

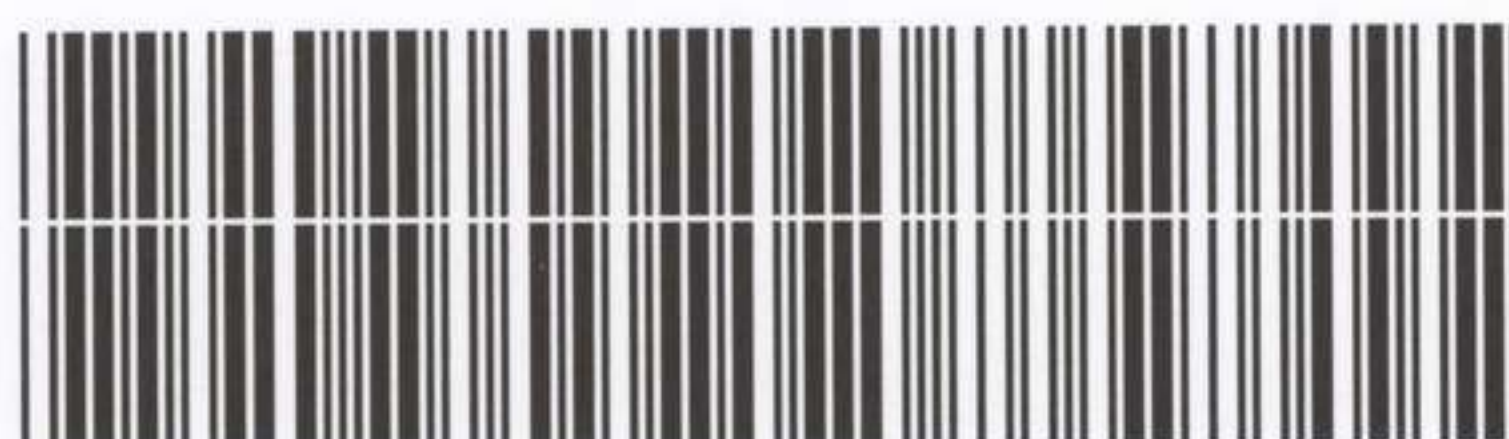
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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

Infantry Brigade

May 1916

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Rue Marle. Armentieres	April 30 th		7 th Bde took over trench lines from 5 th Bde. Frontage now occupied from 526h 4 1/2 2 1/2 to 516h 27	
	May 3 rd		Relief of Battalions completed by 1.15 am.	Appendix (1)
	4 th		GOC inspected line transport.	
	5 th		GOC visited D.H.Q. and was introduced to 2 nd Army Commander General H. Plummer	
	6 th		5 th Bde heavily shelled and raided about 8.30 am at BRIDoux Sabent	
	6 th		Gen Birdwood and General White visited trenches with GOC G.P.O. went round with Boerhaag.	
	7 th		Quiet but not uneventful	
	9 th		Five ^(one) one aeroplanes brought down in our trenches pilot killed. Machine shelled and burnt	
	10 th 11 th		GOC ^(2nd Division) visited trenches	
	12 th		GOC visited attended conference at 6 th Bde H.Q.	
	14 th		Conference at Bde H.Q. for COs, 2 nd in Command, Adjutants - Mr Baber behind	Appendix (2)
	15 th		False gas alarm started on the left of Brigade	
	17 th		Major Campbell ^{Army Gymnastic School} gave lecture on use of bayonet.	
	18 th		Concert party gave two concerts in Soldiers club these were much appreciated.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
<i>Rue Mark</i>	<i>May 20th</i>		<i>Lecture of trench instructors by O.C. Heavy Trench mortar school.</i>	
	<i>21st</i>		<i>Bn visited D.H.Q. to discuss defence scheme. G.O.C. visited G.O.C. ^{1st} New Zealand Bde on left- which recently relieved 51st Bde.</i>	
	<i>22nd</i>		<i>G.O.C. visited trenches with G.O.C. of New Zealand Bde.</i>	
	<i>23rd</i>		<i>Gen Burdwood visited trenches. Lecture on Bayonet fighting by Sgt Wilcox.</i>	
	<i>24th</i>		<i>C Batta HQ and 9 platoons moved to Bois GRENIER line</i>	<i>Appendix (3)</i>
	<i>26th</i>		<i>Lecture lecture on Air Photos - Bayonet class ^{instructed} instructed by specialists from ERQUIMONVILLE Physical Training school.</i>	
	<i>27th</i>		<i>2 Canadian Officers arrived in order to assist in practicing for a raid. Battal relieved.</i>	<i>Appendix (4)</i>
			<i>Daily Summary of all Intelligence Reports and Operations List of Casualties Drafts</i>	<i>Appendix (5) Appendix (6) Appendix 7</i>

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OPERATION ORDER NO.9. 1/5/16.

Reference Sheet 36 N.W.4 1/10,000.

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1. On night of 3rd/4th -
28th Bn or "C" Bn will relieve 26th or "A" Bn.
27th ,, "D" ,, 25th ,, "B" ,,
25th Bn will become "C" Bn
26th ,, ,, "D" ,,
 2. Moves will take place according to March Table attached.
 3. Details of the relief will be arranged between C/O's. concerned.
 4. Guides in proportion of 1 officer per Coy. and 1 N.C.O. per platoon from 25th and 26th Bns. will meet 27th and 28th Bns. according to March Table.
 5. Men of relieving Bns will carry full water bottles, 120 rounds per man, and 2 sandbags.
 6. No transport will cross BAX ST MAUR - LILLE Railway before 9 p.m. This transport will be available for bringing back stores and kits of "A" and "B" Bns. Units to indent direct on Bde. Transport Officer for any transport they require.
 7. Signallers, Lewis gunners, scouts, grenadier officer and Sgt. and 4 grenadiers will reach front line at 2.30 p.m. on the 3rd inst. and will take over their duties, but the specialists of outgoing Bns will remain there and move with their units. Bns. 2nds in Command, 1 officer per Coy. and Works officer and Intelligence officer and observers of incoming Bns. will proceed to trenches on the morning of May 3rd and take over during daylight all work in progress, duties, trench stores, ammunition, etc., giving receipts for same.
 8. 25th Bn will take over billets from 28th Bn.
26th ,, ,, 27th Bn.
Billeting parties from outgoing Bns will report at 11 a.m. of 3rd May at their respective new Bn H.Qrs to take over billets.
 9. O's/C. ⁱⁿ outgoing Bns should arrange to store their spare blankets in their present billeting area, leaving a very small guard in charge, who will be attached to the relieving unit for rations.
 10. No engineer stores will be sent up and no fatigue parties will be required on the 4th.
 11. Bns will report by wire as soon as relief is completed.
 12. Acknowledge.

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7	28th Bn.
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9	7th F. Coy.
10	4th Aus. F. Art.
11	Bde Trans. Officer
12	2nd Aus Div.)
13	51st Bde.) For information.
14	5th Bde.)

Stewart Hamilton
 Capt.
 Brigade Major,
 7th Aus. Inf. Bde.

RELIEVING UNIT	: UNITS TO BE RELIEVED IN BN. BILLETTS OR TRENCHES	: ROUTE TO TRENCHES OR BILLETTS	: GUIDES WILL MEET BNS AT RENDEZVOUS	: HOUR LEADING PLATOON TO REACH RENDEZVOUS	: POSITION OF BILLETTS TO BE OCCUPIED BY "C" and "D" BNS.	: REMARKS
27th or "D" Bn.	: 25th or "B" Bn	: FORK ROADS-I 1 d 7 3 : - I 9 c 3 5 - : LEITH WALK & COWGATE : AVENUES	: 150 yds west of : I 1 d 7 3	: 8 p.m.		
28th or "C" Bn Less 2 Coys 2 platoons	: 26th or "A" Bn	: FORK ROADS-I 1 d 7 3 : - BRICKFIELD - : I 14 h 4 2-HAYSTACK : AVENUE	: DITTO	: 8.35 p.m.		
25th or "B" Bn	: 2 Coys 2 platoons "C" Bn.	: TO BE ARRANGED MUTUALLY BETWEEN O/C's CONCERNED				: 1 Coy LILLE POST & : FERME DE BIEZ : and 1 platoon BOIS : GRENIER LINE.
2 Coys 2 platoons 28th Bn.	: 26th or "A" Bn	: AFTER RELIEF BY 25th Bn. DETAILS TO BE ARRANGED MUTUALLY : BETWEEN C/O's CONCERNED.				: 1 platoon PARADISE ALLEY
25th or "B" Bn Less 2 Coys and 2 platoons	: 28th or "C" Bn	: LEITH WALK or WINE Ave: : BRICKFIELDS-I 1 d 7 3			: East side of : RUE MARLE : H 12 b 4 7	: 2 Coys 2 platoons : in LILLE POST and : BOIS GRENIER line : as above
26th or "A" Bn	: 27th or "D" Bn	: PARK ROW - LA VESEE- : L'ARMEE			: 2 Coys west : side of RUE : MARLE : 2 Coys. : H 5 b 7 3	

BATTALIONS WILL MOVE AS FAR AS RENDEZVOUS IN COMPANIES AT 6 MINS. INTERVAL, AND AFTERWARDS IN PLATOONS AT 2 MINS. INTERVALS.

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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

OPERATION ORDER NO. 10.

12.5.16.

Reference Sheet 36 N.W.4 1/10,000.

1. On the night of 15th/16th.
 26th or "D" Bn. will relieve 28th or "A" Bn.
 25th or "C" Bn. " " " 27th or "B" Bn.
 28th Bn will become "D" Bn.
 27th Bn " " " "C" Bn.
2. ~~Moves will not be commenced until after dark.~~
3. Details of the relief will be arranged between the C/O's concerned.
4. Bde M/Gun Officer will arrange the reliefs of his batteries.
5. Men of relieving Bns will carry full water bottles, 120 rounds per man, and two sandbags.
6. No transport will cross BAC ST MAUR - LILLE Railway before 9 p.m. This transport will be available for bringing back stores and kits of "A" and "B" Bns.
 Units to indent direct on Bde Transport Officer for any transport they require.
7. Signallers, Lewis gunners, scouts, grenadier officer & Sgt. and 4 grenadiers will reach front line at 2-30 p.m. on the 15th inst., and will take over their duties, but the specialists of outgoing Bns. will remain there and move with their units. Bns. 2nd in Command, 1 officer per Coy. and Works officer and Intelligence Officer and Observers of ingoing Bns will proceed to trenches on the morning of May 15th and take over during daylight all work in progress, duties, trench stores, ammunition, etc., giving receipts for same.
8. O's/C, outgoing Bns should arrange to store their spare blankets in their present billeting area, leaving a very small guard in charge, who will be attached to the relieving unit for rations.
 on night of 15th
9. No engineer stores will be sent up/and no fatigue parties will be required on the 16th.
10. Bns. will report by wire as soon as relief is completed.
11. Acknowledge.

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 14 5th Brigade)

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 BRIGADE MAJOR,
 7th Aus Inf Bde.

7th Australian Infantry Brigade

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re OPERATION ORDERS NO. 10.

Operation Order para 3 is cancelled and the following substituted:-

- 2. Companies of 'C' and 'D' Bns. will not leave billets before 8 p.m. and will move with platoons at 3 minutes interval.

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Capt.
BRIGADE MAJOR.
7th Aust Inf Brigade.

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OPERATION ORDER NO. 11.

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Reference Sheet 56 N.W.6 1/20,000

1. On the night of May 24th/25th "C" Bn. less 7 platoons already in the trenches will move to the Subsidiary line.
2. The reserve Coy of "A" Bn will move forward to the reserve trenches. This move will be commenced at 6p.m. and be completed by 8 p.m.
3. The Coy of the Pioneer Bn now in the subsidiary line, after being relieved, will move to the billets vacated by "C" Coy., "C" Bn. at H 6 d 8 8.
4. "C" Bn will move from their present billets at 8 p.m. by platoons with three minute intervals. Routes to be arranged by O. C., Bn.
5. Transport will be arranged regimentally.
6. An officer from both of the ingoing Coys will proceed to the Subsidiary line and take over during daylight all work in progress, trench stores, ammunition, etc., giving receipts for same. Receipts in duplicate for everything taken over will be forwarded to Bde H.Qrs.
7. Men of "C" Bn will carry full water bottles, 120 rounds and two sandbags per man.
8. "C" Bn will return one blanket per man to the regimental quartermaster.
9. The blacksmith shop and tool yard belonging to the Pioneer Bn. will still remain in the Subsidiary line.
10. "A" and "C" Bns will report by wire as soon as move is completed.
11. Acknowledge.

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| 6 | 28th Bn. |
| 7 | T/M Battery |
| 8 | M/G Company |
| 9 | 7th F, Coy. |
| 10 | Pioneer Bn. |
| 11 | 2 nd Aust. Div. |

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 7th Aust Inf Bde.

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OPERATION ORDER NO. 12
by Brig-Gen. J. Paton, V&D.,
Commanding.

Appendix 4

Reference Sheet 36 N.W. 1/20,000.

1. On the night of May 27th/28th -
 28th or "D" Bn. will relieve 26th or "A" Bn.
 26th or "A" Bn. ,, ,, 27th or "C" Bn.
 27th or "C" Bn. ,, ,, 25th or "B" Bn.
 25th or "B" Bn. will become "D" Bn.
2. Moves will take place according to March Table attached.
3. Details of the relief will be arranged between C. O's concerned.
4. One officer from the 27th Bn. with an N.C.O. from each platoon will report to "A" Bn. H. Qrs. as guides at 8.30 p.m. for 26th Bn.
5. Men of 27th and 28th Bns will carry full water bottles, 120 rounds and 2 sandbags per man.
6. Units to indent direct on Bde Transport Officer for any transport they require.
7. Signallers, Lewis gunners, Scouts, Grenadier Officer & Sgt. and 4 grenadiers will reach front line at 2.30 p.m. May 27th, and will take over their duties, but the Specialists of outgoing Bns. will remain there and move with their units. Bns. 2nd in command, 1 officer per Coy., Works officer, Intelligence Officer and Observers of ingoing Bns. will proceed to the front trenches on the morning of May 27th and take over during daylight all work in progress, duties, trench stores, ammunition, etc., giving receipts for same.
8. 26th Bn. Grenadier Platoon will remain in the trenches and be attached to 28th Bn. until the return of the 28th Bn. Grenadier Platoon.
9. A billeting party from the 25th Bn will report at 11 a.m. May 27th at the 28th Bn H. Qrs. to take over billets.
10. In view of B. R. O. No. 342 the 28th Bn. should return their spare blankets to the Regimental Quartermaster on the night of May 27th.
11. No engineer stores will be sent up and no fatigue parties will be required on May 28th.
12. Bns. will report by wire as soon as relief is completed.
13. Acknowledge.

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| 8 | Bde M/G Coy. |
| 9 | 7th Field Coy. |
| 10 | 4th Field Art Bde. |
| 11 | 5th ,, ,,) |
| 12 | 2nd Aust Div.) |
| 13 | N. Z. Inf Bde.) For information |
| 14 | 5th Brigade) |

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24/5/16.

Relieving Unit	Units to be Relieved	Route	Starting Point and Time	Remarks
28th or "D" Bn.	26th or "A" Bn.	Portion by LA VESEE & PARK ROW. Portion by fork roads at I 1 d 7 3 & HAYSTACK & WELLINGTON AVES.	L'ARMEE 8 p.m. 150 yds west of I 1 d 7 3 8 p.m.	
26th or "A" Bn. less 1 Coy.	27th or "C" Bn. Subsidiary Line	PARK ROW WELLINGTON AVE. HAYSTACK AVENUE	When relieved	Coys when relieved to move out by same communication trench as used by relieving Coy.
1 Coy 26th Bn.	1 Coy 27th Bn.	Subsidiary Line LEITH WALK	When relieved	
27th or "C" Bn. less 1 Coy.	25th or "B" Bn.	WINE AVENUE COWGATE AVE LEITH WALK	Subsidiary Line, 8 p.m.	One officer & Guards to be left on duty until relieved by 26th.
1 Coy 27th Bn.	25th or "B" Bn.	LEITH WALK	LILLE POST 9 p.m.	ditto
25th or "B" Bn.	28th or "D" Bn.	WINE AVENUE COWGATE AVE LEITH WALK BRICKFIELD FORK ROADS I 1 d 7 3.	When relieved	Coys to move as soon as relieved in front line by the same communication trench as used by relieving Coy.

BATTALIONS WILL MOVE IN PLATOONS AT THREE MINUTE INTERVALS

Appendix No. 4

CONFIDENTIAL.1st MAY 1918.7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY. NO. 24.OUR OPERATIONS.

Howitzer battery shelled bty. at O 5 c 7 8.
 M/Gun Coy searched DISTILLERY ROAD and PARADISE ROAD
 to I 2 b 7 9. Snipers claim another victim. He was
 wearing a cap with a shiney peak.
WORK. Revettments made, traverses filled in and extra
 fire steps made.

ENEMY ACTIVITY.

At 7 p.m. shelled heavy battery at RUE d'ACQUETS
 vigorously. About 20 rounds fell behind trenches 80 and
 81. No damage.

RUSES. Enemy are using dummy figures and periscopes a
 great deal. He also puts more loopholes on the parapet
 than he appears to use. These plates are put up without
 any attempt to conceal them evidently with the idea of
 drawing fire. Observed enemy using sandbag mask. A
 slight movement betrayed him. This is made to look like
 a sandbag viewed sideways with a hole in the centre.

ENEMY DEFENCES. Party in dark blue laying telephone wire
 near GERMAN NO, I 21 b 2 1. Wire was observed coming over
 enemy parapet and attached to entanglements about I 21 c 7 3.
 At dusk a party commenced work on entanglements. We dispersed
 them with fire. Building at I 22 a 8 10 is believed to
 be occupied. A working party at I 23 b 9 8 was dispersed
 Men wore light blue. The man in charge had silver buttons
 on his tunic in the front and on the tails.

ENEMY TRANSPORT. Trench tramway reported yesterday has been
 followed nearly all the way to house I 25 d 0 2. Transport
 was distinctly heard near WEZ MACQUART.

COMMUNICATIONS. A pigeon flew over our lines and landed at
 GERMAN NO in enemy line. Three pigeons flew over our lines
 later and went on over the German lines towards FORT ENGLOS.

AIRCRAFT. Three enemy machines were over our lines between
 5 a.m. and 9 a.m. A Taube flew over at 5 p.m.

OBSERVATIONS. A party of 20 men were marched from FORT
 ENGLOS in a S.W. direction. They disappeared into a comm-
 unication trench. Two horsemen were seen on road at I 25 b.

Extracts from 51st Eds Intelligence Summary.MOVEMENTS (ENEMY'S ATTITUDE).

Four men were seen walking across road before PREMESQUE
 BARRIERE at I 24 b 5 1, presumably out of trench at I 24 b 3 2.
 Occasional small parties and cyclist orderlies seen before
 BARRIERE especially between 6 and 7 p.m. A G.S. wagon came
 down the road on left of BARRIERE at 7 p.m.
 A man was seen observing from the roof of a house at J 15 c 9 7.
 There is possibly an O.P. behind a shell hole in a house on
 north side of the LILLE Road in WEZ MACQUART, about I 16 d 8 1,
 movements were observed here at 9.30 p.m.

WORK AND WORKING PARTIES. Working parties have been seen at
 I 16 b 7 1. A man was seen carrying what looked like a bomb
 catapult at about I 16 d 7 9.

MISCELLANEOUS. About 20 tall red poles (similar to those reported
 before at I 17 c 3 9) in direction 152° East of T.M. appear to
 be erected behind enemy's front line at about I 22 a 8 9. They
 appear to be erected in pairs. The house in rear of PREMESQUE
 BARRIERE at I 24 b 5 1 p has a 12' pole on the roof, also a little
 further back a short pole with two telegraph insulators.

J. M. ...
 Capt.

7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

30/4/16.

PATROL REPORT - 28th Bn.

Patrol consisting of one officer, two N.C.O's and five other ranks went out from Sector 58, I 20 1 at 10.50 p.m. 30/4/16, and returned at 1.15 a.m. 1/5/16.

No enemy patrols were seen.

No Man's Land. Everything was quiet, no signs of enemy working parties evident. Name No Man's Land becoming a misnomer.

Noises were heard behind enemy's lines similar to noise as would be made by trucks being run over iron rails.

All flares put up by enemy were fired from their own parapets.

Sgd. A. F. McVilly, Lt.
Scout Officer, 28th Bn.

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A party consisting of myself, No 415 Sgt. R. Smart, 610, Pte Forté, C., 1747, Pte Osborne G., 49, Pte Drummond P. and 599 Pte Randleson, T.J., went out into No Man's Land at 9 p.m. from I 20 1 20 1. We proceeded along the left bank of the stream COURAU and travelled along small channel towards enemy's lines. The channel was dry, about 2' deep with an embankment on each side. We got in close to enemy's entanglements and found them in good order, being very thick and well stacked down, the wire was the usual type used by the enemy, being very heavy with long barbs about 4" apart. We were not nearer than 50x to their front lines and heard them talking. We also heard three different sentries patrolling in their trenches from the sound of their walking we concluded they have duck boards in their trenches. The position of the man who fires the flares from this quarter is apparently behind his own parapet.

The country between ours and the enemy trenches was dry, slightly wavy affording but poor cover, being open to fire from different parts of their line. The COURAU looked to be fairly deep and was still running strongly.

While close to the enemy trenches we noticed a machine gun firing from a point approx. I 20 b 10 9.

We then returned along the same route arriving back at 10.45 p.m.

Sgd H. S. Boyle, R/Lt.
Bomb Officer, 28th Bn.

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7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

1/5/18.

PATROL REPORT - 30/4/18.

A patrol consisting of 1 Officer and 5 men left by Sally Port trench 64 at 8.15 p.m. returning at 12.30 p.m. Owing to sentries reporting what appeared to be enemy patrol moving in front of trench 64 and 63 on the previous night we moved out with the objective of engaging this patrol if possible. We travelled the course as shown on sketch. When we arrived at the head of ditch 63 Pte Chambers and I examined chair. When on patrol on night of the 26th ~~inst.~~ inst., in company with Pte Chambers and Pte M. Breen we examined this chair and I tied the piece of white rag that was tied to the chair in a knot. Since then the knot has been untied and the chair turned round. We thought this was the work of the enemy patrol on the night of the 30th so we planned ~~in~~ a little scheme and decided to wait for enemy patrol. We waited till midnight but nothing eventuated. Owing to Pte Breen and myself having colds and unable to prevent coughing we returned home at 12.30 a.m. Between 9 and 10 p.m. we heard music in the German lines singing and some instruments sounded like concertinas. Sound seemed to come from where LILLE road runs through their lines. The patrol consisted of G. Carroll, 2/Lt. 512 Pte Breen, 327, Pte Chambers, 470, Pte O'Gorman, 1544, Pte Johnston, I. and 1562, Pte Philpott, B.

Sgd. G. Carroll, 2/Lt.

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7th Australian Infantry Brigade
Confidential 2nd May 1916.
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 24.

OUR OPERATIONS

104th Howitzer Battery under aeroplane observation shelled battery behind WEZ MACQUART.
19th Battery fired 30 rounds at two known observation posts. M/Gun Coy. searched enemy's front and support line from GERMAN HOUSE, I 21 b 2 1 to LILLE road.
Searched QUEER STREET and DISTILLERY road in I 22. Played on breach in parapet made by artillery. Continued observation and sniping. Two more of the enemy shot by our snipers and 6 periscopes broken.
WORK. New traverses and extra firesteps constructed. Draining of trenches.

ENEMY ACTIVITY.

Enemy shelled position in centre I 13 - No damage. At noon 77 shells put into CHAPELLE ARMENTIERES. A few shells put into trench 68. A dugout and parapet smashed in one place.
ENEMY DEFENCES. Wire reported yesterday as coming over parapet was noted to-day. The position is I 21 c 3 1. The wire passed through the loops of 2 corkscrews in enemy wire. Apparently an alarm device in case entanglements are entered.
ENEMY ROUTES. Only one truck was moved along trench tramway. At 5.30 a motor transport was observed, area I 33 c 10 2 1/2. Loaded wagon drawn by two horses seen on road near FORT ENGLOS.
COMMUNICATIONS. 11 a.m. heliograph visible at FORT ENGLOS. noon heliograph visible at STATION, I 27 b 2 4. Several pigeons about GERMAN HOUSE, I 21 b 2 1. At 7.15 p.m. three pigeons passed over our lines and on to the German lines.
OBSERVATIONS. At 3 p.m. an observer was noticed in DISTILLERY. A man with white cap band seen in front trench. It was reported from two different positions that a side drum was beaten in enemy trenches at 4.30 a.m and 7 a.m.
A party of 16 to 20 with full packs were seen moving S.W. about 5 p.m. along road in I 34.
ENEMY AIRCRAFT. At 5 p.m. three aeroplanes in close formation were travelling S.E. near our lines. They looked like double engined biplanes, type G.

Capt.

7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

Patrol Report 1/5/16.

A party consisting of myself, L/Cpl Semour, Pts. Morris and T. Jones, went out into No Man's Land from I 20 d 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ 6. We proceeded along the left hand side of the stream which flows through our trenches. After proceeding a short distance another branch of the creek was observed which ran into the creek at about one hundred yards from our trench. The bed of the small branch is full of stunted trees. Following the main stream a number of planks were observed which would serve as foot bridge if necessary. Some parts of the stream appear to be very deep. Running at right angles to the creek a small drain or sap was entered. It extended for about 20 yds and was overgrown with grass which afforded excellent cover. There are numerous folds in the ground and large clumps of grass which afforded the necessary cover for the party. Further along the stream on the left side there is a small willow sbrub and at the base there is a very fair wooden bridge. Very few shots were fired from the enemy trench and the machine guns were silent. Their trenches sound as if they were much deeper than our own. A patrol is on duty in the trenches and his tramping is easily heard on the wooden flooring. At times the tunes of men could be indistinctly heard.

A party seemed to be at work on the outside of the trench either with pick and shovel or else fixing up the ~~xxx~~ barb wire. A rolling sound such as would be made by transport was heard in the rear of the lines. All flares are fired from behind the parapet. One on being fired failed to ~~explode~~ ignite but could not be found.

We then returned by the same route and arriving at 11 p.m. after being absent for two hours.

Sgd J.V.Black, Cpl.
26th Bn Bombers.

A patrol consisting of G. Carroll, 2/Lt, No 518 Sgt Snow, and Pte Turner, left trench 67 from position as shown on sketch. We proceeded along ditch which runs parellel with LILLE road on the E side. This ditch is from 3' to 4' deep and is at present dry. There is a fair amount of telegraph wire in the drain and would be some little trouble to any troops using same. The enemys transport was very active on LILLE road railway traffic was very active in direction indicated on sketch. We proceeded further and could hear some men in front line hammering, similar to that of a boilermaker hammering cold rivets.

The enemy only sent up one flare and the searchlight was not in use. We seemed to be close to their barbed wire, but it was very dark. We listened here for about 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours. Then we heard a party working at the barbed wire on our left. They seemed very busy, but we were in a bad position and could not see exactly what was going on. I decided to return to our lines and get the M. Guns on them. We returned about 11.30 p.m. I informed the officer in charge of trench 67 and 66. Two M/Guns were played on to the position.

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Sgd G. Carroll 2/Lt.
25th Bn.

7th Australian Infantry Brigade.
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PATROL REPORT - 25th Bn.

A patrol consisting of Lt Corney, No 513, Sgt Snow, C. and No. 760, Pte Thayne, R. moved out from Sally Port in trench 67 at 8.30p.m. last night.

We proceeded along a ditch running parallel to and just alongside LILLE road. Our course is shown on sketch by dotted line. The ditch is about 3'6" deep, 4' wide and is at present dry. All along the bottom we found both barbed and telephone wire which hindered our progress to a certain extent.

At A on sketch we reached a stove culvert and had to pass over road - marked on map - which is about 12' wide. When we got to B we halted for sometime and listened. We could hear sounds of metal clanking together and also heard enemy working parties on our left front. We then moved on to C and again listened. Here our machine guns seemed to have found our working party and fired on them. The party was not heard again, also heard sentry whistling for some time.

On our way down ditch we noticed eight small, dull flares go up in enemy's trench in straight line with ditch. They did not go up higher than 20' and were sent from front line backwards at intervals of about 10 minutes. It was probably some signal, the meaning of which we could not understand. Sketch attached.

Sgd. F.R. Corney, Lt.

REPORT - Scout Officer - 25th Bn.

Two pigeons apparently carrier, were seen to fly in direction indicated on sketch at 7 p.m. I watched same till out of sight. At place marked on sketch I have heard the enemy endeavouring to imitate the Australian laughing jack ass. Three nights in succession at 8 p.,. If he makes a practice of this. It may help information as to when they relieve. On the night of 1/5/16 Sgt Snow found what seemed to be pieces of flares. Am forwarding same on.

Sgd. Geo. Carroll, 2/Lt.

PATROL REPORT - 26th Bn., 2/5/16.

Patrol went out from left of Sector 58 at 9 p.m. and worked along the COURAU rivulet S.E. and returned at 11.25 p.m.

Enemy Patrol. No Patrols met with.

Enemy Working Parties. No enemy working parties seen or heard.

No Man's Land. Grass is getting long and the ground is still very wet in places.

General. Our patrol was fired upon from parapet but no casualty occurred.

Corp. E. Lee, 1267, was in charge of patrol.

Sgd. A.F. McVilly, Lt.
 O/C. Scouts. 26th

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OUR OPERATIONS.

Batteries registered for retaliation schemes. At 3.45 p.m. 104th How. and 11th Battery each fired 40 rounds at FLEUR D'ECOSSE, I 29 a 2 3. Two buildings were set on fire. One evidently contained ammunition as there were three reports. At 5.30 p.m. 14th Battery put 12 rounds into DISTILLERY and 14 rounds at house I 27 b 6 1/2 0. At 6 p.m. 13th Battery scored 18 hits out of 20 on DISTILLERY. Our snipers claim another victim, and broke four periscopes, they also broke a periscopic rifle and its periscope. M/Gun Coy. searched QUEER ST. and DISTILLERY ROAD. Traversed from LILLE Rd. north. traversed and searched front and support trenches from GERMAN HO to railway I 21 c 74. WORK. Draining of front and S.S.lines. New trenches and revetment done.

ENEMY KRTKTKKRY

ACTIVITY. At 4 p.m. enemy put 15 rounds into LILLE POST. No damage. COWGATE AVENUE was shelled at noon. Our transport lines were again shelled. A farmhouse was partially destroyed and a limbered wagon smashed. No casualties. Two enemy machine guns were firing at aeroplanes. Position about I 21 b 5 2. Enemy sniping north of WEZ MACQUART is well concealed and constant.

ENEMY DEFENCES. At I 21 a 1 5 a working party was observed putting in a traverse. Machine gun dispersed them. A portion of breastwork is being built out near GERMAN HO. It goes nearly to entanglements and would be a suitable position for machine gun.

IDENTIFICATIONS. Two enemy seen wearing grey caps, no peaks, and white bands. Another party wearing grey uniform and grey cap bands.

MISCELLANEOUS. Party of 25 men going east could be seen on the skyline at O 4 a 3 7. 10 men in single file at 1.30 p.m. moved across in front of FT ENGLOS. Glasses seen flashing in LARGE FARM, I 22 b 7 9 and enemy seen moving at this place.

J.W. Blacket
 Capt.

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OUR OPERATIONS.

19th Battery had a forward gun at I 9 c 5 5 which did some good shelling at FME EPERONERIE, I 23 c 10 9 and FLEUR D' ECOSSE, I 29 a 2 3. Howitzers and 11th Battery shelled front and support trenches, I 21 b and I 21 c. M/Gun Coy. only traversed a small portion of enemy trench and fired on working party reported by patrol. Trench Mortar Battery hurled eighteen 3.7 bombs into enemy trenches at I 21 b.

WORK.

Wire put out in front of trenches 59, 60 and 63.

ENEMY ACTIVITY.

Artillery was confined chiefly to our front and support trenches. Trenches 59, 60 and 62 and their supports suffered slight damage. Very little rifle fire. M/Guns fairly active from 7.30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Very little bombing.

ENEMY DEFENCES.

A working party at I 21 b 3 0 is removing large quantities of earth. A party of four dressed in grey green were seen at I 21 d 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ building a breastwork between a picket fence and mound. At I 21 b 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ parapet has been built up for about 40 yards. Listening post in front of trench 67 report enemy cutting down rape in front of their wire.

ENEMY AEROPLANES.

An aeroplane was seen to be in flames falling some distance north of our position at 3.40 p.m. Fokker was over our position at 5 p.m.

COMMUNICATIONS.

Heliograph was working at FORT ENGLOS between 11.10 a.m. and noon. At 7.5 p.m. two pigeons crossed our line & flew into WEZ MACQUART.

MOVEMENTS IN REAR.

At 1.45 motor cyclist came down road at I 29 a 1 4 & disappeared at I 28 b 7 5 returning at 2 p.m. At 3.45 p.m. three men crossed road at I 29 a 1 4. Three horsemen seen near house at I 29 @ 1 3. Smoke observed coming from chimney at I 22 b 6 3.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Several men seen wearing field grey uniform. A ladder was noticed at I 22 c 3 9 leaning against a small tree in rear of support line.

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PATROL REPORT , 4/5/16.

An officer's patrol left trench 59 at 9 p.m. and proceeded along ditch (18) as far as disused trench about half way across. We then crossed ditches (19) and (20) and examined ground thoroughly up to point where railway line runs into enemy's trenches. Ground in very good condition, grass about 6" high with several tufts running to 1' affording good cover. All ditches easy to cross. No signs of hostile patrols or working parties in this sector. Patrol returned at 1.30 a.m.

Sgd. R.H.Gill, 2/Lt.

Patrol Report - 27th Bn.

Patrol consisting of 1 officer, 1 sgt. and 2 other ranks went out from "A" Coy. Sector, I 16 / 1 8 at 8.15 p.m. Patrol proceeded along right of rape crop. This is 18" to 2' high. We did not notice any flare lights coming from rape crop as reported by L/Cpl Lewis of Bde Snipers. About a third of the way across we found a small German flag stuck in the ground on a small stick. This we brought in. We clearly heard what appeared to be the working of a shutter or Rey and then a few minutes later the searchlight opened up. No enemy was seen and the patrol returned at 12 midnight.

With 1 N.C.O. I then ~~went~~ went out from "D" Coy. sector, I 15 d 1 5 to get another German flag which we had observed during the day. This we got outside our own wire fastened in the ground by the two sticks. Our wire at this point extends a fair distance out, but is rather scattered and a lot of loose wire is on the ground. We returned at 1 a.m. Both flags are being sent to Headquarters.

Sgd. D.L.Ross, Lt.
Scout Officer, 27th Bn.

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OUR OPERATIONS.

104th Howitzer Bty. shelled house at I 22 b 8 4. 10th Bty. shelled communication trenches. Estaminet BARRIER I 22 b 5 0 was shelled. Shooting was good. 19th Bty. scored 9 direct hits in 11 rounds on FME D'EPERDNERIE, I 23 c 9 9. When the attack signal was given by the brigade on our right the artillery heavily shelled the enemy front and support trenches opposite our line.

Our snipers claim another three Germans.

M/Gun traversed road from WEZ MACQUART to DISTILLERY. Searched QUEER ST, I 22 a. Searched ELBOW ROAD, I 27 c.

WORK.

Repairs to parapet. Wire put out in front of trench 63.

ENEMY ACTIVITY.

During the day enemy shelled LA VESEE, RATION FARM, I 19 b 9 5 and buildings at I 13 d 2 7. A few shells were put into PARK ROW communication trench. At 8 a.m. enemy put in 150 shells along RUE DES ACQUETS evidently after a heavy battery. A farm at H 5 d 2 6 was burnt down by their shells.

A heavy bombardment commenced on our right at 7.35 p.m. and was maintained until 9 p.m. Three green rockets were sent up by enemy at commencement. Our trenches got a slight shelling but many shells came about the RUE MARLE - L'ARMEE Road. One shell struck a building and killed 7 civilians. Many green flares were used by the enemy during the bombardment. A few rifle grenades were put into our line.

ENEMY DEFENCES. Enemy are still adding loopholes/plates to front line opposite trenches 64 and 65, I 22 a.

MOVEMENT IN REAR. Small parties were seen on PARADISE ROAD apparently going to some headquarters situated about I 29 a 2 5. About 5.5 p.m. three horsemen riding abreast appeared at I 29 a 2 1/2 and disappeared over skyline at I 29 d 1 3. Three men were walking towards PARADISE Road and disappeared at I 29 a 2 5. These men returned 9 minutes later. Five groups of 3 and 4 men appeared from behind a house moving with 20 pace intervals at I 29 a 2 5. They walked along avenue of trees crossed PARADISE ROAD and entered sap below skyline. A G.S. wagon drawn by 2 horses appeared at I 29 a 1 4, crossed PARADISE Road and disappeared behind house I 29 a 2 5. Parties of men were observed moving south at I 36 a. There were about 100 men and each appeared to be carrying a shell.

COMMUNICATIONS. Heliograph active all day at FORT ENGLOS. Another heliograph was working on roof of house at I 34 c 9 1/2 7. Three lines of telephone wire can be seen. It is thought they terminate in ruined house at I 27 b 4 2.

IDENTIFICATIONS. One of the enemy shot by us was wearing a dark cap with shiny peak and a yellow or gold braid around the band.

Six men in dark blue were seen in a sap.

MISCELLANEOUS. Trucks near the DISTILLERY were heard moving during the night. M/Gun fire was brought to bear on this place.

Extracts from Intelligence Summary - 51st Brigade.

Four low trucks were pushed across the road in front of the BARRIERE, presumably a light track, at I 24 b 2 1/2 1 1/2.

It is thought that enemy has a gun about point I 23 c 9 9.

The bright reflection was again seen on second floor of Estaminet de la Barriere.

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Intelligence Summary No 29.

OUR OPERATIONS.

Very little artillery fire. Enemy parapet was damaged at I 22 a 5 2 by a few rounds of shrapnel at 8 p.m. Artillery also registered a few targets. M/Am Coy. fired on enemy working parties.

WORK.

Improvement of firesteps and parapet in trench 57 and 58. Draining of trench 57 & building dugouts. Wire put out in front of trench 58.

ENEMY ACTIVITY.

For the last three days enemy has regularly shelled junction of PARK ROAD and BOIS SERRIER line near RAILWAY PASS. 8 rounds were fired over trenches 50 and 51 at 9.30 a.m. Between 9 and 10 a.m. enemy put 36 rounds of 77 into RUE FLEURIE, I 13 b 4 8. Between 11 a.m. and noon about 15 heavy shells in neighbourhood of LA VESSE, I 19 a 9 7. Sniping active from trenches at I 15 d north of HILLS ROAD. The frequency of the shooting on the T trench in trench 57 appears as though the enemy is using a machine gun.

ENEMY DEFENCES. Enemy is making slight improvements to his parapets in I 21 5 and I 22 a. Enemy's parapet is damaged at I 21 b 2 7.

MOVEMENTS IN EAR. Observers report a good deal of movement though mostly well concealed. At 7.15 p.m. four small parties were observed making their way into the trenches. Too dark to distinguish details. 4 two-horsed wagons were observed about the same time. A body of troops in full marching order were moving in front of FORT ENCHOS moving west, apparently a relief. Noticed at 7.30 p.m. A working party of 10 in light blue was observed at 10.30 a.m. just north of red tiled house at I 11 d 9 1. They later disappeared into wood. Two other small parties in light blue were seen near this place during the day. At 2.15 p.m. I 23 c 8 9 a mounted man appeared for a few seconds moving towards wood. At 7.30 a.m. at I 23 b 10 5 on PARADISE ROAD a man in full marching order was seen moving along line of telegraph poles. A party of 9 men walked from I 29 a 2 5 along road to I 23 b 10 5 where they disappeared. Another party of 9 were seen at 8 p.m. moving along PARADISE ROAD towards trenches. At 10.15 p.m. two men in full marching order moved west across fields. Cyclist carrying a large white parcel was seen on PARADISE ROAD. Disappeared round corner of a house. Could not be located.

IDENTIFICATIONS. A man was seen at I 27 b 4 8 wearing field grey and a flat cap with white band. Also light blue uniforms of working parties reported above.

NOISES. At I 19 d 7 4 at 7 a.m. three funny figures were seen by a screen. One was wearing a steel helmet of French pattern.

COMBIBATIONS. A pigeon was seen to alight at SNIPERS HOUSE, I 22 a 3 8 about 5 minutes later it flew south east in direction of wood.

From other sources.

At 1.30 p.m. yesterday smoke was seen coming from two holes in the ground in "NO MAN'S LAND" at about 5 8 d 6 4. Smoke came from each hole alternately and was apparently controlled.

ENEMY'S REAR LINE OF DEFENCE. A new steel grey fence or screen about 5' high has been erected in front of wood at I 23 b 8 4, only about 10 yards of it is visible owing to the foliage on either side.

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Patrol Report.

Patrol of 1 Sgt and 2 men left our trench in I 16 c 5 6 and established itself as an advanced listening post about I 16 c 7 3. Remained there from 8.15 p.m. to 1.30 a.m. No enemy patrol was encountered and no movement observed.

Patrol returned at about 2 p.m.

Sgd. R.D.SOUTHON, Lt.
Bn Scout Officer.

28th Bn - Night 6/7th May 1916.

An officers patrol left Trench 59 at 9.15 p.m. and proceeded along drain (I) and thence between drains 13 and 17 (old numbering) to enemy's front line, the distance from our trench was checked by means of a 20 yard length of wire and was found to be approx. 400 yards. At the point reached the enemy's wire appeared to be about 30 to 40 yds from parapet. The wire was found to be strong and well staked with corkscrews. It was found tedious and difficult to cut it with the issue cutters, which, although powerful and silent have not sufficient gripping surface for quiet work in the dark. Samples of wire are sent herewith, as wish had been expressed by Div. Int. Officer for same.

The ground traversed was found to be dry on our side but got wetter towards enemy's wire. There was an abundance of grass about 6" high and nearly half way across is a selfsown cornfield shown as a light coloured patch on aerial photo No K.206 of 16/4/16.

Connecting files were dropped at regular intervals, but at no point were hostile patrols seen.

The enemy were heard working within their own lines.
Patrol returned at 12.15 a.m.

Sgd. R.H.GILL, Lt.

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Intelligence Summary No. 30.

OUR OPERATIONS.

19th Bty. registered enemy trenches north of QUEER STREET at I 22 a. 11th Battery registered along DISTILLERY ROAD to BREWERY I 22 c 9 4. Also communication trench from DISTILLERY to I 28 c 4 6. Machine gun Coy. traversed enemy trench from I 21 c 3 1 to I 21 c 7 3, also fired on working party at I 22 a 6 8. Snipers broke six more enemy periscopes.

WORK, BRICK STREET. Communication trench is being repaired, I 15 b 16 a. New Bn and Coy Headquarters and Signal Offices are being constructed. More wire put out at night in front of trenches 58, 59 and 63.

Our Artillery fired 16 rounds at machine gun emplacement at I 16 d 8 1 and demolished it.

ENEMY ACTIVITY.

At 6.30 a.m. 3 rounds of 77 dropped at I 9 c 2 5. 16 rounds at FME DESPLANQUE, I 14 d 2 7. 18 rounds at CHAPELLE ARMENTIERES. At 5 p.m. enemy appeared to be registering emergency roads near Bde Headquarters, H 6 d and I 7 a. Machine guns searched LILLE Road and traversed BOIS GRENIER road from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. A few rifle grenades thrown.

ENEMY DEFENCES.

Entanglements have been opened in two places at I 21 d 2 8, the gaps are about 15 to 20 feet wide. Enemy are covering loophole plates in parapet with grass sods. Working parties were heard handling what sounded like iron rails or girders. The clanging sound came from the direction of WEZ MACQUART cemetery, I 16 d. One man seen working on entanglements at I 17 b 7 3. Two men apparently laying wire between I 23 b 3 5½ and I 21 b 11 8. Both had a new looking leather bag strapped on back.

MOVEMENTS IN REAR.

At 5.30 a.m. six groups of men in full marching order. About 10 at a time marched from I 22 d 1 6½ across paddock and pass house at I 29 a 1½ 7. They were followed shortly afterwards by a horse and dray. At 8.10 a.m. two parties of six appeared near I 22 a 1 0 and moving in direction of FORT ENGLOS disappeared at I 29 a 1½ 7.

At 2 p.m. a mounted man appeared for a few seconds on PARADISE road.

J. Blacker

Capt.

Intelligence Summary No. 31.

OUR OPERATIONS.

At 6 p.m. our artillery fired a few rounds at enemy front trenches at I 21 b 6 3. At 7 p.m. a few more were put in at I 27 b 3 3. M/Gun fired on working parties at I 28 c 4 4 and I 22 a 6 8. Traversed parapet from I 21 c 4 1 to I 21 a 9 6. Between 7 and 8 p.m. we threw between 150 and 200 rifle grenades and some 3.7 bombs into enemy trenches opposite our Salient. Damage could not be observed, but our effort drew artillery retaliation. Our snipers hit another man. Several listening posts were out.

WORK. Wire was put out in several places along our front line. New revetments put in along trench 67. Old earth works levelled. Draining in area 67 and 68.

ENEMY ACTIVITY.

Artillery mostly quiet. Salient and vicinity slightly shelled at 11.5 am. At 8.30 p.m. about 30 shells were put into Salient in retaliation for our bombing. About 60 aerial torpedoes were fired into salient at same time. Machine gun fired on our wiring party in front of Salient. There were only occasional shots in vicinity of RATION FARM I 19 b 9 5. This place has been regularly shelled lately. BOIS GRENIER line near CHAPELLE ARMENTIERES was shelled yesterday at 9.30 a.m. (10 rounds) 15 rounds at 3 p.m. A few rifle grenades were thrown into trench 67.

ENEMY DEFENCES. Rivetted and gable shaped cover can be seen in enemy front line at I 22 a 7 9. Probably m/gun emplacement. At 6.15 a.m. a working party was observed at I 30 a laying wire entanglements. Screen at I 16 d 5 4 on LILLE ROAD has been raised higher. What appears to be a new sap with new sandbags appears below screen.

MOVEMENTS. At 5.30 a.m. a group of 12 men came down a track and disappeared in a wood. Reappeared few minutes later in pairs carrying heavy timber which was thrown into trench. They worked in this place I 17 b 4 3 until 10.30 a.m. At 6.50 a.m. smoke was coming from a barn east of house I 17 b 3 6. At 9.45 a.m. a party of 20 marched down PARADISE RD. towards trenches. No equipment, but leading man carried rifle and fixed bayonet. A further 20 moved over same route at noon, I 28 b 8 7. At 7 p.m. a G.S.Wagon moved down PARADISE ROAD and pulled off behind a tree. Several men came into view and appeared to be unloading. Position not located. At 10.5 a.m. a party of 17 in fours moved along road in front of ENGLOS CHURCH. They wore light brown uniform and last man carried a sloped rifle. At 11.50 another party of 25 went along same road.

TRANSPORT. At 3.30 p.m. a horse wagon was seen in road below MONT DE PREMESQUE, I 30b moving south west. At 8.30 p.m. several horse transport could be heard. They seemed to be moving along DISTILLERY RD. towards WEZ MACQUART.

COMMUNICATIONS. At 9 a.m. heliographs was ~~fixky~~ active at FORT ENGLOS. Again seen at 11 a.m.

MISCELLANEOUS. Flags have been located in rear 66 enemy trench at I 22 a 7 1, I 22 a 8 1/2 2 1/2, I 22 a 9 1/2 3 1/2. Probably for wind tests.

OMITTED - DEFENCES. Enemy are constructing what appears to be a short sap and using a fair quantity of angle iron. One man was seen driving in a stake. He was fired on and the work was discontinued. Position I 22 a 4 7.

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PATROL REPORT

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Map Reference - BOIS GRENIER 26 N.W. 4.

Three patrols left our lines as follows:-

- (1) 1 Sgt. 2 men. Place of departure and return Listening Post "B" Coy. (I 21 b 1 8) Time 11.30 p.m. till 2 a.m.
- (2) 1 Lt/Cpl. 2 men. Place of departure SALLY PORT "D" Coy. I 16 c 3 5. Return SALLY PORT. "B" Coy. I 15 d 7 2. Time 8.30 p.m. till midnight.
- (3) 1 Officer 2 men. Place of departure "A" Coy. trench I 16 c 9 9. Return ditto. Time 8.30 p.m. till midnight.

REPORT NO. 1 PATROL

We proceeded from I 21 b 1 8 travelling half left for 150 yds, then turned right and crossed ditch at about I 21 b 5 8. On the other side of this ditch is a ploughed field with very deep wide furrows, affording excellent cover. We went along these furrows for about 200 yards of the German wire. We could hear a working party on the enemy entanglements about 80-100 yds on our left. We could hear talking and saw a flare fired from the listening post situated at I 21 b 8 4. The German transports could be very plainly heard moving along the road known as QUEER STREET. We lay out here for about one hour. The working party apparently ceased its operations about 20 minutes before we left. We started to return, making a detour to the right. On the way back we came across several large shell holes which could very easily be used by the Germans as listening posts and from which we could hear our men talking distinctly.

We crossed a ditch at about I 21 b 4 6 and discovered wire running along parallel to sides of ditch and about 12" above the top. It was most excellently placed along the ditch for a trip wire and has apparently some connection with a listening post, because when one of the party jerked it in crossing three or four flares went up in rapid succession and a machine gun played over our heads as we lay in the grass. The searchlight was fairly active from about 12 midnight. We returned through I 21 b 1 8 at 2.20 a.m.

REPORT NO. 2 PATROL.

Starting from SALLY PORT "D" Coy. (I 16 c 3 5) we worked out 100 yards on a normal to our line. Then travelled about 150 yds. half right along an elevated ridge of ground. We crossed the ridge at this point and still continued half right till we were to the left and beyond three trees (about I 16 c 1 1/2 1) then we travelled normal to our trenches for about 70 yds. At this point we were about 30 yds from the enemy's trenches. We lay here for about half an hour and heard a continuous noise going on which sounded like the rivetting of iron plates. We also heard talking and whistling and a sound of bells which seemed to be coming from some musical instrument. On our right - say 150 yds away - we could hear a working party of considerable strength employed on the entanglements. After about 1/4 of an hour one of our machine guns opened fire and swept this region. The working party stopped and seemed to go inside their parapet. Time 10.30 p.m. After remaining there another 1/4 hour and hearing no more of working party we retraced our steps toward the three trees on our original right. On the way we came across a mound on the other side of which was a large shell hole, 5' deep and 7'-8' in diameter. On the lip of this hole towards our side was a square piece of white chalk about 4"x4" and 2" thick placed about 2" from edge of hole. On examination it appeared quite plain and is possibly an indicator, after the style of those used by Australian trackers. We left it lying there. We lay here for about 1/2 hour trying to hear working party, but all was still. Time 11.30 p.m. We then returned to SALLY PORT, "B" Coy. (I 15 d 7 2) getting in about 12.15 a.m. As was the case last night a German machine gun, probably located at I 21 b 5 3 approx. swept down "NO MAN'S LAND" and bullets hit the ground within 3 yds of the party. ~~THE~~

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PATROL REPORT

The enemy used no searchlights until nearly midnight, and very few flares were sent up. The light of the half moon makes our work very risky since the light is behind us all the time.

REPORT NO. 3 PATROL.

Our work was hindered from the start by the very great use which the enemy made of his flares, combined with machine gun fire which swept down NO MAN'S LAND constantly. We left the point I 16 c 9 @ and proceeded to the left along the edge of a mustard patch till we came to a drain. Went down this for about 150 yards and then turned off right into mustard patch and went ahead another 50 yds or so. We could not get further on account of searchlight and flares. Heard enemy talking but could not hear any working party nor did we see any enemy patrol. Returned to same point at midnight.

Sgd. R. B. Southon, Lt.
27th Bn Scout Officer.

An officers' patrol left our trench 62/3 at 9 p.m. and proceeded along drain 49 then returned and traversed drains 46 and 43 to a point about 50 yds from RUE DE BOIS. The drains still contain from 1' to 1'6" water. Country in between is now dry and hard and is covered with a tall growth of grass. The night was too light to enable a close approach to enemy's parapets. Patrol was out for 3 hours and no sign of enemy was seen.

Scouts also supplied screens for working parties on Talchir and "D" Coy. positions. Salient

Sgd. R.H.GILL, 2/Lt.
Scout Officer.

REPORT NO. 2 PATROL.

Starting from SALLY PORT "D" Coy. (I 16 c 5) we worked out 100 yards on a normal to our line. Then travelled about 150 yds. half right along an elevated ridge of ground. We crossed the ridge at this point and still continued half right till we were to the left and beyond three trees (about I 16 c 1) then we travelled normal to our trenches for about 70 yds. At this point we were about 30 yds from the enemy's trenches. We lay here for about half an hour and heard a continuous noise going on which sounded like the rattling of iron plates. We also heard talking and whistling and a sound of bells which seemed to be coming from some musical instrument. On our right - say 150 yds away - we could hear a working party of considerable strength employed on the entanglements. After about 1/2 of an hour one of our machine guns opened fire and swept this region. The working party stopped and seemed to go inside their parapet. Time 10.30 p.m. After remaining there another 1/2 hour and hearing no more of working party we retraced our steps toward the three trees on our original right. On the way we came across a mound on the other side of which was a large shell hole, 5' deep and 7'-8' in diameter. On the lip of this hole towards our side was a square piece of white chalk about 4" x 4" and 2" thick placed about 2" from edge of hole. On examination it appeared quite plain and is possibly an indicator, after the style of those used by Australian trackers. We left it lying there. We lay here for about 1/2 hour trying to hear working party, but all was still. Time 11.30 p.m. We then returned to SALLY PORT, "B" Coy. (I 15 d 7 S) getting in about 12.15 a.m. As was the case last night a German machine gun, probably located at I 15 d 3 approx. swept down "NO MAN'S LAND" and bullets hit the ground within 3 yds of the party.

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CONFIDENTIALINTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 33
10th May 1916.

OUR OPERATIONS At 11.5 a.m. shelled 77. battery at I 17 d 5 3½. At 1.35 shelled FLEUR D'ECOSSE with How. Battery and 18 pdr. A few rounds were fired at Estaminet I 22 b 5.1. Machine Gun Coy fired on working party at I 28 b 2.4. Also traversed enemy front trench and wire. About 40 rifle grenades were thrown into enemy trenches near GERMAN HOUSE I 21 b 2.0. Snipers broke 6 more periscopes.

WORK Improvement of fire steps and traverses in trenches 67 & 68. Wiring parties busy along our whole front at night.

ENEMY ACTIVITY At 10.25 a.m. 24 rounds were fired at CHAPELLE ARMENTIERES. A few shells landed near FERME DE BIEZ I 15 b 3.5. during the day. Very little rifle fire. A little machine gun fire at night. Enemy have added more earth to front parapet. They are improving communication trench leading to this position. At 5.30 p.m. enemy threw about 50 rifle grenades into RUE BU BOIS SALIENT.

OBSERVATION POST A platform has been erected in a tree at I 28 c 3.5.

MOVEMENT A working party has been observed on 6th 8th and 9th insts. at I 18 a 3.3. They commence work at 5.0. a.m. carrying large lengths of timber from wood to sap near red brick house. At 10. a.m. they return to brick house. The party varies from 12 to 20. At I 17 a 3.8. there appears to be a large excavation where working parties come and go between 5. a.m. and noon. A cyclist was seen at I 28 b 9.2. going towards Fort ENGLOS. At 12.30. p.m. three groups of mwm passed screen at I 16 d 5.4. and proceeded up LILLE ROAD. The leading two wore green uniforms and appeared to be officers. The others wore field grey and carried rifles. Smoke was seen coming from house at I 17 d 8½. 4½.

COMMUNICATIONS At 9.45 a.m. two pigeons flew from enemy trenches in direction of ARMENTIERES. At 5.50 p.m. a pigeon flew over our line towards WEZ MACQUART.

MISCELLANEOUS Artillery report the enemy fired some French shells. The fuzewas branded "FUSE'E percutante du 30 S.M. 1878-81".

WIRE Enemy wire is reported open at I 2 b 5.3. The spot is under observation.

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7th Australian Infantry Brigade
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PATROL REPORT - 27th Battalion.

Map Reference - BOIS GRENIER 36 N.W. 4. Scale 1. 10,000.

Two patrols were sent out as follows:-

- A. 1 Sgt., 1 L/Cpl and 1 man from trench 64 at I 21 b 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ 9 $\frac{1}{2}$,
returning at I 15 d 7 2. Time 8.30 p.m. - 12.30 a.m.
- B. 1 Officer, 1 L/Cpl and 2 men from point I 16 b 1 2 $\frac{1}{2}$, returning
at same place. Time 9 p.m. - 12.30 p.m.

A. REPORT. We proceeded on a direct line normal to our trenches for about 200 yards and established ourselves as a listening post, where we lay for nearly two hours in an old shell hole. We could not hear any working parties as one of our own machine guns kept traversing the enemy entanglements, knocking sparks off the wire. No enemy patrol was seen, and an enemy machine gun on our right - which seems to be placed low down - kept sending bursts across the whole of NO MAN'S LAND. We returned making a detour to the left, and lay in another shell hole for about an hour. All was quiet so we came back through the SALLY PORT trench 65 (I 16 d 7 2) at about 12.30 a.m. The enemy did not send up the usual amount of flares, though they were by no means infrequent, and two searchlights on our left were active.

B. REPORT. We left trench in "A" Coy. lines at point I 16 b 1 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ about 9 p.m. We moved about half left to two trees about half way across to enemy's trenches. There is a deep fold in the ground here, and we lay listening for about an hour. No sound beyond an occasional cough could be heard. We then proceeded normally to our trenches for about 50 yds and could not go on as two searchlights on our right made movement very difficult. We lay for another hour, but heard nothing. Frequent flares were being sent up. We returned on a semicircle to the right and back through the same place.

Sgd. R.D.SOUTHON, Lt.
Bn. Scout Officer.

Night Tuesday - 9/5/16.
Work of Scouts.

1. A covering party was provided for working party on Trench 59, who were improving wire entanglements. Covering party left at dusk returning at 10.30 p.m. Reported all quiet.
2. A covering party left trench 62 at dusk for men working on our wires. After working party had returned covering party acted as patrol and covered frontage of trenches 61/62. Night very dark with continual rain. Patrol returned at 11.30 p.m. and reported everything quiet on enemy's front. No hostile patrols observed.

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7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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11/5/16.

Intelligence Summary No. 33.

OUR OPERATIONS:

At 11.30 a.m. a few rounds of shrapnel were fired at I 16 d 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ 2. At noon 4 rounds were fired at a working party near I 29 d $\frac{1}{2}$ 2. At 1.15 p.m. 12th Bty. fired on WEZ MACQUART with good results. At 1 p.m. 6 rounds of shrapnel were fired at I 23 a 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ 5. At 2.40 p.m. 12th Bty. registered on cottage I 22 b 7 4. At 3.30 p.m. 2 batteries registered enemy trenches opposite RUE DU BOIS Salient. At 5.50 p.m. 4.7 Bty. shelled WEZ MACQUART. At 4.10 p.m. 11th Bty. and 104th Bty. shelled WHITE FARM I 35 a 1 5. Obtained 12 direct hits. M/Gun Coy. fired on working party at I 16 d 6 9. A working party was dispersed at I 35 a 6 5. Our snipers hit two Germans also two periscopes broken.

WORK. Improvement of front line trenches. Our wire at I 15 d 8 3 was damaged by shell fire. This was repaired for a distance of 80 yds and new wire was put out at I 21 b 1 9. This was partly completed for about 50 yds. Additional wire was put out in front of trenches 58, 59, 60 61 and 62.

ENEMY ACTIVITY

Between 12 and 12.30 several rounds fell around Bde H. Qrs. Between 4.45 and 5 p.m. enemy shelled our front lines from BURNT FARM to RUE DU BOIS Salient. About 150 shells. Damage was slight. Some dug-outs were smashed in the Chord line and supports in rear of RUE DU BOIS salient. From some of the shell holes a small white cloud was seen to rise as the dampness of evening came on. At 3.40 p.m. our front and support lines were shelled at trench 66. Parapet was slightly damaged. Very little rifle fire and M/Gun fire. The only parts that sniping appears to come from are trenches in front of WEZ MACQUART and those opposite our RUE DU BOIS Salient.

ENEMY DEFENCES. Machine gun positions are suspected in enemy's front lines at I 21 b 4 1 and I 21 b 4 3. A party in blue with dark caps and grey bands were working in front line trench at I 26 b 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ 1. At 6 a.m. a party of 8 men ~~working~~ at I 17 b 5 6 were carrying timber from wood in rear of red brick house to sap in front of house. Joined later by 6 more men. A working party was observed at I 36 c 7 6. At 4.30 a.m. a party was working on some timber at I 34 a 9 $\frac{1}{2}$.

IDENTIFICATIONS. A man was noticed wearing a blue uniform & cap with white band. A leather case like our telescope case was slung over his shoulder. He was seen by us climbing over the parapets into enemy front ~~trenches~~ trench.

ENEMY ROUTES. At 1.30 p.m. a train appeared about I 30 a. At 7 p.m. six large wagons moved along road in I 36 c going N.E. The wagons were unloaded by several men.

COMMUNICATIONS. At 6.20 a.m. two pigeons flew towards enemy lines. Three more followed at 6.45. At 5.50 p.m. about 20 pigeons were seen flying behind enemy line. At 9.5 p.m. 3 white lights were sent up from enemy trenches at about I 22 a 1 4. They were quite different from the usual blue lights. They remained stationary for a few seconds and left no streak or sparks in descent.

MOVEMENTS. At I 22 d 6 2 a cyclist was observed moving down PARADISE road towards trenches at 10 a.m. A motor cyclist appeared at I 28 b $\frac{1}{2}$ 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ & disappeared at I 29 a 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ 8. A telescope glass was seen in corner of building I 16 d 5 3. Two men cautiously entered hotel at I 27 c 9 9. It is strongly suspected as an O.P. Several observation balloons were observed during the day.

FROM OTHER SOURCES.

MISCELLANEOUS. (a) The house reported on 5th & 8th inst. at I 23 a 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ (WEZ MACQUART) was again smoking. (b) Considerable smoke was seen rising from the ruined house I 16 d 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ 2. (c) The O.P. at I 16 d 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ originally reported on 2nd April as periscope in chimney, was verified at 10 a.m.

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7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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Patrol Report-27th Bn.

10/11th May.

Map Reference:- Bois Grenier 38 N. 1/10,000

- 1. Two patrols were sent out. - 1 Officer, 1 Sgt. and 1 man, leaving trench 55 (I 15 d 7) at 8.30 p.m. Returning by Sally Port trench 55 (I 15 d 7) at 12.30 a.m.
- 2. 1 Officer, 1 Sgt. and 1 man, leaving trench 51 (I 15 c 1) at 8.30 p.m. returning by same place at 1.30 a.m.

REPORTS.

- 1. We left at 8.30 p.m. working along a ditch to a point about I 21 b 2 3. We lay here listening to a working party, which could be distinctly heard on our left front. One of the party returned while the other two took up a position in an old shell hole under cover. The man who returned got our Lewis gunners to work on the place we had located. Work seemed to cease for awhile. The patrol then came back and left our trenches at I 21 b 4 2. We worked straight out and round to the right. When we had gone about 200 yds we heard the party at work on the German wire once more and one of them even went as far as to strike a match or flash an electric torch, we could not be sure which. We lay listening to them for awhile and then came back to the old listening post, I 21 b 4 2. One of the party came back and got the Lewis gunners to work on their line of entanglements and the other two listeners report that work ceased immediately. Time 11.30 p.m. We lay outside the post again for a long time without hearing anything, and returned about 12.30 a.m. Practically no flares and little or no shooting was carried on by the enemy. The searchlight play commenced about midnight. The moonlight made things very clear.
- 2. We left our trenches at 8.45 p.m. from I 15 c 1 3, passing along an old sap at right angles to our line, for about 20-30 yds, then straight ahead for about 50 yards. We found several suitable shell holes and decided on two, about 20 yds apart, where we established ourselves as a listening post with a communication cord (and pre-arranged code of signals) between the two positions. We heard the noise of a transport which seemed to stop in the vicinity of the large white house (locality about I 20 b 1 3) opposite. About 5 minutes later we heard the sound of unloading boxes (probably M/G. ammunition) & an electric torch was flashed in this house. After this all was silent. (I intend to make further observations in daylight and verify post of house, etc.) We heard a working party on the enemy entanglements to our right. Our machine guns opened fire about 11.30 and silenced them absolutely (this report confirms that of 1. Patrol absolutely). We also heard some work going on behind the enemy's lines and the sound of a wheelbarrow apparently, whose axle badly required greasing. The working party on the barbed wire started again at about 1 a.m. We returned about 1.30 a.m. and reported to the Lewis M/G Officer, who immediately opened fire right across their entanglements. Apparently work ceased for the night as we heard no more. Practically no flares and little or no searchlight play was employed by the enemy. Very few shots were returned and only once did we hear any of their machine guns, but could not locate it.

Sgd. R.D. SOUTHERN, Lt.
27th Bn Scout Officer.

- 1. An officers patrol left trench 53 at 1.15 a.m. and proceeded along drain 52 as far as drain 53. We then proceeded out for a distance of about 100 yds and jumped drain 51 which is about 3' deep and 6' wide, thence onwards towards enemy's trenches along the bend of the COURAU. We discovered a big shell crater, which on examination appears to have been improved. On our return along COURAU a man was observed running hard towards enemy's trenches between drains 51 and 52. He was about

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 34.OUR OPERATIONS.

At 11.15 a.m. 14th Bty. fired 21 rounds at I 27 a 1 5 and 10 rounds on road at I 29 d $\frac{1}{2}$ 2. At 11.50 a.m. fired 31 rounds at O.P. at I 35 c $\frac{1}{2}$ 5 and scored a number of hits. At 12.30 p.m. 104th How. Bty. registered junction of LILLE Road and front trenches. Also screen and new earthworks in street of WEZ MACQUART. At 3.55 p.m. same battery fired 14 rounds under aeroplane observation at I 24 c 0 6. At 4.45 p.m. 12th Bty. fired 28 rounds on enemy support trenches north of WEZ MACQUART. At 5.30 p.m. 11th Bty. registered WHITE FARM, I 35 a 1 5 and scored 7 hits. At 4.30 p.m. 19th Bty. fired 20 rounds on parapet opposite trenches 66 and 67. Snipers have broken five more periscopes. Trench Mortar batteries fired a few rounds into enemy trenches opposite trench 61, also fired 100 rifle grenades. M/Gun Coy. did not fire. Lewis guns fired a little.

WORK. Improvements to front line parapet and firesteps. Preparation of knife rests. Construction of new H.Qrs. continued. Wire was put out at I 16 c and in front of RUE DU BOIS Salient. Also trenches 58 and 62.

ENEMY ACTIVITY.

Trench 57 and BURBT FARM were shelled at 10.30 a.m. At 12.30 p.m. trenches 58, 59 and Chord line were shelled and again at 4 p.m. At 4.10 p.m. apparently the pilot of one of our aeroplanes was hit as the machine dived. The observer then got control of the machine and landed it about 120 yds from FME DE BIEZ, I 15 b 3 5. The pilot was dead when lifted from the machine. Enemy shelled machine at 4.30 and 5 p.m. The machine gun of the plane was saved. The engine is to be removed, but the rest of the machine was burnt by the enemy shells. About noon 30 aerial torpedoes were sent into our salient. Machine guns were active, particularly against our aircraft. At night they were very brisk along trenches 58 and 59 and also worried our wiring parties. Enemy sniping was active from trenches in front of our salient.

ENEMY DEFENCES. Enemy still improving front parapet in I 22 a. A working party of 6 were observed at I 21 b 8 1 working behind ruined houses. Appeared to be revetting trench. At 6 p.m. they were carrying timber along trench at I 16 d 7 9. At I 17 b 4 3 a party was working in trench. Six men on top were handing timber to men in trench.

MOVEMENTS. At 6.15 a.m. two farmers' wagons and one covered wagon appeared on road at RED FARM, I 29 d 3 9 $\frac{1}{2}$, where ten men started to load them. Wagons continued along same road and disappeared at I 36 a 7 4. Smoke seen at house I 22 a 8 4. At 9.15 a.m. a party of ten crossed top of PARADISE ROAD and turned towards FORT ENGLOS.

ENEMY ARTILLERY. Anti-aircraft gun on bearing of 123 from DEAD COW FARM at I 20 b 6 0, was very active all day. This gun does not seem to be shelled by our artillery. An enemy O.P. is suspected at house I 17 c 6 4. The north east corner of house is screened with hessian.

IDENTIFICATIONS. Five men were seen at different times passing screen at I 16 d 5 3. ~~SOMEWHERE~~ They all wore field grey uniform. Some men were seen opposite trench 58 wearing grey caps with circular brass badge.

COMMUNICATIONS. At 3.45 p.m. six pigeons flew over our line towards enemy.

MISCELLANEOUS. At 10 a.m. in salient a call of "Cooee" was heard from enemy trenches. Several men responded & on looking over parapet several of the enemy were seen looking about the parapet. They were young men. The question was called out to them "What Battalion are you", the reply (in German) was that they did not understand. Their action may have been a ruse to ascertain how our salient was manned. If so it was not successful.

W. Mackel

Capt.

7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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PATROL REPORT - 27th Bn - 11/5/16.

Map Reference BOIS GRENIER 36 N.W. 4 1/10,000.

Two parties were sent out as follows:-

(A) 1 L/Cpl and 3 men left 8.30 p.m. from trench 64, I 21 b 4 1/2 9 3/4.
Returned midnight same place.

(B) 1 Sgt, 1 L/Cpl and 2 men left 8.15 p.m. from SALLY PORT trench 65
I 15 d 7 1/4 2 1/2. Returned 1 a.m. by SALLY PORT, I 16 c 3 5 1/2.

REPORT.

(A) We proceeded on a line normal to our trenches, from the end of the old listening post, for a distance of about 120 yds and established a listening post here. For the whole ~~three~~ and 1/2 hours of our tour of duty we heard practically nothing. Very few flares went up, but the searchlights were failry active. Practically no firing was done by the enemy, either rifle or machine gun. There were no working parties employed on the enemy entanglements.

(B) We started out at 8.15 p.m. from the SALLY PORT I 15 d 7 1/4 2 1/2 and moved toward the left. We crossed a ditch about I 15 d 9 1/4 2 1/2. A little further on we came across three old shell holes fairly close together that would make an excellent place for a listening post. We crossed another ditch and found a bran new shell hole 2'6" deep and 3' long that had been ploughed up this afternoon (11th) at the side of the ditch, about I 16 c 1 1/2 3 1/2. We lay here for a good while and heard a working party behind the enemy parapet tapping down sandbags, apparently repairing the gaps caused by this afternoon's bombardment. There were very few flares, and not a great deal of searchlight play from the enemy. During the whole time we were out there were hardly a dozen shots fired by the Germans. Once a machine gun swept NO MAN'S LAND (The exact post will be given in next report after observations have been taken again in daylight) and the position located in relationship to some trees. No enemy patrols seen.

Sgd R. D. Southon, Lt.

- 1. Two patrols left the Bn Sector this night.
- A. Scout Sgt. and 4 men at 8.30 p.m.
- B. Two officers and 1 man at 1 a.m.

A. This patrol left I 20 d 9 6 at 8.30 p.m. and acted as screen for working party until 10.30 p.m. Working party then returned and screen continued out as patrol until 12.30 a.m. when the ground which was surmised to be occupied by the German scout the previous night was thoroughly reconnoitred. Patrol reports that the German flares were numerous and machine gun fire intermittently played across this sector. Patrol returned at 12.30 a.m. and reported that no signs of hostile patrols were observed.

B. An officer's patrol consisting of the Scout Officer and Intelligence Officer and 1 man left Bay 16 at I 21 c 7 8 at 1 a.m. We proceeded by an old trench running along the parapet then crossed to an old trench running traversly towards the enemy lines and proceeded along same until about 30 yds from their parapet. We examined a suspected Listening Post, but found no evidence of recent occupation. The country between the Salients is undulating and full of shell craters, and covered with coarse grass about 9" to 1' in height. Patrol returned at 2.45 a.m. having seen no signs of the enemy, although conversation in their trenches could be easily heard. There were no working parties in the vicinity of the patrol.

Sgd. R.H.GILL, 2/Lt.
Scout Officer.

Appendix No 5

No. 30

I N T E L L I G E N C E S U M M A R Y .

2nd. Australian Divisional Artillery

6 a.m. 11/5/1916 to 6 a.m. 12/5/1916.

OUR ARTILLERY

6 a.m. We fired on working parties at J.25.d.3.5. and at support trenches I 27.a.1.5 and works at I 29. d. $\frac{1}{2}$.2. Howitzer Batteries engaged O 13.b.5 $\frac{1}{2}$.1. and earthworks and screen on LILLE Road by WEZ MACQUART, also a battery at I 24.c.0.6.

ENEMY'S ARTILLERY.

Fairly quiet during the morning, but about mid-day there was intermittent shelling at BOIS GENIER LAYESIE and front line trenches 57.38.

INTELLIGENCE.

7 a.m. Working party and wagon seen at I 33.c.8.5.

Two or three wagons were seen at RED FARM I 29.d.3.9 $\frac{1}{2}$.; some men loaded them up at this spot.

Smoke was seen at various times issuing from MARTIN'S CAMP - at 3.20 p.m. heavy smoke (as if from an explosion.)

4.20 p.m. One of our aeroplanes was brought down in our lines near FLE DE BIEZ. Enemy commenced to shell it with 77 m.m. -- Pilot reported killed, observer safe.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 35.OUR OPERATIONS.

At 12 noon 105th fired 11 rounds on enemy's trench 58 for registration purposes. At 1.15 p.m we retaliated on enemy parapet and support trenches with 4.5 How. and 18 pdrs. (80 rounds). 12th Bty. registered several points and trenches. A sniper's plate was destroyed at I 16 d 6 8 $\frac{1}{2}$. At 3 p.m. 13th Bty. fired 21 rounds and registered house I 27 a 9 4. House I 27 b 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ 3 and communication trench I 27 a 8 3, also verified points previously registered at house I 29 a 2 8 and trench I 26 b 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ 5. At 4 p.m. 15th Bty. fired 27 rounds registering nightlines of 15th and 20th Btys. Parapet most accurately registered. Wire cutting can be done on these registrations. Snipers shot three men.

WORK. Work continues on centre sap connecting Salient and Chord. Additions and repairs were made to wire entanglements in front of trenches. Draining trenches 67. Repairing damaged parapet trench 66.

ENEMY ACTIVITY.

At 9.15 a.m. a few rounds of shrapnel were put into trench 57 and between 9.45 and 10.15 a.m. H.E. shells fell close to BILLET FARM - BOIS GRENIER line. Between 12.45 and 1.12 p.m. our Support and S.S. lines at RUE DE BOIS Salient were heavily bombarded, about 250 shells being fired. Beyond two small breaches to support lines behind trench 58 no damage was done. There were no casualties. At 1.45 about 100 7.7 mm H.E. and shrapnel were fired at trenches 66 and 67. Only slight damage to parapets. A few aerial torpedoes were sent into our salient and a number of rifle grenades into trench 67. No damage was done. Very little M/G. and rifle fire. Snipers more active than usual.

ENEMY DEFENCES. Enemy are building up the parapet of I 17 a and still improving the parapet at I 21 b. A big party observed in I 30 d digging and wiring. At 5.30 a.m. a party of about 12 observed working in sap I 17 b 5 6. Top of PARADISE ROAD, I 29 d 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ at 5.45 a.m. two men were seen putting up bush screen, artificial hedge. At this point transport has been seen to halt on several occasions. I 36 c 6 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ and 7 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ located 6 men working. Working party observed outside house at I 33 d 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ and party were observed walking from I 33 d 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ to I 36 a 3 5. Working party of three men observed at I 18 a 8 5.

MOVEMENTS. Smoke seen coming from terrace houses at I 35 d 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ 1. Smoke observed issuing from chimney at I 34 a 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ 5 $\frac{1}{2}$. At 6.45 a.m party of 12 passed screen at I 16 d 5 3. Two were dressed in white, others in field grey. 1.45 p.m. I 16 d 4 1 one man stood observing result of shelling trenches 66 and 67. Remained until it ceased. I 16 d 6 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ six men moving from front line back to house & disappeared.

TRANSPORT. At 6.5 a.m. large covered van drawn by pair horses carrying Troops, I 29 d 2 6. Halted at foot of PARADISE ROAD. Lorry drawn by pair horses appeared at I 29 d 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ 4 loaded fairly high, two men in front, one on back. Disappeared I 29 d 2 6. Usual volume of traffic on DISTILLERY ROAD in the direction of BOIS BLANCS.

ENEMY ARTILLERY. Enemy anti-aircraft guns located. Position of observer left of No. 57 trench. Magnetic bearing to target 113° 30' Range, Mean time between flash and sound 5 secs. roughly 2000 yds. Bursts from two guns were seen arising from normal surface of earth, concealed in a hedge. To left about 30' is a cottage, probably used by detachment. About 30' to right is a small opening to a dugout, at 6 a.m.

IDENTIFICATION. Man observed wearing a peaked cap with red band.

Cerya Read
 Capt.

For G.O.C., 7th Inf. Bde.

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PATROL REPORT - 27th Bn. - 12/5/16.

Map Reference: BOIS GRENIER 36 N.W.4 1/10,000 and Left Bn., Left Brigade, 2nd Aust Div.
 Line - Map of NO MAN'S LAND 1/5000. Three parties went out as follows:-
 1. 1 L/Cpl. 2 men leaving 8.30 p.m. from SALLY PORT trench 65, I 15 d 7 1/2
 2 1/2. Returning 1 a.m. by Listening Post, trench 63 I 21 b 1 1/2 8 1/2.
 2. 1 Sgt. 3 men leaving 8.30 p.m. from I 16 c 9 3/4 9 3/4. Returning midnight at same place.
 3. 1 Officer 2 men employed from 8.30 -10.30 p.m. adjusting various gaps in wires and arranging new points of exit and entry.

REPORTS.

1. We left the SALLY PORT about 8.30 p.m. and moved 1/4 right. Crossed ditch 58 near the junction with 59. We continued in same direction for another 50 yds. where we lay listening for half an hour. We heard the enemy working on their entanglements. Time 9.15 p.m. One of the party returned to get the machine gun trained on this locality. The fire of the latter silenced this working party. We then advanced about 20 yds into some long grass which offered excellent cover. After remaining there about 1 hour we heard a suspicious noise in the grass in front. Time 10.30 p.m. We were on an elevated ridge of ground looking down toward drain 57. Presently we saw three Germans creeping up toward us on hands and knees - in single file. The noise heard also indicated that there were more behind. When the enemy were within 25 yds of us we threw a handgrenade which landed about 2 yds behind them. Unfortunately the timing of the bomb was bad, and hearing the thud the three men, who were about 9 feet from the edge of the drain 57 had time to jump into the ditch before the explosion took place. The flash of the explosion dazzled our eyes and although we heard hurried sounds of retreat we could not see which line the enemy took. However, the leader of our party threw another well timed bomb and we then lay still for about 3 minutes. After this we made a rush for the spot where our first bomb landed. There was no trace of the enemy although we made a very careful search. We traversed an area of fully 50 square yards without result. Since the party was so weak we did not follow the enemy up any further, but made a circle round to the right, crossing ditch 55 and entering our lines by the listening posts trench 63, I 21 b 1 1/2 8 1/2 at 12.55 a.m. The enemy were not firing at all, and few flares went up, but about half an hour after we encountered their patrol the searchlight which appears to be located at about I 21 b 5 l or thereabouts, played continuously over the area of NO MAN'S LAND in which we were moving and caused us some difficulty in returning. We entered the trenches by the spot above mentioned and walked right through without any challenge.
 2. We started out from I 16 c 9 3/4 9 3/4 at 8.30 p.m. and moved half right. After just crossing a shallow drain (not marked on the map, but located about I 16 d 1/2 9) we heard a suspicious rustling of the grass ahead. We listened for about four minutes, but just then a working party from the Coy. occupying this section of our trenches came out over the parapet. They made a lot of noise and were talking in ordinary tones. This entirely spoilt our observations. We moved on about 20 yds. half right, and again heard the same noise. We were then about 20 yds in front of our outer barbed wire. Our party divided - two moving off to the left and the remaining two moved to the right, with the idea of getting behind the enemy. Those who had gone to the left returned in about 20 minutes and reported that about 30 Germans were employed cutting down the rape crop in between the two lines of trenches, and stated that this enemy party was about 150 yds outside their own lines. We returned and reported to the Patrol Officer. We went out once again to the spot where we had previously divided the party and worked half right for 60-70 yds then moved straight ahead to within 20 yds of the enemy entanglements. Here again we saw a party of about a dozen Germans at work on their wire (locality about I 16 d 3 6) This party ceased work at 11.15 p.m. and went back over the parapet. At 11.30 p.m. we started back, circling round to the left. We found that the party on rape crop had also gone in. Returned to our own lines at 12 midnight. In closing this report I have to explain that although we made all preparations with the machine gunners to open up on the enemy employed cutting the rape we did not fire at the request of the Coy Commander in charge of that section of the trench, as he stated that his own

working party employed on the entanglements in front could not be withdrawn since they were engaged on a very important piece of work.

I should also again like to mention the fact that our own working parties, sentries and men behind the lines make far too much noise and talk in loud tones. We have frequently heard conversations and remarks at a distance of not less than 200 yds from the parapet.

The light from glowing fires can also be seen a good way out, reflected on the rising smoke.

Sgt. R.D. SOUTHWELL, Lt. Scout Officer

A. One officer and 3 men left trench 59 at 1.20 a.m. and proceeded along drain 54 up to twin willows then turned to the left and went along drain 38 and 40 as far as railway line which was followed right up as far as enemy's trenches. Wire at the point where railway line runs into trenches appears to be weak. We watched this point for one hour and heard sentries conversation quite clearly, and appeals to us as a good point of entrance. On returning the patrol spread out and thoroughly examined ground up to our entanglements. Grass over this sector is exceptionally high, averaging about 1' 6" in height. Patrol returned at 1.15 a.m. having seen no signs of the enemy. The noise of a single rifle - in single file - on hands and knees - in single file. When the enemy were within 25 yds of us...

B. One N.C.O. and 4 men acted as screen for working party in trench 59. C. Coy's position, leaving trench at 8.30 p.m. and returning at 11.0 p.m. The plan of the explosion took place.

After this we made a rush for the spot where our first bomb landed. There was no trace of the enemy although we made a very careful search. We traversed an area of fully 50 square yards without result. Since the party was so weak we did not follow the enemy up any further, but made a circle round to the right, crossing ditch 55 and entering our lines by the listening post trench 63, I 21 1/2 at 12.35 a.m. The enemy were not firing at all, and few flares went up, but about half an hour after we encountered their patrol the searchlight which appears to be located at about I 21 1/2 or thereabouts, played continuously over the spot of NO MAN'S LAND in which we were moving and caused us some difficulty in returning. We entered the trenches by the spot above mentioned and walked right through without any challenge. We started out from I 16 c 9 1/2 at 8.30 p.m. and moved half right. After just crossing a shallow drain (not marked on the map, but located about I 16 d 9) we heard a suspicious rustling of the grass ahead. We listened for about four minutes, but just then a working party from the Coy. occupying this section of our trenches came out over the parapet. They made a lot of noise and were talking in ordinary tones. This entirely spoilt our observations. We moved on about 20 yds. half right, and again heard the same noise. We were then about 20 yds in front of our outer barbed wire. Our party divided - two moving off to the left and the remaining two moved to the right, with the idea of getting behind the enemy. Those who had gone to the left returned in about 20 minutes and reported that about 30 Germans were employed in digging down the rape crop in between the two lines of trenches, and stated that this enemy party was about 150 yds outside their own lines. We returned and reported to the Patrol Officer. We went out once again to the spot where we had previously divided the party and worked half right for 60-70 yds then moved straight ahead to within 20 yds of the enemy entanglements. Here again we saw a party of about a dozen Germans at work on their wire (locality about I 16 d 3). This party ceased work at 11.15 p.m. and went back over the parapet. At 11.30 p.m. we started back, circling round to the left. We found that the party on rape crop had also gone in. Returned to our own lines at 12 midnight. In closing this report I have to explain that although we made all preparations with the machine gunners to open up on the enemy employed in cutting the rape we did not fire at the request of the Coy Commander in charge of that section of the trench, as he stated that his own

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5th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

RIGHT SECTOR. 2ND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

13-5-16.

I. OUR OPERATIONS.

At 9 am. our artillery fired 6 shots into enemy position. At 11.30 our Artillery fired again and continued firing intermittently up till 2 pm. In front of 'A' Battalion 45 coils of barbed wire and 18 of French wire were put out. 2000 sand bags were added to parapets and back blast walls in BRIBOUX SALIENT.

'C' Battalion (17th) relieved 'B' Battalion (19th). Relief completed by 10 pm. Our patrols were active. Parties examined our wire and located the weaker places in it. A few coils of barbed wire were put out in front of 'B' Battalion Front.

2. PATROLS.

1 Officer and 5 other ranks left Sector 51 at 9.30 pm. patrolling before 51 and 52 and returned at 11.45 pm. This party laid a wire with a view to tapping enemy's signal communication.

1 Officer and 5 other ranks left Sector 49 at 12 midnight, returning to Sector 49 at 2 am. Both patrols report enemy front quiet. A patrol of 5 other ranks went out from SALLY PORT at the right of Section 53 at 11 pm. Patrol proceeded towards enemy's lines for a distance of 150 yards where they discovered a shell crater 7' x 4' and about 80 yards from Ditch 21. Also a number of small shell craters 3' x 2' were round the large one. They are all old and dry. About 12 of the small craters have in them a coil of barbed wire about 4 yards long and unfastened; it was examined and left as discovered. The patrol listened for some time in the large crater as it afforded good cover and heard a party in line with them and to the right of Section 53 apparently working on their wire entanglements. The patrol moved from the crater towards the right of Section 55, crossed E Ditch 21 about 125 yards from our trench. The Ditch can easily be stepped over by troops in marching order. It is about 15" x 15" at this spot and contains 3" of water. They turned in from Ditch 21 and went to the left of Section 53 to make sure of this disposition and then proceeded straight towards enemy trenches. When about 100 yards out they went along towards, and in line with, COURAY RIVER and halted 10 yards to the left of Ditch 23 in which there is about 2" of water. Patrol returned along the left of Ditch 23 and reported to a listening post. Patrol returned over parapet in right of Section 55 at 1 am. The ground was covered was firm with dry grass about 1' high.

A patrol consisting of 5 other ranks went out from SALLY PORT near right of Section 57 at 9.30 pm. Patrol went along E Ditch 29 to COURAY RIVER. Any part of this Ditch from our trenches to the river could be stepped across by troops in marching order. It is 3' x 3' near our trenches to about 4' near river. The patrol then proceeded towards Ditch 25 and discovered a shell crater 5' x 4'. About 30 yards from and in line with Ditch 25. The patrol proceeded along Ditch 28 from end of Ditch 25 to our trenches. This portion of Ditch 28 could be crossed at any part by troops in marching order. It is 3' x 4' and is almost dry. The ground was reconnoitred along the front of section 56 from Ditch 28 and along section 57 100 yards from our parapet. A number of trip wires were encountered opposite right of Section 57. They are well covered with grass which is from 12" to 18" high. The ground was soft. No enemy patrols were seen

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PATROLS. (Continued)

Patrol returned through SALLY PORT near right of Trench 57 at 12 midnight.

A patrol of 3 other ranks went out from SALLY PORT at left of Section 56 at 1 am. to form a screen for party working on wire in front of Sections 56 and 57. Patrol went out from SALLY PORT along Ditch 28, 150 yards and moved 30 yards to the left towards Ditch 29 and observed for enemy's patrols. They moved back along Ditch 28 about 50 yards. There were no signs of enemy patrols and everything was very quiet. They returned at along Ditch 28 through SALLY PORT at 2 am.

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ENEMY'S ACTIVITY.

Between 4.30 pm. and 5.30 pm. 8 rifle grenades were thrown into wire in front of BRIDOUX SALIENT but did no damage. Several bombs fell in section 57 during the night without damage until midnight, when 4 other ranks were wounded. Enemy fired on a party wiring in front of Section 52 but did not compel them to leave off. There were signs of enemy working along the whole front and he was active on his wire throughout the night. At 10.25 pm. a green light was sent up from their trenches opposite our trench 54. Almost simultaneously a burst of machine gun fire and rifle fire took place. At 11.30 pm. and 12 midnight a bell was heard ringing in trench opposite 56.

Observation Balloon was seen up at 9.40 am. to left of our sector and enemy artillery at once shelled between TRAMWAY AVENUE towards PARK ROW with 10 (77e). Enemy shelled our front line and supports during the day with H.E. and Shrapnel, about 30 shots in all. Many shots from them went well over BOIS GRENIER Line. No signs of activity in their trenches or on the road.

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INTELLIGENCE.

Opposite Section 56 enemy have erected another iron loophole on fire trench parapet, also opposite Section 57. The old plates opposite Section 57 are being concealed with turf. Our Snipers claim that the Mark VII S.A.A. pierces enemy iron loophole plates and that they are replaced by others after a few holes have been made.

Major.

For G.O.C. 5th Aust. Inf. Bde. R.O.D.

I N T E L L I G E N C E S U M M A R Y .

2nd. AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

6 a.m. 12/5/1916 to 6 a.m. 13/5/1916.

ENEMY'S
ARTILLERY.

Enemy were active most of the day. During the morning about 200 rounds of 77 mm and 4.2" were fired at our trenches at I.15.b.5.5 and round about LILLE POST. TRAMWAY Avenue was shelled also.

About 1 p.m. about 50 shells were fired at trenches 59.60

At 5 p.m. about 150 shells 4.2" at I.19.b and trenches.

OUR
ARTILLERY.

17th Battery shelled the Mounds and PUCKS FOLLY.
106th " " MARTINS CORNER.

The following O.P's and billets were also shelled during the day:

O.2.d.1½.5	
O.8.c.8.7.	Potteries
O.8.a.	(large barn)
O.15.a.8.6.	Thirouane

Between 12 noon and 4 p.m. the 106th Battery fired at LE BAS HAU.
PERISCOPE HOUSE (Battery claims to have killed observer.)
BATTERY HOUSE
HAYSTACK FARM
SNIPERS HOUSE
FETTERIES.

10th. Battery (enfilading section) fired 10 rounds at OYSTER FARM. I.32.c.1¾.4½.

INTELLIGENCE.

7.45 a.m. 10 men in small groups walked from trenches behind RAPPALLE FARM O.7.b.4.3.

9.15 a.m. Smoke issuing from farm O.14.b.6½.7½.

10.15 a.m. Smoke issuing in large volumes from earth-works at O.7.a.5.3. and continued all the morning.

11.30 a.m. Working party seen at I.33.d.9½.7½.

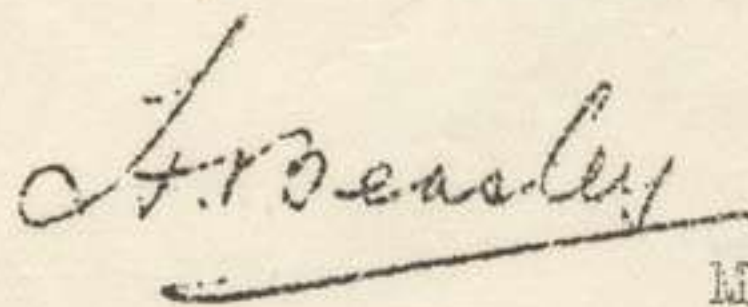
4.30 p.m. At O.1.a.7.8. three triangular shaped blue flags were noticed posted on pegs at about 100 yards intervaln along enemy's front line trench; a quantity of light timber was also seen scattered about here.

4.45 p.m. Working party of about 15 men was noticed constructing wire entanglements in rear of communication trench O.1.c.5.5.

5.p.m. Two red rectangular flags were put on pegs on enemy's front line trench about the point known as the LOZENGE O.1.a.4.7.

5.45 p.m. Enemy's battery located by flashes and sound at O.15.c.4¾.6¾

An enemy's battery (A.A.) has been located by observer in No.57 trench - magnetic bearing 113° 30' from extreme left of No.57 trench, range 2000 yards.



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BRIGADE-MAJOR, 2nd. D.A.

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SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE,
51ST INFANTRY BRIGADE.
For 24 hours ending 8 a.m. 13/5/18.

A. ENEMY'S ACTIVITY.

1. Artillery. Enemy artillery more active on our right and left, but not on our front.
2. Machine Gun and Rifle Fire. Enemy snipers slightly more active in morning, but were quietened by ours.
During night, enemy machine gun and rifle fire more in evidence.
3. Works and Working Parties. Enemy put a little new french wire in front of knife rests at I.11.a.5 $\frac{1}{2}$.7. to 8. Working Parties in front and support lines of Railway Salient.
New sandbags on enemy parapet - at I.11.a.4.1. & I.11.c.6.6.
The dugout at I.11.c.6.7. appears to have been completed.
4. Movements. Enemy transport heard at 4.45 a.m. on WEZ MACQUART - ARRET Road.
5. Miscellaneous. At 11 p.m. one searchlight was seen a long distance away on our right and another on our left.
Wind Test. At 9.10 a.m. a parachute light was sent over by the enemy, and landed in front of our 68 support.
Aircraft. Enemy balloon again observed up in same place.

B. OUR ENTERPRISES.

1. Artillery. In the morning, our 18 pdrs fired 19 rounds into house at I.17.b.2.0 $\frac{1}{2}$.
2. Bombing. We sent over four rifle grenades in reply to the enemy.
3. Sniping. Our snipers hit one man and broke five periscopes.
4. Patrols. A patrol went out at 10 p.m. and visited enemy front line at I.11.a.5 $\frac{1}{2}$.8 $\frac{1}{2}$. The machine gun emplacement there appears to have been completed. A sentry was seen there, but no work was in progress.

Lt. Stanger
for
Lieut. Colonel,
Commdg. 51st Infy. Brigade.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 36.

OUR OPERATIONS.

At 4 p.m. 104th How. Bty. fired 29 rounds at house on DISTILLERY ROAD, I 22 b 6 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ and house immediately behind it. 20 direct hits were obtained. At 4.5 p.m. 11th Bty. registered PETIT MARRIS, I 27 b 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ O. SHUTTER HOUSE, I 27 b 4 2 $\frac{1}{2}$, DISTILLERY, I 27 b 5 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ (25 rounds). A few rounds of shrapnel were fired at I 21 b 4 3 and 9 3 at 5 p.m. Our snipers claim to have broken four more periscopes. Patrol reports are attached.

WORK. Wet weather hampered work. 90 feet of wire was put out at I 16 c 9 7; 40 ft. at I 11 c 7 2; 180 ft. I 15 d 3 to 5 also in front of trenches 58, 60 and 62. Filling of emergency sandbags, erection of new signal ricket stands.

ENEMY ACTIVITY.

Very quiet all day. Practically no artillery fire. At 8 p.m. 6 rounds 77 m.m were fired on Support line at I 21 a. Our left Bn. report that at 8.30 p.m. when bombardment was in progress some distance away on our left, a very heavy gun was heard to fire from behind WEZ MACQUART. About 12 to 15 rounds were fired. The exact location could not be ascertained - approx North. Very little machine gun and rifle fire during day. Our wiring parties were fired on but no damage was done. Our snipers report enemy sniping quiet along the whole front. They consider that new troops are opposite us. At 4 p.m. enemy shelled N. of LILLE Rd. at I 9 c 7 7. 8 out of 12 shells failed to explode.

ENEMY DEFENCES. At I 17 b 5 6 it appears as if enemy are putting new sap to our right of red house. Could observe shovels and arms of party throwing up earth. I 16 d 7 8 party observed carrying timber in Support trench. I 21 b 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ trench has been built up higher. A machine gun emplacement is suspected in I 22 a 6 8 $\frac{1}{2}$. This place was reported on 9/5/16 when some new work was going on there, now it is well concealed and covered with grass sods. Snipers report that the enemy are still improving trenches, principally by strengthening the parapet with earth and sandbags, and the parados with grass sods which keep fresh and green.

MOVEMENTS. At I 17 b 3 6 a working party was again seen (12 or 15 men). Light too poor to distinguish what works going on. At I 16 d 5 3 11 men passed screen during day. 8 were dresses in Field Grey other 3 in blue (This point was been considerably damaged by our recent shelling.) I 17 b 3 6 smoke coming from East corner of RED HOUSE. I 23 a 1 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ ruins 5° east of TUILERIE, smoke was observed coming from large house in rear. At I 29 d 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ eight men appeared from behind bushy tree, four walked to track between I 29 b 1 0 and I 29 a 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ 4 placing themselves at intervals of about 40 yds. others disappeared in house. Few minutes later a heavy transport appeared at house I 29 d 3-8 $\frac{1}{2}$ and branched off eastwards and disappeared.

COMMUNICATIONS. At 10 p.m. three white rockets were sent up behind the enemy lines some distance away on our left. Enemy searchlight was very active during night.

OUR OPERATIONS. Our Machine Guns were active. Searching & traversing fire from I 20 d 6 6 on QUEER STREET and along DISTILLERY ROAD. From I 20 d 3 1 enfiladed enemys front line and supports from GERMAN HOUSE to LILLE ROAD. From I 15 d 6 4 traversing vicinity of Managers House, DISTILLERY, LA HOUSOIE and along elbow road to LE QUESINE. Firing on working parties at I 21 c 8 6. Total expenditure 5,500 rounds.

GENERAL. The wet weather was interfered with work and observation. Trenches are muddy and difficult to move about in.

George Head
A/Capt.
Brigade Major, for G.O.C.,
7th Aus Inf Bde.

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PATROL REPORT - 27th Bn. -13/5/16.

Map reference BOIS GRENIER, 36 N.W.4 1/10000 and Left Bn. Left Bde. 2nd Aust Div. line. Map of NO MAN'S LAND.

Two patrols were sent out -

1. 1Sgt., 1 L/Cpl. 2 men left 8.30 p.m. by old listening post "B" Coy. I 21 b 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ 9 $\frac{3}{4}$. Returned same place 12.30 a.m.
2. 1 Officer, 1 L/Cpl. 1 man left 8.30 p.m. by "D" Coy. SALLY PORT I 16 c 3 5 $\frac{1}{2}$. Returned midnight "B" Coy. SALLY PORT, I 15 d 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ 2 $\frac{1}{2}$.

REPORTS.

1. We started out at 8.30 p.m. and remained in the old advanced listening post for about 20 minutes. We then went straight ahead to ditch 50, and along this for about 30-40 yds. We crossed and went on another 100 yds. where we took cover in some long grass. Lay here for about two hours, then made a half circle to the left and lay in another spot for about half an hour, after which we returned by the same track we had used going out. During the whole time we were out we neither saw nor heard anything beyond the ordinary, with the exception of a faint tapping which sounded like the noise made when sandbags are flattened in building up parapets.

2. We left about 8.15 p.m. and moved half right. Crossed ditch 69. Went out about 100 yds. and lay there listening for about 40 mins. We then moved out to a large shell hole located about I 16 c 2 2, which offered a very favourable place for a listening post. We stayed here till 11.30 p.m.. There was no sign and practically no sound of the enemy. Now and then we could hear a metallic ring, and if steel rails were being thrown down. The noise of our own transport wagons was very distinct. A little more rifle fire, and more flares than usual were used by the enemy, beyond this there is nothing to report.

Sgd. R.H.SOUTHON, Lt.
Scout Officer.

A. An officer's patrol (Intelligence and Scout) and 2 men left trench 60 at 8.30 "Hells Gate", I 21 c 8 2 for the purpose of investigating a dead body which had been reported the previous night. The body was found and was in an advanced stage of decomposition. The identity disc could not be found, but a shoulder strap with the name "Notts & Derby", a pocket book, whistle and button were obtained for purpose of identification. The body is lying about 30 yds. to the left of the Railway line and about 40 yds in front of our parapet, and is in long grass. On further investigation his pocket book contained the soldier's pay book and an army "Small Book". The pay book is in the name of W.Grady, Sgt., No. 735, "C" Coy., 11th Service Bn., Sherwood Forresters. Patrol returned at 10 p.m.

Sgd. R.H.GILL, 2/Lt.
Scout Officer.

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I N T E L L I G E N C E S U M M A R Y .

2nd. Australian Division.

6 a.m. 13/5/1916 to 6 a.m. 14/5/1916.

1. ENEMY'S ARTILLERY.

Hostile Artillery was almost inactive. A few rounds were fired at BRIDOUX. ^{Salmk.} During the afternoon H.23.d.7.1. was shelled.

2. OUR ARTILLERY

105th Howitzer Battery fired 22 rounds at emplacement at I.26.c.8.7. Shooting was accurate and emplacement broken down. 17th Battery fired 30 rounds at potteries and neighborhood. We fired a few rounds at O.P's for registering purposes.

3. INTELLIGENCE.

A hessian screen has been put up about I.27.c.7.9 A working party was seen at O.6.d - 10.15 a.m. Smoke was noticed coming from behind MARTIN'S CAMP. 11 a.m. Party was seen at work at what is apparently a gun-pit at O.7.a.7.4. The 14th Battery reported that a new screen has been erected at O.6.b.1.2.

A. Beasley MAJOR,

BRIGADE-MAJOR, 2nd. D.A.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

B.M./1/33.

RIGHT SECTOR - 2nd. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

14/5/16.

1. OUR OPERATIONS.

The 24 hours passed quietly. Our Artillery shelled enemy trenches opposite 57 intermittently between 3.30 p.m. and 6.30 p.m. There was no retaliation.

Our patrols were active throughout the night. Strong working parties were working on our wire all last night. On 'A' Battalion front 50 coils of barbed wire and 30 coils of French wire were cut out. One man on a listening post was killed, (shot through the head wearing a steel helmet at the time).

2. PATROLS.

A patrol of 1 Officer and 5 other ranks left trench 49 at 8.30 p.m. and returned at 11.30 p.m. The patrol went in the direction of junction of No. 9 and No. 10 ditches. An enemy patrol of 4 men was encountered at this junction. 2 bombs and 2 pistol shots were directed at this patrol which disappeared into ditch 9.

The ground in area 9, 10, 11, 12 is cut up with numerous shell holes and is easily traversed.

A patrol consisting of 6 other ranks left trench 51 at 12 p.m. and came in at trench 52 at 2 a.m. They report

ground is firm and dry. Stream 17 is 5' wide and 3' deep.

A patrol consisting of 5 other ranks went out at 9 a.m. from SALLEY PORT near the centre of section 57 and passed the companies listening posts about 100 yards from parapet along the front of Section 57 and then went out along ditch 28a which was not marked on map of NO MAN'S LAND when first issued. This ditch is 3' wide and 5' deep, containing 1' water, location on map I.26.b.2.9½ to I.26.B.5½.6. The patrol then went towards ditch 29 about 20 yards from COURAY RIVER and reported to listening post in rear. They went back parallel and 15 yards from the river 300 yards from ditch 29, turned towards SALLEY PORT at left of section 56 and discovered a plough. 9 shell craters within a radius of 20 yards were located at 50 yards from parapet along ditch 28.

The wire entanglements ~~at~~ ditch 28 to 100 yards to left are exceptionally weak and can easily be walked over. The ground generally was soft but good walking. There were no signs of enemy. The patrol returned at 12-45 p.m.

A patrol consisting of 1 Officer and 4 other ranks went out from SALLEY PORT near left of section 56. They went along the front of wire entanglements to the Company's listening posts and to ditch 23. The entanglements along this front extended out to 100 yards. They then went along ditch 23 for 50 yards and across to where ditches 25 and 28 meet. Ditch 24 continues towards enemy's lines for 20 yards from the right of ditch 25 and not straight as marked on map. We then patrolled ground between COURAY RIVER and ditch 25. About 60 yards from the river and 20 yards from ditch 24 there is a large shell crater 7' x 5' also two smaller ones 5' x 3' nearer the river (marked on map). We waited near the large shell crater for some time but there were no signs of enemy patrols or working parties. Flares were regularly sent up for about where ditch 24 and enemy trench meet.

There is a gradual slope in the ground from ditch 24 towards ditch 28 and there is a little ground which affords concealment, prone position, about 10 yards from ditch 28 and 60 yards from our parapet. Patrol returned at 1 a.m.

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A patrol consisting of 5 other ranks went out from SALLEY FORT in centre of section 53 at 9 p.m. Snipers fired into this Salley Fort prior to the patrol going out and as it has been reported that a sniper fired into this spot before, a position for another Salley Fort will be selected and the old one not used.

The patrol reported to the Company's listening posts and proceeded along about 20 yards to the right of ditch 21 for 100 yards. At this spot the patrol listened for signs of enemy patrols and working parties but none were heard; this far the ground was soft but good walking, grass 1' long. The patrol then went across to the left of ditch 22 and discovered 5 shell craters 5' x 3' 35 yards from ditch 22 and 115 yards from our parapet, all included in a radius of 5 yards (marked on map); also a large shell crater was found 60 yards from ditch 22 and 50 yards from road. It was about 9' x 5'.

Patrol then reported to a listening post and went out along the right about 10 yards of ditch 23 for 180 yards where they stopped and observed two forms in what appeared to be a shell crater, 15' in rear of an isolated tree which is the 6th. tree along ditch 23 from our parapet. A flare was thrown so as to fall immediately in front of patrol from this shell crater just to our front. The patrol walked towards ^{trench} and were sniped at. When 100 yards from our trenches the sniping ceased and flares were not sent up so frequently. The patrol returned at 1 a.m. in rear of the company's wiring party and listening posts.

3. ENEMY'S ACTIVITY.

Enemy shelled our old trench running parallel to Queer Street and to south of it with 20 H.E. Shrapnel.

A few bursts of machine gun fire were directed at our working parties during the night.

Between 4.30 p.m. and 5 p.m. 6 enemy bombs were fired into our SALIENT. One of these failed to explode. From 11 p.m. to 11.45 p.m. the enemy fired 6 bombs into the SALIENT. No damage was done.

4. INTELLIGENCE.

The Signal Officer tried to run out wire to tap enemy communications. He did this under cover of No. 1 patrol. Owing to enemy rifle fire and the cutting of the wire by a bullet, the wire was brought in. One of the enemy was observed to be wearing a grey coat and a black cap.

H. G. May

Major

for G.O.C. 5th. Aus. Inf. Bgde. A.C.D.

7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

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15/5/16.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NUMBER 37.

OUR OPERATIONS.

At 2.20 p.m. 14th Bty. fired 5 rounds on I 21 d $\frac{1}{2}$ 2 $\frac{1}{2}$, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ 5, 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ 7 and I 21 b 6 0 for registration purposes of Barrage 21 D. At 3.45 p.m. 104th Bty. fired 7 rounds at SHUTTER HOUSE, results good. At 4.40 p.m. the same Bty. fired 28 rounds at trenches 63 and 64 for registration purposes. At 4.55 105th How. Bty. fired 23 rounds H.E. at 4 points of trench 60 for registration. At 1 p.m. 14th Bty. fired 14 rounds at different points in I 27 a for registration of approach system. Same Bty. fired 12 rounds at suspected Snipers position I 27 a 9 2 direct hits obtained. At 2.30 p.m. 13th Bty. fired 17 rounds at I 26 b 7 $\frac{1}{4}$ 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ for registration of German trenches. At 4 p.m. 20th Bty. fired 23 rounds at Machine gun emplacement I 26 b 7 $\frac{1}{4}$ 5. Good effect obtained. At 6 p.m. same battery fired 23 rounds at enemy first line trench at I 26 b 7 $\frac{1}{4}$ 5. Shooting was accurate & results good. A working party at I 29 c 5 5 was shelled between 4 p.m. and 5.20 p.m. Our machine guns were active. From I 20 a 3 1 searching fire on enemy's front and support lines from German House to Lille rd. From I 20 d 6 6 searching and traversing Queer St. to Distillery Rd. and cross roads Wez MACQUART. Fired on working party at I 21 c 5 3. Total expenditure 3,000 rounds. Our snipers claim to have broken one enemy periscope. Patrol reports are attached.

WORK. Wet weather again interfered with work. Parapets were repaired and general maintenance work carried out. Knife rests were prepared during the day and put out at night. At I 16 c 7 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ 60ft. In front of trench 60, 30yds, 67, 35yds, 61 30 yds. There is now a double line of knife rests from left of RUE de BOIS salient to head of minor salient. About 50yds of rape crop cut in front of 67 and grass and crop in front of I 16 c 6 3 $\frac{1}{2}$.

ENEMY ACTIVITY. Artillery much more active from 11.50 to 12.10 p.m. about 100 H.E. shells were sent over at Support lines, Burnt Farm, to Salop Avenue. No damage done. At from 2.15 to 2.30 p.m. 30 H.E. were put in vicinity of Dead Cow Farm. At 3 p.m. 5 shrapnel in support lines of trench 58, at 6.50 p.m. 50 light Howitzer and 77 m.m. put in supports on trench 62. At different times during the day shrapnel was sent over in vicinity of Chards Farm. Very little Machine gun and rifle fire. Sniping fire especially at night seems to come from a height.

ENEMY DEFENCES. Improving earthworks along line. In I 29 c along road & about Le Paradis working parties are frequently seen. I 17 b 3 6 working party of 5 men seen carrying boards from Red House to sap from 6 a.m. to about 8 a.m. Working parties observed carrying hurdles to left from Wez Macquart. Machine gun emplacements suspected at I 21 c 3 1. Enemy observation post observed in I 22 b 8 4.

MOVEMENTS. Quite a lot of minor movements on Paradise road all day. Presumably to a Hedaquarters, I 16 d 5 3 18 men observed passing screen during day. All seemed to hurry since the shelling of a few days ago. I 22 d 8 9 three men walked in direction of trenches. 4.10 p.m. I 22 d 3 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ two men on bicycles rode along Distillery Rd., one carrying parcel on shoulder. I 29 d $\frac{1}{2}$ 4 ~~xxx~~ cyclist rode down Paradise Rd. and disappeared near house A 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ 3 $\frac{1}{2}$. Five minutes later came back along road. A report that a light was seen in the Distillery last night for a few seconds is credible.

COMMUNICATIONS. A strong searchlight was used to the north of sector and showed right down NO MAN'S LAND.

GENERAL. The wet weather again hampered work and observation. Trenches are still very muddy.

George Reid
Lt.
for Capt. for
G.O.C., 7th Aust Inf Bde.

15/5/16.

PATROL REPORT - 27th Bn.

Map Reference BOIS GRENIER 36 N.W.4 1/10,000 and Left Bn., Left Brigade, 2nd Aust Div. Map of NO MAN'S LAND, 1/5000.

Two patrols went out as follows:-

1. 1 Officer and 2 men from trench 64 I 21 b 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ 9 $\frac{3}{4}$ at 8.30 p.m. returned to ~~I 21 b 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ 9 $\frac{3}{4}$ at midnight~~ to same place at 12.45 a.m.
2. 1 Sgt 1 L/Cpl, 2 men from trench 66 I 16 c 5 8 at 8.30 p.m. returned to I 16 c 9 9 at midnight.

REPORTS.

1. We left at 8.30p.m. and went straight out from I 21 b 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ 9 $\frac{3}{4}$ for about 100 yards and then half right for another 80 or 100 yds. We established ourselves here as a listening posts. The enemy rifle fire was more active than usual, but we did not hear any working parties. Numerous flares and constant searchlight play was noticed. We saw what appeared to be a signal given by the searchlight. A working party of ours was employed on our wires, about I 15 d 6 1. The searchlight seemed to get on to these. It remained stationary on ~~one~~ flank of this party for about 15 seconds, then moved up and down in a short vertical plane, after which the light gradually moved across to the other flank of the party - remained still here for another 15 seconds - moved up and down vertically as before, and suddenly went out. We thought this was a signal to the enemy machine guns. However, it was only followed up by some accelerated rifle fire. We learned later from the party that bullets flew low over their heads for five or six minutes after this occurrence.
2. We left I 16 c 5 8 at 8.30 p.m. Went straight out to ditch 69, crossed this near the road and went on about 30 yds. Then crossed road (about I 16 c 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ 5 $\frac{3}{4}$). We then moved half left and got into a shell hole located at I 16 c 9 $\frac{3}{4}$ 3 about 15 yds from the enemy entanglements. We lay here for about an hour and a half. A working party of 9 Germans was employed on the entanglements about 80 yds on our left. We could distinctly hear them talking. A flare was fired from their own lines over their heads and they all stood perfectly still. They appeared to be dressed in a light uniform (the colour of which could not be distinguished in that light) and had soft caps on their heads. The working party was still there when we left at 11.30 p.m. We returned crossing ditch 71 and the LILLE RD. at about I 16 d 1 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ and reentered our trenches at I 16 c 9 9 at 12.30 a.m. We got one of our machine guns on to the enemy wire, where we had seen the Germans.

Sgd. R.D.SOUTHON, Lt.

Bn. Scout Officer.

A patrol consisting of one Sgt. and 5 men left trench 62 (I 21 a 9 8) at 8.30 p.m. and crossed drain 46, proceeding as far as the junction of drain 47 and 44, then followed the latter along its course until they came to the road opposite German House. The patrol waited here and watched for two hours, but no signs of enemy patrols were seen. The country in this sector is undulating and covered with long coarse grass about 2ft. in height affording plentiful cover. Patrol then returned along drain 43 and entered our trenches at I 21 a 9 5 at midnight, having observed no signs of the enemy.

Sgd. R.H.GILL, Lt.

Scout Officer.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY. No. 33.
2nd. Australian Divisional Artillery. Appendix No 5

6 a.m. 14/5/1916 to 6 a.m. 15/5/1916.

OUR ARTILLERY.

Time of Shelling	Battery	Target	No. of Rounds	Remarks.
1.15 p.m.	14th.	I.27.a.9.2.	12 rds.	Suspected sniper's post. Direct hits obtained.
4.p.m.	20th	I.26.b.7 $\frac{1}{4}$.5	23 rds.	Machine-gun emplacement. Good effect.
6.p.m.	20th	Front line trench at I.26.b.7 $\frac{1}{4}$.5	23 rds.	

Other Batteries fired registration rounds at various points.

ENEMY'S ARTILLERY.

Time of Shelling	Locality of Hostile Battery	How located.	Nature of gun.	No. of Rounds	Local-ity Shel-led	Rptd. by	Remarks.
7.55.a.m.	Near Thir-ouanne	Flash	77 mm.	4	Trench 50	106th Batty.	
9.15.a.m.	-----	---	77 mm	20	I.9.c.5.2.	12th Batty.	
11.30.a.m.	-----	----	77 mm.	50	Trenches near Dis-tillery.	18th Batty.	
11.35 to 11.55.a.m.	-----	----	77mm. 77mm	80	1st.& 2nd. line tren-ches -59 & 60	11th. Batty	
11.50.a.m.	Esquebec-ques.	Flash	4.2"	50	I.26.a. } I.26.b. }	15th. Batty.	
2.25.p.m.	I.33.a.	Sound	77 mm.	6	Front line trenches at I.26.a.	15th Bty.	
4.40.p.m.	-----	----	77 mm	10	I.9.a.7.2	12th. Batty.	

INTELLIGENCE.

Observation was rather difficult on account of mist and rain.
6.15 p.m. Steam locomotive seen between RADINGHAM CHURCH and screen near O.10.c.5.5. The shed in rear of this screen appears to be a large dump or railhead.

A. B. Masley Major,
Brigade-Major, 2nd. Div. Artly.

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5TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.RIGHT SECTOR. 2ND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

15-5-16.

1. OUR OPERATIONS.

Generally quiet, very little sniping and Machine Gun fire. Our patrols were very active during the night, 5 being sent out, reports attached.

Throughout the night parties were busily engaged in wiring wire in front of 'A' Battalion, strengthened by the addition of 77 coils of barbed and 20 coils of French wire. In front of the CHORD Line a party of 60 men were employed in making a glacis. The party working on trench 52 were subjected to Machine Gun and rifle fire, which killed one and wounded one other rank. In front of 'B' Battalion 50 coils were put out.

2. ENEMY'S ACTIVITY

At 11.50 am. enemy artillery fired about 60 rounds H.E. (4.2 and 5.9) on our front line near junction of sections 56 and 57. Our parapet was breeched in two places. A number of shells fell short. In the course of the afternoon about 6 more shells fell in the vicinity of the Support Line near PARK ROW at BURNT FARM, no damage was done. At 3 pm. an enemy bomb burst in trench 50 wounding 2 other ranks.

3. INTELLIGENCE.

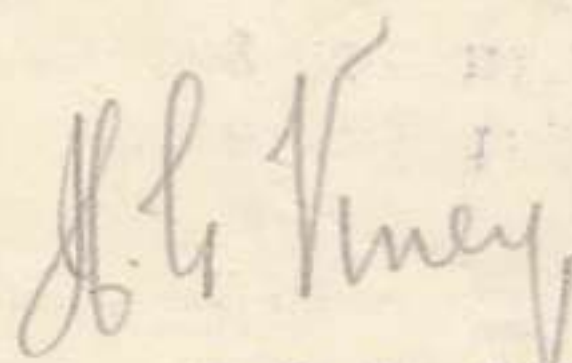
At 6.30 pm. smoke was seen rising over LILLE-ARMENTIERES railway between ESCOBECQUES and ERQUINGHEM as if from a train shunting there.

Coming out of sap at O.2.b.9.2. at 5.45 pm. six men apparently in full marching order were seen to enter the most southerly house in row at O.2.d.1.5. Another party of 6 at 6.40 pm. after leaving same sap went in direction of RADINGHEM.

A cloud of steam was seen between the Spires at ESCOBECQUES and ENNETIERES, this appeared to come from a stationary engine. It was seen plainly at 4 pm. and a similar cloud has been seen at various times in the same locality.

The 18th Battalion Signal Officer succeeded in getting a wire out in front of section 49 last night.

Enemy uniforms seen were a bluish grey, caps dark grey, three with white bands round cap.



Major.

For G.O.C. 5th Bde. A.I.F.

PATROL REPORT.

No. 1 patrol 9.30 left trench 48 and returned 11.30 at same place. No Man's Land was good going but marshy in places. Three enemy patrol patrols of five men each seen in front of our SALIENT.

No. 2 Patrol left Section 50 at 12 midnight and returned at trench 51 at 2 a.m. Ground dry and firm. Enemy patrol threw four bombs in vicinity of our listening post near junction of stream II and COUREAU 12. This patrol was seen to retire hurriedly along stream II.

(Sgd) R. Bretherton, Lt.

A patrol consisting of 1 Officer and 4 other ranks went out from SALLY PORT near the left of Section 55 at 9 pm. and proceeded out along wire entanglements to the Company's listening party at a previously arranged spot. We posted these men 60 yards out from the wiring party which was working near right of Section 55. The Officer and one scout went back via the listening posts, reported their dispositions to the Officer in charge of wiring party, then to the right of Section 55 and along Sections 55 and 56 just in front of the parapet for the purpose of examining it and Ditches. Along the whole of this front there is a Ditch just in front of the parapet. There are pools of water not more than 1' deep from about the centre of Section 55 to the centre of Section 56. The dimensions are about from the right of 55 to 60 yards to the left 4' x 4' widening to 7' x 5' to left of 55 from where it varies from 5' x 5' to 4' x 4' at left of 56. There are not any wire entanglements in the Ditch. The parapet slopes into the Ditch about 1' in 1' along 130 yards from the right of 55 and from there to the left of 56 it has been rivetted the material of which has mostly given way. Troops in marching order could jump from the parapets over the Ditch where the latter is narrow and where wide, slide into the Ditch and walk across. The other three scouts patrolled along 100 yards in front of the listening posts. There were no signs of the enemy patrols. Officer and one scout returned through SALLY PORT at left of 56 at 11.30 pm. and the remainder through SALLY PORT in Section 55 at 12.45 in rear of listening posts.

(Sgd) R.E.PYE, Lt.

PATROL REPORT.

A patrol consisting of 5 other ranks went out from SALLEY FORT near centre of Section 57, posted the Company's listening posts and proceeded towards where ditch 28 joins COURAY RIVER; turned back along the river towards ditch 29, then re-orted to listening posts and went in to examine the parapet, ditches etc., along the front of section 57. There is a ditch running from the left of 57 to the right 80 yards, 4' x 7' just in front of the parapet. It contains water, barbed wire and refuse (mostly tins). The ditch would only be crossable by means of bridges. Further to the right 80 yards, there is not a ditch but barbed wire to bottom of parapet. At right of 57 there is a shell crater just in front of parapet, about 10' x 6' and is full of water and barbed wire. The parapet along the front has an average height of 10 feet, a slope of about 1' in 1' for 30 yards from the left. For next 80 yards to right of section 57 the parapet is about 4' wide and there is a drop averaging 8'.

The patrol proceeded via listening posts to ditch 29 and followed it to the COURAY RIVER, passing a listening post 9' x 4' having a parapet of sand bags, 70 yards from our trench and 7 yards to the right of ditch 29. There is a beaten track from listening post to river. COURAY RIVER, from ditch 29 to ditch 28a, is 10' wide and about 8' deep and is full of water. The river was searched by a stick for wires but none were found. The patrol returned along ditch 28a, through SALLEY FORT, near centre of section 57, in rear of the listening posts at 1 a.m.

A patrol consisting of 5 other ranks went out at 9 p.m. from the Salley Fort at right of section 53. They visited the company's listening posts in front of sections 53 and 54 and proceeded along ditch 21 for 150 yards. There is a depression in the ground beginning from about 50 yards to the left of listening post on ditch 21 and it runs along crossing ditch 21 about 10 yards from enemy trenches. This depression affords good concealment in any position and would hold approximately one platoon.

The patrol heard an enemy working party in front of their parapet and to the right of ditch 21. They were pulling wire about and were heard using mauls. The patrol moved to the left into some high ground half way between ditches 21 and 22, where they found 7 shell craters 4' x 2' within a radius of 12 yards. There were 5 bags in one crater 3 inches thick pointed and slanting towards the right. They then crossed ditch 22 just before the road along it turns to the left and approached enemy listening post, within 60 yards (previously reported); it was occupied.

Patrol returned to left of section 54 and examined parapet and ditches along to right of 54. There is a ditch along the front of this section 3' x 3', it contains a little water in places and loose barbed wire for 12 yards each side of ditch 22. The parapet has a slope of about 1' in 1' into ditch. Troops in full marching order could descend parapet and cross ditch anywhere. The patrol ascertained that working parties were in so returned over parapet at right of section 54 at 1 a.m. When going out a listening party passed reported that a man from the 16th. Battalion was shot some distance out and to the right of section 53 and assistance was asked of the patrol. Private Fallen, 'B' Coy. went out and assisted the wounded man to his trench and then rejoined patrol.

Sgd. R. E. Eye Lieut.

17th. Battalion.

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1ST NEW ZEALAND INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Intelligence Summary No 2.

For period from 6 a.m. on the 14th to 6 a.m. on the 15 th.

ENEMY ATTITUDE.

(a). Rifle and Machine Gun Fire. An increase in the amount of Sniping from the enemy's lines was reported from the right, also desultory rifle fire, and, during the night, frequent bursts of Machine Gun Fire.

(b). Artillery Fire. At 4.30 p.m. the enemy shelled Chapelle d' Armentieres with H.E. shells landing without doing any material damage. Two Shells passed through the roof of Railway House. During the day, the enemy shelled our Support and Subsidiary lines on the right of our Brigade Sector with 77 cm. H.E. and Shrapnel.

(c). Working Parties. A working party was observed on the right of No 1 Locality between 4 and 5 a.m. on the 15th.

From S.P. No 3 (I.10.d.10/10.) the enemy appeared to be building a large dug-out. They were visible to the waist, and wore BLUE Uniforms with a red Band on the Cap.

At 11 a.m. on the 14th the enemy were seen moving a plank opposite the centre of our Brigade Sector. At 3.45 p.m. movement was observed at the same spot, earth being thrown up.

(d). Movement. From S.P. No 5 (I.5.c.1/2.) Opposite the post, the enemy were observed to open a loop-hole several times during the day, the exposure being about 40 seconds.

From S.P. No 7 (I.11.a.9/10) men were seen entering house at I.5.d.3/4 at 7 p.m.

From O.P. at I.10.d.7/8 at 4.15 p.m. a German was observed wearing a green peaked cap, with a white band.

From O.P. at Railway House, the enemy were observed moving across Railway at a point I.11.a.3 1/2/5.

OUR ENTERPRISE. At 6 p.m. our Snipers fired at the enemy's working party, and from No 3 S.P. and work immediately ceased. An enemy Sniper was firing on the Mushroom was also silenced.

Owing to weather conditions, nothing of importance was observed from SQUARE FARM.

Rochester
Major.

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OUR OPERATIONS

At 12 noon 105th How. Btry. fired 24 rounds at trenches 59, 60 & 61. The registration of these trenches was completed. Considerable damage was done. Shooting very accurate. At 3 p.m. 14th Btry fired 7 rounds at I 27 b 7 and dispersed parties moving there at 3.15 p.m. 15th Btry fired 16 shells at German trenches I 21 C 5.3 and 3.1 and I 26 b 9 $\frac{2}{3}$ 9. At 5 p.m. heavy batteries on our left bombarded the MUSHROOM.

Our snipers claim to have shot one man and broken 5 more enemy periscopes.

Our Machine Guns were active during the night. Working parties were fired on and dispersed. Enemy front line and supports from LILLE ROAD to 500 yards left were traversed, also QUEER ST. DISTILLERY Rd. and cross roads WEZ MACQUART. Searched vicinity of Managers House LA HOUSSIE and front line and supports from German House to Lille Road. Expenditure 4750 rounds.

WORK. The weather again interfered with our work. Wire entanglements were prepared and general maintenance work was carried out. On account of changing over no wiring was done last night.

ENEMY ACTIVITY. Very quiet on our front during 24 hours. At 11.30 a.m. 19 rounds of shrapnel were put over Right Bn. support lines. No damage. At 11.45 a.m. 8 rounds of shrapnel near Burnt Farm. At 2.15 p.m. 5 rounds shrapnel 77 m.m. at I 15 b 2.5. No damage.

Sniping fairly active. One man was seen to use 8 different loopholes but was silenced by our men.

ENEMY DEFENCES. At 10 a.m. located party working with timber between I 36 c 6 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ and I 36 c 7 5 $\frac{1}{2}$. At I 16 D 5.3 parapet in front of screen on our right has been built up higher. At I 16 D 68 picks and shovels have been seen in operation- The parapet has been built up and covered with grass sods. New sods have been noticed on front of enemy's parapet, in front of right Bn in several places.

MOVEMENTS. Movements in rear still continue along road and about LE PARDIS I 29 c two horsed vehicles, cyclists, and man on horseback seen. At I 16 D 5 3 6 men passed the screen during day. At I 22 B 5.5 at 1.55 pm cart drawn by one horse trotted across field to distillery Rd going in direction of WEZ MACQUART disappeared in wood I 35 A 3.7. man climbed on to stage located about reference, rigged across two tall trees. He remained there 10 minutes. I 29 c 8.6. at 10.15 a.m. two men noticed going towards trenches, also two men going in opposite direction at 11 a.m. A party of about 20 men were seen to assemble at 6 p.m. in I 30 d. They moved off at once. A periscope was observed on NO MANS LAND in an old trench outside the enemy's salient I 21 b 4.4. It is thought that there was an observer there but it was not verified. at 2.45 p.m. men were seen near I 27 b 9

ENEMY ARTILLERY. It is suspected that there is a hostile battery in front of wood at foot of rising ground approximately in D 18 d. A magnetic bearing was taken reading 101. 30 mm from Sally Post in trench 65. At 7.35 p.m. flashes from 77 m.m. Btry observed at I 18 a 6.4. and I 23 B 7.3. Aprox. *mark
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COMMUNICATIONS. At 8.5. pm. 7 red and 3 white flares were sent up from behind enemy lines opposite left Bn- Exact place not located. Right Bn reports Red Green Red Red Green lights thrown from German trenches opposite salient. At 8.35 pm. Left Bn. reports several rockets going up about I 27 b. When descending they showed red & green colours simultaneously. Several pigeons were noticed behind enemy's lines during day.

GENERAL. Bns in front line were relieved last night. Relief completed at 11.30 p.m. No accidents. Owing to dull day observation was very bad. Whole line very muddy and wet. Patrols reports are attached.

16-5-16.

sgt G A Head
LIEUT.
Intelligence Officer-

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16/5/16.

PATROL REPORT - 25th Bn.
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A patrol consisting of G. Carroll, 2/Lt., No. 1562, Pte Philpott, B., No. 1544, Johnston, No. 1610 Pte Mollison I., left trench 66 at point shown on sketch at 8.30 p.m. Our objective was to inspect Ditch 70, 71 and 72. When out we found the moon too bright for our purpose. During last tour in trenches some sentries were of the opinion that flares were fired from ditch 71. We decided to investigate same. The dotted line shows course taken. After crossing snipers house rd. a machine gun swept the road firing from about where enemy's trench crosses Lille Road. We were fortunate to be in dead ground. There is a ditch running along the east side of the road about 3' deep and 4' wide, at present it has about 1' to 18" of water in it. This ditch is broken in places. When dry would offer ~~cover~~ fair cover.

When the moon was clouded the enemy was very consistent with flares, also searchlight. We proceeded to point shown on sketch, and listened for some time. Things were exceptionally quiet.

To the east could hear hammering - sounded like someone drawing pegs (wood to wood). To our front I heard a German speaking - sounded like someone giving an order - about six words.

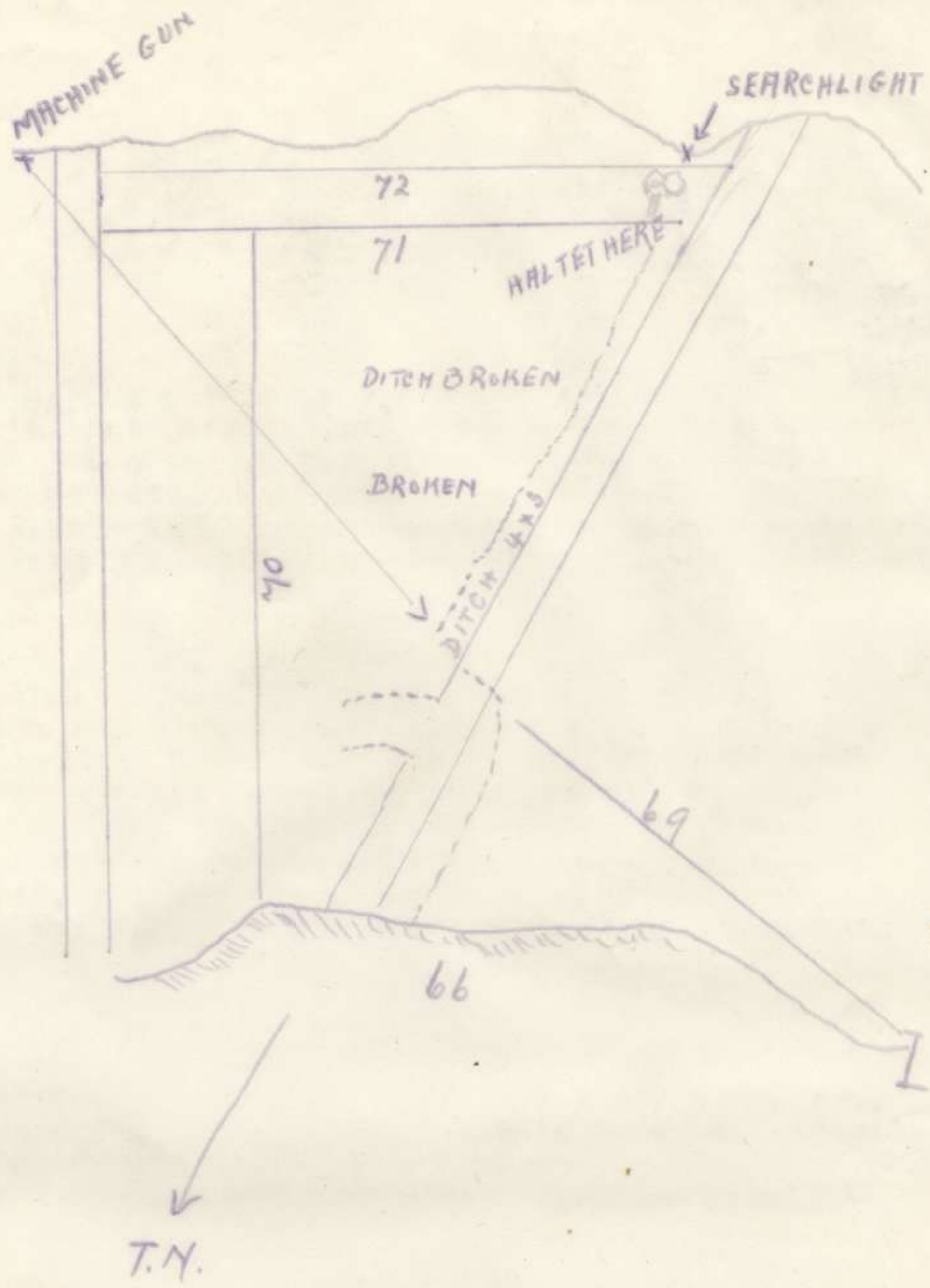
It was really too bright for a moving patrol.

We returned at 1 a.m. coming back by same route.

Sgd. G. Carroll, 2/Lt.

Scout Officer, 25th Bn.

Appendix No 5



B.M./I/35.

FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.RIGHT SECTOR. - SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

I6/5/16.

I. OUR OPERATIONS.

Our wiring parties were very active throughout the night in front of 'A' Battalion 47 coils of barbed and 9 coils of French wire being put out. In front of 'B' Battalion 75 coils of mixed wire were put out.

At 'STAND TO' this morning our machine guns in left sector fired several bursts in the direction of located working parties.

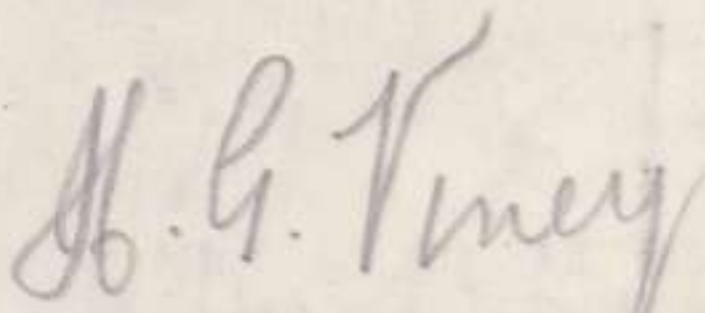
2. ENEMY'S ACTIVITY.

About 10 a.m. 3 shells (shrapnel) burst on Tramway Avenue near Support Line. At 11.30 p.m. the enemy opened heavy burst of rifle and machine gun fire which lasted for two minutes and was directed against trenches 48 and 49. It is estimated that one rifle fired in every 10 yards of enemy trench. Between 9 p.m. and 1 a.m. enemy rifle and machine gun fire hindered work on wire in front of Trench 52. At various intervals up to 11.30 p.m. enemy fired bombs into trenches 49, 50, and 51. There were 25 thrown of which 2 failed to explode. The flash of the gun firing these bombs was seen at CAPE BLANCO.

3. INTELLIGENCE.

Between 7.45 p.m. and 8.30 p.m. a series of red, green and white flares were sent up from enemy's trenches opposite Sections 49 and 51.

Enemy working party observed about 2500 yards bearing 120 degrees from I.20.d.5.2. : probably a new gun emplacement.



Major.

For G.O.C. 5th Aust. Inf. Bde. A.O.D.

PATROL REPORT.

At 9 p.m. a patrol of 2 Officers and 13 others left Trench 50 and after crossing Section 13 of COUREAU moved along Ditch II to junction of IO and II.

At 11 p.m. 3 men came out from junction of stream II and enemy ~~was~~ trenches and three were seen going back. A listening post is suspected in front of Ditch I5. Enemy came through wire along stream IO. There is an occupied listening post 30* from junction of stream IO and II in direction of junction of stream and enemy ~~xxxxx~~ trenches.

At 11.20 p.m. 11 of our patrols withdrew to COUREAU. At 11.30 the remainder, 2 Officers and 2 others were almost surrounded by at least 12 of enemy who threw two bombs and fired with their pistols. After throwing grenades at enemy the whole of our patrol withdrew to our own lines.

Between Ditches IO and I2 and about 30* from IO there is a Ditch 3' deep 1' wide with about 6" water at bottom. This Ditch affords ~~good~~ good cover. Ditch II is 6' x 8' wide and 5' deep. Ground is firm and dry. The grass is long and gives good cover. It is suspected that Ditch IO is connected up to enemy trenches, as three of enemy got in rear of us on our side of Ditch unobserved. Stream IO gives good cover. For IO* from junction of IO and II it is 6' wide and 5' deep. At this point the water seems to cease.

(Sgd) R. BRETHERTON. Lieut.
18th Battalion.

A patrol consisting of 5 other ranks went out at 9 p.m. from SALLY PORT near right of Section 53 and proceeded along the right of Ditch 21 for 150 yards after reporting to the Company's listening posts in front of 53. Owing to enemy snipers they had to seek cover in depression (previously reported) on the left of Ditch 21. Then moved to shell craters near iron roller (marked on map) and along towards Ditch 23 halting half-way to it and Ditch 22, 100 yards from enemy listening post. The enemy were occupying another listening post about 40 yards left of the listening post previously located. Enemy working parties were heard pulling wire and driving iron pegs between Ditches 22 and 24. Patrol returned along the left of Ditch 23 to right of Section 55. The ground was soft ~~and~~ but good walking. A SALLY PORT would be useful and could be well concealed at right of Section 55. Patrol returned over parapet in 54 at 12.30 a.m.

A patrol consisting of 5 other ranks went out from SALLY PORT 57 at 9 p.m. Posted the Company's listening posts and proceeded along Ditch 28a to COURAY RIVER. At 30 yards to right of 28a along river there are two boards crossing it 6' x 4' and are just covered by water. There is an old beaten track comes from the boards 3 yards turns to the left and follows towards our trenches on left of Ditch 28a. COURAY RIVER is about 6' x 8' between 28a and boards. The patrol then went along this side of river ^{to} opposite end of Ditch 26; from this Ditch 20 yards left along the ~~xxxxx~~ river the ground slopes towards Ditch 27. The ground between Ditches 28a and 28 was reconnoitred. There is a little high ground running from Ditch to Ditch about 20 yards from the river. This side of rise about 60 men in prone position would be concealed from enemy trenches opposite this front. The ground has numerous shell craters (marked on map) and would impede progress of troops but afford good cover. The patrol returned at 12 midnight in rear of the Company's listening posts through SALLY PORT 57.

A patrol consisting of 4 other ranks went out at 12 midnight ~~from~~ Sally Port 56 and proceeded out along Ditch 28 to COURAY RIVER. About 2 yards right of Ditch 28 there is a bridge 6' x 4' on which grass is growing. Fresh foot marks were on the bridge and just to left, and 3 yards this side there is a flag, blue or black, white and red: 12" x 14" on a stick 2' 6" supported by earth banked round it. The river was 6' x about 5'. The patrol listened for enemy patrols and working parties but not any were heard and returned through Sally Port at 2 a.m.

(Sgd) R.E.PYE. Lieut.
17th Battalion.

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1ST NEW ZEALAND INFANTRY BRIGADE.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 3

for period from 6 a.m. on the 15th to 6 a.m. on the 16th May, 1916.

ENEMY ATTITUDE. (In reply to our Artillery, at 5 p.m. the enemy commenced shelling our trenches 71, 72, and 73, and also Chapelle d'Armentieres. The Outskirts of Armentieres were violently shelled without many direct hits to the buildings there. Four of the enemy shells blew in portions of the Port Egal Avenue, at points in the vicinity of S.P. I.4.c. Repairs was effected during the night. On the Right Sector, at the same hour we were also shelled, but no material damage was done, most of the shells landing in the support line behind the MUSHROOM, and in the subsidiary line behind PIGOT'S FARM.

(b) Enemy Snipers were much less aggressive.

(c) At I.11.a.6 1/2 / 9 1/2 the enemy's parapet is strewn with fresh earth for a distance of 40 feet.

At I.11.c.5/0 at about 3-45 a.m. two parties of three men each were observed working on the parapet, one driving in stakes, the other arranging what appeared to be a M.G. Emplacement. They were both dressed in gray with dark caps, the one working on the emplacement having White Bands on their Caps. On being fired on, both parties dispersed.

(d) While our trenches were being shelled at 11 a.m. yesterday, a man got up in a Communication trench at I.17.a.2/6, after each shot. He seemed to be wearing an English Pattern Steel Helmet. Owing to telescopic Sights not being available, we were not able to fire on him.

Constant of the enemy was observed at I.11.b.2/1 At 8.15 a.m. yesterday 3 men were seen on the road behind the Arch (On Railway about 600 yards from Enemy's front line, and at 8.30 a.m. a transport waggon was seen. Smoke was noticed rising from the centre of the Arch, and at 8.35 a.m. a waggon was again seen, as well as men carrying Dixies on the same road. A few men were again observed at 12.30 p.m. and again at 6.30 p.m. At Perenchies washing could be seen on the Clothes Lines and smoke issuing from four houses.

(e) Opposit trenches 71, 72, and 73, several dummy periscopes are visible on the enemy parapet (front line) One of these was hit by one of our Snipers and the enemy were seen to be using these dummies to push genuine periscopes through for observation purposes. At 10.30 a.m. sounds as of hammering were heard from S.P. at I.10.d.10/10.

- (a) Sniping was maintained throughout the day, but their work is hampered through want of telescopic sights.
- (b) Between 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. our heavy artillery bombarded the enemy trenches in front of the MUSHROOM causing considerable damage to the parapet which was partially repaired during the night.

OUR ENTERPRISE.

R. Colman
Brigade Major

7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 39.OUR OPERATIONS.

Between 10.30 and 11.20 a.m. 12th Bty. fired 23 rounds at I 23 d & L'EPERONNERIE wood. From 11.15 to 11.30 a.m. ~~our~~ 13th Bty. at I 23 c 1 1/2 1 1/2 where anti-aircraft gun was seen. It was silenced. Same Bty. fired 20 rounds on targets at I 23 c 1 1/2 1 1/2, I 23 d 0 7, and I 23 c 6 1. At 3.17 p.m. anti-aircraft guns were silenced. 14th Bty fired 6 rounds at suspected anti-aircraft positions at I 24 c 0 7 and I 23 c 6 1. At 1 p.m. 105th Bty. fired 13 rounds at I 27 b 3 5. Between 4 p.m. and 4.50 p.m. 104th Bty. fired 33 rounds at I 27 b 3 1/2 2 1/2, building to right of LARGE FARM and trenches at I 21 b 8 1/2 2 3/4. 19th Bty fired 22 rounds at Gun position at I 17 d 8 4 and I 17 c 6 8 3/4. Our Snipers claim to have broken one enemy periscope. Our Machine guns were active at night. Traversing fire from I 8 d 8 2 on to enemy trenches at I 16 d 3 6. From I 20 a 6 2 searching fire on enemy front line at I 26 d 3 8, also at MONT PINDO and at the enemy trenches in vicinity of Le QUESNE. From I 21 c 1 9 enfilading fire on enemy trenches from LILLE Rd. to 500 yds to left. From I 16 c 2 6 traversing parapet and wire from I 16 b 8 0 to LILLE Rd. and from I 22 a 2 6 to I 21 b 4 3. Total expenditure 6,750 rounds. Patrol reports are attached.

WORK. Wire was put out along right front of right Bn. Fire steps in Salient were improved and knife rests were constructed. Drainage has been attended to along whole front of left Bn. Parados revetted and sandbagged in trenches 64, 65, 66 and 67. Duck boards have been lowered and repaired in trenches 65 and 66.

ENEMY ACTIVITY.

Snipers have been fairly active but machine guns very quiet. On the whole enemy attitude quiet. Between 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. about 150 shells H.E. were sent over at Farm and surroundings near RUE DES ACQUETS about H 5 d. One large farm was burnt. At 11 a.m. 45 rounds 4.2" were fired in vicinity of I 19 a. At 11.50 a.m. 15 rounds 4.2" in vicinity of I 19 c.

ENEMY DEFENCES. A working party was observed working on sap at I 3 6 5 4. At 7 a.m. 14 men were seen working with pick and shovel at I 16 d 6 1/2 1. At 7.30 a.m. 2 men with a horsed wagon were in field loading grass at I 29 d 6 5. At I 22 a 2 5 (approx) footprints were observed on enemy parapet, presumably made by party last night.

MOVEMENTS. 15 men marching in single file were seen at I 30 c 2 1. Men were all dressed in light grey uniform. The road in I 36 a 7 7 was again in use. Vehicles being seen also horsemen and cyclists.

ENEMY ARTILLERY. A battery or section of anti-aircraft guns was located at 10 a.m. in I 30 c 5 7. A battery of 4.2" was located at I 34 d 7 5. An observation post was also located in a tree at same place. Both positions were reported to artillery. Observation posts were located at LOOKOUT of FME DE L'EPERONNERIE, I 23 d 0 9 1/2 and Est. de la BARRIERE, I 22 b 5 0. Both these positions have been reported to Artillery.

COMMUNICATIONS. At 6 a.m. a pigeon was observed flying towards ARMENTIERES. At 6 p.m. another was seen flying into enemy's lines in direction of FORT ENGLOS. This bird appeared tired & was moving slowly. Coloured flares were fired in rear of enemy's lines. At 9.30 p.m. an aeroplane was heard passing over trench 66 and a number of flares were then sent up from rear of enemy's lines in Wez Macquart. At 10.15 p.m. 3 white lights and between 10.45 and 10.50 p.m. 3 white lights, 2 red and 1 white almost immediately afterwards. Two white lights were seen from direction of ARMENTIERES. At 11 p.m. green flares were put up and the aeroplane was again heard over trench 67.

GENERAL. Weather much better. Our aeroplanes were busy and several enemy machines were up. Captive balloon was up at I 30 d 8 2. Two men in basket. Black cross on side.

George A. Read
Lt.
Intelligence Officer.

7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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PATROL REPORT.26th Bn.

Patrol consisting of Scout Officer, 2006, Cpl Manion, 911, Pte Kingston, C.F., 910, Pte Kingston, H.G., 908, Pte Keogh, J.P. and 1832, Pte Scolyer, B.L., went out at 9.45 p.m. from No. 1 (right) Bay of trench 58. Returned at 12 midnight.

"NO MAN'S LAND". The country is still very wet, and overgrown with grass which varies in height from 6" to 12", there is still a good flow of water in COURAN Riverlet, & in places 4' deep. Everything was very quiet, no enemy patrols were seen. Rockets, 3 red and 2 green were seen to go up on the left at 10.45 p.m. and an aeroplane was heard at 11 p.m. flying over enemy lines in S.E. direction, at the same time 2 rockets were sent up from their left about S.S.E. Very few flares were used by the enemy, except over Salient. In this place flares were constantly being fired.

Sgd. A.F. McVilly, Lt.
Scout Officer.

25th Bn.

A patrol consisting of G. Carroll, 2/Lt., No. 1983, Pte Pagley, S.I., 767 Pte Turner I.E., 1556, Pte Newbury, E., left trench 67 at T trench at 8.30 p.m. The course taken is shown on attached sketch.

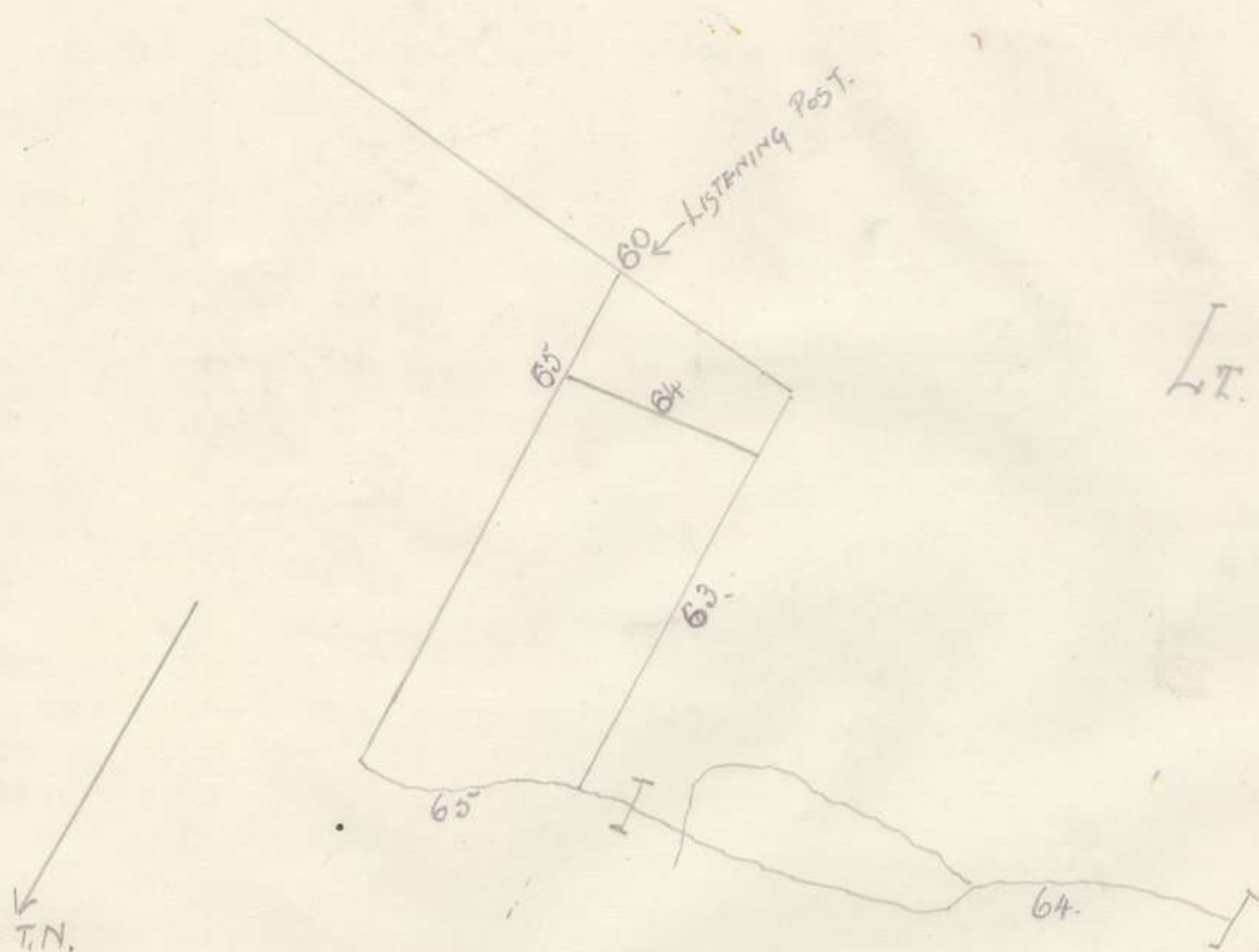
After passing through our barbed wire we came to a shell hole about 3' deep and 7' across. About 25 yds further on we came to small ditch about 2' deep and 20' long running E. and W. shown on sketch. We followed the E. side of turnip field which has gone to seed and is about 3' high. It is very hard to patrol through this field without making a noise on account of dead grass cracking. We listened for enemy patrol or working party. When we reached furthest point travelled we heard someone talking in enemy's lines. It was very still and could not hear another sound from enemy's lines. It was very bright moonlight. I looked for some low ground to get their parapet on the sky line to try and pick up the sentries, but was unsuccessful. I have not heard things so quiet in enemy's lines. A number of flares were sent up at the rear of WEZ MACQUART.

Sgd. G. Carroll, 2/Lt.

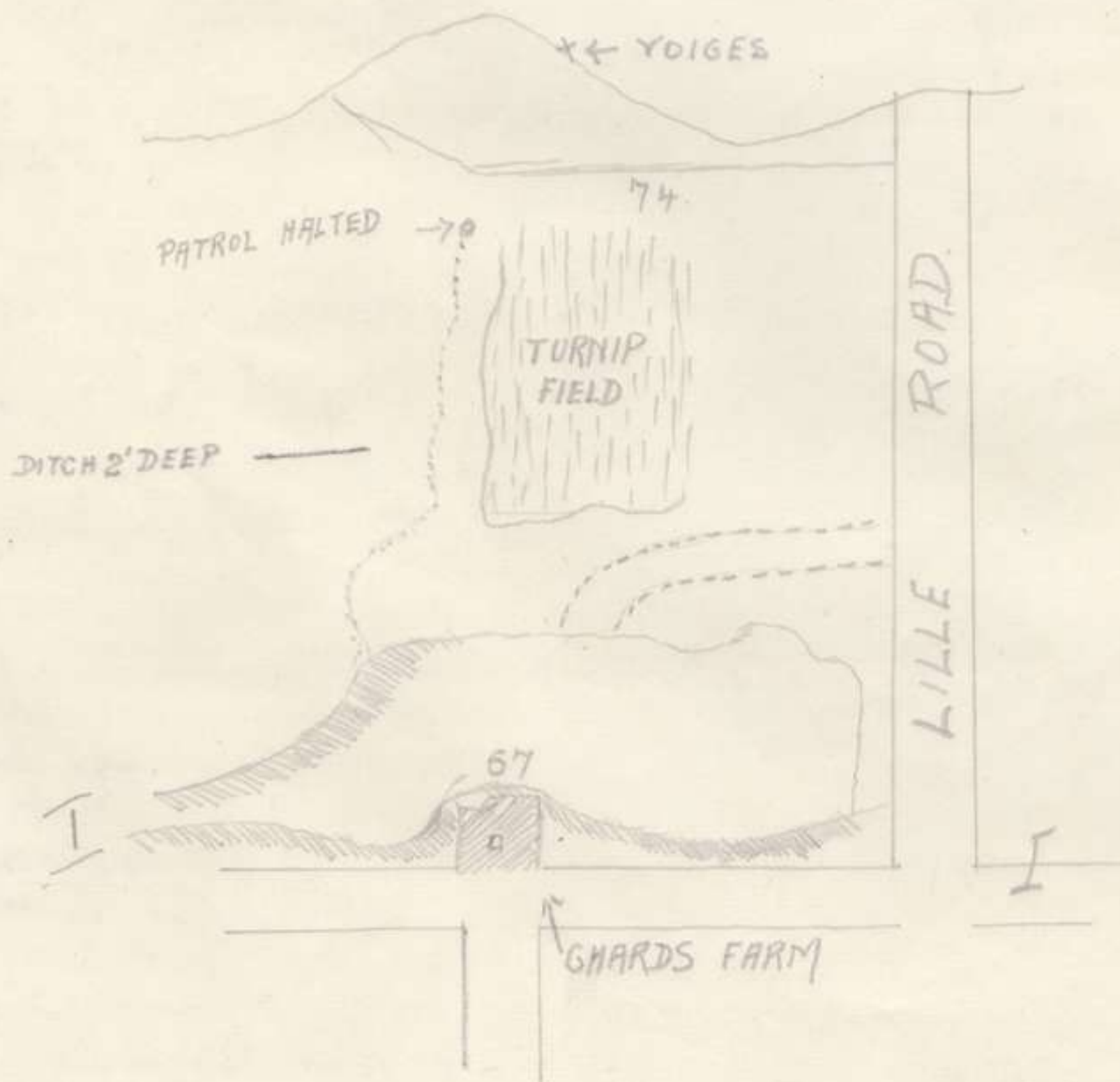
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A listening patrol consisting of 513, Sgt Snow C., 312 Pte Breene M. 327 Pte Chambers C., 470 Pte O'Gorman C., 978 Pte Ryan E., left SALLY PORT at trench 64 to take up position at junction of ditch 65 and 60. At 8.30 p.m. They followed ditch 63, 64 and 65. These ditches have about 2' of water in them at present. Enemy patrols are reported to have been seen about ditch 65. I think they must come from their trench by ditch 60. The object of this patrol was to wait at the junction for the enemy, but nothing eventuated. They returned about 1.30 a.m.



Lt. G. Carroll
25th Bn.



Lt. G. Carroll
25th Bn.

B.M.I. 36.

FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.RIGHT SECTOR. 2nd. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

17th. May, 1916.

1. OUR OPERATIONS.

(18th.)
'C' Battalion (2th.) relieved 'A' Battalion in front line on the night of the 16-17th. inst. the relief being completed by 1 a.m.

Owing to the very bright moonlight no patrols were sent out and the work on the wire entanglements was hampered; all prepared wire was roughly cut out and will be adjusted to-night if possible. Repairs to parapet etc. were carried out.

Our artillery demolished the dug-out mentioned in Intelligence reports of 6th. and 8th. inst., approximately ~~from~~ I.26.b.3,6. This dug out was between enemy front line and wire. Five shells were landed on top of it. At 'Stand Down' this morning our Lewis Guns fired on working parties on enemy's parapet; at least one man was hit for later he was seen being carried in.

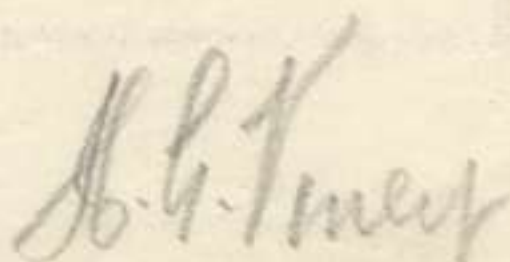
2. ENEMY'S ACTIVITY.

Near hedge at O.4.d.3.7. a party of 7 men were seen carrying timber and working. Three of these men wore a light coloured uniform. Between 8 a.m. and 8.30 a.m. smoke was seen issuing from slate roofed house at O.2.a.3.7.. Two enemy aeroplanes flew over our lines between 9 a.m. and 9.30 a.m.

Enemy artillery fired on our front line at sections 56 and 57 between 11.30 a.m. and 12 noon. 15 shells, shrapnel and H.E. fell. Slight damage, 2 other ranks wounded. Commencing at 2.30 p.m. the enemy slowly and continuously shelled vicinity of FERME GRANDE FLAMING-BERIE. Of the 35 shells fired, 3 were blind. Slight damage was done to our parapets. Enemy commenced shelling one of our heavy batteries in H.11.B. at 2.30 p.m. and continued until about 6.45 p.m. Towards the end the bombardment became more intense. Salvoes of 4 were fired. It is estimated that between 150 and 200 shells were thrown, 5.9 H. E. or heavier. A very few failed to explode. At 11.15 p.m. enemy fired three trench mortar bombs which fell into the BRIBOUX SALIENT. No damage was done.

3. INTELLIGENCE.

Between 10 p.m. and 11 p.m. the enemy sent up a number of lights along the front of Brigade Sector. These lights attained a much higher elevation than any seen previously, floated and remained alight for a considerable period; some white and some red. At 11.5 p.m. a light was sent up from rear of enemy's lines opposite section 52. This light split up into 4 separate white lights and was answered by lights from enemy line in the direction of ARMENTIERES. The answer was a white light followed by an orange light. Between 6 p.m. and 7.30 p.m. a large group of enemy guns were seen in action behind LILL-ARMENTIERES railway cutting in O.11.b.4.d. and on right of road at O.4.c.8.3. The guns were very indistinct and no flashes were seen.



Major,

for G.C.C. 5th. Aus. Inf. Bde.

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REPORT ON DETECTOR EXPERIMENTS.

On the night of 12th inst. an insulated wire and earth pin were ~~ta~~ taken out to within 40 yards of enemy parapet. Two attempts to lay a similar wire in front of our SALIENT failed owing to encountering enemy patrols. The third attempt was successful on the night of the 14th inst. On the 15th the two wires were connected behind our parapet and a telephone attached. Between 12 noon and 3-30 p.m. sounds as from telegraph relay were heard on instruments but a connected reading was not obtainable. At 3.30 p.m. a very distinct humming sound like that given off by a high tension motor was heard and continued through the afternoon and night until 5 a.m. Our instrument also picked up enemy buzz and voice on both the Artillery and Battalion lines in the area. This may be due to the proximity of our connecting pins and the Company laterals. Even with one wire as on 13th and 14th the Artillery calls could be picked up though voices were very faint.

Further experiments are being made in this direction.

(Sgd) GEO. E. MURPHY. Major.

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OUR OPERATIONS.

At 12.30 p.m. 14th Bty fired 11 rounds registering Cross roads at I 36 c 2 4. 13th Bty fired 30 rounds at DISTILLERY at 2 p.m. 20 direct hits obtained. At 2.10 p.m. 13th Bty. fired 4 rounds at I 29 a 2 8. 14th Bty. fired 25 rounds at O.P. I 22 b 5 0 at 4 p.m. Mostly direct hits on house. At same time 105th Bty. fired 4 rounds at I 29 a, and dispersed a party of men seen there. Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. the 104th and 19th Btys. co-operated and shelled enemy battery at I 17 c 6 1/2 8 3/4. 95 rounds fired. Good results reported. At 5.30 p.m. 19th Bty fired 10 rounds at O.P. I 23 c 9 2/4 9. In WEZ MACQUART between 3 and 4 p.m. our artillery knocked down a few ruins. Our snipers claim to have shot one more of the enemy and broken 7 more enemy periscopes. Our patrols last night were unlucky, as both the A and B. Bns. Scout officers were wounded. 2/Lt Carroll of the left Bn was hit by a machine gun which was enfilading NO MAN'S LAND. The approx. position is I 16 b 5 3. Lt McVilly hit by a rifle fire when at about I 21 c 5 1/2 4 1/2. There was a good deal of rifle fire going on at the time. Our machine guns were again active during the night. Enemy trenches at I 26 b 8 6 were enfiladed from I 8 d 8 2. Searched enemy trenches in vicinity of Le QUESNE in I 33 a 7 0 and front line at I 26 b 9 8, also front line and supports from German house to LILLE Rd. and QUEER St., DISTILLERY Rd. and cross roads at WEZ MACQUART. Enemy front line trenches were traversed from I 22 a 5 6 to LILLE Road and from I 22 a 5 8 to I 21 b 6 2. Enemy wire also received considerable attention. Total expenditure 8,000 rounds.

WORK. Drainage was continued along whole of the front line. Wire was put out in front of 64, 65. Knife rests were prepared during the day & general maintenance work carried on. Duck boards were lowered in trench 64 and also in LEITH WALK.

ENEMY ATTITUDE. All reports state the enemy's attitude very quiet, Between 6 and 8.30 a.m. about 100 shells were sent in direction of ARMENTIERES from about WEZ MACQUART. Result not observable from this area. Between 6 & 10a.m. 25 rounds H.E. fell in I 16 a & b. From 12.50 to 2.15 p.m. 16 rounds H.E. fell about Support line I 15 c. No damage. At 9.30 a.m. about 20 rounds shrapnel & H.E. fell about BURNT FARM. No damage. Snipers were quiet. Machine guns active during night.

ENEMY DEFENCES. Enemy had a wiring party out at I 16 d 5 7. This was dispersed. Trucks could be heard being wheeled along a tramline in rear of same place. M/Gun emplacement located at position 175° from the railway in our trenches. I 21 d 4 5/4 8 3/4. A party was working on screen in I 30 c 5 4, they were changing canvas of screen. Enemy are adding fresh wire to present knife rests in I 21 b. Working party seen adding more earth to parapets of front line in I 22 a 1 5. Suspected M/gun position. A mound has been constructed and covered with grass sods leaving a loophole facing north. This is about half way down enemy front parapet, I 16 d 3 5. A man was seen again at O.P. in I 23 d 0 9 1/2.

MOVEMENTS. The road in I 36 a 7 7 was again used by transport, cyclists and parties. At 12.50 p.m. two horsemen rode down road at trot at I 29 d 1 4. At 1.5 p.m. motor cyclist was seen riding along road at about I 29 c 9 5. At 2 p.m. 2 men were seen walking from sap up the road at I 24 a 3 9. They were wearing grey tunics and helmets and dark breeches. At 2.30 p.m. two men were seen passing along enemy trench at I 16 b 7 0 one of them was wearing a cap with wide red band and had on a grey uniform.

COMMUNICATIONS. Red flare was seen opposite salient when gas alarm was given. One patrol reports that when gas alarm was sounded about midnight a sound something like a strong buzzer was heard in German lines.

GAS. Three alarms of gas reached this area, coming from our left. One at 6.35 and others at 8.15 p.m. and 12.25 a.m. No gas was felt in our area.

George A. Read

Lt.
Intelligence Officer.

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PATROL REPORT - 25th Bn.

A patrol consisting of myself (No.513, Sgt Snow) and Ptes. 470, O'Gorman, C., 978, E. Ryan, 760, R.Thayne and 1108, H.Baker. Our instructions were to proceed to a certain spot and wait for the enemy patrol. We left the SALLY PORT in trench 64 and turning half left after clearing our wire we came upon the ditch marked 66, proceeding along this ditch we ultimately came to two trees with a roadway crossing the ditch over a cement culvert. On the other side of this I found a dugout which would hold two men, and alongside there was a sheet of steel about 4' by 3'. The steel is much thicker than that used in our helmets. About 15 yards from this dugout I found a hand grenade on a wooden handle, the grenade was the size of a jam tin. Everything was quiet and we could hear their working parties out in front of their trenches. The distance would be about 250 or 300 yds from our trenches. We were returning home when the gas alarm went and as soon as our alarm went the enemy sent up a red rocket. We returned at 12.45 a.m.

Sgd. C. L. Snow, Sgt.
25th Bn.

7th Australian Infantry Brigade.
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PATROL REPORT - 26th Bn.

A patrol consisting of Lt. McVilly, Sgt Smart and myself went out from Sector 59 on the left bank of COURAU at 10.15 p.m. Our course lie from that point toward where the enemy lines crossed the railway line. At 12.20 we were within 30x of line at about 80x from enemy parapet. Mr McVilly was here wounded, so we had to return without accomplishing our object.

The ground all across was firm and though wet was not boggy. The grass was long, being as high as 2', affording good cover, but also making it canny going because of enemy listening posts.

The only information of use that was gathered was while out there bandaging Mr McVilly up the gas alarm was sounded in our lines, instantly the lines on both sides livened up and though the enemy did not sound a Strombos horn, a repetition of the sound was heard in their lines, not amounting in volume to a blast on a whistle.

Sgd. F. B. CALESS, Lt.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO.41.

OUR OPERATIONS.

At 3.45 p.m. 10th Bty. fired 30 rounds at hostile battery I 23 c 2 1/2 8 1/2. Good shooting. 11th Bty. fired 13 rounds at targets I 28 c 5 6 and I 27 B 4 3. Not satisfactory. At 11 a.m. 13th Bty. fired 5 rounds at anti-aircraft gun at I 23 c 1 1/2 1 1/2. Gun silenced. Same Bty. at 6.20 p.m. fired 58 rounds at suspected H.Q., Chateau Hancary. Aeroplane observer reported shooting good. At 5.15 p.m. 13th Bty. fired 8 rounds at I 21 b 9 1/2. Direct hits were obtained on wire and parapet. At 3.30 20th Bty fired 24 rounds for registration purposes. 105th How. Bty. fired 64 rounds between 4 and 4.40 p.m. Our Snipers claim to have accounted for three more enemy periscopes. Our Machine guns traversed enemy parapet and wire from Salient to I 22 a 9 8 and from German House to I 26 b 8 5. Searched NO MAN'S LAND from position at I 21 b 1 9. Total expenditure 2,750 rounds. Patrol report attached.

WORK.

Wire was put out along most of our front and grass was cut in front of trenches 64, 65, 66 and 67. During the day knife rests were prepared. Work was continued on the Chord Line and some shell damage in RUE DE BOIS was repaired. Signal wire to firing line in trenches 60 and 61 was covered. Revettments were strengthened and parapets improved.

ENEMY ACTIVITY.

Attitude quiet. A little artillery fire but no damage done. Between 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. 30 shells H.E. were sent over our right sector. Machine guns were active at night. Our snipers report that enemy riflemen are firing oftener, but the extra shooting is not as accurate as the little shooting usually experienced.

ENEMY DEFENCES.

Working parties were heard in front of Salient and were dispersed. The enemy evidently took advantage of the fog, which did not lift until 7 a.m. to do extra work on his entanglements. Sounds of hammering in stakes could be heard. In I 21 b 40 or 50 frames for building trenches were being carried along front line trench.

MOVEMENTS.

At 4 p.m. a gunner was seen entering what appeared to be a dugout at I 16 b 6 1, he was dressed in grey cap with red band, grey tunic and trousers. At 4.30 p.m. a 4 horsed wagon loaded with timber was seen on road at I 29 d 3 8 moving east. At 7.15 p.m. 7 men in single file seen on skyline at I 35 b 5 5. The road in I 36 a 7 7 was used a good deal. At about 3 p.m. 60 men in small parties were seen going along the road. Most of these parties were dressed in dark or dark and white clothing suggesting civilians. At 4.15 p.m. what appeared to be an ambulance wagon moved along to the left, it was drawn by 2 horses.

COMMUNICATIONS.

At about 6.30 p.m. an enemy plane went from over our lines and on reaching German lines two flashes like flares were seen above the plane and then to fall a little distance still alight. At about 11.10 p.m. red and white lights were seen in a westerly direction. They were high up and appeared to fall from an aeroplane. At 1.30 3 flashes were seen from trench 62 after which a white light fell from some height. This was repeated 7 times. It appears to be some form of signalling. At 7.15 an enemy aeroplane flew over trench 67 and turned sharply and at same time throwing out a small white flare. Two more flares were sent out on its way back over NO MAN'S LAND.

ENEMY ARTILLERY.

An armoured train is suspected of firing last night as a bug gun was heard along railway line, but was firing away to our right.

SNIPERS POST.

Our snipers report an enemy snipers post at I 21 b 9 2.

ENEMY AEROPLANES.

At 10.10 a.m. an enemy L.V.G. machine flew over our lines. At 2 p.m. another L.V.G. appeared and returned after 20 minutes.

GAS INTELLIGENCE.

A gas alarm was heard on our left at 5.45 p.m. and again at 6.30 p.m. but no gas was experienced in this area.

George Head
Lt.
Intelligence Officer.

7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Patrol Report.

25th Bn.
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At 8.45 myself (Sgt. Snow C.L. 513) Pte Thayne R. 760
Pte Chalmers J.C. 327, Pte Newbery E.J. 7271556, Pte
Turner J. 767 and Pte Breen M. 312, left the trench by means
of the sally port in trench 65. Our instructions were to wait
in same place as the two previous nights. Proceeding towards
the left we arrived at junction of ditch 66 and 68. Our days
observations had showed us that after we had left the German
dug out they had placed a chair upright and put a German
Helmet upon it. We proceeded along 66 and 65 and on coming
close we noticed that the helmet had been removed. We advanced
very cautiously. After organizing our party and advancing upon
the position from different sides we entered and Pte. Chalmers
discovered the helmet in the grass. After due consideration
we believe that this position is ~~was~~ occupied during the day
and the sheet of steel is used in case of shrapnel. We returned
bringing helmet, by ditch 60 - 85 and entered the sally port in
trench 64 at 1.45

513 Snow C.L.Sgt.

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26th Battalion Patrol Report 18: 5. 1916

At 9.30 pm at patrol of Scout consisting
of Cpl. Maroon, Pte. Dunbar, Pte. Boyd
and Pte. Smith, left Selap Port &
patrolled in a South Easterly
direction. When I was about
70 yds ^{out} a german was seen
by myself & Pte. Dunbar, who
was at the head of the patrol
about 6 yds apart. The german
was about 15 yds away at
the time. Just at the time a
couple of flares were sent
from the German trench, making
it necessary for the patrol
to lie low. In the meantime
the german disappeared. He was
chased for about 20 yds when
flares becoming ^{more frequent} we had to
lie low for about 20 minutes,
giving the german time to get
away. The patrol returned
about 11.15 pm

Lt. J. J. J. J.

Cpl. W. Maroon

Scout's Report
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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 42.

OUR OPERATIONS.

At from 9.30 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. 14th Bty. fired 17 rounds at enemy anti-aircraft guns at I 30 c 5 7. 15th Bty fired 9 rounds at what appeared to be a train at I 33 b 3 1/2 7 1/2. At 3.35 p.m. 105th Bty fired 46 rounds at A. A. Gun in shed I 27 b 2 4 1/2. At 4 p.m. 20th Bty. fired 45 rounds at O.P. and M/Gun position at I 27 b 2 1/2 1 1/2. At 5.30 p.m. 15th Bty. fired 25 rounds at M/Gun emplacement at I 27 c 1 5. 104th How. Bty. fired 6 rounds at trenches I 17 b 6 1/2 8 at 9.45 a.m. At 12.40 p.m. 11th Bty. fired 16 rounds at enemy parapet opposite trench 62. Good results. Our snipers claim to have broken two more enemy periscopes. Two patrols were sent out from the Right Bn. one from 58 and the other from 62. No hostile patrols were met and there was nothing unusual to report. Left Bn. report all quiet. Enemy used Machine guns in NO MAN'S LAND a good deal & unfortunately one of our Scouts on duty in listening post in front of trench 67 was killed. Our machine guns were again active Traversed enemy trenches at I 26 b 7 5 to I 26 b 8 5, also in vicinity of Managers House, DISTILLERY and LA HOUSSE and along QUEER STREET, DISTILLERY rd. and WEZ MACQUART. Traversed parapet and barbed wire from German House to LILLE Road and in front of trenches 58 and 59. Fired on working party at I 16 d 6 2.

WORK. General maintenance work was carried out. Entanglements were prepared and sandbags filled. Wiring and grass cutting was carried on in front of trenches 64, 65, 66, 67. Dugouts in parapets in trenches 64, ~~65~~ 67 and 68 were filled in. Duckboards lowered and parapets repaired. In S.S.Line between AVONDALE AVE. and WINE ST. drainage was attended to and duckboards repaired.

ENEMY ACTIVITY. Attitude quiet. Machine guns active at night. Artillery fairly active during the day. At 6.30 a.m. 25 rounds shrapnel were fired behind trenches 60 and 61. At 11.45 5 H.E. were fired on Support lines of 60 and 61 and at 12.45 p.m. 6 H.E. fell in vicinity of RATION FARM. Between 9.15 and 9.30 a.m. 20 shrapnel were put over CHARDS FARM and at noon 8 were burst over S.S.Line I 15 b. At 1 p.m. 20 H.E. sent over reserve line at I 8 d. At 10 a.m. and 2.30 p.m. the enemy shelled in the vicinity of I 8 a and at 5 p.m. to 6.15 p.m. 17 H. E. were put over CHAPELLE D'ARMENTIERES. At about 5.50 p.m. enemy commenced to shell Farm at H 5 d with 5.9" H.E. The farm was burnt also a smaller place in the vicinity. Incendiary shells were used. About 100 shells fired and only one dud.

ENEMY DEFENCES. At 1.45 p.m. 4 men seen carrying hurdles along trench about I 16 d 3 6. Wiring party has made improvements to wire in I 21 c. Machine guns played on position last night. Sounds have been heard in I 16 d between 6 and 7 p.m. of hammering and handling iron rails.

MOVEMENTS. At 9 a.m. a sniper was seen behind a tree in trench at I 22 b 4 1/2 5 1/2. At 7.40 about 40 men were seen going west, two deep, at about I 35 b 3 2. Road at I 36 a 7 7 used at 11.35 a.m. Ambulance motor went along. At noon 10 men in single file passed along, all dressed in black or dark clothes. At 1.45 p.m. a lorry loaded with timber and at 1.55 p.m. 2 more lorries loaded with timber passed along. At 6 a.m. At 6 a.m. when mist lifted suddenly 5 of enemy were seen in front of trenches opposite trench 67. They were wearing brownish great-coats and small grey caps. They were fired on. Enemy suspected to be working - preparing rails - in small shed I 17 b 5 1. Smoke seen at I 33 b 3 1/2 7 1/2. Men observed to enter house at I 35 d 9 7.

COMMUNICATIONS. Enemy searchlight was active. An enemy plane flew over our lines at 3.30 a.m. and dropped a white and green rocket as it crossed back over its own lines. Red lights were seen on our right at 10.50 p.m. Two were noticed. A pigeon seen to fly in direction of enemy trenches from ARMENTIERES at 9 a.m. At 9 a.m. drums were heard to beat about I 16 d.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT. At 11.30 a.m. an L.V.G. flew over our lines. From 2.10 to 2.30 2 L.V.G. machines flew over our lines but were driven off. A number of enemy observation balloons were up.

ENEMY RUSES. A dummy figure has been used in enemy's front line at I 21 b. A man's hand could be seen supporting this. Our snipers fired at the hand and the figure was removed.

George A. Read
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Intelligence Officer.

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INTELLIGENCE REPORT NO. 43.

OUR OPERATIONS.

At 4.20 p.m. 104th Bty. shelled enemy trenches at I 22 a 27 rounds. At 5.15 and 5.45 p.m. 12th & 19th Bty shelled I 23 d 9 1/2 6 1/2. Aeroplane observation. 12th Bty. shelled enemy trenches I 12 a 9 7 to I 22 b 0 8 8 rounds at 5 p.m. No. 3 Bty of M/Gun Coy. from BOIS GRENIER line searched & traversed enemy's front from I 26 b 7 5 to I 26 b 8 2. Also searched DISTILLERY & STATION ROADS in I 27 b and c. No 4 Bty. from trench 58 searched enemy front and support lines from GERMAN HOUSE to LILLE ROAD. also searched and traversed QUEER ST. DISTILLERY RD. and cross roads at WEZ MACQUART. From I 21 b 1 9 traversed enemy line opposite trenches 67 & 68. Searched vicinity of MANAGERS HOUSE. DISTILLERY. LA HOUSOIE and road to LA QUESNE. Square 17. Traversed most of the enemy entanglements during the night. Fired some rifle grenades from the RUE DU BOIS salient. Our snipers broke five periscopes.

WORK. Wire entanglements were prepared during the day & were put out at night in front of trenches 58 & 59 & in front of Salient. Firestep & dugouts are being built in Chord line in rear of RUE DU BOIS salient and ground in front being levelled. Repairs to firestep and parapet carried out in CHARDS Salient. Trenches 64 & 65 drained.

ENEMY ACTIVITY.

At 7.15 a.m. 6 rounds shrapnel were fired at LILLE POST I 15 b 6 10. At 9.30 a.m. 9 rounds 77 fired at position I 3 c 6 5. At 10 a.m. 6 rounds fell at I 8 b 6 2. At 12.30 a.m. RATION FARM, I 19 b 9 4 received 3 rounds of H.E. At 3.5 p.m. 3 rounds of H.E. landed on trenches at I 14 d 5 6. Between 4.30 to 6 p.m. 200 rounds of shrapnel & H.E. were placed over front and support trenches in I 15 d. At 8 p.m. 20 rounds shrapnel put into RUE DU BOIS Salient & Chord. At 8 p.m. about 50 bombs & grenades were thrown into RUE DU BOIS Salient. Snipers report enemy seem to be a little keener both as regards fire action and work done. At 7.15 a.m. two men were seen fixing wires on telegraph pole at I 17 d 7 7. At 3 p.m. a party of men were carrying sandbags along support trench at I 16 d 7 8 1/2.

ENEMY DEFENCES. Front line opposite trench 60 has had fresh earth and sods placed on parapet. In support lines at I 21 c 8 2 fresh sods can be seen for 10 yds. A shovel could be seen at work at this place. A party has been seen for some days working on a breastwork at I 30 c 5 7. Snipers report improvement of wire at I 21 c and I 16 d and that parapets have been improved in many places.

ENEMY ARTILLERY. Anti-aircraft Bty. at I 30 c 5 7 was not seen to fire during the day but at 4.30 p.m. another anti-aircraft Bty. was located at I 28 a 5 5. At 7 p.m. an anti-aircraft gun was seen to fire. The position is suspected as being in a house at I 29 c 7 7.

ENEMY TRANSPORTS AND MOVEMENTS. At 9 a.m. small parties were seen coming towards trenches from direction of telegraph line in I 23 d. At I 36 c 7 7 on the road were seen 11 men at 11.30 a.m. Two cyclists at 11.50 a.m. 10 men and two cyclists at 1.30 p.m. and a few minutes later 2 men pulling what appears to be a handcart. At 2 p.m. about 40 men marched along in column of route. It was too misty to distinguish anything else. At 3.10 p.m. a horseman galloped by. A few minutes later a covered transport moved along this road. At 10.45 a.m. on road at I 29 d 3 6 five men were seen. Two of them appeared to be carrying a stretcher. At 11.15 a.m. smoke was coming from house at I 22 c 8 5. At 5.30 p.m. the previous day several two horsed wagons were seen in rear of enemy lines, 4 men were loading them with green feed. At 7 p.m. the previous day 4 parties totalling about 150 in all were seen on road at I 23 d.

COMMUNICATIONS. At 9.20 p.m. a hostile aeroplane passed over trench 67 & dropping two white lights which were immediately answered by a steady beam of light pointing up from enemy trenches. At 3.30 a.m. enemy aeroplane flew over our lines and when returning dropped green flares when over enemy line. A pigeon was seen flying towards DISTILLERY from ARMENTIERES. At 9.50 p.m. a plane moved over our lines going south. It dropped numerous white lights which were answered by red ones from enemy lines. The aeroplane was flying towards a fixed searchlight. This was probably a guide.

J.W. Blacket
Capt.
for Bde Major

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Patrol Report

21/5/16.

To-night a party of four under 312 Pte M. Breen namely 700 Pte R. Thayne 770 Pte Vardney, 2003 Pte Clemoon, and 1757 Pte Steinmetz, left the sally port in trench 64 and went to junction of ditches 63 and 64. They then reconnoitered along 57. There is nothing doing there except larger parties out working than they have ever heard or seen before. They came back to the rest of the patrol and lay in wait for the enemy's patrol until 12.30

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To-night Sgt Snow Sgt. Walker Sgt. Taylor, Pte Chambers, Pte Japp, Pte Prichard, Pte Macaulay and Pte Harley left the trench 67 at 9.45. We proceeded along the left of the road to Lille and on coming near a listening post we turned direct to the left. We had arrived at a position about 60 yards from their trenches when all of us distinctly heard whispering close at hand and after a long whistle from their trenches and we heard this large fatigue party scramble in, a Machine Gun was fired into the ground on our left. It did not go very close. We could distinctly hear them talking and working the bolts of their rifles. After 25 minutes their working party came out again and we moved to the left but unfortunately they heard us again and the same thing occurred. They had the advantage over us by being there first. Sgt Walker and myself moved on a few yards and found a shell crater that would give cover for about three or four from rifle fire. We returned at 12.30

513 C.L. Snow Sgt.

German Trenches & listening post near Lille Road

Also showing the route taken by Patrol



21/5/16.

PATROL REPORT

A party consisting of Cpl Manyon, Pte Dalkan and myself went out into NO MAN'S LAND at 11 p.m. returning at 1.50 a.m. The following is the course we took. We left sector 59 about 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the Courau river, Map of No Man's Land. We went out to the listening post then directly to our left to a wiring party, then advanced to ditch 37 and along it and a ditch 38, following the bottom of ditch which was 2'6" deep and 18" across, though it had no water in it it was rather spongy. Left ditch at 39 and went straight across to Railway line. A ditch runs along the right side of the line. We went along the ditch for 50x. This ditch is 18" deep and widens out to 3'. A few stones are in the bottom of it. From the railway line at this point the line was examined, then we bore away almost south towards ditch 34, here was level ground with grass growing very thickly and about 2' high. After about 100' in this direction we advanced towards the enemy's lines for another 100x or so. Here the going was but sparsely covered as a small rise appears to be there. We crossed the rise into a slight dip with spongy bottom. We here bore a little more to the left for 15x or so then came to enemy's entanglements. Here the enemy could be heard on the duck boards walking about, occasionally they could be heard talking also coughing. A machine gun was firing almost to the rear about where ditch 34 enters enemy's lines. We entered entanglements and started a semi-circle so as to work back on to the railway line. For about 15x we went towards enemy salient then turned to about sector 58-59 going a few yards in this direction then back towards our salient. Here we came across a dugout, evidently at one time being used as Listening post, but now with a knife edge thrown longwise in it. About 20x further we crossed a sap leading towards the 34 on ditch 34. It had not been in use for a long time, having loose wire in the bottom, there we got clear of the entanglements and a few yards further came to a clear place of about 30x across. Being too near the enemy's parapet to venture into open we swung towards the junction of ditches 32-36. After about 80x we stood up and walked striking the ditches at junction, then we swung to the left along 36 and back to Listening Post.

Sgd. F.B. Caless, Lt.
26th Bn.

From information gleaned from Patrol.

A covered approach to enemy's trenches is the ditch along line, or through the thick grass in vicinity. The water courses are dry with the exception of 32 and 36 which both still contain water. Each course is just conveniently wide to walk along. No bridges would be required to cross any of the watercourses only at 32-36 is there a great width to leap over. No commanding ground of any importance is available nor any dead ground, the only dip being that previously mentioned, though along the line towards enemy's end is small hedge, this was seen from a distance of 30x. The grass forward of ditch 40 is good cover and plentiful for about 150x then it is sparse and in bottom of dip is very scarce as a sort of weed seems to be growing there. In the enemy entanglements the grass is good and affords grand cover, but few bushes are in vicinity, only those noticed on line. Enemy's parapet in this part appears to be low but has commanding parapets on either side. We did not gather any information as to proximity of wire to parapet not being closer than 20x to parapet. The men for cutting the wire would have a job to find cover from artillery fire. The wire itself is in poor repair, wooden stakes are sparsely erected, knife edges made of wood are in poor repair, in most cases they have collapsed owing to exposure, only one or two on the outskirts are still erect. The wire is the large kind and is very rusty, while occasionally plain wire is met with. In my opinion at this point a man to canter like a horse throws his front legs could go through the wire a fairly fast gait. The larger trench mortars could just about be of assistance to party. Rifle grenades could not assist on right of railway from our trenches, but might be able to move to the left. A good route for withdrawal would be the route we returned by. Our trench could then be entered on both sides of the course where there is a good place to approach, also plenty of room to get away in rear of trenches.

F.B. Caless Lt.
26th Bn.

7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

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Intelligence Summary.

No. 44

22/5/16.

OUR OPERATIONS. At 10.30 a.m. to 12.15 pm. 11th Bty fired 50 rds at BREWERY TRENCHES DISTILLERY SHUTTER HOUSE SNIPERS HOUSE. 12th Bty and 104th Bty fired 88 rounds at House I 17 d 1 9½. At 10.30 a.m. 14th Bty fired 3 rds at House I 27 b ½ ½. At 11.40 a.m. 20th Bty fired 8 rds at enemy 4.2" Bty O 5 a 8½ 9½ Battery silenced. At 4.30 p.m. 14th Bty fired 20 rds in retaliation at trenches in I 21 c 2½ 1½ to I 26 b 8 8½. At same time 105th Bty fired 30 rds at I 32 a 2 0 and same Bty fired 32 rds at T.M. Battery and Anti-Aircraft guns at I 33 a 68 at 5 p.m.

Our Machine Guns were active. Searched Paradise Rd from I 22 D 17 to I 22 D 7 0 and vicinity of Railway Station. Fired on working parties at I 21 B 84 and opposite trench 59. Traversed enemy's parapet and barbed wire opposite trench 58. Silenced enemy Machine Gun approximately I 16 D 2.3. Swept enemy's parapet and barbed wire from GERMAN HOUSE to LILLE ROAD. Our snipers claim to have broken four more enemy periscopes. Our patrols were active, reports are attached.

WORK. Knife rests were prepared and put out in front of trenches 58 & 59 and on left of salient. A considerable amount of curtain wire put out. Bombing post rebuilt. Ground in front of chord line cleared and levelled. Salop Avenue repaired after damage by shells. Parapet repaired in trenches 67 & 68 rear of trench 63 drained, and M.G. Positions in trench 66 improved. Wiring and grass cutting parties were out in front of trenches 64, 65, 66 & 67.

ENEMY ACTIVITY Artillery fairly active M.G. and rifle fire active during night. At 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. RATION FARM was shelled with H.E. Shrapnel. No damage. At 10 a.m. 8 H.E. fired at Salop Avenue. Slight damage done. At 2.15 p.m. 6 H.E. were fired at front line at PARK ROW. At 5.35 13 Shrapnel were burst over our front line from centre to right. At 2.30 p.m. enemy sent over 2 bombs which appeared to come from I 16 D 59 and fell about I 16 C 6 OV. At 3.20 3 more were sent over. Two fell near LILLE Post and failed to explode the third fell at CHARDS FME but did no damage.

ENEMY DEFENCES. Working parties were heard opposite trenches 58 59 & 60. They were all fired on by our M.Guns. Parapet being improved with earth and grass. 2 new loophole plates put in at I 22 A also one in rear line. 2 new plates also put in at I 16 D. In this position new wire has been put out.

MOVEMENTS At 7.45 a.m. a 2 horsed waggon was seen moving in field at I 29 D 1 5 and disappeared at I 29 D 6.4. The road at I 26 A 7.7. was used again by four cyclists and 5 men passing along. Below this road a man was seen evidently mowing grass. In I 30 c close to where anti-aircraft guns were seen, the backs of 3 horses were seen in a sap behind screen. In front of present position of guns I 28 A 55 a man was seen evidently repairing phone line. At 6.30 a.m. several small parties were observed in I 23 d.

COMMUNICATIONS Enemy searchlights were active. Helio was observed from centre of FORT ENGLOS.

ENEMY ARTILLERY At 8.45 a.m. an enemy battery was observed at I 23 c 1½ 6. Batteries are suspected at I 17 c 7 4 (Light How) and I 23 c 6 9 (4" How) and I 28 c 4.7 (77m.m.) Anti-aircraft guns suspected at I 17 c 97. Machine Gun position in house I 17 c 7.5.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT- During the day 5 enemy Planes flew over our lines but were all driven off by anti-aircraft guns. At about 3.40 on morning of 29th enemy aeroplane dropped a bomb in RUE DE FERQUINGHEM killing 3 & wounding 6 men. This plane swooped very low and was evidently trying for battery of anti-aircraft guns which was close by. Men were marching under trees at the time.

Sgd. J.W. Blacket

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For G.O.C. 7th Bde

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PATROL REPORT.

A party consisting of L/Cpl Jenkins, Pte Scolyer, Pte Reogh and myself left trench 59 at same place as patrol of previous night with the intention of patrolling part where ditches 32, 33 and 34 enter enemy's parapet. From ditch 26 we proceeded along ditch 31 for about 30x then crossed to the east and went along ditch 32 for 40x or 50x. Crossing this ditch we passed along land which was fairly high for about 50x. Here while lying ~~down~~ for a few minutes movements in the grass were heard in front. We were instantly alert and waited for about 30 minutes all the time the first heard sound was coming slowly closer to us. Also another of the same movements were coming in both right and left of first sound. This was put down to an enemy patrol, especially as the one on their left made a noise occasionally of a tin rattling. We were in fair position to take an offensive when the centre one was about 20x from us two flares were sent up from the flanks of patrol - the flares did not come from either of the three located, one was in line a bit further on our left the other in rear on the right. Almost on these flares three bombs were heard in direction of salient that sector was to have had a patrol out so I concluded that the patrol had met with opposition right up there and had bombed one another. I then thought that most likely the party in front ~~ended~~ the whole length of the salient, so concluded the best thing to do was to warn those in our trenches, with this in view we retired about 100x. Here I sent two of the men in to warn the line that a party of more than 4 had been located. I with L/Cpl stayed out, and getting behind some bushes I stood up to get a better view of the ground. I stayed here some time eventually sending the L/Cpl. in to ask for some flares so as to get a view of the ground. He returned to say that the machine guns were going to open fire on that part and that I was advised to come back to the trenches. This I did and got back at 12.20 At 1 p.m. I again went out accompanied by Lt Clark. We went out to ditch 37 and on down the left of 33 for some distance, going quickly but hearing nothing. We then got across towards ditch 32 and picked up the place where I had been previously. We searched about in vicinity but found nothing. We then went across ditch 31 and along level ground towards our own trenches, getting back at 1.150 without encountering anything.

Sgd. F.B. CALESS, Lt.
26th Battalion.

A patrol consisting of Ptes. Able, Stilman, Phillips, Okley and myself left trench 62 at 9.20 p.m. We went through the SALLE POST ~~in~~ through the opening in the entanglements and along the hedge which runs south east for a distance of about 150x then took up a position in drain running north east for a distance of about 30x. We spread out to a distance of 10' apart with the other two in rear covering us. We lay ~~down~~ for about one hour; when we heard the Germans moving in their entanglements they seemed to stumble in them thereby calling our attention to them. The next thing we noticed was a whistle which seems to have been a signal. The signal seemed to imitate an insect. About 5 minutes later one of our party coughed whereupon the German shouted something like hulla, hulla at the top of his voice as though frightened. He at once threw three bombs and then cleared out as fast as possible. We lay still for a few minutes then came back to a drain about 2' deep 36x in rear of first position. Before we retired to drain flares had been sent up fairly thickly. We had hardly got back to the drain before a searchlight opposite our sector was played on NO MAN'S LAND and our parapet. The M/Guns then opened steadily and swept NO MAN'S LAND. We lay ~~down~~ for about 40 minutes then went right up to former position. We saw then that lights were being fired this side of enemy's entanglements. We then came back to our trenches arriving there about 12.20 a.m. The bombs thrown were percussion bombs bursting on hitting the ground. The bombs seem to be rather inferior. Am under the impression that if a Mills bomb had been used it would have cleared up all our party.

Sgd. C. Wilkie, Cpt.

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Appendix No 5

25th Bn.

20/5/16.

To-night a patrol of five men with Pte Philpott, B., No.1562, in charge, namely Ptes 470, O'Gorman, C., 1610, Mollison, 978, Ryan, E.J., 1833, Pegley, S.H., left the SALLY PORT in trench 64 at 9.30 p.m. After proceeding along ditches 58 and 56 they reconnoitred ditch 55 and then between 55 and 57. They lay prepared to meet the enemy. They heard a shout on their right and also heard grenades in NO MAN'S LAND. The enemy was very alert all night as was shown by his use of pistol flares and searchlight. There were 3 searchlights on our sector of the line. The patrol returned at 12.40 a.m.

Sgd. C.L.Snow, Sgt.

25th Bn.

To-night myself (Sgt. Snow C.L., No. 513) and Pte Baker H.H. No 1108, Newbery, 1556, Turner, J., 761, left our trenches on the left of the LILLE ROAD. We proceeded about 150 yds ~~xxx~~ half left. The enemy were very alert, and we were subject to 2 searchlights upon us at once. We heard a shout at the salient held by the 26th Bn. and after the sound of grenades and machine guns we were subject ed to the fire of a machine gun from a north easterly direction. I withdrew my patrol into a ditch which we had previously traversed (thinking to be safe from the gun on our flank) and the enemy enfiladed the ditch from the immediate front with a machine gun. Many of the bullets went that near that they threw earth into our faces. Many times the enemy with the aid of a searchlight put a dangerous crossfire into NO MAN'S LAND with the use of the two guns. We distinctly heard the enemy wheel a trolley down from the right containing metal objects that clanged together, and go on down past the salient to the left. We returned at 12.45 a.m.

Sgd. C.L.Snow, Sgt.

Sgd. C.L.Snow, Sgt.
25th Battalion

A patrol consisting of Ptes. Able, Bellman, Phillips, Oxley and myself left trench 62 at 9.30 p.m. We went through the SALLY PORT in trench 62 and along the ditches 58 and 56 to a position in trench 55. We proceeded about 150 yds ~~xxx~~ half left. The enemy were very alert, and we were subject to 2 searchlights upon us at once. We heard a shout at the salient held by the 26th Bn. and after the sound of grenades and machine guns we were subject ed to the fire of a machine gun from a north easterly direction. I withdrew my patrol into a ditch which we had previously traversed (thinking to be safe from the gun on our flank) and the enemy enfiladed the ditch from the immediate front with a machine gun. Many of the bullets went that near that they threw earth into our faces. Many times the enemy with the aid of a searchlight put a dangerous crossfire into NO MAN'S LAND with the use of the two guns. We distinctly heard the enemy wheel a trolley down from the right containing metal objects that clanged together, and go on down past the salient to the left. We returned at 12.45 a.m.

Sgd. C. Wilkie, Sgt.

25th Bn.

Trenches
23/5/16.

7th Infy. Bde.

Report on Bombardment by Enemy.

As retaliation for our activity this afternoon, it is estimated between 500 and 600 shells were fired into our Sector.

Right Coy. Area. Our parapet was breached in three places. In one place an enemy shell passed right through the parapet leaving a hole and went into the parados. The trench in places has been filled in. Parados badly damaged. Estimated number of shells received 400.

Centre Coy. Area. (Salient) Parapet breached and knocked down in three places. Fire trench filled in. Most damage done near Hell's Gate. Parapet breached and dug-out filled, in Support Line. Several bays wrecked in Chord Line. Estimated 150 shells 5.9 from Firing Line to rear of Support Line of Trenches 60 & 61. 100 rounds of 77 m.m. between Chord and Support Lines. 100 Trench Mortar Bombs, some in, but most in rear of Firing Line.

Left Coy. Area. Nothing to report.

Telephonic communication with all Companies was cut off very early. The exposed wiring is useless. Cables should be laid to Coy's H.Qrs.

Repairs. Fatigue Parties have been at work and breaches have been repaired and all communication trenches cleared up.

Sgd. Geo. A. Ferguson
Lt. Col.

C/O 26th Bn.

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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

23rd May 1916.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 45.

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OUR OPERATIONS.

At 10.45 a.m. 104th How Bty. fired 52 rounds at Bty. I 23 a 3 2. At 2.50 p.m. same fired 46 rounds at Bty at I 24 c 0 6. At 4.30 p.m. 12th Bty. fired 36 rounds at I 17 c 7 5. Snipers post. Between 4.30 and 5.30 p.m. 11th and 19th Btys. shelled enemy Communication and Support trenches, 98 rounds deliberate shelling. At 11 a.m. 12 shrapnel burst at about I 23 c 7 8 and at 11.20 20 H.E. were put in same place. At 11.30 a.m. an explosion was observed in TUILLERIE caused by our artillery. Our Trench Mortars fired 42 rounds of 3.7" into enemy trenches opposite RUE DU BOIS Salient. Enemy retaliated with bombs and H.E. shells. We also sent over a number of rifle grenades. Our machine guns were active at night. Searched ~~and traversed~~ enemy parapets and barb wire opposite trench 63 and also opposite 58. Fired on enemy working party at I 22 a 6 8 also along wire in front of Salient and on each side of railway line opposite trench 59. Our snipers claim to have broken 4 enemy periscopes.

WORK. Fire steps and dugouts continued in Chord line, also levelling off in front of same line. 22 knife rests put out in front of Salient. Parapet repaired in trench 65. Ditch behind trench 63 filled in. New dugouts being built in left Bn. area and duckboards laid down in Support Line.

ENEMY ACTIVITY.

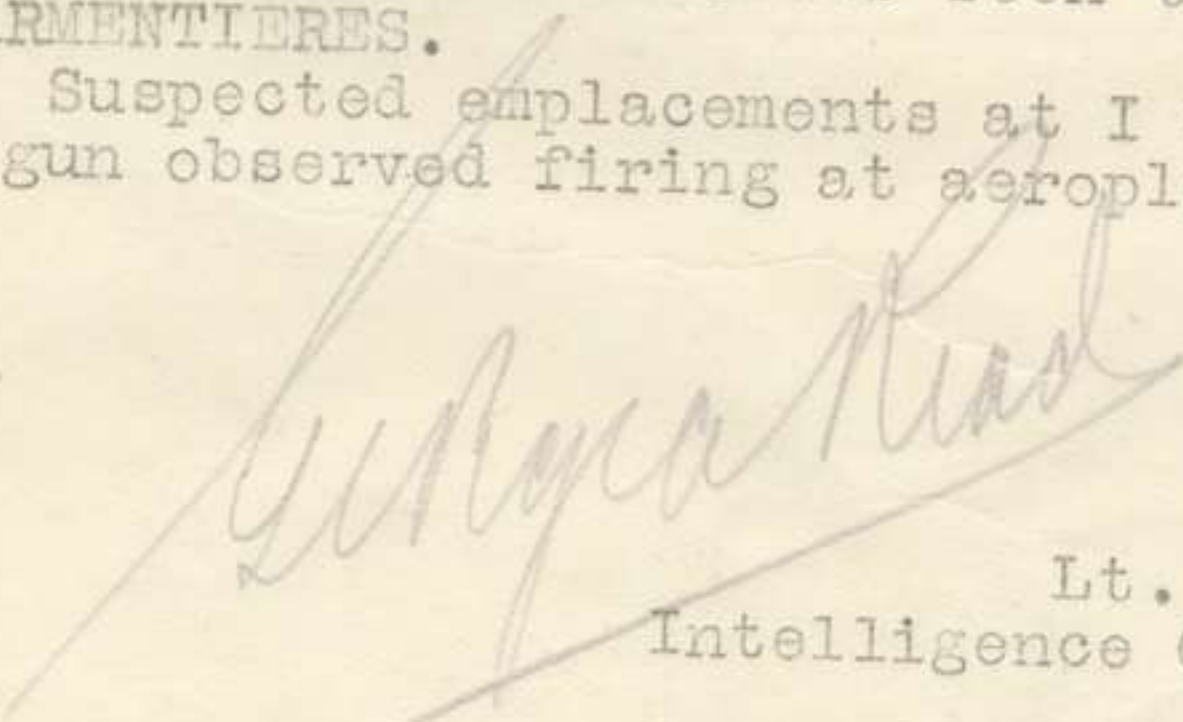
Enemy artillery active. 20 H.E. were sent over at left portion of trench 59. Only one hit parados, remainder did no damage. At 7.45 21 H.E. sent at RATION FARM. No damage done. As retaliation for our trench mortar work enemy sent over 75 bombs and 11.7 77 m.m shells. These searched communication trench in rear of 62, also RUE DU BOIS and support trench of Salient. No damage done. At 7.35 to 7.50 a.m. 24 shrapnel sent over S.S.Line I 10 d 2 9. At 9.10 a.m. 20 shrapnel over LILLE POST, I 9 d. At 6.15 p.m. 70 H.E. and shrapnel were sent over Supports and Front Line, I 15 b and d. Kitchen wrecked in trench 65. No other damage from any shelling mentioned. At about 1.15 p.m. enemy commenced shelling Bty. at RUE ALLEE with 5.9 H.E. In all about 175 shells were sent over. Buildings badly damaged and one gun put out of action. Shooting good.

ENEMY DEFENCES. At about I 22 a 3 7 in front line there is a small cutting through the parapet. I was carefully observed all day but no movement was seen. Parapet still being improved with grass sods and earth in I 21 a and at I 21 c 8 6 to left of Rly. Line. Working party of 6 men observed throwing up earth in front fire trench at I 16 d. 100 yds of wire entanglements were put out in front of I 22 a and it appears that a new sap is being dug behind fire trench at I 22 a. This will be verified.

MOVEMENTS. A good deal of use being made of road at I 36 a 7 7. Several small parties seen and a wagon was seen taking a load of hay away. Grass is being mowed at this spot. At 10.45 a.m. 25 men crossed field at I 36 a 2 8. 10 men appeared first and then 5 at an interval of about 30x and then 10 more. All dressed in light grey uniform and caps. At 4.10 p.m. 9 men wearing great coats and carrying packs were seen moving along road at I 35 b 5 4. Lost to view behind trees. Observation difficult on account of mist.

COMMUNICATIONS. At 5.30 p.m. a pigeon was noticed flying over trench 66 towards WEZ MACQUART. A little later another was seen to fly from WEZ MACQUART in direction of ARMENTIERES.

MACHINE GUN EMBLACEMENTS. Suspected emplacements at I 26 b 9 8 and I 16 b 9 2. Enemy machine gun observed firing at aeroplane from I 21 c.


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Patrol Report

22/5/16.

At 9.5 p.m. this evening accompanied by Corp. Manion N, Pte Duncan N.D. Scolyer B.L. Kingston C.F. & Kingston H. I went out from about 100 yds. E. of corner trench 59. Reference "Map of no Mans land". Passing out through listening post, we turned to the left moving along near ditch 37. Turned to right and crossed over ditch 38, moved along S.S.W. between ditch 33 & 34. On entering into thick grass about 3 feet high, we found several tracks going through grass. Considering that rainfall and wind to-day would have levelled grass, I came to the conclusion that these tracks had been recently made. Corporal Manion and I investigated these tracks and followed them back into fairly open ground leading in the direction of our "C" Coy Listening post. Therefore we decided that they could not have been made by the enemy as they would not have had time to proceed so far. The time being approximately 9.40 p.m. Corporal Manion and I then returned to the party.

On meeting the remainder we moved forward in echelon with the two left men covering the rear. After moving forward another 50 or 75 yds. Pts. Scolyer and Kingston reported a hostile patrol straight ahead at a distance of fifteen or twenty yards. We remained quite steady for a time. They appeared to the scouts on our left to be moving still further to the left. Corporal Manion and myself then moved out of the grass in the direction of ditch 33 Figures 33 into fairly open space about 50 yds. Meanwhile the Germans in the trenches had been sending up flares in our direction but we could see nothing at all of their patrol. We then rejoined the remainder of the party. Pte Kingston, I then sent back to draw them on and keep touch. But he reported no trace. We then moved over in direction of Railway Line, and then turned in, in the direction of right flank A Coy. striking their advanced screen covering wiring party in front of trench 60 at 10.40 p.m. From there Corporal Manion Pte Duncan and myself crossed Ditch 40 moving in the direction of the enemy, wound to the right and crossed Ditch 34 examining the ground for any traces but found none. "A" Company's listening Post reported that they had heard and seen nothing. We then returned to our lines at 11.15 p.m.

Information. Germans evidently patrolling area between Railway Line and ditch 34. Though I personally could not see the enemy patrol, Pts Scolyer and Kingston estimated their numbers at between 6 and 10. We lost touch with them through Cpl. Manion and myself understanding the patrol was straight ahead and moving to the right whereas they made off to the left. After losing touch we could not regain it. Grass between ditches 33 & 34 very long in places and affords excellent cover. Grass is about 3 feet high in average. It would screen troops moving towards our trenches until they got within 200 yards of our parapet and it affords good cover to their patrols.

Sgd, *M. J. Clarke*
26th Bn.

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25th Bn. Scout Officer's report.

Patrol Report

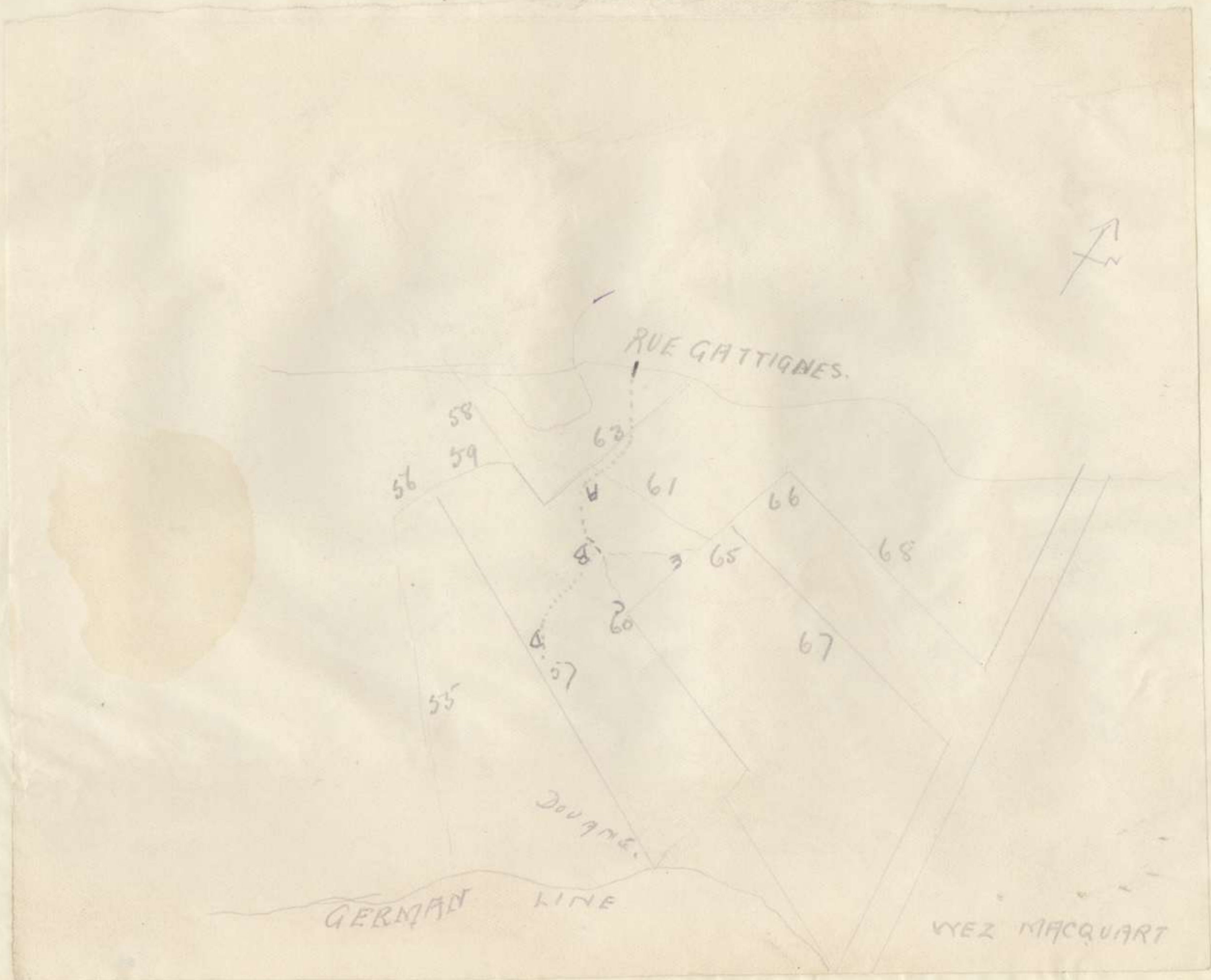
An officers patrol consisting of No. 312 Pte Brian, 227, Pte Chambers, 760 Pte Thayne, 1556 Pte Newbury, 978 Pte Ryan and myself moved out from the left of trenches 64 at 9 p.m. and returned at 12.30 a.m. We proceeded along ditch 63 as far as the junction of trenches 63 and 64. From there we left the ditch and went across to spot marked B on attached sketch. At A on dotted line, which indicates route. We traversed we discovered three small shell holes which have been made during the last few days shelling. The grass about this position is about 21 inches high and affords protection from view. From B to position which is marked C the grass is about the same height but not so plentiful. The ditch as far as C affords excellent cover, but still has a little water in the drain which passes down the centre. At the inner corner of the junction of 60 and 65 trenches is a kind of dugout sufficiently large enough to hold two men. This excavation appears to have been made some two or three weeks. The position is subject to fire both frontal and enfilade from enemy trenches. The patrol was here held up of a fusillade of machine gun fire and as the enemy continued to illumine with flares and searchlight the patrol was unable to continue further in this direction. I am of opinion that the junction of 60 and 65 trenches is much nearer to the enemy trenches than shown on the map. Map reference shews a distance of at least 250 yds whilst from appearance the distance appears not more than 125 yds. At position C we waited for 30 minutes and could hear no noises in the enemy trenches. We retired along ditch 60 to B and from there moved out to D. After waiting there for about 20 minutes the patrol moved back to B and then to E. We returned to trench 64 at 12.30 a.m. No enemy patrol was seen or heard. The enemy were quiet along our front and could not be heard on barbed wire.

A. W. PHILLIPS, Lt.

Temp. Scout Officer,
25th Bn.

Information received from the 25th Bn. Scout Officer, Lt. Phillips, states that the patrol was held up by machine gun fire and searchlight from the enemy trenches. The patrol was unable to continue further in this direction. I am of opinion that the junction of 60 and 65 trenches is much nearer to the enemy trenches than shown on the map. Map reference shews a distance of at least 250 yds whilst from appearance the distance appears not more than 125 yds. At position C we waited for 30 minutes and could hear no noises in the enemy trenches. We retired along ditch 60 to B and from there moved out to D. After waiting there for about 20 minutes the patrol moved back to B and then to E. We returned to trench 64 at 12.30 a.m. No enemy patrol was seen or heard. The enemy were quiet along our front and could not be heard on barbed wire.

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Appendix No. 5

7TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

INTELLIGENCE REPORT

No.46 24th May 1916.

OUR OPERATIONS. At 10-25 a.m. 20th Bty. fired 8 rds. at 05 a 8 1/2 9 1/2 silencing battery there. Same Bty. at 3 p.m. fired 12 rounds at enemy trenches from I 26 b 6 1/2 0 to I 26 b 8 7. At 3 p.m. 13th Bty. fired 30 rds on trenches I 21 d 2 9 to I 21 c 8 5. At 5 p.m. same Bty. fired 4 rds at house I 29 a 1 6 1/2 and at 6-15 p.m. 12 rds at DISTILLERY. 105th How. Bty fired 38 rounds in retaliation at I 21 b 4 3, b 3 2 1/4, d 1 1/2 9. At 3-45 p.m. Between 3 p.m. and 4 p.m. 11th Bty fired 93 rds at German Salient and support trenches at Q 21 a & b, to cover registration of trench mortars. Between 3-40 p.m. and 5 p.m. 104th Bty. fired 25 rds at enemy trenches I 22 a 3 6 & I 22 b. At 2-30 p.m. 19th Bty fired 8 rds on working party I 22 d 6 7 1/2 dispersing it. At 3 a.m. 24th, our guns fired on supports in rear of GERMAN HOUSE. No retaliation.

SNIPERS. Our snipers claim to have broken 5 more periscopes.

PATROLS. Our patrols were very active and full reports are attached.

TRENCH MORTARS. At 3 p.m. our 2" and 3.7" mortars fired on enemy trenches opposite salient. Two mortars operated on GERMAN HOUSE and left of enemy salient, fired 10 rds. All with the exception of one, which burst prematurely over enemy line, fell in the trenches and judging by material thrown up, a good deal of damage was done. Observation was not good, but the trenches were breached and what seemed to be the tops of dugouts or M/G positions was seen. Two mortars on right registered on enemy trenches firing 5 rds. 2 rds fell about 10 yds inside parapet, one round on parapet breaching it I 21 c 4 2. One round fell in enemy's wire about I 21 c 8 4 and appeared to do considerable damage. 3.7" mortars fired 24 rds. All were well placed except 2 which fell in wire. Trench mortar officer very satisfied with shoot.

MACHINE GUNS. Our machine guns active at night. Searched junction of Distillery Rd. and station I 27 b 3 3 also bend of road I 27 c 9 7. Traversed barbed wire and parapet in front of trenches 63 and 64, and also in front of trenches 58 and 60. Fired short bursts throughout the night at gap in barb wire at I 16 d 3 6 and on each side of Railway opposite trench 59.

WORK (RIGHT) During the day work of levelling the ground in front of the CHORD line was proceeded with also work on the line itself. Traffic trench in rear of support trench & trench 62 was gone on with, also Reserve Bomb Store. Kniferests were made and put out. A box tunnel with aperture for firing Lewis gun was completed and placed in position.

(LEFT) Repairs made to parapet in trench 67. 800 sand bags filled. In trench 66 revetments were filled in, retaining walls attended to. In trench 64 filled up traverses and fire steps also tops of new dug-outs. Adjusted and repaired 100 yds duckboards in WINE STREET. Demolished old works and filled up ditch behind trench 63. Grass cutting parties were out in front of trenches 63, 64, 65 & 67.

GENERAL. After bombardment all available men were put on to effect repairs and by 1 a.m. all was completed with the exception of the finishing touches which can be put on in daylight.

ENEMY OPERATIONS. - ARTILLERY Until the afternoon there was but little activity. At 8-20 a.m. 16 rds H.E. were put over supports of I 9 c 7 5. At 10.45 12 H.E. about L'ARMEE H 18 b 4 6. At 11.40 12 H.E. at LA'VESEE I 19 a 9 8 and at 1.50 p.m. 12 H.E. at I 14 a 6 3. At 1.55 p.m. 10 shrapnell were burst about LILLE POST I 9 d 5 0. At 2.30 12 H.E. on the supports of I 21 a. Between 3.15 and 3.45 p.m. in retaliation for our trench mortar and artillery activity, the RUE DU BOIS Salient CHORD Line and Supports were heavily bombarded. About 6 ton 700 shells were put in. Our parapets were breached in 3 places on the right and also in the Salient and Chord Line. Several Bays in the Chord Line were wrecked. All this has been repaired. The bay in trench 62 did not come under fire. It is estimated that 100 trench mortar bombs were sent over as well as the shells.

GENERAL ACTIVITY. Enemy was quiet during the night, evidently devoting his attention to repairs. Sounds of iron clanging heard in front of trench 62. On night of 22nd/23rd enemy machine gun was observed firing from I 21 b 4 1/2 2.

ENEMY DEFENCES New loophole plates were located at I 21 d 2 9 and I 22 a 4 8. Enemy was observed using timber between 1st & 2nd lines in I 21 b 4 1. Parapet has been improved at I 16 b and I 21 b. Entanglements have been placed at I 16 d 1 3 for about 100 yds. The sap reported at I 21 a has

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not been verified. Near I 21 a enemy appear to have erected a M/G position in parapet, but there has been no attempt to hide this work. Our observers are inclined to think it a dummy. Wire in front of enemy trench between I 22 a 4 7 and 7 8 is very weak, having been knocked about by our artillery. Grass is very long and make observation difficult..

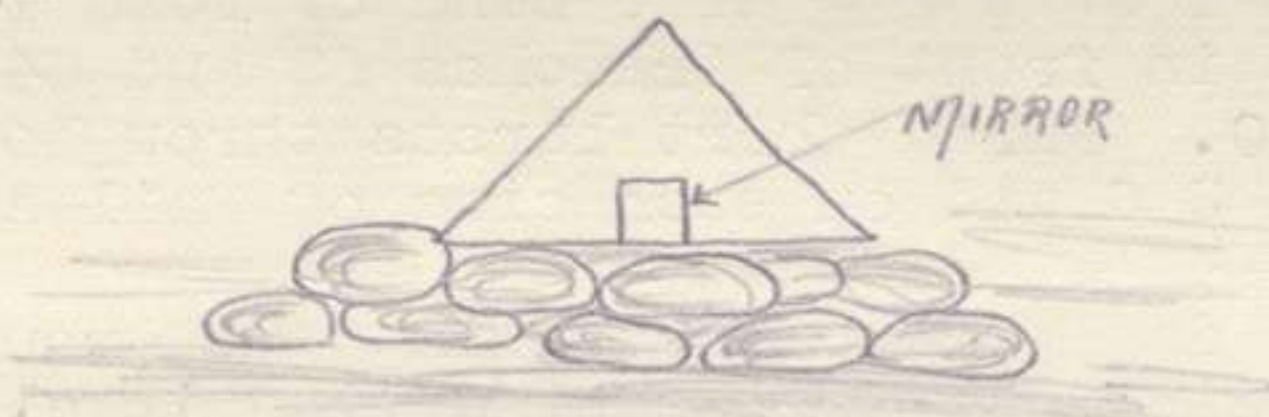
MOVEMENTS. Observation difficult owing to haze. At 8 a.m. 10 men were seen working in rear of road at I 35 b 9 6. At 5 a.m. part of 6 were observed throwing up earth from fire trench I 16 d 6 9. At 7 a.m. a small working party was observed throwing up earth in rear of fire trench I 16 d 1 3. At 2.40 p.m. 6 men were seen on road at I 29 d 1 5 and all disappeared at I 29 d 3 4. A german was seen in front line trench at I 22 a 8 10 at 3. 25 p.m. He was observing with field glasses for one or two minutes. Wore a cap with black plae, coat had gold lace on collar and also gold braid on sleeves. Disappeared suddenly as if sniper had fired on him.

COMMUNICATIONS. About 5.20 p.m. a carrier pigeon was seen to fly from WEZ MACQUART over our trenches towards ARMENTIERES. Another was observed to leave enemy front line trench at I 21 d 2 8. The bird circled twice and headed off S.E.

AIRCRAFT. At 6.30 p.m. 5 enemy planes appeared over our lines flying very high and coming from N.E. They were driven off by our A.A. Guns. About 6 captive balloons up.

SNIPERS POST. Enemy sniper has strong post, 4 loophole plates in line in I 16 d 6 9. Sniper using telescopic rifle and is troublesome. Artillery has promised to knock this post out.

PERISCOPE. Enemy observed using periscope shaped as under. Very careful with it. It may be a telescopic periscope in shade or shield :-



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Patrol Reports.

26th Bn. 23/5/16.

Accompanied by L/Cpl Jenkins, Pts. Duncan, Orr, Chugg, I went out from 100 yds east trench 59 at 9.45 p.m. for the purpose of ascertaining whether the enemy were patrolling NO MAN'S LAND to any extent. Moved out through Listening Post, C. Coy. crossed over ditch 37. Turning half right to ditch 32 and then moved towards enemy trenches for about 150 yds at echelon with about 5 yds between each man. There we formed a screen and remained there till 11.45 p.m. Nothing was seen of any hostile patrol. We moved back to our trenches at 11.45 p.m. and struck listening post at 12.15 a.m. 24/5/16. At 12.30 accompanied by L/Cpl Jenkins I left trench 58 Reference map No Man's Land. We moved through entanglements and reached Company's listening post about 75 yds out. Then turned N.E. crossed ditch 52 patrolled front at a depth of about 150 yds by 100 yds and returned to lines at 1.25 a.m. ~~xxx~~ Nothing of enemy was seen or heard.

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Sgd. M. J. Gaille, Lt.

26th Bn.

A patrol consisting of Capt Foss, 28th Bn and myself went out for the purpose of looking at the enemy's entanglements. The same route was followed as on the night of the 20th. We took much more time than previously as there has been an enemy patrol or so out lately. We examined the wire for about a chain along and returned to our own trenches. A party was heard on the railway with a trolley these appeared to be outside in No Man's Land. The enemy appeared to be as inactive as ever in this part. Footsteps could be heard up and down the duckwalks. One man appeared to be doing about a chain of the trench as a patrol and to be using several different loop-holes or firing steps.

Sgd. F. B. Caless,
26th Bn.

25th Bn.

Two patrols moved out from our trenches on the night of 23/5/16 at 9 p.m. No. 1 patrol consisting of Lt Phillips, No. 1108 Pte H.H. Baker, left trench 67 at Spot marked A on attached sketch. The dotted line indicates the ground traversed. After passing through SALLY PORT we turned to the right and reached a depression which runs directly to enemy trenches and was followed by us as far as B. Parties moving up this depression are protected from the converging machine gun fire which sweeps this salient. There is a thick growth of weeds and grass on the left whilst the grass is not so plentiful on the right. On reaching B Pte Baker discovered a double wire (a sample of which is attached) leading directly to enemy trenches. The lead was traced back as far as C where it disappeared into a hole about 12" in diameter. On investigation the hole proved to be an opening in an underground tunnel which is timbered and travels back about 12 feet to where it has another opening to the surface 10" wide and 24" long. The enclosed wire was at the first opening joined to an ordinary piece of white wire about the same thickness. From the second square or hole the wire continued to pass beneath the surface for about 20' towards our trenches. The depth of the tunnel is about 5' containing 2'6" of water. Pte Baker who went down the second hole reports that the tunnel is timbered and that the wire is tied at the end. In my opinion this is an enemy listening post which still has direct communication with their trenches. A rough sketch is attached. From C we proceeded to E which is sparsely covered with grass. This is the summit of a slight rise in the ground the other side of which is a certain amount of cover from our trenches for enemy. We proceeded down incline to D where the enemy were very busy on parapet work (putting up sandbags). We were here prevented from passing to telephone wire by enemy listening post which was our intention. This part of the line appears to be strongly held. In the early part of the night there was quite a lot of men talking and moving about in this quarter. The report of No. 2 patrol which moved out from trench 66 is attached.

Sgd. A. W. Phillips, Lt.

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25th Bn:

To-night No. 513, Sgt Snow, C.L. with Pts. 1610, Mollison, J. and 1582 Philpott, B., left our trenches at the left of COWGATE AVENUE in trenches 66. We reconnoitred 69 and went over some high ground and met a roadway about 4x wide. We crossed this and on the other side we found a large area of dead ground between 68 and 67. We moved up towards the road to sniper's house. It was here that we heard a sharp whistle from No Man's Land on our left, but attached no importance to it as nothing happened in the way of fire. I advanced sufficiently far enough to see their trenches when their flares went up and the enemy had no working parties out that we could see or hear. We returned to Sally Port at 12.45 a.m.

Sgt. C. L. Snow, Sgt.

A patrol consisting of Sgt Snow, 25th Bn and myself went out for the purpose of looking at the enemy's entanglements. The same route was followed as on the night of the 20th. We took up a position in trench 67 at spot marked A on attached sketch. The dotted line indicates the ground traversed. After passing through SALLY PORT we turned to the right and reached a depression which runs directly to enemy trenches and was followed by us as far as B. Parties moving up this depression are protected from the converging machine gun fire which sweeps this salient. There is a thick growth of weeds and grass on the left whilst the grass is not so plentiful on the right. On reaching B Sgt Baker discovered a double wire (a sample of which is attached) leading directly to enemy trenches. The lead was traced back as far as C where it disappeared into a hole about 12" in diameter. On investigation the hole proved to be an opening in an underground tunnel which is timbered and travels back about 15 feet to where it has another opening to the surface 10" wide and 24" long. The enclosed wire was at the first opening joined to an ordinary piece of white wire about the same thickness. From the second aperture or hole the wire continued to pass beneath the surface for about 20' towards our trenches. The depth of the tunnel is about 6' containing 2 1/2" of water. Sgt Baker who went down the second hole reports that the tunnel is timbered and that the wire is tied at the end. In my opinion this is an enemy listening post which still has direct communication with their trenches. A rough sketch is attached. From G we proceeded to H which is generally covered with grass. This is the summit of a slight rise in the ground the other side of which is a certain amount of cover from our trenches for enemy. We proceeded down incline to D where the enemy were very busy on parapet work (putting up sandbags). We were here prevented from passing to telephone wire by enemy listening post which was our intention. This part of the line appears to be strongly held. In the early part of the night there was quite a lot of men talking and moving about in this quarter. The report of No. 2 patrol which moved out from trench 68 is attached.

Sgt. A. W. Phillips, Lt.

Two patrols moved out from our trenches on the night of 22/5/18 at 9 p.m. No. 1 patrol consisting of Lt Phillips, No. 1108 Pte H.E. Baker, left trench 67 at spot marked A on attached sketch. The dotted line indicates the ground traversed. After passing through SALLY PORT we turned to the right and reached a depression which runs directly to enemy trenches and was followed by us as far as B. Parties moving up this depression are protected from the converging machine gun fire which sweeps this salient. There is a thick growth of weeds and grass on the left whilst the grass is not so plentiful on the right. On reaching B Sgt Baker discovered a double wire (a sample of which is attached) leading directly to enemy trenches. The lead was traced back as far as C where it disappeared into a hole about 12" in diameter. On investigation the hole proved to be an opening in an underground tunnel which is timbered and travels back about 15 feet to where it has another opening to the surface 10" wide and 24" long. The enclosed wire was at the first opening joined to an ordinary piece of white wire about the same thickness. From the second aperture or hole the wire continued to pass beneath the surface for about 20' towards our trenches. The depth of the tunnel is about 6' containing 2 1/2" of water. Sgt Baker who went down the second hole reports that the tunnel is timbered and that the wire is tied at the end. In my opinion this is an enemy listening post which still has direct communication with their trenches. A rough sketch is attached. From G we proceeded to H which is generally covered with grass. This is the summit of a slight rise in the ground the other side of which is a certain amount of cover from our trenches for enemy. We proceeded down incline to D where the enemy were very busy on parapet work (putting up sandbags). We were here prevented from passing to telephone wire by enemy listening post which was our intention. This part of the line appears to be strongly held. In the early part of the night there was quite a lot of men talking and moving about in this quarter. The report of No. 2 patrol which moved out from trench 68 is attached.

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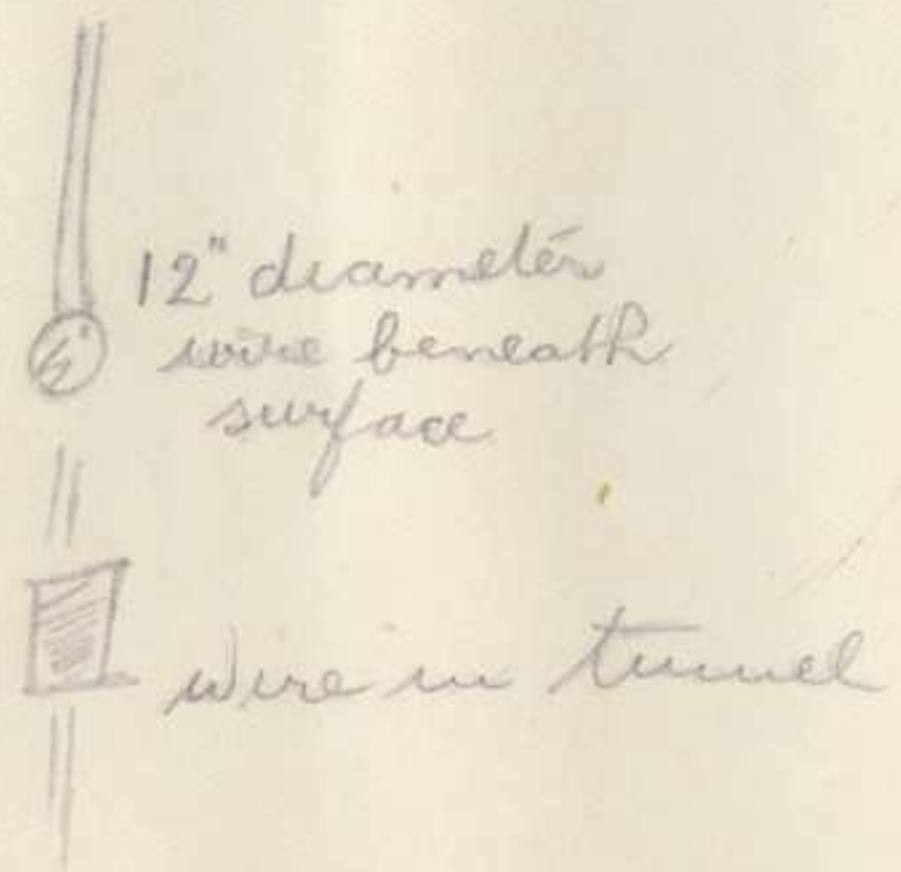
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Enemy Trenches

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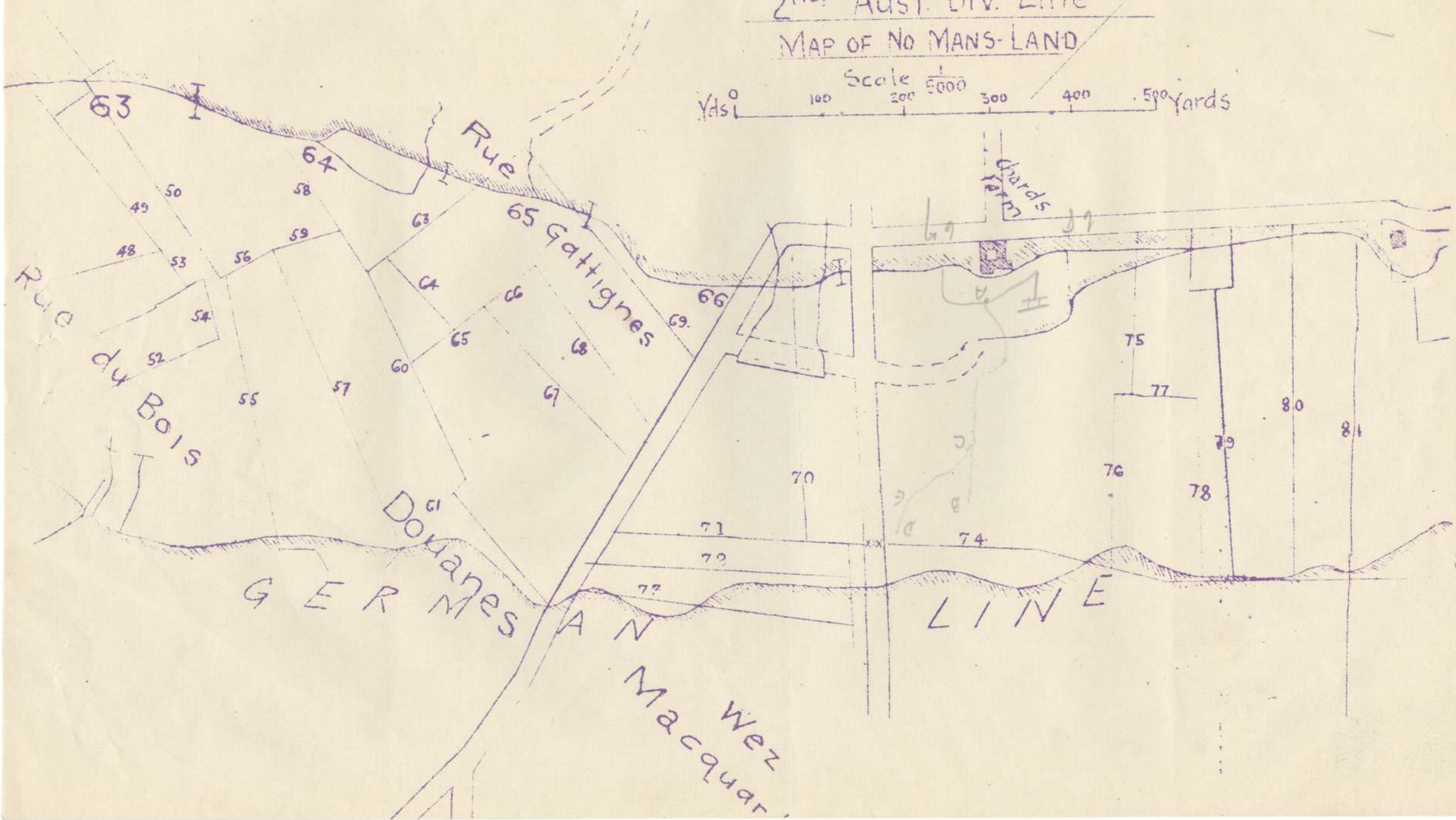


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Appendix No 5

Left Batt Left Brigade
2nd Aust. Div. Line
MAP OF NO MANS-LAND

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Intelligence Summary No. 47.OUR OPERATIONS. (Artillery)

12th Bty at 11.20 p.m. fired 25 rounds at Snipers Post I 16 d 6 9½ and at 12.30 p.m. 25 rounds at Snipers Post at I 16 d 5½ 8½. Both posts reported to be demolished. At noon 10th Bty fired 32 rounds at trenches 66 and 67. Registration from new position. Between 3 p.m. and 4.45 p.m. 104th How. Bty fired 50 rounds at targets I 22 a 3 6½ and 9 8 and I 16 d 6 1. At 4.45 p.m. 19th Bty fired 24 rounds at Snipers post I 16 d 6 9½ and blew plates in. This is confirmed by observers of left Bn. Our observers report artillery damaged enemy parapet at I 22 a 7 8.

MACHINE GUNS. Our machine guns fairly active. Traversed enemy wire and trenches in front of trench 64 and from I 16 b 0 3 to I 16 d 3 6. Fired on working party near Snipers House and at breaches in enemy parapet caused by our artillery. Bullets were observed striking steel plates which had no doubt been places as temporary protection.

SNIPERS. Our snipers report enemy snipers very quiet. They claim to have shot one man and to have broken one telescopic periscope and 5 ordinary periscopes. Our Coy. snipers also claim to have shot one man. Observers ~~saw~~ saw man carried away. It is believed another man was accounted for but it is not confirmed. TRENCH MORTARS. No firing yesterday.

PATROLS. Our Patrols were active. Reports are attached. It is regretted that Lt W.H. Gartrell & C.S.M. Wilkie of 26th Bn were wounded by a bomb explosion.

WORK. Right. A sap was made in rear of support trench, trench 62. Bricks were collected for dugouts building in support line. Fire steps and revetments continued in Chord Line & Communication from Chord to Support Line was improved. Some low wire entanglements were placed in front of Chord Line. Repairs necessitated by enemy shelling were finished off. A bomb proof store was erected on left of salient.

Left. Duckboards repaired in trench 67 & parapet was attended to. In trench 66 revetments & dugouts under parapet were filled in. Wire entanglements were constructed. In trench 63 partly rebuilt one bay & demolished old works. In trench 64 firesteps & parapet were sandbagged. Duckboards were repaired in HAYSTACK AVE. AND QUEEN ST. Grass cutting parties were out in front of trenches 64, 65, 66 and 67.

ENEMY OPERATIONS. (Artillery). Right Bn.

Between 12.30 and 12.50 p.m. 13 shrapnel sent over on supports behind trenches 58 & 59. No damage. At 3.15 p.m. 55 H.E. were sent over support trenches of 59 & 60 & DEAD COW FARM. One casualty, no other damage. At 2.15 p.m. 15 rounds H.E. 5.9" put over in rear of support line of trench 59. No damage. Left Bn. At 8.50 a.m. 12 shrapnel & H.E. were sent over in vicinity of CHAPELLE D'ARMENTIERES supports I 15 c 4 4. Between 3 p.m. & 4 p.m. 14 H.E. were put into supports at I 15 c. Between 4 & 5 p.m. 26 shrapnel & 23 H.E. were put over supports of I 16 a. No damage was done by any of this shelling. Practically no bombing during the day. Machine guns quiet at night.

DEFENCES. Enemy are erecting a roofed in structure at I 21 d 2 9. Using steel girders with 5" flanges. The whole is covered with a very large plate of sheet iron or steel. The artillery have been advised of this. Saps reported in I 22 a and I 16 d 0 2 are now covered in and now appear as tunnels right through enemy parapet. The artillery have been advised of this.

MOVEMENTS. At 9 a.m. a party of 4 men were seen working just in front of screen across LILLE RD. at I 16 d 4 4. They disappeared after 10 minutes. Working party observed at I 22 a 6 5½. They were fired on & one at least was hit. 4 wagons, 2 drawn by 8 horses & 2 by 4 horses were observed in I 29 c. Artillery fired on them but result could not be ascertained.

MOVEMENTS. At I 36 a 7 7 a train of 5 wagons seen moving to the right, No. 1 loaded with hay, remainder with timber. 2nd and 4th teams had 6 horses, remainder 4 horses. The near lead horse was mounted. The weather was very bad for observation, it being hazy in the forenoon & showery during the afternoon. Road at I 36 a 7 7 is carrying a good deal of traffic.

MACHINE GUN POSITIONS. Positions located at in front parapet at I 22 a 1 5 I 22 a 5 3 & I 22 b 1 8.

COMMUNICATIONS. Two searchlights were playing on NOMAN'S LAND last night. Loud groans were heard from enemy lines opposite T head trench about 5.15am.

AIRCRAFT. Our planes were active. Enemy planes were seen at 7 a.m., 8 a.m. 8.45 a.m. & 2.35 p.m. All were fired at & driven off by our A.A. guns.

GENERAL. Fife & drum band heard at 4.30 a.m. & bugle calls at 5.30 a.m. It was noted last night that when a bomb exploded in NO MAN'S LAND flares went up from every second bay of enemy line near salient.

George Head
Lt.
Intelligence Officer.

7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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PATROL REPORT - 26th Bn.

A patrol consisting of Lt W.H.Gartrell, C.S.M. Wilkie, 1265 Pte Limbrick G.T., 2152 Pte O'Brien D., 1047 Pte Briggs and myself went out into NO MAN'S LAND from 100 yards east trench 58 at 10 p.m.

We moved out through listening post, C. Coy. to ditch 37 which we crossed about 150 yds from its junction with ditch 32. Moved forward in line, Mr Gartrell on left, myself on right for about 150 yds. There we lay still for about 10 minutes. The night was very dark and full advantage was taken of flares sent up by the enemy in his trenches, but nothing could be seen nor heard of the enemy. Leaving there we turned due east and crossed over ditches 33,34, then moving in single file ~~forward~~ turned due north and moved into ditch 39. We were moving still toward our own parapet when a bomb exploded near Lt Gartrell and C.S.M. Wilkie. They were hit. We were about 25 yds from our parapet at the time. I then moved up, saw Mr Gartrell and moved across railway line into our own lines. I sent a man to inform Lt Morgan, Works officer, A Coy. of the casualty and to find out the best route for bringing in Lt Gartrell and C.S.M. Wilkie, who was also hit, with Pte Whiley of A Coy. Ptes Limbrick, Briggs and O'Brien meanwhile had been doing excellent work moving Mr Gartrell in through a ditch underneath heavy barbed wire entanglements. We ~~managed~~ succeeded in moving him in to stretcher bearers after 40 minutes. The stretcher bearers were outside HELLS GATES to meet him and after putting him on stretcher he was despatched to Aid Post. C.S.M. Wilkie managed to crawl through entanglements and was assisted in by Whiley of A Coy. We were inside our lines altogether by 12.15 a.m. ~~25/~~ 25/5/16. I would like to bring to your notice the excellent work of Ptes Limbrick, Briggs and O'Brien also their coolness and devotion to duty at a critical moment. C.S.M. Wilkie also, though wounded himself, tended Mr Gartrell and sent back information to me and then asked to remain out till Mr Gartrell had been brought in, but I ordered him to return to our lines and he did so, with the assistance of Pte Whiley of A Coy. I am of opinion that the bomb was a Mills (No.5) Hand Grenade & was thrown from a listening post near HELLS GATE, A Coy. about 20x from us. There were absolutely no signs of any enemy patrol at all during our patrol in NO MAN'S LAND.

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Sgd. W. J. Clarke, Lt.

25th Bn.

A patrol consisting of Lt A.W.Phillips, No.227 Pte B. Chambers, 470 C. O'Gorman, 767, J, Turner, 1108 H.H.Baker and 1983 E.J.Pegley, moved out at 9 p.m. from trench 67 at point marked A on attached sketch. Our party was joined by Capt P.E.Nix, Sgt Plater of 25th and Cpl of 27th Bns. for the purpose of becoming familiar with NO MAN'S Land. We immediately proceeded to spot marked C with intention of thoroughly investigating the underground tunnel discovered last night. Pte Baker who was responsible for this discovery entered rectangular opening previously mentioned in last nights report and connected with the piece of corrugated wire. With the assistance of pocket torch provided for purpose the tunnel and wire were traced back towards our trenches until a sandbagged barricade was reached. This barricade reached to within 6 inches of top of tunnel. Pte Baker reports that the sand bags used are similar to the few German sand bags that are in our lines and are different from those used by us. This construction is on the edge of our barbed wire. Baker removed a few of these sand bags and passed along tunnel towards parapet where tunnel ended in an opening in the ground. About this spot the wire finished as a loose end. Pte Baker rejoined the party who were acting as a protective screen at 11 p.m. I am still of opinion that this tunnel has been used by enemy as a listening post in the dry weather and is now ready for use again. From C. we went to the left into the turnip crop which is about 2' 6" high. Whilst affording good cover from view this field could not be used to advance through by troops on account of the loud noise that would be made by breaking of stalks. This field runs up close to enemies barbed wire and extends about 30 yds to the left. Since an approach to enemy trenches in this direction was impossible we returned to trench 67 reaching that position at 12.15 a.m.

Sgd. A. W. Phillips, Lt.

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Patrol Report.

One Officer Sergeant and L.Cpl.

Left Trench 67 at I 16 c 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ at 9 p.m. 23.5.16 moved in a South-Easterly direction along a depression for about 80 yards. This has probably been a ditch and has been partly filled in up. So far as I followed it cover from flanking fire is obtained when a semiprone position is assumed. At this spot two insulated wires were found running along the bottom of the depression.

Up to this time the party was accompanied by the 25th Bn. Scout Officer and one man who were left to examine the wires mentioned. I did not reconnoitre the ditch any further, my object being to see the enemy entanglements at I 16 d 36 it appears to lose itself in the enemy trench at I 16 d 4 6 $\frac{1}{2}$.

At the place where the wire was discovered was an opening into a tunnel this is now being explored, I understand, or will be today.

After leaving the depression the route was nearly parallel to and about 60 yards from Lille Road, and we moved up to within about 12 yards of the enemy entanglements at I 16 d 36 where a hole about 10' x 4' x 1'6" is, which I entered with one of the party, the other man having been left 20x in rear. Just prior to reaching this spot a party could be heard working at about I 16 d 4 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ driving iron stakes into earth also water was being carried in kerosine tins.

After watching for some time, a party of men came from the direction of I 16 d 4 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ moving along between the parapet and entanglements and were lost to view evidently going into their trench at I 16 d 36.

At the place where the party turned ~~into~~ to enter their trench is a small trench and a listening post of some description was established there - this was probably about 10 ft. inside their wire and immediately between our position and their trench also a lot of walking about in their trench could be heard on duckwalks and sounded like small squads of men on fatigue work.

After waiting some time, I crawled out to the wire and for about 24 ft to the left. At this stage the listening post became uneasy and caused a number of flares to be put up which compelled us to cease operations or to further our objective. During this time a machine gun opened fire from about this place I 16 d 36 but fired over us. Thinking it better not to disturb them any further at this point as the post was possibly put there during the time work was being proceeded with we went back coming into our line at 1.45 p.m. in trench 67 I 16 c 99.

A search-light which is mounted on either the parapet or just in rear of the trench was ~~xxxx~~ very active. The light appears at about I 16 b 92.

The points noticed were:-

1. His wire knife rests (wooden) are in fair order but owing to heavy growth of grass and that circumstances did not allow us to make a thorough examination I could not tell in what state the inner wire is.
2. The ditch mentioned may be useful and provide cover for approach.
3. That the grass is very long right up to the wire.
4. Constant work appeared to be going on and a great number of people moving about the whole time.
5. Our men in trenches were not keeping up a slow continuous fire which was to be practised.
6. Their Listening Post was very alert and kept very silent.

Sgd. B. Paterson Capt.

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OUR OPERATIONS. At 5.30 p.m. 19th Bty. fired at M.G. emplacement at I 22 h 5 8 50 rounds. Position destroyed. About noon our batteries put 8 shrapnel over enemy front line at I 21 c 8 4 and a little later 12 H.E. and shrapnel were sent into DISTILLERY. At 12.15 4 shrapnel & H.E. burst in enemy front line at I 22 a 4 8 damaged wire and parapet in vicinity. Between 3.25 & 4.45 p.m. our batteries shelled DISTILLERY enemy support lines at I 17 c 8 8 and LA BLEUE with H.E. Some damage to DISTILLERY. From 6.10 to 6.30 p.m. 20 H.E. & a few shrapnel were put into enemy front line at I 16 c 8 8 and I 16 d 3 7. Wire and parapet damaged.

MACHINE GUNS. Our guns were active. Fired on enemy parapet & wire at I 21 c 7 3 to I 26 b 8 2 also positions in front of trenches 64 & 65. Traversed & searched parapets in front of trench 66. From position at T head trench 69 fired on enemy working party. Party observed to scatter & then disappeared. A horn was blown, presumably for stretcher bearers, immediately afterwards.

TRENCH MORTARS. At 2.55 a.m. our 3.7" mortars fired ~~5~~ 16 rounds.

SNIPERS. Our snipers claim to have broken 5 more enemy periscopes.

PATROLS. Patrol report is attached. Enemy appear to have been very quiet and no trace of hostile patrols were found.

WORK. RIGHT. Work on dugouts in Chord line gone on with also opening up of communication trench from Chord to Support line and from Support line to main traffic trench just in rear. 18 knife rests were put out in front of trench 60 and more wire put down in front of Chord. Wire prepared and put out in front of 58 & 59. Revetments & dugouts were attended to. Duckboards repaired & 500 sandbags filled for emergency work. An emergency duck walk has been established along the COURAN for about 50 yds towards front. This commences at the point where the Couran runs under the railway at Bn. H. Qrs along the right bank of the Couran.

LEFT. In trenches 67 & 68 sandbags were filled, new firesteps made and duckboards repaired. Wire entanglements made in trench 66. Revetments and dugouts under parapet filled in. Two new bomb stores are being built, one in S.S. line in COWGATE AVE. and one in WINE AVE. Wiring & grass cutting parties were out last night in front of trenches 64, 66 and 67.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. Right Bn. Very little shelling during the day. A few shells about Ration Farm and Burnt Farm and no damage was done. At 5.30 p.m. 6 77 m.m did slight damage to parapet Railway Ave. At 3.30 a.m. this morning Salient and Chord and trenches 58, 59 and 62 were heavily shelled. Estimated 700 shells & 100 T.M. bombs sent over. Parapet breached in two places in trench 59 but this has been repaired. Parados damaged in a few places but nothing serious. No casualties. Some enemy bombs reached small salient. A number of 5.9" H.E. did not explode.

Left Bn. Only a little shelling. At 10.45 a.m. 5 H.E. were put over FME DES PLANQUE. At noon a few shrapnel over front and support lines at I 15 d 4 3. At 3.15 p.m. 10 shrapnel sent over Supports I 15 b 3 1. At 5.30 p.m. 15 H.E. were fired on I 14 b 5 0. No damage caused by any of this shelling. About 30 rounds 77 m.m H.E. and shrapnel distributed on BOIS GRENIER line between 5 and 6 p.m. No damage. At about 5.45 9 rounds heavy H.E. fell along same line. One shell fell on Coy. Officers dugout & made a hole about 2" in diameter in a thickness of 1 concrete burster, 1 sheet galvanised iron, three layers of sandbags & timber 1 1/2". The driving band of this shell was 1/2" body 1" thick. One man badly wounded.

DEFENCES. Enemy have put in three new loophole plates at I 16 d. Entanglements have been erected between 1st and 2nd lines in I 22 b. Patrols report everywhere very quiet & they could not hear any work going on.

MOVEMENTS. Road at I 36 a 7 7 used for a good deal of traffic. A working party was seen apparently with cable, at trees behind road. A large fatigue party passed to right in field above road. 10 were dressed in white balance in dark clothes. Two men were moving about at the fort in rear of A.A. guns in I 28 a 5 5. At 7.30 a.m. party of 25 men were seen moving two deep along road at I 35 d 7 6 and disappeared behind trees. At 10.30 a.m. party of 50 men seen moving along road in fours from MILL I 35 c 1 5 to I 35 d 5 4 where they passed from view. At 11 a.m. five men seen working evidently laying telephone wire at I 35 b 9 7. One carried a ladder back to house at I 35 c 2 7. At 11.15 a.m. two men carrying poles about 6' long from I 35 b 5 4 to I 35 c 2 7. They stopped in what seemed to be a sap &

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They stopped in what appeared to be a sap and started to throw up earth. At 12.10 p.m. saw party of 10 men moving along in file from I 29 d 4 8 to I 29 c 8 0 where they went into sap. They were followed at intervals of 2 minutes by 3 more parties of same number. At 6.40 a.m. man seen cutting grass in field at I 29 d 6 5. An enemy working party was again seen at I 22 a 6 5. They left after a few rounds were put amongst them.

OBSERVATION POST. Suspected observation post to left of WEZ MACQUART at top of large house in I 17 c.

COMMUNICATIONS. At 2.10 a.m. a red flare was sent up by enemy, appeared to be on right of trench 65. Trumpet sounded 3 times in enemy's lines. This was heard after our artillery had ceased firing.

AIRCRAFT. At 5.30 p.m. enemy plane appeared from S.E. our A.A. guns drove it off. Two observation balloons were up.

GENERAL. Fife and drum band heard in enemy lines at 6 p.m., 25th.

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Intelligence Officer.

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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Patrol Report

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An Officers Patrol consisting of Capt. J.E.Nix, Lt. A.W. Phillips No. 1562 Ptr. B. Philpot and No. 1610 Pte J.Mollison moved out from spot marked "A" on attached sketch of trenches 67&68 at 9 p.m. The dotted line which commences from T head represents route traversed.

Along this route there is a slight fold in the ground which was observed during the day. The approach to enemy trench along this route is a good one. The grass provides good cover from observation and is here about 18" high. Grass in NO MANS LAND is running to seed and is just now at its best. There is here a gradual rise until about 40 yards from enemy trenches from where there is a slight decline. We approached to within 40 yards of trenches and from there Capt.Nix and myself left the remainder and approached to within 15 yards of barbed wire. The night was very wet and particularly dark, but with the assistance of the flares that were sent up intermittently by the enemy, we were able to see the barbed wire distinctly, which takes the form of wooden knife rests. The wire is very close to the trenches at this spot. No attempt has been made to cut the grass which runs to edge of wooden knife rests. The enemy were very silent at the place approached, and I do not think they have any listening post there.

Our Patrol made a distinct track in the grass and we did not think that a closer approach would be adviseable in view of the fact that in all probability our approach would be noticed at daylight. The enemy were very silent along the whole of the salient and there were no working parties out. We left the spot marked "B" and returned to the T head part of our trench at 12.40 a.m.

A party consisting of Sgt. Snow Pts Bates, Breen, Thayne, Ryan and Newberry proceeded to spot marked "C" and referred to in last nights report, with a view to the further investigation of underground tunnel. The passage was entered at "C" and a zigzag course was followed as far as "E" which leads through a turnip field towards enemy trenches. Sgt. Snow reports a piece of galvanized wire passing through the tunnel. The passage is quite negotiable and should this tunnel on further examination prove to lead to enemy trenches, this will be an excellent means of approach to enemy trenches.

Sgd. A.W.Phillips Lt.
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OUR OPERATIONS. From 6 a.m. 26/5/16 to 6 a.m. 27/5/16.

ARTILLERY. Very little firing in the forenoon. At 2.30 p.m. 13th Bty. fired 21 rounds at I 26 d and at 2.45 p.m. 105th How. Bty. fired 12 rounds at enemy trenches opposite trenches 60 & 61. At the same time 15th Bty. fired 13 rounds at enemy trenches opposite trench 56. At 5 p.m. the 11th, 14th, 104th and 105th Btys. co-operated and fired 370 rounds at enemy trenches opposite RUE DU BOIS Salient. The enemy parapet was breached in several places and a fire was caused at I 22 a 0 3 (This is said to be an ammunition dump). Enemy were firing on trenches north of WEZ MACQUART so 12 rounds were put into the village. This had a good effect as firing ceased.

TRENCH MORTARS. Our Trench Mortars co-operated with the artillery at 5 p.m. and did excellent work. The 3.7" Bty. fired 53 rounds with good effect. The 2" Bty. fired 238 rounds. These did a deal of damage and were very well handled.

MACHINE GUNS. Our guns were again active at night. Fired on enemy parapet in front of trenches 64 & 65 also into breaches in enemy parapet opposite trench 59. Enemy machine gun at I 16 d 52 35 was fired on and silenced for the night. Fired on enemy working party carrying duck boards and caused them to cease work. Fired on breach in enemy parapet where enemy was endeavouring to place steel sheets. Caused them to cease work.

SNIPERS. Our snipers claim to have broken 3 more enemy periscopes and the Coy. snipers claim to have broken two.

PATROLS. Our patrols were active. Two officers patrols were out and reports are attached.

RIFLE GRENADES. 24 rifle grenades were fired into enemy lines opposite RUE DU BOIS Salient.

NIGHTWORK. Construction of fire steps traverses and dugouts in Chord Line was gone on with. Communication trench from Chord to S Line was opened up. In trenches 58, 59, 61 and 62 a good deal of cleaning up was done. Damage was caused by 3 a.m. bombardment. Further damage by 5 p.m. bombardment was attended to and pushed well forward.

LEFT. In trenches 67 and 68⁶⁵⁰ sandbags were filled, duckboards were repaired and filling in behind breastworks continued. In trench 66 construction of entanglements were continued, revetments filled in and dugouts under parapet filled in. In trench 63 demolition of old works was continued and ditch in rear filled in. Wiring and grass cutting parties were out in front of trenches 64, 66 and 67.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. Right. Bn. Very little activity during forenoon. At 2.45 p.m. 20 rounds 77 m.m. sent over in vicinity of Tramway Avenue. At 3.15 p.m. 20 rounds 77 m.m. were put over trenches 57 and 58. At about 5.15 p.m. in retaliation for our artillery and trench mortar activity the enemy heavily bombarded RUE DU BOIS Salient. About 520 H.E. Shells and 100 T.M. Bombs were estimated as having been sent over. A good deal of damage was done. The principal damage was caused in the right sector. In trench 58 2 bad breaches were made in the parapet and in trench 59 one bad breach was made. In trenches 60 & 61 (Salient) one breach was made and traverses and duckwalks wrecked. In trench 62 one small breach was made in the parapet and several communication trenches were filled up. The Chord Line was not damaged. All this damage has been repaired and any extra work can be done during daylight.

LEFT BN. At 8.40 a.m. 6 shrapnel were sent over supports at I 15 a 6 10 and again at 9.25 to 10 a.m. 15 shrapnel were sent over in same locality. From 1.35 to 3 p.m. 108 rounds H.E. were sent into reserve line at I 15 a 6 6 and again at 4.55, 69 rounds H.E. were put in same locality. At 6.15 p.m. 39 H.E. were put into Supports at I 16 a. No damage was caused by any of the above shelling.

BOIS GRENIER LINE. During the day 226 rounds mostly H.E. were sent over near BOIS GRENIER LINE. I 8 c and I 8 d. A number of heavy shells did not explode. No material damage caused by this shelling.

MACHINE GUNS. Enemy machine guns active during night, playing on usual points of parapet and positions in rear. The S.S. lines coming in for a good deal. It is believed that enemy guns are mounted in high positions.

SNIPERS. Fairly active.

DEFENCES. At about I 16 d 5 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ there is a gap about 10' wide in enemy wire. Evidently a new sally-post. Machine guns covered this gap last night. Enemy was busy during night on repairs to parapet & wire opposite Salient. Our machine guns harrassed them during the whole night.

MOVEMENT. At 7 a.m. a horseman was seen going west along road at I 29 d 2 6. At 9.40 a.m. party of 20 men seen at I 35 c 2 8, disappeared at I 29 c 0 2.

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At 10.30 a.m. party of 7 men were seen moving in single file from I 17 d 4 4, disappeared at I 17 d 6 7. Last five men carried packs. At 2.40 p.m. men seen carrying hurdles at about I 16 d 8 6. They were in enemy 2nd line trench. At 4.50 p.m. a light covered wagon was seen along road at I 29 e 6 7. Drawn by 2 horses and seemed to have men inside. At 6.45 p.m. party of 12 men in single file seen at I 35 b 5 4. At different times during the day (6.30 a.m, 11 a.m. and 2.30 p.m.) working parties observed carrying what appeared to be duckboards from front line trench and dumping them at I 17 c 6 9 and I 17 c 5 4 1/2. Men were wearing dark grey caps without peaks but with light coloured bands. M.G. opened fire on them & they disappeared. Road at I 36 a 7 7 again used freely. From 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. from 2 to 10 men were seen repairing road.

COMMUNICATION. 6 pigeons were seen to fly over our lines in I 21 c flying N.W. towards ARMENTIERES. A horn was heard to blow in enemy lines at 5 p.m. I 16 d.

AIRCRAFT. At 4.15 p.m., 5.15 p.m. and 6.30 p.m. enemy aeroplanes were seen coming from S.E. and disappeared to N and N.E. 7 enemy observation balloons were up yesterday between 2.30 p.m. and 7.45 p.m.

PERISCOPES. One enemy periscope broken by our snipers had an object glass over 12" wide and composed of three pieces.

[Signature]
Lt.
Intelligence Officer.

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An Officers patrol consisting of Lt. A.W. Phillips No. 513 Sgt. Snow Pts. Chamber, Turner, Baker, and Pegley moved out from spot marked "A" on attached sketch. Dotted line indicates route traversed. The party moved out to a spot marked "B" under cover of a fold in the ground. While here a Machine Gun opened fire from a position which is approximately at point marked "E" in rear of cemetery. At "B" the patrol split up into two parties of three each. One patrol passed through a turnip patch to point "C" which is about 20 yards from Enemy barbed wire. The approach through the stubble was noisy and was over a slight rise. On the left of this position, everything was silent whilst there was a fair amount of talking on the right. The other part of the patrol moved up over a slight rise to "D" from there two figures were ~~is~~ seen to move back to enemy trenches. As the patrol was sighted they immediately retired over the rise and rejoined the other party at "B" The patrol returned to trenches at 11.30 p.m.

Sgd. A.W. Phillips Lt.
Temp. Scout Officer, 25th Bn.

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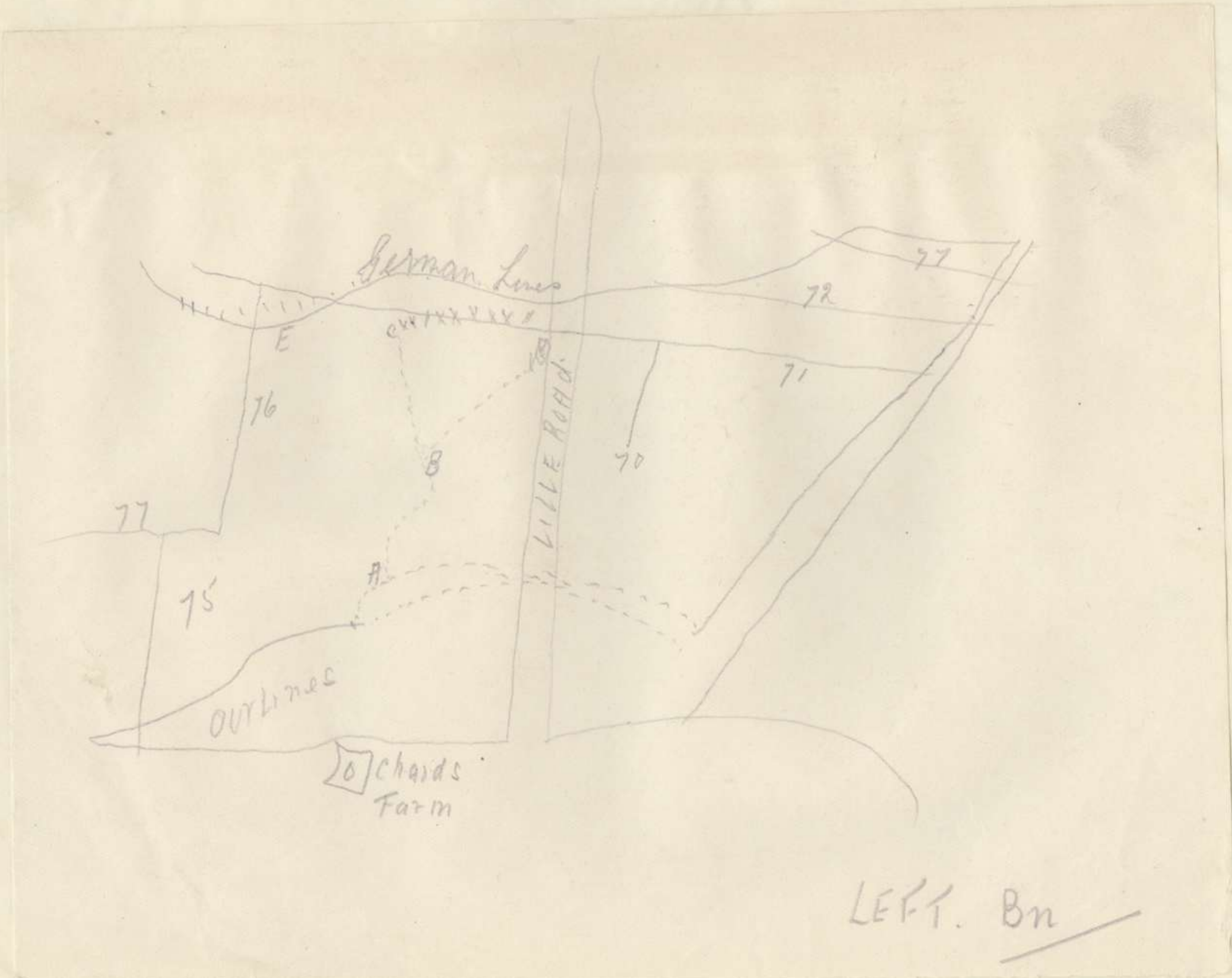
An Officers patrol of Lieut Phillips 26th Bn, Sgt. Walsh and one other and myself left listening post "C" Company 26th Bn. at 10.10. p.m. 26/5/16. with the intention of ascertaining whether Listening Post marked "A" on accompanying sketch was occupied. We moved out past ditch 32 and then turned to left along ditch 37. We moved along ditch 34 for about 100 yards and then turned in direction of hostile Listening Post which was our objective after crossing ditch 34. We did not move very close to Listening Post because we were not absolutely certain of our direction. Sounds of working could be heard distinctly and there appeared to be a screen or covering party in front of Listening Post, evidently securing the safety of men working on their parapet.

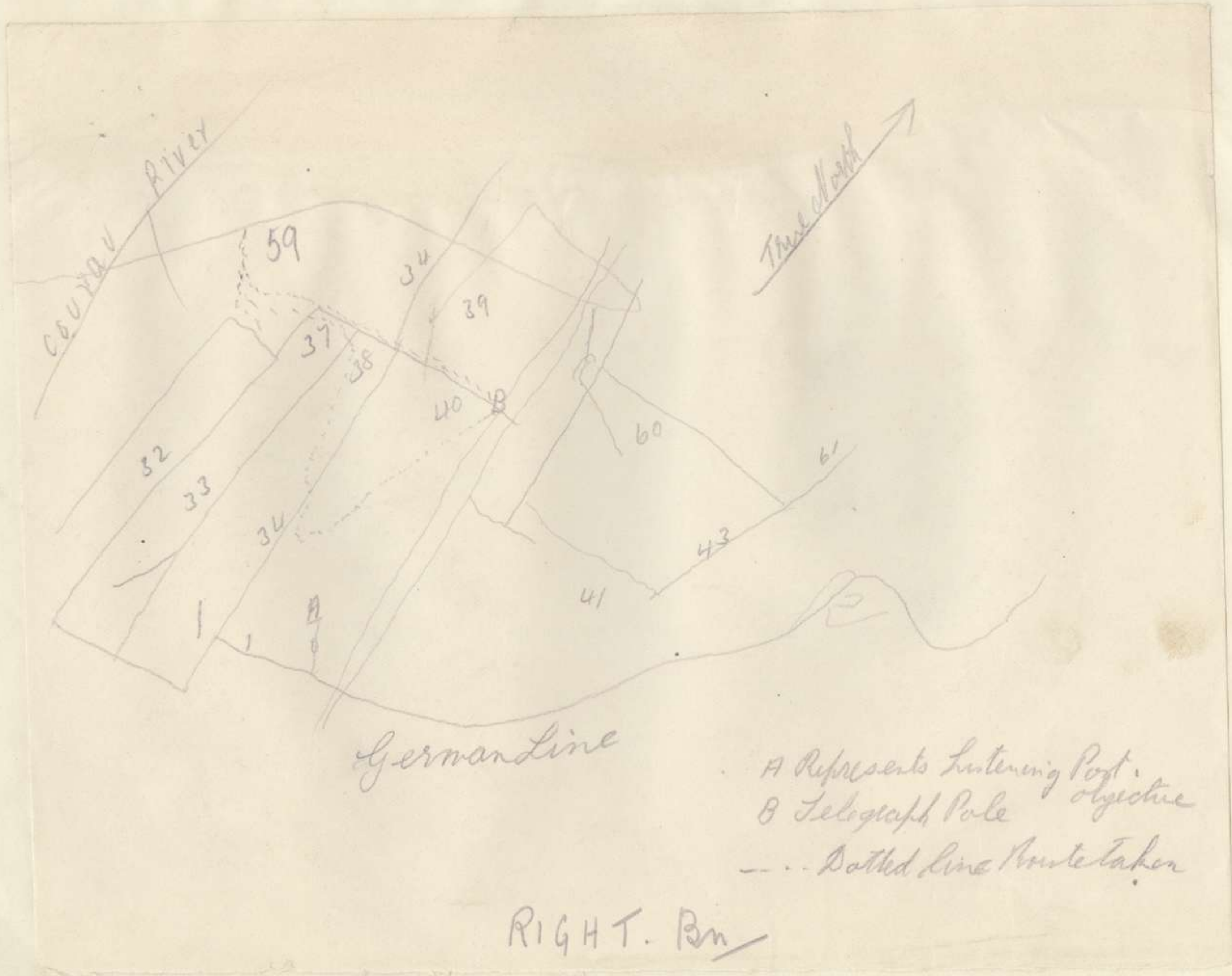
After remaining there some time we set out in the direction of telegraph pole marked "B" on sketch. from there we moved along ditches 40, 38, 37 home to our listening post arriving back at our Lines at 1.5 a.m. 27/5/16.

INFORMATION. Ditches 40, & 39 are fairly deep and afford excellent cover from view and fire. Between our parapet and the German Line on the far side of ditches 40 & 39 there is a slight dip. I was unable to get exact particulars such as height and distance of dip from our own lines. Grass very high all along route we took. The enemy appeared to be repairing his parapet. Nothing was seen or heard of any enemy patrol in No Mans Land.

Cpl. Manion and a party of Pts Abbot, Kingston & Soolyer went out into No Mans Land and formed a ~~xxxxxxx~~ Standing Patrol about 75 yards in front of our wire entanglements. They were extended 15 yards between each man. Hostile working parties were heard on the enemy parapet and on their wire. They remained out from 10 p.m. 26/5/16 to 12.30 a.m. 27/5/16. No enemy patrol was seen or heard. They covered the ground immediately in front of Trench 63, "D" Coy. 26th Bn.

Sgd. M.J. Clarke Lieut.
26th Bn.





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Patrol of Lieut. Phillips & Lieut Clarke and two others left Listening Post in front of "C" Coy 26th Bn. at 10 p.m. Moved up to ditch 52 and crossing 33 turned to the right up ditch 32. Traversed this ditch for about 130 yards and then left it making half left towards german Listening Post. When about some 15 yards away from L.P. could hear distinct rustling in the thick grass just ~~in front~~ to our right and could hear enemy apparently repairing his parapet by banging down sandbags. Moved along to the left for some yards and could hear working party near railway line. Apparently they had a covering party along here as we could hear series of whistles from left to right every now and again mocking a bird of some kind. Turned back towards railway line near Telegraph Pole and working down struck ditch 40. This ditch is deep enough to shelter a man stooping and affords good cover for some 30 men. Returned by ditches 38 & 37. These do not give such good cover being wider and with about 1 foot of water in them. Patrol returned 1 a.m.

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Intelligence Summary No. 50. From 6 a.m.
27/5/16 to 6 a.m. 28/5/16.

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OUR OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. At 11.30 a.m. 14th Bty. fired 15 rounds at I 26 b 9 8 to I 26 b 7 5½. At 11.35 a.m. 13th Bty. fired 12 rounds into DISTILLERY. The walls were considerably damaged. 14th Bty. fired 15 rounds at a M.G. emplacement I 22 a 1 5, at 5.5 p.m. At 2.45 p.m. 12th & 19th Btys. fired 10 rounds at I 23 b 7½ 5 and C 8 1. At 4 p.m. our artillery put 5 H.E. shells into the TILE WORKS, I 23 a 3 5 and did considerable damage. Our heavy artillery was firing at 10 p.m.

TRENCH MORTARS. No firing by our mortars.

MACHINE GUNS. Our guns were fairly active during the night. From positions at I 20 d 8 5 & I 20 d 9 6 we fired on enemy's parapet & wire in front of trench 59 & also searched breach made in wire by artillery in front of trench 58. Fired on enemy parapet & wire in front of trenches 64, 65 & 66.

SNIPERS. Our snipers claim to have broken 3 more periscopes.

PATROLS. An officers patrol examined listening post in front of left Bn. Report is attached.

WORK. RIGHT. General maintenance work gone on with. Repairs to parapet effected in trench 58 & communication & support trenches repaired. Sandbags filled for emergency use.

LEFT. In trenches 67 & 68 old dugouts were filled in & sandbags filled. Repairs were made to parapet & traverses. In trench 66 traverses & revetments filled in also dugouts under parapet. In trench 63 continued building of dugouts & demolition of old works. Frameworks for traverses were constructed.

AEROPLANES. Our planes were active. They were heavily shelled by the enemy.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. There was not a great deal of artillery fire in our area during the 24 hours. At 9 a.m. 7 shrapnel were sent over CHAPELLE D'ARMENTIERES. At about 1 p.m. Bde on our right was heavily shelled & our trench 58 came in for a portion of it. Two breaches were made in the parapet and a M.G. emplacement was damaged. At 3.30 p.m. 13 rounds H.E. were sent over in vicinity of RATION FARM. At 8 p.m. enemy shelled BOIS GRENIER & LILLE ROAD I 8 d with H.E. and shrapnel & also supports in I 9 c and I 15 a.

MACHINE GUNS. Enemy machine guns were active and paid particular attention to parapet where our patrols, from left Bn., usually move out from.

SNIPERS. Enemy sniping is reported quiet.

DEFENCES. In trenches extending outside the front line at I 21 b 3½ 3½ & inside wire entanglements, four loophole plates are lying. These are evidently used by working parties on wire as a screen. New sandbags on trench at I 22 a 1 4. A quantity of wire entanglements (knife rests) seen behind front parapet in enemy salient I 21 b. Evidently prepared ~~by~~ & ready to put out in front.

MOVEMENT. Still a deal of use made of road I 36 a 7 7. Several large parties observed passing. Between 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. seems to be the time when it is most used. Part of screen to right of anti-aircraft guns in I 30 c 5 7 has been removed. At 6 a.m. 20 men were seen moving west at I 35 b 5 4 and at 6.30 a.m. about 50 men moving in file were seen at the same place. They disappeared behind the trees. At 2 p.m. man was seen riding bay and leading a grey horse at I 36 c 6 3. At 4.45 p.m. two men seen walking along road from I 29 c 9 3 to I 29 d 3 7. Both had rifles slung and were wearing dark uniforms and caps with light coloured bands.

MACHINE GUN EMPLACEMENT. A machine gun emplacement is suspected at I 22 a 3 6½.

COMMUNICATIONS. At 8.5 p.m. an enemy aeroplane dropped a white light over the junction of WELLINGTON AVE. and the BOIS GRENIER LINE. At 8.10 p.m. enemy artillery opened fire on this part. At 8.30 p.m. two aeroplane lights were dropped over enemy lines opposite trenches 56 and 57. These were apparently a good way back.

AIRCRAFT. Enemy aircraft appeared at 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. 8 observation balloons were up.

OCCUPIED BUILDINGS. Smoke was seen coming from chimney of house at I 34 d 8 1.

GENERAL. Our Bns in the front line were relieved last night. Relief complete at 1 a.m.

John G. A. Read.

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A party of 1 officer and four men left at 9 p.m. from I 16 c 9 $\frac{3}{4}$ 9 $\frac{3}{4}$. No sooner did we show over the parapet than we were greeted by a prolonged burst of machine gun fire which necessitated us lying in ditch at foot of parapet for about 10 minutes. This machine gun fire kept up in long and frequent ~~intermittent~~ bursts over the same area the whole time we were out and seems to point to the fact that the enemy has noticed patrols leaving frequently from this portion of trench lately.

We proceeded about 60-70 yds out from our parapet and found a hole into the tunnel recently discovered. We noticed the two insulated wires entering this hole, but find that the wires continue straight across toward the German trenches (we followed these wires for about 60 yds) while the tunnel itself takes a turn half left through the turnip patch.

There are several holes varying from 6" - 18" diameter in the top of this tunnel, located in the turnip patch. Progress through this patch is accompanied by much unavoidable noise. We returned along the tunnel and traced it under our front line of wire, where there is a large hole coming through to the surface. On examination we found that the tunnel continued toward our own parapet still further and ends about 3' from its base. At this point the wire is attached to a bell, about the size of a jam tin. From the nature of the tunnel and other evidence we think that this tunnel has been put out from our own lines for the purposes of a listening post, and the galvanised wire attached to the bell was used by the sentry at the other end for signalling purposes. The tunnel was driven too close beneath the surface and has fallen in in places.

Possibly the two insulated wires, which are very thin, have been laid by the enemy who no doubt detected the presence of the tunnel by means of one of these holes.

We returned about midnight.

Sgd. P. D. SOUTHON, Lt.
Scout Officer.

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29th MAY 1916.

Intelligence Summary No. 51.
From 6 a.m. 28/5/16 to 6 a.m. 29/5/16.

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OUR OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. Very little activity during the day. At 3.20 to 3.50 p.m. 10th and 11th Btys. fired 33 rounds registering I 29 c 8 8 & I 29 d $\frac{1}{2}$ 4. At 6 p.m. 104th Bty. fired 24 rounds at FME L'EPERONNERIE. At 9.55 a.m. shelled enemy trench at I 16 d. At 2 a.m. our artillery shelled I 21 26 & 27, chiefly enemy communication and support trenches. About 300 rounds expended.

TRENCH MORTARS. Between 4 and 8 p.m. our 3.7" mortars fired 20 rounds.

MACHINE GUNS. Our machine guns were active. Fired on enemy parapet and wire in front of our trenches 63 to 66. Fired on working party opposite T head in trench 68. Traversed enemy front line trenches at I 16 d & also enemy parapet and wire from DISTILLERY to right.

SNIPERS. Our snipers claim to have shot one more of the enemy.

PATROLS. Our patrols were active. Reports are attached.

WORK. Usual maintenance work carried out. Improvement of parapets and traverses. Filling of reserve sandbags. Lowering of duckboards. Preparation of knife-rests. Entanglements in front of 67 & 68 tied and repaired.

AEROPLANES. Our planes were active and were heavily shelled by the enemy.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. During the day the enemy artillery was very inactive, practically no shelling took place. At 2.20 a.m. in retaliation for our activity the enemy heavily shelled our support lines of the right Bn. It is estimated that about 600 shells H.E. and shrapnel were sent over. Very little damage to works.

MACHINE GUNS. There was not a great deal of M/G activity during the night.

TRENCH MORTARS & RIFLE GRENADES. In retaliation for our 3.7" activity enemy sent over a number of torpedo bombs and rifle grenades. No damage done.

SNIPERS. Enemy sniping quiet.

DEFENCES. Working parties were seen carrying timber and iron girders along trench from WEZ MACQUART to about I 16 b 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ 1 $\frac{1}{2}$. Two men were working for some time in sap I 17 c 4 7. Unable to observe class of work.

MOVEMENT. Observation was very difficult. Very little movement could be seen. No large parties were observed. At 12.30 p.m. four men observed walking along road towards trenches I 28 b 6 8. During day four men seen passing screen across LILLE ROAD at I 16 d 5 3.

PATROLS. It is reported that enemy's patrols consisting of 6 men came over to our wire at RUE DU BOIS Salient and were fired on. Our patrols did not see any sign of enemy patrols.

AIRCRAFT. Enemy were not very active, only 2 machines seen and each for few minutes.

COMMUNICATIONS. When our Btys. opened fire at 2 a.m. no signals were observed from enemy lines but at about 2.20 a.m. 3 red flares were sent up in rapid succession and hostile batteries at once opened. On a white flare being sent up their bombardment at once ceased.

MACHINE GUN POSITION. Machine gun position suspected at I 21 c 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ 3. ✓

ANTI-AIRCRAFT GUNS. Guns were observed to fire from I 30 c 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ 2. ✓

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Patrol Report.

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A patrol consisting of myself 2nd Lieut. Gill and 3 N.C.Os left our trenches near the COURAND at 9.15 p.m. moved half right along to Railway and then along same past crater near enemy trenches. About 100 yards from the enemy trenches a man was heard to hiss and then to whistle apparently giving a signal of some sort. He was on the North side of the line and we were unable to ascertain his exact position on account of the difficulty in crossing the line. This could not have been done without being overheard. On account of the proximity of this hostile covering party (such we took it to be) we had to use great caution in moving thus delaying our progress very considerably. On reaching the crater we found it still contains water. We moved on for about 20 yards and then heard men talking, after listening for some time we came to the conclusion that these men were in the trench which was only a few yards to the North of the Line. It was 12.30 and as an Artillery action was to commence at 2 a.m. we had to return without having reached the enemy wire. The night was most unsuitable for close approach to hostile trenches as a man could easily be distinguished 25 yards away. The ditch along the line affords good cover to man crawling or kneeling and could be blocked with sandbags to prevent enfilading. Several flares were sent up as near as we could judge from the Listening Post shown on aeroplane map.

Sgd. M. Foss Capt.
Adjt 28th Bn.

A patrol of I N.C.O, and 6 men left the Left of "D" Coys Line at 9 p.m. returning at 12 p.m. on the extreme right of the same Coy. No sign of the enemy were observed. Working parties were on the wire near their salient. The patrol moved out to within 100 yards of the enemy's line and moved parallel gradually till within 70 yards. Plenty of cover was found, the grass being about 2 ft. high and particularly dense on the right of "D" Coy. about 100 yds. in front of their wires.

27th Bn. Patrol Report.

28/5/16.

Map. Ref. Bois Grenier 38 N.W. 4 1/10000.

Two parties went out as follows.

1. 1 Officer 3 men left trench 63 I 21 @ 13 85 at 8.25 p.m. returned to same place at 1 a.m.

2. 5 men left I 16 @ 1 25 at 8.45 p.m. returned same place 12.15 a.m.

Reports 1. We moved along the Northern bank of ditch 48 for about 50 yards then crossed over to the Southern bank and proceeded for another 200 yards, where we came to the intersection of ditches 48, 49. We moved parallel to 48 for a distance of 150 yards and lay here for about an hour. There were apparently no enemy working parties out here, and apart from frequent flares and much rifle fire, every thing was quiet. The grass is very long in this locality being over 3 ft. in places. The field bounded by these ditches is scarred all over by deep furrows running N.E. and S.W. The ditches are ~~about~~ both about 4'6" - 5' 0" wide and contain about 3'4" of water. There is excellent cover from rifle and machine gun fire along the banks and in the above mentioned furrows.

2- We moved out about 80 - 100 yards from our trenches and established two listening posts in the Turnip Patch. The enemy were busy all the time we were out, hammering stakes, dragging wire, nailing timbers together, and were also employed cutting the turnip patch. They were making a lot of noise, laughing and talking etc., we returned at 12.15 a.m. and reported to the Machine Gunners who opened fire. The work ceased entirely prior to our fire, no flares and no rifle fire were used by the enemy. As soon as our machine gunners fired, a searchlight was turned on them and the enemy also replied with their machine guns.

Sgd. R.W. Southon Lt.
27th Bn Scout Officer

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Intelligence Summary No. 52.

From 6 a.m. 29/5/16 to 6 a.m. 30/5/16.

OUR OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. Our batteries were more active than yesterday. At 10.15 a.m. 13th Bty. fired 20 rounds at I 21 c 8 3 to I 21 d 2 9. At 11.55 a.m. 20th Bty. put 20 rounds into support trenches I 27 a. 104th How Bty. fired 11 rounds at house I 23 a 4 0. At 5.35 p.m. 12th Bty. fired 5 rounds at house I 23 d 3 7. At 9 p.m. 20 rounds were fired at I 21 d 1 3 9 and 1 3 7.

TRENCH MORTARS. During the day our 3.7" mortars fired 20 rounds. The enemy did not retaliate.

MACHINE GUNS. Traversed enemy parapet and wire opposite trench 67. Fired bursts throughout the night into enemy wire and parapet in front of trenches 63, 64 and 67 also in front of trenches 58 and 59.

SNIPERS. Our men claim to have shot one more of the enemy and also to have broken another periscope.

PATROLS. Our patrols were active and reports are attached. Standing patrols out in front of both right and left Bns.

WORK, Right. All repairs to trench 58 were effected and in other parts of the sector general repair and maintenance work was carried on. Traffic trench made in rear of support line of trench 62. Improved dugouts and latrines. Filled sandbags. Prepared knife rests. Connected telephone with new H. Qrs. Salient Coy.

Left. Prepared wire entanglements. Pumped out Funk holes. Roofed new dugouts with bursters. Completed snipers positions in trench 66. Parapet and traverses repaired. Filled reserve sandbags.

AEROPLANES. Our planes were again active. Enemy shelled them heavily.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. Enemy Btys. more active. Between 10.10 and 10.35 p.m. 14 H.E. fell between Support and Bois Grenier Line in Right sector. Between 12 and 2.20 p.m. 50 H.E. 5.9" fell about H 18 c 5 7. At 11.45 a.m. 10 H.E. fell in support trenches of 58 and 59. At 11.50 a.m. 17 H.E. fell about I 3 a and I 9 c and shrapnel was sent over on same locality at 10.30. At 6.50 p.m. about 20 H.E. were put into Armentieres just North of Railway Station.

TRENCH MORTARS & RIFLE GRENADES. No activity.

MACHINE GUNS. Usual bursts during night. Particularly directed at trenches 58 and 59 and 61, 62.

SNIPERS. Enemy snipers quiet.

DEFENCES. Enemy was busy on his wire and could be heard working in front trenches. No special work observed.

MOVEMENT. At 6.15 a.m. two men passed screen I 16 d 4 5 dressed in grey green, flat grey caps no equipment. Between 9.30 and 12 noon approx 30 men were seen on DISTILLERY Rd. six were cyclists. At 4.45 p.m. 4 men were seen going towards BREWERY from PARADISE Rd. I 11 d 9 1. At 6.30 a.m. party of 12 men moved along front line trench opposite PARK ROW AVE. At 5.20 p.m. 2 men in dark uniform were seen walking behind parados vicinity RED FARM.

AIRCRAFT. A number of enemy planes were seen. They were all engaged by our A.A. Btys. 11 observation balloons were seen up.

COMMUNICATIONS. At 4.45 p.m. two pigeons flew N.E. from ARMENTIERES. A pigeon was seen flying from direction of ARMENTIERES over WEZ MACQUART.

Helio. observed working on ridge to right of FORT at 11 a.m.

RELIEF. At 6.15 p.m. about 60 men marching with full packs were observed silhouetted on skyline moving in file in westerly direction along telegraph line, disappeared behind point of wood about I 36 c 1 5. Again at 7.30 p.m. 70 men moved over same area and at 7.45 p.m. ~~20 more~~ another 12 men were outlined against skyline. This would indicate a relief as movement was towards trenches.

MACHINE GUN POSITION. Suspected machine gun position in doorway of house which is sandbagged up I 22 b 8 4. Loophole about 10' above ground.

OBSERVATION POST. Suspected O.P. at I 34 b 5 3. Cross bars and netting observed between trees.

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Patrol Report. 29/5/16.

27th Bn.

Map. Ref. Bois Grenier 36 N.W. 4-1/10000.

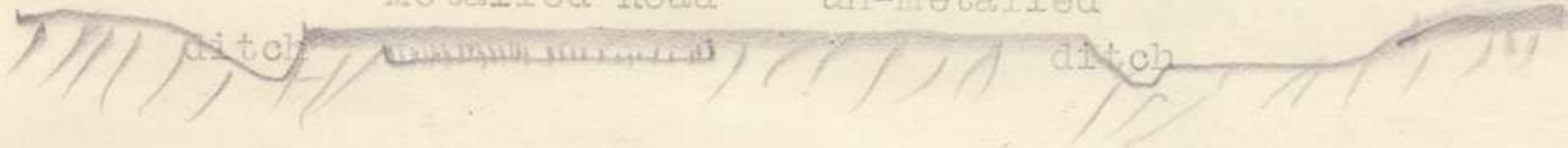
A patrol of 1sgt and 3 men was sent out from I 16 c 98 at 9 p.m. Returned 12.15 a.m. to I 16 c 98 98.

Report. As soon as we got over our parapet the enemy opened up with a Machine Gun, and kept us in the ditch below for fully ten minutes. Precisely the same thing has occurred on other similar occasions in this locality. We moved across to the Lille Road, and worked along it half the party on each side, towards the enemy lines. As regards the nature of the ground on either side we have to report as follows. Southern Side. A ditch runs parallel to the road, and about 6 yards from metalled portion. It is about 3'6" deep and of indefinite width (see sketch). The ground on the right rises to a slightly greater elevation than that of the road. This high ground affords good cover from flanking fire and from Searchlights. The ditch is dry and full of grass. The Road. There are two distinct portions of the road. On the left (facing enemy) is an unmetalled portion about 6' wide. Then there is the stone-blocked road itself and on the right of this there is another unmetalled portion about 18' wide. About 60 yards from our parapet, is a pile of loose stone blocks situated on the right hand unmetalled portion. Between this pile of stones and our outer line of knife rests the road is covered with low, trip wire. Northern Side. A ditch runs parallel to road and about 6' from metalled portion. It is about 3'6" deep 3'0" wide at top and 18" wide at bottom. A taunt steel wire (about the diameter of ordinary fencing wire) runs along the bottom of this ditch as far as we were able to follow it (about 60 yards from enemy parapet) The ditch is dry and filled with long grass. Every here and there were small coils of barbed wire (loose) which are however not difficult to crawl over. The ground on the left of this ditch gradually rises to about the road level the summit of rise being about 15 yds from ditch. This ground affords cover from flanking fire also. The following sketch represents an average section across road etc, facing the enemy lines.

NORTH

SOUTH

Metalled Road un-metalled



We moved along on either side of the road to within about 100 yds of the enemy parapet. Then the parties joined up and proceeded along the left hand side of road to within about 60 yds of this parapet. We lay here for half an hour and heard enemy working parties employed on the entanglements on either side of the road. They were driving in stakes cutting wire etc., We had just to move on again when two flares went up in rapid succession and were fired upon by someone in the ditch right opposite, probably a screen for the working party. We lay still for two or three minutes and then moved over to the left for 20 yards on to the rising ground. Another flare went up and we were again fired upon. We moved over crest of ridge into depression on the other side and lay here for 20 minutes listening. We could hear the wiring parties distinctly and also talking and movement behind the enemy parapet. We moved ahead a few yards in order to gain some knowledge of the entanglements, but could not see anything of value on account of the long grass. We think the wire about this locality is in a hollow. We returned to I 16 c 98 98 The grass varies from 12" to 2' in height on the open ground. The enemy searchlight and machine gun fire were fairly quiet during the latter part of the night, but frequent flares were being sent up.

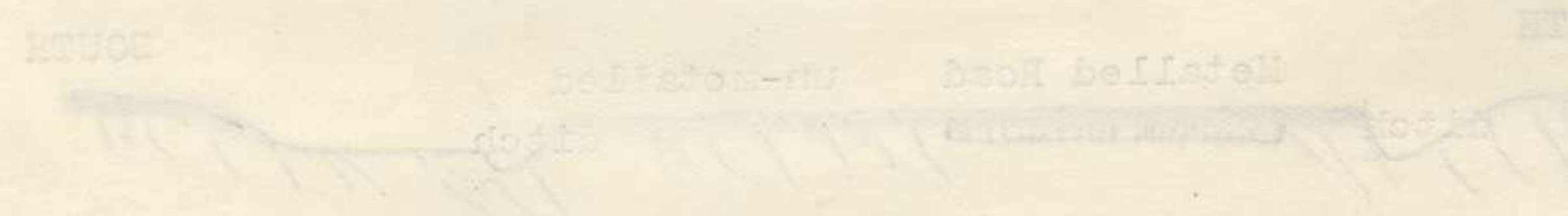
Sgd. R.D. Southon Lieut.
27th Bn. Scout Officer.

A patrol consisting of myself and two other ranks left our trenches a little to the left of the COUROUND and proceeded at right angles to our line for about 200 yds. We then turned half left and moved to the railway line and cut it where the hedge runs along toward enemy trench. We then turned and moved parallel to the railway line but about 15 to 20 yds away from it. After moving in this direction for about 30 yds we came into contact with enemy wire. I then left the two men out side of the wire and moved on for the first 10 yds the wire was all on the ground and no difficulty was encountered in

We then turned and moved parallel to the railway line but about 15 to 20 yds away from it. After moving in this direction for about 30 yds we came into contact with enemy wire. I then left the two men outside of the wire and moved on for the first 10 yds the wire was all on the ground and no difficulty was encountered in crossing it. I crawled under a knife rest which was broken and went about 5 yds farther when I became entangled with the wire and had some trouble to extricate myself. From this point the enemy parapet was about 10 to 15 yds, and as far as could be seen the wire was in the same state of repair right up to the parapet. The wire was of the heavy nobby variety and had a good many strands of plain wire amongst it. The whole was very old and in great disrepair. There were a few old knife rests amongst it but these were all broken and unserviceable. As I was unable to proceed any further I rejoined my patrol and returned by same route. No enemy patrols were encountered but flares were seen to go up from the listening post. The patrol returned at 1.25 a.m. The route followed afforded very good cover from view.

Sgd. Maitland Foss Capt.

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We moved along on either side of the road to within about 100 yds of the enemy parapet. From the parapet the wire ran along the left hand side of road to within about 50 yds of this parapet. We lay here for half an hour and heard enemy working parties employed on the entanglements on either side of the road. They were driving in stakes cutting wire etc. We had just to move on again when two flares went up in rapid succession and were followed by someone in the ditch shouting 'come on'. We lay still for two or three minutes and then moved on to the left for 50 yds on to the rising ground. Another flare went up and we were again fired upon. We moved over crest of ridge into depression on the other side and lay here for 20 minutes listening. We could hear the wire cutting parties distinctly and also talking and movement behind the enemy parapet. We moved ahead a few yards in order to gain some knowledge of the entanglements but could not see anything of value on account of the fog. We think the wire about this locality is in a hollow. It is about 12 to 15 ft high and the wire varies from 1/2" to 1" in height on the open ground. The enemy searchlight and machine gun fire were fairly quiet during the latter part of the night, but frequent flares were being sent up.

Sgd. Maitland Foss Capt.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 53.

Revised From 6 a.m. 30/5/16 to 6 a.m. 31/5/16.

OUR OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. Our Btys. were active. At 3.55 p.m. 104th Bty. fired 9 rounds at targets I 23 c 9 1/2 2 1/2 and I 17 b 3 10. At 4 p.m. 12th Bty. fired 33 rounds at I 17 c 4 1 1/2 destroying an O.P. At 4.30 p.m. same Bty. fired 27 rounds at an O.P. I 23 a 4 9 1/2, 15 direct hits obtained. At 1.5 p.m. 19th Bty fired on working party at I 17 b 2 8. At 5 p.m. same Bty. fired 23 rounds at target I 22 a 8 1. At 4.45 p.m. 11th Bty. fired 10 rounds at LA-FLEUR D'ECOSSE and at 5.20 p.m. same Bty. 16 rounds at target I 21 a. 5 direct hits. At 9.15 p.m. 20 rounds were placed on enemy line in front of trench 62. At 5 a.m. 1st our guns were again active. Our observers report that our shells did some damage to house in enemy second line trenches, I 17 c 4 1 1/2.

TRENCH MORTARS. Our 3.7" mortars fired 25 rounds. These brought considerable retaliation from the enemy.

MACHINE GUNS. Our guns were active at night. Fired on enemy parapet and wire from I 22 a 7 8 to I 27 a 0 9 from position at I 20 d 8 5. Searched enemy front line from I 22 a 7 8 to I 22 a 2 6. Silenced enemy machine gun at I 16 d 1 3 and fired on breach in parapet at I 16 d 3 6 at intervals during the night. From T head traversed enemy parapet and wire in front of trench 68 and from position right of Salient traversed enemy support trenches from WEZ MACQUART to 200 yds to right.

RIFLE GRENADES. We sent over about 100 rifle grenades into enemy lines opposite RUE DU BOIS Salient.

SNIPERS. Our snipers claim to have broken enemy periscopes. They report very few targets offering.

PATROLS. Our patrols were active and report no sign of enemy patrols. The usual standing patrols were out along the whole front.

WORK. Right. Repairs to trenches in front and Chord lines. Communication sap near old Coy. H.Qrs right Coy is completed. Work on traffic trench and work on latrines and dugouts in the support line to trench 62 was continued. Sandbags filled. At night a wiring party put out 130 yds corkscrew and apron & 50 yds of French wire on left section of trench 59. A close examination was made of wire fronting trench 62. Parapets were strengthened and repairs continued. Left. In trench 64 new dugouts constructed, water holes filled in and drained. 40 yds wire put out in front of 64 and 32 yds in front of Rally Port I 16 c 4 6. Grass cutting in front of trenches 63 and 67. Parapets repaired and general maintenance work carried out.

AIRCRAFT. Our planes were active during the afternoon. Reported that 30 rounds from Field guns were fired at our planes flying low at 7 p.m.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. Not much activity on our front. At 2.30 p.m. 8 heavy shrapnel fell in vicinity of RATION FARM. They appeared to come from a distance. At 4.30 2 H.E. fell between Bois Grenier and S.S.Line. At 5 p.m. 5 more fell in same locality and two to right of BURNT FARM. At 10 p.m. some heavy shells were heard passing over Right sector from the direction of WEZ MACQUART. At 1.55 p.m. 8 H.E. fell near FME DU BIEZ. At 4.30 20 H.E. and shrapnel fell on S.S. Line I 9 c 3 7.

TRENCH MORTARS AND RIFLE GRENADES. In reply to our activity enemy was active. At 10.30 a.m 25 torpedoes were sent over into RUE DU BOIS Salient, followed by 40 grenades and torpedoes a little later. Our bombers replied and quietened them. At 7.30 p.m. another 70 or 80 bombs came over and we replied with 70 grenades. A little damage was done to our works.

MACHINE GUNS. Enemy guns active particularly against trench 62 between 8.30 and 9 p.m. Also active against our aircraft.

SNIPERS. Enemy snipers quiet.

RIFLE FIRE. During night there was more rifle fire than usual and it all seemed to be directed low.

DEFENCES. At I 35 b 5 4 row of new poles about 15' high and 50x apart running in an easterly direction. A mound of earth is observed on parapet and is getting larger, I 22 a 8 9. Enemy have removed about 30 ft of revetment timber from front of parapet I 21 c 5 2 1/2. Sounds of work going on could be heard in front line opposite trench 62.

MOVEMENT. At 6 a.m. seven men passed screen on LILLE Rd. Four were carrying what appeared to be machine guns of Lewis type, I 16 d 4 5. One man seen working in fire trench, appeared to be making revetting parados. Approx.

Grass & brushwood has been cut from in front of parapet in I 21 b 2 2. OVER.

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for 100 yards new parapets had been built. At 17.2.18 12 men observed cutting grass. One of party (apparently in charge) was dressed in white. At 2 p.m. two men seen at I 22 c 9 6 on DISTILLERY Rd. going towards BREWERY. Appeared to be carrying large white bags. At 6.30 p.m. party of 12 men moving west from I 25 b 4 8 to I 35 b 0 1. Again at 6.35 p.m. 20 men appeared in same area. G.S. wagon moving from I 29 c 8 6 easterly to I 29 d 3 9. A good deal of movement on road in I 30 c and the vicinity of I 30 c 5 7.

AIRCRAFT. Enemy inactive in our area. IDENTIFICATIONS. At 5 a.m. 8 men were seen in front line at I 26 b 7 3; two seemed to be in a greenish uniform and one wore a grey cap with yellow band. Two cyclists appeared to be dressed in brown uniform. Our observers report that two were seen to be in a greenish uniform.

OBSERVATION POST. Movement has been seen in ruin of house in I 21 b 6 0 and a line of wire has been laid to this place. O.P. Suspected in wall of WEZ MACQUART Church. A piece of bag or harness is seen hanging in shell hole.

George Read

Intelligence Officer,

Our guns were active during the afternoon. Reported that 30 rounds from field guns were fired at our planes flying low at 7 p.m. Not much activity on our front. At 8.30 p.m. 2 heavy aircraft fell in vicinity of RATION BARR. They appeared to come from a distance. At 8.45 p.m. fell between Hole Grenier and S.S. line. At 9 p.m. 2 more fell in same locality and two to right of BURR BARR. At 10 p.m. some heavy shells were heard passing over right sector from the direction of WEZ BARR. At 1.30 p.m. 3 H.E. fell near BURR BARR. At 4.30 p.m. 2 H.E. and 1 mortar fell on S.S. line 1 9 3 7.

At 10.30 a.m. 2 H.E. torpedoes were sent over into BURR BARR. Salient followed by 20 grenades and torpedoes a little later. Our weapons replied and destroyed them. At 7.30 p.m. another 70 or 80 bombs came over and we replied with 70 torpedoes. A little damage was done to our works. At 8.30 p.m. some active activity against trench 62 between 8.30 and 9 p.m. also active against our aircraft. Many torpedoes shot. It is likely that there was more than this time than usual and it all seemed to be directed low.

At 1.30 p.m. 4 or 5 new poles about 15' high and 30x apart were put in an easterly direction. A mound of earth is observed on parapet in the easterly direction. I 22 a 2 2. Many have removed about 20 ft of movement timber from front of parapet I 21 c 3 2. Boards of work going on could be heard in front line opposite trench 62. At 6 a.m. seven men passed across on BURR Rd. Four were carrying what appeared to be machine guns of Lewis type, I 12 d 4 2. One man seen working in trench appeared to be making revetting parapet. Reported that 30 rounds from field guns were fired at our planes flying low at 7 p.m.

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PATROL REPORT - 27th Bn. 30/5/16.

Map reference Bois Grenier 36 N.W. 4 1/10,000. and Left Bn. Left Brigade Map of NO MAN'S LAND.

Two patrols went out as follows:-

1. 1 officer, 3 men leaving 9 p.m. from trench 66 I 16 c 3 55.

Returned 1 a.m. to trench 65 I 15 d 73 25.

2. 1 N.C.O. 3 men leaving 9 p.m. from trench 65 I 15 d 7 3 25.

Returned 1 a.m. to trench 63 I 21 b 13 85.

REPORTS.

1. We moved out 30 yards from our parapet and then turned half left till we reached road at about I 16 c 65 4. We continued along either side of this road to within 10 yds of the enemy entanglements. We lay here for some time and heard loud talking and noise behind enemy parapet but no sound in front. The night was bad for observation on account of a thick mist. A few flares were sent up by enemy but he was otherwise very quiet.

2. We started out on a line running half right till we came to ditch 58. We followed this down for about 250 yds. This ditch is practically dry and 2' deep by 18" wide. We then crossed over to ditch 57 and on to 55. Both these ditches are about 2'6" x 2' wide. We lay out here for half an hour but did not hear any sounds of importance. We worked back 55 to 56 and then crossed over to 53 and went along 48 for 130 yds. This ditch is about 4'6" wide and contains 3' of water. We then turned to the right and came back through trench 65. The enemy was exceedingly quiet. Very little firing and few flares. We heard no working parties.

Sgd. R.D.SOUTHON, Lt.
Scout Officer.

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A party consisting of 1 Sgt and 7 others left trench 59 (A Coys trench) at 9.15 p.m. and formed screen for that Coys wiring party, also patrolled over to German trenches. We heard a party at work on their wires to our right and another party appeared to be driving stakes in rear of trenches near railway line and north side. The enemy kept up a continual rifle fire all night and was firing very low. One of A. Coys. wiring party was wounded. There was a very heavy mist all night. Party returned at 12.30 p.m.

Sgd. A. Jerry,
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CASUALTIES FOR MONTH OF MAY 1916.

7th M/Gun Coy.

939	Pte Taylor	H.	K.
1988	" Steele	R.J.G.	K.
1968	" Powell	W.A.	K.
	2/Lt. Bertwistle	W.H.	W.
	Lieut. Burrell	M.	W.

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	Pte Head	G.S.W.	W.
942	" Miniane	J.	K.
61	" Clem	E.	W.
1919	" Gilbert	W.E.	W.
	2/Lt. Carroll	G.	W.
908	Pte Lloyd	M.E.	W.
1939	" Jamieson	J.	W.
3500	" Riordan	P.	K.
1531	" Edwards	G.	W.
594	Sgt Campbell	F.D.	W.
3266	Pte Mercer-Smith	S.	W.
551	C/S/M Turner	O.W.	W.
2144	Pte Fisher	T.H.	W.

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349	Sgt Jenyns	E.W.	W.
1958	Pte White	S.W.	W.
383	" Moss	D.	W.
2141	L/C Millard	A.W.	K.
5152	Pte Twine	T.R.	W.
1026	Sgt Purdon	A.G.	W.
529	Pte Nairne	I.R.	W.
	Lieut. McVilly	A.F.	W.
2229	Pte Blackwood	A.W.H.	K.
929	" McGuinness	F.H.	W.
610	" Forte	E.	W.
	Lieut. Little	J.C.	W.
2135	Pte Leighton	T.S.	W.
2241	" Deprose	R.	W.
858	" Dobson	M.W.	W.
2011	" Bond	R.	W.
2056	" Smith	J.	W.
232	" Knapp	F.B.	W.
601	" Wiley	W.J.	W.
1901	" Groom	C.	W.
	Lieut. Gartrell	W.H.	W.
817	Pte Adams	P.A.	W.
1838	C/S/M Wilkie	C.E.	W.
1047	Pte Briggs	L.J.	W.
2287	" Weeks	T.L.	W.
3668	" Howard	T.	K.
1233	" Miller	W.J.	W.
3280	" Davis	C.R.	W.
1788	" Collins	R.	W.
3303	" Kimberley	L.E.	W.
961	" Stacey	R.E.	W.
225	Q/M/S Barriskill	G.W.	W.
590	L/C Bauer	C.R.	W.
107	Pte Leaman	J.	W.
1675	Fisher (Pte)	S.V.	W.
1710	Pte Taplain	A.	W.
1731	" Orr	W.J.	W.
980	Cpl Walker		W.
900	Pte Hearps	C.C.	W.

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407	Pte Calder	J.L.	W.
2030	" Dynon	P.J.	W.
873	L/C Munday	G.C.	K.
	Lieut. Ross	J.L.	W.

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80	Pte Grant	A.	W.
826	" Haines	K.A.	W.
255	Sgt Brown	F.	W.
1827	Pte Mills	R.S.	W.
167	" Peters	F.J.	W.
2235	" Till	G.A.	W.
686	" Ryan	N.F.F.L.	W.
2032	" Deex	J.C.	W.
1978	" Allen	G.W.	W.
1004	" Horton	A.J.	W.
55	" Dowling	J.	W.
2116	" Betterman	J.A.	W.
2265	L/C Thomas	R.L.	W.
298	Sgt Dillon	J.	W.
469	" Thomson	C.G.	W.
23	Pte Baker	A.E.W.	W.
315	^{cpl} Gaskell	F.	W.
2125	" Brooks	J.B.	K.

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3645	Pte Thomas	H.G.	W.
640	" Hawkins	E.	W.
1679	" Bruce Drayton	R.H.	W.
2420	" Walder	R.	W.
3174	" Leigh	J.	K.
310	" Hayes	J.F.	W.
2570	" Dunn	R.H.	W.
800	Sgt Piper	G.	K.
2177	Pte Keats	F.L.	K.
3649	" Williams	W.S.	K.
1890	" Anderson	W.	W.
1891	" Anderson	S.	W.
1133	" Pennycuick	E.H.	W.
1132	" Porch	W.	W.
942	" Deverell	W.F.	W.
757	" Pratt	W.	W.
1740	" Joyce	G.	W.
59	" Duff	J.	K.
60	" Dumphy	E.P.	K.
2185	" McEncore	P.T.	K.
183	" Williams	E.G.	W.
30	" Chamberlain	P.	W.
2381	" Forth	A.	W.
3140	" Hicks	F.B.	W.
2429	" Phillips	T.L.	W.
2395	L/C Hepburn	C.	W.
881	Pte Johnston	K.L.	W.
3238	" Pratt	L.C.	W.
835	" Devine	A.T.	W.
2401	" Hunt	C.R.	W.
2145	" Eastwood	H.	W.
3545	" Huck	E.	W.
2427	" Payne	A.E.	W.
1722	" Hart	M.	W.
600	" Barnett	C.	W.
	Capt Jackson	P.E.	W.*
2048	Pte Bradford	A.	W.
228	" Barge	W.	W.
1072	" Cook	M.L.	W.
3482	" Buttfield	S.	W.

* Since died.

Appendix 7

7TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

REINFORCEMENTS ARRIVED DURING MONTH OF MAY 1916.

DATE	25th BN.		26th BN.		27th Bn.		28th Bn.		TOTAL	
	O.	O.R.	O.	O.R.	O.	O.R.	O.	O.R.	O.	O.R.
3/5/16		20			1	60		80	1	160
13/5/16				20		20				40
18/5/16	1				1				2	
21/5/16	1	1	1	1					2	2
24/5/16	2	20				2		13	2	35
								23		
	4	41	1	21	2	82		93	7	237

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