

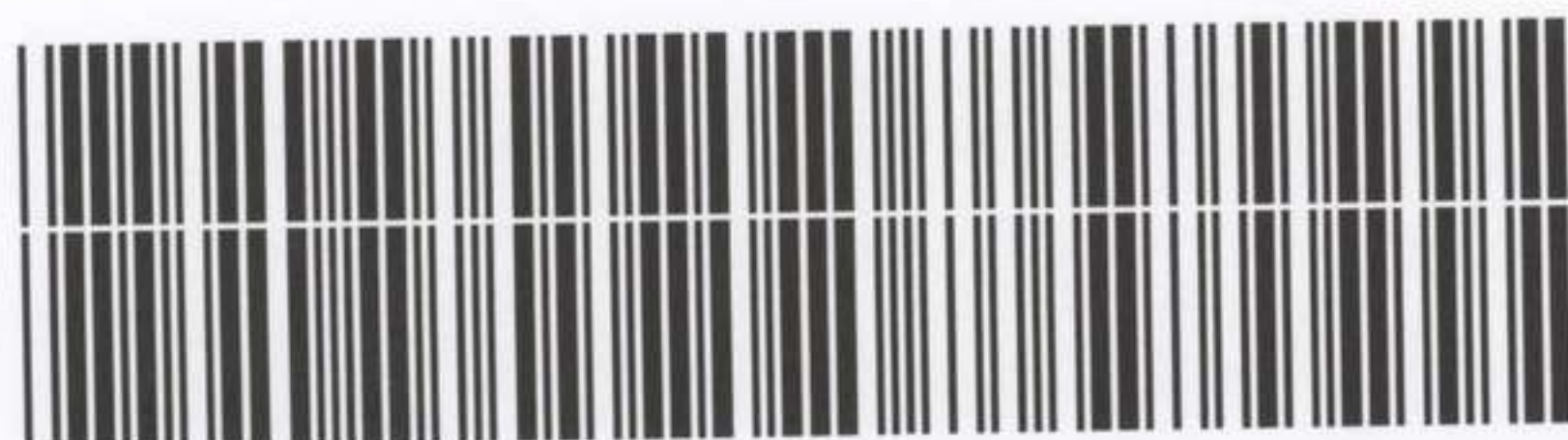
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or 7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE. INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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WAR DIARY FOR FEBRUARY 1917.

| Place | Date | Hour | Summary of Events and Information | Remarks and references to Appendices |
|-------|---------|------|---|--------------------------------------|
| | 1/2/17 | | Capt. B. G. ROWAN HAMILTON B.M. to England on leave. Capt. HONMAN 26th Bn. acting in his stead. Relief of 45th Brigade commenced. | |
| | 3/2/17 | | Relief of 45th Brigade completed. 27th and 28th Bns. in the line. Capt. H.E.PARKER, Staff Capt. returned to regimental duty with 20th Battalion. | |
| | 6/2/17 | | 25th Bn relieves the 27th Bn. and 26th Bn. relieves the 28th Bn. Bde Order 70. | 1 |
| | 9/2/17 | | Bgde less T.M.Btty, relieved by 5th A.I.Bgde less T.M.Btty. Bgde Order 71. | 2 |
| | | | Operations for period of 3rd to 9th February shown in Summaries. | 3 |
| | 10/2/17 | | Disposition of Bgde. Bde. H.Q. M.Gun Co. and 25th Bn. SHELTER WOOD X28. 26th Bn. SUSSEX CAMPS.15.a.1.7. 27th and 28th Bns. SCOTS REDOUBT X.21.b. T.M.Btty with 5th Bgde. in line. Capt. F.H.Berryman. 4th A.F.A. Brigade attached for instruction. Captz N. Wellington, G.S.O. 111 5th Aust. Div. arrived to replace Capt. Rowan Hamilton on leave. | |
| | 11/2/17 | | 7th A.L.T.M.Btty relieved by 5th A.L.T.M.Btty. Capt. W.F.HINMAN returned to 26th Bn. | |
| | 13/2/17 | | Bgde., less M.Gun Coy., relieved 6th A.I.Brigade in Right Bgde Sector, 27th & 28th Bns. in the line. Bgde Order 72. | 4 |
| | 14/2/17 | | M.G.Coy relieved 6th M.G.Coy and T.M.Btty complete relief, addendum to Bgde Order 72. | 4A |
| | 17/2/17 | | 25th Bn. relieve the 27th Bn. and 26th Bn. relieve 28th Bn. in the line. Bgde Order 73. | 5 |
| | 21/2/17 | | Bgde relieved by 5th A.I.Bgde. in Right Bgde Sector. Bgde Order 74 | 6 |
| | | | Report on work in progress by 7th A.I.Bgde. and condition of Front Line Posts | 7 |

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WAR DIARY FOR FEBRUARY 1917 (2)

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| Place | Date | Hour | Summary of Events and Information | Remarks and references to Appendices |
|-------|---------|------|---|--------------------------------------|
| | 22/2/17 | | Bdge. less 27th Bn. quartered at SHELTER WOOD and SCOTS REDOUBT X.21. 27th Bn. at FRICOURT CAMP X.28.a.2.4. Operations for period 13th to 21st shown in Summaries. | 8 |
| | 24/2/17 | | M.G.Coy relieves 6th M.G.Coy in Left Bdge sub-sector | |
| | 25/2/17 | | Order for relief of 6th Bgde issued Bgde Order 75 Bgde ready to move at 3 p.m. to relieve 6th A.I.Bgde. Bgde Order 76. Relief of 6th Bgde postponed till 26/2/17 Ad. Memo issued with Bgde Order 76. | 9 10 11 |
| | 26/2/17 | | Bgde - less M.G.Coy - relieves 6th A.I.Bgde. in Left Bgde Sub-Sector. Bgde Order 77 | 12 |
| | 27/2/17 | | Orders for reconnaissance of MALT & GAMP trenches by fighting patrols, 26th and 28th Bns., two separate orders. numbered 56 ⁷⁸ Both order subsequently cancelled and verbal instructions issued by G.O.C., in lieu thereof. | 13 |
| | 28/2/17 | | Intelligence Summaries for 27th and 28th inst. attached. Statement of casualties. | 14 15. |

W. Wellington Capt.
for Brig-Genl.
Commanding 7th A.I. Bde.

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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

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Appendix No 1

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SECRET

5th February 1916.

ORDER NO. 70.

1. 25th Bn. will relieve 27th Bn. and 26th Bn. will relieve 28th Bn. in line on night of 6/7th February in accordance with Table 'A' attached.
2. Details not provided for in this order will be arranged mutually between C.O.'s. concerned.
3. All Trench Stores, Maps, Tools, S.A.I., Bombs, Defence Schemes and Photos, Log Books, Dumps, Works-in-progress and any documents likely to be of value will be taken over and receipts given, copies of same being forwarded to Bde Headquarters.
4. In accordance with 4th Army Standing Orders against Gas Appendix 1., Company Gas R.C.O.'s. will proceed in advance to take over anti-gas appliances.
5. During the relief 200 yards interval will be maintained between Bns. 100 yds interval between Platoons and Companies.
6. Units going into the line will carry 48 hours rations, two bombs and four sandbags per man. Bombs will not be dumped but brought out of the line on the man.
7. No troops will cross the HIGHWOOD - WINDMILL RIDGE before dusk except parties of not more than three at 100 yards interval.
8. Guides will be provided by 27th & 28th Bns. in the proportion of one guide per Unit, one guide for each Platoon and Headquarters.
9. Incoming Units will retain the right-of-way on the duck-boards over outgoing Units.
ROUTE- VILLA STATION - CHALK WALK.
10. Advance Parties of 27th & 28th Bns. will take over Camps now occupied by 25th & 26th Bns. respectively at 12 Noon.
11. Completion of relief will be reported to Brigade Hdqrs.
12. Acknowledged.

W. J. Finnan
Captain,
Atg. Brigade Major,
7th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

Issued at 2 p.m.

- Copy No.
- 1 25th Bn.
 - 2 26th Bn.
 - 3 27th Bn.
 - 4 28th Bn.
 - 5 M/G/C.y.
 - 6 T/M/Batt.
 - 7 Left Bde
 - 8 Right Bde
 - 9 2nd Aust. Div.
 - 10 G.O.C.
 - 12 File
 - 13 Spar
 - 14 *Adjutant*

7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.RELIEF TABLE "A"

| <u>Date</u> | <u>UNIT</u> | <u>From</u> | <u>To</u> | <u>Unit relieved</u> | <u>Guides to meet</u> | <u>REMARKS</u> |
|-----------------|-------------|--------------------------|------------|----------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|
| February 6th | 25th Bn. | VILLA CAMP X 11 c | Line Right | 27th Bn. | VILLA STATION at 4.15 p.m. | |
| 6th | 26th Bn. | ACID DROP CAMP X 16 d | Line Left | 28th Bn. | VILLA STATION at 5 p.m. | |

7th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.ORDER No. 71.Reference map 1, 40,000 Combined ALBERT Sheet.

1. 7th. Aust. Inf. Brigade less 7th. T.M. Battery will be relieved by the 5th. Aust. Inf. Brigade less 5th. T.M. Battery in the left sector of the Divisional Front on the night of 9/10th February 1917 in accordance with attached relief table.
2. Any details not provided for in this order will be arranged between C.O's concerned.
3. No.1's of outgoing Machine Gun Detachment will remain with incoming detachments for 24 hours after which they will rejoin the 7th.M.G. Coy. at SHELTER WOOD Camp X.28.B & D.
4. O.C. 7th.M.G. Coy. will arrange with O.C. 5th.M.G.Coy. to relieve anti-aircraft guns in SHELTER WOOD Camp area by noon on 9th. February 1917.
5. Infantry Engineer parties from 7th. Brigade will march out to camps to be occupied by their Battalions at 5.30 p.m.
6. Guides in the proportion of 1 Officer per unit, and 1 man per platoon and H.Qrs. and 1 man per Vickers Gun will be supplied by 25th & 26th Bns. and the two Companies of 27th Bn. in GUNPIT Road and the GUNPITS and 7th M.G.Coy. will meet incoming units at WILLA Station. (see Move Table).
7. All Trench stores, petrol tins, maps, air photographs, log books, ammunition and bomb dumps, defence schemes and any other documents likely to be of value will be handed over and receipts obtained. All tools will be collected at Bn. and Coy. H.Qrs. and handed over to relieving unit. Receipts in triplicate will be obtained for all stores handed over and 2 copies forwarded to Bde. H.Qrs. within 24 hours after relief.
8. No troops in formed bodies will move forward of the LONGUEVAL CONTALMAISON ROAD before 4.45 p.m. during the relief. Distances of 200 yards will be maintained between Battalions and 100 Yards between companies and platoons.
9. Ingoing units will retain the right of way on the trench board track over outgoing units.
10. Advanced parties from all units of 1 Officer per unit, 1 N.C.O. and 1 man per Coy. (Infantry Coy) or other unit will meet Staff Captain at Bde. H.Qrs. SHELTER WOOD Camp X.28 at 12 noon 9th February.
11. The command of the left section of Divisional Front will pass to Bde. Commander, 5th. Aust. Inf. Bde. on completion of relief.
12. Completion of relief will be reported to Bde. H.Qrs. by Signalling name of C.O. Concerned.
13. Bde. H.Qrs. will close at M.32.A.27.1 on completion of relief and open at the same hour at SHELTER WOOD Camp X.28.B & D.
14. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Issued at 3.30 p.m.

W. J. Hinman Capt.
Acting Brigade Major,
7th. Aust. Inf. Brigade.

Copies to:-

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|---------------|-------------------------|
| 1. 25th Bn. | 10. T.M. FRICOURT |
| 2. 26th Bn. | 11. 2nd. Aust. Div. |
| 3. 27th Bn. | 12. 5th Aust. Inf. Bde. |
| 4. 28th Bn. | 13. 7th Field Coy Eng. |
| 5. M.G. Coy. | 14. G.O.C. |
| 6. T.M. Btry. | 15. War Diary. |
| 7. B.T.O. | 16. Files. |
| 8. Right Bde. | 17 to 20 Spars. |
| 9. Left Bde. | |

7th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

MARCH TABLE.

| Date | Unit | From | to | Unit relieving | Guides to meet relieving units at | Remarks. |
|--------------|-----------------------------|--|---|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|
| Feb. 9th. | 25th Bn. | Line right | SHELTER WOOD Camp X.28 | 19th Bn. | VILLA STATION at 5 p.m. | |
| 9th. | 26th Bn. | Line Left. | SUSSEX CAMP (CINQUES PORTS) S:15.A.1.7. | 18th Bn. | VILLA Station at 5.15 p.m. | |
| 9th. | 27th Bn. Less 2 Coys. | VILLA Camp X.11.C. | SCOTTS REDOUBT N. X.21.B. | 20th Bn. Less 2 Coys. | | Details of relief to be arranged by C.O.'s concerned. Relief to be completed by 6.30 p.m. |
| 9th. | 2 Coys. 27th Bn. | GUNPIT ROAD H.25.D. GUNPITS H.31.D. | SCOTTS REBOUBT NORTH X.21.B. | 20th Bn. Less 2 Coys. | 4.55 p.m. | |
| 9th. | 28th Bn. | ACID DROP CAMP X.16.D.9.1. | SCOTTS REBOUBT S. X.21.B | 17th Bn. | | Details of relief to be arranged between C.O.'s concerned: Relief to be completed by 5 p.m. |
| 9th. | 7th M.G. Coy. | Line. | SHELTER WOOD Camp X.25.B & D. | 5th M.G. Coy. | 5.25 p.m.. | |

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7th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

No.1

3rd. February 1917.

Summary of Intelligence from 6 p.m. 2/2/17 to 6 a.m. 3/2/17.OUR OPERATIONS.

Our Machine Guns were active during the night bringing indirect fire to bear on following targets.

1. WARLENCOURT. M.10.B.5.5.
2. Enemy Tracks at M.11.A.6.3.
3. BAPAUME Road and Railway M.11.C.6.3.
4. Cutting and its surroundings at M.5. c.55.10.
5. M.8.D.2.2. - M.8.C.5.I.

Patrols.

Scouts were out getting the lie of the country. Listening Posts were in position and patrols were kept between posts.

ENEMY ACTIVITY.

Artillery. Coy.H.Qrs. at M.15.c.8.5. was shelled by 10.5 C.M. at about 8.30. p.m. Usual intermittent shelling of LE SARS.

Enemy Aeroplane flew over our lines at 12 noon and was fired on by our Machine Guns.

At 8.45pm enemy shelled our supports from Chalk Bench to Despremont Farm searching duckwalks approaches with 4.2 H.E. 77mm & 10.5 cm. intermittently until 9.35pm.

HOSTILE PATROLS.

but no damage resulted.
A party of 4 Germans dressed in white were seen from posts 38 and 38A. They disappeared too quickly to allow of fire being brought on to them.

ENEMY WORKING PARTIES.

Small enemy parties were seen by our listening posts digging. They appeared to be connecting up posts in front of SCOTLAND TRENCH from about M.16.a.0.8. to M.16.b.0.8. Parties were disturbed by our Machine Gun Fire.

LIGHT SIGNALS.

At 11 p.m. enemy sent up green flares and their Artillery opened up for 4 - 5 minutes mostly on Battalion on our right. Golden Cluster flares were sent up and artillery ceased firing.

At 11.25.p.m. four rockets were sent up from GALLWITZ TRENCH. two bursting into red and two into Green Flares. No artillery action on part of enemy was observed.

Enemy Trench Mortar.

It is believed that enemy fire trench mortar from advanced positions in NO MAN'S LAND. This will be investigated tonight.

WORK.

The deepening and improvement of posts is being carried on with.

Aircraft

An enemy plane flew over our line at 9pm. & dropped bombs near a battery west of Le Sars & returned to enemy lines immediately afterwards.

Capt.

Acting Brigade Major.

7th. Aust. Inf. Brigade.

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7th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

No 2

4th. February 1917.

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Intelligence Summary 6a.m. 3/2/17 to 6a.m. 4/2/17.

OUR OPERATIONS.

Patrols. Patrol left our trench at 8.15. A. 0. 8 and advanced straight out for 300 yards and turned to the right. An enemy working party was noticed digging on the crest of the hill. It was impossible to get near enemy entanglements owing to the enemy working party and also the lightness of the night.

In left Battalion posts were put out in front of the line.

Work. On right Bn. Front 40 yards of French wire with barbed trip wire was put out in front of post 32. All posts have been improved as much as possible but progress is retarded owing to the hardness of the ground. V. Bn. trenches are being prepared to enable A Frames to be fitted.

Left.

A portion of the Fiers Line near Coy. Headquarters is being widened and deepened. The remainder of the posts are being deepened and joined up.

Enemy Artillery. Usual intermittent shelling of L.S. Sars. Destrin St. Iard was shelled regularly all day by 7.7 and 8.9. The sunken road and ridge in rear also received attention.

8.30 a.m. Enemy shelled ruined hill at H.27.c.1.7 with 8.9's at 30 seconds intervals from a direction 7.8. 31. from O.P. at H.21.B.1.0.

Road in H.21.A. was shelled intermittently throughout the day by 8.9. Road in the vicinity of H.27.c.8.3. was also shelled by 8.9's.

At 6.15 p.m. enemy trench mortars put over about 12 shells in vicinity of H.15.c.8.0.

Enemy batteries suspended.

7.7 Battery on west edge of LOUPART TRENCH at H.34.c.8.0.

H.B. Fire.

The following targets were fired on during the night.

1. GRINDY ROAD from H.8.2.5.8. to H.9.1.5.0.
2. VILLAGE ALLEY from H.10.0.4.8. to H.10.8.4.2.
3. SUNKEN ROAD from H.10.8.9.3. to H.11.A.4.9.
4. ENEMY TRENCHES from H.14.8.3.9. to H.8.3.1.5.
5. Enemy Tracks near DRY DITCH at H.4.c.4.4.
6. Path leading to BUTTE DE WAILINGCOURT.

ENEMY MOVEMENTS. 6.2.m.

About 6.20 on 3rd. inst. a party of about 10 Germans were observed at H.15.A.8.8. constructing a trench leading in S.E. direction. Party disbursed before a M.C. was brought into action.

A little movement was seen during the day in the neighbourhood of BUTTE DE WAILINGCOURT. Working party seen during evening was dispersed by our 18 pdrs. Enemy appeared to be connecting up a new front line.

Hostile Patrols. Party of 12 Germans dressed in white attempted to bomb post 34. They were driven off by Lewis Gun Fire. enemy casualties estimated at 3.

Light Signals. At 8 p.m. two white flares were observed very high to right of our sector. At 4.15 p.m. 4 white flares were observed of the left of our sector.

Hostile Aircraft.

N. to S. At 1.15 p.m. six enemy planes flew over our lines from

8.15 p.m. Six enemy planes flew over our lines. One was flying Red white and Black streamer fro wings.

At about 1 p.m. 4 enemy planes were engaged by 3 of ours. One hostile plane appeared to be driven to the ground.

Heavy Trench Mortars

Porter, suspected at H.S.C.S. 31.

M.9.C.5.3 $\frac{1}{2}$.

W. G. Sumner

Acting Brigade Major. ^{Capt.}
7th. Aust. Inf. Brigade.

7th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.No. 3

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY FROM 6 a.m. 4/2/17 to 6 a.m. 5/2/17.

OUR OPERATIONS.

Patrols Our Patrol left trench at extreme right of sector at M.16.a.7.q. and moved eastwards about 200 yards in advance of our line, returning at M.16.a.2.8. Two posts were discovered, one containing two of the enemy and a machine Gun and the other a sniper at a point 130 to 150 yards in front of our line at M.10.c.8.2. This locality will be further reconnoitered tonight.

Patrol from our left Bn. sector kept touch with flanks but ~~xxx~~ could not carry out much reconnoitering owing to high visibility.

Machine Guns & Trench Mortars

Indirect fire was carried out on the following targets:-
Tracks at M.17.B - M.12.@ and C.

M.11. C and M.17.@.2.7. between 8 and 11 p.m.
Sunken Cross Roads at M.5.c.5.1.

Searched enemy Tracks and trenches in co-operation with operations on our left at M.8.D.22.33. to M.8.c.5.8.

S.A.A. 15,000 rounds. M.7.A.8.3. to M.8.@.3.3. Expenditure of lines causing same to turn back at 3 p.m.

Aircraft.

Was fairly active and engaged enemy planes one of which appeared to be driven down well behind enemy lines.

ENEMY. Three enemy planes travelled up and down our lines several times at 10.15 a.m.

At 11.10 6 planes appeared travelling N.W. and at 2.15 a plane flew low over our lines but was repulsed by our M.G. Fire.

ENEMY ACTIVITY.

Artillery. Normal during former part of day, but at 10 a.m. our front line was shelled by 77 c.m. and H.E. Shrapnel. At 11 a.m. the BAUPAUME Road was shelled with 5.9's at M.21.c. at 1.15 p.m. this sector was again shelled lightly from the direction of BAPAUME. A battery of 5.9's firing from the direction of LOUPART - WOOD also gave trouble during the day in this sector. The usual intermittent shelling of LE SANS, DESTREMONT FARM and GILBERT ALLEY with 5.9's and 77m. occurred through the day.

Machine Guns

Fired occasionally during night searching from M.21.@. to M.21.?

GENERAL ACTIVITY.

No movement observed during the day owing to low visibility but at night enemy snipers were rather active owing to high visibility. Action is being taken to counter this night sniping.

WORK REPORTS 6 a.m. 4/2/17 to 6 a.m. 5/2/17.

Right Sector. Repairing existing trenches for revettment. Wire put out in front of No. 23, 27, 28 & 29 posts. Digging in retarded owing to hardness of ground.

Deep dugout in GILBERT ALLEY at M 15 b 6 5 is being completed.

Deepening and improving HEALTH TRENCH.

Cleaning out and draining 26th AVENUE.

Harry Hunt
Captain.
Acting Brigade Major.
7th Aust. Inf. Bde.

7th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

No. 3

INTERLIGAN BRIGADE from 8 a.m. 8/2/17 to 8 a.m. 8/3/17

OUR OPERATIONS.

Patrols. A Patrol left our line at H.10.0.1.0 and worked out far 800 yds when they were stopped by H. an fire at approx H.10.0.4.0. and a sniper at H.10.0.3.1. While waiting they could hear a working party further ahead at H.10.0.3.1. to H.10.0.4.0. using picks and shovels and evidently repairing front line. On continuing westward parallel to our front for about 200 to 300 yds. they were again fired on by H. an. so patrol returned at H.10.0.1.0 and got our Lewis guns busy of the targets obtained.

A listening post was discovered at H.9.0.0.1. which is relieved every 3 hours. Our Lewis guns dispersed a party of about 20 men working near this post.

Artillery. Fairly active all day. On report from patrol fire was directed on working party H.10.0.3.0. at 12.30 a.m. and was continued at intervals during night controlled by front line observation. Fire was very accurate and dispersed working party effectively.

Machine Guns. Indirect fire was applied to the following targets:

BRIDGE T.O.R. (shelled) H.10.0.0.0. Bunker roads at H.9.0.0.1 and into HANSCOURT - HANSCOURT. Searched paths leading to HANSCOURT and HANSCOURT from H.11.0.4.4. to H.11.0.0.0. Searched trenches at H.0.0.0.0.

At 3.30 p.m. opened fire on 9 enemy planes whenever our planes which were attacking some were clear, one enemy plane appeared to be hit and returned to German lines at an angle of descent.

Snipers. Snipers accounted for 3 of the enemy. Fired on a digging party at H.10.0.7.0. causing some to disperse. Observers also saw party of men at what appeared to be a dump at H.0.0.0.0. Another party were apparently digging a deep dugout at H.0.0.0.0.

ENEMY ACTIVITY.

Artillery. Was very attentive to LE HANSCOURT, HANSCOURT, HANSCOURT and vicinity of H.10.0. During the day using 77's, 4.2's and 8.2's, also during the night. At 12.30 a.m. a battery of 8.2's fired on these points from direction of PIS. and another battery from direction of HANSCOURT. Much of the shelling of HANSCOURT came from the direction of LOUPEY WOOD. At 3.30 enemy opened fire on Brigade on our left and some shelling touched our left flank. He also put a very weak barrage on our communications during which time he sent up a large number of green lights and clusters also some red and orange clusters. This bombardment lasted about 40 minutes.

At 11.40 p.m. enemy shelled HANSCOURT at H.10.0.0.0. with 77's about 50 shells were sent over and the fire was of a true enfilading character at this point. At 11.40 a.m. H.10.0.1.7. was shelled from direction of HANSCOURT - HANSCOURT with 4.2's.

Machine Guns & Branch Mortars. Fairly quiet during day. Suspected H. an. At H.10.0.1.0. swept chalk support during night.

Enemy T.O.R. put 2 bombs into C.M.P. at 12 noon. No damage.

Aircraft. Very active. 3 planes were over at noon until 12.30 p.m. but were unharmed. At 3 p.m. 2 planes appeared and were engaged by our A.A.'s and 7.2's which drove them off. Later they returned over our lines. Were engaged by four of our planes and Vickers guns, and finally disappeared at 3.40 p.m.

Patrol. Early yesterday morning an enemy patrol of 4 men were seen approaching our listening post of lost sector passed in white. Our Lewis guns opened fire on them and they scattered instantly. At daylight a stick was seen where the patrol dispersed with a piece of paper attached. This was brought in and proved to be a typed paper in English.

Work of clearing out, draining and revetting the posts in the front area is well in hand although the work of connecting the posts is retarded owing to frosty nature of ground. Shovel, picks, and sheet iron have been carried to the forward dumps and placed in the dumps and are being put into position.

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A Bomb and Ammunition store is nearly completed in SILVER
ALLEY and in the Left Sector C.O.I. has been cleaned and deepened
considerable also 25th. AVENUE has been thoroughly cleaned out.

Capt.
Acting Brigade Major.
7th. Aust. Inf. Brigade.

7th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

No. 5

Intelligence Summary from 6 a.m. 6/2/17 to 6 a.m. 7/2/17.Our Operations.

Patrols No Reconnaissance was carried out last night owing to high visibility and absence of white overalls. Patrols however, kept in touch with units on flanks throughout the night.

Relief. The 25th and 28th Bns. relieved the 27th and 28th Bns. in the line in the Right and Left Sectors respectively. Relief was completed by 9 p.m.

M.G.'s and T.M.'s Indirect fire during the night was somewhat limited owing to relief in progress. The following targets received attention:- Tracks in M.12.C. and the SUNKEN Road at M.5.C.5.10, Searched VILLAGE Alley at M.10.B.4.1. and tracks in M.4.C. Expenditure 4000 Rounds.

Our 6 A.A.M.G.'s were active with hostile aircraft throughout the day. Expenditure 8,600 Rounds.

Snipers. Brigade Snipers were active but owing to poor visibility results cannot be guaranteed. An enemy sniper at M.9.C.4.2 was engaged and silenced.

ENEMY ACTIVITY.

Artillery. Enemy shelling was normal during 24 hours. The direction of the fire on different targets is as follows. Bearings taken from O.P. at M.2.7.A.1.0. M.16.C. from T.B. 21.30 and 26.30 with 77m. and 4.2 H.E. DESTREMONT FARM from T.B. 17.30 with 77m. & 4.2 H.E. MARTINPUICH ROAD M.27.C. from T.B. 24.30 with 4.2's & 77m. H.Es.

At 8.10 p.m. two bursts of 77 H.E. fell at 5 minutes interval along SUNKEN Road M.21.C.8.2. 8.35p.m., 10 4.2 H.E. fell near Bn. H.Qrs. at M.21.D.2.0. from direction of the BUTTE.

Machine Guns & T.M.'s Quiet all day but active after dark. A M.G. located at approximately M.10.C.0.3. caused 6 casualties to our left Bn. whilst relief was in progress. This confirms patrol report on the night of 5/6th and steps are being taken to deal with this outpost.

Enemy threw 6 ^{Minermunfer} bombs into Chalk Pit about 7.45 a.m. from direction of Little Wood.

Aircraft. 10.30 a.m. to 10.40 a.m. 5 enemy planes passed over our lines but were forced to return on being engaged by our planes. At 2p.m. an enemy plane with 2 streamers attached to wings hovered over LE BARS for 5 minutes but was driven back by our A.A. and M.G. Fire. 3.20 p.m. 3 enemy planes crossed our line but returned immediately.

Patrols and working parties. A Party of 3 Germans was observed moving back at M.10.C.1.3. and when fired on by our Lewis Gun from No.26 Post. one was seen to fall and remainder cleared away. Enemy Wiring party observed at Approx. M.8.D.9.1. were at once engaged by our Vickers Guns and dispersed just before dusk.

WORKS AND SALVAGE.

Work last night a slow procedure owing to relief on hand. Material carried forward to advanced dumps and into posts from Railhead. 38 "A" Frames 10 Sheet Iron 22 Duckwalks. Bomb store completed at M.15.C.7.3. 3 Dislocations of DECAUVILLE track repaired. Transferring and Stacking Bombs in Bapaume Road. Repairs to Duckwalks from Gun Pit Road to O.G.1. Gathering Brick for Road Repair. Salvaging material and improving shelters in Gun Pit Road. Improving present M.G. Posts. Reconstructing and completing new ones for A.A. Guns.

[Signature]
Captain.
Acting Brigade Major.

7th. Aust. Inf. Brigade.

7th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY 6 a.m. 7/2/17 to 6 a.m. 8/2/17.

OUR OPERATIONS.

Patrols. Patrol left post No. 34 at 11.15 p.m. and proceeded old sap until within 50 yards of German H.Q. post at M.9.D.4 $\frac{1}{2}$.4. From this point a party of about 40 Germans were seen working on wire entanglements at M.9.D.4 $\frac{1}{2}$.4. to M.9.D.2 $\frac{1}{2}$.8. Proceeding due east from M.9.D.4 $\frac{1}{2}$.4. for about 80 yards. No enemy listening posts were encountered, but there were traces of a post at M.9.D.8.5. although at the time vacated. Another Patrol left Post No. 42 to investigate ground in vicinity of BELOW TRENCH. From examination it was evident no one had been in the neighbourhood recently. The trench was in a very bad state. No traces of German posts could be discovered in the Ravine.

Machine Guns & T.M.'s Indirect fire was brought to bear on following targets:- Searched tracks at M.11.C.8.6. and M.11.D. Sunken Road at M.8.D.5 $\frac{1}{2}$.1. and into WARLENGOURT - HAUGOURT. Searched VILLAGE Alley at M.10.D.4.9. and tracks at M.4.C.3.1. Enemy trenches at M.8.C & D Central. Expenditure 9060 Rounds.

Our Vickers guns were particularly active with Hostile aircraft and on three occasions succeeded in turning the enemy planes back soon after crossing our line. Expenditure 14,300 Rounds.

SHIPPING Brigade Snipers were active day and night but results not yet to hand.

Outposts. As a result of effective patrolling four new posts have been pushed at 80 yards in advance of front line. Posts No. 34, 37, 23, 30. Each of these contain a Lewis Gun.

Artillery. Our fire has been below normal today.

ENEMY ACTIVITY.

Artillery. Observations of Hostile shelling taken from O.P. at M.28.D.09.78. 8 a.m. LE SANS and BAPAUME Road shelled with 5.9 H.E. & 77m. shrapnel lasting ten minutes. Shrapnel came from T.S. 23 $\frac{1}{2}$. 9a.m. area from LE Sans to M.28.D was swept with salvos of 5.9 H.E. Unable to locate battery. 10.40a.m. Duckwalks east of MARTINPUICH shelled with 5.9 H.E. Also vicinity of O.P. 11.15 to 2.30 p.m. MARTINPUICH and vicinity shelled with 5.9 H.E.'s from batteries at 26 $\frac{1}{2}$ and 23 $\frac{1}{2}$ T.S. About 180 shells in all were counted.

Apart from above LE SANS, DESTREMOY FARM, & GILBERT ALLEY received the usual attention during the day.

Machine Guns & T.M.'s Enemy H.Q.'s very active during early part of night. Suspected emplacement at M.9.C.4 $\frac{1}{2}$.3. After midnight very quiet. At 5.10a.m. 6 Minewerfer bombs fell at approx M.15.B.6.7. Battery not located.

Movement. At 8.15 a.m. Party of 40 Germans approaching along track from M.3.D.2.4. towards GIBBY Road. Later party left this place carrying timber. Suspected of being a dump M.9.B.2.3. Party proceeded from here towards WARLENGOURT.

Aircraft. Hostile Aircraft very active during day, mostly of the Albatross scout pattern. The planes were engaged by our Vickers guns as soon as they appeared over our lines and in every case were quickly turned back.

7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

Supplementary Report by Snipers on duty on post from 6 p.m.
to 6 a.m. 9/10/2/17.

Bde. Snipers accounted for 9 of the enemy.

Enemy Movement. 5.45 a.m. Several parties carrying timber towards front line at M 10 c 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ 9.

Observed enemy sniper crawling out to his post at M 9 d 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ 1. He was shot through the head.

At dawn two pegs, 3 feet high with white paper tied to them were observed in M 9 d about 100 yds apart near enemy front line. These were placed during the night, probably mark the site of some intended work.

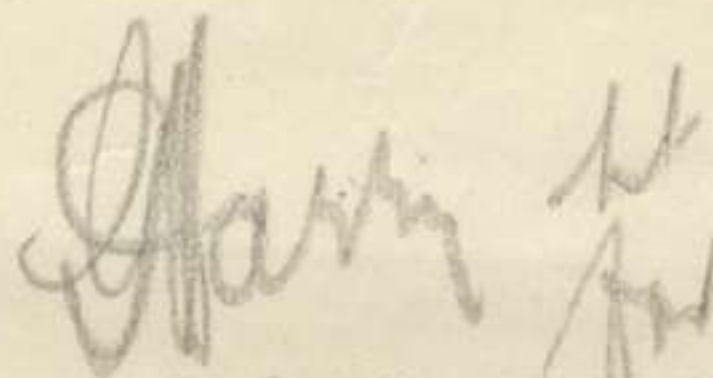
A working party of 12 seen working in GALLWITZ TRENCH putting the soil in sandbags and carrying same along trench to M 8 d 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ 2.

A dugout previously reported at M 8 d 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ 5 appears to be a H.Q. observed men in this vicinity saluting an officer and paying great attention to him. One of our H.E's landed right at the mouth of the dugout and appeared to have considerably damaged same.

Working party observed at M 9 d 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ 7 $\frac{1}{2}$. Sniper accounted for one of them and remainder were dispersed by Artillery.

ENEMY SNIPING. Fairly quiet. Our snipers picked up a post at M 9 c 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ but this is only occupied at daylight and dusk, ^{Snipers} generally.

Much movement is observed in and in rear of enemy front and support lines, and seems to indicate that deep dugouts are in course of construction. Our Artillery is prompt in dealing with these parties and the shooting very effective.



Capt.

Brigade Major.

7th Aust. Inf. Brigade.

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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADEORDER No. 72.

February 12th 1917

Reference Map LL BARQUE Sheet 1/20,000.

1. 7th Australian Infantry Brigade will relieve the 6th Australian Infantry Brigade in the Right Brigade sub-sector of the 2nd Australian Divisional front, on the night of 13th/14th inst.

2. 23th Bn. will relieve 21st Bn. (Right Bn.)
 27th " " " 22nd " (Left Bn.)
 24th " " " 23rd " (Support Bn.)
 25th " will move to SUSSEX CAMP as Reserve Bn.
 Details will be accommodated in part of PIONEER CAMP.
 Transfer of Camps will be completed by 8 a.m. on 14th inst.

3. The command of the Right Brigade Sector will be transferred to the G.O.C. 7th Australian Infantry Brigade on completion of the relief, which will be wired in code to 7th Brigade Headquarters.

4. All trench stores, maps, air photographs, log books, ammunition and bomb stores, defence schemes, and other documents pertaining to the relief will be handed over, and receipts obtained. Copies of these receipts must reach Brigade Headquarters within twentyfour hours of completion of relief.

5. (a) No troops in formed bodies will move forward of the LONGUEVAL-CONTAINAIS Road before 5 p.m.

(b) During the relief, distances of 200 yards will be maintained between Battalions, and 100 yards between Companies and platoons.

6. Acknowledge by wire.

J. Wellington Captain.
 Acting Brigade Major.
 7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

Issued at 4 p.m.

Copies to :-

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|-------------------|---------------------|
| 1. 25th Bn. | 9. 5th Bde |
| 2. 26th Bn. | 10. 6th Bde. |
| 3. 27th Bn. | 11. 7th Field Coy. |
| 4. 28th Bn. | 12. T.M., Fricourt. |
| 5. 7th M/G Coy | 13. War Diary. |
| 6. 7th T.M.Bty. | 14. File. |
| 7. 2nd Aust. Div. | 15. B.T.O. |
| 8. G.O.C. | 16 to 20 Spare. |

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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

February 13th 1917.

ADDENDUM to Brigade Order No. 72.

1. The 7th Australian Machine Gun Company will relieve the 6th Australian Machine Gun Company, and the 7th Australian Light Trench Mortar Battery will complete the relief of the 6th Australian Light Trench Mortar Battery in the Right Brigade sub-sector, on the night 14/15th inst.
2. All details concerning the relief will be arranged mutually between the Machine Gun Company and Trench Mortar Battery Commanders concerned.
3. Receipts for all trench stores handed over will be forwarded in duplicate to Brigade H.Q. within twelve hours of completion of relief.
4. Completion of relief will be reported to Brigade H.Q.
5. Acknowledge.

W. M. M. M. M. Capt.
A/Brigade Major.
7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

Issued at 11 p.m.

Copies to :-

1. 7th A.M.G. Coy
2. 7th A.L.T.M.B.
3. 6th A.I. Bde.
4. 2nd Aust. Div.
5. War Diary.
6. File.
7. G.O.C.

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SECRET7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADEORDER No. 73

February 15th 17.

Reference Map ALBERT (Combined) 1/40,000.
 MINIMUM 1/10,000.

1. The 25th Battalion will relieve the 27th Battalion in the left sub-sector of the Right Brigade front, and the 26th Battalion will relieve the 28th Battalion in the right sub-sector of the Right Brigade front on the night 17/18th inst. in acc ordance with attached Relief Table.
2. All details of the relief not provided for herein will be mutually arranged between Commanding Officers concerned.
3. Receipts for all French Stores, log books, maps, aerial photographs, and all documents taken over, will be forwarded to Brigade Headquarters within 10 hours of completion of relief.
4. No troops in forced bodies will move forward of LONGUEVAL - CHATELAINES ROAD before 8 p.m. Distances of 100 yards will be maintained between platoons.
5. Completion of relief will be wired to Brigade Headquarters in code.
6. Acknowledge by wire.

J. Wellington Captain.
 A/Brigade Major, 7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

Issued at _____

- Copies to:-
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 2. 26th Bn.
 3. 27th Bn.
 4. 28th Bn.
 5. 5th A.I. Bde.
 6. 2nd A.I. Bde.
 7. 7th M/G Coy
 8. 7th A.I. T.M.B.
 9. 2nd Aust. Div.
 10. File.
 11. War Diary.
 12. A.C.C.
 13. Spare

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RELIEF TABLE

February 18th 1917.

To accompany Brigade Order No. 73.

| Date | Unit to be relieved | Unit Relieving | Number | Guides. Time | Place | Destination of Unit relieved | Remarks |
|---------------|---------------------|----------------|---|-----------------|--|---------------------------------------|---|
| Night 17/18th | 27th Bn. | 28th Bn. | 1 off. 1/c, 1 guide per platoon. 1 guide per Coy H.Q. 1 guide per Bn. H.Q. | 8 p.m. | Intersection of ditcher & track and Ranken Road S.E.S.E.S.E. approx | BUSSEX CAMP | Head of 28th Bn. will not pass Bn. H.Q. without orders C.O. 28th Bn. to report to Bn. H.Q. on arrival of head of column |
| Night 17/18 | 28th Bn. | 30th Bn. | ditto | 8 p.m. | H.Q. Seven Hills N.E.S.E.S.E. | H.Q. SEVEN HILLS Support Bn. area. | |

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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

ORDER No. 74.

February 20th 1917.

Reference Map Albert (Combined) 1/40,000.
BUEDECOURT, 1/10,000.

1. The 5th A.I. Brigade will relieve the 7th A.I. Brigade in the Right Brigade Sub-Sector of the 2nd Australian Division, on the night 21/22nd February 1917, in accordance with the attached relief table.
2. All details of the relief not provided for herein, will be mutually arranged between Commanding Officers concerned.
3. (a) All trench stores, log books, maps, aerial photographs tools, hot food containers, petrol tins, gum boots, S.O.S. signals, and any documents of value, will be handed over to incoming units. Receipts for these will be forwarded to Brigade H.Q. within twelve hours of completion of relief.
(b) All men going out of the line, will take with them the two Mills Grenades per man brought in. On arrival at destination these will be collected and stored under unit arrangements.
4. No troops in formed bodies will move forward of the ~~LONGUEVAL~~ - ~~CONTALMAISON~~ Road before 5 p.m. Distances of 200 yards will be maintained between Battalions, and 100 yards between Companies and Platoons.
5. On completion of the relief, the Command of the Right Brigade Sub-Sector will pass to the G.O.C., 5th A.I. Brigade.
6. Completion of relief will be wired to Brigade H.Q. in code.
7. (a) Advance parties of 1 Officer and 1 N.C.O. per company, will report to the Staff Captain at SHELTER WOOD at 2 p.m. 21st inst.
(b) O.C., 7th M. Gun Coy will take over all anti-aircraft defences from the Reserve Brigade by 4 p.m., 21st inst.
(c) All Battalion, Machine Gun, and T.M. Bty details at present in PIONEER CAMP will be marched to SHELTER WOOD CAMP under the command of the senior officer present. This party will clear PIONEER CAMP by 4 p.m., and will report to Staff Captain for orders on arrival at SHELTER WOOD CAMP.
(d) All Engineer working parties forward of Brigade H.Q. will be cancelled as from 6 p.m., 21st inst. They will then rejoin their units.
8. 7th A.I. Brigade H.Q. will close at 9 p.m. at MARTINPUICH ON NIGHT 21/22nd, and will open at SHELTER WOOD NORTH at the same hour.
9. Acknowledge by wire.

N. Wellington Captain,
A/Brigade Major, 7th Aust. Inf. Bde.

Issued at 12 midnight
Distribution :-

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| Copy 1. 25th Bn. | 7. 5th A.I. Bde | 13. G.O.C. |
| 2. 26th Bn. | 8. 6th " | 14. File |
| 3. 27th Bn. | 9. 3rd " | 15. War Diary |
| 4. 28th Bn. | 10. 5th A.F. Coy | 16. 50. spare. |
| 5. 7 M/G | 11. 2nd A. Div. | |
| 6. 7 ALTMB | 12. 3rd A. Div. "G" | |

7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

MOVE TABLE TO ACCOMPANY BRIGADE ORDER No. 74, 20/2/17.

| Date | Unit to be relieved. | Unit Relieving | Guides for Relieving Units No. | Time | Place | Destination of Unit relieved | Destination of Relieving Unit | Remarks. |
|------------------------|----------------------|----------------|--|-------------|--|--------------------------------------|---|---|
| Night 21/22 Feb. | 25th Bn. | 20th Bn. | 1 Off.i/c 1 gde per platoon 1 gde per Coy 1 " Bn.H.Q. | 5-30 pm | Duckboard Track Opp. Div. Baths X 17.b.6.3 | SCOTS REDOUBT N. X 21.b. | Line - Left Bn. M.22.c.4.9 $\frac{1}{2}$ | To exchange Camps with each other |
| ditto | 26th Bn. | 18th Bn. | ditto | 5-45 pm | ditto | SCOTS REDOUBT S. X.21.b. | Line - Right Bn. H.Q., M.28.b.7 $\frac{1}{2}$.8 | ditto |
| ditto | 28th Bn. | 19th Bn. | ditto | 6 p.m. | ditto | SHELTER WOOD CAMP. X.21.d. | Support Bn. Sev. Elms. M.28.d.3.6 $\frac{1}{2}$. | |
| ditto | 27th Bn. | 17th Bn. | ditto | 7 p.m. | ditto | FRIQCOURT "C" CAMP X.28.a.2.4. | SUSSEX CAMP | No be completed during daylight Time of start- ing to be mu- tually arranged between C.O's concerned. |
| ditto | 7th M.G.Coy | 6th M.G.Coy | 1 Off.i/c 1 gde per section 1 gde per Coy H.Q. | 7.15 pm. | ditto | SHELTER WOOD CAMP | Line | |
| ditto | 7th ALTMB | 6th ALTMB | 3 guides | 7.15 pm | ditto | ditto | Line | |

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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

No. 494

Date February 21st 1917.

Headquarters,
2nd Australian Division.REPORT ON WORK IN PROGRESS ON 7th A.I. BRIGADE AREA.FRONT LINE.

A series of posts, some of which are connected by old trenches.

On Right Bn. Front. Posts No. 1-23-5-6-7-9 are under revetment. A sapper is employed in each post assisting and directing the garrison in this work

The revetment of these Posts was commenced on 18/2/17. To date, the following revetment has been done in the Posts :-

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| No. 1. | 12 feet revetment. |
| " 2. | 6 " " |
| " 3. | 6 " " |
| " 5. | 6 " " |
| " 6. | 12 " " |
| " 7. | 6 " " |
| " 9. | 6 " " |
| TOTAL REVETMENT 72 feet. | |

On Left Bn. Front. To date, two Posts are under revetment.

Generally progress will be slow, improving however as the thaw advances. The completion of the front line post revetments depends on the ability of the garrison to excavate the trench to the required dimensions.

DUCKWALK TRACKS.On Right Bn. Front. A party of 50 infantry and sappers commenced the repair of BUTTE WALK from DEAD MULE CORNER forward to Coy H.Q., HEXHAM ROAD. This work was started on 28/2/17. From the CAUSEWAY To the PIMPLE, this track is bad, and ends about 50 yards before reaching the PIMPLE. On the night of 20/2/17, a party of 100 infantry and sappers were employed laying a track from this point forward to HEXHAM ROAD. 280 yards of new track were laid.On Left Front. An old trench runs from the bottom of the LE SARS CUTTING forward to near No. 15 Post. It is proposed to clear the chief obstructions from this trench, and lay a duckwalk track to No. 15. post. This old trench is too straight to be deepened and used as a Communication Trench. Observation from the BUTTE enfilades it. A party of 50 men and sappers have been employed since 18/2/17 on clearing this trench. Duckboards to commence the track are available in LE SARS CUTTING.DRYING SHED.

A new Drying Shed is practically complete. This building is situated within 100 yards of Brigade H.Q. When flue piping is available, the shed can be placed into immediate use.

ARTILLERY (old) DUGOUTS. Work has been in progress here, 40 infantry and sappers working continuous shifts. The accommodation for men should be available in a few days. Bunking is proceeding.

WORKS REPORT

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HEXHAM ROAD. Extra accommodation has been provided in the Coy H.Q. Dugout.

Since the Brigade has been in the line, an old drive has been reclaimed and connected up with another entrance. It has provided additional accommodation, and better ventilation.

A splinter proof dressing room is under construction at R.A.P. Near Coy H.Q. In addition, an old dugout entrance has been reclaimed, and timbered.

A.M.C. DRESSING STATION, MARTINPU ICH. Work commenced on one entrance to the dugout, to provide a scheme to lower stretcher cases below, is well advanced. Sappers work continuous shifts with labour supplied by the A.M.C. Progress is good.

CUPOLA SHELTERS. Work is in hand on these shelters. They are situated near Brigade H.Q. Time has been spent on repairing old shelters falling to pieces through the thaw.

CAR RYING OF MATERIAL. During the frost, full advantage was taken of the conditions to push material into forward dumps. 130 men of 7th Brigade were employed carrying forward each night.

MATERIAL IN FORWARD DUMPS.

Horseshoe Dump. Still a considerable amount of timber, "A" Frames, Panels, Iron etc. available.

Hexham Road. Since revetment work on front line this dump has not much material left in it.

Le Sars Cutting. Duckboards and revetting material available for a few nights only.

Brigade H.Q. Eight additional bunks have been constructed in Signallers quarters.

MACHINE GUNNERS DUGOUT. Eight infantry and 2 sappers have been employed on a new dugout. Work is in progress on one drive. To date, good progress has been made. Work commenced 18/2/17.

R.A.P. in LE SARS. 10 infantry and 3 sappers, during one night were employed strengthening weak walls with a sandbag wall.

2 Sappers and a party of 15 from garrison at Coy H.Q. LE SARS CUTTING have been employed digging a short trench about 80 yards long, to a Machine Gun position. Work is about 30% complete.

Manaravonson

Brig. General.

Commanding 7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

February 21st 1917.

REPORT ON TUNNELLING in Right Sector, during tour of
7th A.I. Brigade, ending 21/22nd February 1917.

Work done on LE SARS MIDDLE CUTTING M. 22.a.9.1.New ~~cutting~~ shaft sunk and 18 sets put in.

Drive opened out to 5'6".

Timbered 2 sets.

20 men - 7 days.

TEST ROOM Nr Brigade H.Q. Buried cable - gallery down
timbered 19'. Drive 8' and timbered.
5 men engaged for 7 days.

Party 20 men 1 N.C.O. Carry material to LE SARS CUTTING.

The amount of work done is unsatisfactory.
Captain Wagstaff is, in my opinion, not to blame, except that
he has not sufficiently pressed the need for skilled assistance,
which I understand is easily available.

7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BIGADE

February 22nd 1917

Report on Condition of Front Line Posts. LEFT SECTOR. *Ballen*

- Post. No. 10. Length 6 yards Shelter Iron (4).
Depth 5 feet. Duckboard. Not wide enough
for revetment.
- Post No. 11. Length 8 yards Shelter Iron (hold 5).
Depth 5 feet. Duckboards. Not wide enough
for revetment.
- Post No. 12. Length 10 yards Shelter Iron (4)
Depth 6 feet. Duckboarded, ready for
revetment.
- Post No. 13. Length 8 yards, Shelter (G.S.). Depth 5'6"
Duckboarded, ready for revetting.
- Post No. 14. Length 10 yards, Shelter Iron, Depth 5'6"
Duckboarded. 5 feet ready for revetting.
Bad Post in wet weather.
- Post S.E. Length 15 yards, Shelter Iron (8). Depth
5'6". Ready for revetment.
- Post No. 15. Length 6 yards, Shelter Iron. Partly revetted
with A.F. material. Duckboarded, Telephone.
- Post No. 16. Length 18 yards, Shelter Iron, Depth 5'6"
Ready for revetment. Duckboarded.
- Post No. 17. Length 15 yards, Shelter Oil Sheet. Duck-
boarded, 4'6" deep. Not ready for revetment.
- Post No. 18. Length 20 yards, Shelter Oil Sheet, Duck board-
ed 5'6" deep. Ready for revetment.
- Post No. 19. Length 15 yards, Shelter Oil Sheet, Duckboarded
4' to 4'6" deep. Not ready for revetment.
- Post No. 20. Length 12 or 15 yards, Shelter Oil Sheet,
Duckboarded, 4' to 4'6" deep. Not ready for
revetment.
- Post No. 21. Length 15 yards. Oil Sheet Shelter,
Duckboarded, 4' to 4'6". Not ready for
revetment.
- Post No. 21 A. Length 15 yards, No Shelter, No duckboards.
4' deep. Not ready for revetment.
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No. 1.

7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

February 14th 1917.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY for 24 hours ending 8 a.m. 14th February 1917OUR OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. During the past 24 hours the enemy's lines were shelled intermittently. Several parties seen moving behind the lines were dispersed by our gun fire.

At 12.15 p.m. the heavy batteries fired 30 rounds into the BUTTE de WARLENCOURT, getting 22 direct hits. Church at WARLENCOURT was also shelled.

MACHINE GUNS. During day and night Vickers Machine Guns fired bursts of indirect fire on tracks in rear of enemy lines.

PATROLS. A patrol went out from M.16.b.1.5. and reported enemy working parties at approx. M.16.b.6.7. Singing could be heard, and they seemed to be driving stakes for wiring. Lewis Gun fire dispersed these parties.

ENEMY ACTIVITY.

ARTILLERY. During the 24 hours the usual intermittent shelling occurred on BUTTE WALK, E.DUMP, and SUNKEN ROAD. About 1 a.m. the enemy fired about 20 rounds of 77 m/m H.E. into Left Battn. front line.

At midnight 12 rounds 77 m/m H.E. fell in the vicinity of the line of Support Coy Right Battn.

At 11.15 p.m. the enemy fired 30 rounds on our Right Battn. front from direction of LE BAR QUE. No damage resulted.

MACHINE GUNS. Enemy Machine Guns fired indirectly from direction of M.16.b. on area adjacent to Right Battn. H.Q. throughout the night. An enemy machine gun firing from M.16.b.8 $\frac{1}{2}$.5 $\frac{1}{2}$. was shelled by our 18 pndrs. and silenced.

TRENCH MORTARS. At 10.15 p.m. enemy mortars fired a few rounds in vicinity of front line of Right Battn. No damage is reported.

ENEMY MOVEMENT. There was continual movement of small bodies of troops during whole day along BAPAUME ROAD, in SUNKEN ROAD at M.11.a.6 $\frac{1}{2}$.6. and at M.5.a. and M.5.c. These parties were dispersed by our 18 pndrs batteries.

At 12 midnight an enemy working party was detected at M.17.c.8.3. and dispersed by Lewis Guns.

Later a stronger party was seen at M.17.a.4.5. to M.17.b.0.6. Our artillery notified, and effectively shelled. It is presumed that this party was a wiring party.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT. At 3.40 p.m. an enemy plane brought down one of our planes near EAUCOURT L'ABBAYE.

Wellington Capt.
for G.O.C.

7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

February 18th 1917.

Summary of Intelligence for 24 hours ending 8 a.m. 18th February 1917.ENEMY ACTIVITIES.

ARTILLERY. Enemy artillery was fairly quiet during day & night. The usual intermittent shelling of LE CAMP, HAMEL, L'ABBEY, SUNKEN ROAD, and vicinity of H.28.b.2.2. occurred.

At 2 p.m. our front line at H.17.c.2.2. was shelled by 8.9's (five rounds).

HAMEL SUPPORT was shelled at 11.30 a.m. by 77 m/a and 8.11. shrapnel without effect.

At 11.35 a.m. to 11.38 a.m. H.28.b.7.1. was shelled by 77 m/a. At 3.10 p.m. enemy sent over 3 gas shells, landing at H.28.a.3.1. Strong wind dispersed gas immediately.

ENEMY PATROL. At 1.45 a.m. a hostile patrol attempted to raid our P. St. 2.7. approx. H.17.a.1.2. They threw 12 to 15 bombs, wounding one man. The patrol replied with bombs, and then part of the patrol went out to inflict further damage to enemy, but enemy disappeared.

TRENCH MORTARS. Enemy trench mortar opened fire from direction of H.17.a.2.2. on our front line at H.17.c.2.2. Scout officer reports position of trench mortar battery at reference shown above.

ENEMY MOVEMENTS. Several of enemy observed at foot of BUTTE during the day and were fired on by our Lewis guns, and casualties are claimed. At 10.40 p.m. an enemy motor ambulance appeared at H.11.c.2.2. on SUNKEN ROAD, and disappeared along the road leading in a northerly direction.

At 1.30 p.m. 5 Germans were seen to leave vicinity of suspected dugouts at H.11.a.7.2. and at 3.45 p.m. several of the enemy again appeared in the same vicinity, our firing timber.

At H.11.a.2.2. an enemy working party was observed.

At H.10.d. a party was detected working on their second line. Small parties of men were seen going to and from H.11.d.2.2. Single men were observed moving from BUTTE to H.17.b.2.7. Before fire could be brought to bear on these parties they disappeared.

A party of enemy seen during day in QUARTY at H.17.a.2.2. falling in a near an officer. The artillery dispersed the party temporarily.

SIGNALS. At the time bombardment on our right commenced, the enemy sent up RED flares.

AIR CRAFT. From 8 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. enemy aircraft were active over our lines, but were forced to return to our lines owing to our anti-aircraft guns. Our machine gun fire was also directed on them.

OUR OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. During afternoon our artillery was very active on enemy line in vicinity of H.17.a. and b.

At 12 noon our Heavy Batteries registered for several hours on BUTTE TRENCH H.17.a. This was closely observed and seemed accurate.

At 2 p.m. our artillery was active on the right of

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our sector. Enemy retaliated to this from direction of LE BANQUET.

Enemy front and support lines were shelled intermittently throughout the day and night.

MACHINE GUN & TRENCH MORTAR. During night, indirect machine gun fire was directed on SILENT TRENCH N.17.2.2. & b. Also SILENT TRENCH N.17.2.2. and CROSS ROAD at N.11.2.7.2.

SNIPERS. Our snipers were active throughout the day, and claim two enemy killed.

PATROL. A patrol left our line at N.17.2.2.2. proceeded towards SILENT TRENCH and discovered a hostile wiring party, which was subsequently dispersed by our Lewis guns.

A patrol left our line at N.18.2.2.2. and detected an enemy wiring party at N.18.2.2.2. via N.18.2.2.2. to N.18.2.2.2. This spot cannot be reached by Lewis guns owing to convex slope.

RECONNAISSANCE. A party consisting of 1 sergeant and 3 men left our line at approx. N.18.2.2.2. and report as follows :- "We left our line and went toward an enemy line for about 200 yards, turning half left, and worked along the south side of a large ruined farm at N.18.2.2.2., and saw a ~~plane~~ sent up from S.E. corner. There were no working parties in front of enemy line. Time out, 2 hours."

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WORK. Front line at N.18.2.7.2. to N.17.2.2.2. is being improved by deepening, widening, and lengthening P. st. New Company latrines commenced, and extension of cap occupied by Reserve Coy at N.18.2.2.2. MAXWELL SUPPORT is being widened and cleaned.

R. H. H. H.

Lieut.

For C.O.C. 7th Australian Infantry Brigade

7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

February 16th 1917.

SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE for 24 hours ending 8 a.m. 16/2/17.OUR OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. Our artillery was fairly active during the day, the heavies shelling enemy lines in M.17.a. and in rear of BUTTE DE WARLENCOURT.

At 3 p.m. a direct hit was made on a reported M.G. position at M.10.b.8 $\frac{1}{2}$.3 $\frac{1}{2}$.

MACHINE GUNS. Our Machine Guns directed indirect fire on the following targets :- M.11.c.1.1. to M.17.b.2.4., M.17.a.3.5 $\frac{1}{2}$, Enemy front and support line trenches at M.17.b. were fired on, and road and tracks in WARLENCOURT EAUCOURT from M.10.b.6.2 to M.10.b.8.4.

Direct fire was brought to bear in front of and to right of the BUTTE.

PATROLS & SCOUTS. A patrol left our line at M.16.d. and patrolled the valley, and detected an enemy machine gun at M.17.a.3 $\frac{1}{2}$.4 $\frac{1}{2}$. Our scouts report an enemy machine gun firing from behind some demolished buildings at M.16.b.4.3.

A patrol left our lines at M.17.a.4.0. and encountered enemy patrol. Later on our patrol was fired on by enemy machine gun at M.17.a.7 $\frac{1}{2}$.2.

AIRCRAFT. Our planes were fairly active throughout the day.

WORKS. Front line was further improved, posts being lengthened and connected.

SIGNALS. At 7.25 p.m. Strombos Horns were sounded on the right of our sector.

ENEMY ACTIVITY.

ARTILLERY. The usual intermittent shelling by the enemy took place during the day and night, but on the whole, enemy artillery was fairly quiet. The following targets were shelled :-

AREA SHELLED

| <u>Time</u> | <u>Locality shelled</u> | <u>Hostile direction</u> | <u>Calibre</u> | <u>No. of Rnds.</u> |
|----------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|---------------------|
| 7.30 am | M.28.c.7.6. | --- | 5.9 | 7 |
| 10 - 10.15a.m. | LE SARS | Grundy Rd. M.9.a. | 77 m/m | 15 |
| 2.25 pm | Decauville Rly | --- | 5.9 | 3 |
| | M.27.b. | --- | 77 m/m Shrap. | 2. |
| 2.30 pm | LE SARS | --- | 5.9 | 3 |
| 3 p.m. | LE SARS | --- | 5.9 | 7 |
| 3.55 p.m. | LE SARS | --- | 77 m/m shrap. | 5. |
| 3.55 p.m. | Decauville Rly | --- | 77 m/m H.E. | 8 |
| | M.27.b. & d. | --- | 77 m/m shrap. | 7 |
| 4.35 to | | | | |
| 4.40 p.m. | " | --- | 77 m/m shrap. | 20 |
| 4.30 p.m. to | | | | |
| 5 p.m. | M.16.d. & M.17.d. | --- | 77 m/m H.E. | -- |

PATROLS An enemy patrol of 7 men approached our front line at M.17.d. and fired rifle grenades. They were dispersed by our Lewis guns, and casualties claimed.

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SIGNALS. At 4.30 p.m. one white flare signal was dropped from enemy plane at M.15.d. Immediately afterwards front and support lines in M.17.c.&d. were shelled with 30 H.E. 5.9 shells. During the night the enemy sent up a good number of red flares.

AIRCRAFT. At 10.28 a.m. three enemy planes came over our lines, returning at 10.35 a.m.

At 3.45 p.m. five enemy planes came over, and were driven back by our anti-aircraft guns, but returned at 4.15 p.m. when they were engaged by three of our battle planes and forced to retire.

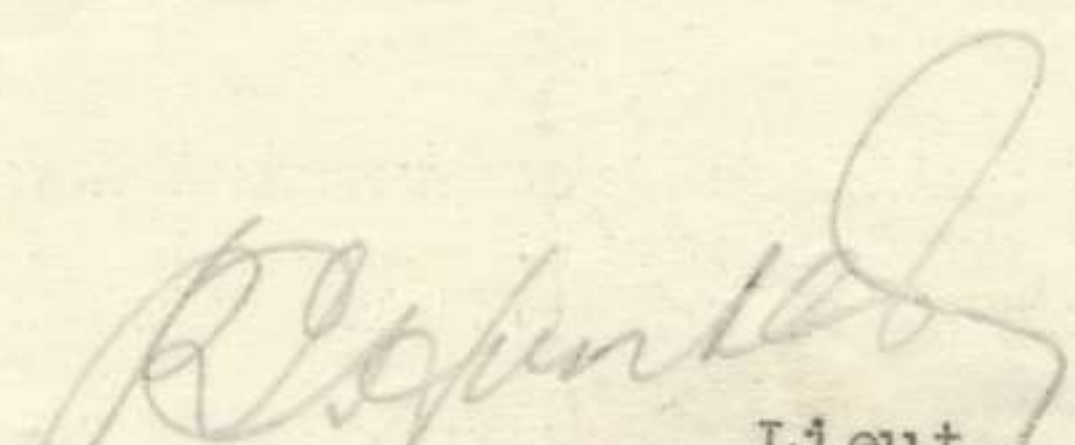
Enemy plane seen to descend in rear of his lines at 11.a.m. apparently from the effect of our M.G.fire.

During the day three enemy observation balloons were visible opposite our sector on true bearing 7, 256, and 57 degrees from M.28.b.8.8.

ENEMY MOVEMENT. Enemy were seen moving in trench near QUARRY at M.17.a.1.7. and also at M.4.a.1.4. which appears to be a supply dump.

Party of 5 men were seen to enter trench at M.17.a.4.6. They came from rear of BUTTE DE WARLENCOURT at the double.

At 4.10 p.m. a G.S. wagon and about 10 men were observed on the BAPAUME ROAD in the vicinity of M.11.c.


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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

February 17th 1917

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY for 24 hours ending 6 a.m. 17/2/17.OUR OPERATIONS

ARTILLERY. Our artillery was fairly active throughout the day and night. At 8.30 p.m. we opened up with a heavy bombardment on the left of our Sector, which was repeated at 5 a.m. and continued for an hour.

MACHINE GUNS. Indirect fire was brought to bear on the following targets :- Road at M.11.a.7.0. to M.11.a.6.9. WARLENCOURT at M.10.b.6.4., CROSS ROADS at M.5.c.5.1. Direct fire was brought to bear on the BUTTE de WARLENCOURT at M.17.a.25.45.

Enemy roads and front lines were searched.

PATROLS. A patrol of 4 men went out from No.19 post at 8 p.m. (M.16.b.3.6) and went through the orchard, and patrolled through old ruined houses near by. From here a M.G. was seen firing from M.17.a.2.6. Also a sniper was seen in one of the buildings, and detected a German patrol moving back to his own lines. Sounds indicated that a working party was out in the hollow to the right of Post 19.

An officer and seven men left M.17.a.10.95 and worked out to M.17.a.15.30, and thence back to M.17.d.3.9. There being no trace of enemy about or in the ground covered. A sniper was active at M.16.b.8.3. on a coal dump, and made the patrol keep to shell holes.

The artillery co-operation was very good while it lasted, but machine gun fire was later on opened from the BUTTE necessitating a further call on them, which was effective.

Patrol officer is certain that old wire intact is still formidable at about M.17.a.6.2. and thinks from sounds made by working parties that the enemy have wired all small pockets in the vicinity. This he thinks is confirmed by the fact that while Lewis Gun fire from three posts is unable to disperse enemy parties heard working, immediately artillery is called for, work ceases, and parties are heard calling in disorder.

Patrol Officer is quite certain that there is no post in the vicinity of M.17.a.2.2. and could find no trace of enemy. But he is quite certain that a M.G. is at M.17.a.75.25.

The patrol suffered no casualties, and was out 3 hours.

AIRCRAFT. Our planes were very active during the day, and forced enemy planes to retire.

WORKS. The work of improving front line posts and supports is being carried on, although ground is still very hard.

TRENCH MORTARS. 50 rounds of Stokes bombs were fired on reported enemy post at M.17.a.2.3½.

ENEMY ACTIVITY.

ARTILLERY. Enemy shelled intermittently throughout the day and night. LE SANS WALK, DECAUVILLE at M.28.a., front, and support lines were shelled at intervals.

Heavy barrages with aerial torpedoes between 8 p.m.

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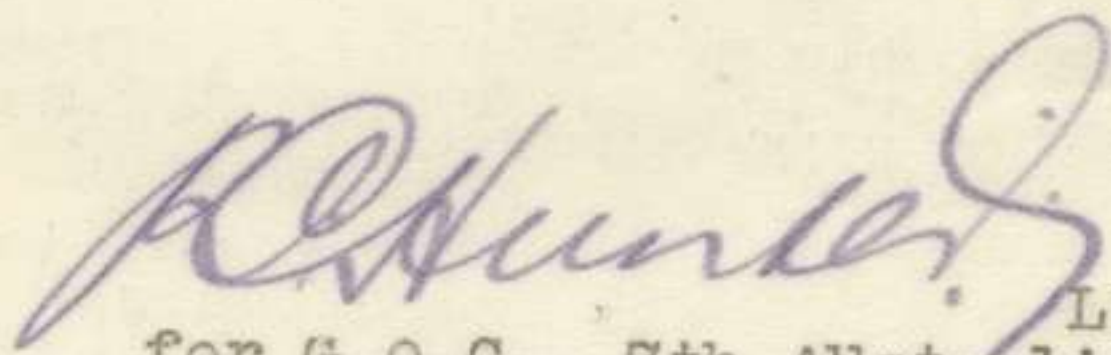
and 11 p.m. on Left Battn. front, fired from approx. M.17.a.4.⁸
LE SANS CUTTING was shelled during the afternoon, but
caused no damage.

SIGNALS. At intervals throughout the night, enemy sent up
golden cluster and red flares, but no apparent action
followed.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT. At 9.45 a.m. nine enemy planes crossed our lines,
but on appearance of our planes, they retired. No hostile
planes were seen during the remainder of the period.
Seven observation balloons were seen at true
bearings of $7\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$, $14\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$, 21° , 29° , from M.22.a.8 $\frac{1}{2}$. $\frac{1}{2}$.

MOVEMENT. At 3.45 p.m. a small enemy party appeared to be digging
at M.16.a.3.6. Two enemy parties observed in front of
our line at M.17.a.8.9. were dispersed by Lewis Guns.
Casualties are claimed.

Owing to mist, good observation was not possible.



Lieut.
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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

February 10th 1917.

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ENEMY INTELLIGENCE for 24 hours ending 8 a.m. 18/2/17.OUR OPERATIONS.ARTILLERY. Our artillery was fairly quiet throughout the day and night.MACHINE GUN. Fire was brought to bear in front of BUTTE de WARLEBOUNT N.17.a.14.30. to N.17.a.7.3. at irregular intervals throughout the night. Indirect fire was played on the following targets :- YELLOW & GINGER Gate N.7.a.1.2. to N.7.a.6.3. Bunker Road at N.11.a.5.3. to N.11.a.6.3. WARLEBOUNT. EAUCOURTPATROLS. Our patrols reconnoitred in front of Left Sector, but no special reconnaissance was made.WORK. Front and Support lines further improved.ENEMY ACTIVITY.ARTILLERY. With the exception of usual intermittent shelling, enemy artillery was fairly quiet. LE SARRU cutting was shelled at intervals, with 77 m/a shells.SIGNALS. At 3.40 a.m. on the Sector left of our Divisional Sector, the enemy sent up a number of red flares, followed later by golden cluster flares. Enemy artillery action was noticed to immediately follow after these latter flares.

Owing to heavy fog, observation was impossible.

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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

February 19th 1917.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY for 24 hours ending 6 a.m. 19/2/17.OUR OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. ^{Steady} ~~Heavy~~ fire was maintained throughout the day and night. The BUTTE and BUTTE ALLEY were shelled at intervals, and also known M.G. positions.

MACHINE GUNS. Direct fire was brought to bear on enemy wire around BUTTE de WARLENCOURT at M.17.a.

Indirect fire was played on Cross Roads at M.11.a.6.3., YELLOW & GINGER CUTS at N.7.c. and WARLENCOURT EAUCOURT.

PATROLS. Patrol of 1 N.C.M.O. and 2 bombers left No.9 Post M.16.d.9.7. to reconnoitre the ground between there and M.16.b.8.5. After proceeding for about 80 yards, they came across remains of a dugout, and a quantity of equipment. Also several dead Germans. Ground indicates that enemy patrols this track.

WORKS. Front line posts were further improved and revetted.

ENEMY ACTIVITY.

ARTILLERY. Enemy was active throughout the day and night, and shelled the following targets intermittently. FLERS SUPPORT, LE SARRS CUTTING, EAUCOURT L'ABBAYE, DESTREMONT FARM, and DECAUVILLE in M.23.c. PRUE TRENCH M.34.a.

Enemy battery was detected firing from approx. M.10.d.5½.7.

MACHINE GUNS. Indirect fire was brought to bear on LE SARRS CUTTING, which appears to be enfiladed from right flank. Bursts of fire were maintained over area at M.22.Central during night from direction of BUTTE.

TRENCH MORTARS. Between 6 and 9 p.m., 20 Minenwerfers fell in rear of MAXWELL SUPPORT, and at 11 p.m., 5 Minenwerfers fell in front of our line at M.17.c.9.8½. A number of aerial torpedoes were fired from vicinity of M.17.b.3.4. and fell around M.17.c.2.4½.

SIGNALS. At 10.10 p.m. in the Divisional Sector on our left of our Division, 4 golden cluster flares were sent up, followed immediately by enemy artillery lasting about 30 minutes.

Owing to mist, observation ~~was~~ of enemy movements was impossible.

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7th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

February 20th. 1917

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY for 24 hours ending 6a.m, 20/2/17.OUR OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. Our Artillery was fairly active during the day and appeared to be registering on BUTTE TRENCH. Owing to heavy mist effect of our shelling could not be observed.

MACHINE GUNS. Our Machine Guns traversed and searched following targets:- YELLOW & GINGER CUTS N.13.a.1.5. to N.7.a.5.3. GIRD TRENCH M.11.c.1.1. to M.17.b.2.4. SUNKEN ROAD & ROAD JUNCTION from M.11.c.3.3. to M.11.c.8.6.

Indirect fire was brought to bear on following Dumps. M.11.a.1.3., M.11.b.9.6.6., M.18.b.9.7. Enemy retaliated with 77m.m's Shells also SUNKEN ROAD M.11.a.8.1. to M.11.a.6.9.

PATROLS.

1. A Patrol of 1 Officer & 3 O.R's left post 19 and followed route shown in attached sketch. Two decayed bodies were seen at spot ~~but~~ shown but no other signs of enemy tracks were seen. A working party was heard in vicinity of QUARRY but this point is hidden from our L. Guns by intervening ridge. Patrol encountered M. Gun fire in vicinity of post 18 but of opinion it was indirect.
2. A bombing squad with rifle grenades reconnoitered SUNKEN ROAD to point shown but no sign of enemy posts was seen.
3. I.N.C.O. 3 men left No.3 post at 7.30p.m. and returned at 9.30.p.m. They moved out for a distance of 50 yards and then worked down the front and came in near No.1 post. No, enemy were encountered. (~~Map~~ Sketch Attached)
4. OFFICERS REPORT. In company with 4 men I left No.5 post at 6.30 p.m. to patrol the ground towards the BUTTE. After crossing innumerable shell holes I came across what was evidently an old communication Sap running parallel with our line. This I should say was about 50 yards in front of No.5 post. I remained in this position for some little time observing, thinking it possible to locate the posts from which enemy fires his flares. This I succeeded in doing to some extent as he fired 3 flares in succession from a point directly opposite No.4 post (M.17.a.4.3.) and which fell about 25 yards in rear of No.5 post. I now proceeded to reconnoitre the ground in this vicinity and after pushing out another 20 yards which was as far as I could go with safety on account of the flares which made movement very difficult. M.G's constantly sweep NO MAN's land from both sides. Enemy gun responsible for this is situated at junction of BUTTE TRENCH and ROAD at M.17.a.7.3. After locating this as nearly as possible I returned to No.4 post at 9p.m.

WORKS. Front line posts were improved and revetted. P.

ENEMY ACTIVITY.

ARTILLERY. Enemy artillery shelled intermittently throughout the day and night but was below normal. Details of enemy Artillery Activity attached.

TRENCH MORTARS At 12 midnight about 100 Aerial Torpedoes fell along the whole of our front on the right sector, fired from M.17.b.3.4. and M.17.a.9.6. Artillery retaliation was called for and was successful in effectively silencing enemy mortars.

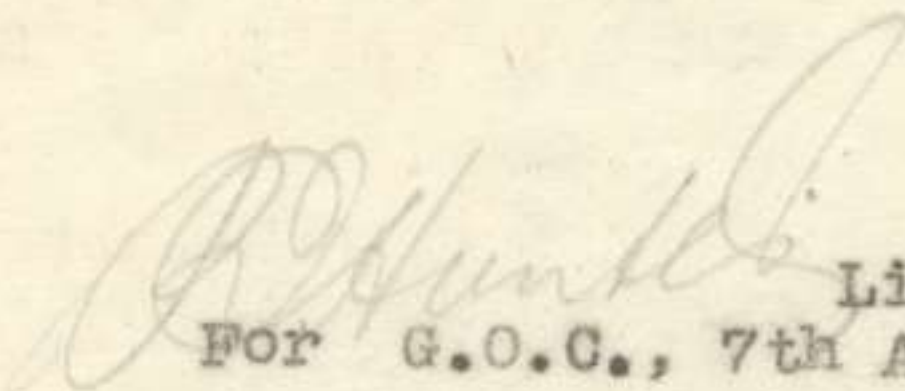
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SNIPERS. Hostile snipers were active on our right sector, firing from direction of BUTTE and Coal Dump.

MACHINE GUNS. Indirect Fire played over FLERS Support and WILLIAM ALLEY during night from direction of M.17.B.
Enemy Machine Gun Suspected at M.17.a.0.6. and at M.17.a.7.5.

MOVEMENT A party of enemy were seen leaving BUTTE TRENCH at M.17.a.8.3 $\frac{1}{2}$ and fired on by our Lewis Guns. A number of wounded were seen being carried out on stretchers immediately afterward. Owing to heavy mist no further observation could be obtained.

 Lieut.
For G.O.C., 7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

ENEMY ARTILLERY ACTIVITY.

8.30 a.m. 14 H.E. .77 on HANGOUT L'ABBAYE.
 8.40 " 11 " .77 a.m. in H.22.d. from LE BARQUE.

ENEMY ARTILLERY ACTIVITY.

8.30 a.m. 14 H.E. .77 in L'HAN COURT L'AD N. 22.
 8.40 " 11 " " at 3 minute intervals in H.22.d.
 9.30 - 10. 12 " " in H.22.d. from LE BARQUE N.
 10.30 a.m. 10 " " on Hill at H.22.b.2.2. from 21° true
 bearing from O.P. (22.b.2.2.)
 10.40 " 2 H.E. .77 at road at H.22.b.2.2.
 10.45 " 2 " " in HANGOUT L'ABBAYE from 21° true bearing
 from O.P. H.22.b.2.2.
 10.45 " 2 H.E. .77 on road at H.22.a.4.4. from direction of
 HILL.
 11.15 " 4 H.E. .77 on road at H.22.a.2.2.
 11.45 " 4 " " at H.22.b.2.2. from direction on 21° true
 bearing from O.P.
 12.15 p.m. 3 Shrapnel .77 fell to rear of LE BARQUE.
 12.40 " 2 H.E. 2.2 in H.22.b.2.2.
 12.15 " Enemy shelled road from HILL ROAD to near Factory
 to 1.40 Corner with Heavy H.E.
 1.40 p.m. 2 H.E. 2.2 at H.22.b.2.2.
 2.30 " 10 Shrapnel .77, and 2.2. in HANGOUT L'ABBAYE from
 approx. true bearing 45° from O.P.
 3.15 " 7 Shrapnel .77 at Sunkers Road at H.22.a.
 3.15 p.m. 2 H.E. .77 at H.22.b.2.2.
 3.25 " 12 " .77 in HAN COURT L'ABBAYE.
 10.10 " Enemy shelled DEAD HILL CORNER fairly heavily for
 about 30 minutes with .77 H.E. and Shrapnel.
 3.10 a.m. Enemy shelled H.22.b.2.2.
 During the day the enemy dropped a few .77 in
 vicinity of MAXWELL SUPPORT and No. 9 Post.
 Also over LE HANS CORNER and ELMS SUPPORT.
 4.15 a.m. to 4.45 12 H.E. 2.2 fell in H.22.b. from direction of
 LIGHT HILL.
 5.5 a.m. 2 H.E. .77 fell near BROWNVILLE H.22.a.7.
 5.15 " 2 H.E. 2.2 at H.22.b. from LIGHT HILL.
 5.30 " 7 H.E. 4.2 (?) fell at H.22.d. at three minute
 interval from direction of LE BARQUE.

No. 8.

7th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

21st. February 1917.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY for 24 hours ending 6a.m. 21/2/17.OUR OPERATIONS.ARTILLERY

Our Artillery shelled the enemy front and support lines during the day, and also in the direction of LE BARQUE, WARLENCOURT — EAUCOURT.

MACHINE GUNS. Indirect fire was brought to bear on following targets:- Enemy dumps at M.11.a.1.3., M.11.b.9 $\frac{1}{2}$.5 $\frac{1}{2}$, M.18.b.9 $\frac{1}{2}$.7. BAPAUME ROAD was searched from M.11.a.6.7. to M.11.a.8.9 $\frac{1}{2}$. * BUTTE DE WARLENCOURT at M.17.a.2.5. GIRD TRENCH from M.11.c.1.1. to M.17.b.2.4..

* also SUNKEN ROAD from M.11.a.7.4. to M.11.a.6.9 $\frac{1}{2}$.

TRENCH MORTARS. Our stokes mortars fired 165 rounds into BUTTE TRENCH from M.17.a.1.3 $\frac{1}{2}$. to M.17.a.6.3..

WORKS. Work in front line posts was pushed ahead with good results.

ENEMY ACTIVITY.

ARTILLERY. During the 24 hours the enemy was fairly active, and shelled the following targets intermittently :- Sunken Road near Dead Mule Corner, Le Sars, Martinpuich, The Pimple, Destremont Farm, Eaucourt L'Abbaye, Le Sars Cutting. The front and support lines also received attention.

Most of the shelling was done with .77 m/m H.E.

At 11.30 p.m. the enemy fired four phosphorous shells in vicinity of our No. 8 Post.

Owing to mist hostile direction could not be observed.

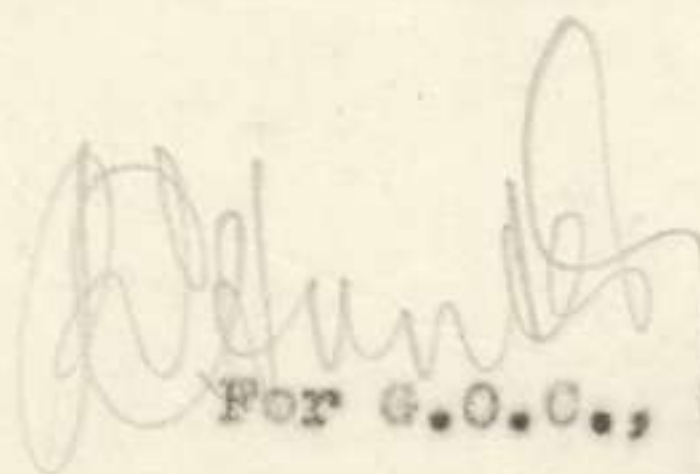
MACHINE GUNS. Enemy M.G. were active with indirect fire on No Mans Land and front lines.

TRENCH MORTARS. About 10 p.m. enemy Minenwerfers fell in vicinity of Maxwell Support (about 70).

Aerial torpedoes were also fired from direction of the right of BUTTE, landing about M.17.c.4.5.

MOVEMENT. At daybreak a party of Germans were seen walking in direction of Butte Trench. They were fired on by our Lewis Guns, and 16 casualties claimed. A sniper was shot opposite our No. 1 Post at daybreak.

Heavy Mist again prevented good observation.



Lieut.

For G.O.C., 7th Australian Infantry Brigade

7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

No. 18/124
Date

February 21st 1917.

H.Q., 2nd Australian Division.

SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS for week, from 10 a.m. 15/2/17, to
6 p.m. 21/2/17.

1. GENERAL. Whilst the Brigade has not taken part in any active operation, the policy all through has been an offensive one, with the object of harrassing the enemy, reducing his morale, and inflicting casualties.
2. OPERATIONS. (1) British - nil.
(2) Enemy - nil.
3. PATROLS. (1) British. During the week, about 14 patrols went out, mainly with the object of general reconnaissance of enemy front, and NO MANS LAND opposite our sector. On 5 occasions the object was to gain information regarding the positions of suspected Machine Guns, and the condition of enemy wire. In all cases ~~(2) - Enemy~~ the positions were definitely ascertained.
(2) Enemy. Very little activity on the part of enemy patrols was noticed. One patrol attempted to bomb Post No.7. on night 12/13th inst. It was unsuccessful.
4. MACH INE GU NS. (1) British. The policy has been to search with indirect fire, enemy roads, tracks, and dumps in rear of his lines.
An S.O.S. barrage on NO MANS LAND was registered, and direct fire has been maintained on enemy wire around the BUTTE at M.17.a.
(2) Enemy. Enemy Machine guns were active with indirect fire on roads, tracks, and duckwalks in our sector, but no special features were noticed with regard to their fire.
5. TRENCH MORTARS. (1) British. In connection with Machine Gun Coy and trench garrison, an offensive spirit has been maintained. All emplaced mortars have been registered on enemy targets, and in addition 269 rounds have been fired.
(2) Enemy. The enemy has been very active at intervals with Minnenwerfers and aerial torpedoes fired from direction of BUTTE on to our front and support lines in the Right Sector.
6. CASUALTIES.

| <u>Killed.</u> | <u>Wounded.</u> | <u>Missing.</u> | <u>Total.</u> |
|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|
| O. O/R | O, O/R. | O. O/R. | O. O/R. |
| - - | - 12 | - - | - 12. |

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

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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

Copy No. 19

ORDER No. 75.

February 25th 1917.

Reference Map ALBERT (Combined) 1/10,000.
GULDECOURT, 1/10,000.

1. The 7th A.I. Brigade, less 7th A.I. Gun Coy, will relieve the 6th A.I. Brigade in the Left Brigade Sector of the 2nd Australian Divisional front, on the night 25/26th February 1917, in accordance with the attached relief table.
The 7th A.I. Gun Company will relieve the 6th A.I. Gun Company on the night 24/25th February 1917.
2. All details of the relief not provided for herein, will be arranged mutually between Commanding Officers concerned.
3. (a) Receipts will be given for all trench stores, log books, maps, aerial photographs, tools, hot food containers, petrol tins, gum boots, S.O.S. Signals, and any documents of value taken over. These receipts will be forwarded to Brigade H.Q. within 12 hours of the completion of the relief.
(b) All units going into the line will take with them two Mills grenades per man.
4. No troops in formed bodies will move forward of the POZIERES - HIGH WOOD RIDGE before 5.45 p.m. Distances of 200 yards will be maintained between Battalions, and 100 yards between Companies and Platoons.
5. The Command of the Left Brigade Sub-sector will pass to the G.O.C. 7th A.I. Brigade, at a time to be mutually arranged between the G.O.'s C. concerned, in accordance with G.3/1/550 of the 23rd inst.
6. Completion of relief will be wired to Brigade H.Q. in Code.
7. O.C., 7th A.I. Gun Coy will make all necessary arrangements for the handing over of the anti-aircraft defences of the Reserve Brigade. These will be completed by 4 p.m. tomorrow 24th inst.
8. 7th A.I. Brigade H.Q. will close at 6 p.m. at SHELTER WOOD CAMP on the night 25/26th inst, and will open at MARTINPUICH WEST at the same hour.
9. Acknowledge by wire.

H. Wellington Captain.
A/Brigade Major, 7th Aust. Inf. Bde.

Issued at 12 midnight.
Distribution:-

- | | | | |
|-------------|-----------------|--------------------|--------------|
| 1. 25th Bn. | 5. 7 A/G Coy | 10. 7th A.F. Coy | 15. S. Capt. |
| 2. 26th Bn. | 6. 7 ALTB | 11. 2nd A.Div. "A" | 16. War D. |
| 3. 27th Bn. | 7. 5th A.I. Bde | 12. 2nd A.Div. "B" | 17-20 Spare |
| 4. 28th Bn. | 8. 6th A.I. Bde | 13. G.O.C. | |
| | 9. 6th Bde. | 14. File | |

7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

MOV. TABLE TO ACCOMPANY ORDER No. 75.

| Date | Unit to be relieved. | Unit Relieving | Guides for Incoming Units Number | Time | Place | Destination of Unit relieving | Destination of Unit relieved | Remarks |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|---|--------------|---------------|--|------------------------------|--|
| Night 31/25th Feb. 17 | 6th A.M.G. Coy | 7th A.M.G. Coy | 1 guide per section 1 per COY H.Q. | 5-50 p.m. | VILLA Stn. | Line | SHELTER OOD | |
| Night 25/24th Feb. 17 | 21st Bn. | 28th Bn. | 1 off.i/c 1 gde per 1 " " Coy 1 " " En. H.Q. | 5.50 p.m. | ditto | Line-Left | SCOTS REDOUBT SOUTH | |
| Ditto | 22nd Bn. | 27th Bn. | ditto | 6 p.m. | ditto | Line - Right | SHELTER OOD | See memo below. |
| Ditto | 23rd Bn. | 25th Bn. | nil | * 6.15 p.m. | -- | VILLA CAMP Support Bn. 2 Coys Gunpit Road | SCOTS REDOUBT N. N.x. | 2 Coys K.I.I.G. CAMP. To complete move in daylight * For the 2 Coys Gunpit Rd. N. 51.0 |
| Ditto | 24th Bn. | 26th Bn. | nil | nil | -- | ACID DROP CAMP Reserve Bn. | ERICOURT "C" CAMP | To complete in daylight under mutual arrangements |
| ditto | 6th ALTB | 7th ALTB | 1 gde per gun 1 " Bty H.Q. | 6.30 p.m. | VILLA Stn. | Line | SHELTER OOD CAMP. | |

NOTE :- In the event of foggy weather, Units must be prepared to move off two hours in advance of scheduled times.

{ 27th Bn. not to pass Ede H.Q.
{ without orders. Unit halted
{ at Ede H.Q. duckboards will be
{ cleared for outgoing unit when necessary

Appendix No. 6

SECRET7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

February 25th 1917.

ORDER No. 76

Reference Map LE SARS - LOUPART WOOD - LE BARQUE 4th Edition.

1. The Brigade will be ready to move at 3 o'clock this afternoon in order to relieve 6th A.I. Brigade, but units will not move off without further orders.
2. The allotment of boundaries forward of present line held is as follows:-

LEFT BRIGADE.

Left Boundary - M.14.b.6.0. in a straight line to G.35 Central.

Right Boundary - M.16.b.1.8. in a straight line to M.11.a.65.50. Cross Roads, thence straight line to G.36 Central

Inter-Battalion Boundary - From right of Chalk Pit at M.15.b.20.55 in a straight line to GALLITZ TRENCH at its intersection with communication trench at E.10.c.7.73 along latter North to M.10.b.40.62 (This trench is inclusive to Right Bn) Thence straight line to road junction M.35.d.35.13 thence straight line to G.35.d.77.85.

3. Acknowledge by wire.

J. Wellington Captain,
A/Brigade Major, 7th Aust. Inf. Brigade.

Issued at 2.30 PM.
Distribution;

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|---------------------|---------------|
| 1. 25th Bn. | 13. G.O.C. |
| 2. 26th Bn. | 14. File |
| 3. 27th Bn. | 15. S.Capt. |
| 4. 28th Bn. | 16. War Diary |
| 5. 7th A.G. Coy | 17-20 Spare. |
| 6. 7th A.L.T. & B. | |
| 7. 5th A.I. Bde | |
| 8. 6th A.I. Bde | |
| 9. 6th Brit. I. Bde | |
| 10. 7th Field Coy | |
| 11. 2nd A. Div | |
| 12. 2nd A. Div | |

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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

February 25th 1917.

Administrative Memorandum to accompany Brigade Order No. 7A

Reference my Order No. 7A of today's date.

Cancel Para (1). The relief will not take place today, but is being arranged for tomorrow.Para (2) Sufficient officers from each Battalion will be sent up tonight to thoroughly reconnoitre and ascertain the new positions, and make necessary arrangements for the relief.

With reference to the new situation which has arisen, it must be impressed on all Commanders that while the line of resistance and picquet line must be selected with due regard to the safety of their flanks, the greatest enterprise and daring should be shown by patrols and scouts.

The line of resistance at present (supports) will be generally our old front line. The picquet line, GALLWITZ TRENCH.

The line of sentry groups or standing patrols generally along a line from TANK TR AP M. 11.a.4.45, North of ~~PARL~~COURT to 11.10.a.2.6. (Road Junction with a post at Cross Roads M.5.6.55.05.

The flanks must be looked to.

Scouting patrols will be pushed to MALT and CAMP TRENCHES to definitely decide if they are occupied. Here the enemy will probably put up a show of occupation with a few men firing flares etc. This must not stop the scouts.

Trip wires connected with mines or bombs are to be looked for, and men should be warned to be careful in picking up souvenirs such as Hun helmets etc, to first look for the concealed bomb.

All officers and patrol leaders must be impressed with the necessity for sending in frequent reports. It is not enough to merely occupy a post. The fact must be at once reported and location given, together with any other information of use. Scouts also must not wait until they return before reporting. A message must be sent, and at least two men should remain forward, even if it entails them remaining in shell holes all day.

The situation is changing, and is liable to change hourly, and C.O's while adhering to general principles, must act with initiative and conform to the situation. The great motto is "PUSH ON" Every move and incident however must be at all times well noted and communication maintained.

92. Wellington Captain,
A/Brigade Major, 7th Australian Inf. Bde.

Distribution as for Order No. 76.

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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY B. B. IGADL

Copy No. 16

February 26th 1917.

O.D. No. 77.

Reference Map L. 312, L. UPART 100, L. PARCUT, 1/10,000, 4th Edition.

1. The 7th A.I. Brigade, less 7th A.I. Gun Coy will relieve the 6th A.I. Brigade in the Left Brigade Sector of the 2nd Australian Divisional front on the night 26/27th February 1917 in accordance with attached Move and Distribution table.
2. All details of the relief not provided for herein, will be arranged mutually between Commanding Officers concerned.
3. (a) All trench stores, log books, maps, aerial photographs, tools, hot food containers, petrol tins, gum boots, S.O.S. Signals, and any documents of value will be handed over, and receipts given and taken. These receipts will be forwarded to Brigade H.Q. within twelve hours of completion of relief.
(b) All units going into the line will take with them two Mills grenades per man.
4. No troops in formal bodies will move forward of the POZIERES - HIGH WOOD RIDGE before 8.45 p.m. Distances of 200 yards will be maintained between Battalions, and 100 yards between companies and platoons.
5. The Command of the Left Brigade Sub-sector will pass to the C.O.C. 7th A.I. Brigade at a time to be mutually arranged between the C.O.'s concerned, in accordance with C.3/1/556 of the 23rd inst.
6. Completion of relief will be wired to Brigade H.Q. in Code.
7. 7th A.I. Brigade H.Q. will close at 6 p.m. at WILKER WOOD on the night 26/27th inst, and will open at MARTINPUICH WEST at the same hour.
8. This Order cancels Order No. 75 of the 23rd inst.
9. Acknowledge by wire.

H. Wellington Captain,
A/Brigade Major, 7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

Issued at 11.30 a.m.

Distribution - 1. 29th Bn.

2. 26th Bn.

3. 27th Bn.

4. 28th Bn.

5. 7th H/C Coy

6. 7th ALHE

7. 5th A.I. Bdo

8. 6th A.I. Bdo

9. 5th Brit. Bdo

10. 7th Field Coy

11. 2nd A.Div "C"

12. 2nd A.Div "Q"

13. C.O.C.

14. File.

15. Staff Captain

16. War Diary

17 to 20 Spare

7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

MOVE & DISTRIBUTION table to accompany Order No. 77.

| Date | Unit Relieving | Unit to be relieved | No. | Guides Time | Place | Destination of relieving unit | Distribution | REMARKS |
|------------------|----------------|--|--------------------------------|-------------|-----------|------------------------------------|--|--|
| Night 26/27 inst | 28th Bn. | Left Portion 24th Bn. (Out post line) | 1 off i/c 1 gde per platoon | 5.30 p.m. | VILLA Stn | Line - Left Bn. H.Q. 15.b.5.5. | Post M.4.c.1.4. GALL Tr. " M.4.c.5.1. " " " M.4.c.5.5. DRY DITCH " M.10.a.2.1.6 ROAD Junc. " M.10.b.3.5. " " | To be distributed in depth. SUPPORT :- GALL ITZ TRENCH, Balance Reserve, old front line. |
| ditto | 27th Bn. | Right Portion 24th Bn. (Out post line) | ditto | 6 p.m. | ditto | Line - Right Bn. H.Q. 15.b.5.5. | Post M.10.b.5.2.6 (N.W. corner of ARLE COURT) " M.11.a.1.7. (Loos Cut) " M.11.a.6.3.5. (Tank Trap) " M.11.a.8.3.5. (Coupe Trench) | Connecting with Right Brigade. To be distributed in depth. Supports - GALL ITZ Tr Reserve - Old front line |
| ditto | 25th Bn. | 22nd Bn. | ditto | 6.30 p.m. | ditto | Support Bn. | 1 Coy Flers Line 1 " 26 Avenue 2 Coys Gunpit Road. | |
| ditto | 26th Bn. | 25rd Bn. | nil | nil | nil | Reserve Bn. ACID DROP CAMP | To complete under mutual arrangement in daylight | |
| ditto | 7th ALTB | 6th ALTB | 1 guide per gun 1 Bty H.Q. | 6.45 pm | VILLA Stn | Line | 2 Guns GALL ITZ Trench | |

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*Cancelled*7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

Copy No. 16

ORDER No. 78.

February 27th 1917.

Reference Map 1/10,000 LE SARRS, LOUPART T WOOD, LE BARQUE, 4th Ed.

1. MALT TRENCH IS occupied by the Right Brigade to M.5.d.35.50.
This Brigade occupies GAMP TRENCH to M.4.d.00.30.
GAMP TRENCH from M.4.d.00.30. to M.4.d.70.70 is reported to be in bad condition. The wire in front of GAMP & MALT TRENCHES IS REPORTED TO BE 8 feet deep and about 4 feet high.
We have a line of posts from Cross Roads at M.11.a.35.50 along road to N.E. of WARLENCOURT, roughly around North of WARLENCOURT and along road to Road Junction at M.10.a.25.6, with posts at M.11.a.60.30, M.11.a.00.6, M.4.d.50.10, M.4.d.00.25, M.4.c.25.30, M.4.c.05.40.
2. The 26th Battalion will attack at ZERO, date and time of which will be notified later.
3. The objective will be MALT & GAMP TRENCHES from LOUPART ROAD to M.4.d.10.40.
 - (a) When objective has been taken, posts will be established along our front roughly parallel with GREVILLERS TRENCH and at about 300 yards distance from it.
 - (b) In the event of the Brigade on the right not gaining touch with the advanced posts, the right flank will be refused to join with MALT TRENCH at about M.5.d.35.50.
 - (c) A communication trench will be dug in or along the old trench from M.10.b.40.60 to M.4.d.70.70.
Strong points will be established in MALT & GAMP TRENCHES.
4. On making the dispositions detailed in para 3, the C.O. 26th Battalion will withdraw his Battalion, less sufficient garrisons for the advance posts, and the captured trenches, and any other posts he may consider necessary for the safety of the position captured.
5. Artillery programme will be given later.
6. O.C., Machine Gun Company will arrange for direct and indirect fire on GREVILLERS TRENCH and the approaches to the position being attacked.
7. O.C. Trench Mortar Battery will, on the objective being gained, select positions for barrage on the LOUPART ROAD, North end of MALT TRENCH and the DRY DITCH, also on Grevillers TRENCH.

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8. DUMPS are established at the following places :-

| | |
|----------------------|--|
| "D" DUMP | M.32.a.1.9. (Gunpit Road) |
| Advance Dump | M.20.d.8.5. |
| Forward Brigade Dump | M.15.c.7.3. |
| New Dump | M.15.b.4.5. |
| GALLWITZ Dump | M.10.c.9.5 $\frac{1}{2}$. Junction of GALLWITZ SWITCH & GALEWITZ Cr. |

9. Advance dressing station is at M.21.c.3.9. S.S.W. of
DESTREMONT FARM.

10. Reports to Brigade Headquarters, MARTINPUICH WEST

11. Acknowledge by wire.

N. Wellington Captain,
A/Brigade Major, 7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

Issued at 10pm

Copies to :-

1. 25th Bn.
2. 26th Bn.
3. 27th Bn.
4. 28th Bn.
5. 7th H/G Coy
6. 7th ALTMB
7. G.O.C.
8. Staff Captain
9. B.M.
10. 2nd Aust. Div. "G"
11. " " " " "Q"
12. 5th A.I.Bde
13. 6th A.I.Bde
14. 6th Brit.I.Bde
15. 7th Field Coy
16. War Diary
17. File
- 18 to 24 Spare.

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Copy No. 20.

7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE*Cancelled*ORDER No. 78

February 27th 1917.

Reference Map 1/10,000 LE SARRS, LOUPART WOOD, & BARQUE, 4th Edition.

1. MALT TRENCH is held by the Right Brigade north of the BAPAUME ROAD. This is reported unoccupied up to M.5.d.0.5 $\frac{1}{2}$. This Brigade holds GAMP TRENCH to M.4.c.7.1. with post at M.4.d.0.3.
2. AT ZERO An attack will be made by the 27th and 28th Battalions on GAMP, and MALT TRENCHES. The line of assembly for the attacking troops will be approximately from M.5.c.5.0. to M.4.d.1.0. The unnamed communication trench being inclusive to the Left Battalion. Actual dividing line between battalions will be arranged mutually between Commanding Officers concerned.
3. The 27th Battalion will attack MALT TRENCH with two Companies from LOUPART ROAD to the communication trench at M.4.d.7.7.
The 28th Battalion will attack GAMP TRENCH from the communication trench at M.4.d.7.7. inclusive, to Sunken Road at M.4.d.1.3 $\frac{1}{2}$.
4. The Battalions concerned will use their Support and Reserve Companies for the attack.
5. The Left Battalion (28th) will arrange to swing a portion to the Right and attack MALT TRENCH from M.4.d.7.7. to M.4.d.4.5.9. The Right Battalion will make arrangements on reaching its objective to bomb down MALT TRENCH if occupied by the enemy, to the Right, and ~~xxxx~~ protect its Right flank along the line of LOUPART ROAD.
6. On gaining the objective posts will be immediately established to the front and if possible at about 300 yards from GREVILLER TRENCH. Strong points will be established at M.5.c.5.6., M.4.d.5.8., M.4.c.5.6.
7. On making the above dispositions the remainder of the attacking troops will be brought back, and the line established from M.10.a.0.6. along Sunken Road, round North of WARLENCOURT to TANK TRAP at LOUPART ROAD. This will become the Support Line; Reserve Line being in GALLWITZ TRENCH.
8. The artillery will cut the wire during the day, barrages and times will be notified later. The artillery will

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will endeavour to cut lanes in the wire, and careful watch must be kept for these.

O.C., 7th A. Machine Gun Company will arrange for direct and indirect fire on GREVILLERS TRENCH, and approaches to the line attacked.

9. Date & Zero hour will be notified later.

10. Advanced dressing station will be at M.21.c.5.9. S.S.W. of DESTREMONT FARM.

11. Reports to Brigade Headquarters MARTINPUICH WEST.

12. Acknowledge by wire.

N. Wellington
Captain
A/Brigade Major, 7th Australian Inf. Bde.

Issued at
Copies to :-

1. 25th Bn.
2. 26th "
3. 27th "
4. 28th "
5. 7th M/G Coy
6. 7th ALTB
7. G.O.C.
8. S. Capt.
9. 2nd Aust. Div. "C"
10. 2nd " " "Q"
11. 5th A.I. Bde
12. 6th A.I. Bde
13. 6th Brit. Bde
14. 7th Field Coy
15. File
16. War Diary
17. to 20 Spare.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 1.

7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

February 27th 1917.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY for 24 hours ending 6 a.m. 27/2/17OUR OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. Our artillery has been fairly active during the 24 hours.

MACHINE GUNS. Our guns fired on targets in GREVILLERS LINE M.4.a & b. and also on all hostile aircraft that crossed our lines at intervals during the day.

PATROLS. Reports attached.

AIRCRAFT. Our planes were active all day over our own and enemy lines.

ENEMY ACTIVITY.

ARTILLERY. During the 24 hours hostile artillery has been fairly active, the following targets receiving most attention.

| <u>TIME</u> | <u>Area shelled</u> | <u>Calibre</u> | <u>No. Shells</u> | <u>hostile direction</u> |
|---------------|---|----------------|-------------------|--------------------------|
| 7 - 7.45 pm | GALLWITZ Tr. | 5.9 | 11 | REAR OF |
| 8 - 9 pm | M.10.a. & b. &) Bapaume Road) | 5.9 | 20 | LOUPART WOOD |
| 9 - 10 pm | LE SARS, GILBERT) ALLEY & GALLWITZ (& Tr.) | 5.9 4.2 | 42 | |
| 11.20-3.30 am | GILBERT ALLEY LE SARS & M.15.b. | 5.9 | 33 | |

MACHINE GUNS Hostile machine guns located at M.4.d.7.8. (junction of trenches) This is an enemy strong point heavily wired.

SIGNALS. During the night the enemy sent up a number of green flares

[Signature] Lieut.
For G.O.C., 7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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No. 2.

7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

February 28th 1917.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY for 24 hours ending 6 a.m. 28/2/17.OUR OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. Our artillery has been active, and fired on GREVILLER LINE, also MALT TRENCH.

MACHINE GUNS. Our machine guns engaged all hostile aircraft that attempted to cross our lines during the day.

PATROLS. Fighting patrols were sent out to occupy GAMP & MALT TRENCHES. GAMP TRENCH was found to be unoccupied from M.4.c.6 $\frac{1}{2}$.1 $\frac{1}{2}$ to within 150 yards of its junction with MALT TRENCH. All this portion was heavily wired on both sides, with knife rests across the top of the trench, and loose wire in the bottom. Strong point at M.4.d.7.7. was well wired in. Also MALT TRENCH was well wired in front. No gaps were discovered in the wire.

Several machine guns were reported to be firing from MALT TRENCH East of LOUPART ROAD to about 254.e.

This report has not been confirmed.

M 5.c.r.d.

The patrols were held up by the wire and met with bombs and rifle fire. They had to retire.

The unnamed communication trench joining GAMP and MALT TRENCHES at their junction M.4.d.7.7. was also found to be wired on both sides for a distance approximately 200 yards from the junction.

WORK. Unnamed communication trench running from N.W. Corner of WARLENCOURT towards MALT TRENCH was deepened to an average depth of five feet for a distance of 450 yards.

AIRCRAFT. Our planes were active during the day, and frequently crossed enemy's lines, and were engaged by hostile A.A.s.

ENEMY ACTIVITY.

ARTILLERY. Enemy artillery was very active throughout the day and night, and fired intermittently on the following targets :-

| <u>Time</u> | <u>Area Shelled.</u> | <u>Cal.</u> | <u>No.</u> | <u>Direction</u> |
|---------------|-----------------------------|-------------|------------|--------------------|
| 7-10 am | LE SARS, B.H.Q. SUPPORT | 5.9 | | Flash |
| | LINE M.9.d. M.10.c. | | 58 | 55° T.B.M.15.d.9.8 |
| | GALLWITZ TRENCH | .77 | 12 | 60° " " |
| 10.15 to noon | CHALK WALK, GILBERT ALLEY | 5.9 | 30 | |
| | DESTREMONT, BAPAUME ROAD) | | | |
| | JOCK ALLEY, M.9.d. M.10.c.) | | 100 | |
| 2 p.m. | GILBERT ALLEY, DESTREMONT | | 68 | |
| | GALLWITZ TRENCH B.H.Q. | | | |
| 2.30-4pm | B.H.Q. LE SARS | | 57 | |
| | SUNNEN ROAD, GILBERT ALLEY | 5.9 | 5 | |

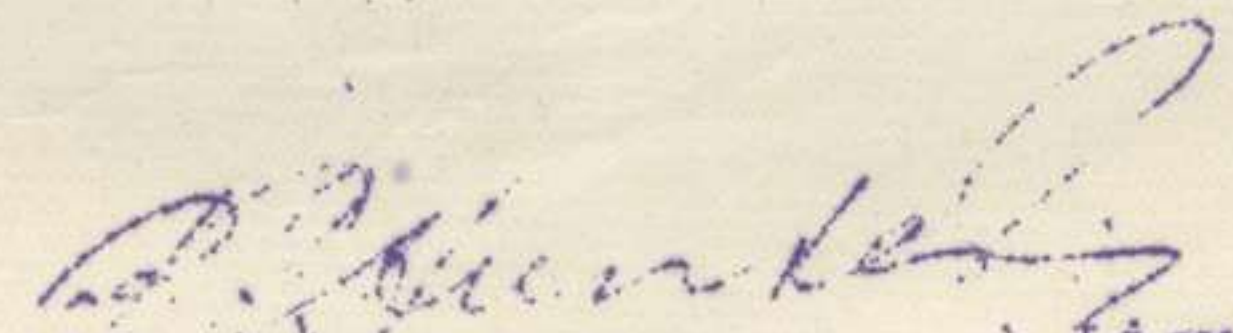
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY 28/2/17, (Cont)ARTILLERY (Cont)

| <u>Time</u> | <u>Area Shelled</u> | <u>Cal.</u> | <u>No.</u> | <u>Direction.</u> |
|-------------|---|-------------|------------|--|
| 5 p.m. | DESTREMONT FARM | 5.9 | 9 | |
| | OLD FR ONT LINE | 4.77 | 30 | |
| 7 p.m. to | " GALWITZ TRENCH | 4.77 | 84 | |
| 12 m/night | LE SARS, WARLENCOURT | 5.0 | 19 | T.B. 82° from M. 4.c. 1.3. " 458 " |
| M. 15.a. | | | | |
| 4 a.m. | DESTREMONT FARM, Bapaume Road, LE SARS | 5.9 | 27 | " 60° " (flash) |

WARLENCOURT was shelled with gas shells at 12 m/night.

AIRCRAFT. Enemy plane flew over our lines at 3 p.m. and dropped a bomb at M. 15.b. 0.6. near En. H.Q. and also fired on a party in GALLWITZ TRENCH. Plane was then driven back by our planes.

MOVEMENT Enemy Outpost was detected in LOUPART WOOD at approx G. 35.a. 0.6.
Two Germans were seen at G. 35.b. 7.8.


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For G.O.C., 7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.CASUALTIES FOR MONTH OF FEBRUARY 1917.

| | | <u>OFF.</u> | <u>O.R.</u> |
|-----------------------|---------|-------------|-------------|
| <u>25th Bn.</u> | Wounded | Nil | 6 |
| | Killed | Nil | 4 |
| <u>26th Bn.</u> | Wounded | 1 | 18 |
| | Killed | 2 | Nil |
| <u>27th Bn.</u> | Wounded | 3 | 17 |
| | Killed | Nil | 3 |
| <u>28th Bn.</u> | Wounded | 2 | 15 |
| | Killed | 2 | 4 |
| <u>7th M.Gun Coy.</u> | Wounded | Nil | 1 |
| | Killed | Nil | 1 |
| <u>7th T.M.Btty.</u> | Wounded | Nil | 1 |
| | Killed | Nil | Nil |
| <u>TOTAL</u> | Wounded | 6 | 60 |
| | Killed | <u>4</u> | <u>12</u> |
| <u>GRAND TOTAL</u> | | <u>10</u> | <u>72</u> |