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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			54 <sup>th</sup> B <sup>n</sup>	
FLEUR. BAIX	2/9/16		The strength of the B <sup>n</sup> on 1/9/16 was officers 26 other ranks 575. The Bn still continue in bullets in FLEUR. BAIX + Supply Brigade & Divisional duties. 6 Allies Plans passed out N.E. FLEUR. BAIX at 7.5 pm one dropped a bright flare	Sheet 1
"	4/9/16		The Enemy dropped 4 H.E. Shells in the vicinity of Chappelle Farm. doing no damage. 6 Shell H.E. in the vicinity of the Ruined Church in FLEUR. BAIX no damage. FERRETS. POST was damaged by Enemy's Shells & in consequence the Post was evacuated & the men removed to a safer place CENTRE. KEEP. IN was also slightly damaged. by Enemy's shells. 2/5 J. EVANS. + 8 men rejoined from Hospital 6 of the men rejoined from wounded & 2 for other causes.	
	6/9/16		5 hand Carts for the Lewis Guns were received today	Appendix A
	7/9/16		The Batta will move to the front line trenches on night of 7-8 <sup>th</sup> Sept 1916 & will occupy the sectors previously occupied by the B <sup>n</sup> . See Operation attached. 7 blue pigeons came from the direction of ARMENTIERES about 1.30 pm & went into the Ruined Church tower at FLEUR. BAIX they left shortly after and returned at 3 pm The tower was searched but nothing	M/M

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			54th Bn	
Flun BAIX	7/9/16		Could be found. 4 more regions Bpt at 3. 30 pm. There are about 6 Corvet Pyjama Continually come + go in that direction there but as one being watched	Sheet 2
Wye Farm	8/9/16		The Bn are now occupying the front line of trenches the relief was completed by 12 mid night there were no casualties for duplication of the Bn in front line See Appendix B & C	Appendix B & C
	9/9/16		MAJOR, R. D. HOLMAN reported back from wounded + taken on the strength from today. today has been fairly quiet report on Appendix D.	Appendix D
	10/9/16		Officers. N. Co + a percentage of men are attending schools of instruction, classes, + lectures, on Gas, Bombing, Sniping + Machine guns. This is greatly appreciated + is a great help to our troops. Nothing out of the ordinary occurred today as a whole during the day things in the Bn sector were quiet. Attached overhead report.	Appendix E
"	11/9/16		Today has been very quiet on the Bn front the repair + duck boarding of all communications trenches is being carried out. good bomb proof dug outs are being constructed in our firing line	NIL
"	12/9/16		About 20% of the Bn are now issued with the new Service Rifle	



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WINE FARM	12/9/16		<p>54<sup>th</sup> Bn</p> <p>Respirators. Today has also been quiet on the Bn front the enemy shelled a little during the early part of the night See Appendix F. We sent out Patrols at 11.30 PM last night the Patrols got within 40 yds of the German wire, they observed large parties of Germans working on their wire &amp; banking up their parapets from NO MANS. LAND SIDE. On return of Patrols heavy machine gun &amp; rifle fire was directed on to the German wire &amp; parapet. Casualties could not be ascertained, the Patrols report that the German wire is in good condition &amp; thick. The German parapet one in a bad condition being knocked in &amp; breached in many places. Our snipers &amp; gunners have complete superiority of fire over the Germans &amp; on the first sign of activity on the German side they are at once silenced.</p>	Sheet 3 appendix F
"	13/9/16		<p>Our guns today bombarded the enemy's trenches &amp; barbed wire mainly at 4 PM. Great damage was done to both the enemy's parapet &amp; wire the enemy replied sharply but were silenced almost immediately. Our casualties were 1 killed &amp; 3 wounded See Appendix G attached.</p>	Appendix G
"	14/9/16		<p>Enemy rather inactive today See Appendix H. Repair &amp; construction of trenches &amp; dug outs are being carried in the support &amp; front lines</p>	Appendix H



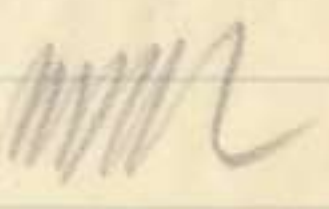
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WYE FARM	14/9/16	54 <sup>4</sup> B <sup>n</sup>	Statement of work done during week ending 14/9/16 with a description of the B <sup>n</sup> is contained in Appendix I	Sheet 4 appendix I
"	15/9/16		Twelve reinforcements joined the B <sup>n</sup> today 11 men from wounded list & 1 man from training camp. 7 more hand Carls for Lewis Guns have been received making a total of 12 on hand. No fresh developments on our sector. our Artillery were active during the day doing considerable damage to enemy wire & parapets. see Appendix J	appendix J
"	16/9/16		From 10.30 pm to about 10.50 pm our Artillery & Trench Mortars were very active & heavily bombarded the enemy trenches, there was no retaliation from the enemy Artillery & very little Machine Gun fire, what little he did use came from his support trenches, there was no enemy sniping & he showed a considerable weakness all along the line.	
"	17/9/16		At 8.30 am enemy used a light field gun 18 Pdr on our engine dump but was silenced by our artillery. At 4.30 pm our Artillery L.T.M. & M.T.M opened fire on enemy line doing considerable damage to his parapet & wire, all attempts to repair damage was stopped by our machine guns. Gas alert was raised	



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WYE FARM	17/9/16		54 <sup>th</sup> Bn At 4.15 pm but no gas was discharged Artillery were active on both sides during the day	Sheet 5 <sup>-</sup>
"	18/9/16		Our Artillery bombarded enemy front trenches at 12.50 am, enemy sent up a red rocket but did not reply to our fire, the remainder of the day was extremely quiet. One pigeon was received from Corner Fort in enemy lines & flew towards Fleur Baie in an one at 12.50 pm our trench mortars bombarded the enemy lines continually during the night the enemy reply was very feeble.	
"	19/9/16		During our bombardment in the afternoon two premature bombs was noticed from our Artillery, no damage was done enemy retaliation very slight. Conditions during the night was quiet on both sides	
"	20/9/16		Today has been unusually quiet in this sector there appear to be only 3 enemy snipers working along our front & they are not very active our snipers holding them well in hand at 10 pm flares were fired by enemy they seemed to be of a better quality than usual leaving a glow which lasted about 3 seconds at 10 pm the enemy sent up a rocket which burst into red & green stars this was immediately followed by salvos of bombs but no artillery fire No damage done.	MM
"	21/9/16		Conditions today was also quiet our Air Craft was very active & bombs were dropped	




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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			54 <sup>th</sup> Bn	
WYE FARM	21/9/16		<p>in enemy lines. Two enemy planes came close to our lines but were driven off by our Anti Air Craft Guns</p> <p>The Bn was relieved by the 56<sup>th</sup> Bn at WYE FARM &amp; front line of trenches the relief was completed by 11.30 AM there were no casualties. The Bn moved to their old billets AT FLEUR BAIX. A &amp; B Coy billeting at LIMIT FARM. C &amp; D &amp; Headquarters (with details) AT FLEUR BAIX</p>	Sheet 6
FLEUR BAIX	22/9/16		The Bn are all employed on guard & fatigue duties both by day & by night & the men are continually on duty.	
"	23/9/16		The issue of the Small Box Respirator to the Bn is now complete it is much superior to the old gas helmet easier of adjustment & more serviceable	
"	25/9/16		Lt Col. HOLDORF V.D. proceeded to England on ten days leave of absence & Major S. Midgley C.M.G. D.S.O. assumed temporary command of the Bn	
"	26/9/16		Lt C.E. SHAW & 81 reinforcements joined the Bn for duty today	
"	29/9/16		The situation as regards this Bn is unchanged.	
"	30/9/16		The strength of the Bn on date is Officers 33 & other ranks 678	



Appendix A

## OPERATION ORDER 54th BATTALION.

by  
 Lt. Col C.J. Holdorf,  
 Commanding 54th Bn.  
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IN THEFIELD  
 6th Septr. 1916

The following reliefs will take place during the night of 7-8th September 1916.

54th Bn. will take over the Left sub-sector and all its details from 56th Bn.

A & B Coys will take over their old position in the front line, C Coy will take over "D" Coy's old position. D Coy will take over C Coy's old position in the Support Lines.

The Os C. "C" & "D" Coys will arrange for guides to these positions.

## MOVE

The Battalion will move to the trenches in the following order; first party leaving the corner of GRAND RUE at 9pm punctually.

## ORDER OF MARCH

First, Head Quarter Signallers  
 Second, Pioneers.  
 Third, "C" Coy  
 Fourth, "A",  
 Fifth, "B"  
 Sixth, Lewis Gun Section.  
 Seventh, Grenadiers  
 Eighth, Medical Officer & A.M.C.  
 Ninth, "D" Coy :-

City Post Party  
 Hudsons Bay  
 Brewery

The Battalion will move by Platoons in single file at about 40 yards interval. OsC. Coys will make arrangements to keep in touch in the above order, this is most essential.

## MARCH DISCIPLINE

Men must be cautioned to keep well up. Strict silence to be observed. No smoking during the time relief is taking place.

## RATIONS.

C.Q.M. Sgts and fatigue party of four will leave the Battalion at CHOIX MARCHÉ and report to Q.M. at TIN BARN AVENUE TRAIN TERMINUS for rations.

## TRENCH STORES

The Senior Major accompanied by the R.S.M. will report at WYE FARM at 4pm to check stores etc.  
 One Officer and the Coy Sgt Major of "A" "B" "C" & "D" Coys will proceed to their respective positions at 4pm and take over all Stores.

## BILLETS

Os C. Coys will be held personally responsible that their billets are left in a clean and sanitary condition and they will render a certificate to Bn. H.Q. that they have personally inspected the billets before leaving. They will also render a certificate as to the state of the post they take over.

## DRESS

Full Marching Order with water proof sheet & Blanket, 24 hours rations will be carried.

## OFFICERS' KITS

All Officers' surplus baggage and kits must be sent to Bn. H.Q. by 6pm, *to be taken to Bn Dump*

*closed*



## OPERATIONS ORDERS No. (cont'd)

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AMMUNITION Os C. Coys will render a certificate by 10am  
7-9-16 that the Coys are complete in pouch  
ammunition.

BILLETS All men must be present in billets at 8pm 7-9-16.

The attention of Coy Commanders is again called to Trench Standing Orders, and the C.O. hopes in no instance during our stay in the trenches will any portion of these orders be overlooked, he wishes to convey to all ranks their responsibility in strictly ~~maintaining~~ <sup>obeying</sup> these orders and cheerfully carrying out every detail they contain. He will look for these on his visits to the various positions at all times.

Signed W.J.Lowe, Capt., Adjt.  
54th Bn.



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Appendix B

54th Battalion Disposition.

Front Line	Sector occupied	No. of Bays.
A Coy	Bays 1/43 to 6/44	26
B "	" 7/44 to 16/46	49
C "	" 18/46 to 31/47	33
Front Line Strength	12 Officers	368 O.Ranks
Supports -	City Post 25	
	Hudson Bay Post 6	
	Brewery " 8	
	Jay " 19 - 3 "	56
Hospital Sick		27
Bn. Duties		23
Ede "		1
Div. "		1
Schools		4
Fatigues Water In	Jay Post	20
M.G. Section	Front Line	36
Transports	R.Q.M.S.	13
A.M.C.	Jay Post	5
Pioneers	Wye Farm 6	
	Bn Stores 2	8
Sigs.	Front Line 3	
	Jay Post 1	
	Ede 2	
	Wye Farm 8	
	1 Co. Sig at H.Q. 1	
	Sig. School 1	16
H.Qrs.	Wye Farm 2	
	R?Q?M?S? 1	
	Transport 1	
	Jay Post	
	(MO & 2nd in command) 2	
		6 Offs 9
		-----
	Total	29 Offs. 582 O.R.

Front Line Strength	offs.	O.R.
	12	368
No. of Bays		108
Map references Right of Sector	M6D 0/5/ 9/5	
Left	I 31C 4 1/2 3	
Front Line		
Bays 108	Offs 12	O.R. 368

9/9/16



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copy APPENDIX C 6 AM  
Intelligence Report. 9/9/16

A. General. Enemy very quiet during night. At 6.15 P.M. yesterday enemy fired 20 rounds 4.2 H.E. shells between the following positions.

N 6 436 & N 6 828. apparently trying to destroy engineer's dump at N 6 B. 25.70. No damage caused by the bombardment. By way of retaliation our M.T.M. fired 25 rounds on the enemy trenches between Corner fort & the angle. doing considerable damage to enemy wire & trenches.

at 10.15 P.M. enemy artillery opened fire on position in rear of our lines 17 rounds of 5.9 H.E. shells. seven of these shells were duds. our artillery retaliated with a brisk fire for about 3 minutes, shells falling on enemy trenches at angle also his entanglements which were much damaged.



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At 2.15 am. Patrol reported  
enemy working on wire in  
direction of the angle & corner  
tort.

No. Guns opened fire on these  
points as soon as above  
was reported

- B. Enemy defenses et al.
- C. Movements et al.
- D. Signalling et al.
- E. Gas et al.
- G. Equipment et al.
- H. Tactics et al.
- I. Aircraft et al.
- WIND et al.

St Perry.  
54 Bn.



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Appendix D

9/9/16

## Intelligence Report

A. General.

Conditions generally  
 been very quiet along our sector  
 Enemy snipers inactive.  
 Smoke was observed rising from  
 trees at 010 ± 3.

Owing to low hanging mist  
 observation difficult.

B. Enemy Defences Nil.

C. Movements "

D. Signalling At two o'clock  
 signalling observed sending  
 messages (7 lay) from 010 ± 2.

Direction of cover 700 ft. Forced to cover  
 by our snipers

E. Gas Nil.

F. Artillery

Time	No	NATURE	PLACE	HIT
4.15 to 4.40	22	16	SCHMIDT	H366
		2	H.E.	
		4	DUDS	

Ranags. Nil.

G. Equipment Nil.

I. Aircraft Our aircraft active engaged  
 by enemy aircraft. 3 not shot down  
 back.

A.S. P. 4 Lt. 54<sup>th</sup> Br



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Appendix E

10/9/16

Intelligence ReportGeneral

Observation. One man was observed clearing away grass behind enemy front line near corner Fort. at 9.30 am Map reference N 65. 4. 82

Two Germans were observed carrying buckets near the above mentioned position at 9.50 am This position was fired upon by our artillery.

A hole in German front line Map reference N. 6. C 5 1/2. 5. which was open yesterday was covered today. A rifle batt is directed on this position At 1.10 Pm a big explosion took place behind enemy front line no artillery was being fired at this time.

B Enemy Defences New sand bags have been placed on enemy parapet in



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- Different sectors.
- C Movements Nil.
  - D Signalling "
  - G Equipment "
  - H Tactics "
  - I Aircraft "
  - M Miscellaneous "
  - F Artillery

Time	No	Dis.	POSITION
11.30	3	H.E.	Brewery Post
11.35	6	"	"
11.40	4	True apples	Right of sector
12.10 to 12.17	22	H.E.	Between front Line & supports.

A. S. Knight.  
5th L. Bn.



Appendix F

Intelligence Report

13/9/16

A General

Enemy active with sending up flares from 50 to 100 yards behind his front line

B. Enemy Defences

Machine Guns. Enemy Machine Guns much quieter than usual  
Observation Post O.P. H 36 C 53

C. Movements nil

E. Gas "

D. Signalling "

G. Equipment "

H. Tactics "

J. Aircraft "

Artillery

Time	Ras.	Des.	Locality
8 pm	3	HE 8.2	Rear of Wye Farm
8.30 pm	5	" "	" " " "
8.35 pm	10	" "	" " Tin Barn

Our Artillery returned fire at 8.15 pm till 8.35 pm.

Wind Light W.S.W.

Time 6.30 am.

H. J. Purry  
54<sup>th</sup> Bn



## Intelligence Report

13/9/16

A. General

- 12 noon Enemy fired 8 Pineapple bombs damaged parapet N6 b 9.9.
- 1230 One man hit by sniper in Bay N6 b 1.0 1/2
- 1.30 Enemy fired 4 pineapple bombs, one only doing any damage by exploding on parapet and damaging same N6 b 8 8 1/2. we silenced enemy with our Stokes
- 3.30 Our Guns opened on O1a 4 1/2 b 2. kept up steady fire for half an hour, 4 shells burst in enemy wire remainder behind front line, enemy wire at above reference damaged considerably
- 4 pm Our Artillery opened up followed by Stokes and medium mortars damaging enemy parapet near Corner Fort  
 Enemy replied with Pineapple bombs which fell near N6 d 1.6  
 our guns silenced enemy at N6 b 4 1/2. Seven premature 18 Pr bursts, four of which burst over parapet ~~near~~ between sectors 45 + 46 remainder in no mans land  
 One of our snipers hit one of enemy working between their front line and supports time 3.50 pm near N6 d 6.8  
 Enemy fired 5 pineapple bombs two of which landed in Bay N6 b 5.7 causing three casualties one killed two wounded  
 Enemy quietened by our Stoke Guns  
 Our Stokes opened up on enemy wire near O1a 4 1/2 b 2 damaging wire considerably



### Intelligence Report (continued)

Enemy retaliated with 5 minenwerfers and Pineapple bombs, damaging two dugouts at N6 6.8 1/2 9. Considerably no other damage was done.

(B) Defences 7.30 am. Two of enemy seen working in rear of front line N6 6.5 1/4.

(C) Signalling nil

(e) Gas nil

(F) Artillery	Time	N <sup>o</sup>	Nature	Where hit	Remarks
	4.10/4.15 pm	12	H.E	Vicinity of Tin Bar	Damage unknown
	12 to 12.30	8	Pineapples	N6 6.7 9.	no damage
	1.30	4	"	N6 6.8 8 1/2	Damaging Parados
	4 pm	5	minenwerfers	N6 6.5.7	1 man killed
	4.10	5	minenwerfers	N6 6.8 1/2 9.	2 wounded
					Damaging 2 dugouts
					no other damage

Aircraft nil

Equipment 7.30 am. Enemy (4) wearing grey dress carrying valises & blankets on backs going from supports towards N6 6.5 1/4. These were fired on by Artillery.

Wind S.W.

Time 7.5 pm.

*A. J. Perry*  
 54 R. Coy  
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Intelligence Report

14/9/16

A General

10.15 am our guns opened steady fire on wire and parapet in front of Lozenge doing considerable damage to parapet but not effecting wire  
10 am. our guns had three premature bursts near I 31 A 5.3

4 pm Artillery was again short four premature bursts over No B 3.5. Bay 12/45.

The enemy retaliated in B Coys Sector with Pineapples only, firing in pairs, we found the position from which they were fired

N 6 B 6 2 Silenced by our Stokes mortars

There is a Cook House of the enemy's opposite

Bay 8/45 N 6 B 8.3. Called Artillery Direction

Nearly all Pineapples landed at rear of Bay

12/45 N 6 B 5 1/2 1 1/4 there being an engineers

dump there which appears to be their objective

11. Medium trench mortars landed 6 puddings in enemy's trench and 3 on wire opposite Bay

13/45 sector and one short N 6 B 5 1/4 1 1/2

4 pm Our artillery opened on enemy parapet and wire in front of Lozenge O 1 A 2.7 enemy

retaliated on sector to left of our Battalion

Two pineapples exploded in sectors 9/47 and

5/47 no damage done enemy retaliation

on the whole was poor

2 dud Pineapples near sector 45 and one

near sector 46 these duds were caused by no

containing ~~no~~ detonators

Movements

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Signalling

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Gas

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Intelligence Report continuation

Artillery	Time	No. of Shells	Nature	Where hit	Remarks
	3.35	3	HE	near Brewery Post J 31 AS 3	Damage unknown
	3.42	2	"	Right of Tin Barn Avenue	
	3.44				
			Trench mortars	our front line O 1 A 27	no damage

Equipment

Aircraft

10 A.M. Enemy aeroplane fired on by our anti aircraft guns, flying through thick clouds above our line near Brewery Post.

7.10<sup>AM</sup> British aeroplane flew over enemy 2. pm line opposite Brewery Post fired on by enemy anti aircraft guns.

Miscellaneous. 7.40 am Thick smoke issuing from foot of tree near Gap N 12 AS 6.

10.10 am One German seen working behind parapet front line opposite sectors 43/44 N 6 D 4.42

Wind N.N.W.

Time 6.30 pm.

H.S. Pugh



APPENDIX I

Work done for week ending 14/9/16

Front line

14 - 43	Dugout (leaking) re-roofed and entrance protected
16 - 43	Parados completed
17 - 43	Floor of concrete dugout completed
21 - 43	Entrance to shell proof dugouts completed
24 - 43	
8 - 44	Parados improved and built up
13 - 44	Leaky dugout re-roofed
14 - 44	Old dugout demolished and traverse being erected
13 - 45	Concrete dugout for signallers started
5 - 46	Splinter proof dugout completed
8 - 46	Entrance to dugout completed
9 - 46	" " " "
10 - 46	" " " "
12 - 46	Parapet thickened and Parados partly erected
13 - 46	Entrance to dugout completed
16 - 46	Parapet being thickened and traverse being erected
17 - 46	
21 - 47	Splinter proof dugout completed
22 - 47	Parados completed
26 - 47	Leaky dugout re-roofed & completed

H. G. Wright  
Sd  
W. B.



## B. Emplacements

## C. Communication Trenches

1. Tin Barn Avenue. Duck boards repaired leading to front line
2. Gunners walk. Duckboards repaired and trench deepened between
3. City Road. nil
4. Bay Avenue. Duckboards repaired near
5. Abbotts Lane. Trench deepened and new duckboards between

## Strong Posts

1. Elbow Farm. nil
2. Smiths Villa. "
3. Croix Marchal. "
4. Jay Post. new dugout under construction
5. City Post. 1 shelter for Guard over water pumps
6. Hudson Bay Post. Parapet over drain in this Post is being strengthened work is not yet complete

ASG  
5/4/12



54<sup>th</sup> Battalion Disposition

Front line	Sector occupied	No of Bays	Map reference	Officers	O.Ranks
A Coy	Bays $\frac{1}{43}$ to $\frac{6}{44}$	26	N6 079 to N6 613	5	107
B	" $\frac{7}{44}$ to $\frac{16}{46}$	49	"	3	94
C	" $\frac{18}{46}$ to $\frac{31}{47}$	33	"	6	98
attached to A Coy 20 men					65
" B " 20 "					
" C " 25 "					
				13	364

Machine Gun Section

A Coy 12 B Coy 12 C Coy 12

Front line strength

36  
13 - 400

Supports:-

City Post

1 25

Hudson Bay Post

2 40

Jay Post (a m.c. & m.o.)

1 5

Battalion duties - Jay Post

1 23

Brigade " Fleurbaey

1 5

Divisional " Bac H'kaur

1 8

Schools

3 6

Transports R.Q.M. Stores

15

Pioneers Wye Farm & R.Q.M. Stores 2

8

Signallers Wye Farm

16

Head Quarters + R.Q.M. Stores 6 19

Total Strength 29 579

14/9/16

Time 11:30 A.M.

H.P. Perry Lt  
54th Bn



# Intelligence Report

14/9/16

## A General

Our machine guns very active along whole of our sector  
 enemy machine gun and rifle fire quiet

<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Time left</u>	<u>returned</u>	<u>In charge</u>	<u>Ranks</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
	11pm	12.30	Pt Davies	1 Pte	Went into No mans land no damage to enemy wire could be observed by this party
	11pm	12.30	Pt Bulbrough	1 Pte	no damage could be observed by this party
	12 am	1.45	cpl Helroy	2 Pte	Reconnecting enemys wire opposite N686 & went along to N6039 reported several large gaps in his parapet & wire could not observe any effort to repair parapet but small party were repairing wire between 1am & 1.30am and were dispersed by machine gun fire

Movements nil

Signalling "

Aircraft "

Gas "

Artillery "

Wind W

Time 7 AM

H. B. Pugh Lt  
 5th Bn



Intelligence Report

15/9/11

A. General Operations

"A" Coy 10 AM Our Stokes mortars opened up in conjunction with our Artillery. There was no retaliation in our sector by the enemy.

"B" Coy 10 AM & 11 AM Four 15 Pns burst prematurely over Bay 12/45 N 6 B 5-62. Two landing under duckboards and two over parapet. No retaliation from enemy on this sector.

"C" Coy 10 AM Our Artillery and Trench mortars opened on enemy front line, much damage was done to enemy wire and parapet. Retaliation was slight, consisting of two (2) "Rum jars" (one a dud) and a number of "Pineapples" One "Rumjar" fell on parapet (Bay 19/41) H 30 D g's & and blew it in, completely destroying the Bay, no other damage was done, during the Artillery bombardment three (3) premature bursts from 18 Pns occurred behind our Trench. 10 AM Our Trench mortars fired about 60 rounds 20 of which landed in wire cutting the wire to a large extent near OIA 27.

11 15 am 15 more Trench mortars were fired near same position 8 of these landed in wire which did not appear to be cut on previous occasion.

Sniping Enemy snipers not very active over our sector.

Movements 12.20 pm Eleven of enemy seen crossing "Gap" from right to left carrying some material enter third line trenches.



Intelligence Report continued

Signalling

nil

Gas

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Artillery	Time	No shells	Nature	Where hit	Remarks
	11 am			Between	
	15	5	HE	front line	No Damage.
	11-15 am			Hudson Bay	
	105 am	about 6*	Pineapples	Between 44 & 47 Sector	"
		2	"Rumjars"	#36 D 9 1/2	Parapet completely damaged

Equipment

nil

Aircraft

Our aeroplanes were constantly flying over our lines all day only a few shots were fired by enemy anti-aircraft guns at abovementioned

Time 6.30 p.m.

Ats. Gung Lt.  
5<sup>th</sup> H. Bn