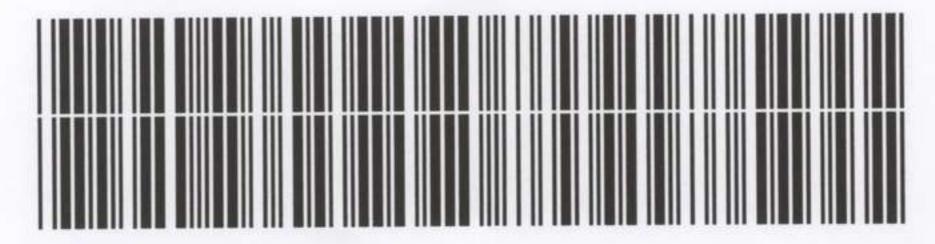
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
NO RCOWRT	Sept1		Fine. Church parade held. During afternoons played 4th Bus Officer. Jostboel and won by 19 to 3. Daily Ctrength eto appenis to appenis to appenis to	
	2		Showery Training Carried out as per Syllabus. Football mothes played Ha Ors best & Co. 1st a L. J. M. B. best C. Co. will.	
	3		Fine Tooining as per Syllabus. C.Co beat B. Football of.	
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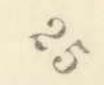


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POINGT	9		Fine. Bu marched to Support area and took over from 44th	
			aust Bu, arriving at 11. 45 am. Bu Ad Ori situated in	
			wood at J30 D. 6.8 (Sheet 62°) and Companies in trenches	
302.6.8		e e	at K32. C. & D. Move order issued appendix 2. asm.	
50.35.	10		Showery. Order no 3 24 the sweed. But relieved the 37th aust B.	to.
			Daily Inteligence etc + commenter shown on appendic B.	
	11		Thowary. Line advanced as per operation order 33 p. 14 com or loved	
			Thowary. Line advanced as per operation order. 32 A. Lt Comerford wounded. Dail, Intelligence appendic B. 15 Prisoners Capture h belonging to 87th Regt. Order no 34 issued appendix 54	
			to 87th Regt. Order no 34 issues appendix 334	
	15		Showery. Other no 35 is swed appendix 6. Lt Tindal returned from UK lead Capt Wisken & Lt Know left for UK. leave. Daily Intelligence et appendix	4
			Capt Westen It Know left for U.K. leave. Daily Intelligence et appart	7
	13	,	Thowery Major Cook returned from Par leas & is & trees	
			Thowery, Major Cook returned from Paris leave. Daily Intelligence eto appendice B.	
	14		Fine It Col. a.B. Stevens of Envir & 13 o ranks left for Transport duty to	
			acestrolea. Major assumed Communa of Br. Dach Intelligent asterdie 13.	
			Bristolea Mojo assumed Communa of Br. Daily Intelligence etc appendse 15. Briston relieved by 8th acest Brit 49th aust Br. Relief Complete at 11.7 pm. (A8004) Wt. W1771/M2031 750,000 5/17 Sch. 52 Forms, C2118/14	1

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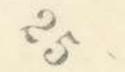
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	14		Bu moved on relief to J29 B. 8.0, and bivouckters arriving there at 2.30 on.	
9.13.8.0.	15-		at 2.30 on.	
	u		Fine. Bi restea. Eveny aeroplane bombed Fransport line and	
			a sc. were Kielend. order no 38. issued appended ?. way	
	16		This C.O. and adjl. visited front and makeria recommissioned of the new area we would take up at a later date, operation order no 38 issued (a aditional)	
			10 28 Caldelloras)	
	79		Fine. Day apent in preparation for attack of next day. But	
*			moved from present position to assembly point, Starting	
	18		Leavy rain feel during the early hours of the monning	
			Hour 5.20 am, our borrage ofened and attack made. not	
			this men sie was very trouble some, however these were	
			Jainet and consolidating at 7.30 am. about 200 prisoners	
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L10, C.o. S	19	7	But the Oro mored to 1,0.0.0 5. Day oftent in improving new position after 121 aust Bu had passed through to final objective off. Duel. Every sheeling fairly heavy around new positions. Daily Interespence appendix B. Line. It Sheen was body wounded, and died of wounds about two hours later. Daily Interligence appendix B. Or days for no. 39 issued me relief appendix 8.	
	21		Dull B Company cent to front line to support 1st aust. Bu. Bu relieved by 8th aust By on relief Bu moved to dugouts at 1250,0,4 relief complete without incident at 10.30p. Bu settled in dugouts at 1.300m.	
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J29.B.8.0	23		Time. Bu moved to Tincourt area leaving present location at 10 am and arrived at new could at 1.10 pm with	
	24		Fine. Bu moved march route to BIACHES leaving comp at 10 am and arriver at destination at 3. 30 pm. Lunch was served on the route. Billetea in small dugoute. wys.	
	25		This B restew. Order no 41 issuell dealing with more next day Routine Order no 15 issuen appendio 10.	
	26.		This Bu marched to LACHAPELLETE Station and entrained at 1.40 pm but train aid not move out until 6 pm. Bu	
	27		detromen at LONGPRE at 2 am, and then marched to EAUCOURT arriving there at 5.30 am. Day spent in rest. Be Comfortably settles in Billeto. Fine Day spent in general arush up and boths coff.	
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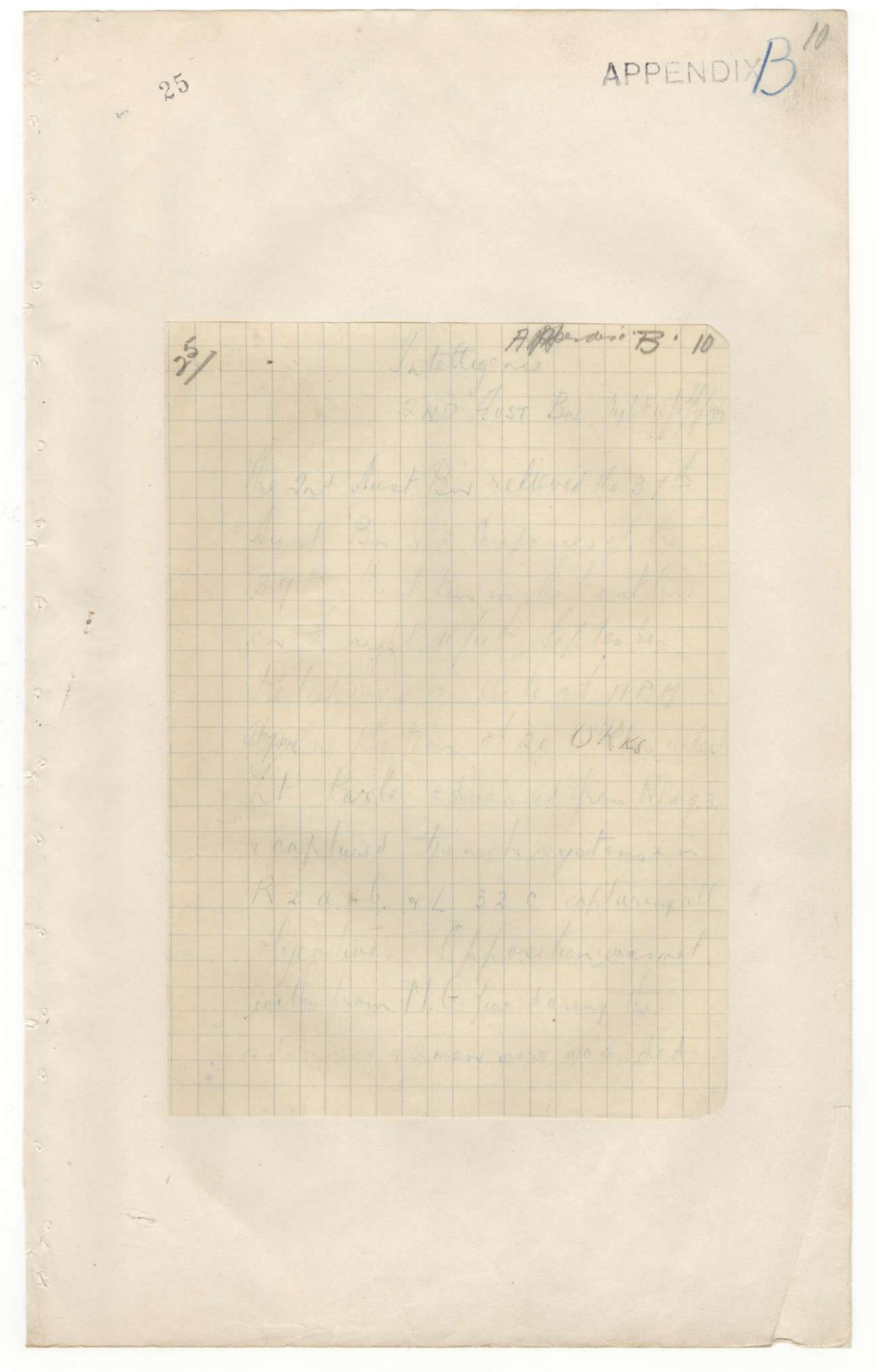
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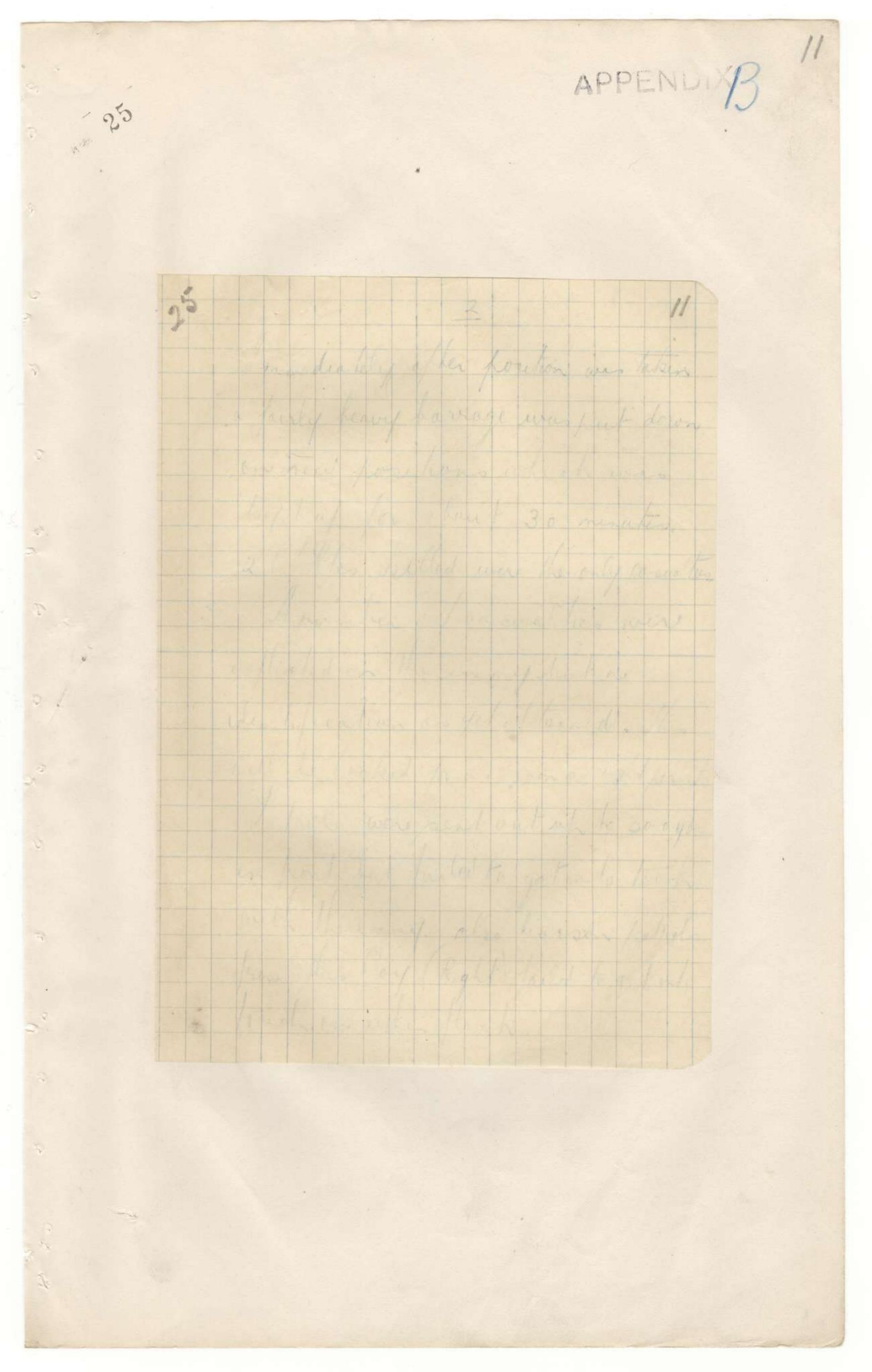
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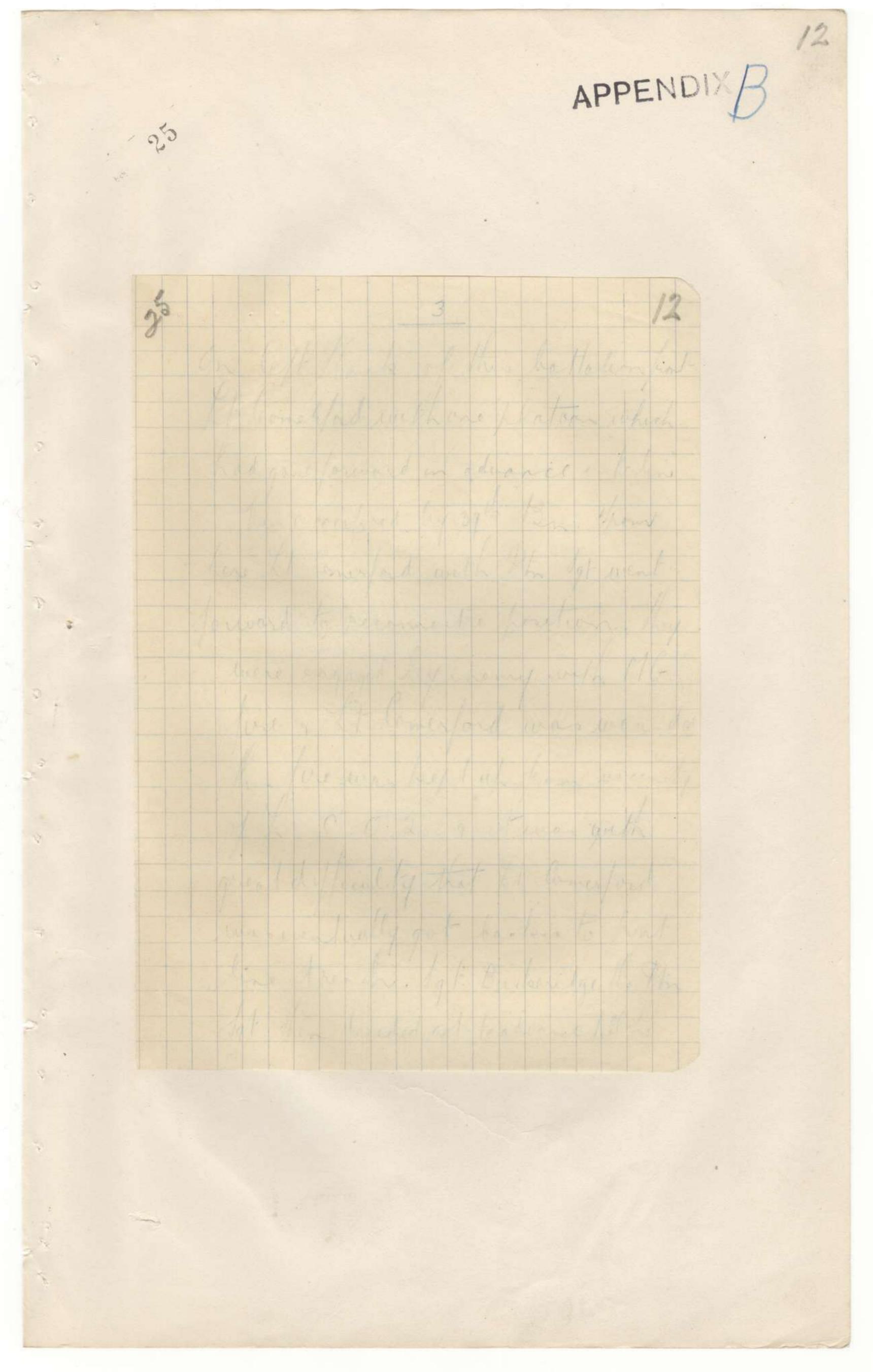
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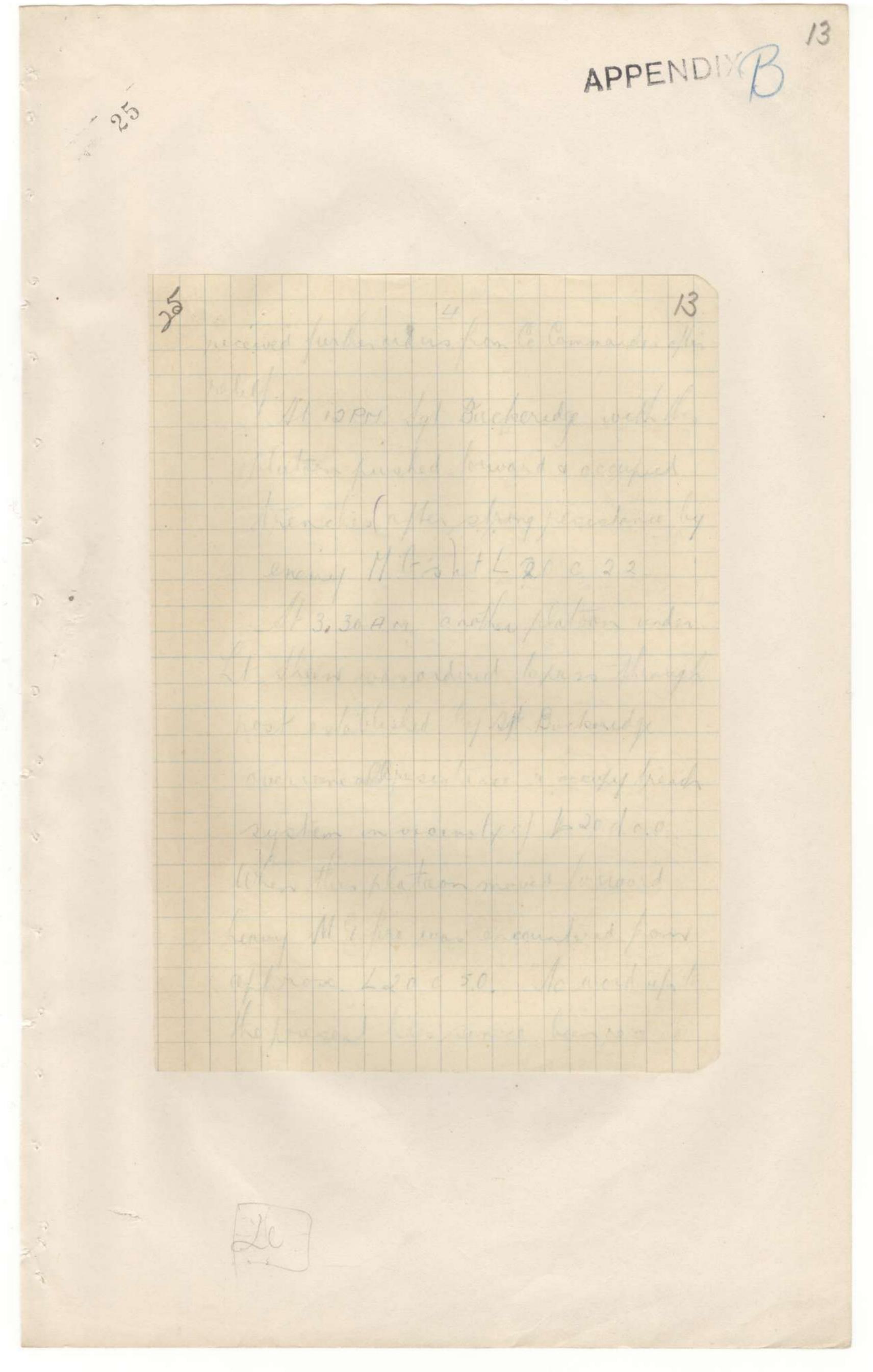
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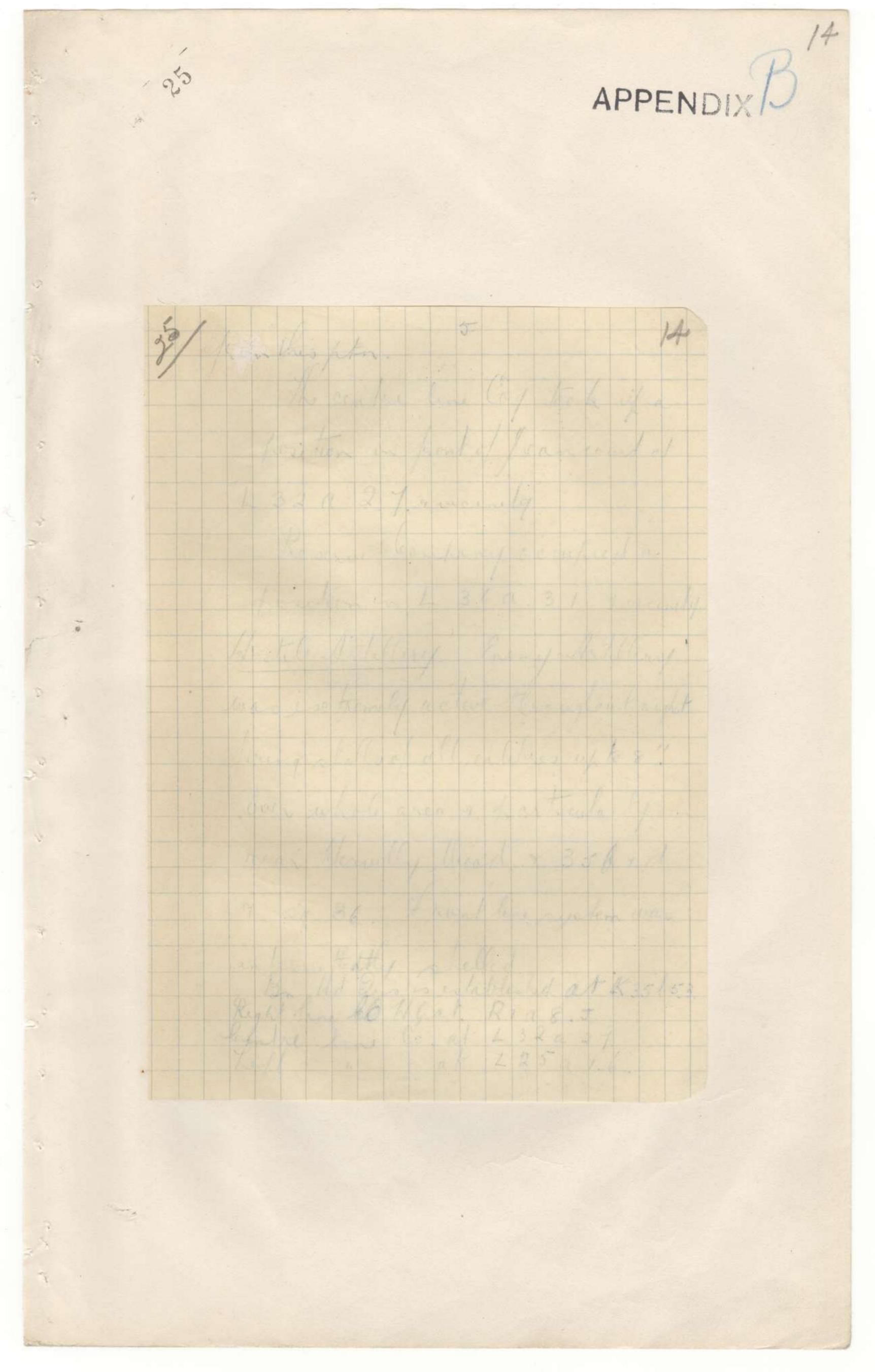
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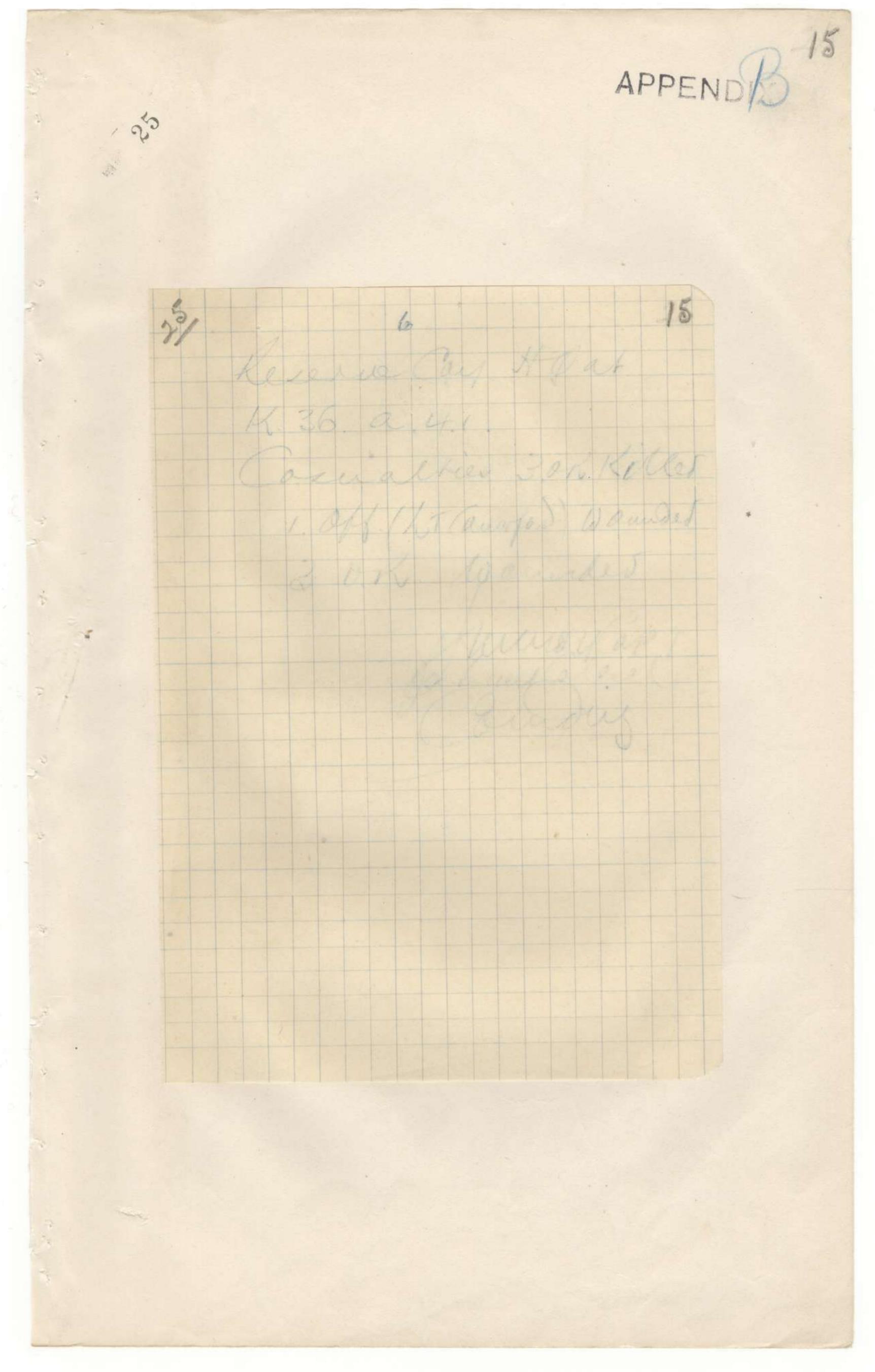


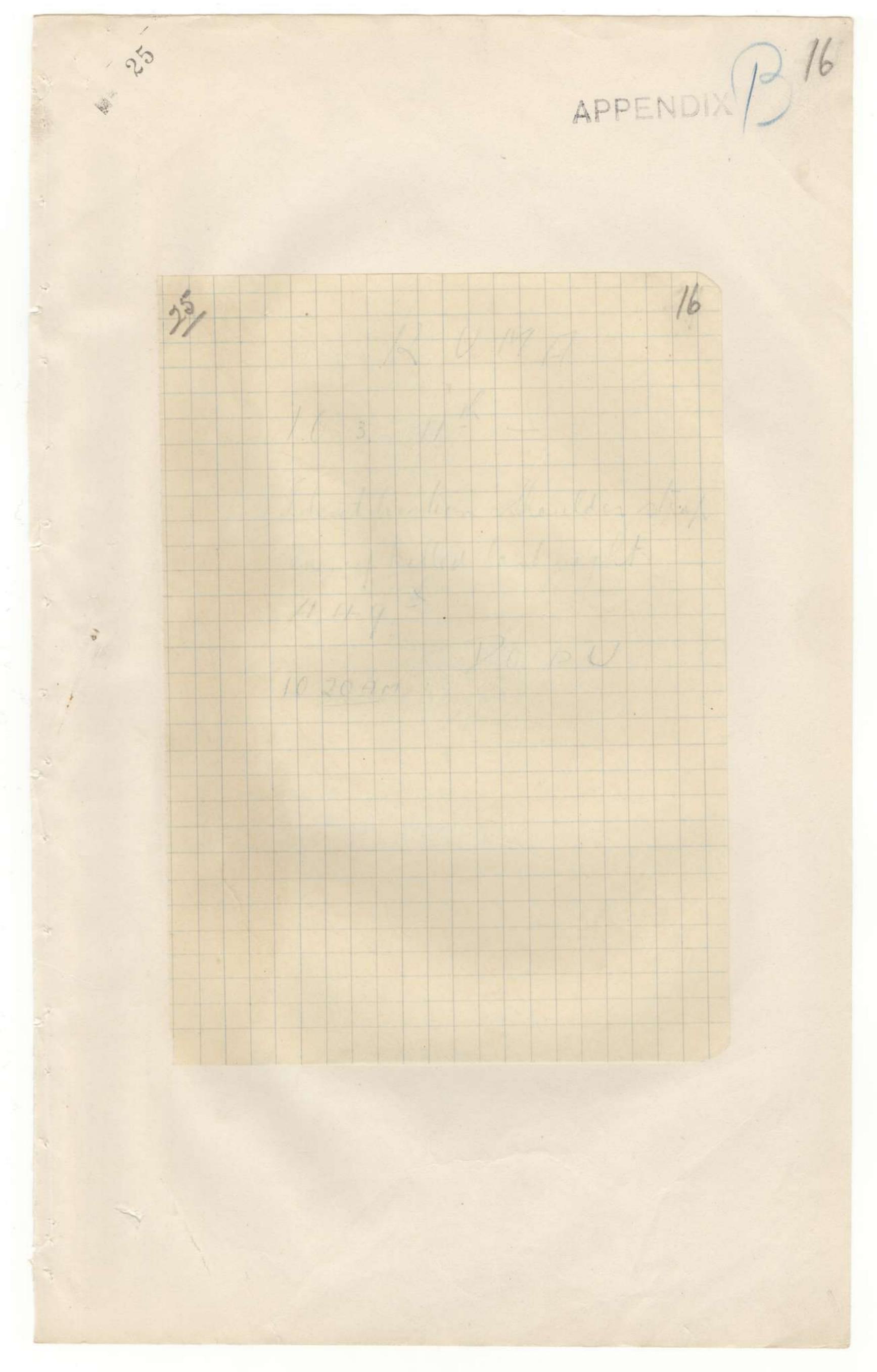


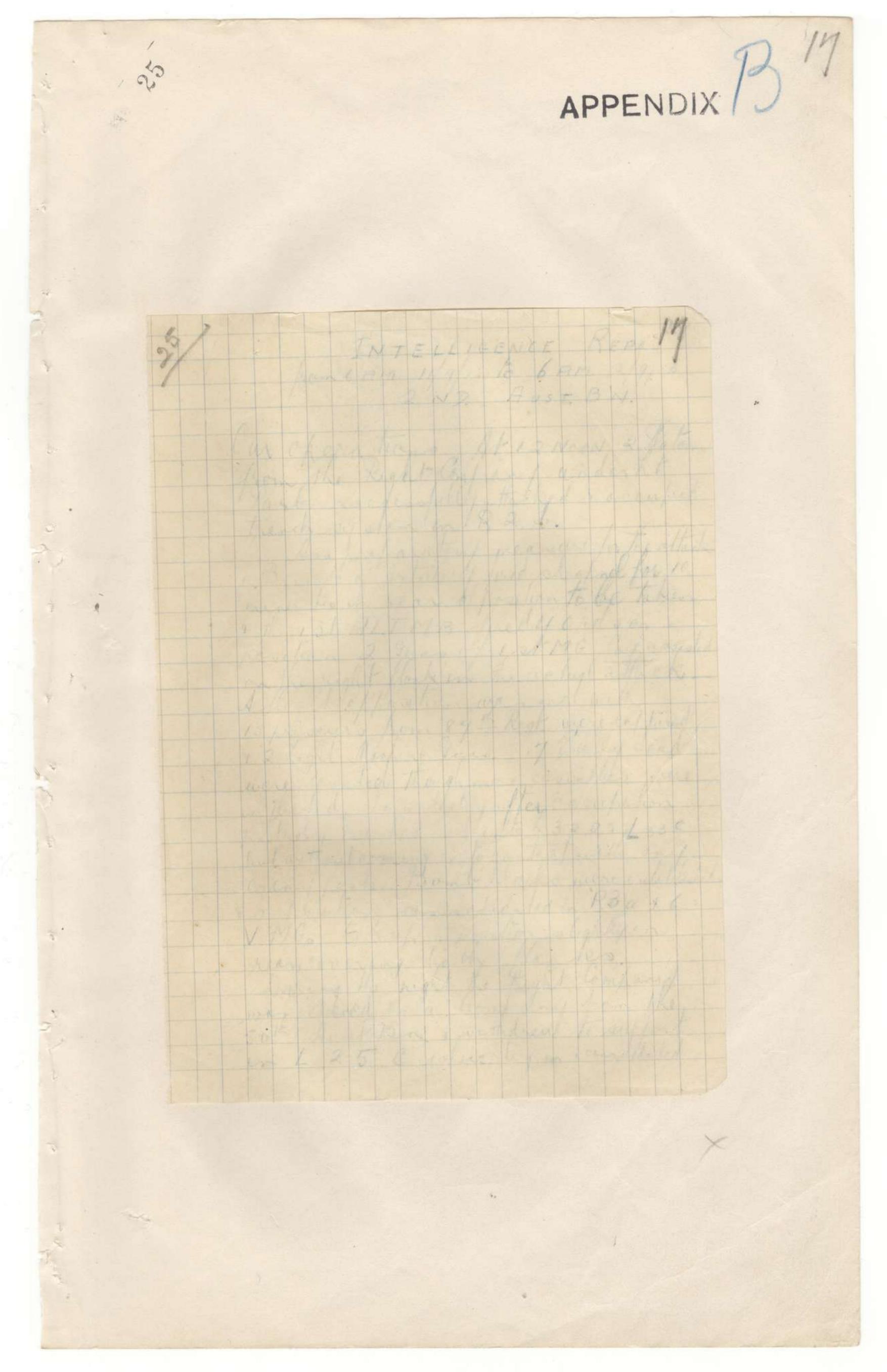


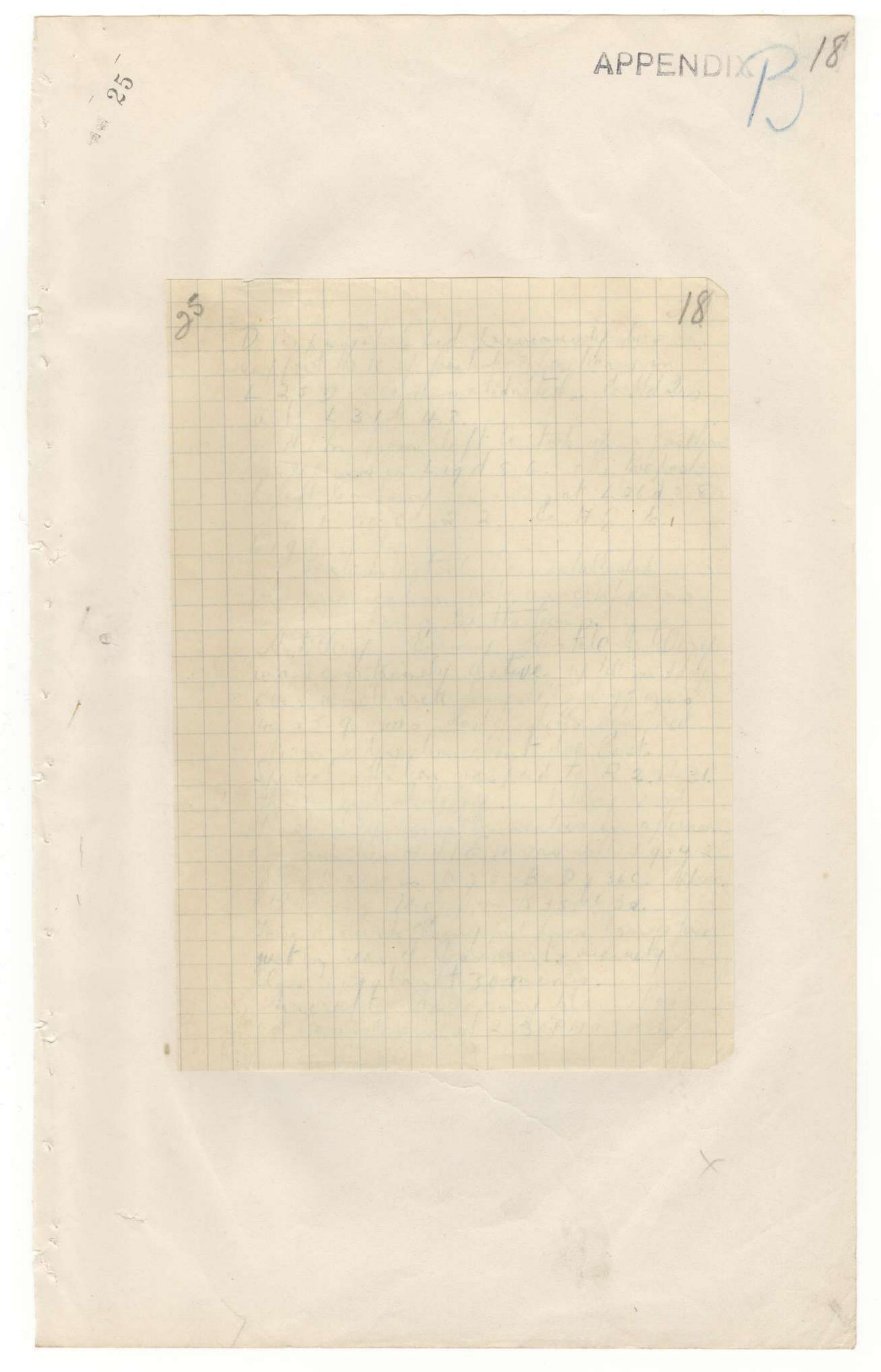


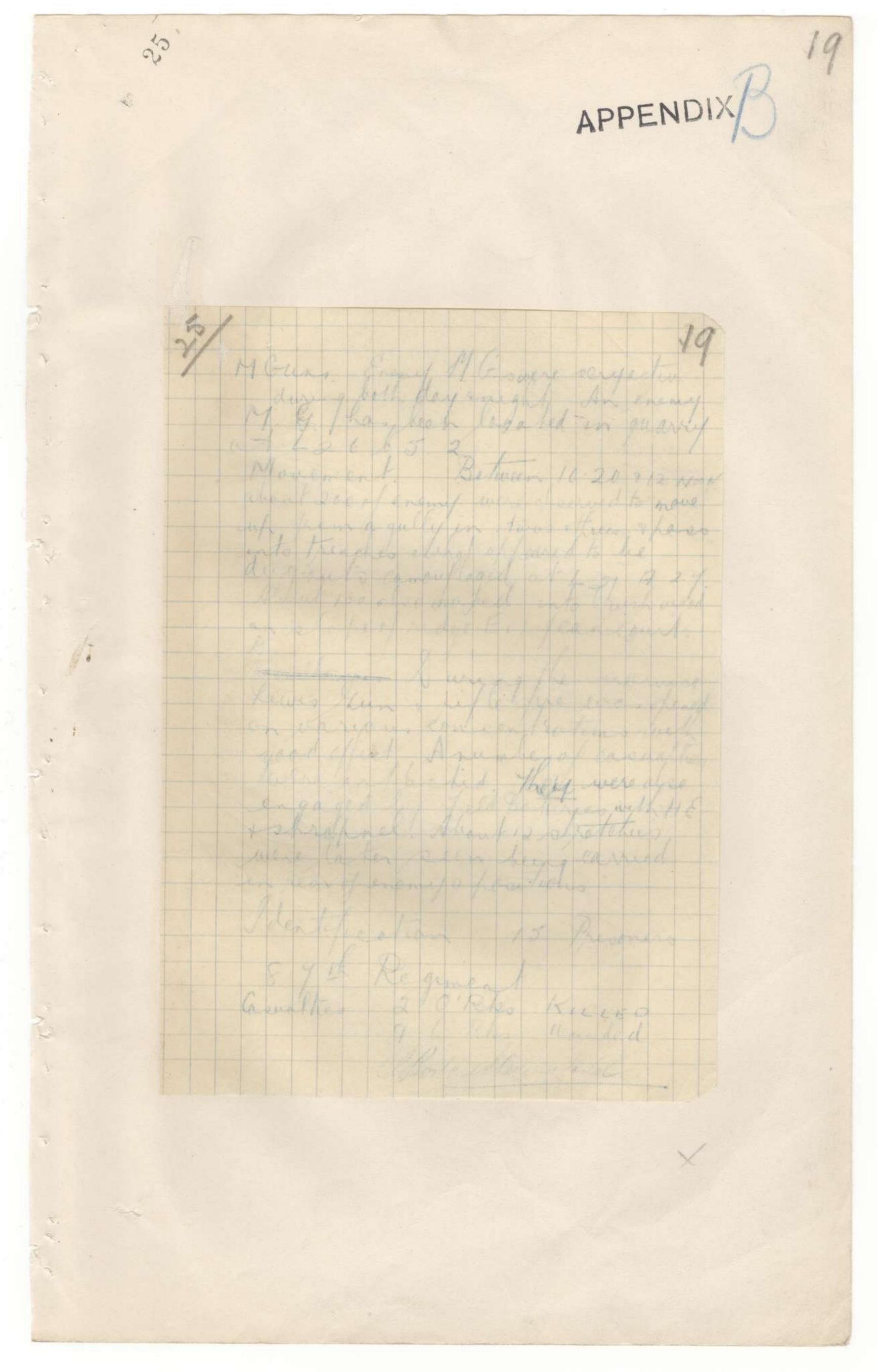


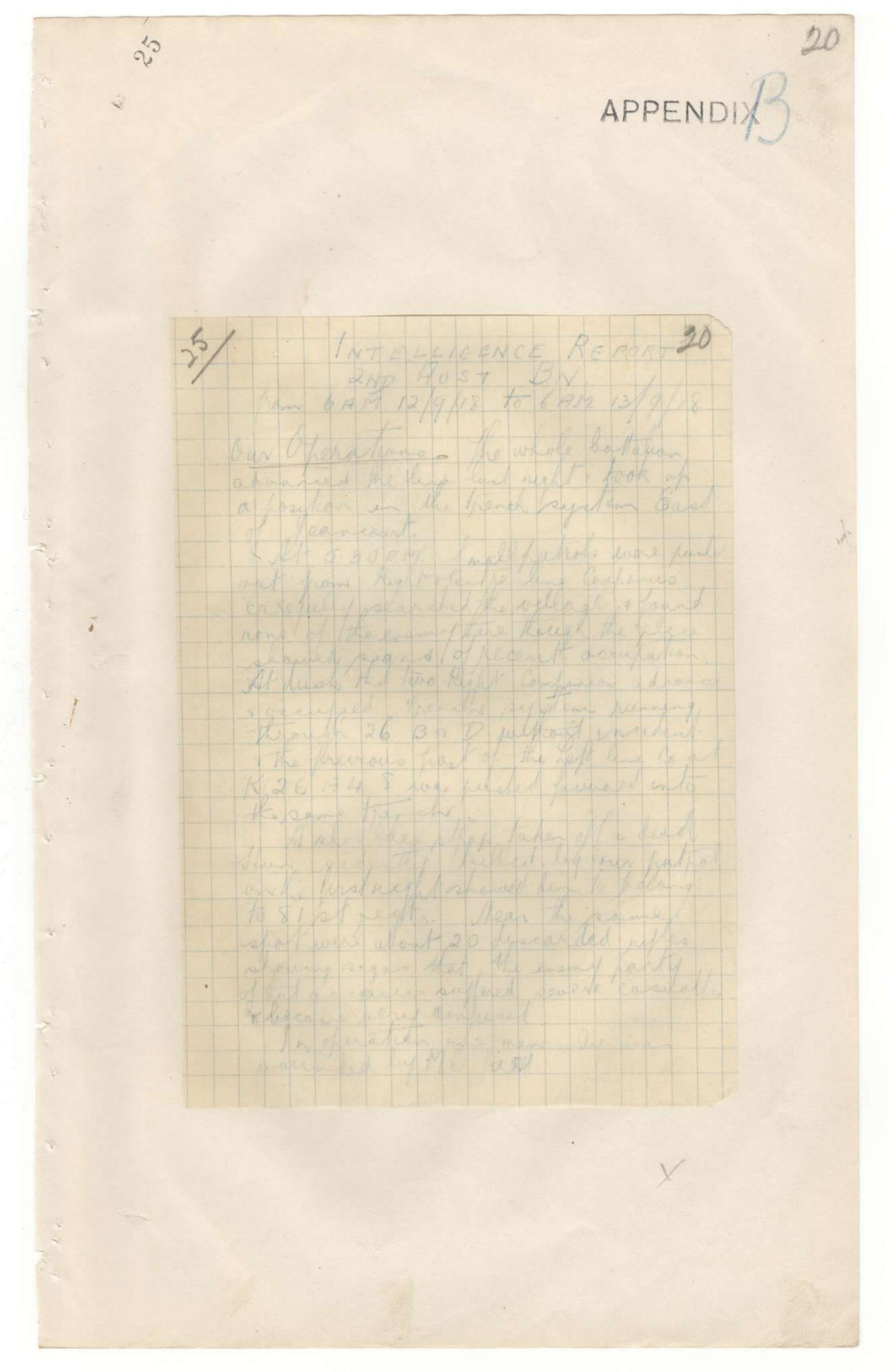


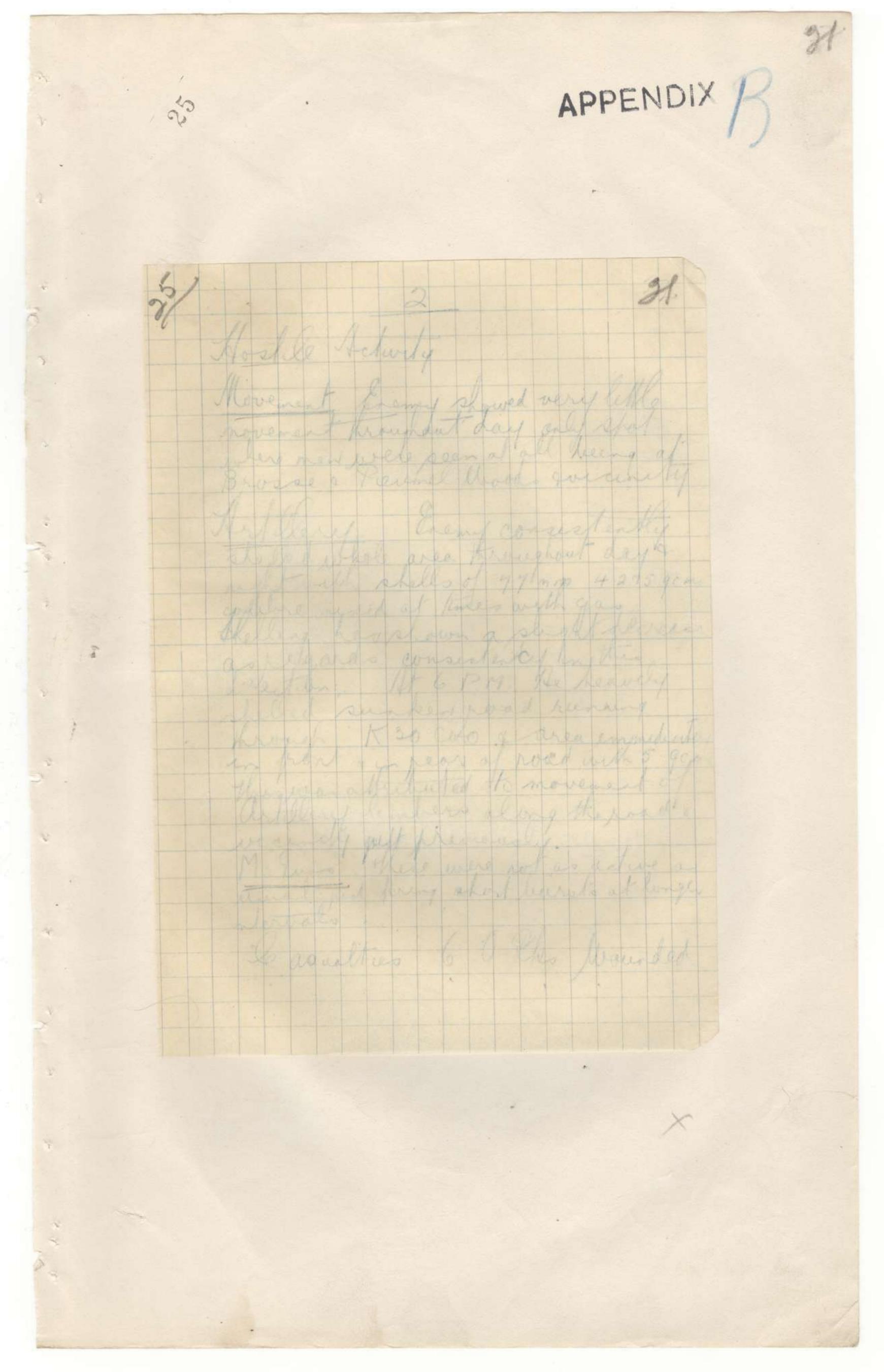


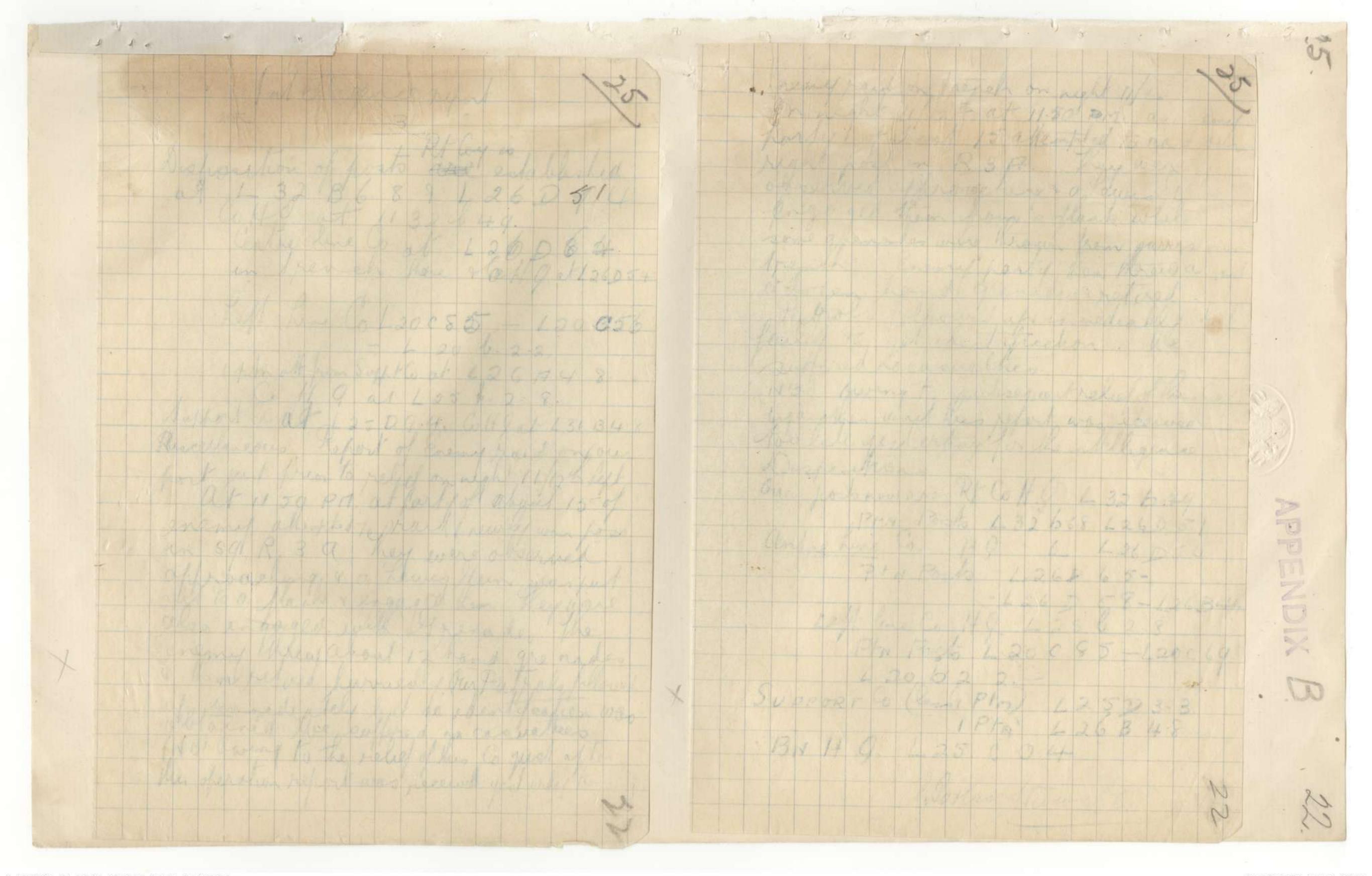


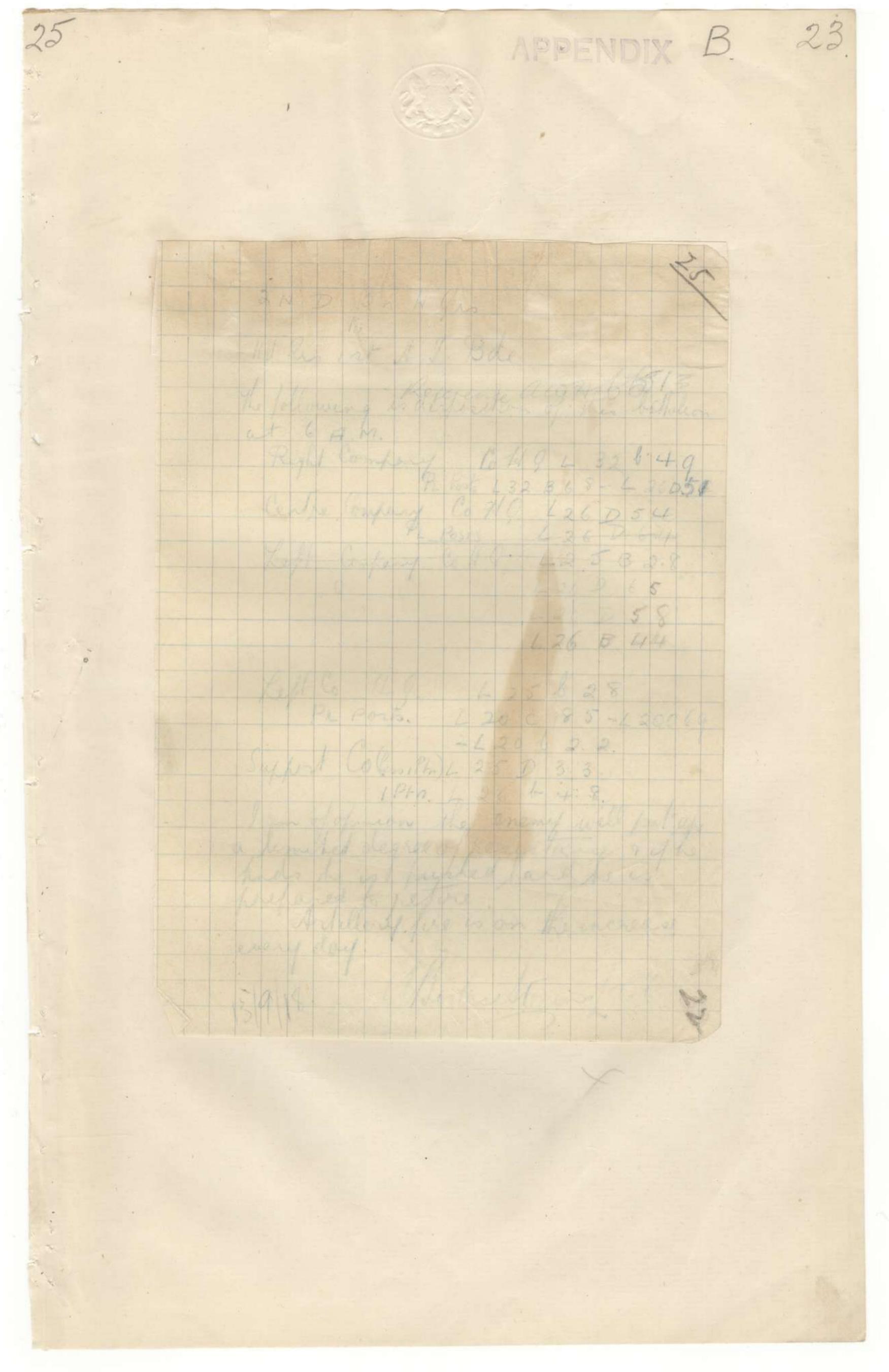


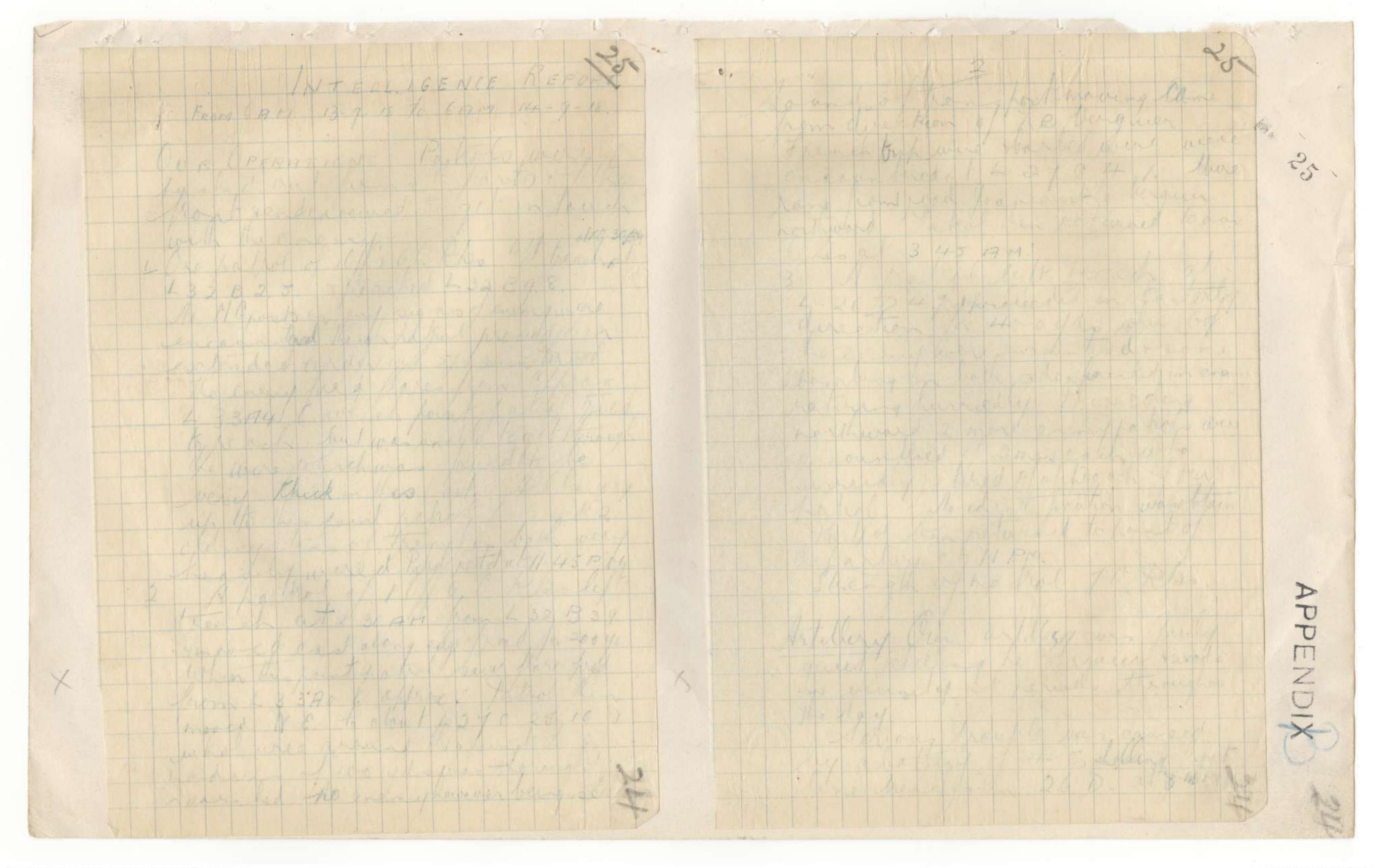


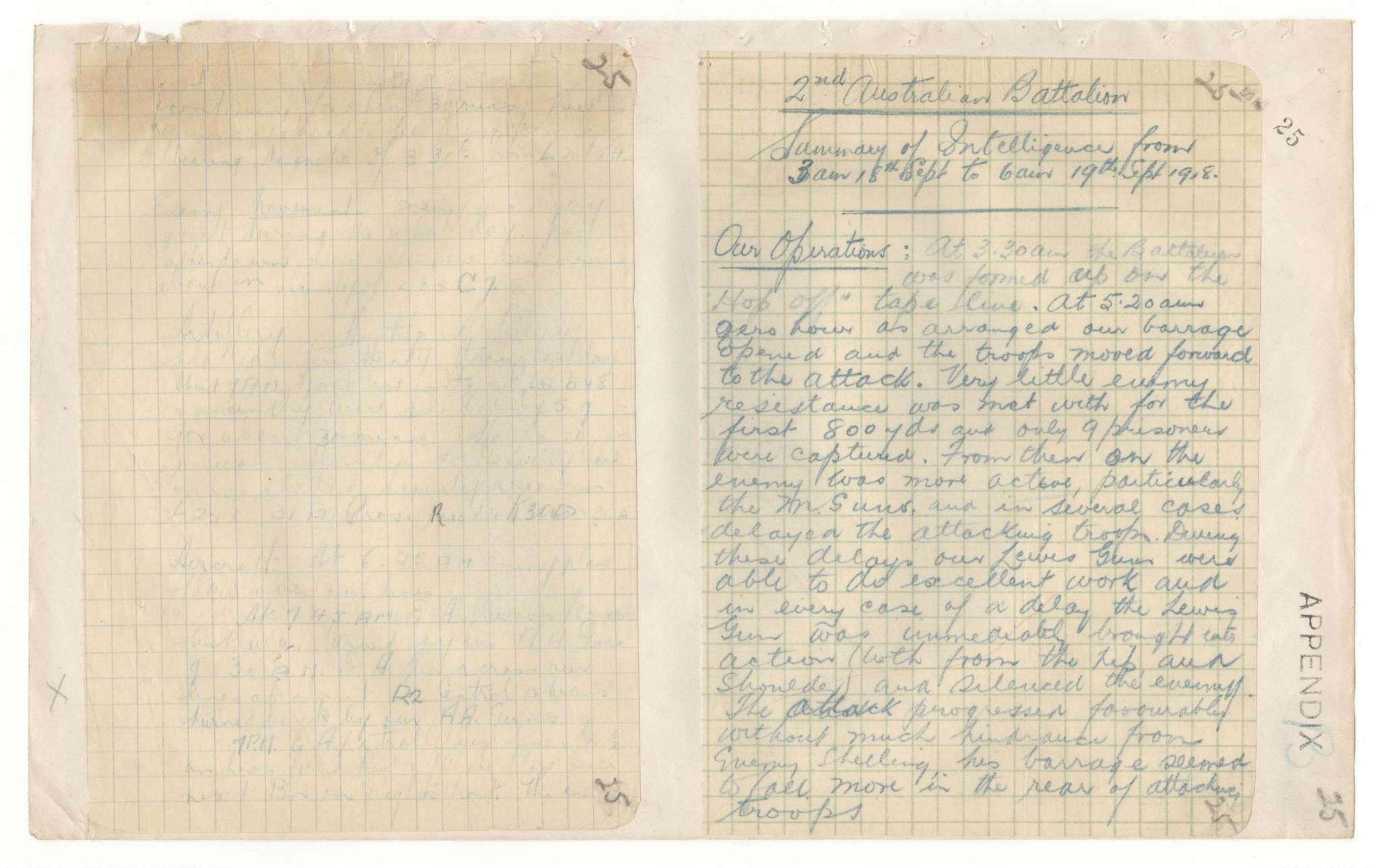






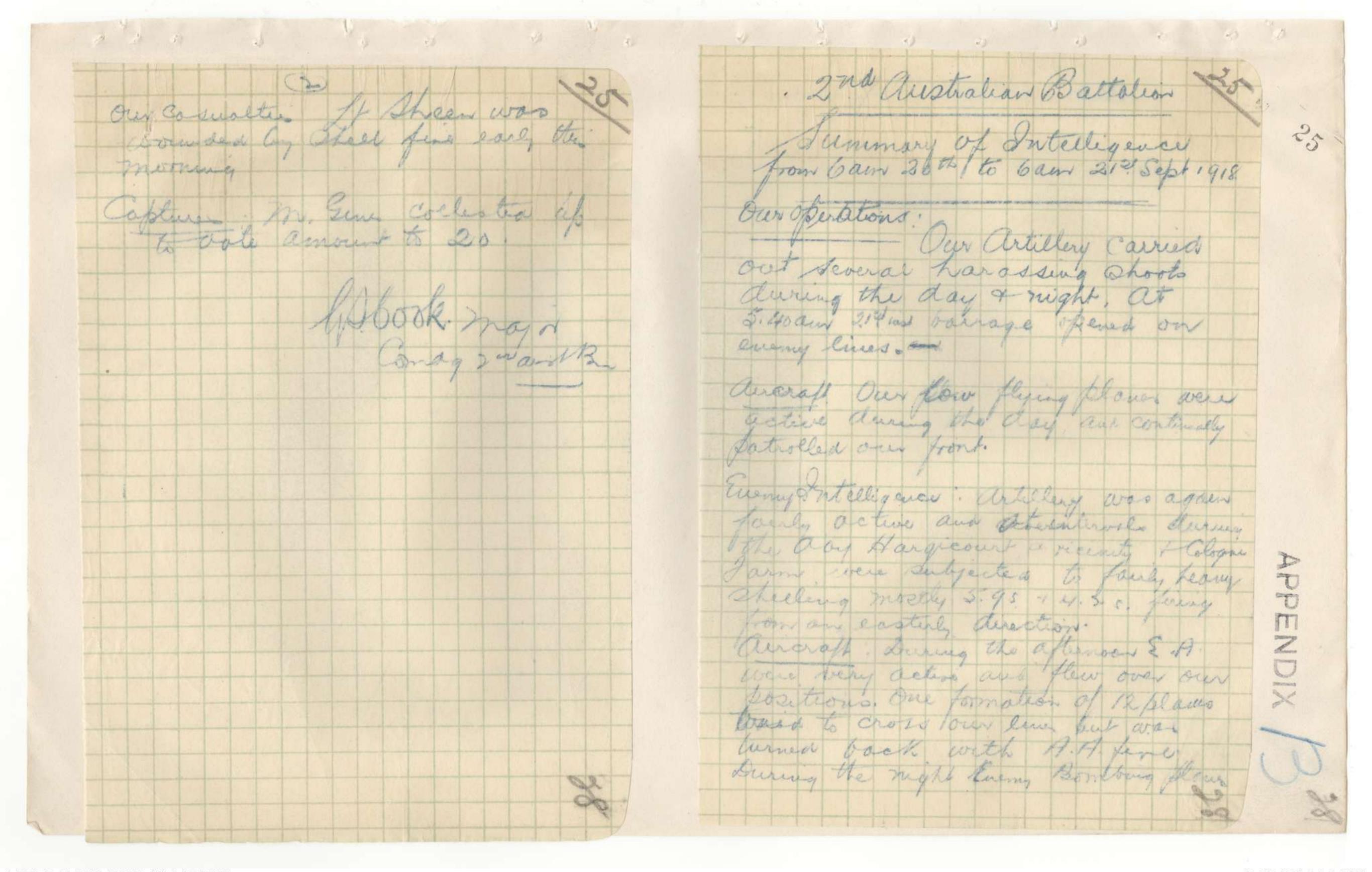


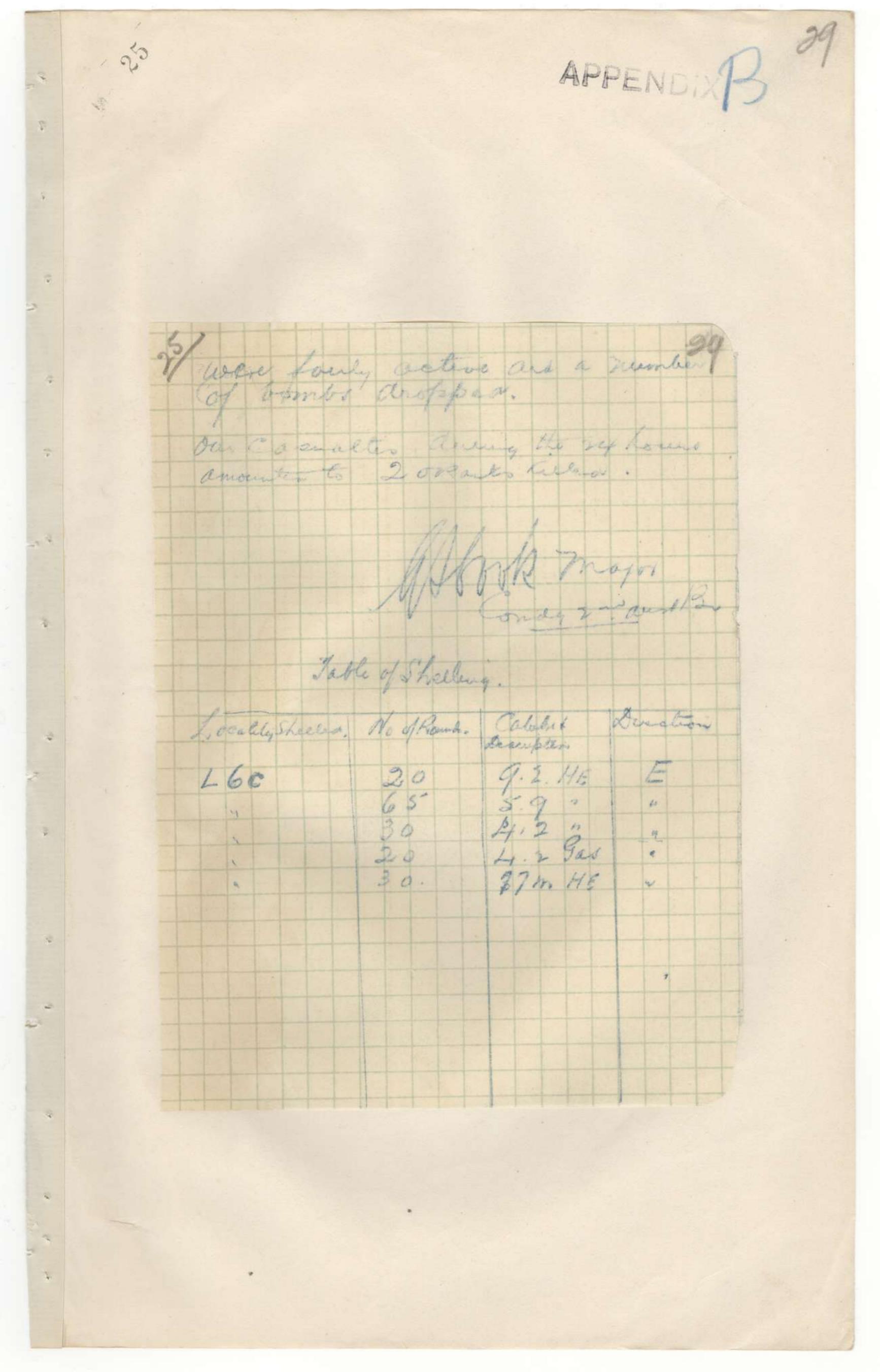




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SECOND AUSTRALIAN BATTALION.

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ORDER No. 30.

Battalion Headquarters, 6th. Sept. 1918.

- The 2nd. Aust. Bn. will move by bus on 6th. inst., from 1. Q.16.c.8.4. Companies will be drawn up facing North at 1 p.m. and will be told off in parties of 1 Officer and 25 other ranks with 15 paces between each party.
- The Battalion will assemble on Bn. Parade Ground at 12.45 p.m 2. with head of column facing East. Order of March. H.Q.A., B., C. & D. Coys.
- 3. Lieut. C. A. Purdon will act as Battalion Embussing Officer and will report to Brigade Major at Bde. H. Q. at 12 noon for instructions.
- Advance parties consisting df Lieut. Hillman and 1 N.C.O. per Coy. and H.Q. Details, will move forward on bicycles at 9 a.m. N.C.Os. will report to Lieut. Hillman at Bn. H. Q.
- 5. Troops will debuss at H.3.d.9.5 near HEM, and will meet guides at CLERY.

Acknowledge.

Captain.

COMMA Adjutant. SECOND AUSTRALIAN BATTALION.

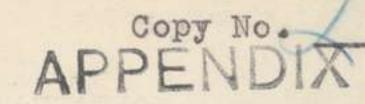
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- Nucleus personnel will report to Capt. Wisken at Battalion H.Q. 1. at 10.45 a.m. with copy of mominal roll. Duplicate nominal roll to be submitted to Bn. H. Q. at same time.
- 2. Troops will move in Full Marching Order with Blankets and unexpired portion of day's rations.
- Officers' valises, Mess gear and all other gear to be carried on 3. Transport will be handed in to Q. M. Stores by 10 a.m.

Transport will move Brigaded under O. C. No. 2 Coy. 1st. Div. 4. Train, and will pass Starting Point at Q. 24.b.5.8 at 11.30 a.m. Order of March. 1st., 2nd., 3rd., 4th., Bns. PROYART - CHAULGNES - CAPPY - SUZANNE. Route.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN BATTALION.



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ORDER No. 31.

Battalion H. Q., Sept. 8th. 1918.

Reference Map Sheet 62c.

The 2nd. Aust. Bn. will move forward to K.32.c.N.D. via

CARTIGNY on 9th. inst. Head of Column will pass the Starting

Point I.36.b.3.5 (Cross Roads) at 9 a.m. Order of March: H.Q.,

A., B., C., D.

Dress. Battle Order, Blanket and W. P. Sheet rolled on belt.

2. Companies will relieve opposite Nos. of 44th. Battalion.

Adavace Party of 1 N.C.O. per Coy. will report to Lieut.

Hillman at 5.30 a.m. at Battalion H. Q.. Lieut. Waller will
remain behind and hand over to incoming Unit.

Transport will move with Unit to vicinity of J.23. and 29.

Completion of move will be notified to Bn. H. Q. at J.30.b.6.1.

6. Companies will be prepared to reconnoitre forward to any part of the 10th. Bde. front.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

Adjutant. SECOND AUSTRAKIAN BATTALION.

ADMINISTRATION.

Packs and felt hats will be handed in to Q.M. Stores by 8 a.m. also Officers' Mess Gear, Valises etc. at same hour.

Nucleus personnel will be detached to report to Capt. J. J. Collingwood MM. at Bn. H. Q. at 9 a.m. O. C. Nucleus will send one Officer to Brigade H. Q. J.18.a.2.4 at 10 a.m. and will report with personnel to Major G. A. Street M.C. at J.32.a.3.4. at 10.30 a.m. Nucleus personnel will retain packs and will carry 24 hours rations.

Znd. Aust Battanon. ENGPY NO. 3 Secret. Order Nº 32 Battalion H. Ors Ref. Sheet. 62c. appendeso 9.9.18. (1) The 10 aust. In Bde will relieve the 10th and Inf Bde. on night of, 10/11. Sept 18 with Zno augl. Ballalion in the line. and Bow. on the right. 4th Bow on the left. Jaker - pattalion boundary. line drawow. Mrough. K24. d. 0.0. - Lig. d. o. o. - L21. Gentral 1.16 d. 00. Thence due. East. (2) The Ind Battalion, will relieve the 37th Br. and elements of 39th Bin. Companies well be. disposed do follows c. Coy (Line Right) from. right. Brigade boundary to line drawn from. East. 4 West Mrough L 31. Central. "B. Cof (Line Centre) from L31. Cent to Easty West line through Las d. o. o. "A Coy. (Line Left) from. L35 d. 0.0 to Left. Bin boundary. D Coy (Support Battalion offers. will be notified later. (3). Gasance parties of 1 officer per boy y Affro 1400 per platoons will go forward 9th inst Here parties will all as quides to their units when moving in (4). The method of holding the line is to establish boots on high ground & patrol the low ground between this method at the outcet will be adopted. Cx A coys will each establish 3. pealoon posts on their front and B' Coy 2. pearoon posto (5) Administrative instructions later. Acknowledge. Tullus Captraaj Int aust Battalion 4. 83-1-14 12

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN BATTALION.

appendent order No. 32. 20 APPENDIX Battalion H. Q.,

September 10th. 1918.

Reference Map Sheet 62 C. 1/40.000.

Information. The Enemey is known to be in position WEST of JEANCOURT 1. and Hill 140, Sq. L.8. It is not known in what strength he is present but it is not thought he is very strong. Enemy order of battle from NORTH to SOUTH is 80th Fusiliers, 81st. Infantry Regt., 87th. Inf. Regiment. These are the troops we defeated on August 23rd.

Intentions. As soon as possible after taking over on the night 10/11th. preparations will be made to advance the line. 2. " C" Company on the Right will secure the Line, Trench from R.2.a.9.4. to L.32.c.3.8, the Trench from R.2.a.7.0 to R.2.a.9.4 to R.2.b.4.6.

Bomb stops will be made between the enemy in each case.

The sunken Road in R.2.b. will be specially watched.

" A " Company will also secure the Trench from L.32.b.6.4 to L.26.d.8.8., using Bomb Stops at the Flank and watching the rear as well as the front.

The Trench from L.26.b.l.6 to L.20.c.9.6 will also be

captured.

On the capture of these objectives JEANCOURT and all

trenches in rear will be mopped up.

On news being received that objectives have been gained " B " Coy. will move forward and occupy Trench position in L.31. and L.25.d.

In each case success will be exploited within the 1 limits of the Divisional Boundary and touch with the enemy will not be lost.

The advance will be made by peaceful penetration, at times most suitable for same. Artillery, Trench Mortars and Machine Gun support will be given where opposition is met. main consideration to be aimed at is to keep the enemy on the move by harrassing his rear guards.

Companies will take due precautions in protecting their f

flanks where flank Units have not pushed forward.

Reports will be sent to Battalion H. Q. at K.35.d.3.5.

3. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Captain.

Adjutant. SECOND AUSTRALIAN BATTALION.

ADMINISTRATION.

Extra Ammunition and Bombs will be carried on following scale:-100 Rounds per man.

S. A. A. No. 23 Bombs.

No. 36 Grenades. 5

per grenadier. per man.

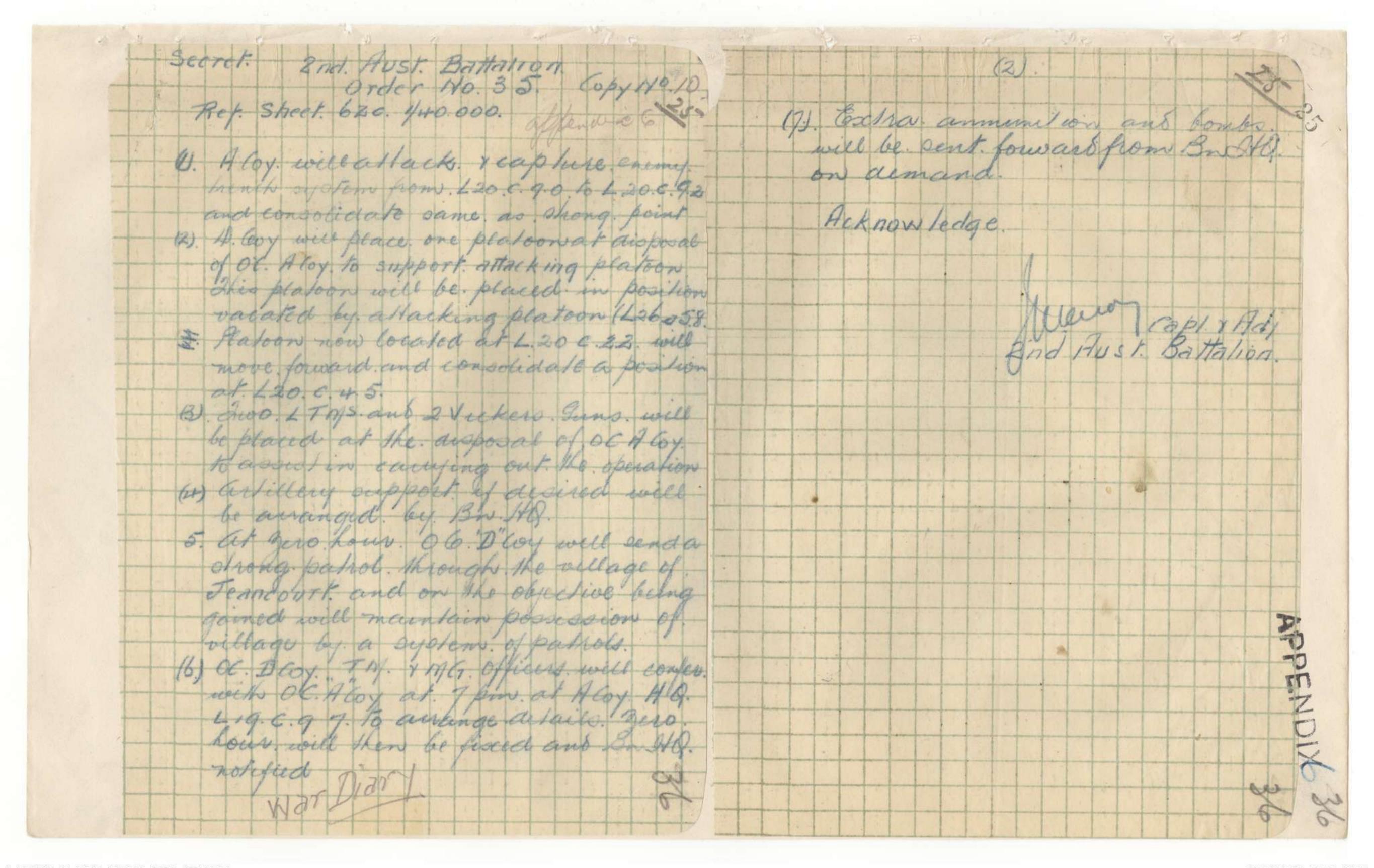
Sandbags. Water bottles will be filled and Iron Rations carried.

Hot meals will be carried forward to Battalion Dump K.35.d.8.2 on Transport thence to Company H. Q. by "D" Company. 2. Times 6 a.m., 12 noon and 6 p.m.

Picks and shovels are available at Battalion Dump. 3.

R.A.P. at K.29.d.9.5.

Ref. Sheet NOLICE Battalion PENDIX 5 35 Secret. Ref Sheet No620. 1/40.000. 1000 Bn. H. 9.18. (1) Information. The enemy in front has been considerably runforced to Iday. Our formost. flank troops were forced to come back. (2) Intention The front line laid down as hereunder will for the present be held defensively. It will be considered as the like of main resistance. An active patrol policy will be maintained. B). Boundaries The South. Battalion boundary. will be the line Q5d. 0.5. Thence road to level. crossing at L31. G. 2. 3. - L31 B. 8.3. - L32. B. 4.7. -128 central. North. Br. boundary. The line Kay rentral - 219. B. 0 5. - 2 15. d. 0.0. These boundaries will take effect from to night (4) Distribution. Blow will consolidate line in I 32. a (at present occupied). Il by will establish and consolidate platoon posto. at. L31. B. 7. 9. and 125. B. 6.3. with one platoon post in support at. 125. d. 27. A Coy will consolidate platoon posta at. 126 A. 5.8. and well establish platoon posts. at 1 20 c. 1.2 and L.19. B. 7.1. thus relieving hoops of 4th Bn. in that area. O.C. Right Coy 4th Bn will be informed by. OC. A. Coy. of his intention. "C. Coy will be. relieved by a Company of 50th Ques 1 Br. who will then withdraws to dupport in the vicinity of K 30 d. 9.9. (5). Hetion in case of attack. Defences of front. condition and will be held at all costo. Support boy will be ready to counter - attack on any part of the time Ballacion front. (6) Compedion of distribution as laid down above will be notified to Bis Affro by Acknowledge.



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nd AUSTRALIAN Preliminary Pastructions preparatory た. ORDER No. 38. Battalion Headquarters, 15th September, 1918.

Ref. Maps - Sheets 62C & 62B. 1/40.000.

1.(a) The 1st Australian Division, in conjunction with the 4th Aust. Division on the right and the 74th, Division on the left, will attack and capture the enemy positions forward of the HINDENBURG LINE.

(b). Of the 1st Aust. Division the 3rd.Brigade on the right and the 1st. Brigade on the left will deliver the assault. The 2nd. Brigade will be in

Divisional Reserve.

(c). Of the 1st. Brigade the 2nd Battalion on the right and the 4th. Battalion on the left will lead the attack and capture the BROWN LINE. The 1st. and 3rd. Battalions will follow the attack, subsequently

passing through the 2nd. and 4th. Battalions respectively to the capture of the RED LINE, and to the exploitation.

(d) . Details as to Brigade and Battalions operating on our flanks will be communicated later.

Zero day and hour will be communicated separately.

3. (a). The boundaries of the attack for the 1st.Aust.Inf. Bde. follows: -

North boundary - The line Sq. L.1.C.O.O. - L.2.C.6.1. - F.29.C.8.O.

- thence due East.

South boundary - The line Sq. L.19.B.O.5. - L.14.D.O.6. -

L.11.B.3.1. thence due East.

Inter-Battalion boundary - The line L.8.C.O.2. - L.10.A.O.2. -L.5.C.2.3. - thence due East.

Inter-Company boundary. - The line L.14.A.65.50. - L.16.D.0.8. -L.11.A.8.7. - L.11.B.9.6.

The 2nd. Aust. Battalion will be disposed as follows :- "A" Company right attacking company; "B" Company left attacking Company; "C" Company Support Company.

(b). The Start Line is the line L.14.D.0.7. + L.2.C.1.0.

(c). Objective lines are as follows:-

1. BROWN LINE - The line L.4.B.7.6. - L.5.D.0.0. - L.11.B.2.0.

2. RED LINE - The line A.25.D.O.O. - G.1.B.2.5. - G.7.B.2.O. 3. LINE OF EXPLOITATION The line A.26.D.6.0. - G.2.D.2.0. -G.8.B.2.0.

4. The boundaries and objectives are set out on map obtainable from Battali ion Intelligence Officer.

The attack will be supported by a quick moving field artillery and machine gun barrage.

Heavy artillery will engage the enemy batteries and other selected targets

Barrage maps will be issued in due course.

A limited number of tanks will co-operate. Dummy tanks will also be employed.

Further instructions will follow. 70

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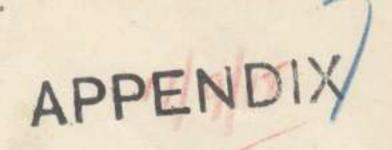
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SECOND AUSTRALIAN BATTALION.

ORDER No. 38.



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Reference Map Sheet 62c and 62b. 1/40,000.

Information.

Objectives.

Boundaries.

As per preliminary instructions issued on 15th. instant.

The Start Line is amended and will be the line drawn through L.27.c.0.66- L.1.d.7.0.

Approach. The Route to the Assembly Positions will be made through HAMELET K.22.a.3.8. thence by Tape Route to forming up line. Order of Move, H.Q., A., B., and C. 100 yards distance will be maintained between Platoons. Head of the Column will pass the Starting Point K.22.a.3.8 at 1.30 a.m. on ZERO Day.

Reconnaisance. Routes will be reconnoitered by at least one Officer per Coy., between 1 and 4 p.m. on the afternoon of 17th.

Forming up. The Attacking Companies will form up on the Start Line in sections in file, distributed over the Battalion Front. The Support Coy. will form up EAST of Road running through L.13.d. and L.13.b in Artillery Formation. Battalion H.Q. will be at L.13.d.90. 35. during the first phase of the operations. When the attack has sufficiently developed Battalion H.Q. will move to sunken road L.10.c.0.5.

Action of Coys. in attack. At ZERO hour the Artillery Barrage will fall 200 yards in advance of the Infantry Start Line, the first lift will be at ZERO plus 3, 2nd. lift at ZERO plus 5, the next and succeeding lifts up to and including the 11th. lift will be at intervals of 3 minutes: the 12th. and following lifts will be at intervals of 4 minutes; each lift will be 100 yards. The Attacking Companies will keep well up to the Barrage and will only deal with resistance in a so far as it impedes their progress. Support Coy. Will be responsible that the ground covered is thoroughly mopped up and will give support if required to the Attacking Companies.

In front of the Objective Line the Artillery will halt until ZERO plus 3 hours and 10 minutes; during this halt "A" and "B" Coys. will occupy and consolidate the BROWN line by establishing 6 platoon Posts, one of which will be a liaison post with the 11th. Bn. which will be established by "A" Coy. at Cross Roads L.11.b.4.1. During the advance "C" Coy. will maintain close touch with the Assaulting Units and will pay particular attention to the flanks, and, on completion of mopping up will establish 3 Platoon Posts in Railway Cutting running SOUTH-EAST the L.10.b. and L.11.a.

The Second Objective. When the 1st. Battalion has passed through to capture the GREEN Line, Companies will be prepared to move forward to support the 1st. Battalion or to the RIGHT or LEFT to support the 9th. or 3rd. Battalions respectively. Coy. Commanders will take steps to maintain constant touch with these Units and also with Flank Units.

Tanks. Tanks will be used in the attack but will not be allotted to Companies; however, they may be used by Coy. Commanders if in their neighbourhood at a time when required.

Vickers Guns. Two Vickers Guns and one Light Trench Mortar will be attached to each of the Attacking Companies for use as Coy. Commander requires. On reaching the objectives they will be placed in suitable positions in the event of Enemy Counter Action.

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Reports. Companies will keeep Bn. H. Q. notified of the progress of the Attack and on reaching the objective will immediately send to Battalion H. Q. the code word "BROWN" at the same time advising the location of Coy. H. Q.

Time. All watches will be synchronised with Bn. H. Q. at 8 p.m. and 1 a.m. on the night preceding and ZERO morning.

Officer.

Communications. Will be arranged by Battalion Signal

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Adjutant. SECOND AUSTRALIAN BATTALION.

ADMINISTRATION.

1. Battle Order and Water Proof sheet rolled on DRESS. belt.

The following will be carried on the man :-

24 Hours Rations.

1 Iron Ration.

1 Filled Water Bottle.

4 Sandbags.

Rifle Grenadiers will carry :- 6 No. 36 Grenades.

Other personnel will carry :- 2 No. 23 Grenades, plus 100 rounds extra S.A.A.

- 2. DUMPS. Battalion Dump will be at Battalion H. Q. unless otherwise advised. On reaching objectives, Coys. will establish dumps with the extra articles carried on the man.
- 3. MEDICAL. R.A.P. will be at Battalion H. Q., L.13.d.90.35.
- BRIGADE SUPPLIES. Transport Officer will detail 1 G.S. 4. limber loaded with S.A.A., and I loaded with Lewis Gun S.A.A. to report to Brigade representative at K.22.a.3.5. at ZERO plus 1 hour.
- 5. SUPPLY TANK. A Supply Tank with ammunition, Bombs, Water and tools will go forward at ZERO Hour.

Cpl. Edge will report at L.9,95.95 at ZERO plus 1 hour and guide supply tank to the vicinity of HAGSON Quarries where tank will unload and form dump.

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patrol of 4th. Dn. at L.S.C. 25.70 immediately after attacking troop passed through. O.C. "C" Coy. will report information gained by patrol, as to how the attack is progressing on the left.

VICKERS GURS.

One Vickers Gun and crew will be attached to attacking Coys., the remaining two guns and N.G. Officer will remain with Dn. H.Q., as a reserve.

Each of the attacking Coys. will allot a corrying party of 5 men to T. H. attached to them.

PRISONERS OF WAR. will in all cases be seat to Dn. H. C., or if

Moss Cear, Officers' Valisor, packs, blankets and folt hats end other spare gear will be damped at C. H. Stores by 8 p.m.

Lowis Cum limbers will carry all L. C. and T. H. Goar to point where tape lime mosts read running North-Sust through HEDBECOURT.

Hot ton will be served at this point (from old him cooker). Hen will be warned to have their dimies ready and will move right away when served in order to avoid orush.

Captain.

adjutant.

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Crass 12:39 APPENDIXO bopy. 10 appendic 8. Battalion Headquarters 200 September 1918 I The 2nd Aust Bon. will be relieved by the 8th Aust. Bn. on the 20th instant. A boy will be relieved by A bo. 8th Bn., & b boily Il One guide per platoon & company Hodges will be sent to Bm. 16. Pro. at 6.30p.m. III Lewis gun & other gear will be collected by limbers at boy. ration dumps at 8 p.m. IT All extra bombs, S.A.A. etc. will be handed over to incomingunit. I Bestination on relief will be notified later, also point at which evening meal will be II bompletion of relief will be notified to Bn. 16. Pro. by wining rode word "TRES". Acknowledge. Adjutant, 2nd Hust Battalion

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Order No. 40. APPENDIA apperois 3 Sattalion Headquarters 20th September 1918. Kef. Map HESBEROURT 1/20,000 I On the night 20/21st the 6th Hust. Br. will take over present line held by 1st Aust. Bn. . On the morning of the 21st the 1st A. J. Bde. will attack & capture Une shown (in purple) on altached map. I The 1st Acist. Bon. on the RIGHT & the 3rd Rust. Bon. on the LEFT will carry out the altack. Boundaries are as shown on attached map. III The 2nd Aust. Bon. will be in support in present positions. "b" be will act junder the orders of the 6.0. 3rd Rust 8n. O. 6. "6" bo. will send an Officer to the 3rd Bn. 16. P. at ZERO minus one hour to remain there until consolidation of objective a await orders from 60. 3rd Bn. "H of "B" boys. will be prepared to support Ist Bn. O. b. "A" bo. will send an officer to 1st Bn. H. Q. at ZERO minus one hout to await instructions from 6.0. 12. Bn. In the event of one or more companies being required to reinforce the 1st Bn., the officer detailed to lears on with that unit will notify the company direct. The boy, bomids. concerned will act on his widers & advise &n. 16.9. I The attack will be carried out under anastillery barrage. Barrage line indicated by first BLUE line on attached map. Darrage will move forward by lifts to second BLUE line, where a protective screen will be placed during sonsolidation. I LERO hour will be notified Later. Hoknowledge.



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BY

Major. H. G. VERNON. T/Comdg. SECOND AUST. BATTALION.

25th. September 1918.

LEAVE TO AUSTRALIA.

The following from Australian Corps is published for information :-

The Corps Commander desires to make it widely known throughout the Unit that he very much regrets the circumstances under which the first quota of 1914 men for leave to Australia was hurriedly selected and despatched. Owing to the very short notice received from the Navy that the first ship was available to sail immediately, he was unable to arrange as he would have wished to, for a more careful selection of all who had prior claims to be included in the first quota, or for giving them time to get at their Base kits and packs, for taking leave of their mates, and for receiving a proper and worthy send off. Had any warning of the intention to send the party away been received, the matter would have been put in train, but no hint of the scheme was received. He hopes that on the occasion of future quotas, the dates of which are not far distant, the authorities will be able to give us longer notice, so that matters may be arranged in a more satisfactory manner. "

SEPARATION ALLOWANCE.

The following A.I.F. Order No. 1364 ix of 6/9/18 is published for information :-

- 1. The Commonwealth Govt. has approved the payment of Separation Allowance to dependants of members of the A.I.F. resident in the United Kingdom with effect from 1st. August 1918, at the same rates and upon the same conditions as those pertaining to dependants residing in Australia and N.Z.
- 2. Payment of separation allowance will be made in accordance with the provisions and within the limits of war financial regulation 32 and A.I.F. Orders Nos. 1115 and 1191 and any subsequent amendments thereof, the present rates being Wife (or other adult dependant) 2/- per diem.

 Each child under 16 years. 6d. "
- A definition of the various classes of dependants in regard to whom separation allowance is at present payable is contained in para. 3 of Circular No. 2 issued with A.I.F. Order No.1115 and in the note appended hereto.
- Kingdom, in whose favor an allotment of pay has been made by a member of the A.I.F., and who is entitled to separation allowance, payments will be made forthwith by the Chieff Paymaster upon lodgment by the allottee of the official declaration form duly completed and supported by the necessary marriage and birth certificates. Declaration forms will be forwarded for completion to all allottees coming within this category, and no written application or declaration by members will be necessary.

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- 4. In the case of other dependants, the Chief Paymaster will similarly forward a declaration form to the allottee for completion, but it will also be necessary for the member concerned to submit a supporting declaration witnessed by an Officer. Forms for this purpose may be obtained upon application to any pay representative, and the declaration must be forwarded to the Chief Paymaster through the Paymaster of the formation to which the member belongs.

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- 5. Upon receipt of the necessary documents each case will be investigated by the Chief Paymaster. Payments will only be made to bonafide dependants, and any member who is found to have made a false declaration in this connection will be severely dealt with.
- 6. Payment of Separation Allowance is subject in all cases to the condition that the prescribed allotment has been made by the soldier in favor of the person to whom the Separation Allowance is to be paid.

NOTE. List of persons who are entitled to claim Separation Allowance.

- 1. Wife. (Separation Allowance in the case of a wife will not be payable if a legal or mutual agreement to separation exists between the soldier and his wife.)
- 2. Each child under the age of 16 years.
- 3. Mother dependant or partly dependant on the soldier at the time of enlistment.
- 4. Motherwho was not at the time of her son's enlistment solely or partly dependant, but who can show that the son would, at a given period after enlistment, have contributed to her support.
- 5. A mother who, as a result of change of financial circumstances subsequent to her soldier son's enlistment, has become dependant or partly dependant.
- 6. An invalid father who is a widower and dependant on the soldier for support.
- 7. A daughter of a soldier who is keeping house for her father who is a widower.
- 8. A soldier's sister who is a widow and who is solely dependant upon the soldier for support.
- 9. Each brother and sister under the age of 16 years who is solely dependant upon the soldier for support.
- 10. Each child under 16 years of age of a soldier's sister who is a widow and of which child the soldier is the sole support.
- 11. Each child under the age of 16 years of a soldier who, after a legal or mutual separation has been entered into, continues to maintain such child by allotting portion of his military pay for such purpose.
- 12. Each adopted child under the age of 16 years of a soldier, provided actual proof of the adoption is furnished.
- 13. A woman who stands in the same relationship as a wife to the soldier concerned, provided that the woman has been entirely dependant upon the soldier for her maintenance and would otherwise be destitute.

In such cases proof will be required that the soldier was living with the woman to whom payment is to be made on a bonafide permanent domestic basis.

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SEPARATION ALLOWANCE (Continued)

14. Each child under the age of 16 years of a soldier and his unmarried wife when in charge of its mother. (Separation allowance will not be paid in respect of a child of such a woman of whom the soldier is not the father.)

15. Separation allowance at the rate prescribed for the dependant concerned may be paid in cases in which an order of a Court has been made for maintenance. (Separation allowance will not be paid in respect of illegitimate children except as provided in (14).)

16 For a mother of a soldier whose father is alive and in work provided that the soldier has allotted to her at least two-fifths of his pay, and provided that such allotment is less than the amount contributed by the soldier in support of the mother's home prior to enlistment, such an amount not exceeding 2/- per diem as will, when added to the allotment equal the amount so contributed by the soldier in support of the home prior to enlistment.

"The amount contributed by the soldier in support of the home", means, the amount actually paid by him less (in cases where the soldier was living at his mother's home prior to enlistment) 15/- per week.

(mAuthority. D.A.G., A.I.F, 26/343, 27/8/18.)

PART# II.

The C. O. has approved of the following Promotions and Appointments to date from 25th. Sept. 1918:-

PROMOTIONS.	No.	2575 Sgt.	Causer.	B.R.	to	be	CQMS	vice Helmer on leave
	NT -	ZOT/es mi	Ome 222 el-	TT D D	4 -	70 0	G - 1	to Australia. vice Lillie killed in
	NO.	SU ISGT.	Graddick.	H.R.P.	TO	be	Sgt.	
	No	1936 Cpl	Dale DCM.	Δ	to	he	Sat	vice Crawford on leave
	110.	Tooc chr.	Daro Dom.	All a	00	00	ng v.	to Australia.
	No.	333a "	Edge.	W.	to	be	Set.	vice McDonald on leave
						1000	-0	to Australia.
	No.	774 L/C.	Plush.	G.H.	to	be	Cpl.	vice Maloney on leave
								to Australia.
	No.	2344 L/C.	Ambler.	R.G.	to	be	Cpl.	vice Sgt. Morgan
	77 -	1777 T/A	G7 DG	25 A T		7-	~ 7	killed in action.
	11/0*	1733 1/6.	Carison.DC	M. A.L.	to	be	CDI.	vice Fraser killed
	No-	4331 T/C.	Wheeler	STV	to	he	Cnl	in action. vice Dale promoted.
	No.	1879 T/C.	Tarsen.	J.W.	to	he	Cpl.	vice Wilcox wounded in
				0	-	00	obr.	action.
	No.	1058a "	Martin.	H.	to	be	Cpl.	vice Banks wounded.
APPOINTMENTS.	No.	3551 Pte.	Jones.	L.C.	to	be	L/C.	vice McColl on leave
		5 4 W 5 T				IF		to Australia.
	No.	3475 Dvr.	Brophy.	J.	to	be	L/C.	Dvr. vice Plush
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	NO.	4019 L 00.	IIIOmas.	F.H.	00	90	11/6.	vice Avis on leave
	No.	6867 Pte.	Ziems.	R.A.	to	he	T./C	to Australia. to comp. establishment.
		5988 Pte.		T.A.	to	be	T/C	vice Martin promoted.
				E.C.				vice Ryan killed in ac
			Mair.		to	be	I/C.	vice O'Neill. do.
	No.	4240 Pte.	Mahoney.	C.R.	to	be	L/C.	vice Francis. do.
TRANSFERS.	No.	120a Sgt	. Pearce. S	. Trans	8. 1	from	n "A"	Coy. to Transport SecT.
	No.	3710 "	Brooks, F	.Н. п		- 11	"H. Q	to "B" Cor

Adjutant. SECOND AUSTRALIAN BATTALION.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN BATTALION.

Copy No.

ORDER No. 41.

Sept. 25th. 1918.

The Second Australian Battalion will move from present location by Route March to LA CHAPPELLETTE on 26th. inst., and will pass starting point BIACHES at 10.30 a.m.

Companies will form up on road opposite the Camp in fours facing Church and will be ready to move at 10.25 a.m. Order of march; - H.Q., A., B., & C.

fashion round pack. Full marching order, with blanket rolled horse shoe

- Entraining will take place at approximately 12.30 p.m., and Coys. Will furnish entraining states to Bn. Ord. Room by 9 a.m. Captain. W.M. NCKNY Mackay will be entraining Officer. Detraining point will be LONGPRE.
- Strict discipline will be maintained throughout train journey and Coy. Commanders will ensure that no man leaves the train without permission. O.C. "A" Coy. will detail lofficer, 2 Sgts., and 12 other ranks as train picquet.
- Q. M. Store by 8 a.m.

 Breakfast will be at 7.30 a.m. Mid-day meal will be carried.
- 5. AGENOW LEDGE.

Captain.

Adjutant. SECOND AUSTRALIAN BATTALION.

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BYLLABUS OF TRAINING

FOR WEER ENDING - OCTOBER 5th. 1918.

Bn. H.Q. is.

8.30 a.m. to 9.00 a.m. Fall in Platoon and Coy. inspection.

12.00 noon to 12.30 p.m. Battalion Drill under Comdg. Officer.

1.45 p.m. to 5.45 p.m. Recreational Training.

lst. Day. 9 to 9.50 a.m. Inf. Training. Sections 12 to 16.
10 to 10.50 " Marching and March Discipline.
11 to 11.40 " Inf. Training. Section 17.

2nd. Day. 9 to 9.80 a.m. Short Route March. Strict March Discipline to be maintained.

10 to 10.80 " Inf. Training. Sections 18 to 82.

11 to 11.40 " do. 23 & 84.

3rd. Day. 9 to 9.50 a.m. Inf. Training. Sections 23 & 24.

4th. Day. 9 to 9.50 a.m. Inf. Training. Sections 25 to 29.
10 to 10.50 " do. " 35 to 35.
11 to 11.40 " do. " 35 to 38.

5th. Day. 9 to 9.50 a.m. Inf. Training. Sections 39 to 41.
10 to 10.50 " do.
11 to 11.40 " Repetition of previous work.

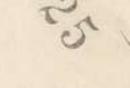
6th. Day. 9 to 11.40 a.m. Route March by Companies. Coy. Commanders will submit proposed route to Battalion Orderly Room by Moon 4th. Oct.

BOTES.

- Rifles will be inspected each morning on Platoon inspection and then put away.
- 8. Strict March Discipline will be observed while marching from Coy. Lines to Parade Ground and returning.
- 3. Smoke will be from 9.50 to 10 a.m., 10.50 to 11 a.m. and 11.40 to 11.50 a.m.

 During Smoke, Platoen Commanders will discuss with their subordinate commanders, questions in connection with training laid down and will also acquaint their men with the latest war news available.
- 4. Recreational Training will be regarded as a Muster Parade: every man must take part in some form of recreational game.

Adjutant. SECOND AUSTRALIAN BATTALION.





TRAINING SYLLABUS.

ISSUED ON 29/9/18 IS AMENDED AS POLLOWS :-

3rd. Day.

Inf. Training. Esstions 25 to 46.

20.0 to 5.50 am. Route Harch. 10.0 to 11.40 " Inf. Training.

Sections 47 to 52.

5th. Day.

2.0 to 9.50 am. Route March. 10.0 to 11.40 " Inf. Training. Sections 53 to 61.

On and after 4th. Day, Dress wall be Phill ORDER.

Adjutant, SECOED MUSTRALIAN BATTALION.

Captain.

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Major, H. G. VERNON. T/Comdg. SECOND AUST. BATTATION.

30th. September 1918.

DUTIES.

ORDERLY OFFICER. Next for Duty.

1/10/18. 2/10/18.

Lieut. Matthews. H.N. Lieut. Tindal.

COMPANY FOR DUTY. Next for Duty.

1/10/18. 2/10/18.

"B" Company. "C" Company.

OFFICER OF GUARD.

Next for Duty.

1/10/18. 2/10/18.

2/Lt. Beetham. Lieut Parle.

R.W. H.W.

OFFICER ABBEVILLE OFFICER PONT REMY

PICQUET. 1/10/18. Lieut. Boese. R.O. 1/10/18 2 " Marray. H.J. Marray. H.J. DCM

TIME SYSTEM.

Extract from G.R.O. No. 225 - 5104.

The Continental System of Time - 1.e., the 24 hour clock will be brought into use throughout the British Army from

midnight 30th. September/1st. October 1918.

The "time of origin", that is, the time at which a message or despatch is signed by the originator, will always be represented by four figures, the first two figures, Ol to 23, representing the hours from midnight to midnight, and the second two figures, 31 to 59, representing the minutes of the For example :hour.

> 12.10 a.m. will be written 0010 3.25 a.m. 0325 11.00 a.m. 1100 Neon 1200 3.25 p.m. 1525 11.40 p.m. 2540

00000 and 2400 will not be used, but the message or despatch will bs timed 2359 or 0001. (Authority A.O. IX. dated 17/9/13.)

PART II.

PROMOTIONS.

The G.O.C. lst. A. I. Bde., has approved of the following promotions to date from 144h as below :-

No. 179 Sgt. Jones. H.A. to be T/C.S.M. (W.O.Class II) vice Brown on leave to Aust. from 14/9/18.

No. 3710 Sgt. Brooks. F.W. to be T/C.S.M. (W.O.Class II) vice

Haggath leave to Aust. from 26/9/18. G. to be T/RQMS. (W.O. Class II) vice No. 164 CQMS Foster. Hetherington to Aust. from 14/9/18.

The C.O. has approved of the following promotions and appointments to date from 30/9/18 :-

PROMOTIONS. No. 2545 Cpl. Edwards. S.W. to be T/Sgt. vice Powell to Aus'.

on leave.

No. 6309 Cpl. O'Conner.

B.D.H. to be Sgt. vice Wunsch to

Supernumery list.

No. 4515 L/C. Les.

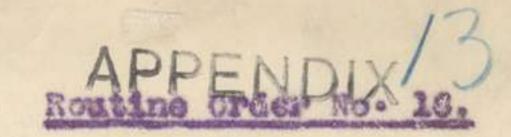
J. to be Cpl. vice Clark to

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PROMOTIONS. No. 6558 L/C. Pettit. B.G.

No. 5726 L/c. Martin. H.H.

R. No. 7633 Cpl. Otto.

to be Cpl. vice Baker killed

in action.

to be Cpl. vice Wilson evacuated sick.

to be T/Sgt. vice Brooks promoted.

APPOINTMENTS.

No. 1316b Pts.Splamons. R.L. to be L/C. vice Leem promoted.

to be I/O. Wice Pattit Pte. #130. H.A. 6097 promoted.

to be WC. wise Martin promoted. No. 6729 Pts. Poster. Helle

to be L/C. wise Backin wounded. No. 6307 Pto. 0'Donas11. J.H.

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to be L/C. vice Stanfard wounded. No. 4439 Pto. Beardmore. A.F.

PHOLOTIONS, (Continued)

> to be 1/5gt. Vies James promoted. No. 1760 Opl. Corne.

> to be/opt. wice Corne premoted. Hartup.

> No. 2505 MG. Damson, V.C.C. to be opl. what Pryce killed in

APPOINTMENT.

Ptu. Bandy. H.G. to be Wo. No. COSS vice Permann hilled in action.

Ate. M. Farland. a.A.

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Adjutant.

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NOTES ON RECENT FIGHTING

The following are notes on the recent operations as they appealed to me.

- ASSEMBLY. (1) The great advantage of taped routes to the point of assembly, thus avoiding congestion of traffic on main roads and minimising casualties.
- BARRAGE. (2) Condidering the conditions, it seemed doubtful whether smoke was an advantage during the first phase of the operation, and better results might have obtained from witholding smoke shells for the protective barrage put down in front of lst. Objective.
- MAINTENANCE (3) The necessity of all Officers having reliable compasses.

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 RECONNAISANCE (4) The great advantage of daylight reconnaisance.
 - (5) The immense importance of giving all ranks as full a knowledge of the operation as possible cases occurring of privates being lost, and, on account of the position having been previously explained to them, being able to reach their objective.
 - (6) The value of training N.C.Os. to handle their Platoon without assistance from the Officer.
 - (7) The absolute necessity of maintaining touch with the enemy after the objective has been reached. The value of daylight patrols being amply demonstrated.

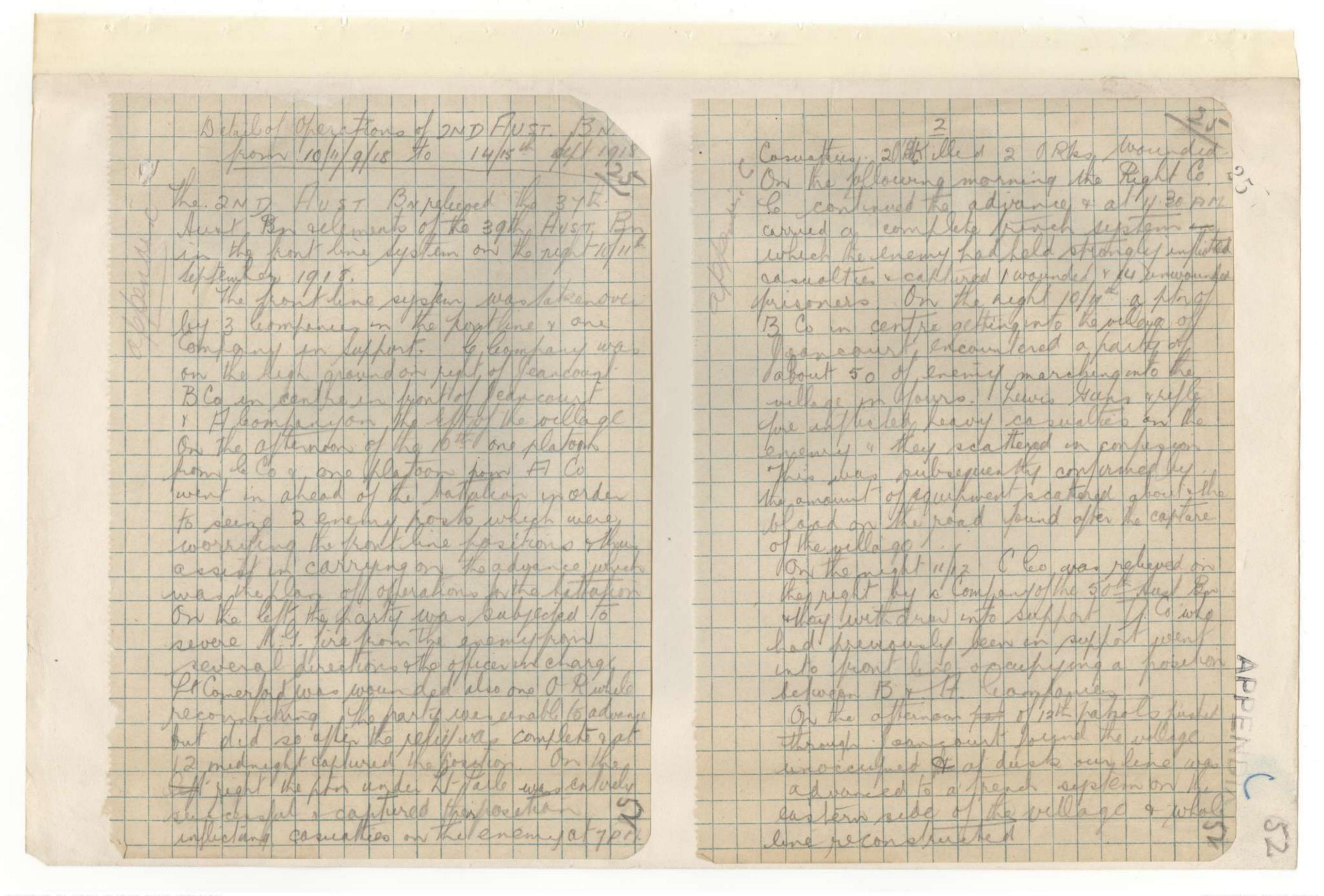
ADMINISTRATION. The Administrative preparations left little to be desired, and the value of Tanks for forming dumps and carrying supplies was particularly emphasised.

Medical arrangements were good throughout.

During the whole period supplies were obtainable on demand.

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