
    - (c) 1 A.B.O. & 2 gunners will be required for No 25 position for night firing - these are over the ordinary personnel for left sector.
  - B Section will relieve D's 4 gun in forward area.
  - C Sect. will relieve A Section's 4 gun in forward area.
  - D Section will go into reserve at DENYS FARM & will retain only 2 A.C.O.s & 6 P.Ranks. - remainder will return to camp.
  - A Section will also return to camp on completion of relief. Completion of relief will be immediately notified at Coy. HQs. Sub. Sect. officers who have not done a tour a duty will be detailed in place of O.C.s. Sections. Left sector will require only one officer.
- One Limber will be sent forward & will remain at DENYS FARM till reliefs are complete. Guides will meet incoming gun teams at 4.30 pm at DENYS FARM.

A. Bury. Lieut.

25th. Aust. Machine Gun Coy. — G 100/21

Intelligence Summary.

APP 2

From 6 A.M. 1. 12. 17. to 6 A.M. 2. 12. 17.

1. Disposition

Unchanged

2. Casualties

Nil

3. Rounds Expended

6,000

4. Aircraft

Weather unfavorable, practically no activity by enemy planes, a few of ours patrolled over head, without any apparent interruption.

5. Artillery

Contrary to usual, enemy artillery were more active during the day, than the night. Between 10 & 11 P.M. he shelled the RAVINE with what appeared to be 8" shells. Our Artillery fired spasmodically during the day, and with steady continuation during the greater part of the night.

6. Miscellaneous

Another enemy M.G. was spotted firing on a true bearing of 133° from 011 A 00.00 the distance was judged to be about 1700 X. evidently BANG. F.A.M.

There was very little enemy M.G. activity last night.

The following targets were harassed from 5 P.M. and then intermittently till Dawn.

- 1. ENEMY TRAMWAY SYSTEM in O 24 C & D.
- 2. CENTRE F.A.M. in O 18 c and X ROADS in O 24, D.
- 3. HOLLEBEKE CHAT.

P.T.O.

APPENDIX V

Continued

7. Weather

Some snow fell during the night.

M. B. Capt.

A. 25<sup>th</sup> M. S. Co.

4. Observations

The weather was very variable, but generally on the whole by every hour, a few of snow, but not much.

3. Observations

In order to ascertain the exact position of the enemy's position during the night, the following observations were made. At 10 P.M. the enemy's position was about 200 Yards from the trench. At 11 P.M. the enemy's position was about 100 Yards from the trench. At 12 P.M. the enemy's position was about 50 Yards from the trench.

2. Observations

Another enemy of the name of ... was seen on a tree ... of 185? from ... the distance was ... 100 X ... this was very little ... last night. The following targets were ... 2. ENEMY TRAMWAY SYSTEM in ... 1. ENEMY TRAMWAY SYSTEM in ...

25th Aust. Machine Gun Coy.Intelligence Summary.

APP 3

From 6 Am. 2. 12. 17 to 6 Pm. 2. 12. 17.1. Disposition

Unchanged

2. Casualties

nil

3. Rounds Expended

6,500 rounds

4. Aircraft.

During the morning while the visibility was good both sides were fairly active practically no activity by either side during the afternoon.

5. Artillery

The enemy were exceptionally quiet throughout the day and night. Our Artillery activity quite up to the average in the way of periodical strafes and bombardments.

6. Miscellaneous

Addressed the following targets from 6 Pm. then intermittently till dawn.

1. BANG FARM 0 17. b
2. POLL HOUSE 0 18 a
3. SPUD FARM and road running through same 0 18 b.
4. BRIDGE over CANAL 0 12 b

M. Benn Capt.  
M. 25<sup>th</sup> M. G. Co.

25th Aust. Machine Gun Coy.

Intelligence Summary

MM 4

From 6. A.M. 2/12/17 to 6. A.M. 4/12/17

1. Disposition

unchanged

2. Casualties

nil

3. Rounds Expended

6,500

4. Aircraft

Enemy planes in the earlier part of the day were more active than on preceding days.

No enemy planes were observed to cross our lines.

Our planes were in evidence throughout the day.

5. Artillery

Enemy Artillery fairly quiet throughout the period. Hollebeke Rd received slight attention throughout the night. Our own Artillery were very active throughout the period.

6. Miscellaneous

One enemy M.G. which appears to come from BANG. FARM. was very active throughout the night sweeping the Hollebeke Road from DELBSKE FARM. to our front line.

The following targets were harassed from 5. P.M. 2/12/17 till dawn 4/12/17

1. Roads from TWINS. to GIANT.

2. BANG. FARM.

3 X ROADS in O18 b. to 50 down road to MURPHY. FARM.

4 CENTRE. FARM. in O18 c and X roads near same

M. B. B. Capt.  
M. 25<sup>th</sup> M.G. Co.

25 AUST. M. G. Coy.  
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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PERIOD FROM  
 6 AM 4.12.17 to 6 AM 5.12.17.

DISPOSITION New Barrage Line, as per attached map, under instructions received from D.M.G.O. 5<sup>th</sup> AUST. DIV.

CASUALTIES

NIL

ROUNDS EXPENDED.

10000.

AIRCRAFT.

Enemy did not display much activity throughout the day. Later in the day when visibility became very good enemy put up number of Balloons. 3 pm. None were counted.

Our Aircraft maintained their usual standard of activity crossing and recrossing the lines of the enemy throughout the day.

ARTILLERY.

On the whole the Artillery fire was much heavier than that of preceding days. Our Heavies seemed to pay particular attention to targets in enemy's front line.

Enemy retaliated during the night. The Areas around No. 14 and No. 22 M. G. positions were heavily shelled but fortunately no damage resulted.

Miscellaneous.

The following targets are harassed from 5 pm. then intermittently till dawn.

- (1) HOLLEBEKE CHATEAU.
- (2) BRIDGE over CANAL in O.12. b. and ROADS leading to same.
- (3) ENEMY TRAMWAY System in O.24. a+b.
- (4) CENTRE FARM. in O.18. c. and X ROADS near same.

A heavy frost fell during the night.

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M. B. B. / Capt.  
O. 25<sup>th</sup> M. P. Co  

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25 Aust. M. G. Co.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

App 6

PERIOD

6 AM 5.12.17 to 6 AM 6.12.17

DISPOSITION

Unchanged

CASUALTIES

Nil

ROUNDS EXPENDED

9000

AIRCRAFT

Owing to the splendid visibility which prevailed throughout the day both sides were most active. Enemy made many attempts to cross our lines, but with the exception of two 'Planes' flying at a very high altitude, none succeeded, being driven off by our Anti-Aircraft Guns. A few enemy aircraft crossed our lines early in the evening and bombed the back areas.

ARTILLERY

Due to the splendid visibility, both sides were most active. Our Heavies particularly interested themselves on enemy defenses just in front of LEFT BATT. Early in the evening enemy retaliated and shelled the RAVINE and HOLLEBEKE ROAD, and also areas around the Gun Positions fortunately without results. It was noticed that quite a number of the shells were 'DUDS'.



MISCELLANEOUS. The following Targets were harassed last night from 5pm then intermittently till dawn.

- (1) BRIDGE over CANAL in O. 12. b. and ROADS leading to same.
- (2) BANG FARM. O. 17. b.
- (3) BOMB FARM. O. 18. c.
- (4) CROSS ROADS in O. 18. b. 60. 05. along ROAD to O. 18. b. 20. 75.
- (5) SYSTEM OF ENEMY TRACKS in O. 18. c + b. was searched from O. 18. c. 40. 80 to O. 18. d. 20. 50.

The ground has frozen very hard. Enemy made much use of Balloons for observation purposes during the day. My Runner on his way to Kemeli camp yesterday reports that enemy planes dropped leaflets printed in French, he was unfortunately unable to secure one.

6/12/17.

H. B. Capt.  
 A. 25. M. C. Co

25th Aust. Machine Gun Coy.

Intelligence Summary

Apr 7

From <sup>6.12.17</sup> 6.12.17 to 6.12.17

Disposition unchanged

Casualties nil

Grounds Extended 8,000

Aircraft  
Enemy on the whole was quieter than usual. about four planes were seen the whole day. and there were not able to cross our lines, but were driven off by our ANTI-AIRCRAFT guns.  
About 5.30 Pm. enemy planes crossed our lines and dropped bombs on the back areas. Our planes were in evidence throughout the day.

Artillery  
On the whole both sides were much quieter than proceeding day. About dusk the artillery livened up and shelled fairly consistantly till about 7 Pm. no damage was done

Miscellaneous  
The following targets were harassed last night from 5 Pm. then intermittently till dawn  
1. SPUD. FARM. in O.18 b. and ROAD running through same  
2. PILLEGRAMS FARM O 24 a 90.25  
3. POLL HOUSE O 18 a 75.55

M. Bury Capt.  
A. 25<sup>th</sup> M.G. Co.

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PERIOD

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6 AM 7.12.17 to 6 AM 8.12.17

Disposition Unchanged.

Casualties nil

Rounds Expended 9000

AIRCRAFT. Our planes were extremely active throughout the day, crossing the enemy lines many times regardless of all the enemy A.A. Guns at work.

Enemy planes were seen several times to make an attempt to cross our lines but without success.

One of our planes was observed to come down landing near HOLLEBEKE, appeared to be in no mans land, at 2.30 pm.

ARTILLERY Enemy Artillery noticeably quiet throughout the period. Our own Artillery were fairly active throughout the day increasing their fire in the evening.

MISCELLANEOUS. The following targets were harassed from 5 pm then intermittently till dawn  
(1) CROSS ROADS in O.18. 16.60.05 to O.18. 16.20.75  
(2) POLL House O.18. a. 75.55  
(3) BRIDGE over CANAL in O.12 b. and ROADS leading to same.  
(4) HOLLEBEKE CHATEAU.

M. Bunn Capt.  
M 25<sup>th</sup> Inf Coy

25<sup>th</sup> Aust. M/G. Coy

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## INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

Period

Apr 9

6 AM 8.12.17 to 6 AM 9.12.17

Disposition

Unchanged.

CASUALTIES

nil.

ROUNDS EXPENDED

9000.

AIRCRAFT

Both sides took full advantage of the splendid visibility. Friendly 'Planes' were in constant attendance throughout the day, patrolling the line without any apparent interruptions from the Enemy. 7 Enemy 'Planes' were seen during the day but in each case were unable to cross our lines being driven off by M/G fire.

ARTILLERY

Hostile Artillery fairly quiet during the day but livened up during the evening, between 7 pm & 8 pm about 15 shells of small calibre were dropped around BUG and FLEA FARMS. THE PRAVINE and HOLLEBEKE ROAD received their usual attentions. Our Artillery were very active throughout the period.

MISCELLANEOUS

Enemy Observation or AA Post suspected near BANG FARM is O 17 to 90 30. 4 men were seen moving about during the day. 2 Men were noticed behind enemy lines at a bearing of 114° TRUE from No 19 GP at a Range of about 1500'. They appeared to be repairing a telephone wire and eventually disappeared into a Pill Box in the vicinity.

## INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY contd. 2.

APPENDIX 9

## MISCELLANEOUS.

2 Hostile Balloons at bearings of  $158^{\circ}$  &  $168^{\circ}$  T.N. from O.15. b. 60.65. were noticed up during the day.

Rain has commenced to fall, at the time of writing there is every likelihood of it continuing.

The following Targets were harassed with M.G. Fire from 5 pm. last night and then intermittently till dawn.

- (1) SPUD. MURPHY, & FAT FARMS and ROAD running through them in O.18. b.
- (2) ENEMY TRAMWAY SYSTEM in O.24. a & b.
- (3) CROSS ROADS in O.12. c. and the ROAD leading to the BRIDGE in O.12. b.

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W. Bunn Capt.  
 of 25<sup>th</sup> M.S. Co

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OPERATION ORDER No. 6.

No I 21

By CAPT. S.S. BERRY. O.C. 25<sup>th</sup> A.M.G. Coy.

Gr 100/37  
AMM. 9A

REF. M.G. MAP. & WITSCHAETE MAP. 8.12.17.

1. Ref Inter-loy relief of the night of 9<sup>th</sup> inst.
2. The Relief as set out in Operation Order No 5. will apply in this instance with the following exceptions -
  - (a) No Ration Parties will be required Reserve Section will be available for any Duties. The Personnel of Reserve Section will be increased to 2 N.C.O.s & 8 O.R.
  - (b) "A" will supply two Runners who will report to C.H.Q. immediately on arrival.
  - (c) 1 N.C.O. and 3 Gunners will be required to man the N.F.E. 2. to be supplied by "D" Section
3. "D" Section will relieve "B" 4 Guns in the Forward Area also the N.F.E. 2.  
 "A" Section will relieve "C" 4 Guns in the Forward Area.  
 "B" Section will go into Reserve at DENYS FARM as per para. "2" a.  
 Personnel not required will return to camp.  
 "C" Section will return to camp on completion of Relief.  
 Completion of Relief will immediately be notified to C.H.Q.  
 SUB. SEC. OFFS. who have not done a tour of Duty will do Duty in lieu of O.C. Sections  
 One Limber will be sent forward and remain at DENYS FARM until Completion of Relief.  
 GUIDES will meet incoming Gun Teams at DENYS FARM at 4 pm. if Senior Officer of Relieving Party considers the visibility of the day permits him of doing so.

M. Berry  
Capt  
O.C. 25<sup>th</sup> Aust. M.G. Coy.

25<sup>th</sup> Aust. M. G. Coy

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## INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

Apr 10

Period

6 AM 9.12.17 to 6 AM 10.12.17

Disposition

Unchanged.

CASUALTIES

Nil

ROUNDS EXPENDED.

10,500 Rnds.

AIRCRAFT

Owing to visibility being bad very little movement was noticed.

ARTILLERY

Our own Artillery was moderately active throughout the day. In the evening shelling was very light.

At 3.30 this morning the enemy sent over a number of Gas Shells over our Gun Positions.

MISCELLANEOUS

Inter Company relief took place last night and was complete without incident by 5.30 pm. As per request from

BDE H.Q. Squares O. 18 and 24 were specially fired on.

All known enemy tracks and centres of activity in the aforementioned squares were harassed with M.G. fire from 6 pm. intermittently till dawn.

Owing to the visibility being bad observation could not be effectively carried out.

10.12.17.

M Bump

Capt

OC. 25<sup>th</sup> AM. G. Coy.

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25<sup>th</sup> Aust MG Coy

G100/4023

## INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

Period

Apr 11.

6 am 10.12.17 to 6 am 11.12.17

Disposition Unchanged

Casualties nil

Rounds Expended 9500

## AIRCRAFT

Our Aircraft were very active throughout the day. Enemy Aircraft numbering 6 came over our right of Sector, 2 of which flew back over our lines at a very low altitude and were engaged by our AA Guns (MG) until out of range. Time 2.30 pm

## ARTILLERY

Our Artillery were moderately active during the period.

Enemy Artillery at 8 pm shelled our Gun Positions in two cases blowing in alternate positions. Between the hours 6 pm & 7 pm a large number of Gas Shells mixed with HE were thrown on our right of Sector. at 8.15 pm Enemy shelled "White Chateau Wood" with Gas shells. The RAVINE, DELBEKE FARM, and HOLLEBEKE ROAD received usual attentions throughout the night.

T. MORTARS. Our Mortars were very active throughout the night.

MISCELLANEOUS. At 4.25 pm a cloud was seen emanating from the enemy position which appeared to be Gas it was



INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY Contd. 2.

MISCELLANEOUS.

a good distance to the Right and appeared to be well out of BRIGADE Sector.

Enemy Observation Balloons were up at the following bearings throughout the day.  $93\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ ,  $107\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ ,  $127\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  True bearings taken from 0.10. to 10.30.

At 1 pm. an Enemy Capture Balloon was brought down in flames by our Aircraft at a bearing of  $57\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  TRUE from 0.10. to 10.30.

The following Targets were harassed from 5 pm. then intermittently till dawn.

- (1) ENEMY TRAMWAY 0.24, as 46 and SYSTEM ENEMY TRENCHES.
- (2) SPUD FARM. 0.18. to 20.80. and ROAD running through same.
- (3) POLL HOUSE 0.18. to 75.55
- (4) HOLLEBEKE CHATEAU.

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M. Benf capt.  
 of 25<sup>th</sup> MS. Co.

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25<sup>th</sup> Aust. M. G. Coy

G 100/42

## INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

Period

Apr 12

6 am 11.12.17 to 6 am 12.12.17

Position

Unchanged

Casualties

Nil

Expended

7,000

AFT

Enemy were quiet during the period. Three attempts were made to cross our lines in each case were driven off by our AA Guns. Our own

Planes were in constant attendance, patrolling the lines throughout the period.

Enemy Artillery were active throughout the day, firing on the HOLLEBEKE SPUR. at 10.30 am the HOLLEBEKE ROAD was searched and at 2.30 pm our front line. Smoke shells were observed to be mixed with HE.

The Batteries firing on the above were observed by their flashes to be slightly left of WERVICK CHURCH.

The Gun positions received a fair amount of attention but no damage was done. Our Artillery were quiet during the earlier part of the day but picked up considerably during the afternoon + evening. COMINES appeared to be receiving a fair amount of attention.

ARTILLERY

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 INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY (Contd. 2)

## MISCELLANEOUS

Throughout the day it was very hazy and good observation was impossible.

a very light fall of snow fell during the night.

We harassed the following MG Targets from 5pm. then intermittently till dawn.

- (1) System of ENEMY TRENCHES in O.18 b4 d
- (2) ROAD from O.18 b 40.50, to O.12 d. 15.05 including PAT. MURPHY, SPUD FARMIS
- (3) LOCK No 4 in P13 a and ROAD leading to same.

12.12.17

 M. B. B. Capt  
 OC 25th Aust MG Coy

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25<sup>th</sup> Aust M/G Coy

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G100/44

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

Period

Apr 12

6 AM 12.12.17 to 6 AM 13.12.17

Disposition

Unchanged

CASUALTIES

Nil

ROUNDS EXPENDED

8,500

AIRCRAFT

Our Planes were very active throughout the day and the Scouts were flying very low over the Enemy lines

Enemy Aircraft. 2.30 pm a large number of them came over but were engaged by our A.A. Guns.

At 7 pm Planes were heard passing over our lines, and later Bombs were dropped on the Back Area.

ARTILLERY

Own. Only occasional shots were fired during the day. After dusk our Batteries opened up and continued at intervals till Midnight.

Enemy's Artillery. Early in the morning shelled the HOLLEBEKE ROAD, WHITE CHATEAU, & the RAVINE with Shrapnel and HE

At 4.15 pm a Sabo was placed on Gun positions 23, 24 wounding an Artillery Observer

MISCELLANEOUS

One Enemy Balloon was up in the early morning, on a bearing of 126° TRUE from No 23 Gun Position.

The visibility was bad and no good observation could be made.

## INTELLIGENCE REPORT

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APPENDIX B

## MISCELLANEOUS

At 2.30 pm a parachute was seen falling into the Enemy's lines, but could not see if it came from a Balloon. The following Targets were harassed last night from 4.30 pm then intermittently till dawn.

- (1) ENEMY TRAMWAY SYSTEM in O. 24. a. + b.
- (2) ROAD from O. 12. d. 20. 00 to X ROADS in O. 12. c.
- (3) POLL HOUSE in O. 18. a and X ROADS in O. 18. b.

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OC 25th AM & Coy

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Period

6 AM 13.12.17 to 6 AM 14.12.17

Disposition Unchanged

Casualties Nil

Rounds Expended 12000

AIRCRAFT Owing to the misty day both sides were inactive during the day

ARTILLERY Our Own were below normal during the day but increased their activities at dusk and onwards

Enemy were quiet in the forenoon during the afternoon and evening the RAVINE, HOLLEBEKE ROAD, and DENYS FARM received the usual attentions from the enemy.

MISCELLANEOUS Owing to the extreme bad visibility of the day there is nothing of interest to report. ENEMY M G were active throughout the night.

The following targets were harassed from 4.30 pm last night and then intermittently till dawn.

- (1) SYSTEM of ENEMY TRENCHES from 0.18. d.10.00 to 0.18. b.30.00
  - (2) ROAD from 0.18. b.40.50. to 0.12. d.15.05.
  - (3) includes PAT MURPHY + SPUD FARMS
- HOLLEBEKE CHATEAU 0.12. b. and P.7. a. also ROADS leading to same.

M. B. Smith  
Capt  
A/OC 25<sup>th</sup> AM G Coy

14.12.17

## INTELLIGENCE REPORT

Apr 15

Period

6 AM 14.12.17 to 6 AM 15.12.17

DISPOSITION

Unchanged

CASUALTIES

Nil

ROUNDS EXPENDED

10,000

AIRCRAFT

No aircraft activity was observed throughout the day

ARTILLERY

Enemy was fairly quiet during the period from 2.30 pm to 5 pm. OLIVE TRENCH, RAVINE, & HOLLEBEKE ROAD, received usual attentions with HE and Shrapnel.

Our own were below normal till noon when they opened up on COMINES, also on a PILL BOX on edge of CANAL near LOCK No 5, on which direct hits were registered. Towards dusk they again shelled the PILL BOX and traversed up & down the CANAL.

MISCELLANEOUS

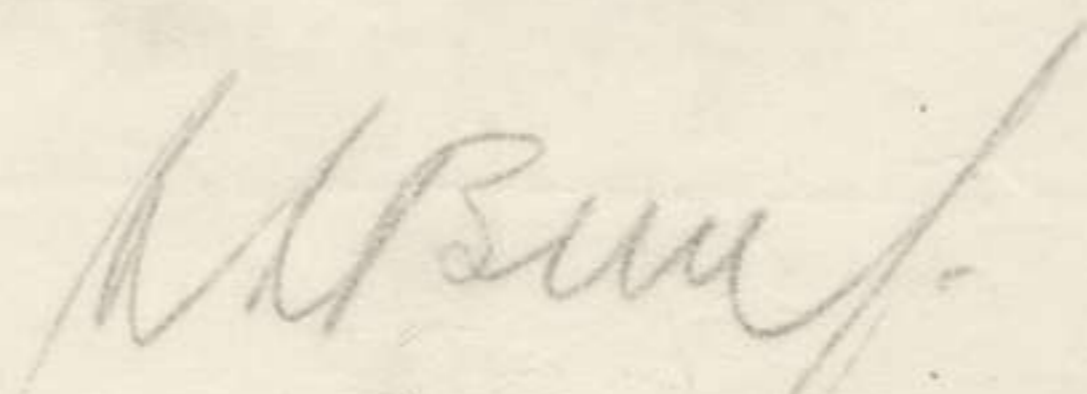
Owing to the heavy mist in the morning observation was impossible.

A train was observed at 9<sup>10</sup> T, leaving from O. 11. a. 05. 25

The following targets were harassed by our M.G. from 4.30 pm then intermittently till dawn

- (1) PILLEGRAMS FARM & ENEMY SYSTEM of TRENCHES to O. 18. d. 10. 10
- (2) ENEMY SYSTEM of TRENCHES from O. 18. d. 10. 10 to ROADS in O. 18. to 30. 50
- (3) POLL HOUSE O. 18. w. & X ROSS in O. 18. to

6.12.17



Captain

for O.C. 25<sup>th</sup> Aust. M.G. Coy

25<sup>th</sup> Aust. M. G. Coy  
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY  
Period

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6 AM 15.12.17 to 6 AM 16.12.17

Disposition

Unchanged

CASUALTIES

Nil

ROUNDS EXPENDED

8000

AIRCRAFT

Our 'Planes were very active throughout the day, continually crossing enemy's lines. Enemy not made in evidence and unable to cross our lines

ARTILLERY

Our Artillery fair active throughout the period. During the afternoon they fired at enemy Hill Rose and several direct hits were observed. Our heavies were firing with HE and shrapnel at a hedge at a bearing of 96 T from. O.H. n. 05 35

Enemy Artillery also fairly active shelling HOLLEBEIKE ROAD and the MG Positions in that Area during the morning. In the afternoon OLIVE TRENCH was shelled and the RAVINE and ROSE WOOD received the usual attentions

TRENCH MORTARS

Our T.M.s were rather active during the night

MISCELLANEOUS

at 8 am a fight between two planes was observed but without any apparent result. The following targets were harassed from 4.30 pm then intermittently till dawn

- (1) PILLEGRAM'S FARM and ENEMY'S SYSTEM of TRENCHES to O 13 d 10 10
- also LAW FARM 4X RDS near same in O 24 a



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APPENDIX 16

## INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY Contd.

MISCELLANEOUS. (2) POLL HOUSE in O 18. a and  
Tracks around same.

(3) X ROADS in O 18. b. along  
Roads to LOCK N° 4 in P 13 n.

A. B. B. Captain  
for OC 25 MY 66.

By MAJOR A. H. WRIGHT COMMANDING 25<sup>th</sup> Aust. M.G. Coy.

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REF. M.G. MAP. & WYTSCHAETE MAP.

15.12.17.

- Para. (1) The 25<sup>th</sup> Aust. M. G. Coy will be relieved in the Forward Area by the 21<sup>st</sup> Aust. M. G. Coy, during the day of the 16<sup>th</sup> Decr. and the night of 16/17<sup>th</sup> Decr. as per order received from 5<sup>th</sup> Aust. Division, unless otherwise advised.
- (2) If the relief takes place, which will be verified later; as much of the relief as possible will take place in daylight, eg. Sending out reserve Gun Teams, reducing personnel of Gun Teams to absolute minimum, retaining only sufficient personnel to hand over, and to carry out Gun and First aid Case.
- (3) All Gun gear will be handed over at the Gun Positions, with the exception of, Guns, Spare Parts Boxes, First Aid Cases and any other M.G. gear that is not usually handed over on Relief.
- (4) Relieving Unit will be warned of all areas under enemy observation and fire. All Area and Trench Stores, Maps, Fire organisation Orders, etc., will be handed over and duplicate receipts obtained for same at Gun Positions.
- (5) All Dugouts, Positions etc., occupied by this Unit will be left in a scrupulously clean condition, and a brief certificate will be embodied in the handing over Statement to this effect.
- (6) Limbers will be at DENYS' FARM or as near on the Road as circumstances permit, to remove Company's Gear.
- (7) Guides will meet incoming Gun Teams at DENYS' FARM at 3pm.
- (8) Completion of relief will be notified to Coy. H.Q. by the Code word "Satisfactory".
- (9) All Targets that have been harassed by M.G. fire, and position that same has been done from will be communicated to incoming officers.
- (10) On relief Company will proceed to KEMMELL CAMP independently. Great care will be exercised in making out, obtaining receipts for all Area and Trench Stores handed over.

Note 1.

A. H. Wright / Capt.  
for O.C. 25<sup>th</sup> Aust. M.G. Coy.