

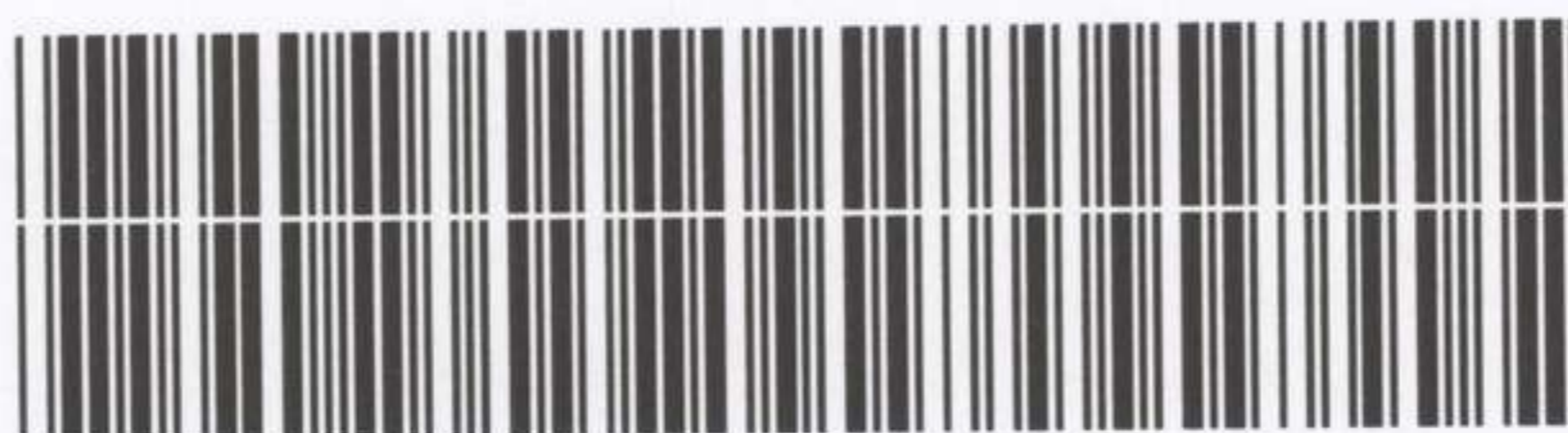
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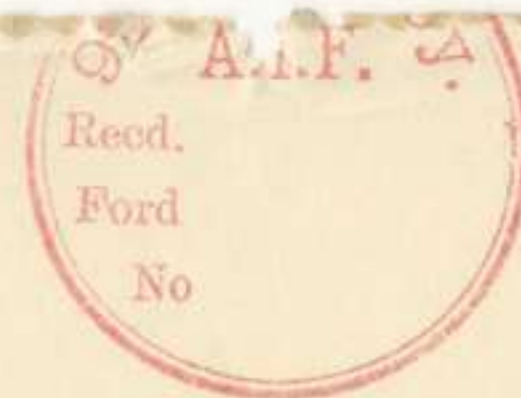
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Houplines.	2.3.17.		<p>The usual indirect night and day firing was carried out. Very quiet during the day, except for little shelling on the night in the afternoon. Enemy dropped 4 <i>Minnenwerfer</i> in Loc 8. Vicinity of Australia Avenue, these are the first to be dropped in this locality since ^{our} occupation and tend to point to new emplacements which is believed to be somewhere to right of H. GAP.</p> <p>Quiet during night, enemy M.G. less active than usual. Visibility: only fair. Light wind.</p>	

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<u>Houplines</u>	<u>3.3.17</u>	<u>6 a.m.</u>	<p>The usual indirect night and day firing was carried out.</p> <p>Very quiet during the day - and quiet during the night, except for small intermittent shelling by enemy over tram tracks and road. Probably 5.9. or 4.2.</p> <p>Very little enemy M.G. activity during the night.</p> <p>Enemy fired 1 red & 1 green light no retaliation followed.</p> <p>M. Gunners in Locality II. claim 3. three sniping hits.</p> <p>Infantry observed fire and reported same to be correct.</p>	

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<u>Houplines</u>	4.3.17	6 a.m.	<p>The usual indirect night and day firing was carried out.</p> <p>Quiet during day on both sides, enemy dropped 5. Bunker rockets into EDMOND'S. F.M. behind Locality 13.</p> <p>At night normal M.G. activity along the Brigade front, in certain sectors this was less than usual</p> <p>light wind. - day bright and clear</p> <p>Visibility good.</p>	

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<u>Houplines</u>	<u>5.3.17</u>	<u>6 a.m.</u>	<p>The usual Indirect night and day firing was carried out. Very quiet indeed during the day. Owing to presence of snow enemy sent a few shells. "77. M.M." round S.82 and 11 locality doing no damage. Quiet on all other fronts. little M.G. activity. Snow fell during morning but thawed during afternoon.</p>	

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<u>Houplines.</u>	<u>6.3.17</u>	<u>6.0.17</u>	<p>The usual indirect night and day firing was carried out. Fairly quiet during the day, except enemy dropping 7 or 8 Minnenwerfer in locality 13. On the right, enemy bombarded S.P.Z. and Australia road - 3 times respectively at 2 p.m., 6.30 p.m. and 9.45 p.m. and appeared to be 7.7. M.M. and pineapple. Our retaliation silenced it. About 1 p.m. enemy dropped smoke bombs in front of locality 11. in made very little noise and sending out dense volumes of smoke for 10 minutes, and in spite of fresh wind smoke did disperse for some time. Enemy M.G. fire again very small at night clear day. - light to fresh wind. Visibility: good for short intervals.</p>	

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<u>Houplines</u>	7.3.17	6.am	<p>The usual Indirect night and day firing was carried out.</p> <p>Quiet during day on both sides except for our H.T.M. shoots to which the enemy slightly replied.</p> <p>Quiet at night and the falling off of his machine. Gun fire is still noticeable.</p> <p>Day: Bright, wind fresh. Visibility: good.</p>	

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Howplines	8.3.17	6 am	<p>Indirect fire was carried out during the night.</p> <p>Gun fired from $\frac{C110D}{1540}$ on Cross Roads. LA. HULLETTE. $\frac{D13A}{5625}$ (2) LIENART.</p> <p>Fine Dump $\frac{C18B}{9055}$ 1000 rounds 7 to 9.30 p.m.</p> <p>Gun fired from $\frac{C22a}{76.19}$ on COMM. TRENCH $\frac{C2d}{65.55}$ to $\frac{C29d}{76.48}$ (2) COMM TRENCH $\frac{I56}{2650}$ to $\frac{I35}{3766}$ 500 rounds 7 to 9 p.m.</p> <p>Gun fired from $\frac{C280}{6046}$ on CENTURY TRACK $\frac{C240}{3548}$ to $\frac{C30a}{4245}$ (2) CEREAL TRENCH $\frac{C20a}{4232}$ to $\frac{C30c}{5430}$ (3) LA VENTURE ROAD. $\frac{C30a}{0290}$ to $\frac{C30d}{1072}$ 1500 Rds to 6.30 to 9 p.m.</p> <p>Indirect fire in connection with O.P. was carried out during the morning. Guns from $\frac{C22a}{75.15}$ an enemy working party in Century Switch was fired from effect.</p> <p>Gun at same position dispersed party of enemy at intersection of Century Support X CENTRAL AV. with effect.</p> <p>Gun firing from $\frac{C28c}{6045}$ fired on enemy working near ditch at $\frac{I6B}{5555}$ - party was dispersed and did not reappear. Quiet during day and night. Inactivity of enemy M.G. again noticeable. Enemy landed 8 shells near position in locality 13. During night front line positions evacuated and were substituted by L.G.</p> <p>Wind: - fresh - Snow & frost</p> <p>Visibility: good</p>	

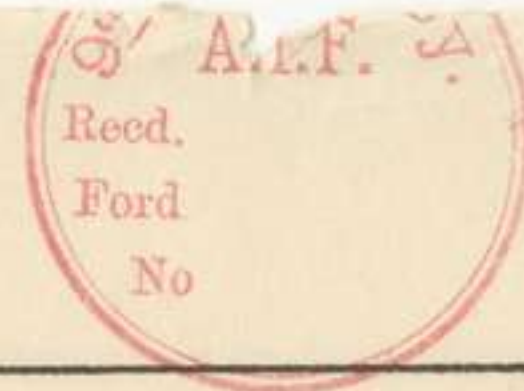
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Howplines	9.3.17	6 am	<p>Indirect fire was carried out during night Gun fired from C $\frac{16a}{1540}$ on X, <u>RDS. FM. G. VERQUIZ.</u> C $\frac{12b}{9006}$ ② X roads C $\frac{18d}{6050}$ 1000 rounds 7 to 9.30 p.m. Gun fired from Cemetery right on X roads $\frac{C24c}{9555}$. ② <u>COMM'TRENCH.</u> C $\frac{24a}{2993}$ to $\frac{C24a}{5094}$ 500 Rds 7 to 9 p.m. Indirect fire in connection with O.P. during day Gun fired from C $\frac{22a}{7515}$ on enemy working Party at Intersections of <u>CENTAUR. SWITH. CENTAUR. Supp</u> also along the latter Party was dispersed. Later at Centaur. SWITH. CENTAUR ROW a party was dispersed with Casualties. Gun fired from $\frac{C22a}{7515}$. Generally quiet on the front, except for Intermittent fire shelling of certain parts by enemy and our Artillery. His Machine Gun fire at night still under normal. Enemy fired 2 lots of 6-4-2 <u>Shrapnel</u> on road in rear of advanced Headquarters at 10.30. & 11 p.m. Misty day with fair visibility at times Slight fall of snow. Fresh wind.</p>	
			<p>Right Brigade Sector: Two Vickers Guns fired from the right section front onto Gaps in the enemy wire. These Guns are still manned by the 11th Coy On the left section front Lewis Guns fired on Gaps in wire, after consultation with Battalion Commander Lewis Gun officer it was decided that we should Co-operate from today. Two enemy H.E shells fell near no 5 Gun at HAYSTACK. FARM, Very little enemy M.G. activity</p>	

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<u>Houplines</u>	10.3.17	6 a.m.	<p>Indirect fire was carried out during the night.</p> <p>Gun fired from Cemetery Right on Tramway $\frac{C296}{5872}$ to $\frac{C296}{9010}$ (2) TRAMWAY</p> <p>$\frac{C300}{2540}$ to $\frac{I6a}{1006}$. Quiet during the day.</p> <p>From 6.30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Enemy heavily bombarded Locality 8 with Minnewerfer & H.E. round S.P. 2 for a Radius of 50 yards the bombardment was also heavy</p>	
<u>L'Épauette</u>	10.3.17	6 a.m.	<p>Right Sector: No 5 Gun from $\frac{I100}{7568}$ fired 500 Rounds on Farm and Cross. Roads at $\frac{I2a}{0172}$ $\frac{I120}{4070}$ and $\frac{I18a}{6599}$.</p> <p>Left Sector: Gun fired from E Gap on Enemy wire throughout the night in conjunction with Lewis Gun. Very quiet throughout the day. At about 6.45 Enemy put out Shrapnel, Pineapples, etc. And at about 12.30 a.m. several shells fell near these Hags.</p> <p>Enemy M.G. Quieter than usual. Workmen proceeding on new Dugouts etc.</p> <p>Sgt McQuarrie promoted to Lieutenant.</p>	

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<u>Houplines</u>	11.3.17 11.3.17	6 am	<p><u>Houplines Sector.</u> At 7.15 a.m. fire was opened on party of enemy working near $\frac{16c}{3565}$ after a small number of rounds the enemy was dispersed. Indirect fire was carried out during the night. Gun fired from Cemetery right $\textcircled{1}$ $\frac{C28c}{6045}$ CENTURY TRACK. $\textcircled{2}$ $\frac{C24c}{3548}$ to $\frac{C36a}{4245}$</p> <p>$\frac{C20a}{4332}$ to $\frac{C30c}{5430}$</p> <p>$\textcircled{2}$ CEREAL TR. $\textcircled{3}$ LAVENTURE. RD $\frac{C30a}{6290}$ to $\frac{C30a}{1072}$. 1500 Rds 6.30 to 9 p.m.</p> <p>Our Heavy Artillery fired throughout day, assisted by Field Artillery. Weather: Fine. Visibility: Fair.</p>	
<u>L'Épizette</u>	11.3.17	6 am	<p><u>L'Épizette Sector.</u> Right Sector. No 5 Gun fired from $\frac{I10c}{7568}$ fired 500 Rounds on Cross I12a $\frac{I12a}{5045}$ Cross I14a $\frac{I14a}{5045}$ CROSS ROADS and FARM. at $\frac{I18c}{6599}$ $\frac{I12t}{4010}$ and $\frac{I12d}{0172}$.</p> <p>Left Sector. WHITE FARM Gun from $\frac{I4a}{1397}$ fired 750 rounds on $\frac{I12d}{9}$ $\frac{I6a}{5045}$ and $\frac{I11d}{9565}$. Gun fired from E GAP. on Gaps in enemy wire at $\frac{I5c}{9231}$.</p> <p>$\frac{I5c}{9337}$ $\frac{I5c}{8029}$ $\frac{I5c}{7015}$ $\frac{I5c}{6620}$ $\frac{I5c}{6400}$ $\frac{I11a}{6391}$ Throughout the night firing 1600 rounds.</p> <p>Our Artillery very active throughout the day. Very slight Enemy Retaliation. During the night enemy used less very lights than usual. His Machine Guns very active. Works proceeding on new dugouts etc.</p>	

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<u>Houplike</u>	12.3.17	6 a.m.	<p>Indirect fire was carried out last night.</p> <p>Gun fired from $\frac{C280}{6045}$ on CENSOR, DIV. $\frac{C230}{3570}$ to $\frac{C240}{4255}$ & CENTURY TRENCH.</p> <p>$\frac{C240}{3578}$ to $\frac{C300}{4245}$ & CEREAL TRENCH $\frac{C300}{4632}$ to $\frac{C300}{5430}$ 1500 rounds 6:30 to 9 p.m.</p> <p>Fairly quiet during the day.</p> <p>At 2 a.m. enemy heavily bombarded front support line with H.E. Shrapnel.</p> <p>Enemy Machine Guns inactive during night very noticeable.</p> <p>Clear morning, dull afternoon, visibility fair.</p>	
<u>Epivette</u>	12.3.17	6 a.m.	<p>Right Sector: No 5 Gun fired from $\frac{I100}{7568}$ fired 500 rounds on CROSS RYS. and FARM. at $\frac{I124}{4070}$, $\frac{I180}{6599}$, $\frac{I120}{0172}$.</p> <p>Left Sector. WHITE FARM Gun fired $\frac{I40}{1297}$ fired 750 rounds on $\frac{I60}{2677}$ and $\frac{C300}{1575}$.</p> <p>Gun fired E.G.A.P. $\frac{150}{2019}$ on gaps in enemy wire $\frac{150}{9237}$, $\frac{150}{8070}$, $\frac{150}{7015}$, $\frac{150}{6620}$, $\frac{160}{6400}$.</p> <p>$\frac{110}{6371}$ Throughout the night firing 2000 rounds.</p> <p>Intermittent bombardment throughout day by enemy artillery, at 4:30 p.m. 2 shells probably H.E. landed on Gun position No 6 CENTRAL AVENUE penetrating concrete dugout about 8" into the other damage, Paradox in rear of Gun.</p> <p>Repairs have been effected. Enemy very light and searchlights again active and very little H.E. fire work proceeding on new dugouts etc.</p> <p>Damage at No 6 Gun repaired</p>	

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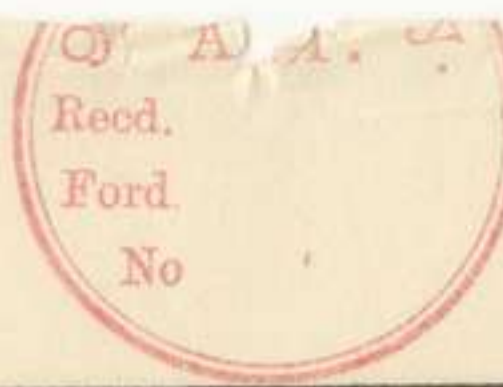
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<u>Houplines</u>	13.3.17	6 a.m.	<p>Indirect fire from PANAMA. POST. night firing position C $\frac{22a}{7515}$ on TRAMWAY</p> <p>C $\frac{22b}{9801}$ } to C $\frac{24b}{9888}$ 250 Rounds 6 to 7 p.m.</p> <p>Gun fired from C $\frac{28c}{6045}$ on TRAMWAY C $\frac{29b}{5872}$ to C $\frac{24c}{4065}$ to C $\frac{24c}{7438}$ 1500 Rounds to 9 p.m.</p> <p>Gun fired from C $\frac{16a}{1040}$ on X ROADS. FM. DUG. VERQUIN. C $\frac{12b}{9006}$ @ X ROADS. C $\frac{18a}{6050}$</p> <p>1000 rounds 7 to 9.30 p.m. Heavy bombardment of enemy on right flank. Activated in a busy day in Artillery activity throughout the day. Visibility:- Poor. wet. Wind:- Slight.</p>	
<u>L'Epipette</u>	13.3.17	6 a.m.	<p>Right Sector. No 1 Gun fired from I $\frac{9b}{6076}$ fired 4,500 rounds, and No 2 Gun from I $\frac{9b}{6074}$ fired 4,500, both searching vertically. LILLE. RAILWAY.</p> <p>No 5 Gun fired from I $\frac{10c}{6875}$ fired 2500 rounds on I $\frac{12b}{011}$.</p> <p>Left Sector. Gun fired C $\frac{28c}{6845}$ fired 1750 rounds on I $\frac{12a}{1070}$.</p> <p>Intermittent Artillery fire during day, from 11.40 p.m. to 1 a.m. intense Bombardment. At 8 p.m. an enemy shell (H. E) landed near No 6 Gun CENTRAL AVENUE. Wounding 1 member of Gun team, work proceeding on new dugouts and emplacements.</p>	

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<u>Houplines.</u>	<u>14.3.17</u>	<u>6 am.</u>	<p>Indirect fire was carried was carried out last night.</p> <p>Gun fired from C $\frac{280}{6045}$ on LAVENTURE. RD, C $\frac{300}{0290}$ to C $\frac{300}{1012}$ ② CENTURY. TR. C $\frac{24}{3548}$ to C $\frac{360}{4245}$</p> <p>③ CEREBL. TR. C $\frac{300}{4322}$ to C $\frac{360}{5420}$ 1500 rounds 6.30. to 9 pm.</p> <p>Indirect fire in Connection with O.P. Party of enemy was observed working near CENTURY. SWITCH, fire was opened on them, when they were dispersed, several were seen to fall - apparently Casualties.</p> <p>Generally quiet during day excepting for intermittent shelling at certain parts. Enemy M.G. very inactive during night. Day Misty - light Rain.</p> <p>Visibility:- on fair.</p>	
<u>L'Epipette.</u>	<u>14.3.17</u>	<u>6 am</u>	<p>Right Sector:- No 5 Gun fired from I $\frac{100}{7568}$ fired 500 Rounds on I $\frac{120}{9080}$ I $\frac{120}{1012}$ and I $\frac{180}{6599}$.</p> <p>Left Sector:- No night firing. Intermittent artillery fire throughout the day</p> <p>Heavy Bombardment of Left Sector by enemy from 3.40 to 4.50 p.m.</p> <p>Enemy very light & searchlights again active. But very little M.G. fire.</p> <p>Ammunition Belts refilled and work proceeded on new Dugouts etc.</p>	

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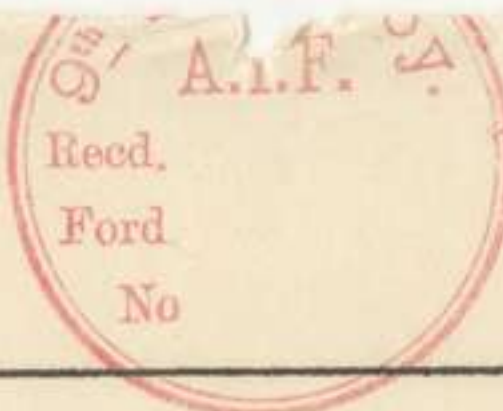
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<u>Houplines</u>	16.3.17	6 am	<p>Indirect fire in connection with O.P. (1) from C $\frac{22a}{7515}$ action was taken on enemy working party in and about CENTRAL SWITCH. C $\frac{29d}{9852}$ to I $\frac{5a}{6442}$ - party were fully exposed and on fire being opened dispersed and failed to reappear. Time 7.45 am (2) from C $\frac{22a}{7515}$ action was also taken on enemy working party in CENTRAL SUPPORT. enemy heads and shoulders were only visible, on fire being opened on them they took cover and not reappear. Time 8.30 am. Indirect fire was carried out during night.</p> <p>Gun at C $\frac{28c}{6045}$ fired on TRAMWAY C $\frac{30c}{2540}$ to I $\frac{6a}{1005}$ (2) TRAMWAY C $\frac{29b}{5972}$ to C $\frac{29b}{9010}$ (3) ROAD C $\frac{24c}{4065}$ to C $\frac{24c}{7528}$ 1500 Rounds. 6.30 to 9 p.m. Gun fired on TRAMWAY C $\frac{30c}{2540}$ to I $\frac{6a}{1010}$ (2) CEREBI TRENCH. C $\frac{30a}{4370}$ to C $\frac{30a}{5518}$ (3) CENTRAL CREES.</p> <p>C $\frac{29a}{4271}$ to C $\frac{29a}{4511}$ 1000 rounds 6.30 to 9 p.m. Gun at C $\frac{16d}{1540}$ fired on FM. PUGD. VERQUIN. C $\frac{17b}{9006}$. (2) LINART. FM. Dump. C $\frac{18b}{9055}$ 500 Rounds 6.30. to 9 p.m.</p> <p>Quiet during day except for intermittent shelling. Shells landed in vicinity of river Gun position 20 shells landed in vicinity of Second support line 3 to 4 p.m. Enemy M.G. very inactive at night. Clear day. light Wind Visibility: Fair.</p> <p>Right Sector: - no 5 Gun firing from I $\frac{10e}{7568}$ 500 Rounds on I $\frac{12a}{6172}$ I $\frac{12b}{4070}$ and I $\frac{15a}{6599}$.</p> <p>Left Sector: - Gun from I $\frac{4a}{1397}$ fired 500 rounds on I $\frac{12a}{4099}$ and I $\frac{17b}{3159}$.</p> <p>Extremely Quiet throughout 24 hours. M.G.'s little more active at night than usual at 6.15 p.m. a red light was observed about due South of WHITE FARM. It appeared to be a signal and was worked in flashes for about a period of 5 minutes. Work proceeding on new dugouts etc.</p>	
<u>L'Epivette</u>	16.3.17	6 am		

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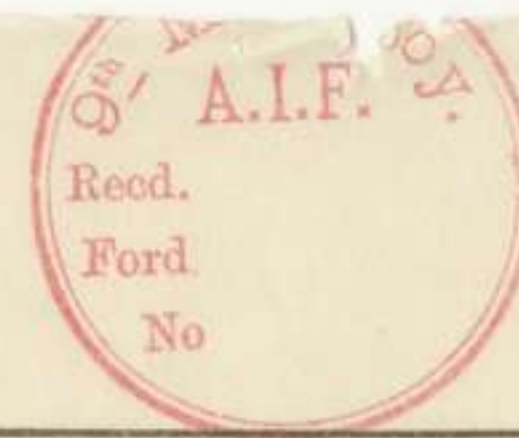


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<u>Houplines</u>	<u>17.3.17</u>	<u>6 a.m.</u>	<p>Indirect fire was carried out during night. Gun fired from $\frac{C16a}{1540}$ on X ROAD $\frac{C18a}{0605}$</p> <p>(2) FMOU CHATEL. $\frac{C18a}{1511}$ 500 rounds 7 to 9 p.m. Gun fired from H.GAP. on enemy wire and Paraphet 6.30 to 9 p.m. 500 Rds.</p> <p>Several Artillery registration with all cables of artillery throughout the day</p> <p>athenomic shelling normal. (Gas ^{smoke} was released from front line at 3 a.m.)</p> <p>Visibility: Fair weather: dry. Wind: East.</p>	
<u>L'Epivette</u>	<u>17.3.17</u>	<u>6 a.m.</u>	<p>Right Sector: - No night firing owing to position at HAYSTACK FARM. $I \frac{10a}{7568}$ being destroyed by hostile artillery fire.</p> <p>Left Sector: - Gun fired from $I \frac{4d}{1397}$ fired 500 rounds on $I \frac{6b}{3517}$ $\frac{0302}{1575}$ and $I \frac{12a}{1090}$</p> <p>Generally quiet throughout day at 10.30 am. 12 Enemy shells. H.E. & Shrapnel and fell near No 5 Gun position LOTHIAN AVENUE and destroyed night firing emplacement in HAYSTACK FARM. Machine Guns quiet during the night. Aircraft extremely active.</p> <p>Work proceeding on new dugouts etc.</p>	

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<u>Houplines.</u>	<u>18.3.17.</u>	<u>6 a.m.</u>	<p>Indirect fire was carried out last night.</p> <p>Gun fired from RIVER. POST. on LIENART. FM. dump C $\frac{154}{8155}$ (2) X ROADS C $\frac{18a}{6050}$ 500 Rounds</p> <p>8 to 9.30 p.m. Gun fired from C $\frac{28c}{6045}$ on ROAD I $\frac{54}{7850}$ to I $\frac{6c}{9084}$ (2) ENTRANCE to TRENCH</p> <p>C $\frac{20a}{5832}$ (3) ENTRANCE to TRENCH. C30 Central. 1500 Rounds 6-30 to 9 p.m.</p> <p>Gun fired on enemy wire & parapets from L. GAP. 500 Rounds 7-15 to 8 p.m.</p> <p>Gun fired from C $\frac{16d}{1540}$ on X RDS. FMOUGII VERQUIN. C $\frac{124}{9006}$ (2) X ROADS C $\frac{18d}{6050}$ 1000 Rds 7 to 9.30 p.m.</p> <p>No targets were observed for firing in during day in Connection with O.P. but Indirect fire was carried out on likely spots. Quiet during the day except for Intermittent shelling. Enemy bombarded on Enfilade Line EDMOND to IRISH. AV. with 5.9.</p> <p>Visibility: poor - except for short spells.</p>	
<u>Épivrene</u>	<u>18.3.17.</u>	<u>6 a.m.</u>	<p>Right Sector: - No night firing.</p> <p>Left Sector: - Gun fired from C $\frac{28c}{6845}$ fire 250 Rounds on I $\frac{12a}{1090}$.</p> <p>Intermittent Artillery bombardment throughout day. Enemy Machine Guns much more active than usual. Our Aircraft very active.</p> <p>Work on new. Tugouts etc proceeding.</p> <p>Lieut. Garnett to Machine Gun School CAMIERS.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><i>J.M. [Signature]</i> Captain O.C. 9th M.G. Company</p>

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<u>Howlites</u>	<u>19.3.17</u>	<u>6am</u>	<p>Indirect fire in Connection with O.P. Fire was opened at 1.30 am on an enemy working party of 8 men near $\frac{16b}{6040}$ they immediately took cover in a ditch. After about 15 minutes several of the party reappeared - fire was again opened on them when they dispersed and did not reappear. Indirect fire was carried out during night. Gun fired from $\frac{C28C}{6045}$ on X ROADS $\frac{C24C}{9555}$ (2) X ROADS $\frac{C300}{4032}$ (3) TRAMWAY $\frac{C306}{1520}$ to $\frac{C306}{7075}$ 1500 Rounds 7 to 9 p.m. Gun fired from PANAMA. NE. position on TRAMWAY $\frac{C236}{9201}$ to $\frac{C24d}{9555}$ (2) CENTURY. TR. $\frac{C300}{4578}$ to $\frac{C300}{5518}$ (3) CEREMONY. TR. $\frac{C300}{5518}$ to $I\frac{6C}{75-100}$ 750 Rounds 7 to 9 p.m. Moderate activity by enemy artillery during forenoon. Afternoon and night quiet except when gas was released from our trenches - Enemy M.G.'s & Rifles opened with moderate fire. From volume of fire it would appear that the German lines are lightly held. Dull: day visibility: poor.</p>	
<u>L'Epixette</u>	<u>19.3.17</u>	<u>6am</u>	<p>Right Sector: Gun fired from $I\frac{94}{5232}$ on $I\frac{4d}{9010}$ $I\frac{174}{3010}$ on $I\frac{15a}{6598}$ 750 Rounds Left Sector: - Gun fired from $I\frac{94}{6094}$ 750 Rounds searching vertically LILLE. Railway. Quiet throughout the day. Enemy Machine Guns again very active at night. Work on dugouts proceeding.</p>	

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<u>Houplines</u>	<u>20.3.17</u>	<u>6 am</u>	<p>Indirect fire was carried out during the night.</p> <p>Gun fired from $\frac{C 28C}{6045}$ on tramway $\frac{C 296}{5872}$ to $\frac{C 296}{9010}$ (2) TRAMWAY $\frac{C 30C}{2540}$ to $\frac{I 6a}{1005}$ (b) ROAD $\frac{C 240}{6045}$ to $\frac{C 240}{7838}$ 1000 rounds, 7 to 9 p.m. Gun fired from $\frac{C 22d}{7515}$ on CENTURY. TR. $\frac{C 24C}{2951}$ to $\frac{C 30a}{4818}$</p> <p>(2) CENTURY. TR. $\frac{C 30a}{4518}$ to $\frac{C 30C}{5518}$ 1000 Rounds 7 to 9 p.m.</p> <p>Desultory bombardment by Artillery and M.T.M. at 2.30 p.m. Every Machine Gun and rifles extremely quiet throughout day & night. At 7.15 p.m. 2 red flares (parachute) were fired from enemy lines at 10 seconds intervals. This was repeated 9.20 pm to which our Artillery responded. This practice was evidently used by the enemy to draw our Artillery Barrage.</p> <p>Cloudy. Light Wind Visibility. Bad.</p>	
<u>L'Epizette</u>	<u>20.3.17</u>	<u>6 am</u>	<p>Right Sector:- Gun fired from $\frac{I 96}{5032}$ 1000 rounds on $\frac{I 11d}{9010}$, $\frac{I 17d}{2020}$ and $\frac{I 18a}{6598}$.</p> <p>Left Sector:- Gun fired from $\frac{I 96}{6094}$ 1000 rounds searching vertically LITTLE RAILWAY.</p> <p>Artillery Generally quiet during day, at 4.15 p.m. 4 shells (4.20) fell on Dugout and alternative Emplacement of Gun at $\frac{I 10C}{7550}$. Machine Guns fairly active throughout. Working proceeding on new dugouts.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">J.M. How Captain O.C. 9th M.G. Company</p>

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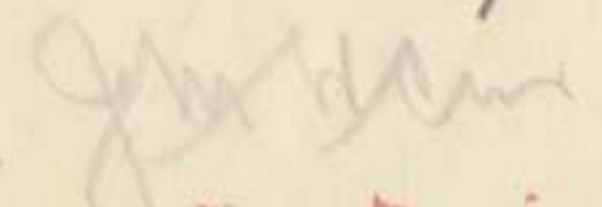


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<u>Houplines</u>	21.3.17.	6 am	<p>Indirect fire in connection with O.P. At 7.50 am. Gun fired $C \frac{280}{6045}$ opened fire on enemy working party in CEREAL. TRENCH. This trench was traversed from $C \frac{300}{4240}$ to $C \frac{300}{5070}$ fire was observed to be effective in dispersing party of enemy.</p> <p>Indirect was fire was carried out by our Gun at $C \frac{280}{6045}$ between 7 & 7.45 AM. (1) CENTRAL SWITCH from $C \frac{290}{9550}$ to $I \frac{56}{6950}$ (2) CENTRAL DRIVE. from $C \frac{290}{9550}$ to $C \frac{300}{5525}$.</p> <p>From $C \frac{220}{7515}$ at 7.2 am. action was taken on enemy working party in and about CENTRAL SWITCH. On fire being opened party dispersed - failing to reappear. From same position at 7.45 AM. fire was again opened on enemy working party in CEREAL. TRENCH. between $C \frac{300}{4320}$ and $C \frac{300}{5518}$ enemy was dispersed and not seen again.</p> <p>Indirect fire was carried out during night.</p> <p>Fired from $C \frac{160}{1540}$ on LIENART. FOME. DUMP. $C \frac{150}{9053}$ (2) ROAD between X ROADS LANOUILLETTE and X ROAD FM. DU VERQUIN $\frac{D130}{5625}$ and $C \frac{170}{9006}$ (3) X ROADS $C \frac{150}{6050}$ 1000 Rounds. Skipped.</p> <p>Gun fired from $C \frac{220}{7515}$ on TRAMWAY. $C \frac{220}{9801}$ to $C \frac{110}{9888}$ (2) CENTRAL SWITCH. $C \frac{290}{9852}$ to $I \frac{50}{6492}$</p> <p>(3) TRAMWAY $C \frac{300}{2710}$ to $I \frac{60}{1010}$ 750 Rounds 7.30 to 9 p.m.</p> <p>Gun fired $C \frac{280}{6045}$ on ROAD $I \frac{56}{7580}$ to $I \frac{60}{90}$ (2) to TRENCH $C \frac{300}{5812}$ (3) ENTRANCE to trench</p> <p>C30 Central. Enemy Artillery extremely quiet with exception of three shells falling</p>	

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<p><u>Continued</u> <u>Houplines.</u></p>	21.3.17	6 am	<p>In Close proximity to night firing position 5588. Enemy M.G.'s quiet during day but more active during early part of night. Practically no rifle fire. Fine. Clear day. Visibility Good. On CENTRAL SWITCH is taking great care in crossing this place owing to indirect fire of our Machine Guns.</p>	
<p><u>L. Epine He</u></p>	21.3.17	6 am	<p>Right Sector: Gun fired from I $\frac{96}{5232}$ on I $\frac{182}{6598}$ (2) I $\frac{176}{2010}$ and I $\frac{116}{9010}$ firing 100 Rds Left Sector: - Gun fired from C $\frac{280}{7520}$ on I $\frac{202}{1010}$ to I $\frac{120}{6010}$ firing 100 Rds. Artillery generally quiet throughout 24 hours. Very little M.G. fire during night. Aircraft and Balloon also remain active Work on new Dugouts still proceeding.</p>	

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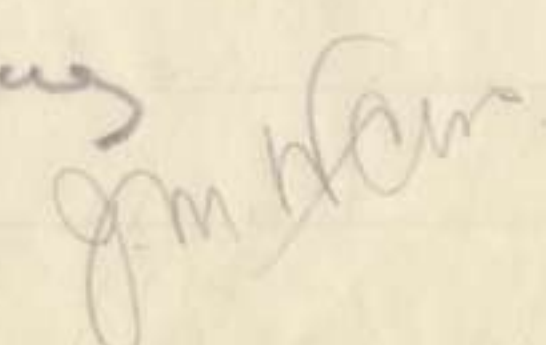
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<u>Houplines</u>	22.3.17	6am	<p>Indirect fire in Connection with O.P. Gun fired at C $\frac{280}{6045}$ opened fire on party of men working along parapet round about I $\frac{4055}{4055}$ BRUNE. Rve. This party was dispersed at 7.38 A.M. Indirect fire was carried out during night Gun fired from C $\frac{280}{6045}$ on X ROADS C $\frac{240}{9555}$ (2) X ROADS C $\frac{200}{4032}$ (3) TRAMWAY C $\frac{300}{1520}$ to C $\frac{300}{7075}$ 1000 Rds 7 to 9 p.m. Gun fired from C $\frac{160}{1540}$ on FM. BU CHASTEL. C $\frac{180}{1571}$ (2) X ROADS C $\frac{180}{6050}$ 500 Rounds 7 to 9 p.m. Gun at C $\frac{220}{7575}$ fired on TRAMWAY C $\frac{300}{2740}$ to I $\frac{60}{1010}$ (2) CEREAL. TR. C $\frac{300}{4820}$ to C $\frac{300}{3878}$ (3) CENTRAL. CRES. C $\frac{290}{4871}$ to C $\frac{290}{4871}$ 1000 Rounds 7 to 9 p.m. Generally quiet during day & night enemy M.G.'s inactive. Clear day - slight falls of snow. Visibility good at intervals.</p>	
<u>L. Epixette</u>	22.3.17	6am	<p>Right Sector. Gun fired from I $\frac{90}{5232}$ fired 1000 Rds on I $\frac{110}{9010}$ I $\frac{170}{3010}$ and I $\frac{180}{6598}$. Left Sector. Gun fired 750 Rds from I $\frac{40}{1297}$ on I $\frac{60}{3517}$ and C $\frac{200}{1575}$. Artillery generally quiet throughout the day. About 9.30 am. several Enemy shells (H.2) fell in vicinity of Gun position at WHITE. FARM. Very little M.G. fire during night. Work on new dugouts still proceeding. Dugout at I $\frac{90}{0505}$ Completed.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">  Captain O.C. 9th M.G. Company </p>

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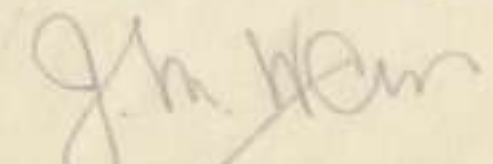


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Howplines	23.3.17	6 a.m.	<p>Indirect fire in connection with O.P. Gun at $\frac{C288}{6045}$ fired at 7.28 a.m. on enemy working party in the vicinity of $I \frac{56}{9050}$ enemy was dispersed and did not reappear. Gun at $C \frac{288}{6045}$ traversed parapet of CENTRAL SWITCH from $C \frac{29d}{9764}$ to $I \frac{56}{5654}$ men could be seen walking along this trench - on fire being opened all movement stopped. Time 7.40 a.m. At 7.50 a.m. Gun at $C \frac{288}{6045}$ in conjunction with Gun at $C \frac{22a}{7515}$ opened fire on enemy working party in CEREMONY TRENCH. at $I \frac{6a}{5545}$ on fire being opened party took cover, reappearing again at 7.55 a.m. when effective action was taken, enemy dropping and were not seen again.</p> <p>The following indirect fire was carried out by Gun at $C \frac{288}{6045}$ between 7 a.m. and 8.15 (1) CEREAL TRENCH. $C \frac{30a}{4744}$ to $C \frac{30c}{5035}$ (2) CEREMONY TRENCH. $C \frac{30c}{5035}$ to $I \frac{6a}{6030}$. Indirect fire was carried out during night Gun at $C \frac{288}{6045}$ fired on Tramway $C \frac{29d}{5572}$ to $C \frac{29b}{9010}$ (2) TRAMWAY $C \frac{30t}{2540}$ to $I \frac{6a}{1005}$ (3) ROAD $C \frac{24c}{4065}$ to $C \frac{24c}{7838}$. Gun at $C \frac{22a}{7515}$ fired on TRAMWAY. $C \frac{22b}{9201}$ (2) CENTRAL SWITCH. $C \frac{22b}{9552}$ to $C \frac{22a}{6492}$ (3) TRAMWAY $C \frac{30c}{2740}$ to $I \frac{6a}{1010}$. Gun at $C \frac{16d}{1540}$ fired on X ROADS. LA HOULETTE. $\frac{212a}{5215}$ (2) X ROADS. FAYOUX VERQUIN $C \frac{12b}{9006}$. Total Rounds 2750 7 to 9 p.m. On account of considerable movement being observed along CENTRAL SWITCH this trench has for some time past has been subjected to fairly heavy M.G. fire. It is evident that the usual indirect firing is effective as proved by observation of probable casualties, and also by the way in which.</p>	

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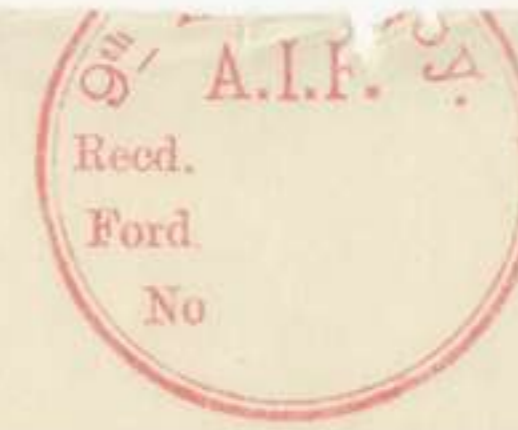
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<p><u>Centurion</u> <u>Houplines</u></p>	<p>23.3.17</p>	<p>6 am</p>	<p>enemy now moves along the top of this trench. At all times work is now carried out by enemy in a crouched or even crawling position, evidently with the object of preventing further casualties. Quiet during day & night. Enemy M.G.'s. quiet. Cloudy, slight fall of snow. Visibility poor.</p>	
<p><u>L. Epivette</u></p>	<p>23.3.17</p>	<p>6 am</p>	<p>As far as can be gathered from reports there was no enemy artillery fire yesterday. Right Sector. Gun fired from I $\frac{96}{6094}$ fire was Roman and I $\frac{11d}{9010}$ I $\frac{176}{2010}$ and I $\frac{18a}{6598}$.</p>	

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<u>Houplines</u>	24.3.17	6 a.m.	<p>Indirect fire was carried out in connection with O.P. At 7.45 A.M. from $C \frac{22a}{7575}$ action was taken on a party of Enemy among whom men could be noticed brandishing what appeared to be Cases - of evidently officers. Enemy was in CENTRAL TRENCH $C \frac{29c}{4190}$ (thunfront line) on fire being open the above time target they took cover, reappearing again at 8 A.M. when action was again taken, the time enemy disappeared at $C \frac{29c}{8060}$ they were dispersed to more adequate cover in trench failing to reappear. Evidently our fire had the desired effect. Indirect fire was carried out during the night. Gun fired from $C \frac{22a}{7575}$ on TRAMWAY $C \frac{20e}{2740}$ to I $\frac{6a}{1000}$ (2) CEREAL TRENCH $C \frac{29a}{4320}$ to $C \frac{20c}{5518}$ (3) CENTRAL CREES: $C \frac{29a}{4371}$ to $C \frac{29a}{4511}$ 1000 Rds 7 to 9 pm. Gun fired from $C \frac{16a}{1546}$ on LIENART FME (dump) $C \frac{18b}{9055}$ (2) ROAD between LA. Howlette and FME DUQU VERQUIN $C \frac{18a}{5225}$ and $C \frac{18b}{7066}$ 500 Rds 6.45 to 8.30. Generally quiet during day. Considerable aerial activity. Clear day. Visibility Good.</p>	
<u>Epinette</u>	24.3.17	6 a.m.	<p>Right Sector. Gun fired 500 Rds from I $\frac{9b}{5225}$ on I $\frac{12a}{2080}$ and I $\frac{18a}{6598}$ 7 to 9.30 pm. Left Sector: Gun fired 500 Rds from I $\frac{11d}{1299}$ on I $\frac{12d}{1090}$. Generally quiet throughout day. Considerable aerial activity. Enemy Machine Gun very active during night. Work proceeding on new dugouts Emplacements. Etc.</p>	

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Houplines	25.3.17	6 a.m.	<p>Indirect fire in connection with O.P.</p> <p>Gun at C $\frac{22a}{75.15}$ at 7.45 a.m. opened fire on enemy wiring party in CEREAL TRENCH between C $\frac{30a}{42.60}$ and C $\frac{30c}{5175}$, enemy was immediately dispersed. The following indirect fire was carried out without observation by Gun at C $\frac{25c}{6045}$ between 7 & 8.30 a.m. (1) X ROADS at LAVENTURE C 30 Central (2) CEREAL TRENCH from C $\frac{30a}{5065}$ to C $\frac{30c}{5840}$. Indirect fire was carried out during night Gun fired from C $\frac{16d}{1540}$ on X ROADS, C $\frac{15a}{6050}$ (2) X ROADS, LA. Houlette. D $\frac{13a}{5625}$ 500 Rounds 7 to 9 p.m.</p> <p>Gun at C $\frac{28c}{6045}$ fired on X ROADS, C $\frac{24c}{96.55}$ (2) X ROADS C $\frac{30a}{4035}$ (3) TRAMWAY, C $\frac{30b}{1520}$ to C $\frac{30b}{7075}$ 500 Rounds 7.15 to 9.45 p.m.</p> <p>Gun at C $\frac{22a}{75.15}$ fired on TRAMWAY, C $\frac{24c}{96.55}$ (2) CEREAL TRENCH C $\frac{30a}{42.60}$ to C $\frac{30c}{5518}$ (3) CENTRAL CRESCENT, C $\frac{29b}{4217}$ to C $\frac{29b}{4511}$ 750 Rounds 7.15 to 9 p.m.</p> <p>Enemy Machine Guns fairly active at night. Aerial activity during day by both sides clear day. Visibility Good.</p>	
L'Epirette	25.3.17	6 a.m.	<p>Right Sector: Gun fired 1000 rounds from I $\frac{9b}{5232}$ on I $\frac{12a}{2080}$ I $\frac{18a}{6598}$.</p> <p>Left Sector: No night firing.</p> <p>Quiet throughout 24 hours, very little Enemy Machine Gun fire during night, aircraft fairly active.</p> <p>Work proceeding on new dugout Emplacements etc.</p>	

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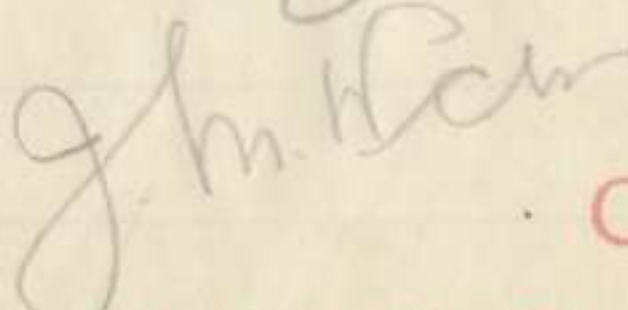
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<u>Houplines.</u>	26.3.17	6am.	<p>Firing in Connection with O.P. Owing to indifferent visibility observation was hindered but Gun at C $\frac{250}{6045}$ at 8.5 A.M. fired on suspected enemy working party around CENTURY. and CEREAL. TRENCHES. Junction Indirect fire was carried out during night. Gun at C $\frac{250}{6045}$ fired on TRAMWAY. C $\frac{296}{5872}$ to C $\frac{296}{9010}$ (2) TRAMWAY. C $\frac{304}{2540}$ to I $\frac{62}{1004}$ (3) ROAD. C $\frac{240}{7828}$ 1500 rounds 8 to 10 p.m. Gun fired from C $\frac{62}{1640}$ traversing road between X ROADS. LA. Houlette I $\frac{132}{5625}$ and a CROSS. ROADS. FM. DUGD. VERQUIN. C $\frac{122}{9599}$ (2) LIENART. FME DUMP. C $\frac{156}{9055}$ 500 Rds 7 to 8.30 p.m. Gun at C $\frac{222}{7515}$ fired on CEREMONY. C $\frac{300}{8118}$ to I $\frac{60}{9500}$ (2) CENTRAL. SWITCH C $\frac{102}{9852}$ to I $\frac{52}{6492}$ (3) TRAMWAY. LINE. C $\frac{300}{2740}$ to I $\frac{62}{1010}$ 1000 Rounds 8 to 10 p.m. Quiet during day & night. Enemy M.G.'s fairly active during night Rain fell Intermittently. Ind visibility: - Indifferent.</p>	
<u>L'Epivette</u>	26.3.17	6am	<p>Right Sector: Gun from I $\frac{96}{5232}$ fired 1000 Rounds on I $\frac{180}{2000}$ and I $\frac{122}{2080}$ from 8 to 10 p.m. Left Sector Gun from I $\frac{40}{5275}$ fired 1000 Rounds on I $\frac{122}{1090}$ and I $\frac{126}{7040}$ from 8 p.m. to 10.30 p.m. Artillery particularly quiet throughout day. Enemy Machine Guns again active during night. Work proceeding on new dugouts.</p>	


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Houplines	27.3.17	6 a.m.	<p>Indirect fire in connection with O.P. Gun at C $\frac{288}{6045}$ at 7.45 a.m. fired on CENTRAL SWITCH. from C $\frac{294}{9050}$ to I $\frac{56}{6095}$ on account of movement at intervals in and to the rear of this trench. This movement ceased after traversing the trench. Indirect fire was carried out during night. Gun fired from C $\frac{222}{7675}$ on TRAMWAY C $\frac{234}{9807}$ to C $\frac{244}{988}$ (2) CENTURY TRENCH C $\frac{300}{4518}$ to C $\frac{300}{5518}$. (3) CEREMONY TRENCH. C $\frac{300}{5518}$ to I $\frac{60}{95}$ 750 rounds 7.30 to 9.30 p.m. LA. Houlette. $\frac{1132}{5625}$ 500 rounds 7 to 8.30 p.m. Gun at C $\frac{250}{6045}$ fired on ROAD I $\frac{56}{7880}$ to I $\frac{60}{9084}$ (2) ENTRANCE to TRENCH. C $\frac{300}{5518}$ (3) ENTRANCE to TRENCH. C $\frac{300}{5518}$ Central. 1500 rounds 8 to 10.15 p.m. Generally quiet during day. About 4 p.m. enemy landed 4 H.F. near gun position at STRONG POINT. Dull day. light falls of snow. Visibility - poor.</p>	
LE Pipette	27.3.17	6 a.m.	<p>Right Sector: Gun fired from I $\frac{96}{5222}$ 1000 rounds on I $\frac{120}{2080}$ and I $\frac{180}{6598}$ from 8.00 to 9.45. Left Sector Gun fired from I $\frac{96}{6074}$ 500 rounds searching vertically. LITTLE RAILWAY. Artillery generally quiet throughout day, during the night Machine Guns fairly active. Work proceeding on new dugouts, Emplacements etc.</p>	

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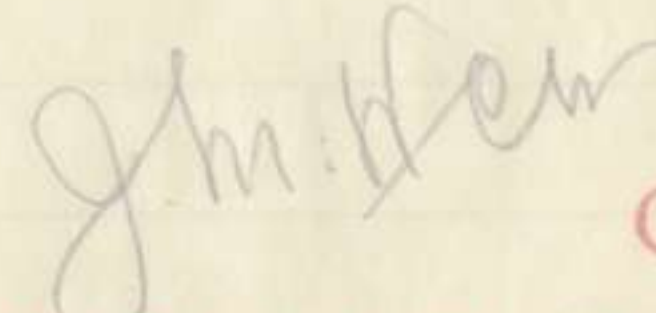
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<u>Houplines</u>	<u>28.3.17</u>	<u>6 am</u>	<p>Owing to Visibility being poor no targets were observed in Connection with O.P. Indirect fire was Carried out during night. Gun fired from C^{16a}/₁₅₄₀ on X ROADS. LA. Houlette D^{12a}/₅₆₂₅ to X ROADS. FM. DUGD. VERQUIN C^{12d}/₉₅₉₉ (2) WENART. FME (dump) C^{12b}/₉₀₅₅ 500 Rounds 8 to 8.30 p.m. Gun at C^{28c}/₆₀₄₅ fired on X ROADS C^{24c}/₉₅₅₅ (2) CROSS ROADS C^{30a}/₄₀₃₂ TRAMWAY. C^{30b}/₁₅₂₀ to C^{30b}/₇₀₄₅ 1500 Rounds 8 to 10.15 p.m. Gun fired from C^{22a}/₇₆₇₅ on TRAMWAY C^{30c}/₂₇₄₀ to I^{6a}/₁₀₁₀ (2) CEREAL TRENCH. C^{30a}/₄₃₂₀ to C^{30c}/₅₃₇₈ (3) CENTRAL. CRESCENT. C^{29b}/₄₂₇₁ to C^{29a}/₄₅₁₁ 1000 Rounds 7.30 to 9 p.m. Generally quiet during day, Enemy landed number of shells in front of support trench opposite RIVER. Post. Clear day. Visibility only fair.</p>	
<u>L'Epipette</u>	<u>28.3.17</u>	<u>6 am</u>	<p>Right Sector. Gun fired from I^{9b}/₅₂₃₂ 1000 rounds on I^{12a}/₂₀₈₀ and I^{15c}/₂₀₀₀ from 8 to 10 p.m. Left Sector:- Gun fired from I^{4d}/₁₃₉₇ 750 Rounds on I^{12a}/₄₅₉₅ and I^{6d}/₃₇₀₃ to I¹² Central 8 to 11 p.m. Artillery quiet throughout day, during night Enemy Machine Guns less active than usual. Work proceeding on new dugouts, Emplacements etc.</p>	


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<u>Houplines</u>	<u>29.3.17</u>	<u>6am</u>	<p>Indirect fire was carried out during night.</p> <p>Gun fired from C $\frac{16a}{1540}$ on X ROADS C $\frac{18a}{6050}$ (2) FM DW GHASTEL. C $\frac{18a}{1511}$. 500 Rds 7 to 8.30pm.</p> <p>Gun at C $\frac{28c}{6045}$ fired at TRAMWAY. C $\frac{29b}{9872}$ to C $\frac{29b}{9010}$ (2) TRAMWAY. C $\frac{30d}{2540}$ to I $\frac{6a}{1005}$</p> <p>(3) ROAD II C $\frac{24c}{4065}$ to C $\frac{24c}{1835}$. Gun fired from C $\frac{22a}{7515}$ on TRAMWAY. C $\frac{23b}{9801}$ to C $\frac{24a}{9855}$.</p> <p>750 Rds 8 to 9.45. P.M. Quiet during day evening M.G. rather more active than usual during night. Dull day. light Wind. Visibility indifferent.</p>	
<u>L'Epinelette</u>	<u>29.3.17</u>	<u>6am</u>	<p>Right Sector: Gun fired from I $\frac{9b}{5232}$ 1000 rounds on I $\frac{18a}{6572}$ and I $\frac{12a}{2050}$ from 8.15 to 10 p.m.</p> <p>Left Sector: Gun fired from C $\frac{28c}{7510}$ 750 rounds on I $\frac{6c}{3025}$ D $\frac{60c}{6520}$ from 9 p.m. to 11 p.m.</p> <p>Artillery Generally quiet throughout 24 hours. During night every Machine Gun quiet in left Sector, but more active in Right. Aircraft inactive owing to dull day.</p> <p>Work proceeding on new dugouts, emplacements. Etc</p>	

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<u>Houplines</u>	<u>30.3.17</u>	<u>6am</u>	<p>Indirect fire in connection with O.P.</p> <p>From C $\frac{220}{7575}$ at 7.35 a.m. action was taken on enemy working party in Central CENTRAL SWITCH party was dispersed when action was taken. From C $\frac{220}{7575}$ at 8.15 a.m. much movement was observed in ruined buildings at the rear of CEREAL TRENCH. (Xa venture) Smoke was also observed issuing from the buildings evidently used as a bullet. On fire being opened all movement ceased, evidently the action had the desired effect, as at a later period movement in this quarter was unobserved. The following indirect fire without observation was carried out between 7 & 8.30 a.m. (1) CENSUS DRIVE from C $\frac{294}{7080}$ to C $\frac{302}{7055}$. (2) CEREAL and CEREMONY TRENCHES from C $\frac{302}{44025}$ to I $\frac{60}{5070}$ (3) BRUVE RUE RD from I $\frac{56}{7580}$ to I $\frac{60}{7010}$. Between 8.15 and 9.15 indirect fire was carried out from C $\frac{280}{6045}$ on X ROOFS C $\frac{302}{44025}$ (2) TRAMWAY. C $\frac{304}{2520}$ to C $\frac{306}{7075}$ 500 Rds.</p> <p>Fairly quiet during day and night. Five landed (Stelbs) in vicinity of STRONG POINT and TUNNEL Gun. Enemy M.G.'s very active during night. In Intim. threat, shower. Wind, mild. Visibility Good.</p>	
<u>Epinette</u>	<u>30.3.17</u>	<u>6am</u>	<p>Right Sector. Gun fired from I $\frac{96}{5232}$ 1000 rds on I $\frac{150}{6598}$ and I $\frac{120}{7050}$ from 7.30 to 9.30 p.m.</p> <p>Left Sector: Gun fired from I $\frac{140}{5375}$ 750 rds and I $\frac{120}{1090}$ and I $\frac{120}{7040}$ from 8 to 10 p.m.</p> <p>Artillery Generally quiet throughout the day. Moderate Retaliation to our T.M.</p> <p>bombardment at 1.45 p.m. During night M. Guns fairly active. Aircraft active towards dusk. Work proceeding on new dugouts. Emplacements Etc.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">g. h. W. C. M. Captain O.C. 9th M.G. Company</p>

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Houplines	31.3.17	6 am	<p>The following Indirect fire was carried out at 7.30 AM. but without observation Gun at C $\frac{280}{6045}$ fired on LAVENTURE. X ROADS at C30 Central Indirect fire Carried out during night. Nil owing to enemy activity Infantry officer was unable to reach the Gun. Fairly quiet day and night. Time - Light Wind - Visibility Good.</p>	
L'Epipette	31.3.17	6 am	<p>Right Sector: Gun fired from I $\frac{96}{5232}$ 750 rounds on I $\frac{176}{3010}$ and I $\frac{112}{9010}$ from 8.15. to 9.15 pm. and two special bursts at 10.15 pm. Left Sector: No night firing owing to Engineer working party Artillery generally quiet throughout day. Machine Guns during night, less active than usual. Work proceeding on new dugouts Emplacements Etc. Gun at I $\frac{96}{5232}$ ordered to cease fire at 9.15 pm. by officers of watch Special report following.</p>	

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