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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

14th Aust. M.G. Coy

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	Oct. 1 st		Very quiet; raining.	
	Oct. 2 nd		2 men reported to Runness' School, under Lt. Pitt Wb.	
	Oct. 3 rd		Raid carried out by 5 th Batt on trenches adjacent to Clapham Junction. Indirect fire was brought to bear on Right flank of raid area by 14 th M.G. Coy, from Spy House.	
	Oct. 4 th		1 o.r. from 14 th M.G. Coy attended the Div. Gas School. Indirect & Direct fire brought to bear on scene of raid. Also on parts of German trenches bombarded during the day by our Artillery.	
	Oct. 5 th		Indirect fire was carried out on Corner Fort Avenue, the Mage and Martin's Corner. 0.0.35	
	Oct. 6 th		Bombardment of enemy's trench system in vicinity of Water Fort, Turkes Pt., & Clapham Junction, from N 11 a 4 5 1/2 to N 6 C 12. This area was kept under M. Gun fire afterwards to prevent reparations.	
	Oct. 7 th		Area of raid for 54 th Batt, kept under M.G. fire during the night to prevent reparation by the enemy.	

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	Oct 12 th		A raid was carried out on the night of the 12 th -13 th , by the 54 th Batt. The point of entry for the raiding party was situated N6d $\frac{3}{4}$ 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ and N6c 95 $\frac{1}{2}$. The 14 th M.G. Coy. brought fire to bear on the following points, from zero to termination of the raid. CT at N6c 32 to N13 a 85' and Martins corner 07a 96.	
	Oct 13 th		Relieved at Fleurbaix by the 3 rd Machine Gun Rifle Bde M.G. Coy. Billeted the night of 13 th and 14 th at Fleurbaix.	
	Oct 14 th		Left Fleurbaix and proceeded to Outisienne, arriving at 3 p.m. Went into Billets and bivouacked for the night	
	Oct 14 th 15 th 16 th		Still in billets at Outisienne	
	Oct 17 th		Left Outisienne at 2 a.m. Marched to Bailleul West, where we entrained at 8 a.m. and left for Pont Remy arriving there at 8 p.m.	
	Oct 18 th		From here we marched to Buigny and went into Billets Still at Buigny	

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	19 th		Polling carried out for Commonwealth Referendum to day. Transport left for Somme Area.	
	20 th		Marched from Buigny at 4.30 a.m. Arrived 1 1/2 mls. West of Ailly where the company was taken on motor lorries. Left motor lorries near Albert and marched to Pommery Redoubt and bivouaced for the night.	
	21 st		Relieved 21 st M.G. Coy. in trenches n.w. of Flers. Company H'Qts in Flag Alley.	
	22 nd		Four M. Guns placed in front line trenches. The remainder of the company in reserve in Flag Alley.	
	23 rd		O.O.42 issued. The Brigade in conjunction with other units to deliver an attack on German trenches. Our objective - Bayonet and Lime Trenches. Zero hour about daylight.	
	24 th		Operation postponed 24 hrs.	
	25 th		Operation postponed 48 hrs. To take place at daylight	
	28 th			

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			The attack is to be made by the 55 th and 56 th Bns. When trenches are captured 4 m.g.s to advance to new line. 4 guns to be in old front line and 4 in Cobham Trenches with supporting Bn.	
	Oct 26 th		Weather still unfavourable. Heavy shelling by our artillery	
	27 th		Weather still bad. Captain C. M. Spier reported back for duty	
	28 th		Operation again postponed. Orders received that we are to be relieved by the 15 th B.C.B., & to move into camp near Mantaban. Relief complete at 7 p.m.	
	29 th		Captain C. M. Spier resumed command of 14 th M.G. Coy. Company still in camp at Mantaban.	
	30 th		Orders received to proceed to relieve the 15 th Aust M.G. Coy. Received and cancelled.	
	31 st		The 14 th M.G. Coy relieved 15 th M.G. Coy.	

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