

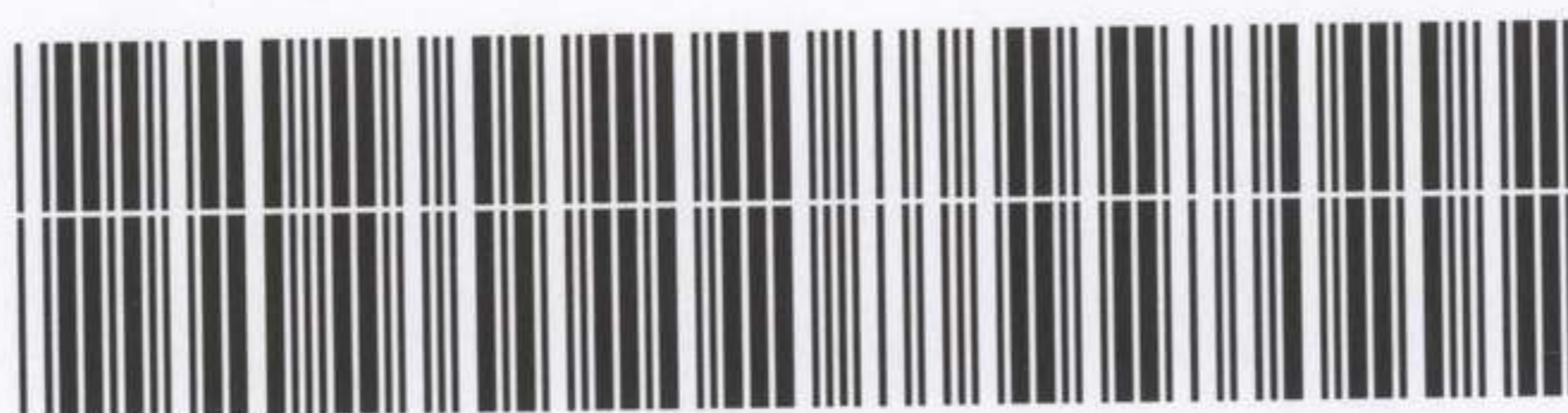
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KEMMEL	3-2-18	2-18 9am	<p>The weather is still cold and frosty. A Voluntary O.P.D Church Parade was held in the Y.M.C.A. at 9.30 am. D.C. Parade was held at Kemmel Church at 10 am. Numerous parties were found for work in the area. a list showing all parties found while here, is attached. The positions of assembly in case of attack by the enemy were obtained from Brigade and all officers were at once instructed to reconnoitre the routes leading to these positions. The positions are shown on the attached sketch.</p>	APP. J
	4-2-18	9am 7pm	<p>The whole of the Battalion is engaged on working parties. The Bn Concert-party gave a show in the hall at Kemmel. The frost has disappeared and the weather is much more pleasant.</p>	APP.
	5-2-18	9am	<p>All men who are not engaged on working parties are having their gas-respirators tested at the Brigade.</p>	APP.

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KEMMEL	5-7-18	9am	<p>Testing shed near Kemmel. Observers trained under Specialist Officer, and all available men were engaged in elementary Marksmanship under Company arrangement. Gas drill is carried out daily for ten minutes.</p>	
	6-2-18	9am	Working parties as per Appendix.	
	1130am		<p>A Lecture was given on "Tanks" by the G.S.02 Tank Corps at LA POLKA FARM. All available Officers, N.C.O. & men attended. The weather is fine and mild.</p>	
	7-2-18	1130am	<p>All available Officers, N.C.O. & men attended a Lecture given by Mr. E.P. WARREN, at LA POLKA FARM on "With the Serbians" and "Lawn Mowing". Both subjects were most interesting.</p>	
			<p>The Belgian Croix de Guerre has been awarded to the following members of the Bn. Lt. A.G. Allardye. No 2707 Plt A. J. Lane and 2164 Plt W. Kelly (15 Bde R.O. 112 dated 3/2/18.</p>	

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KEMMEL	8.2.18		<p>Fine weather.</p> <p>10am A Conference of Commanding Officers was held at Brigade Head Qtr, and several matters relating to the defence of the sector were gone into by Lt. Col. Gemmel, D.S.O. who is acting Brigadier, during the temporary absence of Major Elliott. Orders were given that a Battalion Garrison, consisting of two Platoons, were to occupy a line of strong points in the 2nd zone. The position of these strong points, relating to this Bn are situated as follows: SHEET 28.5N/50000 033A5-7, 076D8-1, 076D5-5, 026B2-1, 076E2-5, 070E6-4.</p>	
		2pm	<p>The Co held a conference of Company Commanders, and latterly Coy Commanders & available Platoon Commanders reconnoitred the positions.</p>	
	9.2.18	9.30am	<p>All available officers N Co & men were training under the Battalion Bombing Officer. The C.O., Adjutant and 2nd Lt. Command, went over the positions in the 2nd zone. The weather is fine & mild.</p>	

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KEMMEL	10-2-18	9:30a	R.C. Church Parade was held in KEMMEL CHURCH at 10 am. and Mass was held at 9 am. There was no Protestant Parade.																
		2pm	All officers who had not already reconnoitered positions in the forward area, went over the positions during the afternoon.																
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	11-2-18	9am	Fine weather. Two Platoons - one from 'A' Coy under Lt Richards D.E.M. and one from 'D' Coy under Lt Austin proceeded to take up garrison duty in the 2 nd Zone Area.																
			Defence Scheme was issued to all officers	APP 3 5															

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KENNIEL	12-21-18	9am	<p>Working parties were supplied as per appendix. All available men were put through bushbuck on the range. A permanent fatigue is also being employed in camp in making the huts bomb proof and improving the camp generally.</p>	
	13-2-18	9am	<p>The Brigadier held a conference of Bn Commanders and spoke on matters relating to the M. G. M., draught forwarded at the M. G. School CAMIERS.</p>	
	14-2-18	9am	<p>Weather - fine - The C.O. and Adjutant visited the Corp. Line and also Bn HQ at TORREKEN FARM, where we are about to take over the line. The C.O. discussed several matters with the C.O. 29 Bn, regarding the conditions on the front.</p>	
			<p>Effective Strength ^{OR} 49 - ^{OR} 980</p>	<p>Actual, with unit 40-701 In Ede Area 2-91 Out Ede Area 6-152 In Hill Ambulance 1-36 <u>49-980</u></p>

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KEMMEL	15-2-16	9 am	Weather fine. Br Order No 133 was issued. The G.O.C. 5 Aust Div directed all Officers at LA. POLKA FARM. KEMMEL on Machine-guns and matters related to the Defence of the sector.	APP 4
	16-2-16	10 am	The Brigade held a Conference at Kai Ka Otu. - A raiding party under Lt O'Connell and Lt Mavie was selected and will commence training immediately - All available Officers and N.C.O.s attended a demonstration by the Bde Bombing Officer on "S.O.S Signals and Messenger sticks"	
	17-2-16	9 am	O.P.S Church Parade was held at the Shore. Had KEMMEL, all available Officers and 200 men attended from this Bn. The Divisional Commander attended and after the service, he spoke to the Officers and men on the necessity of being prepared for the coming German offensive. R.C. Parade was held at the Church. The G.O.C. after inspected our camp.	

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KEMMEL	18-19 Jan	9am	The CO and Assistant Adjutant visited the Corps line. The whole Bn is engaged on working parties.	
	19-21 Jan	9am	The 2 nd in Command visited the front in order to make any arrangements, before taking over the line.	
			A Lecture was given at the School House KEMMEL by Lt Intelligence Corps. on "CONTRE-ESPIONAGE". All available Officers and a number of N.C.O's & men attended.	
	20-18 Jan	9am	The working-parties were cut out today, and the Battalion is engaged in cleaning up the camp, and making final preparation for marching out tomorrow.	APP 5
		4pm	An officer and one OR from each Platoon went into the line, for the purpose of taking over stores and to act as guides for the Bn tomorrow night. Weather is wet and cold.	

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KEMMIEL	21-218 Jan	9 am	Companies were inspected by Company Officers, and reports were sent to Bn Hd Qtrs that all men were fully equipped & that Companies had made all final arrangements to go into the line. The men rested during the afternoon. The evening meal was taken at 4 pm, and A Co marched out at 4-45 pm, followed by B C D at 5 minute interval. The C.O. 2nd Aid & Adjutant arrived	
TORREKEN FARM			at Bn Hd Qtrs TORREKEN FARM at 6-30 pm, and the relief was complete at 8-30 pm. We took over from the 29th A.I.F., and occupy the same sector as we were in last December. At 9 pm the C.O. went round the front line with the Signalling Officer & Intelligence Officer.	
			Effective strength	Actually with unit. 39-677
			Off. 8R.	In Fla Ambulance 1-25
			49-977	In Bae Area 2-121
				Out Bae Area. 7-154
				49-977

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KEMMEL.	27-18	8:30am	<p>Weather - fine & mild.</p> <p>The disposition of the Bn are as follows. 'A' Coy in the front line, 'B' Coy in support, 'C' Coy No 2 Reserve and 'D' Coy No 1 Reserve. Lt Cahill was appointed Works Officer, and he accompanied the Co around the sector and also got into touch with the Engineer Officer, and together made plans for the work of improving & strengthening of the sector to be carried on tonight. Working parties were formed as per Appendix. It is very quiet on the whole of the front. About 10.30pm the Germans who were evidently on patrol and lost themselves, were picked up by air patrol at 0230-5-8, and captured.</p>	APP 6
BN HQRS				
TORREKE FARM				
	23-18	8:30am	<p>Work was carried out as per Appendix.</p> <p>During the day, Lt Col Durham D.S.O. Cmdy 14 Bde A.F.A. and Major Beavis Cmdy 53 Bty A.F.A. called at Bn HQ and spoke for some time with the Co on Artillery.</p>	APP 7

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KENAREE WYTSCHAETE SHEET 285W2 1/10000	23-24	8am	Cooperation. Capt Fitzerald Cndy 15 Bde Machine Gun Coy also called. The CO inspected the whole of the Defence System later in the afternoon. At 9.15 am a reconnaissance patrol of 6 men under Lt Kanunn (Intelligence Officer) went out, and found everything quiet in front, and no sign of the enemy.													
	24-25	9.30am	The C.O attended at Bde Hd Qtrs, and matters relating to the Defence of the Sector were dealt with. The weather is fine & bright. It is very quiet on the whole front. Hardly a shot being fired, during the day.													
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WYTSCHAETE	25-2-18	8am	Weather fine and observation good.	APP 9
SHEETSWI			Work was carried out as per Appendix.	
1/10000			It was quiet on the whole front during the day.	
		8pm	Lt O'Connor who is in charge of training a Gardening Party went out on patrol with Lt Cannon, Intelligence Officer, with the object of becoming familiar with the ground. One man was wounded, and another missing.	
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			The C.O. attended a Conference at Bai Ha Tho, which was also attended by Artillery Group Comd. Matters relating to roads were discussed.	
	26-2-18	11am	G.S.O. III 5 and G.W. visited our HQ Tho and was taken round the line by our Intelligence Officer.	
			The weather is fine sunshy. Work was carried out as per appendix.	APP 10
			By Defence Scheme was issued	APP 11
			By Order No. 135 was issued	APP 17
			The body of Lt Johnston 101752 was recovered. He was missing from last night's patrol.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
WYTSCHAETE SHEET 28 SW/2 1/10.000	27-28 Jan	8am	Weather fine & cloudy. During the day, enemy attitude was generally more active than usual. Lt Leggatt attended a lecture on "Food Situation in England"	
	11am		Lt Col Stevenson (Commanding the HOLLIBAKE BATTALION, Australian Field Artillery) visited the C.O. Work was carried out as per Appendix.	A.P.P. 13
		5.30pm	B Coy relieved A Coy on the front line. A Coy joined into supports. It rained during the night.	
	28-29 Jan	8am	Weather fine. The C.O. attended a lecture on Artillery ^{Company} ^{Support} work at LOCRE.	
	1pm		Maj Gen Sir J. T. Ross and Bde Gen H. E. Elliott visited Br Hd Qtrs, and went over matters of defence etc. with Major Trickey (second-in-command), in the absence of the C.O.	

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WYSHAEETE	26/1		Effective Strength	Retraining with unit	Off	OR	
SHEET 28 SW 2			Off	In Bde Area	34	697	
1/10000			49	Out Bde Area	5	128	
				In Med Ambulance	9	123	
					1	14	
					<u>49</u>	<u>962</u>	
<p>During the month both the health & discipline of the Battalion has been remarkably good. Although we have spent a good deal of the time out of the line we have had very little crime. The Band and Concert Party have done much towards entertaining the men & both are much appreciated. The Battalion has an unbeaten record in football, and several members were in training for the Divisional Sports, which have since been postponed.</p>							
							

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WORKING PARTIES.

APP I

The following fatiguer parties were found daily :-

<u>Party.</u>	<u>Nature of Work.</u>	<u>Location.</u>
1 N.C.O. 16 men	Corps Baths.	LINDENHOEK.
2 N.C.Os. 24 men	Engineers' fatigue.	8th. Field Coy. A.E. R.E. Dump STEENWERCK.
1 Officer, 1 N.C.O. 25 men	Engineers' fatigue.	15th. Field Coy. A.E. SPY FARM N.23.C.8.4.9.
"B".Company.	Carrying picks and shovels. Pioneers' fatigue.	5th Pioneer Battn. PARRET FARM N.16.B.9.4.
1 Officer 50 men	R.E. Work.	15th. Field Coy. A.E. VERNE DUMP O.21.D.0.9.
1 Officer 50 men	R.E. Work.	15th. Field Coy. A.E. RAILWAY DUMP O.20.C.2.3
1 Officer 70 men		5th. Div. Sig. Coy. O.19.D.9.2.
1 Officer 25 men	R.E. Work.	15th. Field Coy. A.E. VERNE DUMP. O.21.D.0.9.
1 Officer 25 men	R.E. Work.	15th. Field Coy. LUMM FARM O.26.D.1.7.
1 N.C.O. 11 men	Unloading Party.	5th. Aust. Pioneers. ROMAREN SIDING. T.27.B.9.0.
1 Officer 30 men	R.E. Work.	184th. Tunnelling Co. NEUVE EGLISE T.9.A.4.0

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DEFENCE SCHEME

"C" Battalion

APP 3

Ref. Sheet

28 S.W. 1/20,000

1. There are three separate schemes, known as A, B, and C, schemes that may be carried out in the event of an attack by the enemy.
2. The Battalion must all times be prepared to move at 20 minutes notice.
3. In the event of Alarm the Battalion will fall in on the alarm post.
4. On receipt of the order "Take Action; DAY "A", the Battalion will move with all speed to positions of assembly at BOIS DE WYSCHAETE (O.19.A.) - Route KEMMEL X Roads - thence main WYSCHAETE - KEMMEL Road.
5. On receipt of order "Take action, NIGHT "A" the Battalion will move with all speed to the positions of assembly in ONRAET FARM (O 14A) - Route KEMMEL X Roads - Main WYSCHAETE - KEMMEL Road, WYTSCHAETE - ESTAMINET Corner.
6. On receipt of order "Take action "B", the Battalion will move with all speed to the positions of assembly at N.29 D.7.7 - Route X Roads N.29 C.9.7 SPY FARM.
7. In the event of an overwhelming attack on the Divisional Front the Battalion will be required to mannaed complete the firing line system of the 2nd. Zone.
8. On receipt of the order "Take Action Scheme "C", the Battalion will move with all speed into the positions in the Corps Line (2nd.Zone) as set out hereunder. The Battalion boundaries being the BLAUWPEOORTBEEK on the right and ESTAMINET CORNER on the left.

The Corps Line is a series of strong points situated as follows :-

4.0.33	at	0.33. A. 5.7
1.0.26	at	0.26. D. 8.1
2.0.26	at	0.26. D. 5.5
3.0.26	at	0.26. B. 2.1
4.0.26	at	0.26. C. 2.5
1.0.20	at	0.20. C. 6.4
2.0.20	at	0.20. C. 8.8

Company Frontages are as follows :-

- "A" Company on the right from the BLAUWPEOORTBEEK to a line running due East and West through 0.26 D. 0.3 which includes posts 4.0.33 and 1.0.26.
- "B" Company right centre from 0.26 D. 0.3 to pond in 0.26 B.2.5 exclusive which includes posts 2.0.26 and 3.0.26.
- "C" Company left centre from pond 0.26 B. 2.5 inclusive to VERNE ROAD inclusive which includes posts 4.0.26 and 1.0.20.
- "D" Company on the left VERNE ROAD exclusive to ESTAMINET CORNER. Head Quarters will be situated at 0.19 D. 30.15.

ROUTE :- KEMMEL X ROADS - WYTSCHAETE.

Corps line will be manned by Nucleus Garrison consisting of two Platoons.

Platoon Commanders in charge of the Nucleus Garrison will be held responsible that work in improving the line is maintained and that all routes to the Front line have been reconnoitred. In the event of an attack by the enemy they will hold on until the arrival of the Battalion when they will rejoin their own Companies at first available opportunity.

They will report to Battalion Head Quarters by 11 am. daily

9. Parties working EAST of MESSINES - WYTSCHAETE RIDGE at the time a hostile attack eventuates will act in conjunction with troops on the spot, all other parties will concentrate with the Battalion. Officers in charge of working parties will always carry written instructions as to what action they are to take in the event of an attack.

10. Working parties will always have their rifles and equipment with them.

11. As a general principle in default of orders, detached parties will occupy the nearest defenses, report to and act under the orders of the nearest Company, Battalion, or Brigade Commander in order to repel any sudden attack.

12. S.B.R's. will always be carried in the area.

13. Notice boards are being erected directing the way to each Strong post and places of assembly. All ranks must be instructed in the posts they are to occupy in the event of an attack.

14. Ammunition Dumps :- In the event of "Scheme C" being carried into effect Brigade Dumps will be established at :-
BIG BULL COTTAGE U.1 B.3.3
PECKHAM N.30 A.8.9
RED CHATEAU O.13 C.2.9

The Battalion Echelon will move on the order to take action and will dump the Battalion Reserve of S.A.A. and Bombs at PECKHAM (N.30 A.8.9) returning at once to transport lines. This will form a nucleus for the establishment of the Brigade Dumps which will subsequently be supplied from Divisional Dumps under Divisional arrangements.

The Battalion will at once take over PICK HOUSE DUMP (O 26. A. 8.5).

The Battalion Mobins Reserve will be kept up to establishment and at all times will be kept ready to move at short notice.

15. Lewis Anti-aircraft guns are mounted over the Camp whilst the Battalion is in Reserve.

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.....Capt. & Adjutant
6th. Battalion A.I.F.

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BATTALION ORDER NO. 133

APP 4

1. A Platoon from "B" Company will relieve No.1 Platoon and a Platoon from "C" Company will relieve No. 16 Platoon in the Corps Lines tomorrow evening the 16th. inst.
2. All details of the relief will be arranged mutually between Companies concerned.
3. Company Commanders are reminded that there is to be no movement forward of the WYTSCHAETE - MESSINES RIDGE in daylight..
4. The relieving Platoons will not leave Camp before 4-30 p.m.
5. Platoons moving out will have a hot meal before leaving and a hot meal will be arranged for the incoming Platoons on their return to Camp.
6. The Platoon Commanders and Section Commanders of the relieving Platoons will reconnoitre position during today and arrange that all work now on hand is carried on without delay after taking over.
7. The relieving Platoons will take with them their own Lewis Guns but the magazines now in the line will be taken over by them.
8. Receipts must be exchanged for all stores, Maps etc. on taking over and copies sent to Battalion Head Quarters.

.....Capt. & Adjutant
60th. Battalion A.I.F.

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WORKS REPORT, showing work done up to 6 a.m. 23-2-18

No. of men	Work	Location	Time Spent	Remarks
7 men	: Sanitation, cleaning up, and : Salvaging.	: Picquet Line	: 10 hours.	
1 N.C.O. 14 men	: Carrying party	: From VERNE DUMP to Front : Line	: 6 p.m. to 7-15 p.m.	: Carried 14 coils French wire
7 men	: Draining and repairing shell : hole post.	: Frontal system	: 3 1/2 hours	
7 men	: Constructing listening Post	: do	: 4 hours	
1 N.C.O. 19 men	: Draining and repairing Strong : Points	: S.P. 4.0.22 and : S.P. 5.0.22	: 3 hours	: Used 25 Sand-bags
1 N.C.O. 23 men	: Maintenance	: No. 2 Reserve	: 6 hours	
1 Off. 20 men	: do	: Picquet Line	: 5 hours	
1 N.C.O. 6 men	: Improvements to Listening Post.	: Wall Farm	: 5 hours	: Used 30 Sand-bags, 2 "A" Frames

(a). Ration parties were found as follows :-
 1 N.C.O. 14 o.r. at 5. a.m. to WALL FARM.
 1 " 24 " " 5.30 a.m. to Picquet line.
 1 " 23 " " 5. p.m. to WALL FARM and Picquet line.

(b). Improvements have been made to dug-outs at
 TORREKEN FARM (Battalion Head Quarters) and also
 at Cook-house lines.

Proposed work for the next 24 hours consists of :-
 Strengthening Strong Points in Support System. - Wiring in Frontal System. - Improving the Picquet Line. - Improving
 dug-outs at TORREKEN FARM. - Reclaiming obsolete Shell-hole posts in Frontal system. - Carrying wiring material to
 Picquet Line. - Salvaging.

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No. of men	WORK	LOCATION	TIME SPENT	REMARKS
1 F.C.O. 7 men	Improvements to Trench	Picquet line	10 hours	
1 N.C.O. 20 men	Carrying party	Verne Dump to Picquet line	1½ hours	Carried trench wire and long screws.
1 N.C.O. 6 men	Cleaning and draining Pill-box	S.P.2.0.22	4 hours	Pill-box now habitable.
1 Off. 16 o.r.	Drain and revetting Strong-points.	S.P.4.0.22 S.P.5.0.22	4 hours	Work done under supervision of F.E.
1 Off. 20 o.r.	Maintenance		3 hours	
1 N.C.O. 14 o.r. 2 men.	Digging 2 advanced Listening posts	Frontal system	5½ hours) This party carried 6 "A" Frames, 6 sheets iron,) and 6 angle-iron from Verne Dump to Picquet Line.
	Repairing Duckboards	Picquet line	5½ hours	
1 Off. 30 men	Carrying and working party.	Verne Dump to Picquet line	4½ hours	Carried 15 duck-boards, 9 "A" Frames, 6 sheets iron and were afterwards employed draining the Picquet line.
4 o.r.	Trench fatigue	No. 1 Reserve line	4 hours	Pumping and clearing trench.

(a). 1 N.C.O. and 35 men were employed on Ration Parties.

(b). The Wal-Farm garrison worked in repairing listening posts, and erecting parados, and also on the small trench between Pill-boxes.

Proposed work for the next 24 hours consist of :-
 - Strengthening strong Points in Support System. - Wiring in Frontal system. - Improving the Picquet line, - Erecting Listening Posts in front of Picquet line. - Carrying wiring material to Picquet line. Salvaging.

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No. of Men	Work.	Location	Time Spent.	Remarks.
4 men.	Draining and Salvage.	Picquet Line.	10 hours.	
1 N.C.O 15 men	Carrying Party.	Verne Dump to Picquet Line.	2 hours.	Carried 14 coils of Barb and 13 coils of French Wire.
1 N.C.O. 10 men	Wiring.	S.P. 4.9.22.	2 1/2 hours.	90 long and 30 short stakes 13 coils French and 6 coils Barb wire used.
6 men	Repairing Sap.	Manchester Street.	4 hours.	
6 men	Wiring.	S.P. 1. 0. 22.	1 1/2 hours.	5 coils barb wire used.
6 men	do.	S.P. 5. 0. 22.	1 1/2 hours.	6 do. do.
1 N.C.O. 20 men	Maintenance	No. 2 Reserve Company.	4 hours.	
1 officer 24 men	Wiring.	Frontal System.	2 1/2 hours.	8 coils French concertina wire used.
1 Officer 26 men	Carrying and Wiring.	Verne Dump to Picquet Line.	3 hours.	Used 90 cork screws (medium), 5 coils French concertina.
1 N.C.O. 5 men	Trench Fatigue.	Ouse Trench.	4 hours.	Pumping out water from trench and cleaning up.

(a). 3 N.C.Os. and 40 men were engaged on Ration Party.

(b). Six men were engaged in Salvage.

Proposed work for the next 24 hours consists of :-

- Wiring in Frontal System.
- renovating Picquet Line.
- Wiring in Support System.
- Salvaging.
- Renovation of Manchester Street.
- Construction of new Cook-house.
- Improving and

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Shewing Work done during 24 hours ending 26th. February, 1918.

NO. OF MEN	WORK	LOCATION	TIME SPENT	REMARKS.
1 N.C.O. 8 men	Draining Trench	Picquet Line	10 hours.	
1 N.C.O. 20 men	Carrying Party	Verne Dump to Picquet Line.	2 hours.	Wiring material to Front Line.
1 N.C.O. 6 men	Wiring	S.P. 1.0.22.	3 hours.	Used 6 coils barb.
1 N.C.O. 8 men	Wiring	S.P. 4.0.22.	3 hours.	Used 7 coils barb and 12 coils French Wire.
1 N.C.O. 9 men	Wiring	S.P. 5.0.22.	2 1/2 hours.	Used 15 coils Barb.
6 men	Repairing sap.	Manchester Street.	3 hours.	
6 men	Draining and Repairing Sap.	S.P. 4.0.22.	3 hours.	
1 Officer 21 men	Wiring	Frontal System.	4 hours.	Used 12 coils barb and 3 coils French wire, 24 long and 48 medium corkscrews.
1 Officer 25 men	Erecting dugouts and Listening Posts.	Frontal System.	4 1/2 hours.	
4 men	Trench Fatigue	Cause Trench.	4 hours.	Pumping water from trench.

(a). Ration Party of 3 N.C.Os. and 41 men.

(b). Five men employed on Salvage.

Proposed Work for the next 24 hours consists of :
 System. Improving Picquet Line. Strengthening Strong Points in Support System. Wiring in Frontal System. Carrying wiring material to Front Line. Salvaging.


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Showing WORK done during 24 hours ending 5 a.m. 27-2-18.

NO. OF MEN.	WORK.	LOCATION.	TIME SPENT.	REMARKS.
1 N.C.O. 12 men	Draining Trench and Salvage	Picquet Line	10 hours.	
3 N.C.Os. 19 men	Wiring.	S.P. 1.0.22.	2½ hours.	24 long stakes. 28 cork screws (med). 11 coils French wire. 23 coils barb wire.
1 Officer 30 men	Draining and Improving Trench.	Picquet Line.	4 hours.	
6 men	Repairing Sap.	Manchester Street.	2½ hours.	Under A.E.
1 Officer 30 men	Wiring.	Frontal System.	7 p.m. to 11.30 p.m.	Material used:- 100 long cork screws. 100 short " " This party carried 5 coils barb wire. wiring material from VERNE DUMP.
1 Officer 25 men	Carrying and building Shelters.	Picquet Line.	4 hours.	Carried material from VERNE DUMP.
4 men	Trench Fatigue	DOSE TRENCH.	4 hours.	Pumping and cleaning up.

- (a). 6 men employed in Salvage. (b). 3 N.C.Os. and 41 men on Ration Fatigue.
 (c). WALL FARM Party employed in strengthening Post.

Proposed Work for next 24 hours consists of :-
 Line. Renovation of Manchester Street. Wiring in Front. Erecting new Cook-house. Strengthening Support Line. Salvage. Improving Picquet

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1. The Battalion frontage extends from the WAMBEEK on the right to O.23.A.2.8. on the left.
2. The Battalion boundary on the right is O.23.C.2.1., along the WAMBEEK to O.21.D.8.5., thence to GUN FARM (exclusive - PICK HOUSE). On the Left O.23.A.2.8. - Cross Roads COSTAVERNE - O.21.B.58.75.
3. The Sector is held as under :-
 - (a) The Battalion is echeloned in depth, with one Company in the Picquet Line (CLGA TRENCH), with 2 officers and 30 men at O.23.A.3.6 (WALL FARM).

The Picquet Line is protected at night by a series of shell hole posts and listening posts.

(b) One Company is in Support, the Support System consisting of a series of strong points situated as follows :-

1.O.22.	at	O.22.C.10.55 (Company H.Q.).
2.O.22	"	O.23.C.7.8.
3.O.22	"	O.22.C.1.9.
4.O.22	"	O.22.A.40.10.
5.O.22	"	O.22.A.25.60.

This System is only partially completed, but the work in the nature of wiring and strengthening of posts is being proceeded with.

(c) The Reserve System. There are two Companies in Reserve, No. 1. in OUSE TRENCH, with two Strong Points (1.O.21. and 2.O.21). This trench extends from O.21.C.75.80. to O.21.D.1.1.

No. 2. Reserve Company has two Platoons in ORIEL TRENCH with S.P. 3.O.21. at O.21.A.5.2. and S.P. 4.O.21. at O.21.A.6.5. One Platoon in Pillboxes at O.21.A.10.05. This Company supplies one Platoon for WALL FARM Garrison.

4. ACTION IN CASE OF ATTACK. The Picquet Line will be held at all costs. Should the enemy succeed in entering the Outpost System an immediate counter-attack must be delivered. This counter-attack will be delivered in the first place by the Garrison of the Outpost System and such troops as are in close support to the Garrison of that System. Should this counter-attack fail to dislodge the enemy the Support Company, without waiting for orders, but notifying Battalion Headquarters, will immediately move forward and counter-attack, but will leave a nucleus in the Support System to guide Reserve troops coming up to their positions, and to give what covering fire they can, if necessary. Thereupon No. 1. Reserve Company will move forward and occupy the Support System thus vacated. No. 2. Reserve Company will not move without instructions from Battalion Headquarters. WALL FARM will be held at all costs irrespective of whether the enemy has gained a ~~firm~~ lodgement in our Line elsewhere. Working Parties will at once report to the nearest Company or Battalion Headquarters. The Battalion Guard will at once turn out and the N.C.O. in Charge will report to Battalion Headquarters for orders.
5. RAIDS. In the event of the enemy attempting a Raid on our Front or that of the Battalion on our Left, the O.C. WALL FARM will, without waiting for orders, endeavour to cut off the raiders or give whatever assistance possible.
6. Should the enemy attack on either Flank of the Sector, the O.C. Picquet Line will give all possible assistance with cross fire, and should he succeed in breaking through on either of the immediate Flanks, a Defensive Flank will be formed and counter-attacks delivered in conjunction with neighbouring Units.
7. TANKS. In the event of an enemy Tank attack all troops will take cover wherever possible, having regard for the General Defence Scheme, and be prepared to deal with the enemy infantry. In the event of an attack on a neighbouring Sector, and assuming that our defences are unembarrassed, will assist the part of the Line attacked with his fire, and if possible, attack the enemy from a Flank.

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2. ANTI-AIRCRAFT DEFENCES Lewis Guns for use against hostile aircraft are mounted as under :-

Front Line	O.22.D.7.6.
Supports.	O.22.A.4.2.
No. 1. Reserve.	O.21.D.1.5.
	O.21.D.2.6.
No. 2. Reserve.	O.21.A.6.5.
	O.21.A.5.2.

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In addition all guns, both Vickers and Lewis, except where in concealed positions, have orders to fire on hostile aircraft whenever opportunity offers. At all Stokes' Mortars' positions shells with short-cut fuzes are in readiness for firing at low-flying aircraft.

9. S. O. S. The S.O.S. will be fired immediately the enemy is seen leaving his trenches.

The present S.O.S. Signals are for both day and night, rifle grenade - Two reds over Two Greens.
Raids. - Two Red, Two White - fired from Sector raided.

The S.O.S. will at all times be repeated from the following Relay Stations :-

- JOYE FARM.
- S.P.S.O.22.
- OUSE TRINCH.
- BATTALION HEADQUARTERS.

Immediately the S.O.S. is fired at the Front Line, Battalion Headquarters will be advised of the fact by telephone, and the reason for firing.

10. COMMUNICATIONS. All Companies are connected with Battalion Headquarters by FULLERPHONE, and also with Company Headquarters in the Frontal System of the Battalion on our Right. WALL FARM is connected with Battalion Headquarters by a D.S. Phone, which only will be used in case of emergency.

11. All rations will be delivered to VERNE DUMP by lat. Line Transport. Those for Picquet Line and WALL FARM Garrison will be carried forward by No. 1. Reserve Company; all other Companies will send their own parties to draw and carry rations.
No cooking will be done by day.

12. WATER POINTS are situated at Battalion Headquarters and VERNE DUMP

13. R. A. P. is at O.21. Central. Battalion Dumps are at VERNE DUMP and TORREKEN FARM.

14. BATTALION Headquarters and COMPANY Headquarters are situated as follows :-

Battalion Headquarters	O.20.D.0.8.
Picquet Line.	O.23.C.2.6.
Supports.	O.22.C.05.75.
No. 1. Reserve.	O.21.C.95.40.
No. 2. Reserve.	O.21.A.35.10.

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1. "B" Company will relieve "A" Company in the FRONT LINE on the night of the 27th. instant.
2. "A" Company will move back into Supports. "C" and "D" Companies will remain in their present locations. The WALL FARM Garrison will not be relieved.
3. All details regarding the relief will be arranged mutually between the Company Commanders concerned.
4. Relief will commence at dusk.
5. All Stores, Maps etc./taken over and receipts exchanged, and copies sent to B.O.R. as soon as possible after transaction.
6. Code word for reporting relief complete is A.B.C.
7. "A" Company will return all gum-boots to Store.
8. "B" Company's rations will be taken after the relief.
9. Working Parties will not report until 8 p.m. in order that the sap may be kept clear during the relief.

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NO. OF MEN.	W O R K.	LOCATION.	TIME SPENT.	REMARKS.
1 Officer 20 men	Wiring.	Frontal System.	4 hours.	This Party also carried from VERNE DUMP 10 coils barb wire 70 short pickets. 50 long pickets.
1 N.C.O. 7 men	Wiring.	Frontal System.	4 hours.	Material used :- 15 coils barb wire. 3 coils French wire. 30 long pickets 50 short pickets.
1 Officer 25 men	Constructing Shelters.	Picquet Line.	4 hours.	Material used : 8 stakes. 4 sheets revetting and 2 sheets cupola iron.
1 N.C.O. 8 men	Trench Fatigue.	OUSE TRENCH.	6 hours.	
1 Officer 20 men	Wiring.	Support System.	3 hours.	
1 N.C.O. 4 men	Maintenance.	MANCHESTER STREET.	8 hours.	
1 Officer 20 men	Erecting Cookhouse.	VERNE DUMP.	4 hours.	

Owing to the inter-Company relief last night the usual number of men were not available for work.

- (a). 1 N.C.O. and 40 men were employed on ration fatigue.
- (b). 8 men were employed in Salvaging.

Proposed work for the next 24 hours consists of :- Wiring in Front. Wiring in Support System. Maintenance of Manchester Street, Erecting Cook-house. Constructing shelters in Picquet Line. Salvaging. Maintenance of OUSE TRENCH.

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