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7TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE,

JUNE 1916.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
RUE MARLE	1st		Two companies of 25th Bn. moved to new billets.	Appendix 1
			G.O.C. and Lt. Col. Ferguson proceed to CROIX DU BAC to meet Right Hon. W.M.Hughes, Prime Minister of Australia accompanied by Right Hon. Andrew Fisher, High Commissioner for Australia.	Appendix 2.
	2nd		Raiding Parties under instruction daily.	
	5th		Orders for Raid on German Trenches issued. Owing to a difficulty in the wire cutting i.e. Scouts coming upon an occupied listening post, Raiding party were withdrawn and raid postponed.	Appendix 3. Appendix 4.
	6th		Amendments to original orders issued and date of Raid fixed after a conference for the night of the 6th. Arrangements being made for preliminary bombardment.	Appendix 5.
	7th		Report on Raid and nominal roll of party taking part	Appendix 6.
			Copy of Army Commander's congratulations attached.	Appendix 7.
			Capt. C.M.Foss 28th Bn. and 2/Lieut. R.H.Gill 28th Bn. recommended for Military Cross, which was awarded at a later date. Pte Church 26th Bn. and Cpl. Tozer 28th Bn. were recommended for Military Medals, which were subsequently awarded.	
			Relief of the Bns. within the Brigade was carried out on the night of the 7/8th.	Appendix 8.

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RUE MARLE	7th		Orders received that the 6th Aust. Infantry Brigade would shortly relieve the 7th Aust. Infy. Brigade in the trenches. G.O.C. 6th Bde visited trenches accompanied by G.O.C. 7th Bde.	
	9th		Orders for relief of 7th Bde by 6th Bde issued	Appendix 9.
	10th		Relief commenced. First portion completed at 12.30 a.m. on 11th June.	
ERQUINGHEM	11th		SECOND PORTION of relief completed at 1.45 a.m. on 12th June. Brigade Headquarters moved to ERQUINGHEM. Brigadier General Paton remains at old 7th Bde Headquarters temporarily in command of 6th Infy. Bde. Lt. Col. Ferguson V.D. takes over command temporarily during Brigadier's absence.	
	12th		Billets inspected by Col. Ferguson and Brigade Major. Conference in regard to the Raid at Brigade Headquarters.	
	13th		Information received regarding likelihood of move of the Brigade to take over portion of a new line to the North.	
	14th		Verbal orders from G.S.O. 1, 2nd Australian Division that we are to take over trenches from 73rd Bde. of the 24th Division.	
			Brigadier General returned from 6th Brigade and resumed command of 7th Infy. Brigade.	
			Brigade Major and Staff Captain go by motor to 73rd Brigade Hdqrs at KORTEPYP, South of NEUVE EGLISE. Arranged details regarding move.	

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ERQUINGHEM	14th		Preliminary Orders for move sent out	Appendix 10.
	15th		G.O.C. and Intelligence Officer go to 73rd Brigade Headquarters and visit the trenches.	
			Orders for move and relief of 73rd Brigade issued.	Appendix 11.
			G.O.C. and Brigade Major of 4th Brigade visit 7th Bde Hdqrs in view of their move to ERQUINGHEM.	
	16th		Arrangements made to leave the Raiding Party behind to raid trenches after departure of 7th Brigade. Orders for this Raid issued to all concerned.	Appendix 12.
	17th		Move of 7th Brigade commenced as per order. Brigade Major went on in advance and visited 25th and 26th Bns. and was informed a gas attack had taken place on the 73rd Brigade front the previous nightwhile our advance parties were in the trenches, but they did not suffer.	
KORTEPYP	18th		Relief of 73rd Brigade complete at 1.30 a.m. on the 18th. G.O.C. 7th Infy. Brigade took over command of the new area. 17th Brigade are holding trenches on the right and 72nd Infy. Bde. on the left. 26th Bn. now in Right Sector - from U 2 c 2 0 to U 1 b 0 3½. 25th Bn. in Left Sector U 1 b 0 3½ to T 6 b 3½ 5 - Sheet 28 S.W.	
	19th		G.O.C. returned to old 7th Bde area whilst our raid was carried out. Report on raid and reasons for abandonment.	Appendix 13.
	21st		G.O.C. visited 17th Brigade area.	

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KORTEPYP	23rd		A bombardment was directed on our trenches during the night, and the 2nd Australian Infy. Bde. relieved 17th Brigade on our Right.	
	24th		Orders for relief of Bns. within the Brigade issued.	Appendix 14.
			Orders for Raid by 7th Brigade issued.	Appendix 16.
	25th		Gas cylinders taken to trenches. Orders for carrying up same.	Appendix 15.
	26th		Relief of Bns. completed by 12.45 a.m. 28th Bn. in Right Sector. 27th Bn. in Left Sector.	
	27th		Further gas cylinders installed in the trenches.	
	28th		Information 7th Brigade to take over front of one Bn. and one Company further North.	
			Raid takes place successfully. Gas was not discharged. Report on raid. List of personnel taking part attached.	Appendix 17
	29th		Orders for release of gas and smoke issued and report on same	Appendix 18
			Gas and smoke actually released at 12.15 and 2 a.m. 27th Bn. had 5 killed and 30 wounded by hostile retaliation.	
	30th		26th Bn. relieved 8th West Kent Regiment, and order for same.	Appendix 19
			Relief completed at 12.30 a.m. on 1st July. 3 Bns. now in trenches and one (25th) in Brigade reserve.	

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KORTEPYP	30th		Summaries of Intelligence and Operations for the month of June	Appendix 20.
			Casualties for the month of June.	Appendix 21
			Drafts.	Appendix 22

J. Bacon.

Brigadier General,
7th Australian Infantry Brigade

2nd July 1916.

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MAY 30TH 1916.

UNIT		PRESENT BILLET	NEW BILLET	VACATING UNIT	REMARKS
25th Bn.	A Coy.	H 6 b 4.3.	H 12 b 3.8.	"C" Coy. Pioneer Bn.	
	B Coy.	H 6 d 6.4.			Does not move
	C Coy.	H 5 b 8.8.	H 12 b 3.7.	1 Coy. 21st Bn.	
	D Coy.	H 5 b 8.6.	H 6 d 6.3.	1 Coy. 21st Bn.	
Pioneer Bn.	A Coy.				Does not move
	B Coy.	H 6 b 9.2.	RUE FLEURIE	1 Coy. 21st Bn.	
	C Coy.	H 12 b 3.8.	H 12 d 1.1.	1 Coy. 24th Bn.	
	D Coy.				Does not move
21st Bn.	1 Coy.	RUE FLEURIE	H 6 b 9.2.	B Coy. Pioneer Bn.	
	1 Coy.	H 6 d 6.3.	H 6 b 4.3.	A Coy. 25th Bn.	
	1 Coy.	H 12 b 3.7.	H 5 b 8.8.	C Coy. 25th Bn.	
	1 Coy.	JESUS FARM	H 5 b 8.6.	D Coy 25th Bn.	
24th Bn.	1 Coy.	H 12 d 1.1.			

All moves to be completed on 31st Inst. Bns Headquarters will not for the present be moved.
Advance parties will be sent by companies to their new billets during the morning of the 31st.
The occupation and evacuation of billets will take place gradually and to prevent crowding the streets, will be spread over as long a time as possible.
25th Bn. will not hand over the ammunition bombs etc. in their billets, but will move them to the new billets.

W. F. N. Bridges
Capt.
Staff Captain,
7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Divisional Headquarters,
30th. May, 1916.

CIRCULAR MEMORANDUM NO. 33

VISIT OF THE PRIME MINISTER OF AUSTRALIA.

1. The Hon. W.M. Hughes, Prime Minister of Australia, accompanied by the Right. Hon. Andrew Fisher, High Commissioner for Australia, will visit the Division on June, 1st.

2. The following troops will parade for inspection at Square G.6.c.9.4. under thecommand of Brig-General G. J. Johnston, C.B. -
(a) 6th. Infantry Brigade - 2 half-Battalions
(b) Details of Divisional Artillery
DETails of (c) A.A.M.C. (7th. Fld. Amb. and Div. Sanitary Section)
(d) Mobile Veterinary Section.
The parade will be formed up at 2 p.m. Troops from areas south of the River LYS will move to the parade ground via the BAC ST MAUR - CROIX DU BAC Road in parties of not more than one platoon at five minutes interval.

3. At 3 p.m. the Prime Minister will witness a Bayonet Fighting display by selected N.C.Os. of the Division a t Square H.1.b.3.5.

4. The following troops will parade for inspection at H.1.b.6.9. under the command of Lieut. Colonel W.W.R. Watson, V.D. -
(a) 6th. Infantry Brigade - 2 half-Battalions
(b) 2nd. Pioneer Battalion - 1 Company
(c) Details of Divisional Engineers
(d) Details of Divisional Train
(e)Details of A.A.M.C. (5th. and 6th. Field Ambulances)
The parade will be formed up at 3 p.m. Troops from areas south of the River LYS will move to the parade ground via ERQUINGHEM and L'EPINETTE in parties of not more than one platoon at intervals of five minutes, under arrangements made by O.C. 6th. Infantry Brigade. Units marching to this parade will not use the Road between CROIX DU BAC and Square H.1.b.4.6.

5. At 4.30 p.m. the Prime Minister will inspect the Divisional Rest Station at l'ESTRADE.

6. The Prime Minister's Party will be received with a General Salute at the formed parades. Mr Hughes will probably address the troops.

7. Parade States will be handed in to the Divisional Staff Officer on duty. An approximate State will be forwarded to D.H.Q. by 9 p.m. on 31st. instant.

8. Personnel only will attend parade, all officers will be dismounted.

9. One officer from each half-Battalion and one officer or N.C.O. from each other unit will report to the Staff Officer on duty at the place of parade 15 minutes before the time fixed for forming the parade.

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10. Field Service Dress, without Packs, will be worn.

11. Troops will use the same routes moving to and from the parade grounds.

12. Receipt of this communication will be acknowledged.

T. A. BLAMEY, Lieut. Colonel,

A. A. & Q. M. G.

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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

OPERATION ORDER NO. 14.

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

1. On a date to be notified later the 7th Australian Infantry Brigade will penetrate the enemy's trenches at I 21 c 6½ 2½ for the purpose of.-

(a) Obtaining prisoners
(b) Collecting information
(c) Discovering condition and method of holding trenches.
(d) Capturing any machine guns or trench mortars in the vicinity.
(e) Doing as much damage to the enemy as possible.

2. The following information has been obtained by reconnaissance.-

1. At the point selected there are 15 to 20 yards of old wire in a bad state of repair. It is of the heavy knotty variety and has many strands of plain wire amongst it.

2. There are no transverse ditches to cross.

3. There is a hedge running from the enemy trench along the south west side of the railway for about 50 yards.

4. There is a listening post about 60 yards west of proposed point of entry, believed to be unoccupied.

5. Several machine gun emplacements are reported in this area and machine guns at I 21 c 4½ 2, I 21 c 8 4½.

6. There is a communication trench running to the Support trenches from near the point of entry.

7. There is no wire between enemy's front and support trenches.

8. The support Line botween I 27 a 4 9 to 69 is very strong.

9. Grass is now 3 feet high and has not been cleared in front of German wire.

10. There is a lot of water round 1st Line Trenches south of railway.

11. There is no stream here and fewer Communicating trenches.

12. On both sides of the railway trenches are reported to be strongly held. Traverses are numerous and well defined.

13. The ground behind front line is not badly cut up.

3. The following troops under Captain J.A.Robinson, 26th Battalion, will take part in the advance and attack:-

Scouts Lieut Gill, 28th Battalion and 5 other ranks, 28th Bn.

Covering Party. Lieut Phillips, 28th Battalion, 2 N.C.O's, 10 men.

Assault Party. Under Capt. Foss, 28th Battalion, concisting of

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Right Bombing Party under Lieut Brown, 28th Battalion, 2 N.C.O's, and 6 men.

Left Bombing Party under Captain Caless, 26th Battalion, 1 N.C.O. and 5 men.

Right Parapet Party	1 N.C.O., 2 men.
Left Parapet Party	1 N.C.O., 2 men.
Right Blocking Party	1 N.C.O., 4 men.
Left Blocking Party	1 N.C.O., 4 men.
Machine Gunners	2 men.
Runners	2 men.
Telephonist and Linesman.	2 men.
Intelligence	1 N.C.O., 1 man.
Stretcher Bearers	4 mrn (4 stretchers)
TOTAL	6 Officers, 59 other ranks.

4. Scouts will leave our trenches at I 21 c ½ 7 and will cut the wire at the point selected, I 21 c 6½ 2½. They will take out a telephonist and linesman who will lay out a wire. After enemy wire is cut Scouts will guide assaulting party to gap in the wire and after entry of Assault Party they will breach parapet to facilitate retiremont from tho trench. One man of the party will lay a luminuous tape from tho enemy parapet through tho gap in the wiro and along the route of the return journey for 100 yards.

5. Covering Party will follow the Scouts out of our trenches and will take up positions as per attached sketch to cover flanks and rear of wire cutting party, and will remain in position till Assaulting Party have all passed through on their way back to our trenches. They will then cover their retirement. They will also provido escorts for prisoners.

During wire cutting the Covering Party will be about 50 yards from the enemy wire.

Right Party	-	1 N.C.O., 4 men
Centre ,,	-	1 Officer, 3 men
Left ,,	-	1 N.C.O., 3 men

As soon as Assault Party has passed through tho Covering Party and entered the trench Left Party will be withdrawn to

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Centre Party. Flank parties will be connected up to Centre party with cords.

Assault Party will leave our trenches at 1.30 zero time from same place as Scouts and will follow the telephone line until reaching the two trees marked on the map, where they will wait for signal (5 pulls) on telephone wire, answered by two pulls, which indicates the wire is cut. (NOTE) A Scout will be sent back as well as the signal on the wire). Route marked on attached sketch map. Parties will pass through the gap in the enemy wire in tho following order:-

O.C. Assault Party, Captain Foss, 28th Battalion.

Right Bombing Party consisting of one officer, 2 bayonet men, 1 thrower, 1 carrier, 4 spare men, will advance clearing the trenches to bay beyond the sap running out to listening post. 1 N.C.O. and 1 man will proceed up the sap to the listening post to make certain this is not occupied.

Left Bombing Party consisting of 1 officer, 2 bayonet men, 1 thrower, 1 carrier and 2 spare men, will advance to bay beyond railway communication trench marked on sketch map.

Right and Left Parapet Parties. Strength 1 N.C.O., 2 men. Will ~~enter~~ not enter trench but will move along parapet slightly in rear of the bombing parties and will watch ground between enemy front and Support Trenches to ensure enemy do not enter trench in rear of the Bombing Parties.

Right Blocking Party consisting of 1 N.C.O., 1 bayonet man, 1 thrower, 1 carrier, 1 spare man, will advance 20 yards down Communication Trench just south of place of entry and will block it.

Left Blocking Party same strength as above; 15 yards down railway communication Trench.

Machine Gunners (two) will enter trench and look for and seize any hostile machine guns or trench mortars. If it is found impossible to dismount them the gun will be destroyed. Locks should be removed in any case.

Intelligence Men (1 N.C.O., 1 man) will search all German dead and dug-outs and will remove and bring back the following:-
Pay-books, identity discs, shoulder straps, letters, pocket-books, documents, specimens of flares, pistols, grenades, gas helmets, etc.
They should take particular notice of construction and design of the trenches, and will be prepared to report on anything they have seen, on their return to our trenches.

Runners will report to O.C. Assault Party, and will be available for keeping touch with parties and ensuring the withdrawal is carried out promptly.

Telephonist and Linesman will bring up instrument and wire behind Scouts and will remain with Covering Party. When Assault Party has passed through gap in the wire they will advance and report to O.C. Scouts outside the parapet and will then report to O.C. Attack, Captain Robinson, by sending word "Entered" as soon as possible after trenches have been entered. They will then wait for orders from the O.C. Assault Party.

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O.C. Assault Party will order word "Barrage" to be sent by telephone to O.C. Attack when he wishes the barrage to be put down.

As soon as retirement is ordered this will be reported to O.C. Attack, and telephone will be detached from wire and Telephonist and Linesman will return to our trenches. The wire will not be pickep up.

Stretcher Bearers will lie down outside the gap in the wire and wait for orders.

NOTE. Stretchers may be required to bridge any ditch or obstruction which is discovered between enemy wire and parapet, and if so, they will be taken up and put into position by the Scouts. Two Stretchers will be left at two trees when assault party halts for the cutting of the wire to be completed.

Above parties will leave our trenches in above order, with exception of the Runners who will accompany O.C. Assault Party.

7. The Scouts will leade the parties through the gap in the wire and O.C. Assault, Right and Left Bombing Parties, after passing through the wire, will extend along the front of the parapet and will enter the trenches at the same time, but if the alarm is raised the trench should be rushed without waiting to extend. Blocking Parties will follow as soon as possible and the remainder of the Assault Party in their turn.

These operations should be carried out as silently as possible so that the alram may not be given, and until the alarm is given Bombing Parties should move silently and cautiously through the fire bays. Should the alarm be raised parties will clear the trenches by force, speed then becoming of the first importanco. Germans surrendering will be seized and passed back to O.C. Covering Party, who will arrange for them to be escorted back to our trenches at once. Not more than three prisoners are required. The personnel of the Covering Party to do escort for prisoners will be close up to gap in wire, but outside it.

Formations in which Bombing Parties and Blocking Parties will advance along the enemy's trench.-

(a) BOMBING PARTIES.
2 bayonet men, 1 thrower, 1 carrier.
O.C. Party, spare men.
N.C.O. will take command should the Officer become a casualty.

(b) BLOCKING PARTIES.
1 bayonet man, 1 thrower, 1 carrier,
1 N.C.O. in charge, 1 spare man

8. O.C. Attack, Captain Robinson, will be located at I 20 c 1½ 7½ with two telephonists and three orderlies (supplied by "A" Battalion). He will be accompanied by Centre Group Artillery liasion officer with two telephonists, who will be in direct touch with O.C. Centre Group and a selected Battery, and also B.M.T.O.

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9. O. C. Assault Party, once trench has been entered, will direct operations from a point in the enemy's trench near point of entry.

10. O.C. "A" Battalion will arrange for a standing patrol of 1 N.C.O. and 6 men to be placed in NO MAN'S LAND, as per sketch attached, The duty of this patrol will be to prevent any hostile party advancing down the COURAU, and should any hostile machine gun open fire from NO MAN'S LAND they will put it out of action. This patrol should be practiced on previous nights. Otherwise no patrols from "A" Battalion will be sent out south west of railway line. The patrol will be withdrawn when the enemy's retaliation is finished.

11. To avoid casualties when enemy artillery open fire the front line trenches will be thinned. Half the Front Line garrison ("A" and "B" Battalions) will be withdrawn to Reserve Line, and the whole of the garrison of Rue du Bois Salient will be withdrawn to Reserve Line with the exception of three double sentries. Chord Line will not be thinned. This thinning of the Front Line to be completed by 1.30 hours after zero time. Machine guns in covered emplacements will not be withdrawn. Lewis guns in Rue Du Bois Salient will be withdrawn. Patrols and Listeners will be withdrawn also by this hour except patrol referred to in para 10. As soon as enemy's retaliation is finished trenches will again be manned and patrols and listeners pushed out.

12. Artillery. The Centre Group Artillery, reinforced by one section 10th, 11th, 18th and 104th Batteries, will be the supporting artillery, all under the command of O.C. Centre Group.

Three Divisional Medium Trench Mortars Batteries, 6th and 7th Brigades Stokes Mortars and 7th Brigade 3.7" Batteries will be grouped under the command of Divisional Trench Mortar officer for the operation.

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Action. Action of Artillery and Trench Mortars is shown in Appendix A. One hour after zero time, i.e. when wire cutting party have left our trenches, Artillery will be ordered to "Stand By". The barrage will be put into operation by the officer commanding the attack, Captain Robinson, 26th Battalion. The following code word "Barrage" will be telephoned by liaison officer to selected battery and to group commander, who will be situated at Advanced Brigade Headquarters, and by O.C. Attack to G.O.C. 7th Brigade. At the same time two blue rockets will be sent up by the O.C. Attack. On receipt of the telephone message or on seeing rocket signals the barrage will commence. At about half an hour after the cease fire has been given a further intense bombardment lasting one minute will be carried out under orders of the Centre Group Commander. The responsibility for putting down the barrage rests entirely with O.C. Attack, and in the event of his not receiving the expected telephone message, either "entered" or "Barrage" from O.C. Assault Party and in the event of firing or unusual noise going going on in the vicinity of our objective he will use his discretion as to whether he will order the barrage to be put down or not. He should be chiefly guided in his decision by the length of time the raiding party have been out and the extent and location of the disturbance or firing. The barrage will be stopped as soon as possible after the return of our raiding party.

13. Machine Guns. O.C. Machine Gun Company will arrange for one section to bring indirect fire to bear on the following targets.-

1 gun	enfilade	Front Trench	I 26 b 6 5½ to I 26 b 7 2.
1 ,,	,,	Communication Trench	I 27 a 6 6 to I 27 a 9 0.
1 ,,	,,	,, ,, ,,	I 21 d 1 3 to I 27 b 6 6.
1 ,,	,,	,, ,, ,,	I 21 d 3¾ 6 to I 21 d 6¼ 0.

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Firing will commence half an hour after wiring party leave our trenches, and will be carried on intermittently till artillery barrage commences, when No. 1 gun will engage same target as No. 2 gun, i.e. Communication Trench I 27 a 6 6 to I 22 a 8 0. Firing will then be continued until our Artillery ceases fire. In addition from Reserve Section 1 Vickers gun in front line at I 20 d 6 4 will fire on enemy parapet and wire at I 21 c 4 2. 1 Vickers gun in front line at I 21 c 2 8 will fire on enemy parapet at I 21 c 8½ 5. Firing of these guns will commence at 9 p.m. and will be carried on at intervals until our bombardment commences when they will be withdrawn to Billets. The length of interval between bursts should be reduced while enemy wire is being cut by Scouts, i.e. one hour after wire putting party leave the trench. Officer in charge of these two guns will ascertain what time wire cutting party leaves, from O.C. Attack. Brigade Machine Gun Coy. Commander will be at Advanced Brigade Headquarters. All other Vickers guns and Lewis guns to be ready to fire on enemy parapets damaged by our bombardment, especially from I 21 c 2 1 to I 21 c 5 2 and I 21 c 8 4 to I 21 b 1 9 after bombardment has ceased.

14. Withdrawal. The Assaulting Party will not remain in the enemy trenches longer than 10 minutes, but may be withdrawn at any time before that period elapses at the discretion of the O.C. Assault. The signals for withdrawal will be one long blast on a whistle followed by several short ones. This will be taken up by all the other officers and N.C.O's. The Runners will also be available for warning parties. All parties must return to the point of entry within one minute from signal being given.

It must be made clear to all ranks that any unnecessary delay in returning may have serious results, but at the same time if either of flank or blocking parties are actively engaged they must hold on for a short time longer to enable those parties not pressed by the enemy to retire first. Should this be necessary an immediate report will be made to O.C. Assault Party.

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Wounded men will walk or be carried back at once.

After passing through the wire parties will move as quickly as possible back along the luminuous tape to the point where they left our trenches. On reaching our trenches every man will give his name to O.C. Attack, and will then return to billets as soon as possible. The Covering Party (less escort to prisoners) will cover the retirement.

O.C. Assault party will use his discretion as to whether he will return direct to our trenches or halt in ditch marked on sketch plan and wait till hostile retaliation is over. If he adopts the latter alternative he will send on runners to inform O.C. Attack of his action and the situation so that our barrage may be discontinued.

The prisoners and wounded who have been sent on ahead should, however, be brought straight in. O.C. Attack will take chargo of prisoners and will arrange for them to tbe marched via Willow and Wellington Avenues to Bois Grenier Line, where they will be handed over to escort furnished by "C" Battalion. They will then be conducted to Advanced Brigade Headquarters. Prisoners should not be allowed to converse with one another, and if necessary will be kept apart. All captured documents, etc., will also be brought to Advanced Brigade Headquarters, and the O.C. Attack, O.C. Assault Parties, and 2 men detailed for Intelligence should also report as soon as possible after return to our trenches.

15. Attack Party will assemble at BURNT FARM, I 20 d prior to the operations; 5 spare men will also report in case of any casualties before the party leaves our trenches.

All above will be carefully inspected by O.C. Attack at Burnt Farm to see that neither officers or men are carrying anything likely to be of value to the enemy, such as letters, identity discs, badges, pay-books, etc.

Rifles, revolvers and equipment should have all marks indicating the unit obliterated if possible.

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16. Two blue rockets will be issued to "A" and "B" Battalions 5th Brigade and "A" and "B" Battalions 7th Brigade and "A" and "B" Battalions, 1st New Zealand Brigade. These will be let off the moment the two rockets are fired by O.C. Attack from our trenches.

In addition to the above the following rockets will be fired.- From N. end of 63 trench 2 red. From 67 trench 2 white. From Rue du Bois Salient 2 white. From 68 trench 2 red. These will be fired one minute after bombardment starts. Rockets will be distributed to all concerned by 7th Brigade Headquartors.

17. Dress. All ranks taking part in attack will wear British Army pattern uniform with sand shoes and puttees. No hats will be worn. Faces and hands will be blackened. Every man will have a piece of white material about 3" broad round both arms. This will be covered with a piece of dark cloth to be removed before entering the hostile trenches. Gas helmets will be carried by all ranks.

18. Lists of arms and equipment carried by each man is shown in Appendix B.

19. O.C. "A" Battalion will arrange for two small electric torches to be placed in our Bois Grenier Salient on the parapet facing point where attacking Party enter hostile trenches about I 21 c 4½ 9. These torches will be placed in position during daylight and sentries of "A" Battalion in Rue du Bois Salient will be instructed to switch them on five minutes after our bombardment has started. Torches will be placed side by side with about 12 inches between them and protected as far as possible from shell fire and stray bullets. This will assist parties returning and may also draw fire. The object of the light will be carefully explained to all ranks of the Attacking Party beforehand.

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20. Communications. The following special telephone lines have been laid.-

1 line Advanced Bde H.Qrs to O.C. Attack at I 20 d 9¼ 6.
1 ,, from Group Artillery Commander to Liaison Officer.
1 ,, selected Battery to Liaison Officer.
1 ,, "A" Bn H.Qrs. to O.C. Attack.
1 ,, from D.T.M.O. at I 21 c 1½ 7½ to each 2" Trench Mortar Battery Headquarters.

7th Brigade Signal Officer will be responsible that the lines are laid as soon as possible, and tested frequently. A further line will be laid from O.C. Attack to enemy trench (see para 4). If communication by this line fails information will be signalled by torch and runners used.

21. Zero time will be the hour the wire cutting party leaves the trenches and will be communicated to all concerned. Watches will be synchronised at 7.30 and 8.30 p.m. with Brigade Headquarters by telephone.

22. In order to warn units concerned and units on the flanks, of the night selected for the raid, the following message will be sent, "Paton will issue permits at ____p.m.". The hour named being the approximate time the wire cutting party will leave our trenches. Should the operations be postponed the following message will be sent to all concerned "No permits will be given by Paton to-night".

23. The O.C. Attack may decide at any time not to proceed with the operations and if he so decide he must inform Advanced Brigade Headquarters at once.

24. Reconnaissance. Careful reconnaissance will be made on the nights before the attack takes place by the Scout Officer. All ranks taking part will make themselves acquainted with the means of approach under the guidance of the Scout Officer, to within 100 yds of the enemy's wire.

25. Bomb Supplies. The Brigade Bomb Officer will provide all bombs necessary for the various parties. These will be carefully inspected before and after being fuzed.

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26. Aid Posts The R.M.O. of "A" Battalion will be prepared to deal with casualties and will arrange for six spare stretchers to be placed in the front trench at I 21 c 2 8.

27. A counter sign will be arranged for parties going over the parapet.

28. "D" Battalion will send a party with 4 stretchers to BURNT FARM to report to O.C. Attack at 9.30 p.m. on the night of the raid.

29. Capt. Paterson will remain in vicinity of O.C. Attack during operations and will take over the duties should the latter become a casualty. He will not be in the same dug-out.

30. Centre Group Artillery Commander and 7th Brigade Machine Gun Coy. Commander will report at Advanced Brigade Headquarters at 9.30 p.m.

31. Reports after 9.30 p.m. to Advanced Brigade Headquarters, I 14 b 6 4.

S Morrison-Bruce Capt.
BRIGADE MAJOR,
7th Aus Inf Brigade.

Copies to.-

O.C. Attack	Nos. 1 & 2
O.C. Centre Group Artillery.	3
O.C. Left Group Artillery.	4
O.C. Right Group Artillery.	5
7th Bde M/G Coy.	6.
G.O.C. 5th Bde.	7
,, 1st N.Z.Bde.	8
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APPENDIX "B"

LIST OF ARTICLES TO BE CARRIED BY EACH MAN.

1. OFFICERS: Revolver (1), bombs (4), bomb belt (1), life preserved (1), electric torch (1).

2. BAYONET MEN: Rifle (1), and bayonet (1), bombs (4), bomb belt (1), life preserved (1), 20 rounds S.A.A.

3. PARAPET PARTY: Rifle (1), and bayonet (1), bombs (4), bomb belt (1) life preserved (1) 20 rounds S.A.A.

4. BOMB THROWERS: Bombs (8), bomb belts (2), life preserver (1), electric torch (1), revolver (1).

5. CARRIERS: Same as Bomb throwers only with 12 bombs and 3 bomb belts.

6. SPARE MEN: Same as carriers.

7. SCOUTS: Revolver (1), life preserver (1), wire cutters -total of 3 pair, bombs (4) Bomb belt (1).

8. MACHINE GUNNERS: Revolver (1), bombs (4), bomb belt (1), life preserver (1), electric torch (1).

9. TELEPHONIST & LINESMAN. Telephone (1), revolver (1), life preserver (1).

10. STRETCHER BEARERS. Revolver (1), stretcher. life preserver (1).

11. COVERING PARTY: Bombs (4), bomb belt (1), rifle (1) and bayonet (1), life preserver (1), 50 rounds S.A.A. and web equipment

12. RUNNERS: with O.C. Assault) Revolver (1), bombs (4), life preserver (1) bomb belt (1)

13. INTELLIGENCE MEN: Revolver (1), bombs (4), life preserver (1) electric torch (1), Haversack (1) bomb belt (1).

Torches will be carried in left breast coat pocket, which should be buttoned up.

Bayonets will be painted with dark paint and carried fixed.

All life peservers will have a thong through handle.

Additional wire cutters will be issued, two to each bombing party, to be carried by spare men. One to each parapet party, one to Machine gunners, one to Intelligence men and one to each Officer.

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COURALL RIVER

Railway Fme

Dead Cow Farm.

Burnt Farm.

Park Row

Listening Post.

Shell Holes.

Rifle Pits

Trench 20×

Shell Hole.

German House

M.G.

2" T.M.

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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Brigade Headquarters,
4th June, 1916.

Headquarters,

2nd Australian Divisiom.

The following amendments in Order No.

Para 4. I 20 s 9¼ 6½ should read I 21 c ½ 7

Para.6. Line 2 I 20 d 9¼ 6 should read I 21 c 1½ 7½

Para 20. Page 10 line 3 I 20 d 9¼ 6 should read I 21 c 1½ 7½.

A corrected sketch is attached.

Brigadier General.
Commanding 7th Infantry Brigade.

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"A" Form.

Army Form C. 2121.

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

No. of Message

Prefix ..... Code ..... m. | Words | Charge

Office of Origin and Service Instructions.

Sent
At ..... m.
To .....
By .....

This message is on a/c of ..... *Service.*

(Signature of "Franking Officer.")

Recd. at ..... m.
Date 5.VI.16.
From .....
By .....

TO { Shaftbaptr. Imtbde.

Sender's Number.	Day of Month	In reply to Number	AAA
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The following corrections are necessary in O.O. No 14 issued today

(1) Page 14 Para 8 line 7. Coordinate should read 1/20 C 1½ 7½

(2) Page 7 line 20 1/20 de 1.9. should read 1/21 de 1.9.

(3) Page 10 Para 20 line 5 Coordinate should read 1/20 d/9¼. 6.

From			
Place			
Time			

The above may be forwarded as now corrected.

..... *Censor.*

(Z)

Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.

* This line should be erased if not required.

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6th June 1916.

Headquarters,
2nd Australian Division.

1. I beg to confirm the message despatched to you at 12.40. a.m. today, reporting that the raiding party did not succeed in entering the enemy trenches.

2. The wire cutting party left our trenches at 9.37 p.m. After cutting about 30 yards of the enemy wire at, or near, the point selected they came up against a fortified listening post occupied by three men. There was still about 15 yards of wire to cut, and as the officer in command, Lieut. Gill, whose report is attached, did not consider this could be done without being observed from the listening post he withdrew, replacing the wire as he came away. As time did not permit of a further attempt elsewhere, he fell back with the wire cutters on the rest of the attack party, and the whole subsequently returned to the place of exit in our trenches, reaching there at 12.18 a.m. The withdrawal was carried out quietly and without any casualties.

3. The Officer Commanding the Centre Group Artillery was consulted as to the practicability of carrying out phase 1 of the Artillery prepared scheme simultaneously with phase 3, accompanied by the demolition of the wire by 2" Trench Mortars, but he estimated that it would take at least 45 minutes to put this in operation and a further 20 minutes bombardment. As this would not give the raiding party sufficient time to carry out their part of the scheme before daylight it was decided to postpone further operations.

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Brigadier General,
7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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7th Australian Infantry Brigade

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Patrol Report

A patrol left our trenches just N. of the Courau at 9.30 p.m. on 5th inst. & proceeded towards two trees known as "Twin Willows" We then turned half left having the ~~the~~ trees at our back, entering his out entanglements at a point about 40 yds South of the railway line. The wire here was very poor indeed, quantities being spread on the ground, which was easily crawled over & only a very few standards placed at irregular intervals with a few strands between them. The wire generally appears to be in this condition for at least 30 yds. which was as far as the patrol got on a/c of coming across a Listening Post established by the enemy about 15 yds. from his parapet. There were 3 men in this post which was made out of loophole plates painted green & raised above the ground about a height of 3'6" to 4'. We think they observed us as the 3 men were all looking in our direction for some time & we were only about 4 or 5 yds. from them at the time As it was now 11.30 pm it was too late to start to cut a new ~~plate~~ path in the wire so the patrol returned & reported to Capt. Foss. There is abundant cover in the enemy's wire which about this point & towards the Railway line seems to be in a very poor condition & easy to get through

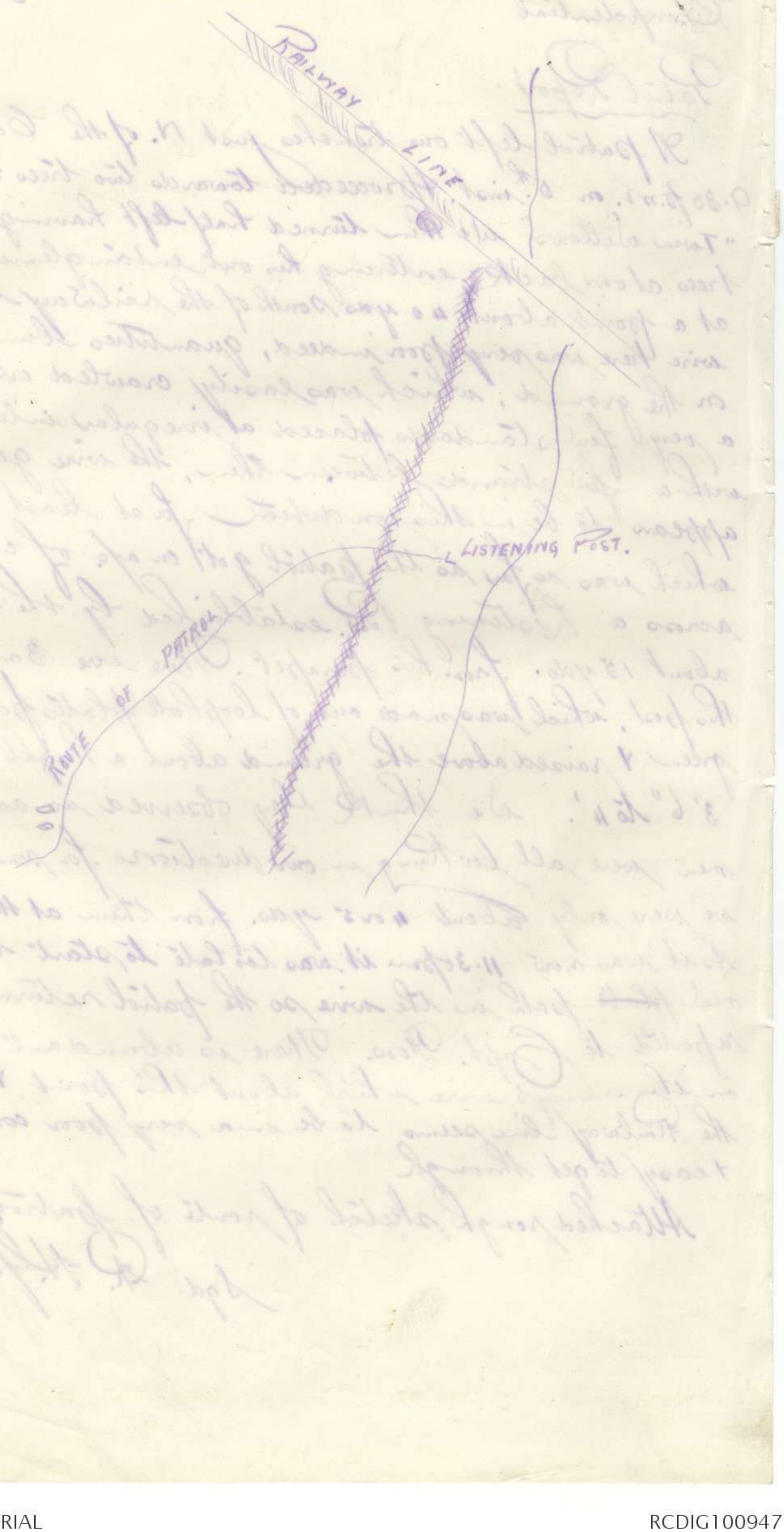
Attached rough sketch of route of patrol

Sgd. R. H. Gill Lt

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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

OPERATION ORDER NO. 14. 5/6/16.

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

1. On a date to be notified later the 7th Australian Infantry Brigade will penetrate the enemy's trenches at I 21 c 6½ 2½ for the purpose of.- . . .

(a) Obtaining prisoners . . .
(b) Collecting information
(c) Discovering condition and method of holding trenches.
(d) Capturing any machine guns or trench mortars in the vicinity.
(e) Doing as much damage to the enemy as possible.

2. The following information has been obtained by reconnaissance.-

1. At the point selected there are 15 to 20 yards of old wire in a bad state of repair. It is of the heavy knotty variety and has many strands of plain wire amongst it.

2. There are no transverse ditches to cross.

3. There is a hedge running from the enemy trench along the south west side of the railway for about 50 yards.

4. There is a listening post about 60 yards west of proposed point of entry, believed to be unoccupied.

5. Several machine gun emplacements are reported in this area and machine guns at I 21 c 4½ 2, I 21 c 8 4½.

6. There is a communication trench running to the Support trenches from near the point of entry.

7. There is no wire between enemy's front and support trenches.

8. The support Line botween I 27 a 4 9 to 69 is very strong.

9. Grass is now 3 feet high and has not been cleared in front of German wire.

10. There is a lot of water round 1st Line Trenches south of railway.

11. There is no stream here and fewer Communicating trenches.

12. On both sides of the railway trenches are reported to be strongly held. Traverses are numerous and well defined.

13. The ground behind front line is not badly cut up.

3. The following troops under Captain J.A.Robinson, 26th Battalion, will take part in the advance and attack:-

Scouts Lieut Gill, 28th Battalion and 5 other ranks, 28th Bn.

Covering Party. Lieut Phillips, 28th Battalion, 2 N.C.O's, 10 men.

Assault Party. Under Capt. Foss, 28th Battalion, concisting of

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Right Bombing Party under Lieut Brown, 28th Battalion, 2 N.C.O's, and 6 men.

Left Bombing Party under Captain Caless, 26th Battalion, 1 N.C.O. and 5 men.

Right Parapet Party	1 N.C.O., 2 men.
Left Parapet Party	1 N.C.O., 2 men.
Right Blocking Party	1 N.C.O., 4 men.
Left Blocking Party	1 N.C.O., 4 men.
Machine Gunners	2 men.
Runners	2 men.
Telephonist and Linesman.	2 men.
Intelligence	1 N.C.O., 1 man.
Stretcher Bearers	4 mrn (4 stretchers)
TOTAL	6 Officers, 59 other ranks.

Scouts will leave our trenches at I 21 c ½ 7 and will cut the wire at the point selected, I 21 c 6½ 2½. They will take out a telephonist and linesman who will lay out a wire. After enemy wire is cut Scouts will guide assaulting party to gap in the wire and after entry of Assault Party they will breach parapet to facilitate retiremont from tho trench. One man of the party will lay a luminucus tape from the enemy parapet through the gap in the wire and along the route of the return journey for 100 yards.

5. Covering Party will follow the Scouts out of our trenches and will take up positions as per attached sketch to cover flanks and rear of wire cutting party, and will remain in position till Assaulting Party have all passed through on their way back to our trenches. They will then cover their retirement. They will also provide escorts for prisoners.

During wire cutting the Covering Party will be about 50 yards from the enemy wire.

Right Party	-	1 N.C.O., 4 men
Centre ,,	-	1 Officer, 3 men
Left ,,	-	1 N.C.O., 3 men

As soon as Assault Party has passed through the Covering Party and entered the trench Left Party will be withdrawn to

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Centre Party. Flank parties will be connected up to Centre party with cords.

Assault Party will leave our trenches at 1.30 zero time from same place as Scouts and will follow the telephone line until reaching the two trees marked on the map, where they will wait for signal (5 pulls) on telephone wire, answered by two pulls, which indicates the wire is cut. (NOTE) A Scout will be sent back as well as the signal on the wire.). Route marked on attached sketch map. Parties will pass through the gap in the enemy wire in the following order:-

O.C. Assault Party, Captain Foss, 28th Battalion.

Right Bombing Party consisting of one officer, 2 bayonet men, 1 thrower, 1 carrier, 4 spare men, will advance clearing the trenches to bay beyond the sap running out to listening post. 1 N.C.O. and 1 man will proceed up the sap to the listening post to make certain this is not occupied.

Left Bombing Party consisting of 1 officer, 2 bayonet men, 1 thrower, 1 carrier and 2 spare men, will advance to bay beyond railway communication trench marked on sketch map.

Right and Left Parapet Parties. Strength 1 N.C.O., 2 men. Will enter not enter trench but will move along parapet slightly in rear of the bombing parties and will watch ground between enemy front and Support Trenches to ensure enemy do not enter trench in rear of the Bombing Parties.

Right Blocking Party consisting of 1 N.C.O., 1 bayonet man, 1 thrower, 1 carrier, 1 spare man, will advance 20 yards down Communication Trench just south of place of entry and will block it.

Left Blocking Party same strength as above; 15 yards down railway communication Trench.

Machine Gunners (two) will enter trench and look for and seize any hostile machine guns or trench mortars. If it is found impossible to dismount them the gun will be destroyed. Locks should be removed in any case.

Intelligence Men (1 N.C.O., 1 man) will search all German dead and dug-outs and will remove and bring back the following:-
Pay-books, identity discs, shoulder straps, letters, pocket-books, documents, specimens of flares, pistols, grenades, gas helmets, etc.
They should take particular notice of construction and design of the trenches, and will be prepared to report on anything they have seen, on their return to our trenches.

Runners will report to O.C. Assault Party, and will be available for keeping touch with parties and ensuring the withdrawal is carried out promptly.

Telephonist and Linesman will bring up instrument and wire behind Scouts and will remain with Covering Party. When Assault Party has passed through gap in the wire they will advance and report to O.C. Scouts outside the parapet and will then report to O.C. Attack, Captain Robinson, by sending word "Entered" as soon as possible after trenches have been entered. They will then wait for orders from the O.C. Assault Party.

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O.C. Assault Party will order word "Barrage" to be sent by telephone to O.C. Attack when he wishes the barrage to be put down.

As soon as retirement is ordered this will be reported to O.C. Attack, and telephone will be detached from wire and Telephonist and Linesman will return to our trenches. The wire will not be pickep up.

Stretcher Bearers will lie down outside the gap in the wire and wait for orders.

NOTE. Stretchers may be required to bridge any ditch or obstruction which is discovered between enemy wire and parapet, and if so, they will be taken up and put into position by the Scouts. Two Stretchers will be left at two trees when assault party halts for the cutting of the wire to be completed.

Above parties will leave our trenches in above order, with exception of the Runners who will accompany O.C. Assault Party.

7. The Scouts will leade the parties through the gap in the wire and O.C. Assault, Right and Left Bombing Parties, after passing through the wire, will extend along the front of the parapet and will enter the trenches at the same time, but if the alarm is raised the trench should be rushed withour waiting to extend. Blocking Parties will follow as soon as possible and the remainder of the Assault Party in their turn.

These operations should be carried out as silently as possible so that the alram may not be given, and until the alarm is given Bombing Parties should move silontly and cautiously through the fire bays. Should the alarm be raised parties will clear the trenches by force, speed then becoming of the first importanco. Germans surrendering will be seized and passed back to O.C. Covering Party, who will arrange for them to be escorted back to our trenches at once. Not more than three prisoners are required. The personnel of the Covering Party to do escort for prisoners will be close up to gap in wire, but outside it.

Formations in which Bombing Parties and Blocking Parties will advance along the enemy's trench.-

(a) BOMBING PARTIES.
2 bayonet men, 1 thrower, 1 carrier.
O.C. Party, spare men.
N.C.O. will take command should the Officer become a casualty.

(b) BLOCKING PARTIES.
1 bayonet man, 1 thrower, 1 carri r,
1 N.C.O. in charge, 1 spare man

8. O.C. Attack, Captain Robinson, will be located at I 20 6 1½ 7½ with two telephonists and three orderlies (supplied by "A" Battalion). He will be accompanied by Centre Group Artillery liasion officer with two telephonists, who will be in direct touch with O.C. Centre Group and a selected Battery, and also B.M.T.O.

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9 O. C. Assault Party, once trench has been entered, will direct perations from a point in the enemy's trench near point of entry.

10. O.C. "A" Battalion will arrange for a standing patrol of 1 N.C.O. and 6 men to be placed in NO MAN'S LAND, as per sketch attached, The duty of this patrol will be to prevent any hostile party advancing down the COURAU and should any hostile machine gun open fi Para 10. Cancelled. ey will put it out of action. This ces on previous nights. Otherwise no patrols from "A" Battalion will be sent out south west of railway line. The patrol will be withdrawn when the enemy's retaliation is finished.

11. To avoid casualties when enemy artillery open fire the front line trenches will be thinned. Half the Front Line garrison ("A" and "B" Battalions) will be withdrawn to Reserve Line, and the whole of the garrison of Rue du Bois Salient will be withdrawn to Reserve Line with the exception of three double sentries. Chord Line will not be thinned. This thinning of the Front Line to be completed by 1.30 hours after zero time. Machine guns in covered emplacements will not be withdrawn. Lewis guns in Rue Du Bois Salient will be withdrawn. Patrols and Listeners will be withdrawn also by this hour except patrol referred to in para 10. As soon as enemy's retaliation is finished trenches will again be manned and patrols and listeners pushed out.

12. Artillery. The Centre Group Artillery, reinforced by one section 10th, 11th, 18th and 104th Batteries, will be the supporting artillery, all under the command of O.C. Centre Group.

Three Divisional Medium Trench Mortars Batteries, 6th and 7th Brigades Stokes Mortars and 7th Brigade 3.7" Batteries will be grouped under the command of Divisional Trench Mortar officer for the operation.

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Action. Action of Artillery and Trench Mortars is shown in Appendix A. One hour after zero time, i.e. when wire cutting party have left our trenches, Artillery will be ordered to "Stand By". The barrage will be put into operation by the officer commanding the attack, Captain Robinson, 26th Battalion. The following code word "Barrage" will be telephoned by liaison officer to selected battery and to group commander, who will be situated at Advanced Brigade Headquarters, and by O.C. Attack to G.O.C. 7th Brigade. At the same time two blue rockets will be sent up by the O.C. Attack. On receipt of the telephone message or on seeing rocket signals the barrage will commence. At about half an hour after the cease fire has been given a further intense bombardment lasting one minute will be carried out under orders of the Centre Group Commander. The responsibility for putting down the barrage rests entirely with O.C. Attack, and in the event of his not receiving the expected telephone message, either "entered" or "Barrage" from O.C. Assault Party and in the event of firing or unusual noise ~~going~~ going on in the vicinity of our objective he will use his discretion as to whether he will order the barrage to be put down or not. He should be chiefly guided in his decision by the length of time the raiding party have been out and the extent and location of the disturbance or firing. The barrage will be stopped as soon as possible after the return of our raiding party.

13. Machine Guns. O.C. Machine Gun Company will arrange for one section to bring indirect fire to bear on the following targets.-

1	gun	enfilade	Front Trench	I 26 b 6 5½ to I 26 b 7 2.
1	,,	,,	Communication Trench	I 27 a 6 6 to I 27 a 9 0.
1	,,	,,	,, ,, ,,	I 21 d 1 3 to I 27 b 6 6.
1	,,	,,	,, ,, ,,	I 21 d 3¾ 6 to I 21 d 6¼ 0.

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Firing will commence half an hour after wiring party leave our trenches, and will be carried on intermittently till artillery barrage commences, when No. 1 gun will engage same target as No. 2 gun, i.e. Communication Trench I 27 a 6 6 to I 22 a 9 0. Firing will then be continued until our Artillery ceases fire. In addition from Reserve Section 1 Vickers gun in front line at I 20 d 6 4 will fire on enemy parapet and wire at I 21 c 4 2. 1 Vickers gun in front line at I 21 c 2 8 will fire on enemy parapet at I 21 c 8½ 5. Firing of these guns will commence at 9 p.m. and will be carried on at intervals until our bombardment commences when they will be withdrawn to Billets. The length of interval between bursts should be reduced while enemy wire is being cut by Scouts, i.e. one hour after wire putting party leave the trench. Officer in charge of these two guns will ascertain what time wire cutting party leaves, from O.C. Attack. Brigade Machine Gun Coy. Commander will be at Advanced Brigade Headquarters. All other Vickers guns and Lewis guns to be ready to fire on enemy parapets damaged by our bombardment, especially from I 21 c 2 1 to I 21 c 5 2 and I 21 c 8 4 to I 21 b 1 9 after bombardment has ceased.

14. Withdrawal. The Assaulting Party will not remain in the enemy trenches longer than 10 minutes, but may be withdrawn at any time before that period elapses at the discretion of the O.C. Assault. ~~The signals for withdrawal~~ "The signals for withdrawal will be a series of green flares fired by O.C. Assault Party in direction of enemy's Support Trench". The Runners will also be available for warning parties. All parties must return to the point of entry within one minute from signal being given.

It must be made clear to all ranks that any unnecessary delay in returning may have serious results, but at the same time if either of flank or blocking parties are actively engaged they must hold on for a short time longer to enable those parties not pressed by the enemy to retire first. Should this be necessary an immediate report will be made to O.C. Assault Party.

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Wounded men will walk or be carried back at once.

After passing through the wire parties will move as quickly as possible back along the luminuous tape to the point where they left our trenches. On reaching our trenches every man will give his name to O.C. Attack, and will then return to billets as soon as possible. The Covering Party (less escort to prisoners) will cover the retirement.

O.C. Assault party will use his discretion as to whether he will return direct to our trenches or halt in ditch marked on sketch plan and wait till hostile retaliation is over. If he adopts the latter alternative he will send on runners to inform O.C. Attack of his action and the situation so that our barrage may be discontinued.

The prisoners and wounded who have been sent on ahead should, however, be brought straight in. O.C. Attack will take chargo of prisoners and will arrange for them to tbe marched via Willow and Wellington Avenues to Bois Grenier Line, where they will be handed over to escort furnished by "C" Battalion. They will then be conducted to Advanced Brigade Headquarters. Prisoners should not be allowed to converse with one another, and if necessary will be kept apart. All captured documents, etc., will also be brought to Advanced Brigade Headquarters, and the O.C. Attack, O.C. Assault Parties, and 2 men detailed for Intelligence should also report as soon as possible after return to our trenches.

15. Attack Party will assemble at BURNT FARM, I 20 d prior to the operations; 5 spare men will also report in case of any casualties before the party leaves our trenches.

All above will be carefully inspected by O.C. Attack at Burnt Farm to see that neither officers or men are carrying anything likely to be of value to the enemy, such as letters, identity discs, badges, pay-books, etc.

Rifles, revolvers and equipment should have all marks indicating the unit obliterated if possible.

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16. Two blue rockets will be issued to "A" and "B" Battalions 5th Brigade and "A" and "B" Battalions 7th Brigade and "A" and Pa "B" Battalions, 1st New Zealand Brigade. These will be let off the moment the two rockets are fired by O.C. Attack from our Pa trenches.

In addition to the above the following rockets will be fired.- From N. end of 63 trench 2 red. From 67 trench 2 white. From Rue du Bois Salient 2 white. From 68 trench 2 red. These will be fired one minute after bombardment starts. Rockets will be distributed to all concerned by 7th Brigade Headquarters.

17. Dress. All ranks taking part in attack will wear British Army pattern uniform with sand shoes and puttees. No hats will be worn. Faces and hands will be blackened. Every man will have a piece of white material about 3" broad round both arms. This will be covered with a piece of dark cloth to be removed before entering the hostile trenches. Gas helmets will be carried by all ranks.

18. Lists of arms and equipment carried by each man is shown in Appendix B.

19. O.C. "A" Battalion will arrange for two small electric torches to be placed in our Bois Grenier Salient on the parapet facing Pa point where attacking Party enter hostile trenches about I 21 c 4½ 9. These torches will be placed in position Par during daylight and sentries of "A" Battalion in Rue du Bois Salient will be instructed to switch them on ~~five minutes~~ 20 min after our bombardment has started. Torches will be placed Par side by side with about 12 inches between them and protected as far as possible from shell fire and stray bullets. This will assist parties returning and may also draw fire. The object of the light will be carefully explained to all ranks of the Attacking Party beforehand.

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20. Communications. The following special telephone lines have been laid.-

1 line Advanced Bde H.Qrs to O.C. Attack at I ~~20 d 9½~~ 6. I 21 c 1½ 7½
1 ,, from Group Artillery Commander to Liaison Officer.
1 ,, selected Battery to Liaison Officer.
1 ,, "A" Bn H.Qrs. to O.C. Attack.
1 ,, from D.T.M.O. at I 21 c 1½ 7½ to each 2" Trench Mortar Battery Headquarters.

Para 7th Brigade Signal Officer will be responsible that the lines are laid as soon as possible, and tested frequently. A further line will be laid from O.C. Attack to enemy trench (see para 4). If communication by this line fails information will be signalled by ~~torch~~ lamp and runners used.

Para 22 Zero time will be the hour the wire cutting party leaves the trenches and will be communicated to all concerned. Watches

Para 2 will be synchronised at 7.30 and 8.30 p.m. with Brigade Headquarters by telephone.

Para 2. In order to warn units concerned and units on the flanks, of the

Para 25 night selected for the raid, the following message will be sent, "Paton will issue permits at ____p.m.". The hour named being the approximate time the wire cutting party will leave our trenches. Should the operations be postponed the following message will be sent to all concerned "No permits will be given by Paton to-night".

The O.C. Attack may decide at any time not to proceed with the operations and if he so decide he must inform Advanced Brigade Headquarters at once.

24. Roconnaissance. Careful reconnaissance will be made on the nights before the attack takes place by the Scout Officer. All ranks taking part will make themselves acquainted with the means of approach under the guidance of the Scout Officer, to within 100 yds of the enemy's wire.

25. Bomb Supplies. The Brigade Bomb Officer will provide all bombs necessary for the various parties. These will be carefully inspected before and after being fuzed.

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26. Aid Posts. The R.M.O. of "A" Battalion will be prepared to deal with casualties and will arrange for six spare stretchers to be placed in the front trench at I 21 c 2 8.

A counter sign will be arranged for parties going over the parapet.

"D" Battalion will send a party with 4 stretchers to BURNT FARM Par to report to O.C. Attack at 9.30 p.m. on the night of the raid.

Capt. Paterson will remain in vicinity of O.C. Attack during Par perations and will take over the duties should the latter become a casualty. He will not be in the same dug-out.

Para Centre Group Artillery Commander and 7th Brigade Machine Gun Coy. Para Commander will report at Advanced Brigade Headquarters at 9.30 p.m.

Reports after 9.30 p.m. to Advanced Brigade Headquarters, Para I 14 b 6 4.

Para

Copies to.-

O.C. Attack	Nos. 1 & 2
O.C. Centre Group Artillery.	3
O.C. Left Group Artillery.	4
O.C. Right Group Artillery.	5
7th Bde M/G Coy.	6.
G.O.C. 5th Bde.	7
,, 1st N.Z.Bde.	8
2nd Aust Division	9 & 10
D.T.M.O.	11
"A" Battalion	12
"B" ,,	13
"C" ,,	14
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S. Rowan-Robinson Capt.
BRIGADE MAJOR,
7th Aus Inf Brigade.

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Ditches ----

Roads ———

Route Covering Party Standing Patrols Ditch

B

A

B

D

COURAU RIVER

Railway Line

Dead Cow Farm.

Burnt Farm.

Park Row

German House

Listening Post.

Shell Holes

Rifle Pit

Trench 20 x 2

Asphalt

Shell Hole

Shell Holes.

Listening Post.

M.G.

M.G.

M.G.

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Ditches ----

Roads ———

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Barrage
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B

A

B

D

C

COURAU RIVER

Railway Fme

Dead Cow Farm.

Burnt Farm.

Park Row

Listening Post.

Shell Holes.

Rifle pits

Trench 20'

Shell Hole.

German House

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LIST OF ARTICLES TO BE CARRIED BY EACH MAN.

1. OFFICERS: Revolver (1), bombs (4), bomb belt (1), life preserved (1), electric torch (1).

2. BAYONET MEN: Rifle (1), and bayonet (1), bombs (4), bomb belt (1), life preserved (1), 20 rounds S.A.A.

3. PARAPET PARTY: Rifle (1), and bayonet (1), bombs (4), bomb belt (1) life preserved (1) 20 rounds S.A.A.

4. BOMB THROWERS: Bombs (8), bomb belts (2), life preserver (1), electric torch (1), revolver (1).

5. CARRIERS: Same as Bomb throwers only with 12 bombs and 3 bomb belts.

6. SPARE MEN: Same as carriers.

7. SCOUTS: Revolver (1), life preserver (1), wire cutters -total of 3 pair, bombs (4) Bomb belt (1).

8. MACHINE GUNNERS: Revolver (1), bombs (4), bomb belt (1), life preserver (1), electric torch (1).

9. TELEPHONIST & LINESMAN. Telephone (1), revolver (1), life preserver (1).

10. STRETCHER BEARERS. Revolver (1), stretcher. life preserver (1).

11. COVERING PARTY: Bombs (4), bomb belt (1), rifle (1) and bayonet (1), life preserver (1), 50 rounds S.A.A. and web equipment

12. RUNNERS: with O.C. Assault) Revolver (1), bombs (4), life preserver (1) bomb belt (1)

13. INTELLIGENCE MEN: Revolver (1), bombs (4), life preserver (1) electric torch (1), Haversack (1) bomb belt (1).

Torches will be carried in left breast coat pocket, which should be buttoned up.

Bayonets will be painted with dark paint and carried fixed.

All life peservers will have a thong through handle.

Additional wire cutters will be issued, two to each bombing party, to be carried by spare men. One to each parapet party, one to Machine gunners, one to Intelligence men and one to each Officer. 4 and 10 each Scout.

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Para 1. Line 2. Add after "trenches". "After preliminary artillery bombardment".

Para 2. Add 14. A strong occupied listening post has been located at I 21 c 6¼ 3.

Para 3. Right Bombing Party. Should read "Under Lt. Brown, 28th Battalion, 1 N.C.O., 5 men".

Left Bombing Party. Should read "Under Capt. Caless, 26th Battalion, 2 N.C.O's, 6 men".

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Para 4. Cancel. Substitute the following:- Scouts will leave our trenches at I 21 c ½ 7 as soon as it is dark enough. They will take out telephonist and linesman who will lay out wire. Scouts will guide assault party to the enemy's wire and preceed them through the wire, cutting any strands of wire which have not already been destroyed. After entry of assaulting party scouts will breach enemy's parapet to facilitate retirement from the trench. One man of the party will lay luminuous tape from the enemy's parapet through gap in the wire and along the route of the return journey for about 100 yards.

Telephonist and Linesman. Will bring instrument and lay out wire behind Scouts.As soon as Assault Party enter trench they will report to O.C. Scouts outside the parapet and then report by telephone to O.C. Attack, Captain Robinson, by sending word "Entered" as soon as possible after trenches have been entered. They will then wait for orders from the O.C. Assault Party.

As soon as retirement is ordered they will be instructed by O.C. Assault to send "All clear". Telephone will then be detached from wire and Telephonist and Linesman will return to our trenches. Wire will not be taken up

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para.5. Cancel Substitute the following:- Assault Party will leave our trenches-1.30. zero time from I 21 c ½ 7 and will follow scouts and telephone line until they reach a position about 150 yards from enemy trench, where they will wait until 0.20 zero time, when artillery will lift their fire. The Assault Party will then follow scouts through the enemy's wire in the following order:-

O.C. Assault Party, Captain Foss, 28th Battalion.

Right Bombing Party consisting of one officer, 2 bayonet men, 1 thrower, 1 carrier, 4 spare men, will advance clearing the trenches to bay beyond the sap running out to unoccupied listening post.

Left Bombing Party consisting of one officer, 2 bayonet men, 1 thrower, 1 carrier, and 2 spare men, will advance to bay beyond railway communication trench marked on sketch map. 1 N.C.O. and 1 man will proceed up the sap to the listening post referred to in para.2 (14) to deal with garrison.

Right and Left Parapet Parties. Strength 1 N.C.O. 2 men. Will not enter trench but will move along parapet slightly in rear of the bombing parties and will watch ground between enemy Front and Support Trenches to ensure enemy do not enter trench in rear of the Bombing Parties.

Right Blocking Parties consisting of 1 N.C.O., 1 bayonet man, 1 thrower, 1 carrier, one spare man, will advance 20 yds down Communication Trench south of place of entry and will block it.

Left Blocking Party same strength as above; 15 yds down railway communication trench.

Machine Gunners (two) will enter trench and look for and seize any hostile machine guns or trench mortars. If it is found impossible to dismount them the gun will be destroyed. Locks should be removed in any case.

Intelligence Men (1 N.C.O., 1 man) will search all German dead and dug-outs and will remove and bring back the following:-

Pay-books, identity discs, shoulder straps, letters, pocket-books, documents, specimens of flares, pistols grenades, gas-helmets etc.

They should take particular notice of construction and design of trenches, and will be prepared to report on anything they have seen, on their return to our trenches.

Runners will move with O.C. Assault Party and will be available for keeping touch with parties and ensuring the withdrawal is carried our properly.

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Para.6 Cancel. Substitute the following:- Covering Party will follow the Assault Party out of our trenches and will take up a position in extended order at 1 pace intervals along our side of the enemy's wire. They will remain in position until the Assaulting Party have all retired through them on their way back to our trenches and will cover their retirement. They will also provide escorts for prisoners if necessary. Four Stretcher Bearers carrying one stretcher each will accompany the Covering Party.

Additional men can be drawn from Assault Party if required to carry casualties back to our trenches.

Para 7. ACTION. Cancel. Substitute the following.-

O.C. Assault Party, Left and Right Bombing Parties after passing through the enemy's wire will extend along front of enemy's parapet and enter trenches simutaneously. Remainder of Assault Party will conform. The trenches will be cleared by force as speedily as possible. Germans surrendering will be escorted and passed back by scouts to O.C. Covering Party, who will arrange for them to be escorted back to our trenches at once. Not more than three prisoners are required. Formations in which Bombing and Blocking Parties will advance along enemy's trench are as follows:-

(a) BOMBING PARTIES.
2 bayonet men, 1 thrower, 1 carrier.
O.C. Party, spare men.
N.C.O. will take command should the Officer become a casualty.

(b) BLOCKING PARTIES.
1 bayonet man, 1 thrower, 1 carrier,
1 N.C.O. in charge, 1 spare man.

Para 8. As before, co-ordinates should read I 21 c $1\frac{1}{2}$ $7\frac{1}{2}$.

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Para 9. No alteration.

Para 11. Line 7. "1.30 hours after zero time" should read "zero time". Line 10 omit "except patrol referred to in para 10".

Para 12. ACTION. Page 6. Substitute the following:-

Action of artillery and trench mortars is shown in Appendix A.

At ~~minus 60 minutes~~ -0.60 zero time artillery will be ordered to Stand By. At zero time the right diversion will commence. Left diversion and bombardment of area to be attacked will commence at 0.10 zero time. During this bombardment trench mortars will destroy the wire in front of enemies trench at point where it is intended to penetrate. At 0.20 fire on portion of enemy's trench to be attacked will be lifted and Assault Party will advance and enter enemy's trenches. Two minutes after the receipt of telephone message "All Clear" artillery barrage will again be dropped on to the enemy's front trenches. The barrage will be stopped by O.C. Attack as soon as possible after the return of the raiding party to our trenches.

At about half an hour after our bombardment has ceased a further intense bombardment of the same targets for two minutes will take place, under the orders of the Centre Group Commander.

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13. Cancel para 13 and substitute the following:-

Machine Guns. O.C. 7th Brigade Machine Gun Company will arrange for one section to bring indirect fire to bear on the following targets:-

2 guns enfilade Communication Trench I 27 a 6 6 to I 27 a 9 0.
2 ,, ,, ,, ,, I 21 d 1 3 to I 27 b 6 6.

Firing will commence at 0.10 zero time and will be carried on continuously until our guns cease fire. In addition O.C. 7th Brigade Machine Gun Company will detail two guns from the Reserve Section to occupy temporary emplacements in our front line between I 20 d 9 6 and I 20 d 6 4 with orders to engage any hostile machine gun, either in enemies front line or NO MAN'S LAND, which may open fire on our assaulting party, care being taken that no fire takes place on targets N.E. of a line I 21 c 3 1, to I 21 c 0 7.

Para. 14

Line 9 add.- "As soon as retirement has commenced a message "All Clear" will be sent to O.C. Attack by the telephonist under orders from O.C. Assault".

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ra 15. No alteration.

ra 16. Cancel and substitute the following:-

"The following rockets will be fired immediately rockets are seen ascending from the enemy's trenches, as follows:-

From north end 63 trench	2 red rockets.
,, 67 trench	2 white rockets.
,, Rue du Bois Chord	2 ,, ,,
,, 68 trench	2 red rockets.

ra 17. No alteration.

ra 18. No alteration.

ra 19. Line 6, substitute for "five minutes after our bombardment has started" "at 0.20 zero time".

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20. Line 3. Co-ordinate to read I 21 c $1\frac{1}{2}$ $7\frac{1}{2}$.
Line 13. Cancel. Substitute "will be sent by runners".

21. Cancel and substitute. Zero time will be 11.15 p.m.
Watches will be synchronised at 7.30 and 8.30 p.m. at Brigade Headquarters by telephone.

22 No alteration.

23 Cancelled

24 No alteration.

25 No alteration.

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a 26. No alteration.

a 27. No alteration.

28. Line 2. "9.30 p.m." should read "9 p.m."

29 No alteration.

30. No alteration.

31. No alteration.

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7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

Headquarters,
2nd Aust Div.

8th June 1916.

Report on raid carried out by the 7th Australian Infantry Brigade on the German Trenches at I 21 c 6½ 2½ on the night 6th/7th June 1916.

1. On the night 5th/6th June a raid was attempted without preliminary bombardment but was postponed owing to the presence of a strong listening post in the enemy's wire, which prevented our wire cutting party completing their task.

2. On night 6th/7th June the raid was successfully carried out by the same party, assisted by a preliminary Artillery and Trench Mortar bombardment.

Three prisoners were brought back and at least 12 of the enemy were killed by the Raiding Party.

3. Our party sustained no casualties in the enemy's trenches, but two were killed and eight wounded (3 of whom are at duty) subsequently. The enemy made a vigorous reply to our bombardment and a shell which fell short in NO MAN'S LAND was responsible for most of our casualties.

4. Attached is
(1) Report of O.C. Assault Party. Appendix "A"
(2) Time-table of events as they occurred. "B"
(3) Summary of information gained by interrogating Raiding Party. "C"
(4) Notes on operation and on the way they were carried out. "D"
(5) Notes for consideration for future raids. "E"
(6) Casualties, List of. "F"
(7) Nominal Roll of personnel of Raiding Party. "G"

W. Holland Capt
A.D.C.

Brigadier General,
7th Aust Inf Brigade.

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APPENDIX "B".

TIME-TABLE OF EVENTS.

5.30 p.m.	7th Brigade Operation Orders issued.
8. 0 p.m.	Artillery Operation Orders received.
9.40 p.m.	Raid Party commenced leaving our trenches.
10.25 p.m.	Alterations made in Artillery task by O.C. Centre Group Artillery.
11.15 p.m.	Everything all quiet until right diversion commenced.
11.25 p.m.	Left diversion and preliminary bombardment commenced.
11.33 p.m.	Report from O.C. Attack - situation appears "O.K".
11.50 p.m.	All telephone wires from Advanced Brigade Headquarters to O.C. Attack were reported cut.
12. 1 a.m.	"All Clear" message received thrcugh Centre Group H.Qrs. NOTE. Received from Liaison Officer through 14th Battery.
12.5 a.m.	O.C. Attack reported one prisoner arrived; party on the way.
12.10 a.m.	Batteries ordered to cease fire.
12.15 a.m.	All Batteries had ceased fire.
12.35 a.m.	O.C. Attack reports Raid successful. Few casualties. 5 prisoners. Enemy's fire practically ceased.
12.37 a.m.	One prisoner arrived at Advanced Brigade Headquarters. Interrogated by Corps Intelligence Officer.
12.50 a.m.	O.C. Attac k reports "Majority of party back. Capt. Foss and remainder still in NO MAN'S LAND".
1. 0 a.m.	Captain Foss' whole party reported in - two men killed. Killed have been brought in.
1.20 a.m.	Two more prisoners arrived at Advanced Brigade Headquarters.
1.35 a.m.	O.C. Attack & O.C. Assault reported at Advanced Brigade H.Qrs.
1.37 a.m.	Our Artillery fired intensely for one minute.
1.50 a.m.	Battalions ordered to resume normal dispositions.
1.52 a.m.	Identification of prisoners reported to Division.
2.30 a.m.	G.O.C. left Advanced Brigade Headquarters.

TIME-TABLE OF ENEMY ARTILLERY FIRE.

11.16 p.m.	Enemy sent up series of rockets.
11.17 p.m.	Enemy commenced shelling on right 5th Brigade area, and worked to left.
11.38 p.m.	Enemy fire heaviest. Distributed along the line, but more concentrated near Rue du Bois Salient.
11.47 p.m.	Enemy shelling working closer to S.S. Line.
11.53 p.m.	Fire commenced to slaken.

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11.57 p.m. Rate reduced to normal.

12. 5 a.m. Majority of heavy shells directed behind Salient and on its Support and Reserve Lines.

12.10 a.m. Fire much lighter.

12.30 a.m. Enemy fire almost ceased.

12.40 a.m. Fire ceased.

1.40 a.m. Enemy red twin flares sent up.

1.41 a.m. Enemy retaliation.

1.54 a.m. Enemy fire ceased.

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APPENDIX "D".

N O T E S O N O P E R A T I O N S.

Orders. Owing to shortness of time for preparation of orders the details of the Artillery scheme were not available until a late hour. It was considered advisable to switch one section of Howitzers on toportion of the enemy's parapet it was intended to penetrate. This was carried out satisfactorily by O-C- Centre Group.

Composition of parties proved satisfactory, but the addition of special parties in the trenches for dealing with prisoners would have been of assistance.

The men specially detailed for the collection of intelligence brought in a large quantity of literature.

Runners proved invaluable.

The fact that whole party had been out in NO MAN'S LAND the night before facilitated the operations as it gave the men confidence, and enabled the advance to be carried out quickly.

The work of the trench mortars in wire cutting was excellent. Several craters were made which impeded the advance of raiding parties.

Our Artillery are reported to have carried out their tasks accurately, and no short bursts were reported.

The enemy offered no resistance.

The telephone with the raiding party unfortunately was of no use as they could not get a message through: presumably the wire must have been cut. This however. did not in anyway interfere with the operation.

The green flares fired by O-C. Attack as a signal for the withdrawal proved satisfactory, but the whistle signal could not be heard. The withdrawal was carried out easily in small parties, and was not interfe ed with by the enemy. No fire was brought to bear on our raiding party from the enemy's Support Trench, which was fortunate, as there was practically no parados.

Five prisoners were sent over the enemy's parapet, but some of these refused to go quietly. Three were brought in.

Escorts to prisoners preferred to bring their prisoners personally to Brigade Headquarters, instead of handing over to guard detailed to take them.

Luminous tape was found to be of great use and greatly facilitated the retirement.

Rockets sent up from the enemy's trenches were red and white, similar to those we had arranged to be fired from our own trenches.

The lights placed in Rue Du Bois Salient were lighted, but were not required.

Communications. Telephone lines were cut very soon, but fortunately the direct line from the Liaison Officer to the 14th Battery remained serviceable, and the communication from the O.C. Attack to Advanced Brigade Headquarters was not lost.

There was comparatively little shell fire in NO MAN'S Land and no hostile machine gun was brought to bear effectively, although one was heard firing to the south and one to the north.

Equipment A few more revolvers would have been useful and bayonet men should have a more powerful type of torch.

Approximately 16 of the enemy were seen and 12 were accounted for.

Although telephone with raiding party did not work the wire proved very useful as a guide to direction.

Type of wire cutters issued to the scouts for wire cutting worked very well.

The halt in ditch 40 until enemy's artillery fire ceased undoubtedly saved casualties as one of our casualties occurred while men were coming into our trenches from NO MAN'S LAND during hostile barrage.

Some unnecessary delay in stopping our artillery fire was caused by the messenger from O-C- Assault, Capt. Foss, not making it clear that his party intended to remain in trench 40 until the bombardment ceased.

O.C. Assault Party had no difficulty in seeing when our barrage lifted.

Assault party only remained about 6 minutes in the trenches

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as they had done their work by then.

APPENDIX "E"

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE RAIDS.

About 50 yards luminous tape dragged through the grass behind the Scouts would facilitate the advance of Assault Party.

Some signal other than telephone is required by O.C. Attack to stop our barrage fire when the operations are concluded.

Orderlies attached to O.C. Attack for communication in the trenches should be trained with the remainder of the Raiding Party, and also familiarised with the Communicating Trenches.

Parties halted for any length of time in NO MAN'S LAND should arrange for protection of their Front and Flanks.

Parties should not remain in NO MAN'S LAND longer than necessary.

Additional dug-outs should be provided for Liaison Officers and substitutes, and also for orderlies and linesmen.

Percussion grenades would be better than Mills grenades for raiding parties.

Should time permit a buried cable from O.C. Attack to Advanced Brigade Headquarters would be invaluable.

Men detailed for firing rockets should receive special training.

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APPENDIX "F".

RAIDING PARTY.

	Killed	Wounded
26th Battalion	-	6 Other Ranks
28th Battalion	2 O.R.	2 ,, ,,

Includes 3 slightly (at duty).

On way out in NO MAN'S LAND -- -- Wounded 2.
In ditch 40 -- -- -- -- -- Wounded 2. Killed 1.
On way in near our parapet -- -- Wounded 1.
In our own trenches ~~at duty~~ -- -- Wounded 3. (at duty)

OTHER CASUALTIES.

	O.R. Killed	O.R. Wounded
26th Battalion	1	7
27th Battalion	1	5
28th Battalion		14

~~M/Gun Company~~

OFFICERS' CASUALTIES.

T/Mortar Battery	Lieut Murdock W.H.	Killed
M/Gun Company	2/Lieut Murray J.C.	Wounded. (at duty)

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NOMINAL ROLL.

O. C. Attack .. .. Captain J.A. Robinson, 26th Battalion.

O. C. Assault .. .. Captain C.M. Foss, 28th Battalion.

No. 1 Trench Party (28th Battalion).

2/Lieut A. Brown
No.1985 L/Cpl Price S.F.
1921 Pte Denton H.J.
844 ,, Evans H.
1110 L/Sgt Walsh C.R.)Listening
1920 Pte Dedman H.T.) Post.
No. 2198 Pte Moran B.J.
1924 ,, Downey W.J.
2187 ,, Morgan S.H.
2015 ,, Shearer J.M.(M/G Coy.)

Right Blocking Party (28th Battalion).

220 Sgt Brown R.
1993 Pte Roxburgh S.D.
1029 ,, McGregor F.A.
2023 Pte Smith H.A.
1945 ,, Hawkins J.

Right Parapet Party (28th Battalion).

725 Pte Walker R.
758 ,, Price J.W.
125 Pte Sandercock J.

Intelligence Man (28th Battalion).

379 Cpl Sullivan W.J.S..

Messenger (28th Battalion).

369 Pte Powell A.

Stretcher Bearers (28th Battalion).

469 Pte Morrison J.
151 Pte Robe T.

Covering Party (28th Battalion).

Lieut R.C. Phillips
104 Sgt Jones W.P.
2388 Pte Gould A.J.
1752 ,, McHugh J.
1104 Pte Gordon J.
428 ,, Graham R.
945 ,, McLeod D.O.

Scouts (28th Battalion).

2/Lieut R.H. Gill
1886 Cpl Tozer H.J.H.
96 Pte Hopkins J.
687 ,, Roberts W.H.
1032 Pte Pike H.J.
699 ,, Tollerton D.

Linesman (28th Battalion).

1632 L/Cpl Chandler H.

Trench Party (26th Battalion).

Captain P.B. Oaless
1795 Pte Church F.C.
2137 L/C Moxley A.S.
344 Sgt McPhillips H.G.
Pte FitzPatrick M/Gun Coy.
1166 Pte Phillips W.
2026 ,, Kerslake E.G.
2051 ,, Gunton H.

Left Blocking Party (26th Battalion).

415 Sgt Smart R.
468 Pte Greenaway C.
389 ,, Neilson P.
1777 Pte Abel C.A.
237 ,, Mills J.

Left Parapet Party (26th Battalion).

492 Pte Taylor A.J.
1265 ,, Limbrick G.
1518 Pte Themor W.

Intelligence Man (26th Battalion).

893 Pte Heathcote G.T.

Messenger (26th Battalion).

575 Pte Henderson R.C.

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Stretcher Bearers (26th Battalion).

540 Pte Penny E.F.
530 Pte Naylor J.H.

Covering Party (26th Battalion).

364 Cpl Lawson O.J.
941 Pte Quinn D.A.
380 ,, McInnes J,
1284 ,, Walters H.
1694 Pte Jarman H.
2152 ,, O'Brien D.
2040 ,, Kirkwood A.

Telephonist (26th Battalion).

40 L/C Cresswell W.T.

Spare Men.

611 Cpl Douglas F.A. 26th Bn.
206 Pte Woods L. ,,
72 ,, Greenwood R.H. ,,
1709 Pte Gaston D.J.L. 28th Bn.
57 ,, Drock C.A. ,,
719 ,, Wilson T.M. ,,

Emergency O.C. Attack.

Captain B. Paterson .. .. .. 27th Battalion.

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CASUALTIES.

No.	1945	Pte McLeod D.D.	28th Bn.	Killed
	2388	,, Gould A.J.	,,	,,
	1125	,, Bandercock J.	,,	Wounded.
	1265	Pte Limerick G.	26th Bn	Wounded
	2040	,, Kirkwood A.T.	,,	,,
	1284	,, Walters A.T.	,,	,,

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Second Army, G874.
12th June 1916.

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1st Anzac Corps.

Reference your No. 130/10 of the 9th instant.
The Army Commander desires me to say that he considers the operation was well organised and well carried out and reflects credit on those concerned.

Sgd. A.T.Turner, Lt-Col. G.S.
for M.G.G.S.
Second Army

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Headquarters,
2nd Ausrralian Division.

Forwarded for information with reference to your G.478/30 dated 7th instant.

Sgd. R.B.SMYTHE, Major, G.S.
for B.G.G.S. 1st Anzac.
14/6/16.

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Headquarters,
7th Aus Inf Bde.

Forwarded for your information.

Sgd. L.F. ARTHUR, Major,
General Staff.

Headquarters,
2nd Aust Division.
15/6/16.

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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

OPERATION ORDER NO. 13

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

1. On the night of 6th/7th the following reliefs will take place:-
   26th or "C" Bn will relieve 28th or "A" Bn.
   25th or "D" ,, ,, 27th or "B" Bn.
   28th Bn. will become "C" Bn.
   27th Bn. ,, ,, "D" Bn.

2. "D" Battalion will not leave billets before 8.30 p.m.

3. Details of the relief will be arranged between the C/O's concerned.

4. Men of relieving Battalions will carry full water bottles, 120 rounds per man, and two sandbags.

5. 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 "B" Battalion. Units to indent direct on Brigade Transport Transport Officer for any transport they require.

6. Signallers, Lewis gunners, scouts, gronadier officer and Sgt. and 4 grenadiers will reach front line at 2.30 p.m. on the 6th inst., and will take over their duties, but the specialists of outgoing Bns. will remain there and move with their units. Battalions 2nd in command, 1 officer per Coy. and Intelligence Officers and Observers of ingoing Battalions will proceed to trenches on the morning of 6th June and take over during daylight all work in progress, duties, trench stores, ammunition, etc., giving receipts for same.

7. No engineer stores will be sent up on the night of 6th/7th June and no fatigue parties will be required on the 7th.

8. Battalions will report by wire as soon as relief is completed.

9. Acknowledge.

J. Rowan Hamilton
Capt.
BRIGADE MAJOR.
7th Aus Inf. Bde.

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4 25th Bn.
5 26th ,,
6 27th ,,
7 28th ,,
8 Bde M/Gun Coy.
9 7th F. Coy.
10 4th Aus. F. Art.
11 Bde Trans. Officer
12 2nd Aust Div.)
13 1st N.Z.Bde.) For information.
14 5th Brigade)

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ORDER No. 11

Reference.- Map of France 1/10,000

Divisional Headquarters,
8th June, 1916.

1. The 6th Infantry Brigade will take over the front held by the 7th Infantry Brigade as soon as arrangements for the relief can be arranged.

2. The relief will be carried out under mutual arrangements between the General Officers Commanding the 6th and 7th Infantry Brigades. The proposed dates and detailed system of relief will be reported to Divisional Headquarters.

3. It will be carried out gradually and in accordance with the instructions given in para. 4 "Trench Orders", advanced copies of which have been issued to Brigades.

4. The G.O.C. 7th Infantry Brigade will remain in command of all troops in the present 7th Infantry Brigade area until ordered by the Divisional Commander to hand over the command to the A/O.C. 6th Infantry Brigade.

5. Care will be taken that officers of relieving units are thoroughly acquainted with all details regarding the system of defence, intelligence, works in progress and projected, system of patrolling, machine gun and trench mortar positions, ammunition and grenade distribution and supply, system of gas alarms, etc., before any of the relieving troops begin to move into the trenches.

6. Units of the 7th Infantry Brigade as relieved will move into the billets now occupied by the opposite units of the 6th Infantry Brigade and will take over the duties of the latter.

7. The receipt of this order will be acknowledged.

L.J. Arthur
Major,
General Staff,
2nd Aust. Division.

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6TH INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 14,

Reference Map, Sheet 36 N.W.,
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8.6.16.

(1) The 6th Infantry Brigade will take over the front held by the 7th Infantry Brigade.

(2) "A" Bn. will be the 23rd Bn. and will relieve 26th Bn.,
"B" Bn. " " " 21st Bn. " " " 25th Bn.,
"C" Bn. " " " 22nd Bn. " " " 28th Bn.,
"D" Bn. " " " 24th Bn. " " " 27th Bn.

(3) O's. C., A., B., C. & D. Bns., 6th Brigade, will, prior to the relief, make themselves acquainted with all details regarding the system of Defence, Intelligence, Works in progress and projected, System of Patrolling, Machine Gun and Trench Mortar positions, Ammunition and Grenade distribution and supply, System of Gas Alarms, Water Supply, Sanitary arrangements and arrangements for rationing their Units.

(4) On June 9th.-
(i) O.C., "A" Bn., 6th Bde., will arrange for the Lewis Machine Gun Section to relieve the L.M. Gun Section, "A" Bn., 7th Brigade, and will send the Intelligence Officer, Bomb Officer, 1 Officer, 4 Platoon Sergeants and 16 men per Company, half the Battalion Signallers, Scouts and Snipers to the corresponding companies of "A" Bn., 7th Brigade. Trench Stores, etc. to be taken over and receipts given in duplicate.
(ii) O.C., "C" Bn., 6th Brigade, will take similar action in relation to "C" Bn., 7th Brigade, omitting Snipers and Scouts.
(iii) 48 hours' rations to be carried by "A" and "C" Bns.

(5) On 9th & 10th June.-
(i) O.C., 6th Machine Gun Co., will mutually arrange with O.C., 7th Machine Gun Co., for relief, which is to be carried out by sending half the Gun Crews at a time.
(ii) O.C., 6 A/1 T.M.Battery, will take similar action in regard to 7 A/1 T.M.Battery, taking over the Stokes Guns from that Battery.
(iii) 48 hours' rations to be carried.

(6) On 10th June.-
(i) The 6th Brigade Observers will take over from 7th Brigade Observers.
(ii) O.C., "B" Bn., 6th Brigade, will take the same action in regard to "B" Bn., 7th Brigade, as shown in para. 4.(i)
(iii) 24 hours' rations will be carried.
(iv) "A" Bn., 6th Brigade, will send 1 N.C.O. and 6 men per Company to take over instructions regarding Standing Patrols. These should make themselves acquainted with the ground during daylight.

(7) On night of 10/11th June, "A" Bn., 6th Brigade, will move via. RAILWAY LINE - RUE DE BIEZ - L'ARMEE to LA VESEE, the leading Platoon arriving there at 9.45 p.m., where it will be met by a guide.
"C" Bn., 6th Brigade, will move via RUE DE LA LYS - Emergency Roads A.1, A.2, A.3, to RAILWAY CROSSING I.8. a., leading Platoon arriving there at 9.15 p.m., where a guide will meet it.
O's.C., "A" & "C" Bns. will send report to H.Q., 7th Inf. Brigade, RUE MARLE, on completion of relief.

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(8) On 11th June.-

(i) The 6th Brigade Headquarters will relieve 7th Brigade Headquarters.

(ii) O.C., "B" Bn., will act as in para. 6 (iv).

(iii) O.C., "D" Bn., 6th Brigade, will complete preliminary arrangements with O.C., "D" Bn., 7th Brigade, for relief.

(9) On night 11/12th June.-

(i) "B" Bn. will move via RUE MARLE to the RAILWAY CROSSING at I.8.a., the leading Platoon arriving there at 9.15 p.m., where a guide will meet it.

(ii) "D" Bn., 6th Brigade, will relieve "D" Bn., 7th Brigade. No movement before 9 p.m.

(iii) O's.C., "B" and "D" Bns., 6th Brigade, will send report to Brigade Headquarters, RUE MARLE, when relief is completed.

(10) Battalions will move from their Billets by Platoons at two minutes' interval. Blankets will be carried.

(11) Transport will move under instructions to be issued later.

Major,
BRIGADE MAJOR.

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" " 8 .. 24th Bn.
" " 9 .. M.G. Co.

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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Ref Map Sheet
36 1/20,000. ORDER NO. 15. 9th June 1916.

1. The 7th Australian Infantry Brigade will be relieved by the 6th Australian Infantry Brigade on the nights of the 10th/11th and 11th/12th June in the left sector of the Divisional line. 7th Field Company and 7th Brigade Signal Section will remain in this area and will not be relieved. The relief will be carried out in accordance with attached tables "A" and "B".

2. The

23rd Bn.	will relieve	26th or "A"	Battalion.	On the night of 10th/11th
22nd ,,	,, ,,	28th or "C"	,,	
21st ,,	,, ,,	25th or "B"	,,	
24th ,,	,, ,,	27th or "D"	,,	11th/12th

6th Brigade Machine Gun Company will relieve 7th Brigade Machine Gun Company on the night of the 10th.

Trench Mortar Batteries of the 6th Brigade will relieve Trench Mortar Batteries of the 7th Brigade on the night of 10th June.

Stokes guns will be handed over to incoming batteries and 6th Bde. Battery will be taken over by 7th Brigade.

3. Battalions of the 7th Brigade will take over billets from the relieving Battalions of the 6th Brigade after relief, as follows:-

7th Brigade.				6th Bde.			
26th or "A" Bn.	will take over	from		23rd Bn.	billets at	Fort Rompu.	
25th or "B" ,,	,,	,,	,,	21st ,,	,,	,,	La Rolanderie.
28th or "C" ,,	,,	,,	,,	22nd ,,	,,	,,	Rue Dormoire.
27th or "D" ,,	,,	,,	,,	24th ,,	,,	,,	Rue Marle.

Billeting parties of Battalions of the 7th Brigade will take over billets from the Battalions of the 6th Brigade on the morning of the relief. O.C. 27th or D. Bn. will arrange mutually with O.C. 24th Bn. regarding the relief. No movement will be made before dark.

4. The following Specialists of the 6th Brigade will reach trenches as below:-

9th June.

23rd or "A" Battalion. Intelligence Officer, Bomb Officer, 1 officer per Coy., 1 N.C.O. per platoon and 1 man per Section, all Battalion Snipers, all Lewis gunners, 50% Signallers, Scouts.

22nd or "C" Battalion. Intelligence Officer, Bomb Officer, 1 Officer per Coy. 1 N.C.O. per Platoon and 1 man per Section, Lewis gunners, 50% Signallers.

Machine Gun Company. 50%

Trench Mortar Batteries. 6/A 1, 6/A 2. 50%.

10th June.

23rd or "A" Battalion. Observers, 1 N.C.O. and 6 men per Platoon, Patrols and 50% Signallers.

22nd or "C" Battalion. 50% Signallers.

Machine Gun Company. 50%.

Trench Mortar Batteries. 6/A 1, 6/A 2. 50%.

21st or "B" Battalion. Intelligence Officer, Bomb Officer, 1 Officer per Coy. 1 N.C.O. per Platoon and 1 man per Section, 50% Signallers, all Battalion Snipers, Lewis gunners & Scouts.

11th June.

21st or "B" Battalion. Observers, Standing Patrols and 50% Signallers.

O.C Battalions will arrange accommodation as far as possible for the above.

Second in Command of relieving Battalions will take over on morning of the day of relief all details of defences, works etc.

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5. All S.A.A., Bombs, trench mortar ammunition will be handed over in situ, and receipts taken. Brigade Transport Officer will arrange to take over all S.A.A. with 6th Brigade Transport, and hand over to 6th Brigade all S.A.A. now with 7th Brigade Transport.

6. All trench stores, (including tools, surplus mobilization equipment of Battalions) maps, log books, aeroplane photographs, etc., will be handed over. Receipts in duplicate will be forwarded to Brigade Headquarters as soon as possible after relief. Pro formas for this receipt have been issued to all concerned.

7. All details of relief not provided for in these orders will be arranged mutually by O's.C.Battalions concerned.

~~The completion of each relief will be reported by the relieving Bn.~~

8. All Specialists of the 7th Brigade will remain in their respective positions until their Battalions or Companies are relieved.

9. All Guards and Duties in 7th Brigade Area will be taken over by 6th Brigade at 10 a.m on the 11th instant. Similiarly 7th Brigade will take over all duties in the 6th Brigade Area at 5 p.m. on the 10th instant.

10. Brigade Bombing Officer of the 6th Brigade will take over Brigade Bomb School and stores at 10 a.m. on the morning of the 11th instant.

11. Guides in the proportion of 1 Officer per Coy. and 1 guide per Platoon will meet relieving Units as per march table. Units of the 6th Brigade will move to rendezvous in platoons at two minute intervals.

12. Attention is directed to the instructions that parties moving south of the railway during day-light must not number more than 6 and must move in single file and keep in the side of the road with at least 50 yards between parties.

13. Brigade 1st Line Transport will remain at its present billets.

14. No transport of the 6th Infantry Brigade will cross Bac St Maur - Lille Railway before 11 p.m. and no transport of the 7th Infantry Brigade will move over the Bac St Maur - Lille Railway before 10 p.m. on nights of relief.

15. No trench, billet or guard is to be vacated by the 7th Brigade until it is occupied by the 6th Brigade.

16. Relief will be reported to present Brigade Headquarters as soon as complete.

17. General Paton CB will take over command of all 6th Brigade Units as soon as they enter the 7th Brigade Area, and will remain in temporary command of the 6th Infantry Brigade.

18. Units of the 7th Brigade, when relieved, will come under the command of O.C. 6th Infantry Brigade as soon as they enter 6th Brigade Area.

19. Colonel Ferguson, 26th Battalion, will take over temporary command of 7th Infantry Brigade as soon as 7th Brigade Headquarters moves to new Brigade Headquarters at Erquinghem, after all the reliefs are completed

20. Acknowledge.

G.J. Bowan Hamilton

Capt.
Brigade Major,
7th Aus Inf Brigade.

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11 26th Bn.
12 27th Bn.
13 28th Bn.
14 7th M/G Coy.
15 Bde. Trans Off.
16 T/M. Bty.
17 5th Inf Bde.
18 1st N.Z.Bde.
19 Left Group R.F.A.
20 Centre Group R.F.A.
21 D.T.M.O.

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SECRET. 7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE. TABLE "A". COPY NO.

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DATE	UNIT	HAND OVER TRENCHES OR BILLETS TO. AND TAKE OVER BILLETS FROM.	ROUTE TO BILLETS	LOCATION OF BILLETS	REMARKS.
June '16. 10th/11th	"A" Bn 26th	23rd Bn.	Park Row or Wellington Ave.- La Vessee - Gris Pot - Rue du Biez - Erquinghem.	Fort Rompu	All Units will move with platoons at two minutes interval.
10/11th	"C" Bn 28th	22nd Bn.	Railway crossing, I 8 a - Sand-Bag Corner - Rue Marle - Track to H 85 b 9 7 - Erquinghem.	Rue Dormoire	
10/11th	7th Bde M/G Coy.	6th Bde M/G Coy.	ditto	Erquinghem (Rue de Lys) H 9 3 8 7.	By day in small parties.
10/11th	7th Bde T/M Bty.	6th Bde T/M Bty	ditto	Rue Dormoire H 9 c 3 3	By day in small parties.
11/12th	"B" Bn. 25th.	21st Bn.	Leith Walk or Cowgate Avenue. Railway Crossing, I 8 a - Sand-Bag Corner - Rue Marle.	Rue Marle & vicinity	
11/12th	"D" Bn. 27th	24th Bn.	Rue Marle - L'Armee - Rue du Biez.	La Rolanderie	Mutual arrangements as regards time. but after 9 PM.

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SECRET. 7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE. TABLE "B". COPY NO.
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DATE	UNIT	Take over Trenches or Billets from, and hand billets over to.	Route to trenches	Guides to meet at	Time	Unit providing guides
June 1916. 10th/11th	23rd Bn.	26th or "A" Bn.	Railway crossing, H 11 a 0 7 - Rue du Biez - L'Armee La Vessee - Park Row Avenue.	La Vessee	9.45 p.m.	26th Bn.
10th/11th	22nd Bn.	28th or "C" Bn.	Erquinghem - H 5 b 9 7 - Track - Rue Marle - Sandbag Corner	Railway Crossing I 8 a.	9.15 p.m.	28th Bn.
11th/12th	21st Bn.	25th or "B" Bn.	Rue Marle - Sandbag Corner, I 1 d 7 3 - Railway Crossing, I 8 a.	Railway Crossing. I 8 a.	9.15 p.m.	25th Bn.
11th/12th	24th Bn.	27th or "D" Bn.	Rue Marle - L'Armee - Rue du Biez.	Mutual arrangements	after 9 p.m.	27th Bn.

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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

14th June 1916.

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

1. The 7th Australian Infantry Brigade will be relieving the 73rd Brigade of the 24th Division on the night of 17/18th June. The following advance parties will proceed to-morrow the 15th instant as under.-

Per Battalion. (25th and 26th Battalions).
Lewis Gunners: 1 officer 8 other ranks.
Bombers: 1 officer, 1 N.C.O.
Signallers: 1 Officer, 1 N.C.O., 5 privates.
Scouts: 1 officer, 3 other ranks.
Observers: 1 officer, 6 men per platoon.

Per Company. (25th and 26th Battalions).
1 Officer, 4 N.C.O's (1 per platoon).

7th Brigade Machine Gun Company.
2 officers, 3 N.C.O's, 24 men.

7th Brigade Trench Mortar Batteries.
1 officer, 1 N.C.O.

7th Brigade Snipers.
1 officer, 1 N.C.O., 8 men.

Above parties will rendezvous at bridge H 4 c 1 5 at 3.30 p.m. and will be under the command of Lieut. Devonshire, 27th Battalion.

2. ROUTE. Cross roads B 27 d 2 8, cross roads B 20 d 9½ 9½, Nieppe, COURTE RUE, LE ROMARIN. Guides from 73rd Brigade will meet this party at 5.30 p.m. LE ROMARIN.

3. Officers will take theit batmen with them.

4. Advance parties will proceed to the trenches on the morning of the 16th instant.

5. Battalions will indent immediately on Transport Officer for necessary transport. Staff Captain will arrange transport for other Brigade Units.

NOTE: 25th Battalion will be billeted at KORTEPYP.
26th ,, ,, ,, RED LODGE.

6. Parties will proceed fully equipped and take 2 days rations with them. All units will arrange for the rations of these parties on the 17th instant.

7. 25th and 26th Bns., Machine Gun Coy., and Trench Mortar Battery will be moving on the 16th June. 27th and 28th Battalions and Brigade Headquarters will be moving on the 17th June.

8. Further orders will be issued.

9. Acknowledge.

F Rowan Capt.
Brigade Major,
7th Aus Inf Brigade.

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7TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE. Copy No. 2

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OPERATION ORDER NO. 18.

1. Reference 1/20,000 Map. Sheet 36 N.W. & Sheet 28 S.W.

2. The 7th Australian Infantry Brigade will relieve the 73rd Brigade of the 24th Division. The relief will be completed by the night of the 17/18th June on which night two Battalions will go into the trenches. The 7th Brigade will take the whole of its Brigade and Battalion equipment as per Mobilization Store Tables, except Stokos Mortar Ammunition. It will not take Trench stores.

The Brigade Signalling Section will move with the Brigade Headquarters. The Machine Gun Company and Light Trench Mortar Batteries will accompany the Brigade.

The Brigade will come under the orders of the G.O.C. 24th Division on entering the 24th Division area. The Southern Boundary of this area extends from Sheet 36, E 4 b 8 5; B 3 c 9 8; B 8 b 1 4 to B 1 a 0 6.

The command of the area now occupied by the 73rd Brigade will pass to the G.O.C. 7th Australian Infantry Brigade on completion of relief. This will be notified to 24th Divisional Headquarters and repeated to 2nd Australian Divisional Headquarters.

3. The 4th Australian Infantry Brigade will relieve the 7th Australian Infantry Brigade. Details concerning this will appear in another order.

4. Move will be carried out in accordance with March Table attached.

ON 16TH JUNE the 25th Bn. will reach KORTEPYP and the 26th Bn. RED LODGE by 12.30. p.m.

M/Gun Coys will reach 73rd Brigade Headquarters Sheet 28 S.W. T 21 d 5 2.

T/M/Batteries & Brigade Snipers 73rd Bde Hdqrs. as above, also the following Advance Parties :-

Per Bn. (27th & 28th) 1 N.C.O. of Bn. Sig. Section, 1 Officer and 4 N.C.O's per Company.

28th Bn. 2 N.C.O's and 20 men to be attached to 26th Bn. to relieve trench wardens at FORT EBENLE and FORT BRANDON.

Brigade Signal Section personnel as arranged mutually between Signal Officers.

Brigade Snipers will be attached to 25th Bn. for the march.

ON 17TH JUNE the 27th Bn. will reach KORTEPYP by 6 p.m. and 28th Bn. RED LODGE by 10.30 p.m.

Companies will march at 5 minutes intervals. Similar suitable intervals will be maintained by Transport.

5. Transport Officers of 25th & 26th Bns. will accompany 73rd Bde Transport Officers to the Ration Dumps on the night of the 16th and learn routes and location of Ration and Engineer Store Dumps.

6. Brigade Machine Gun Coy. and Trench Mortar Batteries will take their guns into the line on the night of 16/17th and will remain under command of the M/Gun and T/Mortar Officers of the 73rd Bde until night of the 17/18th.

Advance Parties of the 27th & 28th Bns. will take over billets on arrival and will be available as guides to show their Bns. into their quarters - See March Table.

25th Bn. will take over trenches from the 7th Northampton Regiment (Left Bn.)

26th Bn. from the 9th Roval Sussex (Right Bn.)

27th Bn. Billets from the 15th Middlesex Regiment (Div Reserve Bn.)

28th Bn. Billets from the 2nd Leinster Regiment (Bde Reserve Bn.)

7. All Defence Schemes, Log Books, Aeroplane Photographs, Trench Stores, S.A.A., Bombs, Tools etc. will be taken over, receipts given and a copy of these receipts forwarded to Bde. Hdqrs. as soon as possible after relief.

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8. The men proceeding to trenches on night of 17/18th will carry 120 rounds S.A.A., full-water-bottle, 24 hours rations and two sandbags per man. Sandbags should be indented for by Advance Parties from Headquarters, 75rd Brigade.

9. TRANSPORT.

In addition to First Line Transport the following will report from Divisional Train at 9 a.m. on 18th inst. :-

(a) To 26th Bn. near their Headquarters, FORT ROMPU, H 8 c 4 8.
2 G.S. wagons for blankets.

(b) To 25th Bn. at Railway Crossing, RUE MARLE, H 8 d 8 4.
2 G.S. wagons for blankets.

(c) To Trench Mortar Batteries at RUE DORMOIRE cross roads, H 8.b 9 3.
2 G.S. Wagons for baggage, blankets & mortars.

(d) To 7th Bde M/Gun Coy. at their Headquarters, H 9 a 3 5.
1 G.S. Wagon for baggage and blankets.

This Transport is additional to the train wagons now with First Line Transport and return to their Train Companies on completion of their duty.

Bns. may requisition a maximum of 4 G.S. Wagons for baggage from the Brigade Transport Officer. These wagons will return to the present Bde. Transport Lines on the 18th inst.

Bde. Snipers will requisition on the Bde Transport Officer for Transport required.

10. BILLETS.

The Divisional Sanitary Officer will inspect Billets as under :-

25th Bn. RUE MARLE 18th inst. 11 a.m.
26th Bn. FORT ROMPU 18th inst. 12.15 p.m.
27th Bn. LA'ROLANDERIE 17th inst. 10 a.m.
28th Bn. RUE DORMOIRE 17th inst. 12 noon.

An Officer is to be present to accompany the Div. Sanitary Officer in his inspection and to receive in writing a statement of the condition of the billets.

11. GRENADES in Transport will be carried undetonated.

12. SUPPLY.

The refilling point after the move will be as heretofore, on the CROIX DU BAC - ERQUINGHEM ROAD. The supply wagons will refill there at the usual time and move to their respective Units' Transport Lines by the following route -

L'EPINETTE Cross Roads B 27 d 9.8. Cross Roads B 20 d 9½ 9½. Junction of road B 14 c 8 3, RABOT PAPOT to Transport Lines.

Coal and wood wagons will accompany supply wagons. Unit Quartermasters will attend at refilling point as usual.

13. ORDNANCE STORES.

Bns. will continue to draw stores from and lodge indents with D.A.D.O.S. 2nd Aust. Div. Brigade Transport Officer will make special provision for Transport when required.

14. Relief when complete will be reported to Brigade Headquarters.

15. COMMAND. Until relief is completed G.O.C. 75rd Brigade will be in command. On completion of the relief G.O.C. 7th Aust. Infy. Bde will take over command.

16. A copy of 75rd Brigade orders will be forwarded as soon as received to all concerned.

17. G.O.C. ~~xx~~ 7th Aust. Infy. Bde will reach 75rd Bde. Headquarters by 6 p.m. on 17th.

18. Acknowledge.

Capt.
Brigade Major,
7th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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2 War Diary
3 Filed
4 to 7 All Bns.
8 73rd Bde
9 M/Gun Coy. 10 T/M/Batt.
11 Bde T/Off. 12 Bde Snipers
13 7th Bde Sig. 14 2nd Aus Div.
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Unit	Starting Point	Time	Ref. 1/20,000 map sheet 36 N.W. and sheet 28 S.W. ROUTE	Guides to meet at	Billets at	Transport lines at	Remarks
16/6/16. 26th Bn.	Bridge H 4 c 15	Head of column to pass 10 a.m.	Cross roads B 27 d 2 8 " " B 20 d 9½-9½ " ~~LE ROMARIN~~ - NIEPPE ~~-~~ COURTE RUE -LE ROMARIN	LE ROMARIN F 4 a 5 1 11.30 am.	RED LODGE T 21 d 6 2	T 27 b 8 4	73rd Brigade will provide guides.
7th M/G. Company.	ditto	10.30 am.	ditto	ditto	T 22 b 1 1	T 22 b 1 1	ditto
7th T/M. Battery.	ditto	10.40 am.	ditto	ditto	T 21 b 2 5	T 21 b 2 5	ditto
25th Bn.	ditto	10.45 am.	Cross roads B 27 d 2 8 " " B 20 d 9 9 LE VEAU - RABOT-PAPOT - road junction B 1 central.	Road junction B 1 central. 11.30 am.	KORTEPYP T 26 b 8 7	B 2 d 3 1	Bn. advance parties will provide guides.
17/6/16. 27th Bn.	ditto	3.30 p.m	ditto	ditto 5 p.m.	ditto	B 3 a 0 2	ditto
Bde H.Q. & Signals SECTION	ditto	5 p.m.	Cross roads B 27 d 2 8 " " B 20 d 9 9 NIEPPE - " COURTE RUE LE ROMARIN - ditto	LE ROMARIN. F 4 a 5 1 4.30 p.m.	T 21 d 62	T 21 d 6 2	ditto
28th Bn.	ditto	8 p.m.		LE ROMARIN 9.30 p.m.	RED LODGE T 21 d 62	B 2 d 5 3	ditto

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7TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

Addition to Para. 9, Operation Order No. 16 of 15/6/16.

TRANSPORT.

The following Transport provided by the Div. Train will report as under on the 17th inst. :-

(a) To 27th Bn. at 12 noon at Railway Crossing on RUE DE BIEZ H 11 a 0 6.
2 G.S. Wagons for blankets.

(b) To 28th Bn. at 12 noon at Bn. Headquarters RUE DORMOIRE H 8 b 9 4.
2 G.S. Wagons for blankets.

(c) To 7th Bde Headquarters at 10 a.m. - Bde Hdqrs. ERQUINGHEM H 4 d 4 7.
2 G.S. Wagons for blankets and baggage.

(d) To 7th Bde Hdqrs. at 3 p.m. - Bde Hdqrs ERQUINGHEM H 4 d 4 7
1 G.S. Wagon for Office equipment etc.

One additional wagon will report to Bde. Transport Officer L'EPINETTE at 10 a.m. for duty as required.

These wagons will return to the Div. Train on completion of their trip.

Bns. may requisition on the Bde. Transport Officer for a maximum of 4 G.S. Wagons each in addition to the above. After unloading at destination these wagons will be parked under the orders of the Bde Transport Officer.

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73rd. INFANTRY BRIGADE.

OPERATION ORDER NO. 45.

H.Q. 73 I.B. June 15th. 1916.

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1. The 73rd. Infantry Brigade will be relieved in the Centre Sector by the 7th. Australian Brigade as per attached tables.

2. One Officer per company and 1 N.C.O. per platoon of the 25th. and 26th. battalions of the 7th. Australian Brigade will go into the trenches tomorrow and stay there till the arrival of their battalion.
Details of other advanced parties have already been notified.

3. The reliefs of the trench wardens of Forts BRANDON and EBERLE will be found by the 28th. battalion and will arrive with the 26th. Battalion tomorrow.

4. Units will hand over to corresponding units of the 7th. Australian Brigade:-
All Trench Stores.
Trench Maps (including Sheet 28 S.W.4 (1/10,000).
Defence Schemes.
Log Books.
Intelligence Reports.
Tables of work in hand and proposed.
All documents and information which may be of value.

Lists of Trench Stores and documents handed over will be forwarded to Brigade Headquarters within 48 hours of relief being completed.

5. Arrangements for Transport of surplus stores and the position of refilling points will be notified later.

6. The command of the Centre Sector will pass to B.G.C., 7th. Australian Brigade on completion of Infantry Reliefs night 17th./18th. June.

7. Please acknowledge.

R Hoblitt

ISSUED AT 12 noon.

Major,
Brigade Major, 73rd. Infantry Brigade.

Copy No. 1. File.
2. War Diary.
3. "G" 24th. Div.
4. "Q" 24th. Div.
5. 17 I.B.
6. 72 I.B.
7. 7th. Australian Brigade.
8. 150th. I.B.
9. 2nd. Leinster Regt.
10. 9th. Royal Sussex Regt.
11. 7th. Northamptons.
12. 13th. Middlesex Regt.
13. 73rd. Coy. Machine Gun Corps.
14. 73rd. Trench Mortar Battery.
15. A.P.M. 24 Div.

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RELIEF OF THE 73rd. INFANTRY BRIGADE BY THE 7th. AUSTRALIAN BRIGADE.

7th. AUSTRALIAN BRIGADE.

DATE.	UNIT.	FROM.	TO.	ROUTE.	REMARKS.
16th. June.(1).	26th. Bn.	2nd. ANZAC Div. Area.	RED LODGE.	LE ROMARIN T.27.b. 8.8 - T.28.b.5.9 - T.22.d.2.5 - RED LODGE.	Guides from H.Q. 73 I.B meet coys. at LE ROMARIN at 11.30 a.m.
	7th.Aus.M.G. Coy.	"	T.22.b.1.1.	LE ROMARIN.	Guides from 73rd. Coy. M.G.Corps meet coy. at LE ROMARIN at 12.noon.
	7th. Aus. T.M.Batt.	"	T.21.b.2.5.	"	Guides from 73 T.M.Battery meet battery at LE ROMARIN at 12.15 p.m.
	25th. Batt.	"	KORTEPYP.	B.1. central - T.20.c.3.9 - KORTEPYP.	Guides from 13th. Middlesex meet coys. at B.1. central 11.30 a.m.
Night 16th/17th. June. (2).	7th. Aus.M.G. Coy.(12 guns)	T.22.b.1.1.	Trench area.		All arrangements for relief to be made between O.s.C. M.G.Coys. direct.
17th. June. (3).	28th. Bn.	2nd. ANZAC Div. Area.	RED LODGE.	As in (1).	Guides from 73rd. Bde. H.Q. meet coys. at LE ROMARIN at 9.30 p.m.
	27th.Bn.	"	KORTEPYP.	As in (1).	Guides from 73rd. Bde. H.Q. will meet coys at B.1. central at 5 p.m.
Night 17/18th. June. (4).	26th. Bn.	RED LODGE.	RIGHT SECTION TRENCHES(136 - 140).	Via T.18.a.4.7.	First coy. to pass T.18.a.4.7 at 10 p.m. O.C. 9th. Royal Sussex to arrange direct with O.C. 26th. Bn. re guides.
	25th. Bn.	KORTEPYP.	Left Section Trenches (141 - C.2.)	Via NEUVE EGLISE - WULVERGHEM.	To be clear of KORTEPYP by 6 p.m. but not to pass NEUVE EGLISE till 9.45 p.m. Guides for coys. from KORTEPYP to WULVERGHEM will be provided by 73rd. Bde. H.Q. O.C. 7th. Northamptons will arrange for guides from that point to trenches.

NOTE . UNITS OF THE 7th. AUSTRALIAN BRIGADE WILL MOVE WHEN IN THE 24th. DIV AREA WITH AN INTERVAL OF 5 MINS. BETWEEN COYS.

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RELIEF OF THE 73rd. INFANTRY BRIGADE BY 7th. AUSTRALIAN BRIGADE.

73rd. INFANTRY BRIGADE.

DATE.	UNIT.	FROM.	TO.	ROUTE.	REMARKS.
16th. June.	2nd. Leinsters.	RED LODGE.	LOCRE (BADAJOZ HUTS.)	To B.1. central thence via S.27.a.6.7 - S.15.d.3.7½ - S.15.c.10.8 - S.9.b.3.6 - S.9.a.6.5 - LOCRE.	Not to leave until after arrival of corresponding battalions of 7th. Australian Brigade. These 2 battalions on arrival at LOCRE will come under tactical orders of G.O.C. KEMMEL DEFENCES (H.Q. at LOCRE) Advanced parties of 1 Officer & 4 N.C.O's per battalion will report at 150th. I.B. H.Q. at LOCRE by 12 noon 16th. inst.
	13th. Middlesex	KORTEPYP.	LOCRE (WAKEFIELD HUTS)	DO.	
17th. June.	73rd. M.G.Coy.	T.22.b.1.1.	Will be notified.		
	73rd. T.M.Batt'y.	T.21.b.2.5.	do.		
Night 17/18th. June.	9th. R. Sussex.	Right Section Trenches.	ST.JANS CAPPEL.	B.1. central - BAILLEUL-ST.JANS CAPPEL.	Billetting parties will meet Staff Captain tomorrow morning at a place and time to be notified.
	7th. Northamptons.	Left Section Trenches.	HAEGDOORNE.	B.1. central - S.27.a.6.7 - S.15.d.3.7½ - S.15.c.10.8 - HAEGDOORNE.	do.

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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 17.

16th June, 1916.

Reference 1/10,000 Map. Sheet , 36 N.W. 4. Edition 1A and Plan of NO MAN'S LAND 1/5,000

1. INTENTION — A party composed of officers and other ranks drawn from the 25th and 27th Battalions of the 7th Infantry Brigade will leave our trenches at I.15.d.6.2½. on a night and at a time to be notified later and enter the enemy's trenches at I.22.a.5½.8½.

2. INFORMATION — The information concerning the hostile trenches and the portion of NO MAN'S LAND to be traversed has already been communicated to all concerned.

3. ACTION BY ARTILLERY — At zero time the artillery will open fire and commence to demonstrate on the enemy's trenches opposite the BRIDOUX SALIENT. At the same time they will bombard the enemy's trenches opposite I.16.c.1½.6. on either side of the point of entry for about 700 yards. This bombardment will last 17 minutes.

Wire will be cut by 2" Trench Mortars opposite points I.22.a.5¼.8½. and I.22.a.5¾.8½. and a gap will be made. At 0.18 minutes the trench mortars will commence to lift.

At 0.19 the whole of the artillery will have lifted and will by then have established a barrage as follows.

I.22.a.3¼.7. - I.22.a.4½.5. - I.22.a.5½.5½. - I.22.a.8½.7. - I.22.a.8.9. Special attention will be paid by the artillery to communication trenches running back from I.22.a.2¾.6½. and I.22.a.8½.9½.

Two minutes after the Infantry leave the hostile trenches the artillery will shorten on to the enemy's front parapet again.

This fire together with that directed on to the enemy's trenches opposite the BRIDOUX SALIENT will continue until ordered to cease by the Infantry Brigade Commander.

If this order is not received before 0.40 the Artillery fire will cease at that time.

At a time to be notified by the Infantry Brigade Commander there will be an intense bombardment of the enemy's trenches opposite BRIDOUX SALIENT and opposite point I.16.c.1½.6. lasting one minute. This will take place about 2 hours 40 minutes after zero time

The artillery will be ordered to stand by at three quarters of an hour before zero time.

4. COMPOSITION OF PARTIES

O.C. Attack.- Capt. J.E.Nix. 25th Bn.
O.C. Assault.- Capt. B.Paterson, 27th Bn.
O.C. Covering Party.- Capt. H.H.Page, 25th Bn.
O.C. Scouts.- Lieut. Southon, 27th Bn.
O.C. Right Bombing Party.- Lieut. Julge, 27th Bn.
O.C. Left Bombing Party.- Lieut. Stuart, 25th Bn.

Scouts.- 1 officer and 6 other ranks
Covering Party.- 1 Officer and 12 other ranks.
Right Bombing Party.- 1 Officer and 7 other ranks
Left Bombing Party. - 1 Officer and 7 other ranks

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4. COMPOSITION OF PARTIES (Contd.)

✓ Right Blocking Party.-	4	other ranks	
✓ Left Blocking Party.-	4	"	"
✓ Right Parapet Party.-	3	"	"
✓ Left Parapet Party.-	3	"	"
✓ Runners	2	"	"
Telephonist & Linenmen	3	"	"
✓ Intelligence men	2	"	"
Engineers	2	"	"
Stretcher Bearers	4	"	" with 4 stretchers
Guides	4	"	"

Reserve Party.- 3 runners, 3 signallers, 6 spare men 1 Medical Officer, 6 stretchers and 12 stretcher-bearers.- Under command of O.C. Attack.
The Medical Officer and Stretcher Bearers are being furnished by the 6th Inf. Brigade.

Those marked ✓ constitute the assault party.

5. DUTIES

Scouts will leave our trenches at 45 minutes before zero time followed by 1 telephonist and 1 linesman laying wire as they go and taking one telephone instrument forward.

The engineers will accompany this party carrying explosives to clear away wire or destroy Trench Mortars or machine guns found in the enemy's trenches.

The above will move forward to the junction of ditches 60 and 65 where they will halt under cover and wait till our trench mortars lift. On this happening they will move forward again. The scouts will report whether the wire is well cut. The signallers will open communication from a point just outside the enemy's parapet, the wire laid serving as a guide to the remainder of the assault party.

The assault party will leave our trenches immediately behind the scouts and will halt under cover at junction of trenches 60 and 65, where they will wait till the trench mortars begin to lift. The third telephonist who will accompany O.C. Assault Party will open communication from junction of ditches 60 and 65; this telephonist will remain here till the party returns. When the trench mortars lift, the assault party will go forward behind the scouts at a distance to be decided by the O.C. Assault.

The various Bombing and Blocking parties on reaching the enemy's trenches will act as ordered by the O.C. Assault Party. They will not go more than 50 yards to either flank or more than 25 yards down the hostile communication trenches.

The covering party will leave our trenches immediately behind the assault party and will cover the flanks and rear while halted in NO MAN'S LAND, moving forward and doing the same work while the assault party are in the enemy's trenches. They will be available to help in bringing back prisoners and wounded and will cover the assault party when it withdraws.

The four guides will follow the covering party and will act under orders of O.C. that party. Their duties will be to facilitate the maintenance of direction by parties coming back. They will be dropped at suitable points along the line of advance.

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5. DUTIES (Contd.) The reserve party will remain in our trenches about 75 yards south-west of point of exit. They will be under orders of the O.C. Attack and will be available for any duty he details them for.

The O.C. Attack will be at this point accompanied by 2 artillery liaison officers. He will check the parties going out and coming in.

6. PRECAUTIONS The raiders will proceed to the FARM DU BIEZ in small parties, arriving by 9 p.m. They will there be examined in order to make sure there are no means whereby the enemy might discover which unit or formation they belong to.

They will have their faces and hands blackened and will wear white bands on each arm. These bands will be covered by some darker material tacked loosely on, which will be removed before entering the enemy's trenches.

The men of each Bombing and Blocking party will be numbered in order to facilitate identification; the Right Bombing party will be numbered 1 to 7, Left 8 to 14 and so on. By this means if they wish to identify each other, they need only call out their numbers. The officers will know that they are responsible for numbers 1 to 7 or 8 to 14 as the case may be when collecting their men and withdrawing.

7. DRESS & EQUIPMENT As directed by O.C. Attack.

8. SIGNALS The code signal notifying that the raid will take place will be as follows and will be sent to all concerned on the date fixed.

"Leave train starts at .....p.m. to-night acknowledge"

As far as possible this message will not be sent by wire.

Zero time will be the time given in the above message.

As soon as possible after reaching junction of ditches 60 and 65 the O.C. Assault will send the following signal message to O.C. Attack.- "B.P."

When the enemy's trenches have been entered, the forward telephonist will send "E.T.D."

As soon as the raiders have left the hostile trenches "A.C." will be sent by the forward telephonist.

On reaching junction of ditches 60 and 65 during the withdrawal, the O.C. Assault will send the message "C.F." indicating "Cease Fire"

All the above messages will be checked back and then repeated to advanced Brigade Report Centre.

The signal for the raiders to leave the enemy's trenches will be green Very lights fired obliquely by O.C. Assault or his representative in the direction of the enemy's support trenches.

In addition to this the runners will be available to warn parties to withdraw.

In default of any signals the parties will leave the hostile trenches 10 minutes after entering.

As soon as the "C.F." signal is received by O.C. Attack he will send up two blue rockets. This signal will be repeated by "A" and "B" Battalions of the 6th Brigade from the RUE DU BOIS and LILLE Salients.

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8. SIGNALS (Contd.) The 5th Brigade have been asked to act similarly at the BRIDOUX SALIENT.

Luminous tape will be laid for 100 yards back from the enemy's trenches after the assault party have entered. Besides this, boards covered with luminous paint will be placed along the ditch along which the raiders will withdraw.

9. ACTION OF MACHINE GUNS AND LIGHT TRENCH MORTARS The 6th Brigade have been asked for the following assistance. Light Trench Mortars to fire on the enemy's trenches from I.21.b.3¼.1. to I.21.b.3½.2¾. and from I.16.d.2¾.5½. to I.16.d.3¼.6¼. Detailed orders to be issued by the 6th Brigade Trench Mortar Officer.

Machine guns to fire on communication trench from I.22.b.3.5½. to 6.3. They will also fire on to the WEZ MACQUART Road from I.16.d.5.2½. to I.23.a.4.3. This fire will be indirect.

Other machine guns will stand by ready to engage with direct fire hostile machine guns if they come into action.

They will not fire across the area within the following points until the raiders have returned. - I.15.d.2½.0. - I 22.a.1½.5. - I.22.a.9.9¼. - I.16.c.1½.6.

10. 5th Inf. Bde. TRENCH MORTARS The 5th Infantry Brigade have been asked to use their light mortars against the hostile trenches opposite the BRIDOUX SALIENT.

11. COMMUNICATIONS Special lines have been laid from position of O.C. Attack to Advanced Brigade Headquarters, and from the forward Liaison Officers to the Left Artillery Group Commander. Arrangements have also been made to join up the D.T.M.O. with Medium Trench Mortar Batteries engaged in main operations.

D.T.M.O. will be with the 7th Inf. Brigade Commander at 6th Inf. Brigade Advanced Report Centre.

12. PRISONERS Prisoners will be sent back at once to Brigade Advanced Report Centre via WINE AVENUE. The escort in charge will decide whether or not to stop at Ditch junction 60 - 65 until the enemy's artillery fire slackens.

13. SUBSEQUENT ACTION OF MACHINE GUNS Machine guns will take advantage of hostile working parties repairing damage caused by our artillery fire if they receive instructions to this effect from O.C. 6th Infantry Brigade.

14. Reports to 6th Infantry Brigade Advanced Report Centre after 10 p.m.

15. Acknowledge.

ROWAN HAMILTON,
Captain,
Brigade-Major,
7th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

P.T.O. Distribution.

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6, 7, 8, 9 to 2nd Aust. Division.
10, 11, 12, 13, 14 to C.R.A.
15. File
16. War Diary.
17. G.O.C. 7th Aust. Inf. Bde.

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HEAD QUARTERS 6th Inf. Bde. 64/16 R.E.F.

6TH INFANTRY BDE. OPERATION MEMORANDUM No. 75.

Reference Map 1/10,000, Sheet 36 N.W. RUE MARLE, 17/6/16.

1. A party composed of Officers and Other Ranks drawn from 25th and 27th Battalions will leave our trenches at I.15. d.6.2½. at time to be notified on night of 18/19th inst., and enter enemy trenches at I.22.a.5½.8½.

2. C.O's., A & B Battalions will reduce patrols and listening posts to a minimum consistent with vigilance and safety of the front line, which may be thinned as Commanding Officers consider necessary to avoid undue casualties during retaliation.

3. Our Artillery will open fire at ....., and, at a time to be notified later, an intense bombardment will take place lasting for 1 minute. O's. C., Units, will be on the alert for retaliation.

4. Code Signal notifying time the raid will take place will be sent to all concerned by wire in following form.- "Leave train starts at ..... pm. tonight". Acknowledge". Hour mentioned being the time raid will take place. On reaching junction of ditches 60 & 65 during the withdrawal, the O.C., Assault, will send the message "C.F." indicating Cease Fire. As soon as the "C.F." Signal is received by O.C., Attack, at I.15.d.6.2½., he will send up two blue rockets; this signal will be repeated by "A" & "B" Bns., 6th Bde., respectively, from RUE de BOIS and LILLE (CHARDS FARM) Salients.

5. Light Trench Mortars to fire on enemy's trenches from.-
I.21. b.5¼.1. to I.21. b.5½.2¾. and from
I.16.d2¾.5½. to I.16. d.2¼.6¼.
Detailed instructions will be issued by the Brigade Trench Mortar Officer.

6. Machine Guns to fire on communication trenches from I.22.b.3.5½. to I.22.b.6.3. They will also fire on to WEZ MACQUART Road from I.16.b.5.2½. to I.23.a.4.3. This fire will be indirect. Other Machine Guns will stand by ready to engage with direct fire hostile Machine Guns if they come into action.
They will not fire across the area within the following points till the raiders have returned.-
I.15.d.2½.0- I.22.a.1½.5. - I.22.a.9.9¾. - I.16.c.1½.6.
Vickers and Lewis Machine Guns will take advantage of opportunities to fire on enemy's working parties repairing damage caused by our Artillery.

7. C.O., "B" Battalion, will provide Medical Officer and 12 Stretcher Bearers, who will make arrangements to receive wounded.

8. Prisoners will be sent back to 6th Inf. Bde. Advanced Report Centre via. WINE AVENUE.

9. REPORTS to 6th Inf. Bde. Advanced Report Centre (present C. Bn. Hdqrs.) after 10 p.m.

Copies to.-
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2. Diary.
3. 21st Bn.
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6. 24th Bn.
7. M.G. Co.
8. T.M. B's.
9. 5th Bde.
10. 7th Bde.

Major,
Bde. Major, 6th Aust. Inf. Bde.

Noted.
I saw C.O.'s & M.G.O. Brig + left a memo with them re same
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HEAD QUARTERS
6th Inf. Bde. A.I.F.
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7th Bde

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8th ASST. INF. BDE.

17th June 1916

CIRCULAR MEMORANDUM

Minor Enterprise referred to in Operation Order 16 has been postponed till evening 19/19th June.

Amend Para. 1. accordingly.

Major,
Brigade Major 6th Inf. Bde. A.I.F.

1. Filed
2. Diary
3. 8th Brigade
4. 21st Bn.
5. 22nd "
6. 23rd "
7. 24th "
8. M.G.Co.
9. T.M.Bty.
10. 7th Brigade

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20th June 1916.

G.O.C,
7th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

I have to report as follows regarding the minor enterprise on the night of 18/19th June :-

(1) The object was to enter enemy's trenches at I 22 d 5 8 for the purpose of securing prisoners and inflicting losses on the enemy.

(2) The whole of the Raiding Party as per Brigade Operation Order No.17 assembled at FERME DEBIEZ at 9 p.m. There inspected by myself and everything was found to be in order.

(3) At 10.45 p.m. the scouts under Lt. ~~Sukkarkand~~ Southen left to inspect junction of ditches 60 & 65, returning at 11.10 p.m. and reporting all clear.

(4) The head of the Assaulting Column left the SALLY PORT at 11.15 p.m. and were all clear of the trench at 11.19 p.m.

(5) At 11.32 p.m. the first signal "BP" was sent back indicating that the party was in position.

(6) At midnight the bombardment commenced. It took the enemy four minutes to retaliate. The artillery retaliation was exceedingly light and not one shell fell anywhere in the vicinity of our SALLY PORT.

(7) At 12.17 a.m. the fire lifted from portion of trench to be entered. One red rocket was then fired from enemy's trenches slightly N. of I 22 d 5 8.

(8) At 12 21 a.m. I received the following message from NO MANS LAND - "cease fire". As it was not the pre-arranged signal I asked for confirmation and authority, and received the following - "cease fire, from Captain Patterson" This message was sent to Artillery by the Liaison Officer, and the blue rockets as arranged were sent up. Artillery fire ceased about 12.28 a.m., as did also enemy's retaliation.

(9) The first of the party returned about 12.40 a.m. and all reported back by 1.15 a.m.

10. The O.C. Assault reported that he had not entered the enemy's trenches owing to the heavy cross fire of machine guns situated on the right and left of the point.

11. The failure of the Raid was in my opinion due to the following :- (a) The concentrated fire of the heavy Trench Mortars indicated to the enemy the probable point of entry.
(b) The bombardment lasting for 15 minutes gave the enemy an opportunity to organize and control his machine gun fire.
(c) I am also of the opinion from the verbal reports of the O.C. Assault, Scout Officer and officers in charge of Bombing Parties, that the decision to retire was made somewhat early.
(d) The O.C. Assault having such excellent cover should have pushed further forward and made sure that the cross fire was on the actual point of entry.

12. The co-operation of the Artillery and T/M/Batteries was excellent.

J. E. Tripp Capt.
O/C. Attack.

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HEADQUARTERS,
7th AUSTRALIAN
INFANTRY BRIGADE.
No. 18/41

7TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

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19th June 1916.

Headquarters,
25th 26th 27th & 28th Bns.
M/Gun Coy.
T/M/Batteries.

1. In regard to last night's raid carried out by 25th & 27th Bns.

The O.C. Assault reached junction of ditches 60 & 65 and bombardment was carried out as arranged. However, a comparatively severe fire of hostile machine guns was observed to be playing on the portion of the wire cut by our trench mortars, and the O.C. decided not to attempt to enter the enemy's trenches through this barrage. There were no casualties and all returned safely to our trenches. Hostile artillery retaliation was very weak and ineffective.

2. The Brigades on our flanks are both contemplating a minor enterprise. With this in view the G.O.C. is sure Battalion Commanders would like to co-operate. The 75rd Brigade whom we have relieved, had prepared some plans and it is proposed to continue their arrangements, and application has been made for permission to do so.

The point selected for the raid is in the vicinity of ONTARIO FARM - U 1 a 5 6 and 4½ 5½, and the Brigadier would be glad if the intervening ground could in the meantime be thoroughly reconnoitred.

C.O. Trench Mortars should reconnoitre for positions from which to fire his mortars, and O.C. Machine Gun Company should reconnoitre positions both for indirect and covering fire from his Company guns.

In all probability the raiding party of 25th & 27th Bns. will return to their units tonight and may be given an opportunity of carrying out this enterprise.

Gas is being used by both units on our flanks and it may be necessary to train personnel to use gas on our own front should the cylinders be available.

[signature]

Capt.
Brigade Major,
7th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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Divisional Headquarters,
20th June, 1916.

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Headqunrters,
1st A. & N.Z.Army Corps.

1st Australian Division)
New Zealand Division)

4th Aust. Inf. Bde.) for information.
5th -do-)
6th -do-)
7th -do-)

The following report with reference to the attempt made on the night of 18th/19th June to raid the enemy's trenches is forwarded for your information.

The raiding party reached point I.16.c.1.0½. and the scouts reached point I.22.a.4.2½. Hostile machine guns, two from I.22.a.3.3. and one from I.22.a.3.6½. opened fire four minutes after our trench mortars began to cut the enemy's wire. The fire of these guns was continuous, not by short bursts and crossed so close to the enemy's trenches that sparks could be seen made by the bullets hitting the wire; occasionally the guns traversed slightly and a good many shots went over the scouts, while a few went over the raiders further back.

The O.C. Assault sent the message to "Cease fire" just about the time that our trench mortars and artillery should have lifted; it reached the Brigade Advanced Report Centre at 12.22 a.m. When our artillery stopped their fire the hostile machine guns continued intermittently for a quarter of an hour. The enemy also fired a large number of flares over the gap in their wire.

The orders said that the artillery fire would continue until ordered to cease by the Infantry Brigade Commander. If this order was not received, artillery fire was to cease at 40 minutes after zero. The lift was timed to be completed at 19 minutes after zero. It is regrettable that the O.C. Assault did not wait to see what effect might have been produced on the machine guns if our artillery had continued to fire. He was authorised to send the message "Cease fire" on reaching point I.16.c.1.0½. on the return journey, which was to be repeated to Advanced Brigade Report Centre in order that the artillery fire might be stopped by order of the Brigade Commander, ammunition saved, and an opportunity given to the raiders to return to their own trenches, as the hostile bombardment ceases soon after our own.

Telephones ~~from~~ worked very well indeed.

Major-General,
Commanding 2nd Australian Division.

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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

24th June 1916.

Operation Order No. 18.

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Reference Sheet 28 S.W. 1/10,000 and Sheet 28 S.W. 1/20,000

1. On night of 26/27th the following reliefs will take place within the Brigade.-

28th or "C" Bn. will relieve 26th or "A" Bn.
27th or "D" Bn. ,, ,, 25th or "B" Bn.
25th Bn. will become "C" Bn. and be billeted at RED LODGE.
26th Bn. ,, ,, "D" Bn. ,, ,,, KORTEPYP.

2. Moves will take place according to March Table.

3. Details not provided for in this order will be arranged mutually between C.Os concerned.

4. Men of relieving Bns. will carry full water bottles, 120 rounds per man and two sandbags, and 24 hours rations.

5. Following specialists and others will reach trenches during daylight on the 25th., and will take over duties during daylight, and will remain under instruction in the trenches during night of 25/26th and until their Battalions arrive.-

2 Signallers per Company
3 Signallers (Battalion)
2 Lewis Gunners per gun.
Lewis Gun Officer.
Scout Officer and all Battalion Scouts.
Bomb Officer, 1 N.C.O. and 7 Bombers.

6. Following will proceed to the trenches on morning of 26th.- Remainder of Signallers, Lewis Gunners, Bombers, Intelligence Officer and Observer, Second i/command and one Officer per Company, to take over and give receipts for all Defence Schemes, Trench Stores, Ammunition, etc., and to ascertain the work in progress. A copy of receipts to be forwarded to Brigade Headquarters as soon after relief as possible.

7. O.C., Machine Gun Coy. will arrange his own relief.

8. No engineer stores will be sent up on night of 26th/27th June.

9. Advance parties from 25th & 26th Bns., 2nd in command, 1 officer, 4 N.C.Os, 10 O/R per Coy. will proceed to billets to take over billets, Defence Schemes, Stores, Duties, etc. on morning of 26th.

10. Each Battalion will report completion of relief by wiring name of Officer Commanding Battalion.

11. Acknowledge.

S. Rowan Hamilton
Capt.
Brigade Major,
7th Aust Inf Brigade.

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6 27th Bn.
7 28th Bn.
8 M/Gun Coy.
9 Bde T/O.
10 T/Mortar Bty.
11 6th Field Coy.)
12 24th Division)
13 17th Brigade) For information.
14 2nd Aust Inf Bde)
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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

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MARCH TABLE

DATE	UNIT	UNIT TO BE RELIEVED IN TRENCHES OR BILLETS	GUIDES TO MEET AT	UNIT PROVIDING GUIDES	ROUTE TO TRENCHES OR BILLETS	REMARKS
26/27th June.	28th Bn. "C"	26th or "A" Bn.	RATION FARM T 12 a 6 1 10.30pm	28th Bn	FORK ROADS T 24 a 8 9¾ - SHRINE - T 18 a 4½ 2½ - T 18 a 6¾ 7 - RATION FARM.	As far as SHRINE Bns will move with Coys at 5 mins. interval, afterwards with platoons at 2 mins. interval.
	27th Bn. "D"	25th or "B" Bn.	T 11 a ½ 9 10.15pm	25th Bn.	NEUVE EGLISE - LA TROMPE - T 11 a ½ 9	As far as NEUVE EGLISE Bn. will move with Coys at 5 mins. interval; afterwards with Platoons at 2 mins. interval.
	26th Bn. "A"	27th or "D" Bn.	As arranged by O.C. 26th Bn.	26th Bn.	RATION FARM - SHRINE - T 23 Central - T 22 d 2 5 - T 28 b 5 9 - T 27 b 8 0 - T 27 b 3½ 8 KORTEPYP.	Move with platoons at 2 mins. intervals.
	25th Bn. "B"	28th or "C" Bn.	As arranged by O.C. 25th Bn.	25th Bn.	RATION FARM - SHRINE - T 24 a 8 9¾ - RED LODGE.	Move with platoons at 2 mins. intervals.

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24th June 1916.

Headquarters,
25th, 26th & 28th Bns. 27th Bn
24th Division
~~Gas officer.~~

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1. On the 25th and 27th June gas cylinders will be taken up and placed in position in boxes which have already been dug in position.

2. Cylinders will arrive in C.S. wagons with poles attached all ready for carrying.

3. Times, size of carrying and unloading parties, routes, etc., are shown on attached tables.

4. Two men carry each cylinder and two men carry rifles of men carrying cylinders and relieve them from time to time.

5. Two N.C.Os are detailed for duty with carrying party for each G.S. wagon of 12 or 13 cylinders as case may be.

6. Two officers with each carrying party. One will see them off safely and will bring up the rear. The other will lead and regulate traffic and supervise placing of cylinders in boxes, and will ensure that trenches are not blocked.

7. Unloading party will unload wagons and hand over cylinders to carrying parties, and will also take over carrying poles when they are returned, and will see that these are stacked under cover as far as possible. (8) Carrying poles will be returned to Dumps immediately after cylinders have been put in position.

9. All carrying parties will wear gas helmets in the same position as for a "gas alert", in case a cylinder should get damaged by shell fire.

10. Battalion Commanders will take steps to see that all officers in charge of parties are given these orders in writing. That parties parade punctually. That full number of men are available. 5% spare will be detailed in addition to the number shown on the table.

11. All ranks must be cautioned to carry cylinders carefully and avoid knocking cylinders against each other as this might be heard by the enemy.

12. Guides must reconnoitre route the previous day.

13. Boxes will be prepared for receiving cylinders beforehand, i.e. sandbags will be removed. These will be replaced as soon as cylinders are in position.

14. It is of the utmost importance that there shall be no delay in getting the gas cylinders from the G.S. wagons to the boxes in the trenches.

15. All movements in connection with the carriage of the cylinders including the return of carrying parties to a safe distance from the front line, will be completed during darkness.

16. Pipes for attachment to the gas cylinders will be taken into the trenches by night under arrangements to be made by the officer commanding Special Company R.E.
Care must be taken that the pipes are kept in the trenches in places screened from view of the enemy, and that they are not exposed to view whilst being attached or carried in the trenches. They should be covered by empty sandbags both before and after attachment to the cylinders.

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17. On the nights on which the gas cylinders are being transported to the trenches, and on the night of the enterprises, transport in the trench area will be reduced to a minimum.

18. From the time at which the first gas cylinders are brought into Brigade Areas, and during the whole time that the cylinders remain full in the trenches the "Gas alert" will be ordered in all Brigade Areas.
Should a cylinder be burst in our trenches, the usual warnings for gas which are given by Strombos Horns, etc. will not be given. All ranks must, therefore, keep a special look out for gas from cylinders which may have been burst in our trenches.

19. Vermorel Sprayers will be concentrated on those portions of Brigade fronts where gas cylinders have been installed.

20. Acknowledge.

Capt.
Brigade Major,
7th Aust Inf Brigade.

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7TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

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Date	Location of Dump	Unloading Party Strength	Unit Providing	Wagons arrive	Wagons No.	Cylinders No.	Carrying Party Strength	Unit Providing	Time to reach Dump	Route to be followed to Trenches and back to dump.	Trenches in which to put cylinders	Route for return journey.
25th June	Fork Roads, T 5 d 9 5	1 Off. 2 N.C.Os. 12 men.	"B" Bn.	11 p.m.	3	37	2 Off. 6 N.C.O's 148 men. Guides 3, 1 N.C.O.	"C" Bn. "B" Bn.	11 p.m.	Junction - WULVERGHEM Road	DIAGONAL	
do.	do.	do.	do.	12 midnight	3	39	2 Off 6 N.C.O's. 156 men. Guides 3, 1 N.C.O.	"B" Bn. "B" Bn.	12 midnight.	"	do.	
do.	RATION FARM	do.	"A" Bn.	10.30 p.m. 11	3	36	2 Off. 6 N.C.O's. 144 men. Guides 3, 1 N.C.O.	"C" Bn. "A" Bn.	10.30 p.m.	Follow Tramways Crossing Douve Riv at T 12 b 86	Trench 140.	
do.	do.	do.	do.	11.30 p.m. 12	3	36	2 Off. 6 N.C.O's. 144 men. Guides 3, 1 N.C.O.	"A" Bn. "A" Bn.	11.30 p.m.	"	Trench 140.	
27th June	Fork Roads, T 5 d 9 5.	do.	"B" Bn.	11 p.m.	3	36	2 Off. 6 N.C.O's. 144 men. Guides 3, 1 N.C.O.	"B" Bn. "B" Bn.	11 p.m.	Junction - Wulverghem Road	DIAGONAL	
do.	RATION FARM	do.	"A" Bn.	10.30 p.m. 11	5	60	2 Off. 10 N.C.O's. 240 men. Guides 5, 1 N.C.O.	"C" Bn. "A" Bn.	10.30 p.m.	Follow Tramway Crossing Riv Douve at T 12 b 86	Trench 139.	
do.	do.	do.	do.	11.30 p.m. 12	4 3	~~48~~ 29	2 Off. 8 N.C.O's. 192 men. Guides 4, 1 N.C.O.	"A" Bn. "A" Bn.	11.30 p.m.	"	Trench 139.	

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22nd June 1916.

Headquarters,
24th Division.
O. C. Centre Group R.F.A.
O. C. Attack
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War Diary (1 copy)

Reference Map Sheet 28 MESSINES 1/10,000, corrected 9.4.16.

1. On a night to be notified later a party of officers and other ranks drawn from the 25th and 27th Battalions of the 7th Australian Infantry Brigade, will leave our trenches from about U 1 a 3 2½, and enter the enemy's trenches at about U 1 a 4½ 6½.

2. ACTION BY ARTILLERY. At 0000 zero time gas will be released on flanks of 7th Brigade. At 0003 smoke will be discharged all along the 24th Divisional front. At 0004 Artillery will open on the flanks, and Centre Group will commence to bombard the front line trenches in the vicinity of ONTARIO FARM, U 1 a, and also between BIRTHDAY FARM, O 31d and SNIPERS' HOUSE, U 2 a. At 0013 Artillery will commence lifting and will form a barrage by 0015, and smoke will stop. At 0035 Artillery will ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ drop on to front line. At 0040 Artillery will cease fire.
TRENCH MORTARS. Two trench mortars at 0004 will commence wire cutting and at 0013 will lift on to the machine gun positions on the flanks of point of entry.

3. COMPOSITION OF PARTY.
O. C., Attack) Captain H. H. Page, 25th Battalion.

Scouts	1 officer,	6	other ranks
Right Bombing Party ..	1 ,,	7	,,
Left ,, ,, ..	1 ,,	7	,,
Right Blocking Party ..	5 other ranks		
Left ,, ,, ..	5 ,,		
Covering Party ..	14 ,,		
Stretcher Bearers ..	4 ,,		(with 4 stretchers)
Telephonist & Linesman ..	2 ,,		
Engineers	2 ,,		(with explosives)
Runners	2 ,,		
Intelligence Men	2 ,,		
Carriers for gas cylinders, if found. ..	2 ,,		

4. ACTION OF ASSAULT PARTY. A party preceded by Scouts will leave our trenches before the bombardment commences, and will take up a position in NO MAN'S LAND. As soon as the Artillery bombardment starts they will move in as close as possible with safety. On the Artillery fire lifting party will enter and clear the enemy's trenches in both directions, right and left, for about 50 yards to either flank. Covering Party and Stretcher Bearers will remain outside. The withdrawal will be covered by smoke bombs thrown by the Covering Party and will take place not later than 0031.

5. GAS. More gas will be released after attacking party has returned to our trenches, at a time to be decided by Divisional Commander. Gas in trenches 139 - 140 will be released at commencement of operations, and gas in Diagonal will only be released after the party returns.

Detailed Orders will be prepared and forwarded later if proposals are approved.

Brigadier General,
7th Aust Inf Brigade.

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7TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 19.

Reference Sheet 28 S.W. 4. 1/10,000.

1. Minor enterprises to inflict losses on the enemy, to obtain identifications or to capture prisoners, to capture a gas cylinder and generally do as much damage as possible to the enemy will be carried out by the Brigades named below:

17th Infantry Brigade.
7th Australian Infantry Brigade.
72nd Infantry Brigade.

The date on which these enterprises are to take place will be notified later by the 24th Division as also the Zero hour.

These enterprises will be carried out with the assistance of gas and smoke if the weather is favourable, otherwise gas and smoke will not be used.

2. A party composed of Officers and Other Ranks drawn from the 25th & 27th Bns. 7th Australian Infantry Brigade will leave our trenches from about U 1 a 3½ 2 and enter enemy's trenches about U 1 a 4½ 6½.

3. Information concerning hostile trenches and the portion of NO MAN'S LAND to be traversed has already been communicated to all concerned.

4. ARTILLERY. The following artillery is available to support attack :-

Centre Group of 24th Divisional Artillery, consisting of 4 18 pdr. batteries, 1 4.5 howitzer battery, 2 2" trench mortars and 1 6" howitzer gun.

During the preceding days wire-cutting will have been carried out in different places on the enemy's front, and a path cut in enemy's wire at proposed point of entry.

On the night selected for the attack supporting artillery commencing at Zero time will bombard enemy's front line trenches - actual tasks shown on artillery orders attached.

At 0.4 Zero time 4.5 howitzer and 2" trench mortars lift on to targets in rear.

At 0.9 Zero time a barrage is formed round the objective.

On receipt of information that our party is clear (about 0.31) artillery will again drop on to front line trenches, and at 0.36 artillery will cease fire.

The artillery Liaison Officer will be situated in our front trenches in telephonic communication with Brigade Headquarters and take up a position in Company Signal Office at U 1 a 5 1.

Time table attached shows times artillery bombardments commence and barrages are placed.

5. COMPOSITION OF PARTIES:-

O.C. Attack	Capt. Page 25th Bn.
Scouts	Lt. Southon 27th Bn. & 6 O/R's
Right Bombing Party	Lt. Julge 27th Bn. & 7 O/R's
Left Bombing Party	Lt. Stuart 25th Bn. & 7 O/R's.
Right Blocking Party	5 O/R's.
Left Blocking Party	5 O/R's.
Covering Party	14 O/R's.
Stretcher Bearers	4 O/R's. with 4 stretchers.
Telephonist & Linesman	2 O/R's.
Engineers	2 O/R's. with explosives.
Runners	2 O/R's.
Intelligence men	2 O/R's.
Carriers for Gas Cylinders if found	2 O/R's.

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6. Instructions have already been issued regarding the preparation of trenches and the installation of the gas cylinders.
The Officer Commanding the Special Company R.E. will be responsible for the inspection of the cylinders in the trenches, for the attachment of pipes to cylinders, and for the discharge of the gas and smoke on the night selected.
Additional men will be required to assist in the discharge of smoke, and will be detailed for this purpose by Brigade Headquarters.
Arrangements will also be made for the gas helmets of parties taking part in the enterprise and of garrison in the fire trenches to be inspected by Div. Gas personnel prior to the night of the enterprise.
Whilst "White Star" gas cylinders are being discharged all ranks in front and support trenches will wear gas helmets or box respirators.
A time table is attached showing time of artillery bombardment and release of gas.
No smoke will be released from the Diagonal.
While gas is being released garrison of Trenches 139 & 140 and DIAGONAL will be withdrawn except one man per bay..
Trenches will not be manned till ½ hour after gas has been discharged.
Personnel for discharging gas will not enter DIAGONAL till 1 hour Zero time and this party will remain in FORT OSBORNE Barracks until required for the DIAGONAL.

7. DUTIES. Raiding Party will leave our trenches as per time-table.
Scouts will leave our trenches first, followed by one telephonist and one linesman laying wire as they go.
Remainder of party will follow as arranged by O.C. Attack and will lie down under cover and wait for the artillery to commence, and after 4 minutes bombardment they will move forward again.
As soon as artillery lift scouts will move forward and report where wire is well cut.
The Assault Party will enter enemy's trenches and will act as ordered by the O.C. They will not go more than 50 yds to either flank and more than 25 yds down the hostile communication trenches.
Signallers will open communication from a point just outside the enemy's parapet.
The covering party will leave our trenches immediately behind the Assault Party and will cover the flanks while halted in NO MAN's LAND, moving forward and doing the same work while the Assault Party are in the enemy's trenches. They will be available to help in bringing back prisoners and wounded and will cover the Assault Party with smoke bombs when it withdraws if required. The men for escorts for prisoners should be detailed beforehand.
Engineers with explosives will accompany scouts either to complete destruction of enemy's wire, or destroy machine gun emplacements or trench mortars found in the enemy's trenches.
Two men detailed to carry gas cylinders will search enemy's trenches for a full or empty specimen and return with it at once. They will be provided with a pole for carrying the cylinder.
O.C. Attack will remain at point of entry and will direct operations by means of his two runners.
Intelligence men will search trenches and enemy dead collecting identifications, correspondence etc., and will take a sack with them for this purpose.
While party is in enemy's trenches, scouts will break down enemy's parapet to improve means of egress, and will lay back luminous tape (white) from this point in the direction of our own trenches.

8. The Raiders will proceed to PLUS DOUCE in small parties arriving at 9 p.m. Transport as far as the SHRINE will be provided.
Raiding Party will be examined at PLUS DOUCE to make sure that there are no means whereby the enemy might discover to which unit or formation they belong.
The Raiding Party proceed to Trench 142 via MEDICINE HAT TRAIL - KING EDWARD'S TRENCH - BOYLES FARM. Returning after operation the same way.
O.C. "B" Bn. will detail two guides to report to O.C. Attack at

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9.30 p.m. at PLUS DOUCE. These men should be thoroughly conversant with the trenches and communications between PLUS DOUCE and the DIAGONAL.

9 Raiding Party will have their faces and hands blackened, and will wear gas helmets rolled up on their heads, and white bands on each arm; this band will be covered by some dark material tacked lightly on and which will be removed before entering the enemy's trenches.

All men taking part in the raid will be warned that if captured they should give no information to the enemy other than their rank and name.

The men of each bombing and blocking party will be numbered in order to facilitate identification. The Right Bombing Party will be numbered 1 to 7, Left Bombing Party 8 to 14 and so on. By this means if they wish to identify each other they need only quote their numbers. Officers will know that they are responsible for numbers 1 to 7 or 8 to 14 as the case may be when collecting their men when withdrawing. Otherwise dress and equipment will be as ordered by O.C. Attack.

10. The code signal notifying when the raid will take place will be as follows, and will be sent to all concerned on the day fixed :-

"Mail leaves at - - - p.m. tonight AAA Acknowledge.

Zero time will be the time given on the above message.

As soon as possible after reaching and entering enemy's trenches telephonist will send the following signal message - "ETD", as sokn as the raiders have left the hostile trenches - "AC".

The above messages will be checked back and reported to Brigade Headquarters immediately.

The signal for the Raiders to leave the enemy's trenches will be green very lights fired obliquely by O.C. Attack or his representative. In addition to this runners will be available to warn parties to withdraw. In default of any signals the parties will leave the hostile trenches 10 minutes after entering. The Officer on duty in trenches should report to Brigade Headquarters if he sees the green very light signals.

11. 7th Brigade Trench Mortar Battery will co-operate and will fire from the DIAGONAL on to enemy's front line trench from U 1 a 2 7 to U 1 a 3½ 7, commencing at 0.9 Zero till 0.28. Rate of fire 20 rounds per Battery per minute.

12. O.C. "B" Bn. will arrange for two good signallers to be put in charge of the Company telephone in dugout which is being used by O.C. Attack.

The telephone line that is taken out with Raiding Party will be connected up with nearest Company Signal Office in the front line U 1 a 5 1. A line will also be laid from 2" Trench Mortar Battery position to the same Company Signal Office and the F.O.O. will be in direct communication with Centre Group Commander.

13. MACHINE GUNS O.C. 7th Brigade Machine Gun Company will arrange to enfilade enemy's front line from U 1 a 2½ 6¾ to U 1 a 4 7½ from a position in rear of our front line selected by him. He will also enfilade enemy's communication trench with indirect fire from O 31 c 9 1 to O 31 d 7½ 4½. He will also sweep WULVERGHEM-MESSINES ROAD from O 32 c 3½ 0 to O 32 d 5 3.

Other machine guns will stand by ready to engage with direct fire hostile machine guns if they come into action.

They will not fire across the area within the following points until the raiders have returned :-

U 1 a 7 1½ - U 1 a 6½ 6¼ - U 1 a 2½ ¾ 6¾ - U 1 a 0 2.

14. Any prisoners captured should be hurried back to our lines as soon as possible via MEDICINE HAT TRAIL to PLUS DOUCE FARM. They will not be interrogated or allowed to talk among themselves. If necessary they will be kept separate.

O.C. "B" Bn. will detail a guard to take charge of prisoners to be at PLUS DOUCE FARM at 10.30 p.m.

Prisoners will be brought back with Raiding Party in transport from the SHRINE to Brigade Headquarters.

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15. From the 24th inst. watches will be synchronised at 9 a.m. and 6 p.m., Divisional time being given by Brigade Headquarters Signal Section.

16. All units in the 7th Brigade Area will be warned that these operations are likely to provoke retaliation. They will be so disposed as to be as little vulnerable as possible to hostile shell fire.
No working parties will be employed on the night on which the operation takes place, and the transport other than that for the raiders will be taken down to dumps.

17. O.C. "B" Bn. will arrange for 6 stretchers to be placed in the front line near BOYLES FARM and will arrange for Medical Officer to be in readiness to deal with any casualties.
O.C. "D" Bn. will send his Medical Officer to "B" Bn. Headquarters to report by 11 p.m. to give additional assistance and will put 4 of his stretchers at the disposal of O.C. Raid to be used by his stretcher bearers.

18. The result of the operation will be reported by "priority" wire to Brigade Headquarters and O.C. Raid and intelligence men will report to Brigade Headquarters on their way back to billets.

19 Machine Gunners will take advantage of hostile working parties repairing damage caused by our artillery fire after operations have ceased.

20 Report to Brigade Headquarters.

21 Acknowledge.

Glenn Hamilton

Capt.
Brigade Major,
7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

Copy No. 1 G.O.C.
2 War Diary
3 File
4 & 5 O.C. Attack
6 25th Bn.
7 26th Bn.
8 27th Bn.
9 28th Bn.
10 7th Bde M/G/Coy.
11 7th Bde T/M/Batt.
12 6th Field Co. Aus Egrs.
13 Bde T/Officer
14 O.C. 107th Bde R.F.A.
15 2nd Aus. Infy. Bde.
16 17th Infy. Bde.
17 72nd Infy. Bde.
25&18 24th Division.
19 D.T.M.O.
20 O.C. "K" Co. R.E.
21 2nd Aust. Div.
22, 23, 24 Spare.

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7TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO.19.

TIME TABLE "A" (With Gas and Smoke)

TIME	OPERATION	REMARKS
Minus 4	Raiding Parties leave our trenches and advance to selected positions in NO MAN's LAND.	Establishing communication from here by telephone.
0.0. Zero	Artillery Bombardment commences. Gas released from 139 and 140 Trenches.	
0.3.	Smoke commences along Trenches 139 & 140 and remaindor of front except DIAGONAL.	
0.4.	4.2. Howitzers and 2" Mortars lift on to other targets.	
0.9	Gas ceases. Smoke continues from 139 and 140 Trenches. Artillery Lift.	
0.11	Raiding Parties advance on enemy's trenches.	Withdrawal covered by smoke bombs thrown, if required, by covering party. O.C. will use his discretion as regards returning immediately to our trenches or not.
0.31 (about)	Artillery bring back fire on to enemy's front trenches if message from Raiding Party "AC" is received.	
0.36 (about)	Artillery cease fire.	NOTE. - If weather is not suitable for use of gas or smoke, operations will be carried out at the same times but without smoke.
1.50 to 1.55.	Second gas discharge from Trenches 139 & 140. First Gas discharge from DIAGONAL	
1.52	Bombardment by Divisional Artillery on Front Line.	
3.15 to 3.20	3rd Gas discharge if any gas remaining.	
3.17	Bombardment by Divisional Artillery on enemy front line.	

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Amendments to OPERATION ORDER NO. 19. 27/6/16.

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Reference Sheet 28 S.W. 4 1/10,000

Para 4, line 12. Omit "4.5 Howitzer and"
Add after "in rear" line 13 "at 06 zero time 4.5 Howitzers lift on to other targets".

Pare 6. Add at end of paragraph.-
"Captain J.W. Blacket, 27th Battalion, O.C. Company garrisoning trench 141 to 142 and Diagonal will be responsible for saying whether or not gas will be discharged from our trenches either at zero or at the later times. He will be assisted by the officer of the Special Company R.E. (Lt Stuart) who will advise him. His decision should be made after taking into consideration.-

(a) The direction of the wind with reference to the trenches, when the gas is to be discharged and also of adjoining trenches.

(b) Whether any of our wounded are still in front of our parapets.

Capt. Blacket will also supervise the work in the Company Signal Office, keep in touch with the Liaison officer. He will assist O.C. Attack as much as possible.

All instructions regarding the throwing of smoke bombs and smoke candles have been issued to all concerned".

Line 7. Time Table. Erase "4.2 Howitzers and"
Add a new line after line 7.-
"0.6 4.2 Howitzers lift on to targets in rear".

Capt.
Brigade Major,
7th Aust Inf Brigade.

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29th June 1916.

Headquarters,
24th Division.
2nd Division.

The minor enterprise outlined in our Brigade Order No. 19 was carried out last evening.

The raiding party from this Brigade entered the enemy's trenches at about U 1 a 4½ 6½. They remained there for somewhat less than 10 minutes, and report killing 7 Germans and brought back 4 prisoners.

The Artillery fire was very accurate, there being no shorts, and they found the wire well cut. The enemy offered the very slightest resistance, and in one or two cases seemed to be prepared for gas. A gas helmet which one man was wearing was brought back, together with some letters, rifles, etc. All prisoners belonged to the 210th Regiment.

Communications. These worked well with the exception of the wire to NO MAN'S LAND, which was cut shortly after the message came through that the trenches had been entered. The wire from the Signal dugout to the Trench Mortar Battery was also cut.

There was no sign of any gas cylinders in the enemy's trenches.

Five of the raiding party were slightly wounded.

Gas. The gas officer on duty in our trenches reported strongly against the advisability on turning it on and released his men before our bombardment started.

In our trenches two officers were wounded (Lieut Hoskings, Trench Mortar Battery, and Lieut Gooden), one other rank killed and 10 wounded.

Brigadier General,
7th Aust Inf Brigade.

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NOMINAL ROLL OF RAIDING PARTY PERSONNEL

NIGHT OF 28/29TH JUNE 1916

Capt. Page H.H. 25th Bn.
2/Lieut. Stuart A. 25th "
Lieut. Julge P.E. 27th Bn.
2/Lt. Southon R.D. 27th "

25th Battalion				27th Battalion.			
26	Sgt	Bartlett	G.E.	1094	Pte	Gilford	
509	L/Sgt.	Walker	H.S.	948	"	Tymons	
527	Cpl	Templeman	H.	703	"	Teasdale	
1654	"	Ballard	L.J.	108	L/C	Johnson	
194	"	O'Connor	W.H.	6875	"	Davies	
309	L/C	Blythe	J.H.D.	648	Sgt	McCann	
48	Pte	Burns	M.H.	1740	Pte	Mellor	T.
1734	"	O'Connell	J.	401	"	Monkman	F.
2152	"	Grant	J.	266	"	Boothey	F.
2159	"	Hurley	M.	2161	"	Hosking	C.S.
356	"	Farghuar	A.	442	Cpl	Sjostrom	C.E.L.
432	"	Messenger	W.	2156	Pte	Harden	H.J.
770	"	Vardney	J.	2189	L/C	Latimer	R.L.
757	"	Tarlor	C.B.		Pte	Jones	H.
574	""	Beasley	J.	750	"	Baker	B.A.
2216	"	Jupp	J.B.	598	"	Hounslow	C.G.
810	"	Bissett	J.	290	C.S.M.	Caldwell	D.W.
929	"	Mensforth	H.	2021	Pte	Connolly	W.C.
1960	"	McLeod	N.	946	Sgt	Tonkin	L.C.
373	"	Gordon	J.B.	754	Pte	Bungey	V.
1626	"	Cooper	J.	1086	L/C	Pope	A.E.
775	"	Waters	H.	1933	Pte	Hollow	R.
1935	"	Holding	C.	1967	"	Polkinghorne	J.G.
1666	"	Elford	J.	1914	L/C	Easther	A.B.
1694	"	Jones	F.E.	2330	Pte	Adam	G.B.
3302	"	Woock	C.	471	L/C	Thacken	H.H.
100	"	Galbraith	A.D.	1519	Pte	Collyer	A.B.
253	"	Tomkinson	A.H.	1977	Sig.	Rosevear	P.J.
483	"	Perry	L.J.		"	Bates	A.H.
392	"	Herd	A.				
1752	"	Smith	B.				

EMERGENCIES

1565 Sgt. Plater S. 25th Bn.
487 Pte Pritchard H.V. "
1608 " Moran F.B. "

6th FIELD COY. ENGINEERS.

Cpl. Armstrong
Pte Ferguson

CASUALTIES

25th Bn.		Capt. H.H. Page		Wounded
"	309	L/C J.H.D. Blythe		"
27th Bn.	6875	L/C Davies G.C.		Killed
"	108	L/C Johnson		Wounded
"	2021	Pte ~~Connolly~~ Connolly		"

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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BIRGADE.

27/6/16.

Instructions regarding the throwing of smoke bombs and candles on the night of enterprise.

P, smoke bombs and smoke candles will be thrown all along the frontage of trenches 136 & 140 both inclusive in accordance with times shown below.

Arrangements have already been made to have 72 boxes of smoke candles & 108 boxes of P. bombs carried to the front line on the night of the 27/28th and stacking or distributing as convenient between trenches 136 and 140.

During the day of the 28th O.C. "A" Bn. will arrange for his Battalion Bomb Platoon to distribute the candles and P. bombs as follows.-

In each Bay 2 boxes smoke candles = 50
,, ,, 3 ,, P. bombs = 36

NOTE: There are approximately 36 Bays.
The Bombers will also detonate all the P. Bombs. The detonators will be found in the bomb boxes.

The O.C, 27th Bn will detail a party of 2 officers, 8 N.C.Os and 72 men for throwing and lighting these smoke bombs. These men will be selected from the party of 100 who have already been trained for the purpose. This party will be distributed along the front line between 136 & 140 trenches as follows.-

2 men per Bay - 1 N.C.O. for every 5 Bays - 1 officer for each trench. These men will be in position by 10.30 p.m. on the night of the enterprise.

This party will be considered as portion of the garrison of the trench and must be properly armed and equippod.

Smoke candles and P. bombs will be thrown from each Bay at the following zero times.-

003	4	smoke candles	005	4	P.bombs
008	4	,,	010	4	,,
013	4	,,	015	4	,,
018	4	,,	020	4	,,
023	4	,,	025	4	,,
028	4	,,	030	4	,,
153	4	,,	155	4	,,

The smoke bombs should be thrown well out in front of the trench and care must be taken that the fuzees of each kind of bomb are carefully lighted before the bomb is thrown. One box of matches will be provided for each Bay and a proportion of Port Fires, which will be used for lighting smoke candles. P. bombs are lit automatically by friction.

In addition, the following personnel will be required to assist in the release of the gas.-
O.C. 27th Bn. will provide 1 N.C.O. and 8 men for release of gas in the Diagonal. O.C. 28th Bn. will detail 1 N.C.O. and 15 men for the release of gas in trenches 139 and 140.

Details regarding the time this party will report to Gas Officer will be issued later.

Officers and N.C.Os should, if possible, have watches which should be synchronised. Officers in charge of Bomb Throwing parties should be in possession of a copy of this memo.

Acknowledge.

Copy No. 1 G.O.C.
2 27th Bn. 13 + 14
3 28th Bn.
4 Bde Bomb Off.
5 O.C."K" Coy.R.E.
6 Capt Blacket,27th
7 O.C. Special Pty.
8 & 9 25th Bn & 26th Bn
10 24th Division
11 & 12 Filed & War Diary

Capt.
Brigade Major,
7th Aust Inf Brigade.

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HEADQUARTERS,
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INFANTRY BRIGADE.
No. 31/71
Date

7TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO.20.

29th June 1916.

S E C R E T

1. Gas will be discharged from those trenches in which it is installed on the 7th Australian Infantry Brigade front, on the first occasion during hours of darkness tonight or on subsequent nights when the wind is favourable.

2. Smoke will also be discharged at the same time from Trenches 136 to 140 inclusive. If necessary discharges from trenches 139, 140 and The DIAGONAL will take place independently.

3. If possible two successive discharges of gas (the first of 5 minutes duration and the second to last until the cylinders are empty) will take place from each trench, with an interval of not less than 1½ hours between such successive discharges. It will be decided at the time of the first discharge whether it is likely that a favourable wind and darkness will last sufficiently long to admit of a second discharge taking place that night, if not cylinders will be emptied at the first discharge.

4. The cylinders installed in the various trenches concerned may be discharged simaltaneously or at different times as may be most favourable in view of the wind condition. Whatever gas is discharged from any trench on the Brigade front smoke should be discharged along all the Brigade front for 20 minutes, commencing 3 minutes after the gas.

5. Brigade Bomb Officer will be responsible that the necessary smoke bombs and smoke candles are discharged under instructions that have already been issued to him.

6. O.C. 107th Brigade R.F.A. will receive special orders from C.R.A. regarding artillery co-operation.

7. Half an hour before the time selected for the gas discharge Capt. Blacket ~~xikk~~ 27th Battalion will, after consultation with special officer "K" Company R.E., send the following message to Brigade Headquarters - "Blacket will report at - - p.m." Time mentioned in the message will be the hour gas is discharged.

8. Three minutes after gas discharge has commenced Artillery will be asked to open fire.

9. Capt. Blacket will ensure that gas is not let off from any of the trenches if the wind would cause the gas to travel in a more Northerly direction than 35 degrees.

10. Watches will be synchronised from Brigade Signal Office at 9 p.m. every night.

11. All instructions and precautions in 7th Australian Infantry Brigade Order No.19 will be carried out.

12. Great care must be taken to avoid using the telephone in such a way as to indicate to the enemy, if overheard, that any operation and the use of gas is contemplated.

13. Should the discharge take place tonight it will not be before 12 midnight.

14. Transport in the trench areas will be reduced to a minimum tonight and until further notice, and carts should be clear if possible by midnight.

15. 7th Bde Machine Gun Coy. will co-operate during bombardment as ordered in Operation Order No.19.

16. Acknowledge.

Copy No.1 War Diary
2 Capt. Blacket
3 Special Off. "K" Coy.
4 27th Bn.
5 28th Bn.
6. B/T/Officer
7. O.C. 107th Bde R.F.A.
8 7th Bde M/Gun Coys

Time issued 6.30 p.m.

Capt.
Brigade Major,
7th Aust. Infantry Bde.

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No. 31/71
Date

7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

30th June 1918.

Headquarters,
24th Division.

re RELEASE OF GAS.

In accordance with arrangements gas was released from the Diagonal and trenches 139 and 140 - the former at 12.15 a.m. to-day and the latter at 2 a.m.

Copies of reports from officers in charge of the arrangements in our left and right Battalions are attached, giving full details.

A message received from D.H.Q. to withold the release until 1 a.m. was communicated to the front line, but owing to a leak in the wire the message did not reach the officer in the Diagonal in sufficient time to alter the arrangements already made for the release of the gas at 12.15 a.m.

H.

Brigadier General,
7th Aust Inf Brigade.

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GAS STUNT.

During 6 p.m. enemy bombardment 2 gas cylinders were struck and leaked. These were effectively stopped. During 9.10 p.m. enemy bombardment another cylinder was struck and commenced leaking. This also was stopped.

Captain James reported at 9.45. At 10.15 p.m. wind was too light for release of gas. At 11.15 p.m. ~~wind~~ condidtions were still unfavourable. Wind was moving at 32 degrees true North. Wind then gradually became stronger and moved round. At 11.22 p.m. clouds of smoke or gas wereseen on our right. Enemy sent up flares, white, which broke into red and green at summit. At 11.45 p.m. it was decided to release gas at 12.15 a.m. Wind 3 miles per hour and freshening. Direction 43 degrees true bearing. Gas released at 12.15 a.m. No retaliation by enemy Gas run out and all taps turned off at 12.35 p.m. Enemy fired for about 5 minutes and used machine gun fire a lot.

At 2 a.m. clouds were seen on right front and enemy sent up three signals - white flare breaking into red and green. Our artillery opened at 2.3 a.m. Boche retaliated chiefly with 7.7 and 4.2. This was not very heavy.

Defences considerably knocked about. All repaired before "Stand Down". Casualties 3 killed, 14 wounded, 1 slightly gassed.

Sgd. J.W.Blacket, Capt.
O.C. "A" Coy., 27th Bn.

Special Intelligence Report.

Owing to the wind not being favourable the release of the gas and smoke had to be postponed from 1 a.m. to 2 a.m. At the later time the wind was blowing S.W. by S., shortly after it turned to W. which was even more favourable; later it shifted back to the original direction travelling about 3 to 4 miles per hour. Our artillery opened up ~~smxthms up~~ on time. Shortly after the attack commenced the Germans sent up red and green lights. The retaliation was not very severe - our front trenches were left untouched. Heavy bombs to the number of about 60 were sent over by the enemy but did no damage. Some H.E. fell in rear of trenches. Machine guns of enemy were active. By 2.40 a.m. all firing had practically ceased.

No casualties.

Sgd. Herbert Collett, Lt-Col.
C.O., 28th Battalion.

30/6/16
5 a.m.

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7TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO.21

30th June 1916.

S E C R E T.

Reference Sheet 28 S.W. 1/20,000.

1. 26th Battalion 7th Australian Infantry Brigade will relieve 8th Battalion Royal West Kent Regiment and the Right Company of 1st Battalion of North Staffordshire Regiment on the night of 30th June/1st July, and will take over the trenches from left of 27th Aust. Infy. Bn. as far North as N 36 a 7 1, i.e. where the front line trenches cross the WULVERGHEM - WYTSCHAETE ROAD. Road exclusive.

2. The 8th Bn. Royal West Kent Regiment will take over KORTEPYP Huts from the 26th Aust. Infy. Bn.

3. All details of the relief will be arranged mutually between Commanding Officers concerned.

4. O.C. 26th Aus. Bn. will send usual advance parties to new tronches on the morning of the 30th.

5. O.C. 7th Aust. Brigade Machine Gun Coy. will arrange to take over Machine Gun positions in the area during daylight.

6. 26th Aust. Bn. will carry one day's rations on the man, full water bottle, 120 rounds S.A.A. and two sand bags.

7. All Trench Stores - Defence Schemes - Maps - Log-books - Aeroplane photographs - work in progress etc. will be taken over. A copy of a list of Trench Stores taken over will be forwarded to Brigade Headquarters as soon as possible after relief.

8. The 26th Aust. Bn. will be supported by a portion of the 108th Brigade R.F.A.

9. O.C. 26th Aust. Bn. will report completion of ~~xxx~~ relief by wiring his name.

10. The command of the new area will pass from G.O.C., 72nd Infantry Brigade to G.O.C. 7th Aust. Infantry Brigade on completion of the relief.

11. A copy of 72nd Brigade Operation Order No.55 has been forwarded to all concerned.

12. Acknowledge.

S Howard Hamilton

Capt.
Brigade Major,
7th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

for information

Copy No.1 G.O.C.
2 File
3 War Diary
4 26th Bn.
5 7th Bde M/G/Coy.
6 7th T/M/Batt.
7 Bde T/Off.
8 7th Infy. Bde Sig.
9 24th Div.
10 2nd Aus. Div.
25th Bn. 11
27th Bn. 12
13 28th Bn.
14 & 15 72nd Infy. Bde
16 2nd Aus. Infy Bde
17 8th Fld Coy. Aus. Engrs.
18 107th Bde R.F.A.
19 108th Bde R.F.A.
20 & 21 Spare.

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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

1st JUNE 1916

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO.54.
From 6 a.m. 31/5/16 to 6 a.m. 1/6/16.

OUR OPERATIONS.
ARTILLERY.. Practically no firing during the forenoon, but a good deal of registration was done during the afternoon. At 12.10 p.m. 19th Bty. fired 8 rounds I 22 b 6 2. At 3.13 p.m. 15 rounds at I 22 b 1½ 8½ & at 4.15 p.m. 8 rounds at I 22 b 9½ 3¾. Between 5.20 p.m. & 6.50 p.m. 11th Bty. fired 54 rds. to trenches 62,63 & I 21b 4 3 & I 35 a 1 5. At 2.20 p.m. 104th How. Bty. fired 16 rounds at I 21 b 2 1 & I 36 a 8 4. At 3.37 p.m. 15th Bty. fired 18 rounds at enemy parapet I 21 c 1½ 0, direct hits obtained. 14th Bty. fired 12 rounds & 20th Bty. 20 rounds for registration purposes. A party of 16 men at about I 16 d 5 6 were fired on at 10.30 a.m.
TRENCH MORTARS. At 7.30 p.m. our mortars (3.7") fired 10 rounds, enemy retaliated & a further 10 rounds were sent over. Two bombs fell short but others were well placed.
MACHINE GUNS. Our guns were active. From position at I 20 d 8 5 fired on breach in parapet to right of the DISTILLERY & on wire and parapet opposite trench 59. From I 15 d 9 5 fired on trenches & wire from I 22 a 1 5 to I 22 a 7 9. Traversed wire & parapets from I 16 d 3 6 to I 16 c 9 0 & silenced enemy M/G. at I 22 a 8¼ 9¾. Traversed & searched enemy supports from I 16 d 9 9 to I 16 d 1 1 & vicinity of SALLY PORT at I 16 d 6 8¾.
SNIPING. A very quiet day. Targets scarce.
PATROLS. Patrols went out from both right & left Bns. Reports are attached. No enemy patrols encountered.
WORK. Right. General repair work carried out right along the line. Work continued on traffic road trench, dugouts, etc. in support lines to trench 62. Chord line is being improved and more accommodation provided there. About 70 yds. of double corkscrews & barbed wire placed on left of trench 58. 30 yds. of apron & French wire added to entanglements in centre of trench 59. 6 knife rests completed the wiring of that section. Left. Demolition of earthworks in trench 68. General repairs and maintenance work throughout the whole line. Grass cutting in front of trenches 64 & 67.
AIRCRAFT. Our machines again active.
ENEMY OPERATIONS.
ARTILLERY. Enemy artillery less active than usual. At 9.45 a.m. 11 rounds 5.9 H.E. fell about I 14 b and did a little damage to railway. At 10.5 a.m. 11 H.E. & shrapnel fell about I 15 a 7 5. Between 2 & 4 p.m. about 50 H.E. & shrapnel fell behind Reserve line in right sector. They seemed to be directed at the new trench line connecting sections of the reserve line behind DEAD COW FARM I 20 d 7 9. At 9.15 p.m. 4 rounds shrapnel fell near our Chord line.
MACHINE GUNS. Not quite so active as usual.
TRENCH MORTARS. In reply to our activity at 7.30 p.m. enemy sent over 60 bombs mostly 12 pounders. The majority fell near the Chord line & did some minor damage to our works. This shows an appreciable lengthening of range as hitherto range only extended from front parapet to half way to Chord line.
SNIPERS. Sniping very quiet.
DEFENCES. Front line trenches between I 26 b 7 7 into I 21 c show signs of our artillery fire of the last two days. No signs of attempted repairs so far. Wire along the same length is badly knocked about. Sections of trench opposite 56/57 has been built up. Iron stays for wiring have been put up opposite our minor salient trench 62. Our M.G. fire kept up on this part. The house on right of group marked HOTEL near I 27 c 8 9 appears to be sandbagged inside. It is a likely sniping or observation post. It is suspected that work is going on in old trench outside enemy salient I 21 b 4 4. A few sandbags have been seen on what appears to be a shallow trench. From I 16 c 9 0 to 250 yds to right parados has been built up with brushwood hurdles & it is now a little above the height of the parapet.
MOVEMENT. At 6.30 a.m. 2 men passed screen on LILLE ROAD at I 16 d 4 5. At 9 a.m. 3 men disappeared in sap at I 17 b 1 8. At 9.35 a.m. 3 men carrying timber along support trench to dump I 16 d 5 6 about same time two periscopes appeared, one at same point as dump & other about 50 yds. south. At 10.30 p.m. 16 men were seen carrying bags (apparently heavy) to this dump. Just as head of party reached the dump one of our 4.5 How. exploded at the point. Another 4 shells quickly followed. They appeared to do considerable damage. At 4 3 p.m. 3 parties each 3 men appeared at I 22 c 7 7. At 7 p.m. party of 10 men moved west from I 35 b 4 3 to 2 2 . Some movement noticed on PARADISE ROAD.
AIRCRAFT. One or two enemy machines were seen, but they were flying very high and did not appear for any length of time.
MACHINE GUN EMPLACEMENTS. At 5 p.m. and 18 pdr. shell was seen to burst in close proximity to a machine gun which was firing at our aeroplanes I21b4 1½.

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Gun did not fire again from this position for some time. Suspected M.G. positions at I 16 d 1½ 4 & I 16 d 4 7.

ANTI-AIRCRAFT GUNS. Guns at I 30 c 5 7 active between 7 and 8 p.m..

COMMUNICATIONS. On three occasions during past two days one pigeon has flown over trench 66 at I 16 c 7 8. It came from direction of WEZ MACQUART and flew low in direction of ARMENTIERES. At 10.30 p.m. search-light played along our lines. It appeared to be at WEZ MACQUART. At about 1 a.m. a green flare followed by a white one was seen on our left Nothing observed to follow. At 2 a.m. two bright white lights were sent up in rear of enemy salient. Fewer flares than usual were used by enemy.

GENERAL. Enemy attitude quiet. This has been particularly noticeable during past three days. He is quick to respond to artillery or bombing but is keeping under cover. Very little movement seen in rear during day time and working parties in the front line are fewer.

LISTENING POST. Listening posts are suspected in old trench outside enemy salient I 21 b 4 4.

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Patrol Report Night 21/22

A patrol consisting of Cpl Webb and 6 men left the Sally Port at left of trench 62 at 9.15 p.m. and worked along the front of our wire to near the Salient. The grass is about 3' to 4' high and very dense in places. 100 yards out from the SALLY PORT there is a patch of furrowed ground, the furrows running parallel to the enemy trenches. There are several 4" pipes lying on this field. The enemy was heard working on their wires near entry of RUE DE BOIS. The patrol turned north parallel to enemy trenches through grass 2' to 3' high. The enemy was working on their wire in front of 27th Bn. and machine gun fire was afterwards directed on the place. The patrol returned across the furrowed field. Ditch 48 is about 5' wide and has an old foot track, now overgrown running along northern side. A low broken hedge extends along the ditch. Ditch 46 is a smaller ditch and between it and our wire the grass is about 1' high. The patrol came in at 12.15 a.m. opposite No. 17 bay. No enemy patrols were sighted. Flares considered to be sent up from ~~within the trenches~~ NO MAN'S LAND before patrol left trenches only were sent up from within the trenches while the patrol was out.

Sgd. Roland Browne, Lt.
Intelligence Officer.

27th Battalion.

Map Ref. Bois Grenier 36 N.W.4 1/10,000 and Left Bn. Left Bde. Map NO MAN'S LAND. A patrol of 1 Sgt and 4 men was sent out to explore the ground lying between LILLE and BARRIER Roads. Left at 9 p.m. from I 16 c 3 5 returned I a.m. to same place.

REPORT. We moved along drain 69 to the Barrier Road. Crossed road and continued in ditch on eastern side for 120 yds. We then went on half left for about 80 yds. This ground is rising slightly, the crest being about midway between the two roads. The ground falls away toward the enemy trenches Long grass about 2' high covers the whole area. We lay still for about 40 minutes and heard a considerable amount of movement going on behind the enemy parapet. It sounded as if fatigue parties were moving up and down the duck boards and talking loudly. There were apparently no working parties on the enemy entanglements opposite us. We moved back, crossing ditch 70, which is about 2' wide and 2' deep, containing a little water. We came to the T head about 35 yds from LILLE ROAD. This T. Head is about 100 yds. from our parapet, and the head itself is about 30 yds long. There is 18" of water in this sap. The head is sandbagged and if the sap were dry this would make an excellent place from which to snipe, and fire flares at night time. About 30 yds in front of the head we discovered a hole in the ground 2' wide and 3' long. A timbered tunnel was discovered under this hole, the back of tunnel being about 2' below the surface of ground. The tunnel is practically full of mud and water. We could not trace it to any outlet. There is a cart track, elevated above the surrounding ground running between the LILLE and BARRIER roads and just in front of T head. We followed along the northern side of this track, crossed the Barrier Road again and up ditch 69 to our parapet. The enemy were sending up frequent flares, often in pairs, and there was a great deal of machine gun and rifle fire going on. The night was very clear and bright.

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

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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Patrol Report.

On the night of 29th 30th I wnet on patrol with one Sgt one L/Cpl and one Pte. from trench 67 at I 16 b 23 leaving our trench at about 6.30 p.m. after going about 150 yards to a spot I 16 d 39 I left the Sgt. and Pte and went on with the L/Cpl towards the enemy entanglements. After going about 50 yards I came on to a shell hole large enough to conceal one man from fire and two from observation. Up to this point the vegetation was very thick being long grass, and turnips going to seed. The progress was slow as all this growth had to be broken down without undue disturbing of growth as the evening was calm this hole was reached about 7.30 p.m.

So far as could be observed from this point the enemy wire was, on th outer edge, knife rests(wooden) and in fair order the enemy wire could be observed by day. with the aid of a small periscope(cylindrical pettern) a lot of work is going on at this point and a lot of movement up and down the trenches can be heard. At about 8.30 I moved up furthe and discovered an insulated wire laid along the tops of the seeding turnips about two feet from the ground, this wire appears to have been lately put there and is in good condition so far as I followed it it was running nearly parallel to his trench. I did not disturb it in any way. The closest I got to his wire was about twenty yards and the object was to try and get a view of his wire and make a track for future observation. At this time it was too dark to see anything so I decided to wait and listen and also observe the exact position of his searchlight which appears about this point. Up to 10 p.m. his light did not appear so I returned to where I had left the Sgt and Pte. when I got there I found the Pte had been shot through the head and that it had occurred at about 10.10 p.m. There was nothing to show from what direction the bullet came he was lying parallel to the two trenches and the top of his head was blown off. I at once sent a man in to get a stretcher and we moved him closer up to our line. When the stretcher arrived no difficulty was experienced in getting in.

Object of the patrol was:-

1. To view the enemy wire by daylight if possible.
2. Make a road through no mans land that could be followed without disturbing the large growth of vegetation and establish a post where enemy wire could possibly be seen from during daylight. This is being done tomorrow 31st inst.

Sgd. B-Patterson Capt.

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2nd JUNE 1916.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO.55.
From 6 a.m. 1/6/16 to 6 a.m. 2/6/16.

OUR OPERATIONS.
ARTILLERY. Between 10.30 a.m. & 2.30 p.m. 104th How. Bty. fired 36 rounds registering I 21 c 7 6, D 1 3 & other tragets. 12th Bty. between 12.30 & 6 p.m. fired 34 rounds at enemy trench opposite 67 & 68. Our observers report that artillery caused breaches at several points of enemy breastworks at I 21 c 3 1. Direct hits on DISTILLERY caused no apparent damage. At 4.35 a few shells were sent over in retaliation to enemy shelling. At 7.40 p.m. 18 pounders shelled enemy front line in vicinity of Salient causing a couple of breaches in parapet. At 1.40 a.m. this morning our guns fired 24 rounds at enemy line opposite trench 58.
TRENCH MORTARS. Our mortars were inactive during the day.
MACHINE GUNS. Our guns were active during the night. Fired on working party at I 21 c 7 3 & traversed wire & parapet to I 21 c 4 2, also from I 22 a 7 8 to I 22 a 6 2. From position at T head fired on working party carrying timber to dump at I 17 b 2 1. At 1.30 a.m. fired on working party at I 17 a 2 6. Work ceased immediately.
SNIPING. Our snipers claim to have broken two more periscopes. General sniping quiet.
PATROLS. Patrols went out from both right & left Bns. No hostile patrols heard. Full reports are attached.
WORK. Right. Repair work on damage caused by enemy bombardment took a good portion of the day. Work continued on traffic trench & supports of 62, also along Chord line where dugouts & bomb store were completed. Levelling of ground in trenches 61/2 continued. Traverses in SALOP AVE. improved. Wire put out in front of trench 58. Left. Continued demolition in trench 68 & also pumped out some old dugouts. Erected traverse in trench 66 & prepared sections of wire entanglements. Repaired parapet in trench 65/66. Lowered duck-boards in trench 64 & continued filling in of water holes throughout area. A listening post built south end of LILLE SALIENT near LILLE Rd. from trench 68. Wire put out at I 16 c 4 6.
AIRCRAFT. Our machines were active. At 3.20 p.m. one of our biplanes alighted in enemy lines in rear of SNIPERS HOUSE about I 22 b 4 5. Plane appeared to be damaged on right wing. It could not be seen after descending. Our right Bn. reports that A.A. guns at I 30 c 5 7 were responsible for bringing this machine down. Our observation balloon at STEENWERCK broke away at about 7.30 p.m. Observers left balloon in parachutes, after which our A.A.Guns shelled balloon heavily.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.
ARTILLERY. Enemy artillery very active. At 11.45 a.m. 35 H.E. shrap. fell on S.S. line I 14 b 5 9. At 12.30 p.m. 38 H.E. fell on ruins I 14 d. From 1 p.m. to 3.15 p.m. over 250 H.E. were sent over at Battery I 13 c 3 8. Considerable damage done. At 4 p.m. 69 shrapnel & H. E. were put into trench 57 CHARDS FARM I 16 a. At 4.25 p.m. 50 H.E. shells were put into support lines behind trench 60 to BURNT FARM also lighter shells along front line trenches 58 & 59. At 6.25 p.m. enemy again shelled vicinity I 13 very heavily. About 200 H.E. used. Bde on our left heavily bombarded at 4 p.m. and again about 4.30 p.m. At about 9.30 p.m. heavy firing heard away on our right.
MACHINE GUNS. Usual activity during the night.
TRENCH MORTARS. Enemy were not active. No firing reported.
SNIPING. Very little sniping reported.
DEFENCES. Enemy heard working behind salient. Wiring party opposite 58 was dispersed. Special attention seems to be given to I 16 d 4 6. Loopholes are visible. This place is under close observation. Parties can still be observed carrying timber to I 16 d 5 6. In communication trench near this point a small white board 12" by 10" with D 8 painted in black letters is visable Some new works appear to be giving going on near cemetery. New earth thrown over parapet. Wire has been strengthened in I 21 b 8 3.
MOVEMENT. A good deal of traffic on LL PARADISE Rd. Between 3 and 4 p.m. over 100 men were seen in parties of 5 to 8 men. They were unarmed & in different coloured uniforms. Some were without coats & wore white shirts. Several wore white trousers. Several groups passed carrying what appeared to be large white sacks. At 7.30 p.m. smoke, such as that of a loco-engine moving, was observed in distance beyond I 30 c travelling south. At 6.30 small working party seen in front line at I 26 b. At 9 am. at I 22 c 8 4 party of 6 men observed on DISTILLERY Rd. At 9.45 a.m. mounted man seen on DISTILLERY Rd. At. 2.30 p.m. party of 6 men left I 22 c 8 4.
COMMUNICATIONS. At 8.10 p.m. a white flare was sent up behind lines at I 22 b or I 16 a. Two green flares were seen opposite trench 62 in I22 a.

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2 linesmen were seen laying or repairing telephone wires on LE PARADISE ROAD. One pigeon flew from direction of WEZ MACQUART passed over trench 66 at I 16 c 7 8 going towards ARMENTIERES.

AIRCRAFT. Enemy aircraft very active.

IDENTIFICATIONS. A man seen in front line wearing a grey green cap with a blue band and badge in centre.

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2nd June 1916.

Patrol Report - 27th Bn. 1/6/16.

Map Reference Bois Grenier 36 N.W. 4 1/10,000 and Left Bn., Left Bde. Map of NO MAN'S LAND. The following patrols were sent out:-

1. One officer & 3 men left 9 p.m. from I 16 c 32 56. Returned 12.30 a.m. to same place.
2. Four men left 9 p.m. from I 15 d 80 25. Returned 1 a.m. to I 21 b 40 99.

REPORTS.

1. We followed along drain 69 till we came to Barrier Road. Then moved along right hand side of this road in a deep ditch till we were within a few yds of enemy entanglements. We turned to the right and followed these entanglements for about 50 yds. There does not appear to be any trip wire in front of the heavier line. The wire is very thick and the knife-rests appear to be both wooden and steel. Long grass is growing up in the wire and obscures the view largely. We could occasionally hear men walking up and down behind the parapet and could hear talking very clearly. The grass right in front of outer line is very short for a width of about 60 yards. Probably it has been cut not long ago. We came back across open ground which slopes down toward the enemy trenches from a distance of about 100 yds. We did not hear any working parties , but the flares were being sent up very frequently. The searchlight was fairly constant and hindered our movements considerably.

2. We moved half right, crossing ditches 58 and 57, then moved straight ahead for about 200 yds and remained here in some shell holes for an hour and a half. No enemy patrols or working parties were seen or heard. The grass is fairly long in places.

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

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A Corporals patrol left trench 58 at 9. 15 p.m. and proceeded along gutter running to COURAU. A shell hole ~~near outer~~ was noticed against willow tree near outer barbed wire. Patrol moved on to and along COURAU in a southerly direction through grass varying from 2' to 4' in height for about 100 yds., crossed COURAU which is at this place 7' wide and worked towards enemy's lines for a distance of 40 yds. and listened on rise where grass is very thick and about 3' high. Enemy was heard working on his wire so we returned by same track and reported at 10.30 p.m. Machine gunstook action. Patrol again left trench 58 at 11 p.m. as screen for wiring party. It reached COURAU by same track as previously and proceeded for 50 yards towards PARK ROW. Shell holes numerous grass thick, good cover. No enemy working parties were heard after 11 p.m.

Sgd. S.A.WEBB,
Scout Corporal,
28th Battalion.

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3rd JUNE 1916.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO.56.
From 6 a.m. 2/6/16 to 3/6/16 (6a.m)
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OUR OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. Our Artillery more active. At 11.30 a.m. 104th How. Bty fired 22 rounds at DISTILLERY, I 27 b 5 5 and I 22 c 7 9. At noon 12th Bty. fired 4 rounds registering parapet I 16 d 0 1½. Between 12 and 12.30 p.m. 10th Bty. fired 20 rounds registering CRIDDLES COTTAGE and LARGE FARM. At 4.50 p.m. 10th 12th and 19th Btys. fired 160 at trenches I 16 d. Enemy retaliated on our Rue du Bois Salient. At 6.30 p.m. 10th Bty. put over 30 shells around enemy salient to assist trench mortars. At 7 p.m. 104th How. Bty. fired 50 rounds at Support Trenches opposite 63 and 64. At 4.45 p.m. 13th Bty. fired 8 rounds at anti-aircraft battery I 29 d 9½ 4 . Guns were silenced.

TRENCH MORTARS. At 6.30 p.m. both 2" and 3.7" mortars were active. 15 rounds of 2" and 40 rounds 3.7" were fired. Fire was well directed and as far as could be observed good effect was obtained. Ehemy retaliated with 200 rounds.

MACHINE GUNS. Our guns were active. From position at I 20 d 5 3 enfiladed enemy trench from I 26 b 7 5½ to I 26 b 8 1. Fired on wire and parapet from I 26 b 9 1 to I 21 c 3 7 and from I 22 a 7 8 to I 22 a 2 6. From position at right of LILLE ROAD Salient fired on breaches in enemy parapet at I 16 d 2 3½ and ¼ 2¾. These breaches were made on 1st inst. and owing to our wire the enemy has only been able to partially rebuild them. Traversed parapet and wire from I 16 b 9 2 to I 16 d 3 5.

SNIPING. Our snipers claim to have shot one more of the enemy. They report targets scarce as enemy does not expose himself in front line.

PATROLS. Patrols went out from both right and left Bns. No hostile patrols were encountered. Ehemy observed at work on wire and parapet. Reports are attached.

AIRCRAFT. Our machines were active.

WORK. Right. Levelling work behind minor, work on traffic trench latrines and dugouts in support line to trench 62. In Chord line dugouts, 2 cookhouses and 2 latrines were constructed. Filling of sandbags for emergency use. During the night improvement and repairs to parapet and other clearing required, through bombardment was carried out. A wiring party was out improving wire in front of trench 58. Left. In trench 68 firing steps were made and demolition of old works gone on with. In trench 64 old dugouts were pumped out and cleaned and wire prepared. Waterholes being filled in in trench 65 and new traverse built. Mens dugouts constructed at new Bn. H.Qrs. Traverse made in BRICK St. communication trench. 15 knife-rests put out in front of trench 68. Grass cutting carried on. Wire strengthened in front of trench 64.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. Enemy artillery were not active during the forenoon. At about 1 p.m. 30 H.E. fell around BURNT Farm. Four fell in our O.P. but no damage was done. At 3 p.m. 9 shrapnel burst about I 13 b. At 5.15 p.m. 140 heavy H. E. fell on S and S.S. Lines at I 15 d 9 9 and I 15 d 9 3. At 5.30 p.m. and again at 6.30 p.m. enemy shelled I 8 b 1 2 with H.E. about 200 shells fired. A bearing taken from I 14 b 9 9 was 130° time of flash till report 10 seconds. In retaliation for our trench mortar and artillery activity enemy bombarded Rue du Bois Salient with H.E. and shrapnel and also bombs, at 6.50 p.m. and again at 7.30 p.m. It is estimated that 450 shells and 200 bombs were sent over. A good deal of minor damage done but nothing serious. In trenches 58/9 parapet was breached at left of # 58 and the support line near DEAD COW FARM. Another trench near Bde machine gun position but the gun was not damaged. A little minor damage to Chord line and parapet damaged and parados blown in in Salient. Trench 62 was not damaged, Rue du Bois communication sap was blown in. Willow Ave and Salop Ave. were not damaged.

TRENCH MORTARS. At between 6.30 and 7.30 p.m. about 200 bombs were sent into our Salient. This was retaliation for our activity. No other activity during the day.

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MACHINE GUNS. Usual night firing. At midnight enemy guns swept trenches 58 and 59.

SNIPING. Very little sniping reported.

DEFENCES. Two new knife-rests have been put out in front of trenches in vicinity of GERMAN HOUSE, I 21 b 1½ 2. No new work noticed in I 21 c. At 8.15 a.m. 3 men seen carrying timber to dump I 16 a 5 6.

MOVEMENT. LE PARADIS road used a good deal by cyclists and small parties. Between 8 and 8.30 a.m. 16 parties each of 4 were seen going towards I 21 a 5 0. At 10 a.m. 2 men were seen coming from direction of trenches. Smoke as from a trench railway engine seen in direction I 30 c. At 9.10 a.m. 1 man seen in I 17 b 1 8 coming from direction of LE PARADIS RD. At 10.45 a.m. 8 men and disappeared in vault in I 23 a 5 0. At 9.30 a.m. a party of 8 moved out of communication trench in I 23 a 4½ 8½ and proceeded along PARADIS RD.

COMMUNICATIONS. Pigeons coming from direction of ARMENTIERES passed over trenches 65 and 66.

AIRCRAFT. Very little activity. Enemy observed at 10.45 a.m. 5 observation balloons were up.

IDENTIFICATIONS. Two heads seen over trench, both wearing caps without peaks showing a white band. In the trenches near LA QUINQUE RUE it was noted that they were mostly grey haired. To-day one man seen whose hair was white.

GAS. Gas alarms were heard away to our left at 11.20 p.m. At 1.00 a.m. this morning. Strombos horns were heard to our left. At the time wind was not favourable in our area.

GENERAL. It is thought by men on duty in Snipers post that troops opposite trenches 61, 63 and 62 came in during the last two days. From general observation and by the action of the enemy it is thought feasable that they are holding the line thinly and making up for it by extended activity. There is no doubt that the enemy artillery activity is more than we do. It will require

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PATROL REPORT - 27th Bn. - 2/6/16.

Map Reference Bois Grenier 36 N.W.4 1/10,000 and Left Bn., Left Bde. Map of NO MAN'S LAND. A patrol of 2 N.C.O's and 4 men were sent out at 9 p.m. from I 15 d 80 25. They returned at 1.30 a.m to the same place.

REPORT.

We followed drain 58 for about 100 yds.. Our object was to locate a supposed German listening post at, or near, the junction of 60 & 65. We left drain 60 about 50 yds from this junction and moved across towards 65. On reaching the latter we moved along it toward the junction. At a distance of about 20 yds from our objective we lay listening fro about half an hour. There was apparently nothing at this spot but the night was extremely clear and we could easily distinguish the forms of men standing and moving about on the German parapet at about I 22 a 50 85. When flares went up from the enemy - and flares were exceedingly numerous - we could distinctly see men employed upon the entanglements. We counted 18 in front and 5 on the parapet. They were working very quietly, contrary to the usual procedure. As we have already stated the night was extremely bright and the grass is now drying, making a silent approach impossible. We therefore considered it unwise to approach the suspected hole any nearer. We retraced our steps to drain 60 and at a distance of about 60 yards from the junction of 60,63, 58 came across two mounds 2' high and about 2' in circumference at the base, shaped like a beehive. The mounds were covered in straw and we felt something hard underneath. We did not interfere with the mounds until we received orders from the Scout Officer (I shall examine these mounds personally, later, R.D.SOUTHON.Lt) There is a well worn track along the bank of drain 60, the grass having been worn completely away for a width of about 12 inches. We crossed drain 60 and moved over to 57 then followed 57 for about 200 yards. The enemy working party was plainly visible from this spot. We returned at 1.30 a.m. by the Sally Port I 15 d 80 25.

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

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28th Bn.

A patrol under charge of Scout N.C.O. left trench 58 at 9.30, moving out to the Courau where the Standing patrol was posted. The Courau banks were examined ~~15~~ for 150 yds and where crossed it was 6' wide. At 10.30 p.m. three sharp blasts from a whistle repeated after a pause of 5 secs. and again repeated after another pause of 3 secs. were heard from enemy trench about I 21 c 3 1½, but nothing further was heard. The enemy could be heard working along their line opposite the 19th Battalion between the Courau and enemy wire the grass is 2' to 3' high in most places and ye the ground is undulating. The patrol worked along enemy line north about 150 yds., about 50 yds having practically no cover. On working back to our lines a man was reported on our left. The patrol immediately formed a chain traversed the land out to the Courau crossing same near the old broken harrow. Both banks of Courau were closely swept and all shell holes in locality up to our wires were examined without result. The patrol returned at 12.15 a.m. through gap in our wire caused by the 7 p.m. bombardment.

Sgd. R.F.Brown, Lt.
Intelligence Officer.

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Intelligence Summary. No. 57 4th June 1916.

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OUR OPERATIONS.

Artillery:- There was very little firing done yesterday. At 1.10 p.m. 13th Bty. fired 5 rounds at I 27 b 3½ 2 and I 29 a 1 6½. Direct hits obtained At 1.35 p.m. 14th Bty. fired 9 rounds at I 26 b 8 1 to I 26 b 8¼ 7. At 3,45 p. 20th Bty fired 13 rds. for registration purposes.

TRENCH MORTARS:- Our Mortars did not fire during the 24 hours.

MACHINE GUNS:- Our guns were active. Traversed enemy wire and parapet from I 21 c 7 3 to I 21 c 1 1 , I 22 a 7 8 to I 22 a 26. Fired on working party at I 16 d 2 3. From position at T head traversed enemy parapet and wire I 16 b 9 2 to I 16 d 3 6 and at position I 16 c 8 0. During the afternoon tested our night lines. Our indirect fire observed striking enemy parapet at I 21 b 3 1.

SNIPING. A very quiet day. Fired on and dispersed a working party in enemy second line about I 22 a 2 2. Right Bn. reports that one of our snipers hit an enemy sniper at MANAGERS HOUSE.

PATROLS:-Our patrols were again active. A Scouts patrol from Right Bn examined the COURAN for a reported sniper position opposite Park Row. The party left trench 58 at 9.30 p.m. and traversed towards COURAN for 40 yads. South of bridge and examined all possible positions. No signs of sniper or any place used could be found. Then moved towards the North for 200 yds and then came across and worked along our wire. Enemy sent up a lot of flares but mostly towards the Salient. Sounds of a truch being pushed along were distinctly heard in vicinity of I 26 b 9 8. No signs of enemy patrols. Our patrol returned at 1.15 a.m.

AIRCRAFT. Not as active as usual.

WORK. Right. Repair work carried out along the whole front, chord and support lines. Levelling off behind trench 62 firesteps in trenches 58,59, traffic trench and dugouts in support line of trench 62. Damage to Rue du Bois repaired. Further progress with Bn. H,Qrs Dugouts. 3 wiring parties worked in front of trench 58.

Left. General maintenance work pumping out "funk holes, preparing entanglements. In trenches 63 64 revetment frames were filled in. Traverses built in trenches 65,66. Demolition of old works continued in 67 and part of 68. New fire bay completed in 66. M,Gun emplacement being built in 67.Knife rests put out in front of 68. Grass cutting completed in front of 66.

ENEMY OPERATIONS Artillery. Generally quiet. At 8.30 to 9.30 a.m. about 15 H.E. were placed behind trenches 56,57. At 10.50 a.m. 6 H.E. fell near Burnt Farm. At 11 a.m. 10 H.E. were directed towards Estaminet I 21 a 8 2 evidently searching for our mortars. Rue de Bois somewhat damaged. At 1.35 pm 8 H.E. fell close to Burnt Farm. At 4.20 p.m. 3 rds 77 mm fell near Chards FarM.

TRENCH MORTARS, No bombing by enemy.

MACHINE GUNS. Enemy Machine Guns active, especially between 8 and 9 p.m. Fired along parapet of 6w and in behind salient partially enfilading it.

SNIPING. Reported very quiet.

DEFENCES, Parapet of second line trench at I 21 d 5 9½ being raised. Brushwood hurdles used. Working parties heard during night opposite trench 62. Our Artillery did some damage to front and support lines vicinity I 21 c 1 1. New work appears to be going on in front of CEMETRY I 16 d . Earth has been thrown in second line.

MOVEMENT, During forenoon several explosions like that of Mills Bomb were heard from enemy lines I 21 c 2 1. 15 men seen near MANAGERS House they were fired on. Between 7 and 8 p.m. several heavily laden transport waggons were seen along road in I 32 b. A good deal of cyclist and pedesterian traffic observed on Le Paradis road. At 2.45 p.m. a party of 82 men seen passing road I 29 c probably a fatigue party as all were dressed in dark uniforms At 8 a.m. 3 men passed screen I 16 d 4 5. At 9 a.m. 7 men passed up track at about I 17 b 1 5. At 9.30 a.m. party of 35 men passed Brewery and marched across field to Le Paradis road moved in small parties. At 6.15 p.m. 8 35 b 4 3 group of 7 men seen walking West. At 6.35 p.m. clouds of smoke rose at intervals in vicinity of PREMESQUES CHURCH. At 7.5 p.m. two men appeared at I 29 c 9 5 walking North. At 7.35 p.m. a motor lorry passed along road I 29 c 9 5 moving south carrying something in a perpendicular position the shape of and A.A.Gun. It is possible that this may have been a searchlight. The outline was dark colour.

PERISCOPES. Enemy observed using periscopes a good deal during day especiall at I 16 d. Was very cautious and it appeared as if 2 or 3 periscopes were used.

AIRCRAFT. What appeared to be an air duel took place at 6.30 a.m. over german lines. Our Machine came safely over at 6.50 a.m.

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SALLY POST. Suspected Sally Post at I 22 a 6½ 8½. Wire at this point as broken by our Artillery a couple of days ago. The broken ends are now urned back leaving a passage through suppicient for Patrols.

Capt.
For G.O.C. 7th Infy Bde.

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Patrol Report. 27th Bn.

Map. Reference Bois Grenier 36 N.W. 4 1/10000 and Left Battalion Left Brigade Map of NO MANS LAND. The following parties went out.
1. 3 men from I 16 b 10 27 at 9.15 p.m. Returned to I 16 b 15 45 at 1 a.m.
2. 1 Officer 2 men from I 16 c 32 56 at 9 p.m. returned to I 15 d 80 25 at 1.45 a.m.
3. Two men from I 21 b 40 99 at 9 p.m. returned to same place 1 a.m.

Reports. After getting over our parapet we moved to the left till we reached drain 75. This drain is only about 18" in width and depth and is more of a depression than a drain. It is quite dry. We followed 75 till we reached 77 this latter ditch is about 2'0" wide and 2'0" deep and is dry. We proceeded along 77 to the junction of 76 and followed along this for about 130 yards. This is a larger drain about 3'6" deep and 3'0" wide containing 12" of water. We lay here for about 2 hours. An enemy working party was employed on the wire about I 16 d 6 9 . They were driving stakes and handling wire but made much less noise than usual. About 10.45 p.m. one of our Machine Guns opened up on this locality and a few minutes later a horn was blown, probably and indication that one of the working party had been hit. The work ceased for about half an hour and then started again. During the cessation of work many flares were sent up and an enemy machine gun played fairly constantly over towards our wire. We returned by moving to the left over the ground lying between ditches 76&78. There is a depression in the ground about 30 yards in front of, and running parallel to, that in which drain 77 is situated. On our return we reported to the Machine Gunners who opened fire. We heard the horn blown twice after this burst.

2. We moved straight out past drain 60 and lay in a shell hole about 130 yards from the enemy's parapet. We could hear a considerable amount of movement going on behind the parapet, and it seemed as if a wheelbarrow or small truck was being pushed about. The enemy were talking loudly and at about 10.45 we heard a horn blown on our left. (This confirms the report of No.1 Patrol) We moved half right and at about 11.15 p.m. the searchlight suddenly opened out, accompanied by prolonged Machine Gun fire. We had several narrow escapes and are of the opinion that our approach had been seen. The night was clear and frequent flares were being used. We crossed drain 60 and moved on to 57, followed this back toward our lines for about 150 yards. Then moved to the right and again crossed aver 60. We followed this along till we came to the two small straw covered mounds mentioned in patrol report for 2/6/16. On closer examination these prove to be small mounds of earth around which there is a considerable amount of straw. I am of the opinion that this was once the site of a haystack. We returned at 1.45 a.m.

3. We moved straight out from our trenches for about 250 yards and established ourselves in a shell hole, as an advanced Listening Post. We could hear what sounded like shovels being handled and thrown down, and a great deal of sawing of timber and hammering nails. There was apparently no work going on in front of the enemy parapet. Flares were being sent up frequently and the searchlight and Machine Guns were active. We returned at 1 a.m.

R.D.Southon Lt.
27th Bn S.Off.

26th Battalion.

A patrol consisting of L/Cpl Moxley and myself left our lines on the right of sector 59 and proceeded in an Easterly direction for about 150 yds. Here our attention was called to rustling in the grass so we lay still for some time. The rustling continued and after waiting for a goodly time we crawled round about 40 yards in a Southerly direction then lay still again. Time was wasted in this manner till 12.15 a.m. When we came to the conclusion that rustling must be rats or other animals so after a little more waiting, we came back as it was too late to go over to the Listening Post. Information regarding the flares was obtained, only five flares were sent up in the 2 hours from that part of the enemy's line and then none came from that part proposed to visit, two came from the left of the railway line the other three from the direction of the small salient on the right. I am going out again tonight to visit the post.

F.B.Calles Capt.
26th Bn.

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Intelligence Summary. No. 58 5th June, 1916.

OUR OPERATIONS Artillery. Our Artillery was active during the afternoon registering and retaliating. At 4.24 p.m. 11th Bty fired 12 rds registering. At 6 p.m. 19th Bty fired 61 rds to cover trench mortar registration. At 6.30 p.m. 104th How. Bty fired 13 rds. From 6.30 p.m. to 7.45 p.m. 10th and 104th Btys were very active firing 467 rds in retaliation for enemy shelling. Right Bn. Centre Group also fired at the same time ranging on enemy parapet. It is believed that we were damaging parapet as it was observed that many rds were falling short.

TRENCH MORTARS At 6 p.m. our Mortars were active registering on LILLE ROAD Salients. They were assisted by Artillery and 100 rifle grenades fired from trench 60. Mortar fire appeared very good. About 122 rounds fired in all.

MACHINE GUNS. Our guns were active, traversed parapet and wire from I 21 b 7 8 to I 21 d 3 1, I 22 a 7 8 to I 22 a 2 6, I 16 d 9 3 to I 16 d 5 2 and fired short bursts at breaches in parapet at I 16 d 2 6 to I 16 d 0 1 and I 16 c 9 0. Working parties could be heard attempting to rebuild these parts of trench at I 21 d 8 3 to I 21 b 3 3.

SNIPING. Our Snipers claim to have shot two more of the enemy. One of these was shot through a loophole opposite trench 60. He left his rifle hanging in the plate. The other was one of a small working party.

PATROLS. Both right and left Bns. sent out patrols. Usual standing patrols were out along the whole front. Reports are attached.

AIRCRAFT. One of our machines was up during the afternoon.

WORK. Right. Usual maintenance work during the day as well as filling sandbags, preparation of knife rests. Work continued on traffic trench and dugouts in support line of 62. At night repairs to damaged parts caused by bombardment. Practically all damage made good.

Left. Pumping and flooring dugouts in 63. Filling revetment frames and demolishing old works in 64. Built traverses Cowgate Avenue building parapet and traverses in 65. Demolitions continued in 68. Duckboards in main communication saps repaired. Filling reserve sandbags. Commenced sap from LEITH WALK towards CHARDS FARM. Grass cutting parties were out at night.

ENEMY OPERATIONS Artillery, Enemy active in retaliation for our Trench Mortar registration and also heavily shelled Bty at I 8 a 5 9½ otherwise quiet. From 2 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. enemy shelled Bty. I 8 a 5 9½ with 5.9" H.E. rate about 4 per minute. It is estimated about 300 shells were used some damage done to road at SANDBAG CORNER and several houses wrecked. At 6.13 p.m. retaliation for our Mortar activity commenced. The whole front was bombarded estimate 1100 shells but it was most severe on Right Bn. 77s and 5.9" used a high rate of fire was maintained. Bombardment ceased at 7.35. All casualties were caused by shrapnel half of them by one shell. A good deal of damage was done in right Bn. area but considering the nature of the Bombardment the damage done was inconsiderable. In trenches 58/9 breaches were made in the parapet and parados in 7 places. all slight. A little damage to WILLOW AVENUE. The CHORD line Salient and Support Line were not seriously damaged though the parapets were somewhat knocked about. In the reserve line the approach to Bn. H,Qrs was blown in at two places. The Aid post narrowly escaped being wrecked. In trenches 62 and supports, very little damage was done. RUE DU BOIS was blown in in two places. One shell missed T.M. position by a few feet. In the Left Bn. Area practically no damage was done. Parapet slightly breached in three places in support line I 15 d. No casualties in this Bn. From 3 to 4.30 41 shells fell about road near RATION FARM.

TRENCH MORTARS. Enemy retaliated to our activity and sent over 30 bombs into RUE DU BOIS Salient.

MACHINE GUNS. Very active during night. When searchlight was used heavy cross fire from 2 guns covered in front and right of salient. Trenches 58,59 & 60 were given special attention. At midnight Two red lights were seen opposite 59 and just afterwards two whistles ~~xxxxxxxxx~~ blasts were heard. The M.G. fire then opened and lasted for 15 minutes. We had a wiring party in front of 58 at the time.

SNIPING. Quiet during the day. A good deal of attention paid to Breaches in RUE DU BOIS but no casualties occurred. Rifle fire heavy during the night,

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DEFENCES. A considerable amount of earth and water has been thrown out of front trench I 21 c 7 3. A few pieces of planking were seen. All patrols report clanking noisees from enemy lines opposite trench 59. Sounds of a small truck being wheeled were heard. A working party seen at 5.15 a.m. in front trenches I 26 c 8 8 where a lot of work has been done lately. Fairly heavy timber seen to be carried.

MOVEMENT. A 8.40 a.m. 12 horsemen in half sections appeared on LE PARADIS ROAD I 29 c 9 5 disappeared at I 29 d 3 7. Too hazy to distinguish dress. Few men seen on LE PARADIS road at differnet times during the day. At 1.5 p.m. party of 10 men observed I 22 c 8 4. At 4 p.m. 2 men passed screen on LILLE ROAD I 16 d 4 5. At 6.30 a.m. a loud explosion was heard in enemy front line I 16 b 6 0. A cloud of dirt and debris was thrown into the air. Our Artillery was not firing at the time.

PERISCOPES. A large periscope looking like an iol drum was used during afternoon in Support line I 27 a.

COMMUNICATION. A small white flag was placed on parapet opposite trench 59 after the bombardment(time about 7.30 p.m.) This is being kept under close observation.

GENERAL. Judging by the extra amount of rifle and Machine Gun fire after the bombardment enemy appeared to be very alert, as if expecting further action on our part.

Lieut.
Intelligence Officer 7th Brigade.
for G.O.C. 7th Brigade

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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE,
Patrol Report, 27th Bn. 4/6/16.

Map Reference Bois Grenier 36 N.W. 4 1/10000 and Left Battalion, Left Brigade Map of "NO MAN'S LAND"
A party of 1 sgt. and 3 men left I 16 c 32 56 at 9 p.m. and returned to same place at 1 a.m.

Report. We moved to the left across Barrier Road to a shell hole situated at about I 16 c 85 55 and lay here for about 1½ hours. A strong wind caused the long grass to rustle a great deal and sounds were thus hard to identify. We heard the enemy at work on his parapet to our right , probably repairing damage done by our Artillery fire of this afternoon. We left the shell hole and crossed Lille Road. There was a considerable amount of Machine Gun and rifle fire, accompanied by flares and searchlights, which hindered our movements. The grass is becoming thin and dry, although it is still high enough to afford good cover from view. An enemy working party was heard on the wire about opposite our Lille Salient. We returned along Lille Road for about 15 yards and then crossed over. Returned to point of exit via drain 69. No enemy patrols were heard.

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

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY 6th JUNE 1916.
(From 6 a.m. 5/6/16 to 6 a.m. 6/6/16)

OUR OPERATIONS. ARTILLERY. Our guns were inactive. At 4.40 p.m. 5 rounds fired over enemy trenches at I 21 a. At 4.40 p.m. 18 rounds shrapnel sent over I 23 b. At 4.50 p.m. 7 rds shrapnel on I 16 d. At 5.15 p.m. fired 7 rds. at working party I 29 c 1½ 8.
TRENCH MORTARS fired a few rounds from the Stokes Mortars registering opposite the Salient.
MACHINE GUNS Our guns were very active. Infiladed Enemy trenches from I 26 b 6 5½ to 7 2. I 27 a 6 6 to 9 0 and I 21 d 1 3 to I 27 b 6 6. Fired on enemy working party at I 16 d 3 6. Observed one to be hit. Party dispersed. Traversed enemy wire and NO MAN'S LAND from I 22 a 5 8 to b 4 4. Fired continuously on enemy parapet and wire at I 21 c 4 2 and I 21 c 8¼ 5.
SNIPERS Our snipers report enemy very quiet and targets scarce.
PATROLS Usual standing patrols were out. A strong party examined wire on front of enemy parapet at I 21 c 6 3. The wire itself was not strong. but the enemy have a fortified listening post in the centre capable of holding four men. This has steel shields painted green. A party was placed along COURAU at 9 p.m. and withdrawn at 2.15 a.m. No sign on enemy patrols.
AIRCRAFT. No aeroplanes up in our area.
WORK Right Usual maintenance work carried out. Finishing touches put on repairs to damage by enemy bombardment. Work continued on traffic trench and dugouts of support line in rear of 62. Left. In trenches 63 and 64 filled in revetment frames and old dugouts. Cleared ditch left of Wine Ave. Pumping and repairing funk holes. Demolishing old works. In trenches 67 and 68 more old works were demolished. Filled in two old fire bays. Built new latrines.
ENEMY OPERATIONS-
Artillery. Enemy were quiet. At 11.15 a.m. 11 rounds of 77 m.m. shrap. were sent over I 8 a 5 9½ and at 11.30 a.m. 11 rounds over I 9 a 9½ 4. At 5.40 about 20 rounds H-E- fell around Burnt Farm.
TRENCH MORTARS. No activity in our area.
MACHINE GUNS. Enemy more active than usual on the left but there was not a great deal of fire on the right.
SNIPING. Very quiet.
DEFENCES. Heads of working parties were observed in small groups passing up and down communication trench to front line men were evidently carrying loads. At I 16 d 4 6½ at 8.15 a.m. located new work going on near communication trench. Some heavy timber work during night and judging by amount of earth thrown up a good deal has been done. At 1.30 p.m. men were seen working at this position.
MOVEMENTS. A good deal of movement on LE PARADIS road. Parties totalling 100 were seen going away from direction of enemy trenches The small tramway in I 32 was used a good deal. A lot of movement on Bois Blanc road. At 9.15 a.m. two men passed Brewery. I 21 c 8 4. At 11 a.m. 8 men seen near Distillery road I 17 b 2 6. At 7 p.m. about I 29 d 4 5 a party of about 6 men seen cutting and stacking grass in field.
IDENTIFICATIONS. 4 men seen with field grey caps. 1 man with blue cap red band. 1 with grey green cap white band.
COMMUNICATIONS. At 8.47 p.m. enemy sent up 1 red rocket from some considerable distance back, near Fort. followed by 6 white. 3 red. 1 white. 1 red and blue, 2 red and green. At 8.44 p.m. three white flares followed by 3 red and then three green flares seen opposite trench 59. Searchlight played on our line from about Brewery at 9.53 p.m.
RELIEF- At I 22 d 9 7 a party of about 100 men in full marching order seen at 7 p.m. Marched across field towards trenches going along Queer St. until lost to view behind hedge. At 7.20 p.m. party of 20 men followed same course at 7.45 p.m. a G-S-wagon followed. At 8.30 p.m. another party of about 20 seen at same place. This movement evidently indicates a relief.

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Confidential 7th June 1916.

Intelligence Summary. 4° 60

From 6 a.m. 6/6/16 to 6 a.m. 7/6/16.

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OUR OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. During the day our artillery was quiet. At 9.15 a.m. 13th Battery fired 20 rounds at I 21 c 6 2½ and 105th Battery fired 10 rounds at I 21 c 7 3 to cover tracks of wire cutting party of night of 5th June. At 9.45 a.m. 105th Battery fired 10 rounds at I 21 c 2½ 2½ to c 1 0. At 9.40 a.m. 14th Battery fired 12 rounds at enemy trenches I 26 b 7¼ 1 to 8 8. At night all batteries were engaged in the scheme in which they played a great part. All opened fire at 11.15 p.m. and kept up a very heavy fire on enemy trenches for 20 minutes then lifting and forming a barrage. The shooting was very good and all arrangements excellent. Firing ceased at 12.15 a.m. About an hour later a further 2 minutes of intense fire was carried out on enemy front line trenches. Daylight shows enemy parapet badly knocked about.

TRENCH MORTARS. Both light and medium batteries were in action in connection with last night's scheme. The 2" mortars were specially selected to destroy the enemy wire at I 21 c 7 3½. This they did most successfully and they then lifted on to the enemy parapet and did a lot of damage. The Stokes mortars were in action and did good shooting but the full effect of the damage could not be observed.

MACHINE GUNS. Our guns were very active. Traversed parapet and wire from I 21 b 2 1 to I 22 a 8 9, I 21 c 8 4 to I 21 c 4 2. Silenced two enemy machine guns which opened from approximately I 26 b 9 9 at 10.30 p.m. Enemy gun opened one burst and was silenced on commencing a second.

SNIPING. Our snipers broke one enemy periscope. Targets very scarce.

RAID. A special party consisting of 4 officers and other ranks under Capt. C.M.Foss, 28th Battalion, carried out a most successful enterprise on enemy line at I 21 c 5 2 to 8 4. The main objects were to enter the trenches, obtain prisoners, put out of action any of the enemy who were found and to learn as much as possible of the enemy trench. All objects were accomplished. The raid was carried out with artillery preparation. The party left our trenches at 9-40 p.m. and took up a position under cover in NO MAN'S LAND. At 11.15 p.m. our artillery and trench mortars opened and the former carried out diversion schemes to the right and left of the position to be entered. At 11.25 they turned on to the position to be entered and after 10 minutes heavy bombradment they lifted forming a barrage for the party who at once left their position and moved forward. They entered the enemy line at a position 10 yards south of the Railway line I 21 c 7 4. There was practically no resistence by the enemy, 12 of whom were killed one badly wounded and 3 taken prisoners. Search was made for machine guns and mortars but none were found. The parapet was found to be about 9' high and 16' thick. There was no parados. All dugouts are very strong and none were damaged by our bombardment. Some were fitted up with berths like a ships cabins, 2 berths on either side. None were more than 2 to 3 feet below ground level. There were quite a number of dugouts all close together. The party finished their work very quickly and were only in the enemy trench for 6 minutes. All arrangements worked out well without casualties. Unfortunately two of the party were hit by enemy shell fire before they reached our own lines. The prisoners who were very young belonged to the 231st Regt. and were dressed in a grey green uniform with red cording (edged). The enemy shelled our trenches heavily and caused some casualties. The listening post reported by Lieut Gill on the previous night was found it contained the remains of a man. This post had no sap leading to it but was reached by a path over the breastwork. It was as described by Lt. Gill. Communication trenches were 2 feet deep with brush hurdles for visual cover.

WORK. Right. All work possible was gone on with. Rain hampered operations. At night repairs of damage caused by enemy shell fire gone on with. All communication saps were cleared and free for traffic by 4.15 a.m. Breaches to parapet were repaired.

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WORK (continued) Left Continued work on New Bn. Headquarters. Usual maintenance work gone on with. Repaired what little damage that was done to sector by enemy bombardment.

PATROLS Before and after bombardment standing patrols were put out in front of our area. No sign of enemy patrols.

ENEMY OPERATIONS ARTILLERY. During the day enemy artillery was quiet. At about 4.15 p.m. a few rounds were fired registering RUE MARLE. Retaliation for our bombardment was commenced about 11.20p.m. on our right working along to the left. Reached its height at 11.38 p.m. on our right and was maintained till 11.53 p.m. when rate was reduced and fire ceased at 12.40 a.m. Retaliation for our second bombardment was prompt and lasted for 15 minutes. Mainly directed upon the Salient and its support and reserve lines. The damade done was not extensive. RUE DE BOIS communication sap was knocked in in two places. WILLOW AVENUE was knocked in in two places near front line. Parapet in trenches 58/9 was slightly breached at several points. The Salient was not much damaged nor was the Chord Line. The Estaminet was heavily shelled and badly knocked about. Very little damage to Trench 62 but the Support Line of this part was badly breached at one point. Reserve line quite undamaged.

TRENCH MORTARS Not used during the day, but some bombs were sent over during the second bombardment.

MACHINE GUNS Not a great deal of firing.

SNIPING Enemy very quiet.

DEFENCES Working parties were seen at 8 and 8.30 a.m. in I 21 c 8 2½. At I 16 d 6 7 at 11 a.m. party seen carrying timber and bags into front trench. Artillery fired on them and no more work was observed during the day.

MOVEMENT IN REAR About 30 or 40 horseman and the same number of Infantry in full marching order seen moving S.E. along road through LE PARIDIS at 5.p.m. At 7.30 a.m. a party of 6 men in full marching order seen on LE PARADIS Rd. At 1 p.m. I 16 d 6 7 8 men passed BREWERY. At 7.30 p.m. 3 groups of about 50 men each appeared on road I 29 d 3 7 moved down LE PARIDIS Rd. I 29 c 8 6 going towards trenches. Marching in fours at 7.40 p.m. another 12 followed. At 8 p.m. 2 G.S. Wagons seen at I 22 d 1 9 one going towards trenches the other towards DISTILLERY ROAD.

MACHINE GUN POSITION Reported on 29th May suspected M/G position at I 22 b 8 4. This was knocked out by artillery and was rebuilt on night of 5th June.

COMMUNICATION Enemy sent up red flares when our bombardment commenced.

AIRCRAFT. A Taube came over our lines early this morning.

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Confidential 8th June 1916.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO, 61 - From 6 a.m.
7/6/16 to 6 a.m. 8/6/16.
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OUR OPERATIONS.
ARTILLERY. Very little activity yesterday. At 1.5 p.m. 19th Bty. fired 4 rounds at working party I 16 d 5½ 6½. At 5.10 p.m. 10th Bty. fired 17 rounds at working party opposite trench 67. A few rounds were also fired during the day for registration purposes.
TRENCH MORTARS. Were not used during the day.
MACHINE GUNS. Our guns were active at night and hampered enemy repair work very considerably. Traversed the enemy parapet and wire from I 21 b 2 0 to I 21 b 3 4 and all along front from I 21 b to I 15 c. Searched breaches in parapet firing intermittently from 8.45 p.m. to 2.30 a.m. Traversed parapet from I 21 c 4 1 to I 21 c 8 5.
SNIPING. Our men have been able to harrass the enemy where parapet was breached.
PATROLS. Standing patrols were out along thw whole of our front. Those near Rue de Bois Salient report that enemy had been working continuously all night. Also report that they heard tapping of iron. No enemy patrols were seen. Report of Scout officer of left Bn. is attached.
WORK. Right. During the whole day urgent repairs caused by bombardment 7/6/16 have been carried out. There was considerable work to be done on the parapets. All debris and rubbish have been collected and the lines have been cleaned up. Left. Demolitions in area of strong point, trench 68, have been pushed on. Two fire bays in 68 were finished off. M.G. emplacement was completed at I 16 b. Knife rests were prepared General repairs caused by bombardment.
ENEMY OPERATIONS.
ARTILLERY. Practically no artillery fire. At 6.35 p.m. 2 H.E. fell near RATION FARM. During afternoon he registered a few rounds on our wire near PARK ROW.
TRENCH MORTARS. No bombs sent over during the 24 hours.
MACHINE GUNS. Usual activity at night.
SNIPING. Very quiet.
DEFENCES. At I 22 b 1 8 what appears to be a new track being dug. At I 16 d 4 6½ work is being carried on. Work itself cannot be observed but timber and sandbags are being carried to this point. The work extends back towards scrub. Left of LARGE FARM a quantity of new timber can be seen also new earth. Our artillery fired on both these parties.
MOVEMENT IN REAR. At 11 a.m. party of 6 men seen going towards trenches I 22 d 1 9. At 1.10 p.m. 2 men seen cutting grass about I 29 d 3 0. At 2.30 p.m. 2 men passed screen I 16 d 4 5. Road at I 36 a 7 7 was used a little. Cyclists were seen also transport wagon and ambulance.
SIGNALLING. Two men seen near MONT de PREMESQUE signalling with flags They were facing the front line trenches.
IDENTIFICATIONS. A German was observed on hands and knees behind front line. He was gathering wood. Wore grey uniform with dark forage cap on head. Disappeared suddenly as if fired on.
SIGNALS. Between 7.15 p.m. and 9.30 p.m. enemy sent up 4 series of signals fired on our right towards BRIDOUX SALIENT. They were evidently star shells or smoke signals. After this lights were sent up one or two at a time.
AIRCRAFT. At 6 a.m. enemy aeroplane flew low over our lines. Was not engaged by our A.A. guns. At 5.15 p.m. plane flew over our line and dropped bombs on I 20 d 2 3.

RELIEF. Bns. in the line were relieved last night. Completed at 11.20 p.m.

Lt.
Intelligence Officer.

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Patrol Report. 25th Bn.

A reconnoitering patrol consisting of Lt. A.W.Phillips No.767 Pte Turner 1556 Pte Newbery 1983 Pte Pegley 978 Pte Ryan moved out from point marked "A" on attached sketch at 9 p.m. The dotted line indicates route traversed At "B" is a shell crater and from that point a depression in the ground was followed as far as "C" towards enemy trenches. The grass in the depression is thin and shows signs of drying. "C" is just on edge of enemy barbed wire, which here takes the form of wooden knife rests. When at this point, a slight drizzling rain was falling and the night was very dark. We were dependent upon the flares which the enemy sent up at intervals of twenty minutes, to get a view of entanglements. Judging from what little could be seen the wire appeared thick and the outer edge was twenty five yards from the enemy parapet. The enemy was very quiet at this part of their trench and with the exception of a whistling sentry no noise of any description was heard. We remained at above-mentioned spot for half an hour and returned along the same route to our trenches at 12 p.m. Whilst returning a noise was heard as if stakes were being driven into the ground. at a position in enemy trenches opposite salient. After a few minutes the noise died away and was not finished. No enemy patrols were encountered or heard during the night.

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

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CONFIDENTIAL. 9th JUNE 1916.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 62.
From 6 a.m. 8/6/16 to 6 a.m. 9/ 6/ 16.

OUR OPERATIONS.
ARTILLERY. Our guns were more active. At 11.2 a.m. 137 rounds were fired by 104th Bty at I 27 b 2 5. STATION badly damaged and roof fell in. An explosion was also reported. At 12.10 p.m. and 3.55 p.m. 19th Bty. fired 36 rounds at M/G emplacement in house I 22 b 8½ 5. Position knocked out and house badly damaged. At 4.13 p.m. 104th Bty fired 33 rounds for registration purposes at I 22 d 2½ 8½. TILE WORKS at I 23 a 3 5 were badly damaged by our Howitzers. At 4.40 p.m. 2 shrapnel burst over LARGE FME (I 22 ~~8~~ 6 9).
TRENCH MORTARS. No firing by our trench mortars during the day.
MACHINE GUNS. Our guns again active. Fired on enemy parapet and wire from I 21 b 2 0 to I 21 b 7 3. Traversed wire in front of trenches 63 & 64. Traversed parapet and wire from I 26 b 7 6 to 9 9. Fired on working party at I 21 b 5 2. From T head fired on enemy front line and supports.
SNIPERS. Our men claim to have shot another of the enemy. He was sniping from an old trench in NO MAN'S LAND and had an observer with a periscope.
PATROLS. Both right and left Bns. sent out patrols. Standing patrols were out along the whole front. The patrol from the right Bn. brought in some gear left behind by raiding party. Patrols reports are attached.
AIRCRAFT. Our aeroplanes were active both on reconnaissance work and observation for artillery.
WORK. Right. General repair work and reconstruction of parapets. Traffic trench in Support Line of trench 62 deepened and widened. Duck walks repaired. New M.G. position completed. Apron wire extended on left of trench 58-59. Left. Communication sap in rear of Coy. H.Qrs. trench 64 cleaned out and deepened. Reserve of sandbags filled by each platoon. In trench 67 wire entanglements were made and dugouts ~~fikks~~ in parapet filled in. Draining done in trench 66 and parapets and parados improved.
ENEMY OPERATIONS.
ARTILLERY. Enemy artillery not very active. At 8.30 to 9 a.m. 9 rounds of 77 m.m. were put on road at I 14 b. At 5.30 a.m. 6 shrapnel burst in rear of FME DU BIEZ and again at 7 a.m. 7 shrapnel burst over same area. No damage done. At 11.30 a.m. 21 shrapnel and H.E. fell about I 20 d 4 6. At noon 20 77's burst along PARK ROW and at BURNT FARM. At 5 p.m. 16 shrapnel burst about I 20 d 6 8. At 6 p.m. 10 shrapnel burst over support line in rear of trench 68.
TRENCH MORTARS. No firing during day.
MACHINE GUNS. Usual activity at night,
SNIPING. Enemy snipers quiet, At I 21 b 3 2½ a sniper was seen using a rifle with silencer attached,
DEFENCES. A good deal of work appears to be going on in front line, as fatigue parties are observed at intervals during the day. The parapet in front of our right Bn. has had some work done on it. Parapet at I 26 b 7 8 has been raised. A knife rest seen near top of parapet at I 21 b 2½ 2, What appeares to be trenches in construction seen in I 17 d. This is being carefully observed.
MOVEMENT IN REAR. A good deal of traffic on road I 36 a 7 7, At 4.45 a.m. party of 8 men dressed in light grey uniform seen cutting grass at I 29 d 6 5. Two wagons each with two horses loaded grass. At 4.50 a.m. 4 men in single file going East on road at I 36 c 7 5. At 6.30 a.m. smoke seen coming out of chimney of house at I 27 b 6 0. At 7.30 a.m. loaded transport 4 horses travelling east stopped behind house I 29 d 3 8. At 12.30 p.m. working party at I 36 d 9 1 appears to be throwing up a big mound. Work under observation. At 4.45 p.m. working party 12 men again at I ~~3~~6 d 9 1 spreading grass about, also loading grass on 2 wagons. Steam and smoke seen in I 18 c ,presumably a traction engine moving along road.
COMMUNICATIONS. 2 searchlights played on our parapet and in NO MANS LAND during night.
AIRCRAFT. One enemy aeroplane seen up in the early morning. Driven off by our guns. 4 observation balloons up on our front.
OBSERVATION POST. suspected O.P. in house I 27 a 7 3.

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7th Brigade.

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Patrol Report. 25th Bn. 8/6/16.

A patrol of eight ranks, consisting of Lt. A.W.Phillips, Sgt Snow Ptes. Philpott, Mollison, O'Gorman Thayner and Baker moved out from trench 67 at point marked "A" on attached sketch at 9.15 p.m. At "B" a road was crossed, on the other side (about two yards) was a narrow, well grassed ditch running parallel to same. The patrol moved along NO MANS LAND to "C" which is about ten yards from enemy barbed wire. The grass along this route is very thick about 2' high. There are no ditches or cover of any description in this area and movement is attended by considerable noise caused by the crackling of matured grass. The barbed wire at "C" and on both sides runs in a continuous straight line and is very thick. The enemy were very silent along this front and sent up many more flares than usual possible owing to the nature of the night which was very dark and wet. Numbers of flares were sent up by enemy parallel to and behind their trench. The patrol remained at position close to barbed wire for about Three quarters of an hour and then returned to the trenches at 1.15 a.m. No enemy patrols were seen or heard.

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

26th Battalion.

An Officers patrol consisting of Corp Manion, Ptes Duncan, McDonald, Keogh, Kingston, O'Rouke and myself left trench 59 at 10.10 p.m. with the object of bringing in ~~an~~ rifles and any other material left by special party on night of raid on enemy trenches. Before leaving my patrol was joined by No. 623 L/C Fitzpatrick and 2015 Pte Shearer 7th Bde M.G.Coy. These men knew exactly where material was left and their assistance was invaluable. Cpl. Manion Ptes O'Rouke McDonald and myself moved out about 120 yards from parapet and reconnoitred the ground, but nothing was seen or heard of any hostile party at all. Meanwhile remainder of patrol had been searching for lost rifle and other material. After moving back to Ditch 40 reference map NO MANS LAND we assisted in search. We throughly examined ground and failed to find rifle. We returned to our lines about 11.15 p.m. bringing with us the following articles:- 2 Stretchers, 5 Life Preservers, 1 Steel Helmet, 1 Gas Helmet, 1 Mills Bomb, 1 Knuckle sword, and 2 German bombs. No. 623 L/C Fitzpatrick M.G.Coy. took the two German Bombs with him as he had brought them over the night of the raid. He informed me he would hand same to his O.C. The remainder of the recovered material is at our Headquarters. The enemy was very vigilant, sending up flares, systematically covering all the area of NO MANS LAND. He was working on his parapet.

Nothing was seen of any hostile patrol.

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

9/6/15.

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10th June 1916.

Intelligence Summary No. 63.
From 6 a.m. ~~10~~ 9/6/16 to 6 a.m. 10/6/16.

OUR OPERATIONS.
ARTILLERY. During the forenoon there was but little firing. At 11.30 a.m. 15th Bty fired 13 rounds for registration purposes & again at 3.30 p.m. a further 14 rounds. At 6 to 6.15 p.m. 14th Bty. fired 31 rounds at parapet I 21 c 1 0 to I 21 c 5½ 2 covering trench mortar registration. 19th Bty. at 6 p.m. fired 80 rounds at I 22 a 13 9½, I 16 c 9½ ½ and I 16 d 0 2 and 2 4 for the same purpose. At 6.30 a further 51 rounds were fired as retaliation and again at 6.45 p.m. 104th How. Bty. retaliated with 4 50 rounds at I 21 b 9 3 and I 22 a 3 5. It is reported that considerable damage was done to enemy parapet at I 16 b and c. Sheets of iron, papers and what appeared to be a machine gun tripod were seen in the air. Considerable damage was done to enemy entanglements.
TRENCH MORTARS. At 6 p.m. our mortars were active at Rue du Bois Salient & at Lille Salient. Both 2" and Stokes being used. Shooting was very good & considerable damage was done to enemy parapet and wire.
MACHINE GUNS. Our guns were active. Traversed & searched enemy wire and parapet from I 21 b 2 0 to I 22 a 3 7 and from I 16 d 3 6 to I 22 a 5 7. Fired on breaches in parapet and damaged wire opposite T head. It was observed this morning that enemy had not been able to repair the damage. Fired indirect fire on road between Wez Macquart and junction of Distillery and Paradise Roads.
SNIPERS. Our snipers broke one enemy periscope. Very few targets offering.
PATROLS. Standing Patrols were out along the whole front. No sign of enemy patrols seen or heard. Both right and left Bns. sent out patrols reports of which are attached. At about 12.20 p.m. enemy was heard opposite T head in trench 68 to challenge three times and then fire 3 shots into his own wire.
AIRCRAFT. Our machines were active especially about 5.30 p.m.
WORK. Right. Work continued on our strong points. Parados strengthened also machine gun emplacements. Damage done by enemy shelling in trenches 58 & 59 was repaired. Parapets were rebuilt at night and communication saps cleaned out. Apron wire extended in front of trench 59. Work carried on in support trenches of 62. Left. In trench 64 old works were demolished and new traverses filled in. Completed filling in and sandbagging large traverse near Wine Street. In trench 66 work on parapets left of Cowgate Ave. completed. Repaired damage in trenches 67 and 68. Continued demolition work & preparation of wire entanglements.
ENEMY OPERATIONS.
ARTILLERY. Enemy artillery was quiet until about 6 p.m. when they retaliated for our trench mortars & artillery activity. About 80 rounds 5.9 H.E. and 30 77m.m fell in trenches 58 and 59. Some damage done to parapet. Between 6.20 and 7 p.m. shelling with 5.9" H.E. and 77 m.m shrapnel was continuous on T head in Lille Salient. Lille post and front & Support Line of trenches 66 & 67. No casualties & very little damage to parapet.
TRENCH MORTARS. Some bombs were sent over into Lille Salient. No damage done.
MACHINE GUNS. Some firing on our parapet. Our guns silenced one of enemy guns. SNIPING. Enemy very quiet.
AIRCRAFT. About 6 p.m. enemy Fokker machine chased one of our B E 2 C machines but was driven off by other machines.
DEFENCES. Enemy is deepening trenches in the front and second line near Wez Macquart I 16 d. Damage to his parapet is being slowly repaired but his work is hampered by our machine gun fire. At 7.30 a.m. an explosion occurred behind enemy lines at I 22 c 7 8.
MOVEMENT IN REAR. During the day there was a great deal of movement on road I 36 a 7 7. Cyclists were observed going to north and south. Motor transport & horse wagons were also seen. At 10.15 a.m. 50 men appearing to be in marching ordermoved along road. A large amount of movement of men, transport & horses during the day. A group of men were seen around a machine that looked like a harvester near Fort Englos. At 6.15 a.m. smoke was again seen issuing from house at I 27 b 7 0. At 9 a.m. 4 men seen walking slowly from I 24 b 68 along slope of hill to I 18 d 7 6. Men dressed in bluish grey uniform, well fitting and glistening top boots. Carried what appeared to be a satchel slung over shoulder. At 2.30 p.m. 2 men working in first line at I 16 d 4½ 8. Driving in stakes with a sledge hammer. Later shovel was used to beat sandbags into place. Sniper compelled them to cease work. At 4.30 p.m. 5 men loaded wagon with grass at I 36 d 9 2. At 6.50. 4 men on horses seen about I 36 c 2 5. At 7.30 p.m. 10 men followed by 8 more five minutes later seen at I 36 c 4 2. At 7.45 p.m. 36 men in fours moved W. at same place seen for 100 yds. At 7.50 p.m. 40 men moved past same place.
GENERAL Enemy parapet was visible at 4.10 a.m. 9/6/16.

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Intelligence Officer

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Patrol Report - 25th Bn.

A patrol consisting of No. 513 Sgt. C.L. Snow, 767, Pte Turner, 1556 Pte E.J. Newbery, 978 Pte E.J. Ryan, 19 Pte Avard, moved out from front ~~trenches~~ marked A on attached sketch. Dotted line indicates route traversed. B denotes junction of ditches 63 and 64 which are both dry and afford good protection from machine gun fire. From there the patrol moved across to C which is the junction of ditches 63 and 60. Ditch 60 which runs towards enemy's trenches has about 12" of water in a drain in the bottom. A thinly grassed stretch of ground was followed as far as D in trench 56 which is quite dry. From this spot the patrol moved over to D which is in ditch 57. Ditch 57 is dry, about 8' wide and ~~of~~ at the centre about 21" deep. This depression was traversed as far as point marked F where about half an hour was spent listening. The enemy were very silent and no work judging from sound was in progress. No enemy patrols were seen or heard during the night. Our patrol moved back to trench 64 at 12 p.m.

Sgd. A. W. Phillips, Lt.
Temp. Scout Officer.

26th Bn.

A patrol consisting of Lieut Cole, 23rd Bn., Cpl Lawson and Cpl Manion, Ptes. Duncan, Scolyer and O'Rourke and myself left trench 59 at 10 a.m. for the object of recovering lost rifle from NO MAN'S LAND.

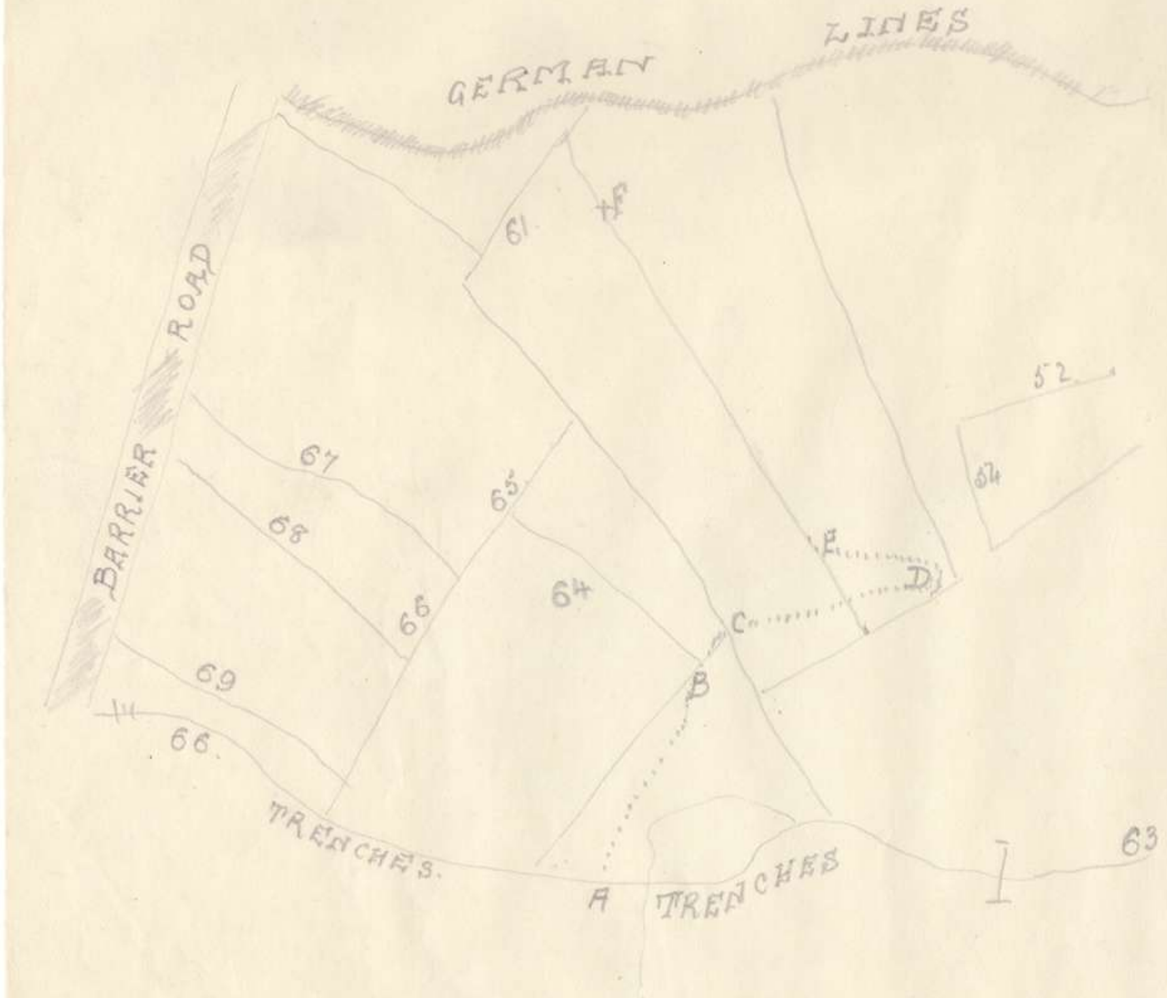
We moved out through Standing Patrol to intersection of Ditches 37 and 32. There we turned due south in the direction of telegraph pole marked A on attached sketch. There Cpl Manion and one man left patrol with the object of searching locality round spot marked B on attached sketch. We moved along very quickly but carefully and recovered one rifle about 130 yards from German lines and the second one about 50 yards from his lines. We brought in both rifles and arrived back to our lines at 11.10 p.m. We located a working party about 50 yards south of railway line and the M.G.O. opened fire on it on our return and report.

Nothing was seen of any hostile patrol. The night was very bright but nevertheless we were able to cover the greater part of NO MAN'S LAND in front of trenches 58, 59 and 60 without interruption from, or catching sight of, any hostile patrol.

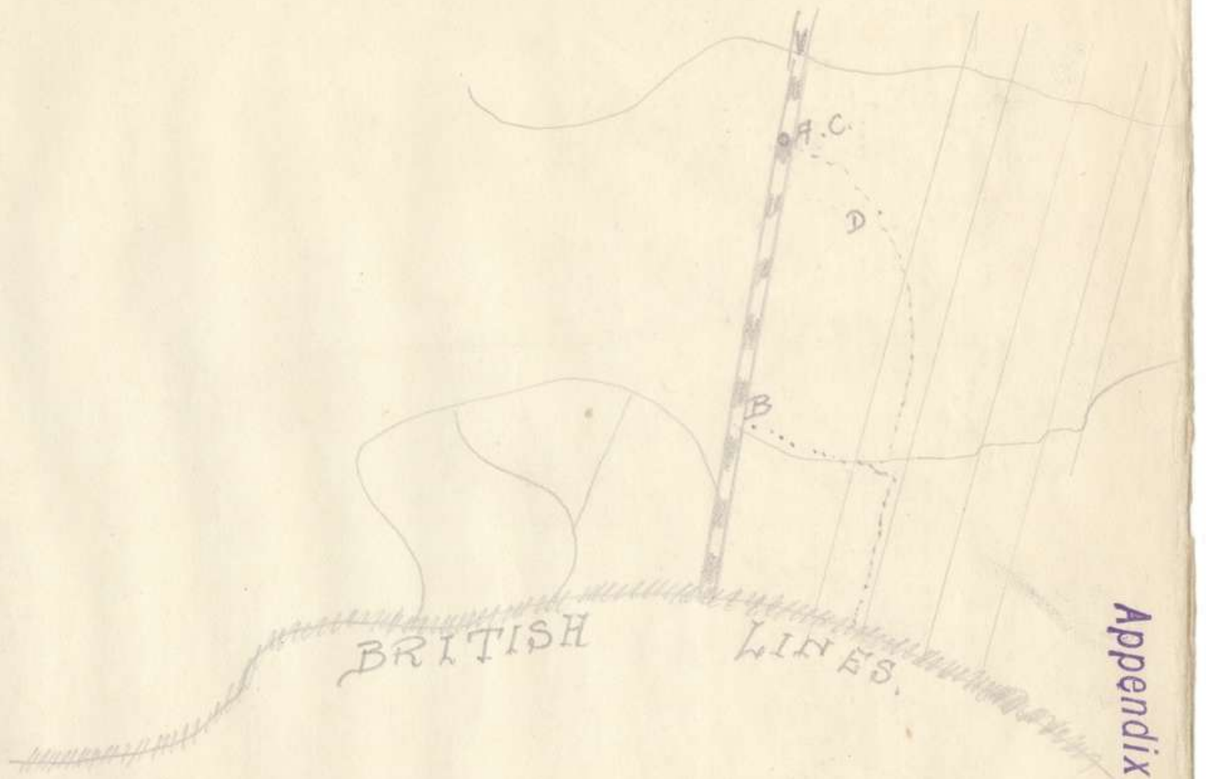
I am strongly of the opinion that there was no German patrol out.

Sgd. M. J. Clarke, Lt.

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25TH Bn.



26TH Bn.

A. TELEGRAPH POLE
B 2ND " "
C' 1ST RIFLE
D. 2ND "

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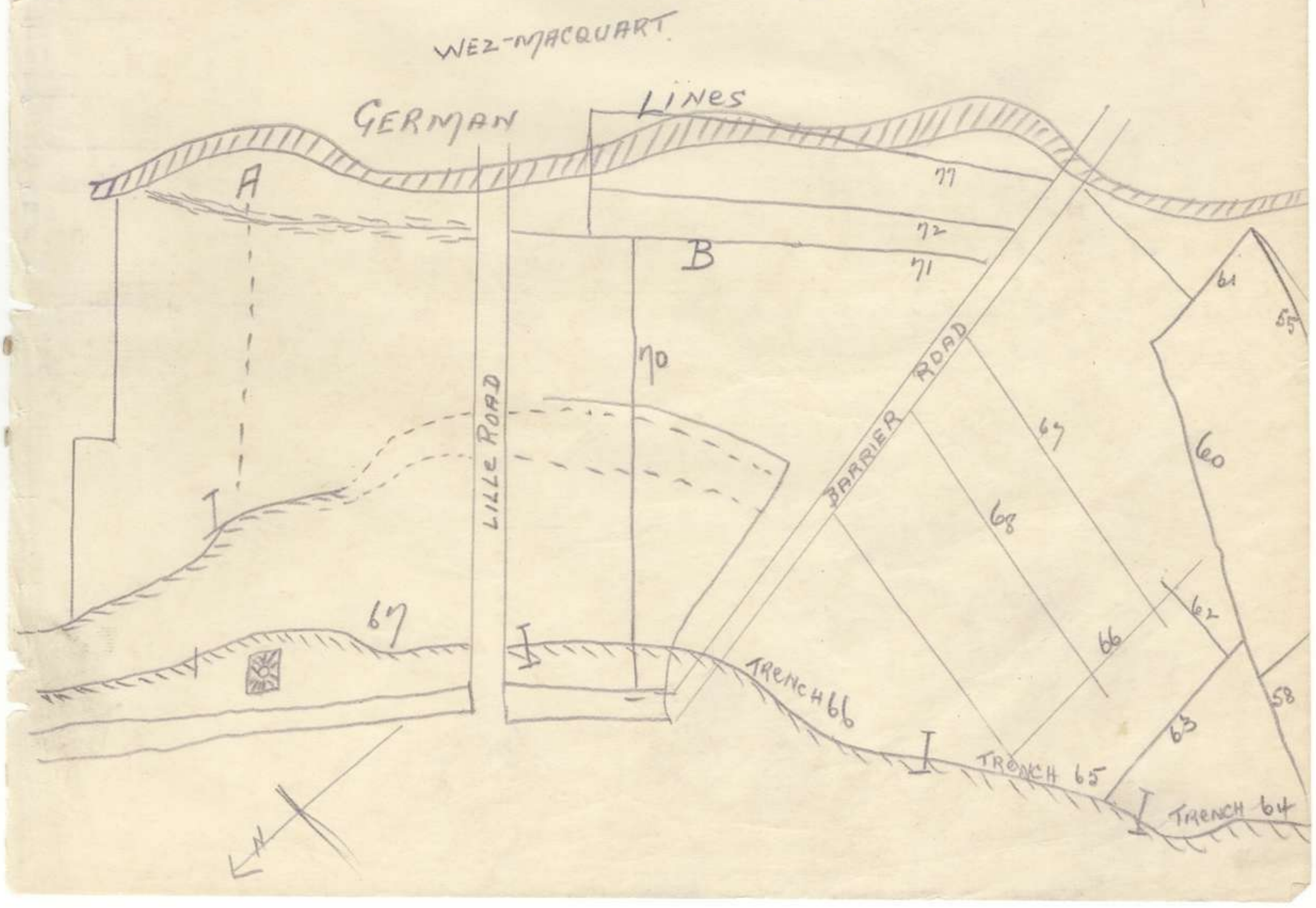
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SUMMARY OF INFORMATION GAINED IN NO MAN'S LAND BY 25th BATTALION PATROLS DURING NIGHTS OF 7th, 8th & 9th JUNE 1916.

BARBED WIRE. The enemy's barbed wire was approached at points marked "A" and "B" on attached sketch. At "A" which is opposite the T Head trench in 67 the wire is constructed on wooden knife rests and is about 25 or 30 yards from enemy trench. At "B" the wire is likewise on knife-rests and is very thick. By the assistance of flares sent up by the enemy the wire could be seen to stretch from "B" for about 40 yds on either side in an unbroken thick line.
GRASS. The grass in NO MAN'S LAND is drying rapidly and in places getting thin, although the dotted line from "B" to our trenches through a well grassed area about 21" high and which is interspersed with weeds about 2'6" high.
DITCHES AND DEPRESSIONS. The water in the ditches is gradually disappearing. In ditch 60 there is still about 12" of mud and water in the bottom, 53, 64, 59, 56 & 57 are quite dry. The dotted lines from "A" and "B" indicate two depressions which are well grassed running direct from enemy to our trenches. Both of these depressions provide good cover from infilade machine gun fire and are good ways of approach.
FLARES. Enemy are in the habit of sending up more flares than usual during the last three nights. On exceptionally dark nights enemy send up flares at intervals in rear and parallel to their trenches.
ENEMY PATROLS. Up to date the patrols of this Bn. have not sighted or heard any of the enemy in NO MAN'S LAND.

sgd. A-W-Phillips,
Lieut.
Temp. Scout Officer.
25th Bn.



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11th June 1916.

Intelligence Summary No. 64. From 6 a.m. 10/6/16 to 6 a.m. 11/6/16.

OUR OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. Our artillery was not very active. At 1.40 p.m. 19th Bty. fired 50 rounds and at 2.30 p.m. 104th Bty. fired 15 rounds at suspected Bty. I 35 c 2 8½. At 2.20 p.m. 34 rounds were fired at I 16 d 4½ 2½. Machine gun position damaged. A good deal of damage was done to buildings in WEZ MACQUART. At 5.30 p.m. some shrapnel was put into the trees behind Wez MACQUART.

TRENCH MORTARS. Our trench mortars were not in action during the day.

MACHINE GUNS. Usual activity at night. Fired on breached in parapet and dispersed working parties. Also traversed enemy parapet and wire along the whole front of our position.

SNIPING. Our snipers shot one more of the enemy and claim to have broken 5 more periscopes, one of which was a wide one similar to those used by our artillery. Enemy artillery was firing at the time. During our tour in the trenches our snipers have accounted for 34 of the enemy and have broken 131 periscopes.

Patrols, Standing patrols were out along the whole of our front. No signs of enemy. One patrol reported enemy working on his wire opposite 66. Party dispersed by machine guns. 3 to 4 whistle blasts heard in enemy lines at 1.15 a.m. No unusual action followed. Officers patrols went out from each Battalion front. Report of Left Bn. is attached.

WORK. ~~Right~~. A good deal of work done on new breastwork at junction of trench 60 and Chord line. 2½ bays of flanking trench near Coy. H. Qrs. Trench 64. Filled traverses and constructed 25 yards duckwalk. Demolished old works in trench 63. Sunk well hole 7 feet and obtained good water in trench 63. Grass cutting party opposite trench 64. Demolishing parados and built parapet of strong point left of BRICK STREET in trench 66. Duckwalks repaired in left Bn. area. Apron wire put out in front of trench 66. Work of rebuilding T head continued.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. A little activity. At 7.30 a.m. 4 shrapnel burst over Estaminet I 21 a 8 2. At 11 a.m. 21 H.E. burst about Support line near BURNT FARM, I 20 d. At 10.30 to 11 a.m. 17 5.9" H.E. fell about I 14 d. At 3 p.m. 12 shrapnel burst to right of RATION FARM. I 20 a.

TRENCH MORTARS. No activity on part of enemy mortars.

MACHINE GUNS. Usual activity at night. Enemy guns played along our parapet till 11 p.m.

SNIPING. Enemy snipers were quiet.

AIRCRAFT. 3 observation balloons were seen up. At 4.30 a.m. a Fokker flew over our lines from N.W. An enemy plane again flew over for a few minutes at 7.30 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.

DEFENCES. Enemy have made improvements to parapet opposite PARK ROW. New sand bags added to parapet for about 20 yards.

MOVEMENTS IN REAR. A considerable amount of movement again noticed on I 36 a 7 7. At 2.45 p.m. a working party of 84 was seen moving north. At 6.45 p.m. a team of 6 horses seen. At 4 p.m. one man seen at I 29 c and along to I 34 b. He appeared to be tracing a wire as he dug holes at different intervals. At 6.30 p.m. transport wagon with 2 horses seen at I 29 c 9 2. At 6.45 p.m. 4 men seen cutting grass at I 28 d 5 5.

OBSERVATION POSTS. Suspected O.P. in left wing of DISTILLERY. This post is about 30' above ground through opening in wall. With the aid of telescope two different men were seen there. Our snipers fired on it but could not observe the shots.

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25th Bn.- Ratrol Report.

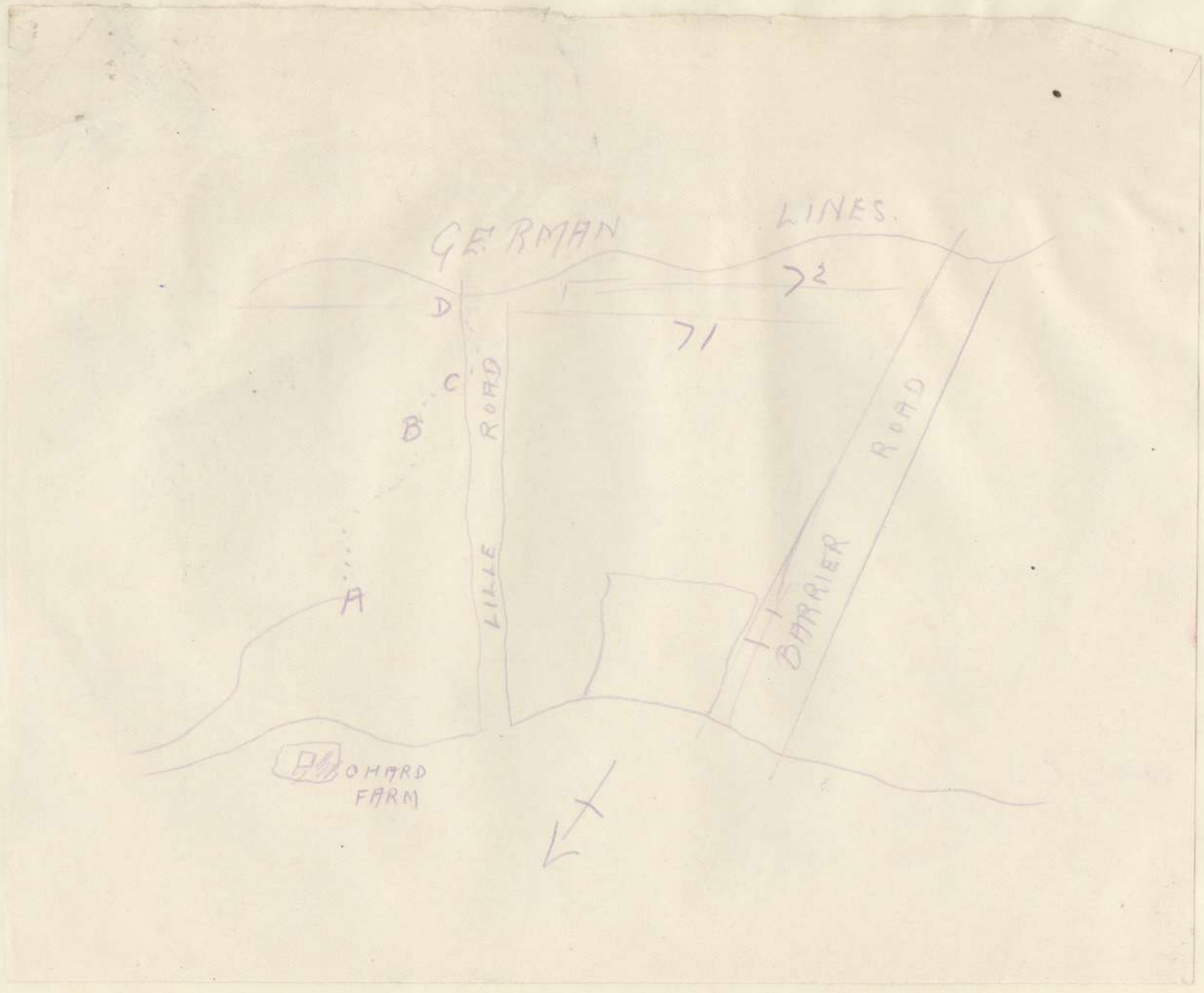
An officers patrol consisting of Lt A. W. Phillips, No. 408 Pte Jeffries, 1108 Pte H. H. Baker (attached were Lt. C.R.Longdon, Sgt. Hortburgh, Pte Morfet of 21st Battalion) moved out from point marked A in trench 67 on attached sketch at 9.10 p.m. The dotted line indicates route traversed. The patrol passed along a slight depression as far as B. This depression affords good cover right to enemy trenches. From B a track was struck over some light ground as far as C through a thickly grassed patch about 18" high. At the point marked C are two shell holes about 12' across by 4' deep. From C. the patrol moved across to the ditch alongside Lille road and followed same towards enemy's trenches to D. This ditch is dug about 3'6" across and 2'3" deep. A large enemy party was busy putting out barbed wire over a frontage of about 40x to the right of the Lille road. The patrol reported back to trench 67 and had machine gun fire turned on enemy working party. Frequent bursts were kept on this spot for an hour.

Sgd. A.W.PHILLIPS.
Temp. Scout Officer.

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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

CONFIDENTIAL 18th JUNE 1916.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 1.
6 p.m. 16th to 6 p.m. 17th June 1916.

(1) ACTIVITY.

1. From 7 a.m. to 8.30 a.m. enemy fired 40 4.2" in the direction of SHRINE ROAD. At 12.20 a.m. in conjunction with the gas attack, the enemy shelled viggrously. A barrage was put up over RED LODGE, RAILWAY FARM, MIDLAND FARMS and MEDICINE HAT TRAIL and our whole front line was shelled. The bombardment ceased at 8.30 a.m. During the rest of the day the situation was quiet.

2. During the gas attack the enemy bombarded BOYLES FARM, 14A, C 8 and SHELLY AVENUE with heavy T.M. Bombs.

3. During the night the machine guns were very active.

4. More rifle fire than usual, especially during gas attack.

5. Sniping quiet.

6. An enemy patrol was reported down the DICTAPHONE LANE and he fired rifle grenades at them. They evidently thought they were being bombed as they threw hand grenades and retreated hastily.

7. Attitude of enemy distinctly hostile at night but quiet during the day.

8. At 12.20 a.m. the enemy released gas from his trenches. This was accompanied by a heavy bombardment. The enemy did not leave his trenches. The gas ceased to come over about 1 a.m. but the enemy sent over gas shells at intervals afterwards. No gas seems to have been received between FACTORY FARM and a point in front of BIRTHDAY FARM (O 31 a 8½ 4 approx). The gas floated in a south westerly direction. It was thick but fairly high up.

(2) No new work visible in or behind enemy trenches.

(3) AIRCRAFT. Activity on both sides all day. Several L.V.G's flew over our lines at intervals during the day. They were driven off by our ..... Guns. Observation balloons were up E and S.E. of MESSINES.

(4) GENERAL. A considerable amount of traffic was heard.
Owing to the change full detailed reports are not obtainable. New observers were being instructed about the front and points of particular interest.

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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

19th June 1916.

Intelligence Summary No. 2.
6 p.m. 17/6/16 to 6 p.m. 18/6/16.

1 ACTIVITY.

1. Very little activity. 12 rounds of 77 m.m. fired at CURRIE HO. Damage slight. A few rounds were put round STINK FARM at 6 p.m. At 4 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. a number of H.E. and shrapnel were put over our front line at T 6 b. No damage done.

2. A few trench mortar bombs were sent over about GABION FARM. No damage done.

3. Active during the night.

4. Enemy sniping fairly active.

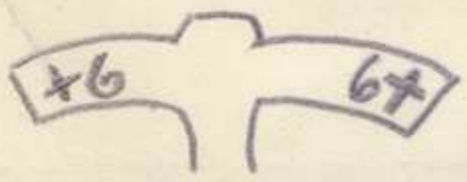
5. Active at night.

6. No enemy patrols were encountered. Our patrol report is attached.

7. Quiet but alert. Enemy sent up a lot of flares during the night. Number of flares appeared to be fired from U 2 a 2 7.

2. (2) Enemy has been repairing his parapet in a number of places.

3. An enemy aeroplane L.V.G. appeared from the east at 6 p.m., flew over our lines for a few minutes and was driven off by machine guns and anti-aircraft guns. At 4.45 p.m. an enemy aeroplane circled over trenches 141 and 142. It was marked as below.



~~1 2 3 were seen wearing grey uniforms and caps.~~

Five of our aeroplanes were over our lines about 7.30 p.m. Enemy observation balloons were up all day.

4. Two men seen wearing grey uniforms and caps.

5. MOVEMENT IN REAR. At 5.45 a.m. 2 men were seen crawling along hedge in O 31 b. At 6 a.m. 7 men with shovels walked along hedge and entered a sap at about O 32 c 5 3. At 9.15 a.m. 5 men seen carrying what appeared to be a gas cylinder. Position, top of ridge at about 250 yds to right of MIDDLE FARM. Disappeared in a sap there, and returned a few minutes later. Were then seen carrying another one in the same direction. These were being carried towards the trenches. Every effort was made to verify this and unfortunately an officer was hit whilst doing it.

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7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

Confidential. 20th June 1916.

Intelligence Summary - 6 p.m. 18th to 6 p.m. 19/6/16.

No. 3.

1 ACTIVITY.

1. From 11.45 a.m. to 12.15 p.m. enemy sent over 30 shrapnel and H-E- at our entanglements in front of trenches 141 and 142. Wire in front of 141 slightly damaged. At 3.15 p.m. 20 shrapnel was put over front trenches 141. At 4 p.m. 6 H.E. fell in the vicinity of STINKING FARM and 4 H.E. and 12 shrapnel in SURREY LANE. T 6 d 3 7. About 30 shrapnel were put over trenches 136 to 138 during the day.

2. No bombing on our front.

3. Enemy machine gun fire active. During the night they traversed our parapet and searched ground in front of our lines as well as ground around our communication trenches.

4. Rifle fire normal.

5. Enemy snipers were active from trenches opposite left Bn. We put in two new positions but they were fired on before we used them. One plate was hit about 30 times but was not pierced. Enemy are using steel cored bullets. These are longer than the usual bullet and are cigar shaped.



approximate size

Our snipers claim to have broken one enemy periscope.

6. No enemy patrols were seen or heard. Our patrol report is attached.

7 Enemy attitude fairly active.

11. Enemy was working on his wire but party was dispersed by our M.G. At 5.40 a.m. a piece of new timber about 8 ft long was seen being carried along sap at O 32 a 2 5 and later at 7 a.m. 6 men were seen at same place for a few yards carrying another large piece of timber.

11i. No aerial activity during the day.

V. At about 1z30 a.m. it was noticed from the DIAGONAL that rifle shots and flares were being fired from about O 1 a 3 5 in NO MAN'S LAND near enemy trenches. This spot was fired on with rifle fire and a man was heard to cry out. He was evidently hit as the firing ceased.

At 1 a.m. a green flare was sent up ~~xxxxxx~~ from enemy trenches at T 6 b 9 9 and at 11.30 a.m. a red flare was sent up at same place. Nothing unusual happened after this. Gas alarm was heard at 11.30 p.m. No gas was experienced on our front.

Our observers report that our artillery cut a track about 10 yds wide through enemy wire at U 2 a 1 6 and considerable damage was done at U 1 a 1 7.

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Intelligence Officer,
7th Aust Inf Bde.

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Patrol Report

18/6/16.

An officers patrol consisting of Corporal Mannon, Pte Duncan and O'Rourke and three others left Trench 136 at about 1-15 AM. 19/6/16 for the purpose of reconnoitring the ground in front of trenches 136.

Patrol moved out from Right Listening Post & Right Company and moved due South along our barbed wire to the [illegible]

From there we moved in direction of Road from GABION FARM to MESSINES. We moved up along hedge on that road towards the German lines and reconnoitred ground on both sides of hedge.

Patrol returned to our lines at about 2.15 AM. 19/6/16. Nothing was seen of enemy enemy patrol.

Lieut Fenwick 14th Bde

H J Clarke Lieut 14th Bn "A.I.F."

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21st JUNE 1916.

Intelligence Summary - 6 p.m. 19th to 6 p.m. 20/6/16.
No. 4.

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1. ACTIVITY.

1. Our Artillery. Between 4.15 and 5 p.m. our Batteries fired 67 rounds H.E. and shrapnel at enemy entanglements at about U 1 a 5 6 making a gap about 15 yds wide. At 11 p.m. last night a machine gun firing from the vicinity of ONTARIO FARM was silenced.
Enemy Artillery. At 11.15 a.m. enemy put 12 H.E. into trench 140. At 4.25 enemy shelled 139-140 with 4.2" and 77 m.m. No damage done. He also shelled new work behind these trenches. At 4.30 p.m. 20 shrapnel were put over front line near DIAGONAL. At 5. 20 p.m. 60 H.E. and shrapnel were put into front line trenches 141 and 142. A good deal of damage was done to dugouts in trench 141 near Coy. Headquarters and Officers dugout was partly damaged. No casualties. This evening about 20 H.E. and shrapnel were put over towards Hill 63.

2. No bombing activity on our front.

3. Our guns were active. Fired on breaches in enemy wire and parapet as well as on MESSINES ROAD, U 2 b 7 4.
Enemy guns were active. One gun from ONTARIO FARM was enfilading trenches 139 and 140 from 9.30 to 11 p.m. It was silenced by our artillery. All night enemy traversed our parapet and searched ground in rear of our lines.

4. Rifle fire normal.

5. Enemy sniping constant opposite left Battalion.

6. No enemy patrols were encountered or heard. Our patrol reports are attached.

7. Enemy attitude quiet but alert.

11. (2) At U 2 a 4½ 2 there is an opening in enemy parapet about 5 to 6 feet wide. This is filled with a few sheets of corrugated iron. On the parapet nearby are a couple of iron girders.
(6) The enemy appears to be building strong redoubts on top of MESSINES RIDGE and is covering his new works with grass. (U 2 A 6 9½ - O 32 C. 7. 1)

111. Our aircraft was active both in the morning and afternoon. Enemy planes were over our lines to-day. At 9.15 a.m. a taube flew over our lines for a few minutes and was driven off by our A.A. Guns. At 3 p.m. 2 taubes appeared and flew over our lines for a few minutes only. 3 enemy observation balloons were observed to N and N.E.

V. At about 6 p.m. one sharp blast on a whistle was heard in enemy trench opposite 141. Evidently an aeroplane signal as one of our machines was flying overhead at the time.

Vl. Movement. At 6.30 a.m. 4 men were seen at O 31 d 0 4 walking along sap. All wore caps and light grey uniform. At 8.40 a.m. 2 men seen carrying timber at O 32 b 2 2. Each had a piece about 6' long.

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Patrol Report

20/6/16.

At 12 midnight 19/6/16 a patrol consisting of Corporal Manion and eight men left Trench 140. They moved on through left Listening Post Trench 140 and moved due South towards the Steenbeck. They had not proceeded very far when they saw a patrol about 20 yards in front of our wire of our left battalion. They kept touch with this patrol while one man went inside to identify them. They were found to belong to the 25th Batt.

After identification the patrol reconnoitred ground for a short distance in front of Trench 140 and then returned to our lines at 1-45Am 20/6/16. Nothing was seen of any German patrol.

Lieut Sergeant 2nd Bn 20/6/16

Lieut
26 Bn A.I.F.

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Patrol Report 20/6/16

A patrol consisting of Lieut F. R. Carney, no. 978 Pte Ryan, no. 408 Pte Jeffries T., no. 1108 Pte Baker A., no 19 Pte Award E., and no 765 Pte O'Gorman G left the sally-port in trench 141 at 11.15 p.m. last night, and took the course as shown by dotted line on attached sketch.

The object of the patrol was to reconnoitre the ground between trench 141 and the enemy's trench.

After passing our listening post we took a NW course. For about 50 yds the grass was fairly long – from 1'6" to 2'6" – and thick, but after that it grew much thinner and shorter. Everywhere it is pretty dry now, and it crackles when one is moving through it.

At A + B on sketch are shell holes, about 8' in diameter, and 2'6" deep. C is a small dry gutter leading from our trenches

out to about 500 yds.
At about 100 yds from our wire we came across a small rise running at right angles to the hedge (shown in sketch). Along this rise the grass is short on the left but gets thicker towards the hedge.
30 or 40 yds further on there is a fold or depression in the ground, which would give excellent cover for troops. This fold runs parallel to the rise.
We then turned to NE, and came back along the hedge, as by this time the moon was well up + behind us. We came across a small dam or pond just near the hedge (shown on sketch) - about 40' in diameter.
We returned to our trenches at 1.30 P.M.
While out, we heard the enemy working on his wire. There was a good deal of row + we could hear talking and coughing fairly

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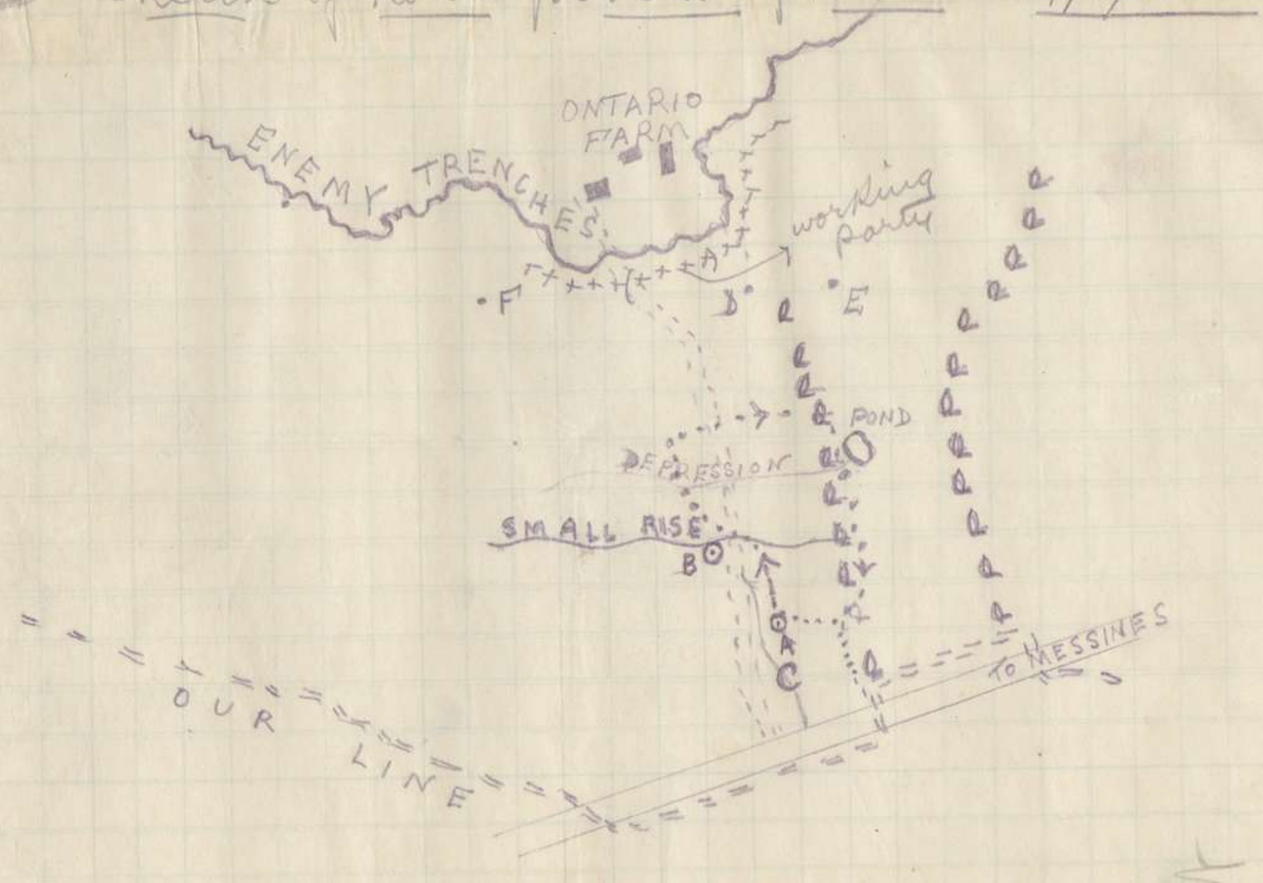
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distinctly. When we returned we directed M. G. fire on to the spot, on which firing was played at intervals.
Flares were sent up by enemy at about places marked D, E, & F on sketch, at intervals of about 15 mins.
No enemy patrols were seen or heard.

F. R. Berney Lieut.
25th Bn.

VK.

Sketch of Route followed by Patrol 19/6/16.



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22/6/16.

Intelligence Summary - 6 p.m. 20th to 6 p.m. 21/6/16.

1 ACTIVITY.

1. Enemy artillery very quiet. At 11.45 p.m. one shell fell in vicinity of STINKING FARM and another at 12.15 a.m. At 12.15 p.m. 3 H.E. landed about N 35 d 5 7. At 1.15 p.m. 5 shrapnel burst over our front line about T 6 b 3½ 9 and at 2-20. p.m. 3 shrapnel burst over R.E.FARM at N 35 d 8 7.

Our Artillery shelled enemy front line at U 1 a. Some damage was done to parapet.

2. No bombing on our front.

3. Enemy machine guns were active at night. One of our machine guns silenced an enemy machine gun at U 1a 4 6½.

4. Active opposite left sector but quiet opposite right sector.

5. Enemy sniping quieter. Our men silenced two enemy snipers.

6. No enemy patrols were encountered. Five patrol reports by our scouts are attached.

7. Enemy attitude quiet but alert.

2TRENCHES AND WORK

2. Party of two observed throwing out earth, broken timber etc. and put in two pieces of timber about 14' x 6" x 4" front trench U 2 a 1 8. At U 2 a 1½ 7 a quantity of earth has been thrown over the parapet forming a mound which is covered with grass.

New earth works are being thrown up in front of brushwood hurdles for about 40 yds to the left starting from the road U 2 a 7½ 0. Enemy digging in front trench T 6 b. At 7 a.m. tapping was heard in enemy line at about N 36 d 7 5. Gave a metallic sound and lasted for 2 or 3 minutes. Trolly heard running in vicinity of enemy front line at T 6 b 9 8.

5. Earthwork noticed in second line in U 2 a 5 6. This seems to be confirmation of a suspect M.G. position in 73rd Brigade report. It was given as U 2 a 4¾ 6.

8. Sandbag position in house in NOMAN's LAND in U 1 b 9½ 4½. New bags have been added lately

7. Suspected M.G. position in U 2 a 5 0½. This is evidently correct as one was reported by 73rd Bde as U 2 a 5½ 1.

3. AIRCRAFT. - Our machines have been very active all day. A number of them flew well over enmy lines at different times during the day. At 3.45 a.m. an enemy L.V.G. flew low near our lines and was fired at by our A.A. and machine guns. At 2.15 p.m. a TAUBE flew over enemy front line and at 3.30 p.m. another circled several times over enemy lines. This machine was fired at by our A.A. guns.

4. IDENTIFICATIONS. At 8.30 p.m. four men came from behind a hedge and entered mouth of a sap at O 32 b 2½ 2½. They were dressed in blue grey uniforms and caps.

5 GENERAL. Two rusty gas cylinders are lying on parados in T 6 b.

Two wires can be seen running from NO MAN'S LAND to enemy trench at U 1 a 6 6.

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PATROL REPORT
Night of 20/21st June 1916.-

We started from the Barrier at 11 p.m. and moved out to the L.P. situated in the Diagonal, where we got particulars as to direction in which the ~~enemy~~ party were seen on the previous evening. Leaving the L.P. we crossed our wire, (which is weak) and moved in a half left direction for about 75 yds, when we worked round in a semi-circle back towards the wire, thus embracing the area in which the men were seen. We saw no trace of the enemy and there were no old tracks encountered. From this point we worked out from the wire again, crossing a ditch which is 15 yards across and with a high bank on each side from which a good L.P. position could be made by either ourselves or enemy - there is a little water and bramble bush in the bottom of the ditch. We pushed out about 50 yds from the ditch and stopped there to listen, while there we noticed enemy flares going up from the point nearest their lines of the high hedge which runs at right angles to the Messines Road, and later a machine gun flashed from the same point. After listening further to no purpose we worked back towards the ditch where we came on a well beaten track which we follwed to the bank of the ditch on the German side, here the grass was all down flat and we are all convinced that this is a German Listening Post position and the place from which the bomb was thrown. There was no enemy party in possession, and I think it probable that the enemy have alternate listening posts positions along the crest of this ditch which is only a few yards from the wire in front of the Diagonal. After a thorough inspection we proceeded back to the Barrier which we reached at 1.15 a.m. There were no enemy working parties heard, no did we see or hear any enemy patrols.
Sketch appended.

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2/Lieut.
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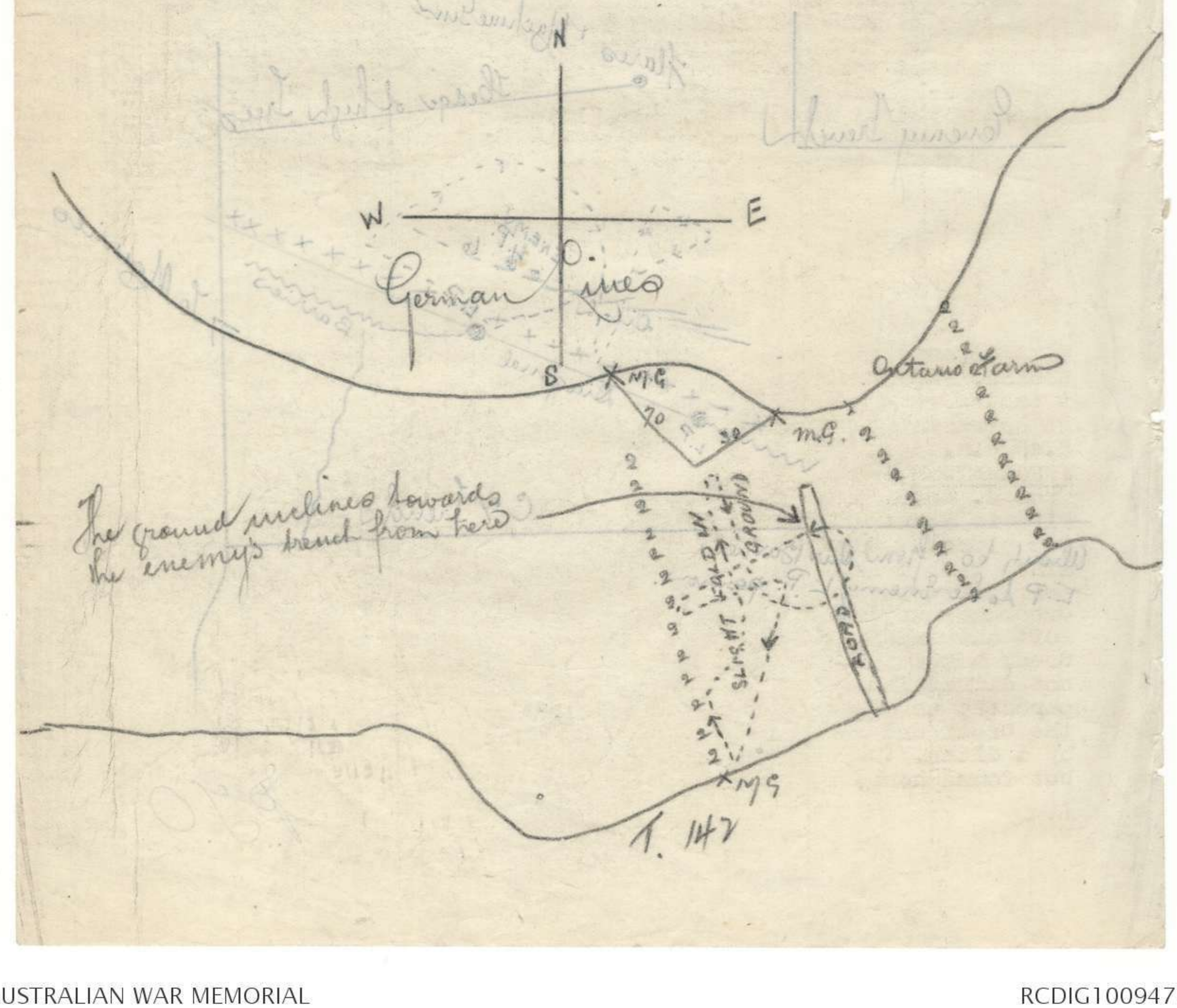
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PATROL REPORT

Night of 20/21st June 191 .

Last night Lieut Phillips with Ptes Chambers, Baker and myself left our trenches at the Lewis Machine Gun position in Trench 142. We kept to the right of the hedge and 40 paces on the right of it we found a depression running parallel to it. It is a very shallow ditch similar to a large plough furrow and about 10" deep. We proceeded towards the German Lines and at place marked on sketch we located an enemy machine gun about 70 yds on our left, and another which we estimated at the time to be 30 paces on our right. Coming back we moved to the East and came upon a road (shown in sketch) We proceeded along this to about 50 yds to enemy's trench. The road has a ditch on either side, the ditch on the E. is about 2' deep and that on the W. about 1' deep. These ditches are overgrown with nettles and thistles. We returned to the hedge on the West and from here we again moved towards the E. Whilst going to this position Lt. Phillips was shot in both legs by a machine gun firing from an Easterly direction. Pte Chambers returned to our trenches and got a stretcher and then we all returned bringing Lt. Phillips with us I may mention that about 80 yds from enemy's trench and running nearly parallel to it is a rise which continues until the enemy's trench is reached. We returned at about 1.30. a.m.

sgd. C.L.SNOW, Sgt.
Bn. Scouts.



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PATROL REPORTS 20/21st June 1916.
26th Battalion

A patrol consisting of Sgt. Black Pte O'Rouke and myself left Trench 140 through listening post at 12 midnight for the purpose of reconnoitring ground the German Advanced Barrier. From listening post patrol moved due South and after proceeding about 50 yds. headed for the Barrier. The enemy appeared to be most vigilant sending up flares from his front line trenches and searching NO MAN'S LAND with machine gun fire. Patrol moved up within 30 yards of the Advanced Barrier and remained there for a considerable time. No sounds were heard and no sounds could be detected near the Barrier or behind it. Patrol returned to our lines safely at 1.30 a.m. 21/6/16.
INFORMATION. The road leading through trench 140 and MESSINES is cut through a small rise. The enemy could move troops along this road and he would be sheltered from flanking fire from our lines. (fire could only be brought to bear on them from our lines) across the road and a short distance to the right of the road. The dip in the ground between our lines and the Germans would shelter a large body of troops. Grass is fairly high about 3' on an average and has been killed by the Gas of night of 16/17th June. There are numerous shell holes in front of our wire.

sgd. M.J.CLARKE
Lieut.
S/off. 26th Bn.

2.

A patrol consisting of Cpl. Manion, Pte Duncan, Scolyer, Abbot and Kingston and three bombers left Trench 136 at 11.45 p.m. 20/6/16 for the purpose of reconnaissance and locating any working parties. They moved on through listening post No.9 Platoon "C" Company and from there moved towards the German Lines by a hedge running at right angles to our lines. They crossed over several ditches and examined all shell holes. Patrol moved up to within a short distance of the enemy wire but did not examine it. Patrol searched hedge along Road Le ROSSIGNOT - MESSINES but no trace was found of any standing patrol or listening post. Nothing was seen of any hostile patrol. From the position of our standing patrol here, the ground gradually rises towards the German Lines and absolute cover from view is obtained by moving along hedge. Patrol returned to our lines safely at about 2 a.m. 21/6/16.

sgd. M.J.CLARKE,
Lieut.
S/off. 26th Bn.

3.

This afternoon about 4.50 p.m. a patrol consisting of Cpl Manion, Ptes Duncan, Scolyer, O'Rouke and myself left our trenches with the intention of examining the STEENBECK CREEK We moved along the creek for about 400 yds. Patrol returned at 5.45 p.m.
INFORMATION. Creek runs from German Lines to ours, that is from N. to S. Creek is swift flowing. Cover from view and fire is obtainable practically all the way along excepting a few places. Foliage is thick on both sides and both banks are lines with trees. Creek is about 5 to 6 feet wide on the average, in places it is about 8' wide and sometimes only 2' wide Creek has an average from 6 to 8" of water in it. Bottom is very soft and muddy. Bridges would not be necessary to cross it. Creek has a fair amount of wire in it near our lines, but it is not difficult to get through same. We discovered what was apparently an old listening post of ours. It is on the near side of the Creek and well dug in. It is connected with our trenches by a ditch. We examined it and roundabout for any footmarks but found none. There were no signs of anyone using it.

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S/Off. 26th Bn.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 6.
From 6 p.m. 21st June to 6 p.m. 22 June 1916.

1. ACTIVITY
(1) A little activity. At 10 10 a.m. 3 shrapnel burst near Diagonal. From 11.25 to 11 45 a.m. 18 shrapnel and H.E. were sent over near front line C 2, T 6 b 4 7 and T 6 b 2 8½. At 3.45 p.m. 6 H.E. and shrapnel burst at MOB LANE and near BOYLES FARM (U 1 a 3 1) and T 6 b 4 3) At 4.30 p.m. 20 shrapnel burst over DIAGONAL T 6 b 9 4. At 5.30 p.m. 43 shrapnel and H.E. were sent over DIAGONAL and rear of C 2 (T 6 b 7 2) and (T 6 b 2 6). No material damgge was done by any of this shelling.
Our Artillery at 12.40 p.m. sent 12 H.E. and 14 Shrapnel at enemy front line U 1 a 2 7. Parapet was damaged.
(2) No bombing on our front.
(3) Enemy machine guns were again active. Our guns searched raods from O 32 d 5 3 to O 32 d 9 4. After the first two bursts the noise of motor horns was heard giving the impression that motor transport was moving off in a hurry.
(4) Rifle fire active.
(5) Sniping quiet. Our snipers silenced two enemy snipers. Fired on a man at 3 a.m. but owing to bad light could not observe effect.
(6) No enemy patrols were encountered. Our patrols from right sector have nothing to report, but left Bn. report is attached.
(7) Enemt attitude quiet but alert.

2. TRENCHES AND WORKS.
(1) Six new knife-rests have been placed at about U 2 a 0 5.
(4) Three men were seen working in sap at O 32 b 2½ 2½. They disappeared after a few minutes.
(7) Concrete M.G. positions about U 2 a 2 3. Two M.G. Emplacements have been picked out at O 31 d 7½ 4½ and U 2 a 4½ ½. The latter position is already numbered.

3. Quite a deal of aerial activity. Between 7 and 9 p.m. 21st 8 of our machines were up. From 4.30 a.m. to 5 p.m. 22nd 18 of our machines have been over our lines. Several were over enemy lines and were heavily shelled by A.A. guns.
At 7.15 p.m. a TAUBE was seen over enemy lines for a few minutes. At 7.10 a.m. a TAUBE flew over our front line and was driven off to N.E. by our A.A. guns. At 10.55 a.m. an enemy plane attempted to cross over our lines. Two of our planes persued it using M/G fire. As one of our machines got above it, it was seen to dive and fly back over its own lines. At 11 a.m. and again at 12 noon a FOKKER flew over our lines for a few minutes, but our A.A. guns drove it off. Between 2.30 p.m. and 4.30 p.m. 4 enemy observation baloons were up.

5. IDENTIFICATIONS.
At 4.45 a.m. two men, both dressed in blue grey, were seen entering sap at O 32 b 2½ 2½ and 8.45 a.m. a man in a dark uniform was seen at the same place.

6. COMMUNICATIONS.
Wire, presumably a telephone or signal wire, is running from SNIPERS HOUSE in NO MAN'S LAND over the parapet at U 2 a 2 2.

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PATROL REPORT NIGHT OF 22/6/16.

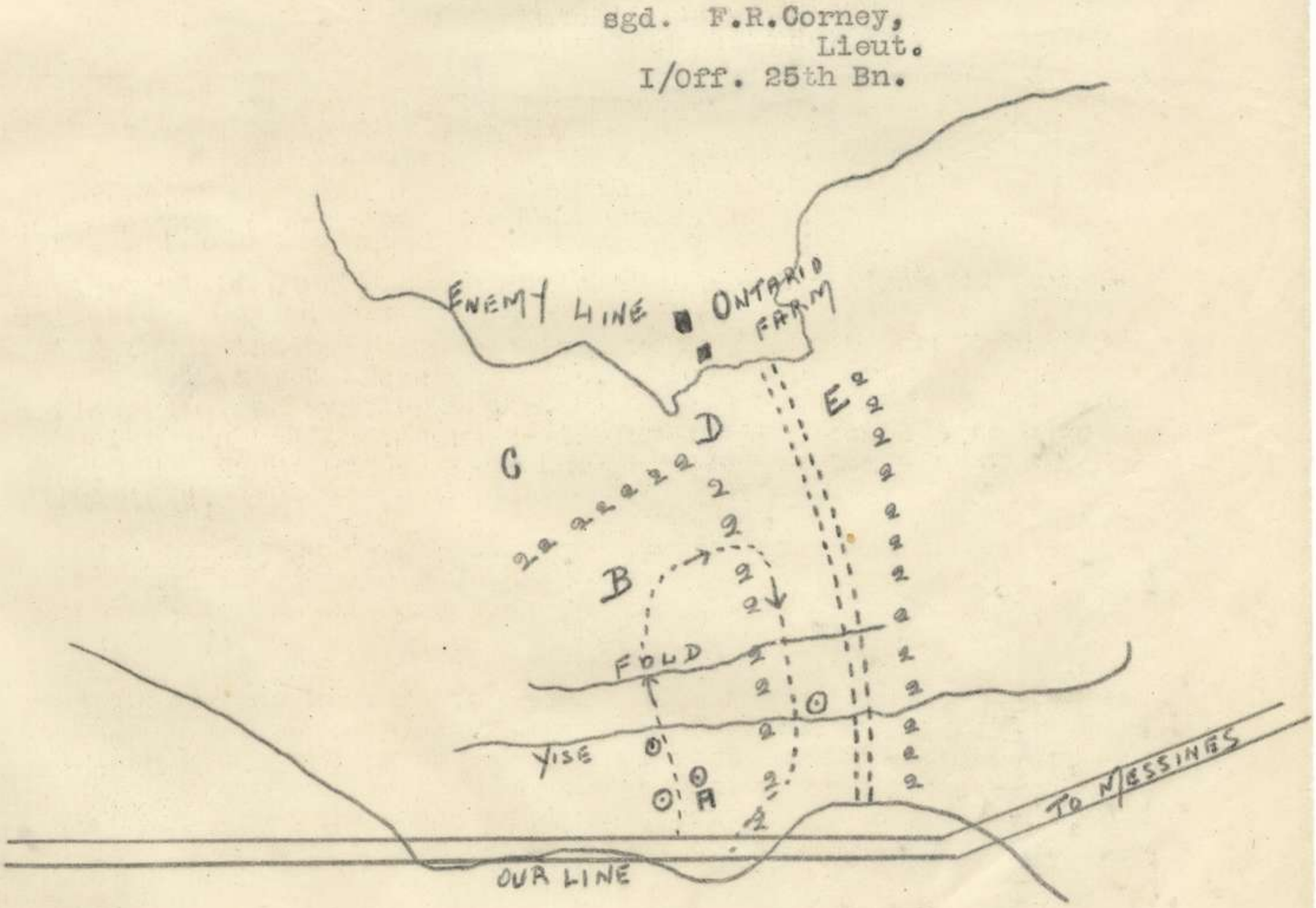
A Patrol consisting of Lt. Corney No.408 Pte Jeffries, No. 978 Pte Ryan and No.1983 Pte Pegley left Trench 142 (U 1 a 4½ 1¼) at 11 p.m. last night.

The object of the patrol was to reconnoitre the ground between trench 142 and the enemy line. The route taken is shown by a dotted line on attached sketch.

On leaving our wire entanglemets we came across several large shell-holes about 10' in diameter and 4' deep, holding about 1' of water. The grass at the wire and for 40 or 50 yds out is very long and thick and intermingled with thistles. At point marked "A" we found a small hole about 3' deep with a shallow ditch running towards our trenches. This is probably one of our listening posts (old). On our right about 40 yds off was the hedge shown on sketch, and we moved out parallel to this hedge until we came to point "B" (shown on sketch). We came across the continuation of the small rise - mentioned in my last report - running at right angles to hedge on our right, and about 30 yds further on the depression (also mentioned before). Here the grass becomes much shorter, but with patches of long grass from 2'6" to 3' high - here and there. We waited here and listened for some time, and could hear the enemy working on their wire slightly on our right front. Our Machine Gun in DIAGONAL stopped their work at intervals by firing bursts on the spot. We proceeded to about 10 yds from the hedge in front (shown in sketch) which runs off at right angles to the above mentioned hedge. Flares were sent up by the enemy from points C & D & E which seemed about 30 yds from enemy line. After listening here for about 20 minutes, and everything being quiet we moved to our right, went through hedge and returned along it to our own lines arriving there at about 1.30 a.m.

No enemy patrols were seen or heard.

sgd. F.R.Corney,
Lieut.
I/Off. 25th Bn.



⊙ Shell holes.

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24/6/16.

Intelligence Summary - 6 p.m. 22nd to 6 p.m. 23/6/16

No. 7.

1. ACTIVITY.

1. At 8 a.m. 4 shrapnel burst over road at T 6 a 9 1. Between 8.45 a.m. to 9.40 a.m. 128 H.E. and shrapnel fell around Bn H.Qrs. T 6 c 1 1 and rear of C 2. T 6 b 2 6. From 10.20 to 10.35 a.m. 14 H.E. and shrapnel fell in rear of Messines Road, T 6 d 4 8. At 11.30 a.m. 10 H.E. fell near Medicine Hat Trail, U 1 c 1 4½ and U 1 a 4 1. At 3.45 p.m. 6 shrapnel burst near Messines Road, T 6 d 3 9.

2. Enemy sent over 3 minnenwerfer on to Surrey Lane, T 6 b 2 2 at 4.45 p.m.

3. Enemy machine guns again active. Our machine guns searched square at O 32 d 7 ½ and traversed from there to Cross roads at O 32 d 5 3.

4. Normal rifle fire.

5. Enemy sniping quiet. Our snipers claim to have shot one of the enemy.

6. Enemy appear to have had patrol out in front of left sector. One of our men was wounded when out in front of Listening Post, and could not be found when assistance arrived. Although careful search was made no trace of him was found, but tracks of enemy patrol were discovered.

7. Attitude of enemy. More active than usual.

11. TRENCHES AND WORKS.

2. Sap observed in enemy trench (parapet) where front line crosses the Messines Road at U 2 a ½ 8½. Well worn track through it.
7. What appears to be a machine gun position in course of construction noticed at U 1 a 2 7. Suspected M.G. positions at U 2 a 1½ 6 and and O 31 d 9 2.

111. AIRCRAFT. Enemy machines active during the morning. At 6.30 a.m. a Taube approached our lines from Messines but our A.A. guns drove it back. At 6.45 a.m. 2 enemy machines were up over their own lines for about 10 minutes. At 8 a.m. 2 taubes flew over our lines but were driven off by our A.A. guns.

Our machines were actice all day. Flew across enemy lines but were heavily shelled. Between 5.50 a.m. and 12 noon 3 enemy observation balloons were up.

1V. IDENTIFICATIONS.

One of enemy seen wearing a blue cap with black peak and red band. At 6.45 a.m. two men seen walking along road at O 32 b 2 2. Both wore caps and dark grey uniforms.

V. GENERAL.

At 11.15 p.m. 22/6/16 gas alarm was heard some distance on our right. No gas was experienced on our front.

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Confidential 23/6/16.

PATROL REPORT - 25th Battalion.

A patrol consisting of Lieut Corney, Sgt McCann (27th Bn), L/Cpl. Davies (27th Bn), No. 1556 Pte Newbury, No.1108 Pte Baker H, No.765 Pte O'Gorman and No. 19 Pte Avard, made an unsuccessful search for Pte Goodrich, who was reported wounded and missing at 10 p.m. last night. We left No. 3 Sally Port at about 11 p.m. and scoured the ground around for about three hours, but met with no success. The sketch attached shows the ground covered by patrol. Five of us worked out on the left side of hedge and two on right. We moved up beyond the gate marked on sketch, one man following along ditch near hedge. We stayed and listened at C for some time and as nothing was heard returned to listening post at 12-30 a.m. making another search on our bway back. We again set out from L.P. and this time all of us worked on right of hedge. At A is a small sap which was followed up until it ended. B is a hole about 3' deep with a piece of duckwalk on bottom, evidently an old L.P. D. is the track made in the grass evidently by the enemy when coming towards our L.P. as the grass was beaten down towards us. It branched off to right and each track was followed until it joined again and finally disappeared as shown on sketch. Where it disappeared are a row of stakes driven in ground about 5' high and interlaced with plain wire. After a thorough search of all ground in vicinity of L.P. without success we returned to our trenches at about 2 a.m. No enemy patrols were seen or heard.

Sgd. F.R.Corney, Lt.

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26th Battalion.

A patrol of Sgt Black, Cpl Manion and ten men and myself left trench 140 at 10-30 p.m. 22/6/16 with the intention of examining German advanced barrier and locating German listening posts on the right of their advanced barrier. Patrol moved out through listening post, D Coy. & moved due North East towards the STEENBECK. At a point here about 50 yds from the STEENBECK, Sgt Black and five men halted while Pte Abel and O'Rourke and myself moved across in the direction of the Barrier. Cpl Manion, Pte Duncan and Scolyer moved out due N.E. to locate Listening Post. Ptes Abel and O'Rourke & myself moved in the direction of a clump of trees marked B on attached sketch just behind the barrier. We remained here for about 10 minutes and here we heard distinct sounds of someone rattling a tin. We decided then to wait for a flare to go up when a gas alarm was heard. Meanwhile Sgt Black and his party had moved up within a shorter distance of the STEENBECK. Cpl Manion's party moved up to the STEENBECK but failed to locate any listening post. The whole party had been ordered to return to our lines immediately on a gas alarm, as we were working over dead ground shelled by an artillery in the event of an alarm. We had just commenced to work back to our lines when two German listening posts or standing patrols opened fire on us. However, we returned safely to our lines at 11.45 p.m. 22/6/16.

INFORMATION. We located two listening posts which are marked on attached sketch. We were behind German advanced barrier but on account of the tree could see nothing behind it. Ground behind hedge running to the left of the barrier seems quite clear. Grass is dead and underneath the avenue of trees the grass is strewn with dead limbs from the trees. There are very few shell holes. Sgt Black estimated strength of listening post C as ten men.

Sgd. M.J.Clarke, Lieut.

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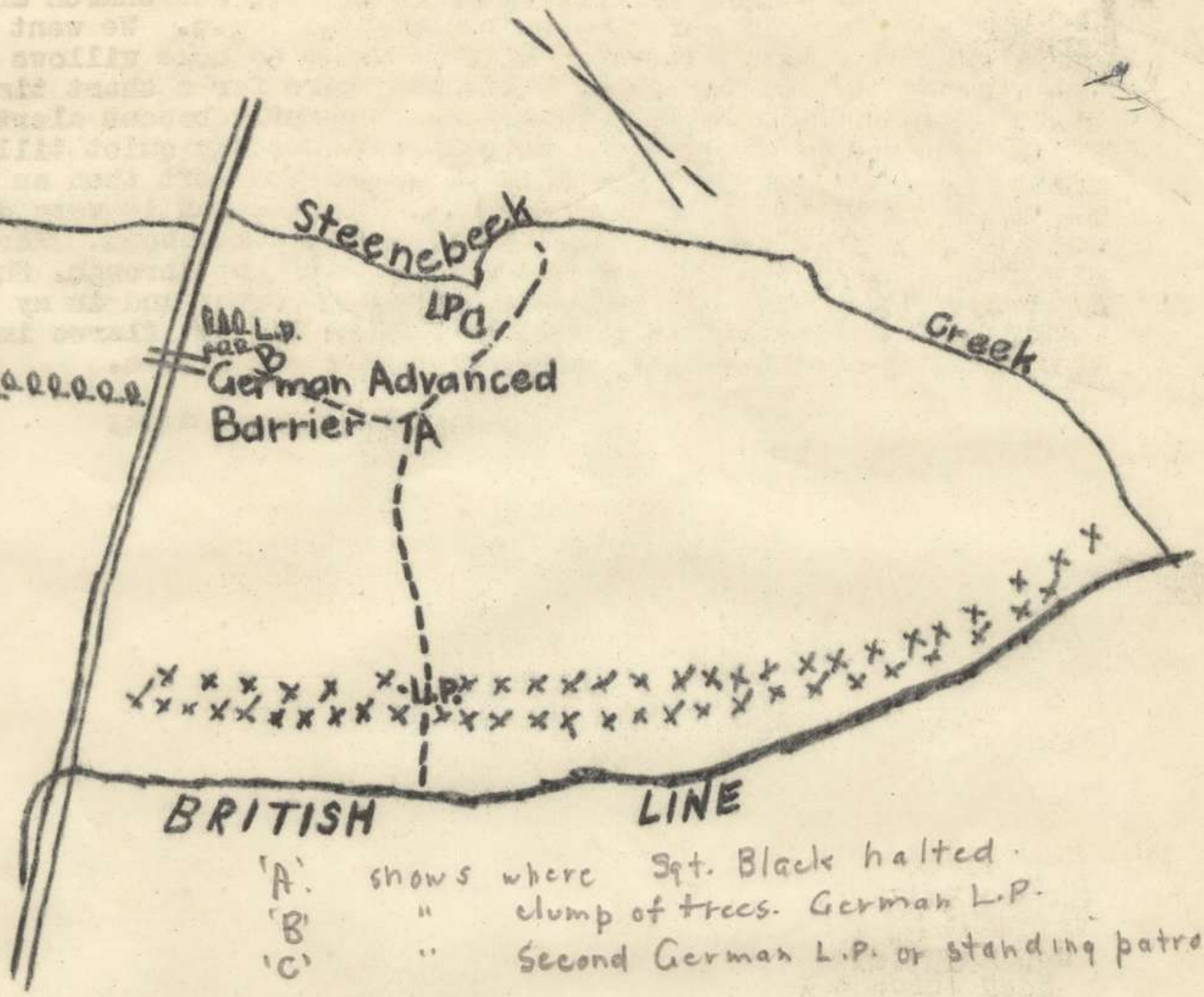
A patrol consisting of Lt Boyle, Pte Church and pPhillips and myself left trench 126 at 10.20 p.m. We went about 200x in a N.E. direction till we came to some willows on the side of the ridge. While listening here for a short time a gas alarm sounded on the right. We instantly became alert but no gas was encountered in this party. We lay quiet till the alarm was over then went for 100x or so to the left then as it was 12.30 we returned to our trenches. The ground is very dry and firm. A fair length of grass is growing all about. Three wire fences were encountered but were easily got through. Shell holes are numerous. The hedges afford good cover and in my opinion are unoccupied as the enemy frequently put flares into the hedges and occasionally swept them with M.G. fire.

Sgd. F.B.Calese, Capt.

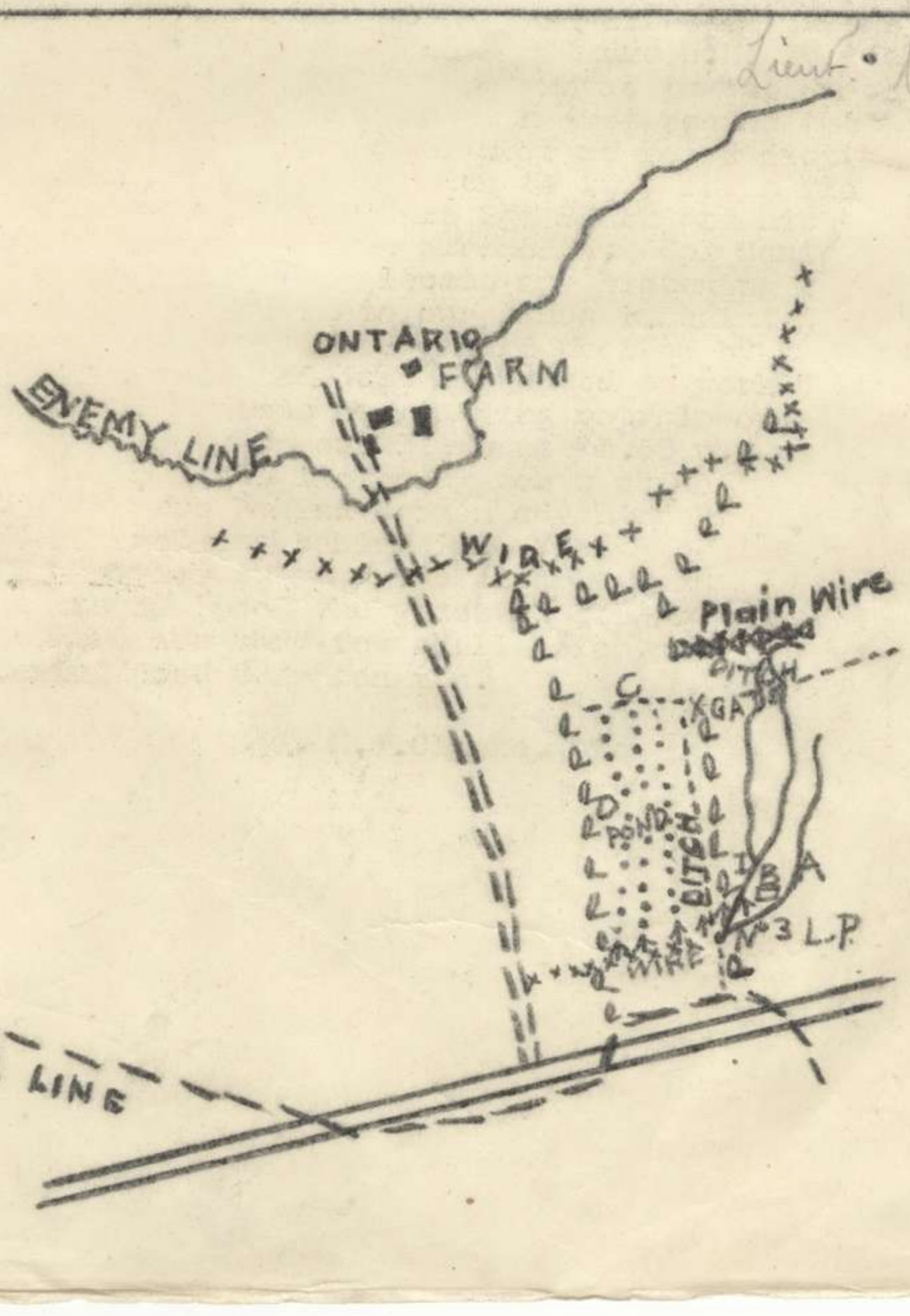
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Shewing route of Patrol. Lieut. Clarke.



Lieut. Dorney



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Special Intelligence Report.

RIGHT SECTOR. At about 8.20 p.m. enemy commenced to bombard this area. The majority of the shells landed about STINKING FARM. Approx. 200H-E- (mostly 5.9") fell between U 7 Central and U 7 a 29 while about 300 of the same class fell in the area between U 7 b 4 9 and U 1 c 3 3. One shell only fell as far back as LA PLUS DOUCE. Artillery fire on front line was light. 12 shells fell on left Coy. Sector and 50 in right Coy sector. Heavy bombs (MINENWERFERS) were sent over continuously from the commencement of the bombardment and did not cease until 3.30 a.m.. Most of these fell around GABION FARM. A portion of CURRIE AVENUE is rather badly damaged, but is being repaired. In all about 200 bombs came over. It is believed that they were fired from U 8 b 3 6 but observation was difficult. Our total casualties in this sector were.-

Wounded 1 officer, 3 other ranks
(officer at duty)
Shell Shock 9 other ranks

LEFT SECTOR. The bombardment opened on our right at about 8.20 p.m. and shortly afterwards it began on the front line of the Battalion on our left and at 8.35 p.m. came into our sector. The beginning was a slight bombardment with H.E. (4.2") and shrapnel. However. it soon spread all over our sector and became more violent. 5.9" and trench mortar bombs coming into play. Trench C 2 was the first to suffer. the T-M. bombs, which seemed to come straight from ONTARIO FARM, doing a good deal of damage. At 8.50 p.m. enemy began to shell rear of trenches 141 and 142, shells of all classes being sent over at a steady rate. From 9 p.m. onwards the bombardment became heavier and enemy appeared to be searching the communication trenches, and well in rear of front line. 8 5.9" were sent around BRISTOL CASTLE (T 6 b 6 3½). Two of these failed to explode.

The bombardment was kept up at a heavy rate until about 10.40 p.m. when it practically ceased. The T.Ms (MINENWERFERS) kept up intermittent fire all along this sector until about 2.30 a.m.

DAMAGE DONE- In trench C 2 the parapets were breached in three places and several dugouts and portions of the parados were blown out, mostly by T.M. bombs. The parapet was repaired during the night. In front of trenches 141 and 142 the wire was cut in three places. Very little damage was done in these trenches. All communication saps are very little the worse for the bombardment. No damage was done at FORBES TERRACE which was shelledwith shrapnel at 9.45 p.m.

All casualties of this sector ~~xxxxxxx~~ occurred in C 2 and were mostly caused by bombs.

Killed 3 other ranks
Wounded 1 officer, 6 other ranks
(one serious)

Total casualties.

Killed 3 other ranks.
Wounded 2 officers, 9 other ranks
(one officer at duty)
Shell shock 10 other ranks.

Lt.
Intelligence Officer.
7th Aust Inf Brigade.

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Intelligence Summary No. 8.
6 p.m. 23rd to 6 p.m. 24th June 1916.

1 ACTIVITY.

1. Enemy artillery was particularly active last night. A special report on this activity was sent out this morning. During to-day enemy guns were fairly active. At 6.30 a.m. 3 shrapnel burst in rear of C 2. At 7.35 a.m. 10 H.E. fell near MOB LANE (T 6 d 4 7). From 8.30 to 9.30 a.m. enemy shelled continuously with H.E. and shrapnel U 1 d 4 3 and U 1 a 9 2. At 11. 30 a.m. 20 shrapnel burst over N-MIDLAND FARM (T 6 c 5 6). 12 noon 40 H.E. (4.2") fell in same area. At 12.40 p.m. 15 H.E. fell in rear of C 2 T 6 b-2 2 and T 6 b 5 3. At 3. 15 p.m. 45 H.E. and Shrapnel fell in vicinity of MEDICINE HAT TRAIL and MESSINES Road. At 4 p.m. 14 H.E. fell about ST QUENTINS FARM (T 6 c 2 2). At 4.40 p.m. 35 H.E. fell about STINKING FARM. No material damage was done by any of this shelling.

Our guns were active all day. Enemy wire was cut at U 1 a 1 7½ and U 1 a 2½ 7 and parapet was also breached at the latter place. Damage done to wire was hard to observe but large gaps appeared to be made at U 1 a 5 6 and U 2 a 2½ 2.

2. Our Stokes guns fired 4 rounds for registration purposes. Enemy bombing as given in special report. this morning.

3. Again active during night.

4. Normal.

5. Quiet. Enemy shot one of our snipers in the hand. Bullet came through the loophole.

6. No enemy patrols were encountered. One of our patrols reconnoitred ground in front of ONTARIO FARM. A patrol of 1 officer and 10 other ranks formed a standing patrol in front of trenches 135 136, 137 during the bombardment. Nothing seen or heard of enemy.

7. Alert and active.

11 TRENCHES AND WORKS-

1. Enemy has placed new wire amongst the ruins of his old wire from U 2 a 1 5 to U 2 a 2½ 1.

111 AIRCRAFT- No enemy aircraft were seen. Our machines were up one passed over ourlines at 3.40 p.m. and another at 5 p.m.

1V GENERAL. At about 2.15 a.m. a bomb was heard from the direction of enemy barricade, also some rifle shots. These were followed by groans. As no patrol was out from our sector it is surmised that the enemy must have bombed some of his own men.

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Intelligence Officer,
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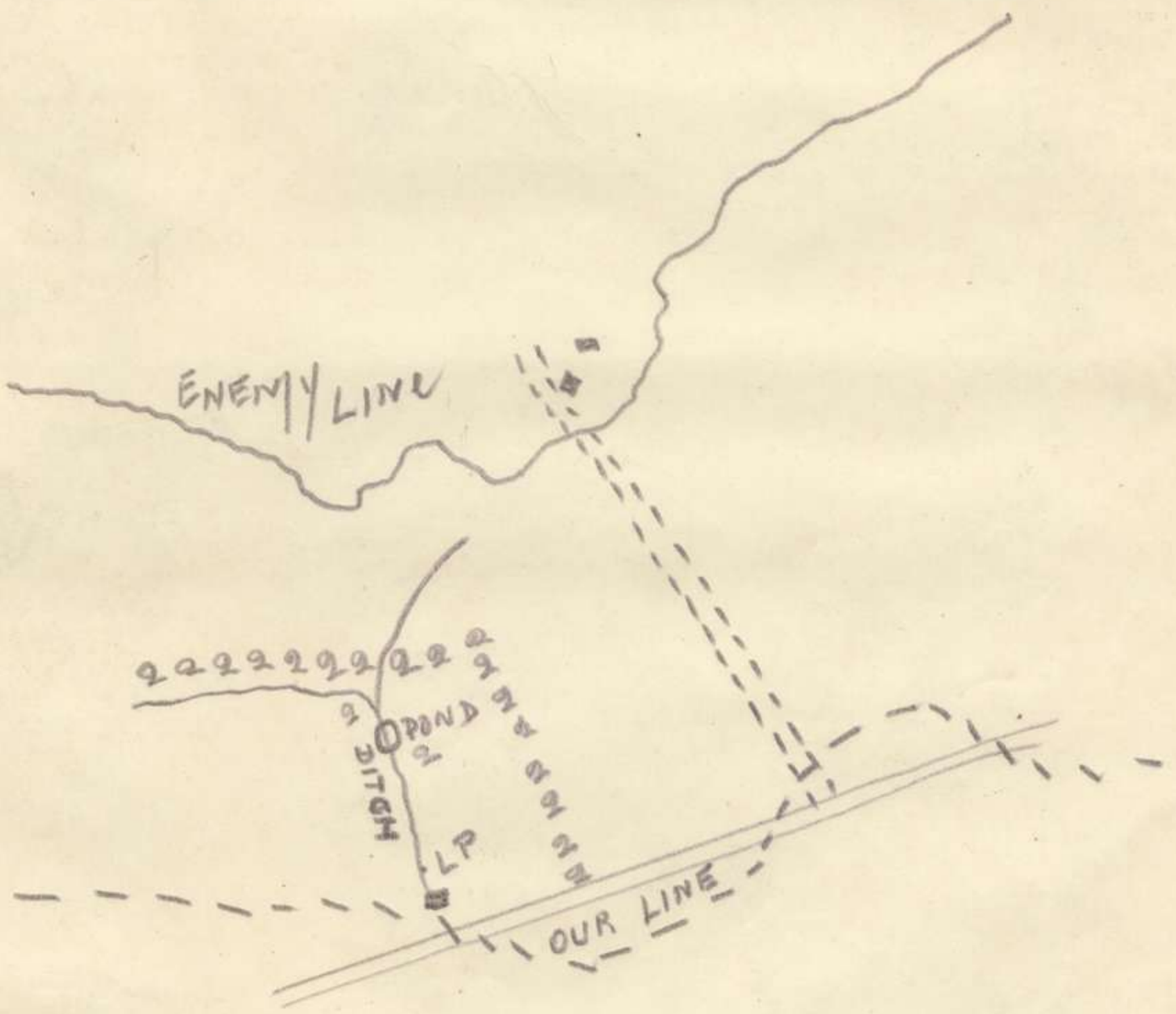
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PATROL REPORT 23/6/16.

A Patrol consisting of 1 Off. 1 Sgt. and 4 Ptes. (2/Lt. Stuart, Sgt. McCann Ptes. Pigley, Turner, Newberry and Avard) moved out from No.1 Listening post Trench 142 for purpose of examining ditch running towards enemy's lines. Left bank of ditch is 3' high and right bank is 1 ft. Ground on left is level, on right gradually rising to height of ground on left. About 110 yds from our trenches there is a pond about 25 ft wide. Bushes are growing in ditch starting from this pond. Pte. Newberry was wounded by Machine Gun fire as we were leaving our trenches.

sgd. A. STUART,
2/Lt.



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Intelligence Summary Nº. 9. 6 p.m. 24th to 6 p.m. 25/6/16.

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1 ACTIVITY.

1. Enemy artillery not so active to-day. From 8-30 to 9 a.m. enemy sent over 8 H.E. to the rear of FORT OSBORNE (T 6 d 5 2). At 8.35 a.m. 5 shrapnel burst over LINDSAY LANE and 29 shrapnel over the road near RED LODGE. At 9 a.m. 18 H.E. fell near Hill 63. At 2 p.m. 15 H.E. fell in rear of C 2 (T 6 b 2 2). At 2.30 p.m. 6 H.E. fell about T 6 c 6 3. At 3 p.m. a few H.E. fell LA PLUS DOUVE and STINKING FARM. At 3.30 p.m. 20 shrapnel burst around T 6 d 5 4 and at 5.15 p.m. a further 7 shrapnel burst about the same place. No damage was done by any of this shelling.

2. No bombing on our ~~part~~ front.

3. Enemy machine guns were not nearly as active as usual. Our guns fired on breaches in enemy wire at U 2 a 2 3 and U 2 a 2 4½ between 10.30 p.m. and 1 a.m. also searched square at O 32 d 7 ½, cross roads at O 32 d 5 3 and junction of roads at O 33 c ½ 4½.

4. Rifle fire normal.

5. Two enemy snipers were silenced. One firing from a M.G. position at O 31 d 9½ 1½ was too well protected.

6. No enemy patrols were encountered by our patrols. Patrol from our left sector carefully examined ground in front of ONTARIO FARM and found good cover in ditches along hedge. Patrol from right Bn examined ground between the STEENBECK and the LE ROSSIGNOT - MESSINES Road. Several new large craters were found and it was noted that ditch running from road due NORTH for 100 would afford good cover for hostile patrol.

7. Attitude of enemy. Quiet but alert.

11. TRENCHES AND WORKS.

2. At 4 a.m. small party working with picks and timber at O 31 d 2 2½. New sandbags some blue in colour have been placed on parapet at U 1 a 1 7½ and U 1 a 2 7.

7. New loophole put in at U 1 a 1½ 7½.

11. At 6.15 a.m. a motor vehicle came into view at O 32 d 2½ 2½ and again at O 32 b 3 3.

111. AIRCRAFT.

Our machines were active all day. At 4 p.m. 5 flew over enemy lines and they appeared to drop something which fell vertically and burst into flame and smoke. Two enemy observation balloons were rapidly lowered but were up again when our planes had left. Enemy machines were not active. At 6.30 a.m. a TAUBE was seen flying over its own lines to N.E. At 7.30 a.m. a TAUBE flew over our lines but was driven off by our A.A. guns. At 2.40 p.m. a FOKKER flew over our lines for about 10 minutes but was driven off by our A.A. guns. Between 6.30 a.m. and 4 p.m. 3 enemy observation balloons were up.

1V. IDENTIFICATIONS.

At 7.45 a.m. Two men seen entering sap at O 31 d 7 8. Both wore caps and blue grey uniform. At 9.15 a.m. men in pairs dressed in blue grey uniform, without equipment walked along road at O 32 d 1 1 at intervals until 10 a.m.

GENERAL. At 9 p.m. last night two of our aeroplanes travelling in a northerly direction, several green lights dropped.

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Intelligence Officer,
7th Aus Inf Bde.

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Patrol Report.

A Reconnoitring patrol of 6pl Infantry and six others left Trench 136 at 10-30 pm 24/6/16 for purpose of reconnoitring ground between the STEENBECK and the LE ROSSIGNOL-MESSINES Road.

They moved along the course of the Steenbeck for about 200 yards then turned due East until striking the Road. From then they worked home running to and lines at 1-20 AM 25/6/16.

Information Several new large craters was found made evidently by the enemy lobbing a shell or two in night. Road running from Road due North for about 150 yards towards enemy lines would afford good cover to any enemy patrol. Ground was very slippery on account of rain.

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Patrol Report. 25/6/16

A patrol consisting of Lt. Boulton A. Stuart 2/Lt. and five other ranks left our trenches at Boyles Farm trench 142 and moved out along ditch. Route marked — . — . — . —.

From trench to Shell Hole the left bank of ditch is 3 ft high and right bank 1 ft. Ground on right gradually rising.

From Shell Hole banks of ditch are the same height with a hedge growing on Right bank. This hedge ends 15 yds from corner.

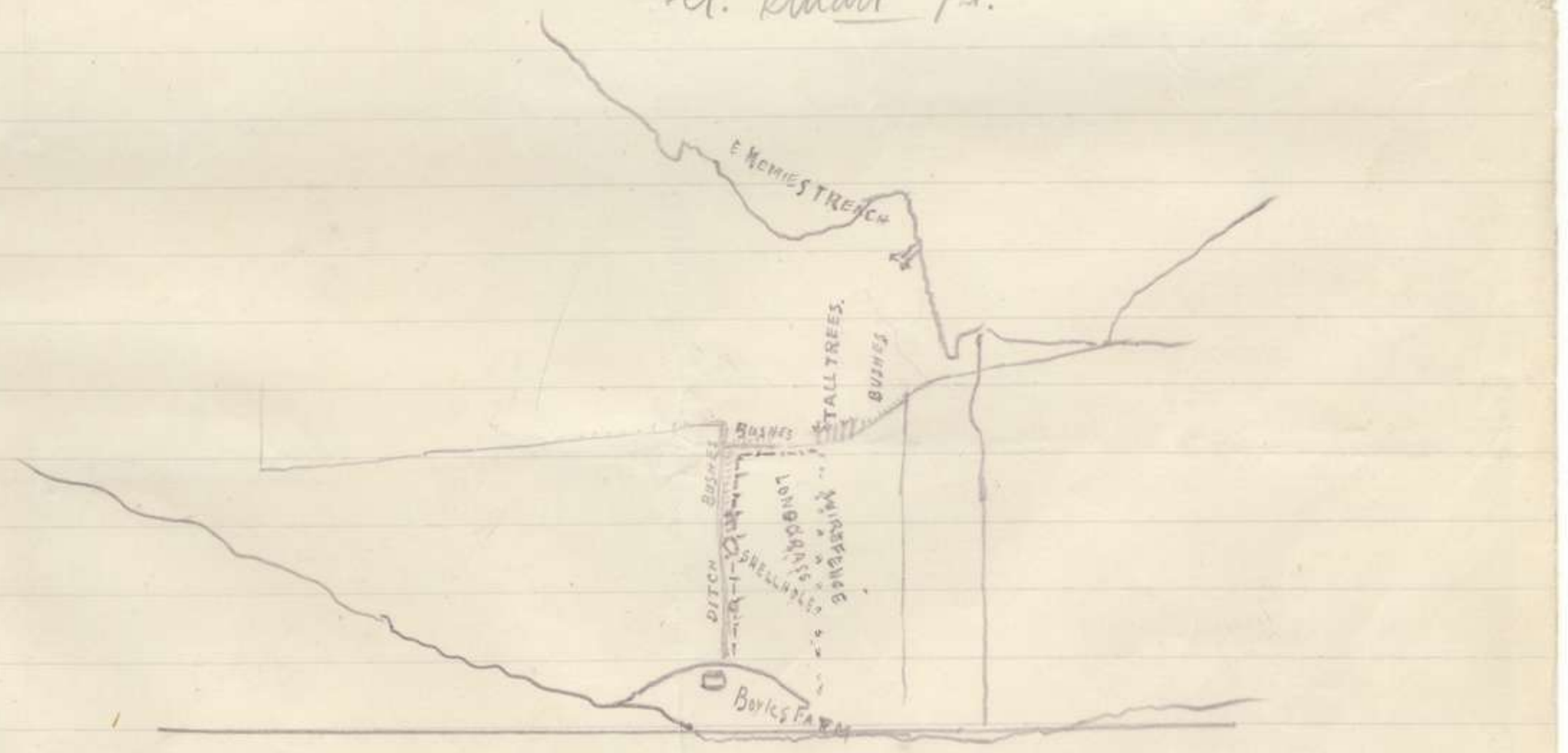
Hedge composed of bushes planted close together. (Hedge marked bushes on Sketch)

Moving along the right bank and in ditch you are screened from view by the hedge on your left and scattered bushes, long grass on your right.

15 yards from end of hedge there are a number of tall trees growing in ditch followed by bushes.

Shell Hole excellent shelter if necessary. But think that the head of party could be taken to the end of hedge which would bring the tail past shell hole. Party could be moved up past trees, from end of hedge under cover of bombardment.

A. Stuart 2/Lt.



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INTELLIGRNCE SUMMARY NO.10.
Form 6 p.m. 25th to 6 p.m. 26th June 1916.

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1. ACTIVITY

1. Enemy artillery very quiet. At 7 a.m. 4 H.E. fell near BOYLES FARM (U 1 a 4 0). Ar 10.40 a.m. 10 shrapnel burst in rear of trench 141. No damage done.
2. No bombing on our front.
3. Enemy machine guns were not very active. Our guns were particularly active firing on breaches in enemy wire and on working parties. Our listening post reports hearing cries as if a man was hit.
4. Rifle fire normal. (5) Enemy sniping quieter.
6. No enemy patrols were seen, but it is believed that one was out on left of MESSINES ROAD. Our patrols tried to get in touch with them but were unsuccessful. We had four patrols out on our front. There is nothing special to report and no enemy patrols were encountered.
7. Enemy attitude quiet.

2. TRENCHES AND WORKS

1. New wire amongst old has lately been put out from U 1 a 1 7 to T 6 b 9 7½. New corkscrews are put out ready for wire at U 2 a 5 5½.
7. What appears to be a new M.G. position has been put in a new trench on the hill about U 2 a 5 5½.

3. AIRCRAFT

Our planes were very active and were over enemy lines at 4. 45 a.m., 5.30 a.m. and 6.30 a.m.. At 7.25 a.m. and again at 9 a.m. a TAUBE attempted to cross our lines but was driven off by our A.A. guns. Three enemy planes bearing names 5, 6 and 7 respectively came towards our lines. Our A.A. guns fired a shot which appeared to hit No.7. The three planes flew towards enemy lines and later only 5 & 6 re-appeared. Just after 6 p.m. tonight a FOKKER flew low over our area and doubled round twice, evidently searching for something.

4. IDENTIFICATIONS.

At 5 a.m. four men in blue-grey uniform and caps were seen walking behind hedge and entering sap at O 32 b 2½ 2½.

5. GENERAL. A new wire can be seen for about 15 yds along parapet disappearing at U 2 c 5 9½.

Lieut.
Intelligence Officer,
7th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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PATROL REPORT -

A patrol consisting of Lt Corney, Sgt Law (27th Bn) Pte Weston (27th Bn), Pte Turner, No. 1108 Pte Baker, No. 408 Pte Jeffries, left trench 142 (L.P. No. 3) at 11.30 p.m. The dotted line on sketch attached shows route followed by patrol.

After passing our L.P. we made our way to junction of fence and hedge marked X on sketch. From there we went about 40 yds further on in a line with the fence and then moved to the right following along the row of small trees. There is a ditch running along the bottom of this row of trees, about 4' deep, with about 1' of water in it. We did not come across any snipers position near U 1 a 2 4, nor anywhere along row of trees.

At points B and C are two large shell holes about 5' deep and 12' in diameter. While at point marked D we could hear the enemy working on his wire quite distinctly. Our machine guns played on them during the night with good effect. Several times they stopped work for 10 or 15 mins. owing to machine gun fire. We came to pond at junction of two hedges and returned along hedge, back to our trenches at about 2 a.m. No enemy patrols were seen.

Sgd. F.R.Corney, Lt.

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26th Battalion.

At 10.30 p.m. last evening a patrol consisting of Cpl Manion & six other ranks left trench 136 as a reconnoitring patrol. They moved in an easterly direction until arriving at hedge running at right angles to LA ROSSIGNOL - MESSINES Road about 200 yds from our trench. They examined the hedge carefully and from there moved due north till meeting hedge running along the road. From there they moved towards a listening post in front of trench 136. They then moved along the road for about 30 yds and then moved towards the STEENBECK. They returned to our lines safely at 1.30 a.m. without meeting or seeing any hostile patrol.

Sgd. M.J.Clarke, Lt.

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26th Battalion.

A patrol from D. Coy. consisting of Cpl McKenna, Ptes Phillips, Church and Abel left trench 140 at 10.30 p.m. and proceeded from the WULFERHAM - MESSINES Road in a north westerly direction for about one hundred yds. They could hear distinct sounds of work going on in the gully to the left of the German advanced barrier. Sounds of shovelling, sawing and driving in of sticks could be distinguished. After listening for over an hour a patrol was heard in between our patrol and the enemy barrier which was evidently covering work going on in the gully. Patrol returned safely at 1.30 a.m. 26/6/16.

Sgd. M.J.Clarke Lt.

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26th Battalion.

Last night at 10.30 p.m. a patrol consisting of twelve other ranks and myself left trench 140 through listening post with the object of getting into German listening post to the right of the German advanced barrier. Patrol had just moved out when the enemy opened up a sharp machine gun fire in our direction which continued for some 20 minutes. The night was very clear so we moved out cautiously and we had moved about 100 yds due N.E. towards the STEENBECK when we heard movement in front. We moved cautiously in the direction of the sound and we could hear distinct sounds of whistling. I came to the conclusion that the enemy must have had two patrols out, one on each side of the WULVERGHEM - MESSINES Road. A whistle could be heard from our side and then the answer would come from the other side. We remained quite still for some time and then we continued our patrol in the direction of the STEENBECK. Working slowly over

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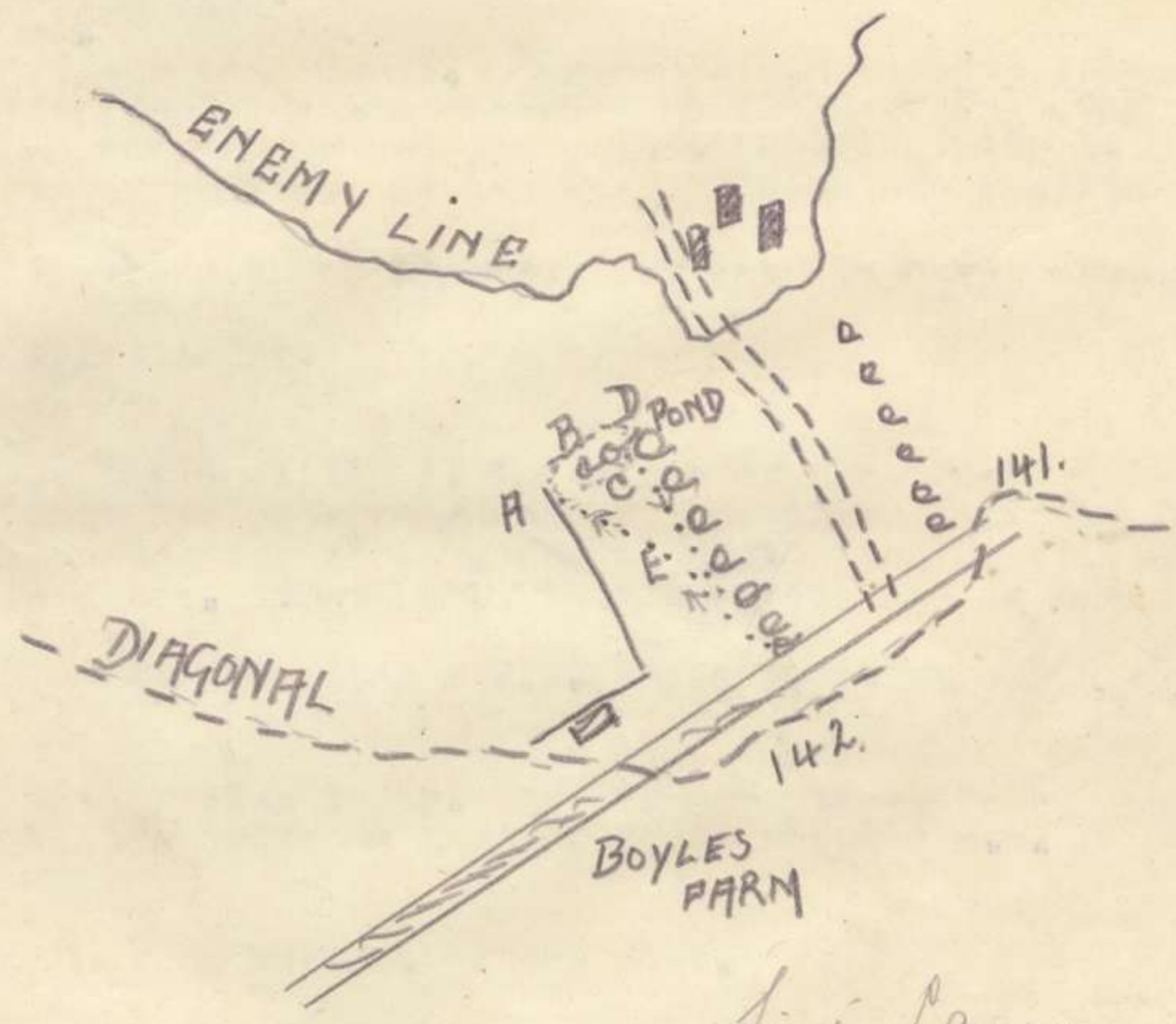
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the ground and taking frequent rests we arrived at the hedge running due N.E. about 50 yds from and parallel to the road. Up here distinct sounds of someone laughing and talking could be heard. Pick and shovel work was also going on farther up the hill towards his line. We remained about half an hour at the row of trees but were unable to detect any movement. We then moved for a short distance towards the road and as the time then was 1.30 a.m. 26/6/16 I decided that the patrol had not enough time to attempt to accomplish its task. We then moved slowly to our lines, arriving back at about 1.50 a.m.

I am of opinion now that the enemy had two patrols out both working to the left of the WULVERGHEM - MESSINES Road. Sgt. Jerry, Scout Sgt and 4 officers 28th Bn. accompanied us for the purpose of getting the lay of the land.

Sgd. M.J.Clarke, Lt.



Lieut. Corney

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY - FROM 6 p.m. 26th to 6 p.m. 27th JUNE 1916.

1. ACTIVITY

1. Between 1.30 a.m. and 3 a.m. enemy bombarded our area. Seemingly in retaliation for the activity on our left. Right Bn. report that about 200 shells fell in rear of their position, 100 shells fell about the front line. Minenwerfers were also used. About 50 came over, 20 about front line and the remainder in NO MAN'S LAND and about CURRIE AVENUE. Not much damage done. Parados of bay 10 trench 136 was damaged by a bomb. CURRIE AVENUE was blown in at one place. Repairs have been effected.. In left Bn. area the shelling was heavier. Trenches 141 and 142 the DIAGONAL and C2 were all shelled. Our wire in front of the LOOP was damaged. BOYLES ALLEY was breached. Parapet of C2 was also breached. This and other damage was repaired before dawn. No estimate can be given of the number of shells but about 100 minenwerfers came over, several of which failed to explode. During the day there has been practically no enemy firing.

2. About 150 minenwerfer came over last night.

3. Enemy machine guns were active. Our guns were also active, firing on enemy wire and parapet.

4. Rifle fire normal.

5. Enemy sniping quieter than usual. Our men claim to have silenced a troublesome enemy sniper. He was observed pulling sacking away from his position and one of our men got a shot through which is believed to have been effective. He has not fired on our positions since.

6. No enemy patrols were seen or heard. Our patrols have nothing fresh to report.

7. Enemy attitude quiet today.

2. TRENCHES AND WORKS.

7. At about U 1 a 3½ 7 a position is in course of construction in enemy front line. This has an appearance of a position suitable for a field gun, having an opening 6' long and 1' high which is filled with two tiers of sandbags. Above this is a covered beam or girder 12" by 12" and 10' long.

Enemy appear to be constructing a M.G. emplacement at U 2 b 4 2.

3. AIRCRAFT

No activity on either side today. One of our planes bombed and burnt 3 enemy observation balloons last night at about 8 p.m.

4. GENERAL

Observation difficult on account of the mist.

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Lieut.
Intelligence Officer,
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PATROL REPORT 27th Bn. Night of 26/27th June 1916.

3 Officers and 3 other ranks left trench 142 near BOYLES FARM at 10.45 p.m. Proceeded along a ditch running at right angles to our trenches for 100 yds. The latter 50 yds of this ditch are lined by low bushes, and the ditch is about 2'6" wide and 3'6" deep. The rising ground on either side of this ditch affords cover from flanking fire. 80 yds from the point of exit on the eastern side of this drain is a very large shellhhole which will give shelter for about 15 men.

Across drain running eastwards for 70 yds from our parapet The short bushes previously mentioned continue along this drain also for 30 yds. There is then a gap of 15 yds, and the remainder of the drain is lined by fairly large trees. This drain is about 3' wide and 4'6" deep. The ground rises on the enemy's side of the ditch and good cover can therefore be had. This drain ends about 50 yds from the enemy parapet where it is met by another drain running at right angles to our trenches.

No enemy patrol was encountered, but a working party was seen and heard at about U 1a 62 40.

A bombardment commenced at 1.30 a.m. and caused the patrol to return. Re-entered our lines about 2.15 a.m.

sgd. R.D.SOUTHON
Lt.
27th Bn. Scout Officer.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO.12.

from 6 p.m. 27th June to 6 p.m. 28th June 1916.

ACTIVITY

1. Enemy artillery was quiet during the night. A little activity during the day. At 9.30 a.m. about 12 rounds 77 mm. burst over trench C2 but did no damage. At 11 a.m. 30 rounds 77 mm. burst about MOB LANE and East of MEDICINE HAT TRAIL. At 12 noon 8 rounds 5.9 H.E. fell about the same area. No damage. At 2.15 p.m. some H.E. was sent over around LA PLUS DOUVE FM. One shell fell in the farm but did not explode. At 3.45 p.m. 15 H.E. fell in rear of trenches 139 and 140.

Our Artillery was active today and cut wire at U 2 a 2½ 3 and U 1 a 1 7 to U 1 a 3½ 7.

2. No bombing on our front.

3. Both our own and enemy's guns were active during the night.

4. Rifle fire normal.

5. Enemy sniping quiet. Our snipers report very few opportunities.

6. No sign of enemy patrols. Our patrols were out from both right and left sectors and report a very quiet night. Nothing unusual seen or heard.

7. Enemy attitude quiet but alert.

2. TRENCHES AND WORKS.

1. Enemy wire was cut at U 2 a 2½ 3 and from U 1 a 1 7 to U 1 a 3½ 7. Some damage was done to wire at T 6 b 7½ 10.

Enemy repaired entanglements for a length of 50 yards deep at U 2 a ½ 8.

2. Our artillery damaged parapet at T 6 b 7½ 10.

3. AIRCRAFT

Very little activity. Two enemy aeroplanes flew over our lines at 6.45 p.m. Only in view for about 2 minutes.

4. GENERAL

Owing to the mist, observation was very difficult, and although a little movement was noticed no useful information could be gained.

George Read

Lieut.
Intelligence Officer,
7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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PATROL REPORT 27/28th JUNE 1916.

A patrol consisting of Sgt. Law O.R. Ptes. Michell and Weston left BOYLES FARM (No.3 listening post) at 11 p.m. They moved to the left for roughly 150 yds. at about 40 yds in advance of the DIAGONAL. They then advanced towards enemy's lines another 50 yds and then turned to the right and advanced along a shallow ditch lined with brambles. Long grass was encountered in each direction.
Patrol returned at 1.45 a.m. and reported an unusually quiet night.

sgd. J.K.BEDDOME,
2/Lieut.
27th Bn.

PATROL REPORT
27/28th June 1916.

A patrol consisting of Sgt. Jerry and 8 others left Trench 139 at 10.30 p.m. last night for the purpose of observing the enemy barricade across the WULVERGHEM -MESSINES ROAD. The patrol worked in a North easterly direction towards the road, but did not get close to the barrier. No noise was heard behind barrier nor were any enemy patrols encountered. The patrol returned at 2.30 a.m. Grass is reported to be about 2' long and ground fairly dry.

sgd. F. McLean, 2/Lt.
Intelligence Off.
28th Bn.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO.13. from 6 p.m. 28th to 6 p.m. 29th June 1916.

1. ACTIVITY
1. Enemy artillery was active in retaliation for our bombardment last night, but did not do a large amount of damage. Right Bn. report that enemy did not put any shells on their front line. Most of the shells dell from 2 to 600 yds in rear of the front line. STINKING FARM and area between there and WELL WALK came in for most of the shelling. The enemy shelling over this sector was not very heavy and ceased at 1.15 a.m. Left Bn. This sector was heavily shelled and a good deal of damage was done. Our wire in front of the LOOP was considerably damaged. Two 5.9's landed in BOYLES ALLEY. Breatswork at C2 suffered very little damage. KING EDWARD TRENCH was filled in in three places. All damage was repaired before dawn.
n During th day there has been very little shelling. At 3 p.m. 5 rounds 77 mm. fell near head of Sap to right of 141. At 4.55 p.m. 4 shrapnel burst over BOYLES FARM. Between 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. about 20 rounds H.E. 5'9 and 4.2 fell to East of MEDICINE HAT TRAIL&
2. During last nights retaliation enemy sent over approximately 200 MINENWERFERS in direction of trench 136, CURRIE AVENUE was broken in in one place. A large number fell in NO MAN'S LAND and between front line and WELL WALK. About 12 MINENWERFER fell in left sector. Our STOKES were active and fired 384 rounds.
3. Enemy machine guns were very active during the bombardment. One gun kept up an almost continuous fire traversing along the whole left Bn front. Indirect fire was brought to bear on LA PLUS DOUVE FME. Our guns were very active all night. Enfiladed enemy front line and communication trenches. Fired on hostile aircraft this afternoon.
4. Rifle fire normal.
5. Sniping very quiet.
6. Special report on raid is attached. Our patrols went out immediately after shelling ceased. No enemy patrols seen or heard.
7. Enemy attitude very quiet to-day.

11. TRENCHES AND WORKS. (1) No alterations or repairs to enemy wire have been observed.
2. Some work appears to be going on in trench at U 31 b 7 2 ½. It was reported that there are a number of breaches in parapet and communication sap for about 50 yds to right and left of U 1 a 3½ 7. Nowork has been done towards repairing these.

111. AIRCRAFT. At 2 p.m. an enemy FOKKER flew ~~xx~~ from direction of MESSINES towards trench140. Our A.A. and machine guns caused him to retire. This was done ten times but it did not cross our lines. At 3.10 p.m. it was joined by another machine and both flew round for half an hour. Neither plane was allowed to cross our line. During the late afternoon our planes were active.

1V. IDENTIFICATIONS. Prisoners obtained last night by our raiding party show that the 210th Regt. is in front of this sector.

V. GENERAL. Two dogs were seen at 1 p.m. on slope behind enemy lines in vicinity of SNIPERS HOUSE.
When our bombardment commenced enemy sent up 12 red lights each of which burst into 2 red stars. At 12.40 enemy sent up at short intervals a red and a green light together.

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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

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Special report on raid - 28/6/16.

A raiding party of 4 officers and 58 other ranks in charge of Capt. H.H. Page, 25th Battalion, entered the enemy trenches at U 1 a 4½ 6½ at 11.45 p.m. 28/6/16. There was a preliminary bombardment for 10 minutes on enemy front line and when the artillery lifted to form a barrage the party, who during this time were in NO MAN'S LAND, entered the trench at the point stated. The wire had been well cut and no obstacles were met. The party report that they did not ~~xxxx~~ meet with any resistance. Four prisoners were taken and at least 17 others were accounted for. Our party returned to our trenches with 1 officer and 3 men slightly wounded, but one man was killed whilst proceeding along a communication sap some distance behind our front line.

INFORMATION GAINED& The prisoners belonged to the 210th Regiment which confirms identifications on the front. The parapet was 8 to 9 feet high and 6 feet wide at the top. There was a parados about the same height. The trenches were very narrow and men had difficulty in passing each other in some places. The dugouts are reported as being very good and clean. Size about 8 ft square by 5 ft high: contained two bunks about 18 inches off the floow and 3' 6" wide. The trenches were duckboarded and were quite dry. No gas cylinders could be found, although special search was made for them. No arrangements seem to have been made for the reception of gas cylinders in the area visited. Most of the enemy were without rifles as they were kept in a large rack which held at least 12 rifles. One cellar could be found but no electric wires were encountered. A likely machine gun emplacement was noticed but no gun could be found. Wire entanglements were badly put out and were not thick 20 to 25 yds through. Dugouts had about 4 ft above them, Roofed with cement bursters and had a cement floor. It was noticed that rifles were in racks and that equipment was hung on them. One dugout was blown in by our artillery.

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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Intelligence Summary - 6 p.m. 29th to 6 p.m. 30/6/16.
No. 14.

1 ACTIVITY. Enemy artillery was active during the early part of the evening. At 7.15 p.m. a number of H.E. 4.2" and 5.9" were put into trenches 141 and 142. Some damage was done at our breastworks. At 9 p.m. enemy shelled trenches 136 and 137 of the right sector and trenches 141 and 142 and C2 of the left sector. In the right sector no shells fell on the front line. A considerable number fell between front line and WELL WALK. Two dugouts in this sap were blown in. In the left Sector trenches 142 and C2 were considerably damaged. All damage was repaired before "Stand Down" The retaliation by enemy for our gas attack and bombardment at 2 a.m. was surprisingly weak. No damage was done. Enemy did not retaliate for the gas sent over at 12.15 a.m. Today enemy artillery has been very quiet. Very few shells fell in our area and no damage was done.
2. At 9 a.m. in conjunction with artillery, enemy sent over about 100 bombs, 40 of which were Minenwerfers. Front line was not damaged but CURRIE AVENUE was breached opposite GABION FARM. During enemy retaliation at 12.15 a.m. approximately 60 Minenwerfers were sent over in rear of trenches 136, 137 and 138 and did no damage.
3. Enemy machine gun fire was very active all night and played along the whole of our front line. At the time of the first release of gas they showed great activity, but when the larger quantity of gas was released they ceased firing.
4. Rifle fire quieter tha usual.
5. Sniping is reported as being very quiet.
6. No enemy patrols were seen or heard. A patrol went out from our left sector and reported all quiet.
7. Enemy attitude very quiet. He does not appear to be nearly as anxious to retaliate as has previously been the case.

2. TRENCHES AND WORKS

1. Our artillery did considerable damage to enemy wire at about U 2 a 1 8.
2. Enemy parapets breached for some distance in rear of SNIPERS HOUSE Enemy wire on this front has also been badly cut. Enemy parapet breached at about U 2 a 1 8.
7. Machine gun emplacement at U 2 a 2 6½ has been blown out by our artillery.

3 AIRCRAFT

At 7.30 p.m. six of our planes were up. They remained about until dark. Two enemy planes were up about this time. One of our biplanes got above them and drove them off to some distance behind their own lines. When our plane was returning A.A. guns shelled it with great rapidity.

5. GENERAL

3. Almost immediately on our gas attack enemy sent up rockets which burst into red and green lights.

7. MOVEMENT During morning 10 men were seen to move in pairs along road about O 32 c 3 4. Only visible for a few seconds. At 7.30 a.m. the glass of a telescope was seen about U 1 a 1 8.

6 GAS. At 12.15 a.m. this morning we released gas from the DIAGONAL Wind three miles per hour and freshening, direction 42 degrees true bearing. Gas run out and all taps were turned off at 11.35 a.m. Enemy artillery did not retaliate but machine gun fire was active. At 2 a.m. a further supply of gas was released from trenches 139 and 140. This was accompanied by smoke bombs which were discharged from the whole of the Right Bn. front. Wind was coming from S.W. by S. and travelling about 4 miles per hour. Three minutes after this discharge our artillery opened up on enemy trenches. The enemy retaliation was very weak and no damage was done. Some Mininwerfers, about 60, were sent over. Almost immediately after the gas was released enemy sent up rockets which burst into red and green lights.

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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

29/6/16.

PATROL REPORT - 27th Battalion.

A patrol consisting of 2/Lt Beddome, Sgt Love, Ptes Hogg A., Hallam A. and McLean I. left listening post No. 3 at about 11 p.m. to patrol ground covered by raiding party the previous night.

They moved along ditch for about 100 yards.

A stretcher, evidently left behind by the raiding party, was picked up and brought back. No traces of luminous tape or Intelligence documents were seen.

The patrol returned at 12 mid-night.

Sgd. J.W.Beddome, 2/Lt.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARIES AND REPORTS

1. ACTIVITY
   1 Artillery
   2 Bombing (including T.M., R.G., etc.)
   3 Machine Guns
   4 Rifle fire, including rifle battery fire.
   5 Sniping
   6 Enemy's patrols
   7 Attitude of enemy (quiet or careless, noisy, energetic, or alert etc)

11. TRENCHES AND WORKS. (New work, changes or extension of works, and working parties.)

   1 Front wire system
   2 Front trenches or breastworks
   3 Supprt trenches (including wire) and dugouts.
   4 Communication trenches.
   5 Second or subsiduary lines.
   6 Defended localities.
   7bMachine gun or other emplacements, and loopholes.
   8 Listening and snipers posts
   9 Concrete or steel works.
  10 Mining operations.
  11 Transport
  12 Material for works.

111. AIRCRAFT (our own and enemy)

   Type, time direction and action.

1V. IDENTIFICATIONS.

   Character and colour of uniform, changes in equipment etc. Any actions or identifications from which origin of troops their unit or corps might be deduced or reliefs determined.

V. GENERAL

   1 Appearance of buildings, trees, fields etc.
   2 Actions of civilians
   3 Signals, lamps, smoke, flares, flags etc.
   4 Pigeons
   5 Railway transport etc. (distant)
   6 Fires.

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7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

List of Casualties during the month of June.

25th Battalion.

10.6.16	No.3252	Pte Williamson D.J.	Wounded
,,		2/Lt Smith J.L.	Injured
11.6.16	376	Pte Gordon D.	Killed
16.6.16	1610	Pte Wollison J.J.	,,
,,	1562	Pte Philpott B.	Wounded
18.6.16		Capt Lewis R.J.	Died of wounds.
19.6.16	2128	L/Cpl Cameron C.E.	Wounded
,,	1611	Pte Ryan P.J.D.	,,
20.6.16	1592	Pte Adams H.J.	,,
,,	3234	,, Turner G.H.	,,
,,	2028	,, Wease Wz	,,
21.6.16		Lieut A.W. Phillips	,,
,,	2232	Pte Castrees C.E.	,,
23.6.16	1920	,, Goodrich H.	,, 4 missing
24.6.16	3226	,, Waddell W.J.	Killed
,,	619	,, Dunning J.	,,
,,	625	,, Dunlop W.	,,
,,	1536	,, Gee G.	Wounded
,,	762	,, Thorsell E.	,,
,,	1700	,, Kelly T.A.	,,
,,	1719	,, McDonald J.W.	,,
,,	3302	,, Stenhouse J.	,,
,,	1671	,, Gaynor H.A.	,,
,,	1556	,, Newbery	,,
,,	224	,, Thorpe T.G.	,,
,,	2222	,, Twort K.	,,
,,		2/Lt R.A. Nelson-Turner	,,
27.6.16	1982	Pte Power E.O.	Kicked by horse
28.6.16	3221	,, Smith G.F.	Premature burst
,,	1652	Cpl Griffiths S.	Wounded
30.6.16		Capt H.H. Page	,,
,,	1598	Pte Cameron A.	,,

26th Battalion.

2 .6.16	372	Pte Burge G.J.	Wounded
,,	434	L/C Wallace L.H.	,,
4.6.16	443	Pte Young D	Killed
5.6.16	3873	,, Matthews J.	Wounded
7.6.16	105	,, Lang T.S.	Killed
,,	3139	,, Smith Wz	Wounded
,,	1144	,, Bryan W.H.	,,
;;	1953	,, Sinfield J.	,,
,,	1885	,, Britton S.J.	,,
,,	293	,, Carter A.J.	,,
,,	3526	,, Ormundy W.J.	,,
,,	1180	,, Smith F.W.	,,
,,	1265	,, Limbrick G.	,,
,,	2040	,, Kirkwood A.	,,
,,,	1284	,, Walters H.T.	,,
10.6.16	325	,, Goodall J.C.	,,
,,	1242	,, Kelly A.F.	,,
,,	2249	L/C. Gibbs E.	,,
11.6.16	2363	Pte McDonald	,,
12.6.16	128	Sgt McKenna	,,
14.6.16.	2494	Pte Jago L.F.	,,
,,	170	,, Martin	,,
16.6.16	912	,, Keogh P.H.	,,
17.6.16	1071	Cpl Clarke C.R.	,,
18.6.16	3805	Pte Smith G.R.	,,
,,	1094	,, Gillam A.A.	,,
,,	2017	Sgt Bowman M.	,,
,,		2/Lt A.T. Paul	,,

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19/6/16	No. 2119	Pte	Daley E.	Wounded
20/6/16	1082	,,	Figgis C.T.	Killed
21/6/16	424	,,	Voysey E.A.	Wounded
,,	5549	,,	Black W.O.	,,
,,	3130	,,	Rhode E.	,,
22/6/16	945	,,	Riley A.J.	,,
23/6/16	1935	,,	Froggart J.T.	,,
,,	1651	,,	Angel D.J.	,,
24/6/16	1075	,,	Cousins W.D.	Killed
,,	905	,,	Jacobs B.H.	Wounded
,,	1806	,,	Innes T.H.	,,
,,	933	,,	O'Doherty H.P.	,,
,,	2465	,,	Butler H.S.	,,
,,	2045	,,	Wells W.J.	,,
,,	965	,,	Sproule J.	,,
,,	974	,,	Turner W.J.	,,
,,	1669	,,	Duffy R.B.	,,
,,	3309	,,	Kelleher O.W.	,,
,,	910	,,	Kingston H.J.	,,
,,	897	,,	Hosking C.P.	,,
,,	3341	,,	Reid J.S.	,,
,,	228	,,	Woodridge G.W.	
,,		2/Lt	J.K. Murphy	,,
25/6/16	72	Pte	Greenwood R.H.	,,
,,	334	,,	Hicks J.	,,
,,	3503	,,	Jones W.T.	,,
26/6/16	132	,,	Northcote A.	,,
27/6/16	1781	,,	Badkin J.	,,
,,	2016	,,	Cook C.E.O.	,,

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1/ 6/16	3239	Pte	McPhee F.R.	Killed
3/ 6/16	2429	,,	Sadler T.	,,
4/ 6/16	627	Cpl	Lowe A.G.	Wounded
	1944	Pte	Leese H.L.	,,
7/ 6/16	120	Sig	Kelly F.D.	,,
,,	2356	Pte	Everard K.D.	,,
,,	2187	L/C	Lewis C.B.	Killed
,,	143	Pte	Mildren F.J.	Wounded
14/6/16	2133	L/C	Coleman	,,
23/6/16	2001	Pte	Willcocks	,,
25/6/16	237	,,	Walsh	,,
27/6/16	992	L/C	Summons G.C.	Killed
,,	909	Pte	Rowe T.L.	,,
,,	918	,,	Sharrad F.C.	Wounded
,,	3300	,,	Winter W.T.B.	,,
,,	3542	,,	Potts H.S.	,,
,,	1819	,,	Warren A.H.	,,
,,	1730	Sgt	Julge J.O.	,,
,,	809	Pte	Gurham E.T.	,,
,,	1548	,,	Nield E.W.	,,
,,	2699	,,	Joyce T.	,,
28/6/16		Lieut	B. John	,,
,,	3828	Pte	Lane H.S.M.	,,
,,	2123	,,	Bridgland J.L.	,,
,,	3166	,,	Jaques W.R.	Killed
29/6/16	2147	,,	Godfree B.L.	,,
,,		Lieut	S.R. Gooden	Wounded
,,	823	Pte	Harvey C.J.A.	,,
,,	885	Sgt	Morden W.L.	,,
,,	739	Pte	Beech A.	,,
,,	2259	,,	Lugg J.	,,
,,	243	L/C	Beresford G.E.D.	,,
,,	2121	Pte	Connelly W.C.	,,
,,	1945	,,	Light P.W.	,,
,,	1031	,,	Cannings R.C.	,,

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29/6/16	No. 108	L/C.	Johnston S.A.	Wounded
30/6/16	1536	Pte	King W.J.	,,
,,	845	,,	Kenyon J.R.	,,
,,	2139	,,	Ede C.F.	,,
,,	322	,,	Gentle C,A.	,,
,,	1036	,,	Beech F.	,,
,,	3230	,,	McFarlane R.A.	,,
,,	75	,,	Gregg J.S.	,,
,,	194	,,	Shinkfield W,R,	,,
,,	164	,,	Peterson B,T,	,,
,,	141	,,	Marshall W.	,,
,,	1608	,,	Tudor J.B.G.	,,
,,	2392	,,	Mason E.S.W.J.	,,
,,	2375	,,	Harper W.J.	,,
,,	1811	,,	Ayliffe G.B.	Killed
,,	1919	,,	Farrell R.	,,
,,	3054	,,	Carter J.H.	Wounded
,,	1659	L/C	Butler F.	,,
,,	970	Pte	Mendall H.F.	,,
,,	683	,,	Ronald J.A.	,,
,,	6857	L/C	Davies G.C.	Killed
,,	193	Pte	Spiller L.R.E.	,,
,,	1801	,,	Kelly B.	,,
,,	2237	,,	Taylor W.J.	,,
,,	2552	,,	Coleman W.R.G.	WOUNDED
,,	2286	,,	Green R.	,,
,,	3520	,,	Crane F.	,,
,,	2285	,,	Constable H.	,,
,,	1755	Sgt	Pearce R.H.	,,
,,		2/Lt	Sommerville	,,
,,	785	Pte	Doyle H.	,,
,,	5320	,,	Jones B.F.	,,
,,	1932	,,	Hinderwell E.J.	,,
,,	2175	,,	Jenkins R.G.B.	,,
,,	1035	,,	Moller L.A.O.	,,
,,	1928	,,	Hall G.G.	,,
,,	88	,,	Haley A.F.	,,
,,	3304	,,	White R.	,,
,,	232	,,	Ward A.L.	,,

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4/6/16	2150	Pte	Foley A.	Wounded
5/6/16	127	,,	Mills A.	,,
,,	560	,,	Bayon R.	,,
,,	760	Sgt	Rowe T.R.	,,
,,	2125	Pte	Britten L.	,,
,,	2176	,,	Keals D.P.	,,
,,	1605	,,	Wood P.J.	,,
,,	652	Cpl	Latham R.J.G.	,,
,,	1118	Pte	Crabb G.	,,
,,	591	,,	Augers J.C.	,,
,,	1675	,,	Bennett H.C.	,,
,,	412	,,	Donaldson N.F.	,,
,,	894	L/C	McDonald B.M.	,,
,,	1970	Pte	McKeown P.J.	,,
,,	277	,,	Fleming B.G.	,,
7/6/16	1903	,,	Brown T.A.	,,
,,	1923	,,	Dodds J.	,,
,,	1049	,,	Gordon W.	,,
,,	1524	,,	Cumming J.M.	,,
,,	348	,,	Moyle C.T.	,,
,,	2204	,,	Quarrel C.	,,
,,	1991	,,	Rolls A.L.	,,

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7/6/16	329	Pte	Lunnon W.E.	Wounded
,,	265	,,	Collins P.	,,
,,	354	,,	Milner G.	,,
,,	2027	,,	Philpott A.	,,
,,	2148	,,	Foot J.	,,
,,	332	,,	Linden G.	,,
,,	1760	,,	Moller H.A.	,,
,,	1945	,,	McLeod D.D.	Killed
,,	2388	,,	Gould A.J.	,,
,,	1125	,,	Sandercock J.	Wounded
,,	844	,,	Evans H.	,,
8/6/16	2246	,,	Wallis J.B.	,,
9/6/16	2392	,,	Hall R.	,,
12/6/16	1988	,,	Raby H.C.	,,
19/6/16	1951	,,	Helme W.	,,
,,	2589	,,	Baxter H.	,,
21/6/16	1721	,,	Harris E.	,,
23/6/16	1700	,,	Edwards S.R.	,,
,,	617	,,	Drummond W.	,,
,,	1957	,,	Johnston W.B.	,,
,,	2379	,,	Forrest J.C.	,,
,,	811	,,	Burns H.	,,
,,	2023	,,	Smith H.A.	,,
,,	889	Sgt	Wilson W.L.	,,
,,	1964	Pte	Lord W.E.	,,
24/6/16	895	,,	Mason H.	Killed
,,	1508	,,	Ayling H.E.	Wounded
25/6/16		Lieut	R.S. Brown	,,
		2/Lt	G.S. Compton	,,
26/6/16	2203	Pte	Plumb F.A.	,,
,,		Lieut	C.H. Pugh	Accident,M/G. School
27/6/16	2105	L/C	Brady E.W.	Wounded
,,	1209	Cpl	Rolfe C.	,,
,,	3300	Pte	Wallis E.A.	,,
28/6/16	2247	Cpl	Webb S.A.	,,
29/6/16	1682	Pte	Carr J.	,,
,,	2156	,,	Gibb S.W.	,,
,,	1044	,,	Webb	,,
30/6/16	1969	,,	McLean G.J.	,,
,,	839	,,	Dawkins F.E.	,,
,,	1509	,,	Baker J.	,,
,,	1738	,,	Jackson	,,

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7th Brigade Machine Gun Company.

3/6/16	331	L/C	Hellyer H.R.	Wounded
,,	1542	Pte	McKechnae H.	,,
,,	1044	,,	Riddler T.W.	,,
6/6/16		2/Lt	J.C. Murray	,,
9/6/16	265	Cpl	Wellington D.	,,
,,	123	L/C	Herkes E.	,,
18/6/16	1516	Pte	Birch T.	,,
,,	165	L/C	Perry F.C.	,,
25/6/16	2015	Pte	Shearer J.	,,
,,		Lieut	H.H. Thomas	,,
29/6/16	210	Sgt	Storey	,,

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1/6/16	No.1166	Pte	Bolin P.	Wounded
,,	697	,,	Seymour W.J.	,,
,,	1981	,,	O'Neill J.C.	,,
,,	2180	,,	Londer W.J.	,,
,,	1086	,,	Cottingham B.	,,
2/6/16	1915	,,	Cusack M.P.	,,
,,	3191	,,	Matthews W.	,,
,,	136	,,	McQueen W.A.	,,
3/6/16	92	,,	Hilliard J.	,,
,,	3008	,,	Blaer J.T.	,,
,,	1983	,,	Peach G.H.	,,
,,	6343	,,	O'Grady S de C.	,,
,,	3106	,,	Grandy R.	,,
,,	1013	,,	Acres J.J.	,,
,,	1029	,,	Evetts P.N.	,,
,,	3054	,,	Burke L.	,,
,,	319	,,	Kenny W.	,,
,,	1053	,,	Drew V.C.	,,
,,				

7th Brigade Trench Mortar Battery.

7/6/16		Lieut W. Murdock	Killed
28/6/16	No. 41	Pte Broom F.	Wounded
29/6/16		2/Lt W.S. Hosking	,,

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Reinforcements Arrived

UNIT	JUNE 2 O.	2 OR	5 O.	5 OR	6 O	6 OR	8 O	8 OR	9 O	9 OR	10 O.	10 OR	14 O	14 OR	16 O	16 OR	23 O	23 OR	TOTAL O	TOTAL OR
25th Bn.	1.	1	1.	1			26												2.	28
26th			4.	4					35		1.	1.							5.	40
27th			3	3											18				3.	21
28th									39						36		1.	1.	1.	76
M/G Coy.													1.	1					1.	1
Grand total																			0. 12.	OR 166

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