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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
RAVELSBERG.	1918. Jan.		<p>1. Fine day with light N. E. wind. Visibility good in morning, but poor later. Morning situation reports quiet. Evening situation quiet with normal artillery activity on part of the enemy; some gas shell used. 2nd Aust. Div. Intelligence Summary issued.</p> <p>2. Generally fine with some light showers of rain, and light fall of snow at night. Visibility poor. Morning situation reports quiet. Evening report quiet, with slight artillery activity. 2nd Aust. Div. Intelligence summary issued. Location of units - changes.</p> <p>3. Very fine weather with bright sunshine. Artillery slightly more active than normal during the night 2nd/3rd and day. Enemy party in vicinity of UNKNOWN FARM were dispersed by Artillery fire. 2nd Aust. Div. Intelligence Summary issued.</p> <p>4. Fine weather, visibility good. Situation quiet. Slight enemy artillery activity against C.4 area. 2nd Aust. Div. Intelligence Summary issued.</p> <p>5. Fine weather. Visibility low. Very quiet day. Nothing of importance to report. Lieut-Colonel C.H.JESS, D.S.O. assumed duty as A/G.S.O.I in place of Lieut-Col. C.N.MILES, CMG.DSO. Location of units and 2nd Aust. Div. Intelligence Summary issued.</p> <p>6. Fine weather. Low visibility. Slight artillery activity during the night 5th/6th and during to-day. 2nd Aust. Div. Intelligence Summary issued.</p> <p>7. Warmer and slight thaw set in. Visibility poor. Enemy artillery activity normal. 2nd Aust. Div. Intelligence Summary issued.</p>	<p>App.1.</p> <p>App.2 App.3</p> <p>App.4</p> <p>App.5</p> <p>App.6 7</p> <p>App.8</p> <p>App.9.</p>

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
RAVELSBERG.	1918. Jan. 8.		Heavy fall of snow in afternoon, with bitterly cold night. Enemy artillery activity less than normal. 2nd Aust. Div. Intelligence Summary, and Location of Units issued.	App. <sup>10</sup> 11.
	9.		Heavy fall of snow during the day. Thaw commenced at night. Situation reports - Morning - Enemy artillery and T.M. active on front and support line, left sector. Evening - vicinity of GRAND REBECQUE FM. shelled with 77 mm. from E. of FRELINGHIEN. Enemy shelled our C.T. and Support line opposite FRELINGHIEN with minenwerfer during the day. No casualties or damage. 2nd Aust. Div. Intelligence Summary issued. Locations. issued.	App. 12. 12A.
	10.		Fine weather with sunshine. Visibility very good. Thawing rapidly. Enemy artillery slightly active during the day, otherwise quiet. 2nd Aust. Div. Order No. 158 issued - Relief of 7th A.I.Bde. by 6th A.I.Bde. 2nd Aust. Div. Intelligence Summary issued. B.G.G.S. Corps and Divisional Commander, 1st Aust. Div., arranged point of junction of Division on DOUVE River.	App. 13. App. 14.
	11.		Light rain fell during morning. Low visibility. Thaw still continues. Enemy artillery more active during the day. ULTIMO CRATER and AVENUE were shelled freely with 5.9 up to midday. G.S. Circular Memo. No. 50 re S.O.S. Signals issued. 2nd Aust. Div. Intelligence Summary issued.	App. 15. App. 16.
	12.		Fine weather with sunshine. Colder at night. Less activity on the part of the enemy artillery who were only active against our left Brigade front system. 2nd Aust. Div. Intelligence Summary issued.	App. 17.
	13.		Fine weather, bright sunshine. Ground has frozen up again. Area U.29.a. lightly shelled during the day, otherwise quiet day. The 6th A.I.Bde. relieved the 7th A.I.Bde. in the Left Brigade Area by 12 noon. On relief the 7th A.I.Bde. went into Divisional reserve.	
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RAVELSBERG.	1918 Jan. 13.		2nd Aust. Div. G.3/1/634 issued for the relief of the 5th Aust. M.G. Coy. by the 22nd A.M.G. Coy. 2nd Aust. Div. Intelligence Summary issued. <i>Locations Issued.</i>	App. 18 App. 19 19A	
	14.		Snow fell during night, otherwise fine weather. Enemy artillery inactive during the day. Our artillery and 6" Newtons fired on selected targets in the vicinity of FRELINGHIEN to cover registration by the 9.45 Trench Mortars. 2nd Aust. Div. Intelligence Summary issued.	App. 20.	
	15.		Raining all day. Visibility good in morning. Gale at night with rain. Very quiet day. Nothing of importance to report. 2nd Aust. Div. Intelligence Summary issued.	App. 21.	
	16.		Strong S.W. wind with a little rain in morning. Visibility good at first. Snowing later. A considerable amount of damage to our communication trenches was caused by the rain of yesterday. Enemy artillery was active against various points along our front during the night 15th/16th and this morning. G.S. Memo. No. 51 and 2nd Aust. Div. Intelligence Summary issued. Lt-Col. C.H. JESS, D.S.O., appointed G.S.O. 1st Grade, 3rd Aust. Div. Major J. McCOLL, M.C. assumed duty as A/G.S.O. 2nd Aust. Div.	App. 22 23.	
	17.		Snowing at first, rain later. Enemy artillery very quiet during the day. Location of units and 2nd Aust. Div. Intelligence Summary issued.	App. 24A 24	
	18.		Fine weather, visibility good. During night 17/18 a patrol encounter opposite WARNETON resulted in the capture of a prisoner, who confirmed the O.P. suspicions of a relief having taken place. The 49th Division relieved the 32nd German Div. in our front. Opposite our left brigade is now the 226th R.I.R. composed of Polish troops. Enemy artillery and T.M. were active from FRELINGHIEN direction; these were engaged and silenced by our artillery. The wet weather has played havoc with our trenches, especially the communications to the left battalion of the left brigade. Several posts on the right brigade sector have had to be		
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RAVELSBERG.	1918. Jan. 18		abandoned owing to the encroachment of the River EYS, which is in flood. These posts are VOLE HO., PUNT HO., ESTAMINET HO., CROWN PRINCE FM. (opposite FRELINGHIEN); KATE and KATHERINE (opp. PONT ROUGE). The German trenches are apparently in a worse state as considerable movement along the top of his trenches was observed throughout the day. 2nd Aust. Div. Intelligence Summary issued.	App. 25.
	19.		Fine weather. Enemy artillery more active than usual on our front especially opposite FRELINGHIEN and DEULEMONT. 57th Div. on our right have had to evacuate the two left posts of their front line system owing to flood waters. Location of units and 2nd Aust. Div. Intelligence summary issued.	App. 26 27
	20.		Light rain at intervals. Visibility fair; gale at night. Slight activity on the part of enemy artillery and M.W. 2nd Aust. Div. Intelligence Summary issued.	App. 28.
	21.		Generally fine. Light rain in evening. Enemy artillery was <sup>more</sup> active during night 20/21st and day. 2nd Aust. Div. Intelligence Summary issued. Major LOTT, U.S. Army, attached to Division for training in Intelligence duties.	App. 29.
	22.		Fine weather: very clear day. Very quiet day, nothing of importance to report. 2nd Aust. Div. Order No. 159 re relief by 3rd Aust. Div. issued. 2nd Aust. Div. Intelligence summary issued.	App. 30 App. 31.
	23.		Fine weather. Visibility good. Quiet day. Slight enemy artillery and M.G. activity. 2nd Aust. Div. Intelligence Summary issued.	App. 32.
	24.		Fine weather. Visibility fair. Mist at night. Quiet day. Enemy M.G. more active than usual during the night opposite WARNETON. Train arrangements and transport moves under Div. Order No. 159 issued. <i>2nd Aust Div Intelligence Summary issued.</i>	App. 33 33A.

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RAVELSBERG.	1918.			
	Jan.		Fine weather. Clear night.	
	25.		During night 24/25th enemy artillery shelled WHITE FARM at intervals, otherwise quiet day.	
			2nd Aust. Div. Intelligence Summary, and Location of Units, and Amendment to Div. Order No.159 -	
			M.G. tactical lessons learnt, and Div. memo. on training, issued	App. <sup>34</sup> 35
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				38.
			Fine weather. Clear night.	
			Enemy artillery shelled MOTOR CAR Corner intermittently during the day. Slight T.M. activity.	
			Our artillery carried out a destructive shoot against enemy artillery and positions during	
			the afternoon.	
			2nd Aust. Div. Intelligence Summary issued.	App. 39
			Divisional Conference held at 6th A.I.Bde. H.Q. Notes in Appendix.	App. 40.
			Fog during day and night.	
			Very little activity during the day. 7th A.I.Bde. was relieved in Divisional Reserve by the	
			11th A.I.Bde., 3rd Aust. Div. and marched to LOCRE. The 6th A.I.Bde. was relieved in the	
			Left Sector of the line by the 10th A.I.Bde. 3rd Aust. Div., and went to RAVELSBERG-NEUVE	
			EGLISE Area on completion.	
			Location of units and 2nd Aust. Div. Intelligence Summary issued.	App. 41
				42.
			Fine day: visibility fair.	
			Enemy artillery more active than usual on our Right Brigade area. 5th A.I.Bde. was relieved in Right	Right
			area by the 11th A.I.Bde., and proceeded to KORTEPYP Camp where they remain as Reserve Brigade to	
			the 3rd Aust. Div. until 31st January, 1918.	
			2nd Aust. Div. Intelligence Summary issued.	App. 43.
			Fine day, clear with sunshine.	
			3rd Aust. Div. took over command of the LYS - DOUVE RIVER Section, and 2nd Aust. Div. went into	
			Support with H.Q. at MERRIS.	
			7th A.I.Bde. entrained for LUMBRES Area and 2nd A.I.Bde., 1st Aust. Div. came into Support.	
			Brigades now in support are 2nd A.I.Bde, 1st Aust. Div. 6th A.I.Bde. 2nd Aust. Div. 9th A.I.Bde.	
			3rd Aust. Div.	

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MERRIS.	1918.			
	Jan.			
	30.		Fine day with sunshine. 6th A.I.Bde. entrained at 7.30pm. for LUMBRES Area. 8th A.I.Bde. 5th Aust. Div. came into support division. Location of units at 8pm. 31:1:18 issued.	
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	31.		Cold, misty day. 5th A.I.Bde. entrained for LUMBRES Area at 2pm. being relieved in Divisional Reserve to 3rd Aust. Div. by 9th A.I.Bde. Units now under command of Divisional Commander, 2nd Aust. Div. - 1st, 2nd and 5th A.I.Bdes. in support.	

~~Major General,  
Commanding Second Australian Division.~~

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# WAR DIARY

APPENDIX

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OF

*2<sup>nd</sup> Australian Division*  
(General Staff)  
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## SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

No. 44.

From 6 a.m. 31st December, 1917, to 6am. 1:1:18.

NOTE. - Not to be taken into the front line trenches.

## OPERATIONS.

1. Artillery. Our artillery was active throughout the 24 hours, the following targets being engaged:- Roads in V.14. and V.20, ST. BARBE, les VILETTES, THE TEMPLE, PONT ROUGE FARM and approaches, tram terminus at V.20.a.6.7, WARNETON RAILWAY STATION, WAUSTINE FARM, BAS WARNETON, EIN CHATEAU FARM, SPINNING MILL, MARIE DU WARNETON SUD, POSTE de DCJANES. M.W. positions in U.12.c. and V.8.c., trenches and dugouts in U.11.b. and c. and M.G. position at C.11.b.85.60. were shelled during the night. Between 1.10pm. and 1.40pm. SCREENED FARM was shelled. An explosion and a fire was caused.

2. Machine Guns. M.Gs. fired on FRELINGHIEN BRIDGE and bridge at C.11.a.45.00. and on road from C.11.d.88.85 to C.12.c.33.30 at intervals during the night.

3. Patrols.

(i) 1 Off. and 15 O.Rs. with L.G. left C.10.b.9.3 and moved to bridge at C.11.a.5.0, which is broken down in the centre. A.P.69.B.260 confirms this. Sounds of voices could be heard at bridge head on east side of river, and a post is suspected here. A M.G. from C.11.a.6.2. and a T.M. from C.11.a.7.2. opened fire on patrol which worked back in a S.W. direction to our post at C.16.a.8.5.

(ii) 1 Off. and 15 O.Rs. with L.G. from C.4.d.9.9. visited WHITE FARM and Broken Bridge at C.5.a.30.35. Nothing was seen or heard of the enemy. Patrol returned via C.4.d.8.1.

(iii) 1 Off. and 15 O.Rs. went out from C.4.d.8.1. at 3.30am. and worked east to river at C.5.c.55.10. No trace of the enemy was found. Patrol returned at 6.15 a.m. through C.5.a.0.1.

(iv) 1 Off. and 15 O.Rs. with L.G. moved out from C.16.a.8.5. due east to river and thence northwards along bank to FRELINGHIEN BRIDGE, which is badly damaged but passable. A M.G. was located at C.17.a.17.70. and a post at C.11.c.55.55. (coughing was heard at this point). The river LYS was running freely. Patrol re-entered our lines at C.10.b.8.8.

(v) 1 Off. and 20 O.Rs. with L.G. went out from U.29.a.6.8. at 4.30 p.m. and moved due south to U.29.a.5.2. and thence to U.29.b.3.2. From here patrol moved to MOAR FARM and back into our lines at U.23.b.25.45. at 8.45 p.m. Nothing was seen or heard of the enemy.

(vi) 1 Off. and 20 O.Rs. with L.G. from U.23.c.7.1. moved out at 12 midnight to U.23.c.9.2. thence to U.29.b.45.45. and then back to U.29.b.0.7. thence south to PLANTATION FARM and PAPER HOUSE. M.W. were active from DEULEMONT firing on our front line U.23.b. and c. Flares were sent up by enemy in C.5.b. and d. Patrol returned at 5am. through U.29.c.10.25.

## ENEMY ACTIVITY.

1. Artillery. Enemy artillery was active throughout the period. AU CHASSEUR CABT. (C.17.a.) was fairly heavily shelled at 6.30am. and at 9.50am. Area C.10.c. was steadily shelled throughout the day with 15 cm. and 10.5 cm. on a T.B. of 140° from C.3.c.8.5. The following areas were also shelled:- U.11.b., U.20.d., U.26.b., and d., U.9.c., C.4.d., C.2.c. and C.10.b. and d.

2. Trench Mortars. During the period enemy M.W. were active on our Right Brigade front. C.10.b.8.2. and C.10.central were bombarded from C.11.a.8.8, LE TOUQUET STATION from the LAUNDRY, and THE ARCHES, BARKENHAM AVENUE and BUTCHERS SHOP from C.11.a.60.25. Our front line in U.23.b. and c. was also bombarded from the direction of DEULEMONT.

3. Enemy M.Gs. M.Gs. were inactive during the day. At night M.Gs. were active from C.17.a.17.70, C.11.c.5.6, C.11.a.6.2, and the LAUNDRY.

4. Enemy Defences. Posts are suspected at C.11.a.6.0. and C.11.c.55.55. Digging is in progress at U.12.c.4.5.

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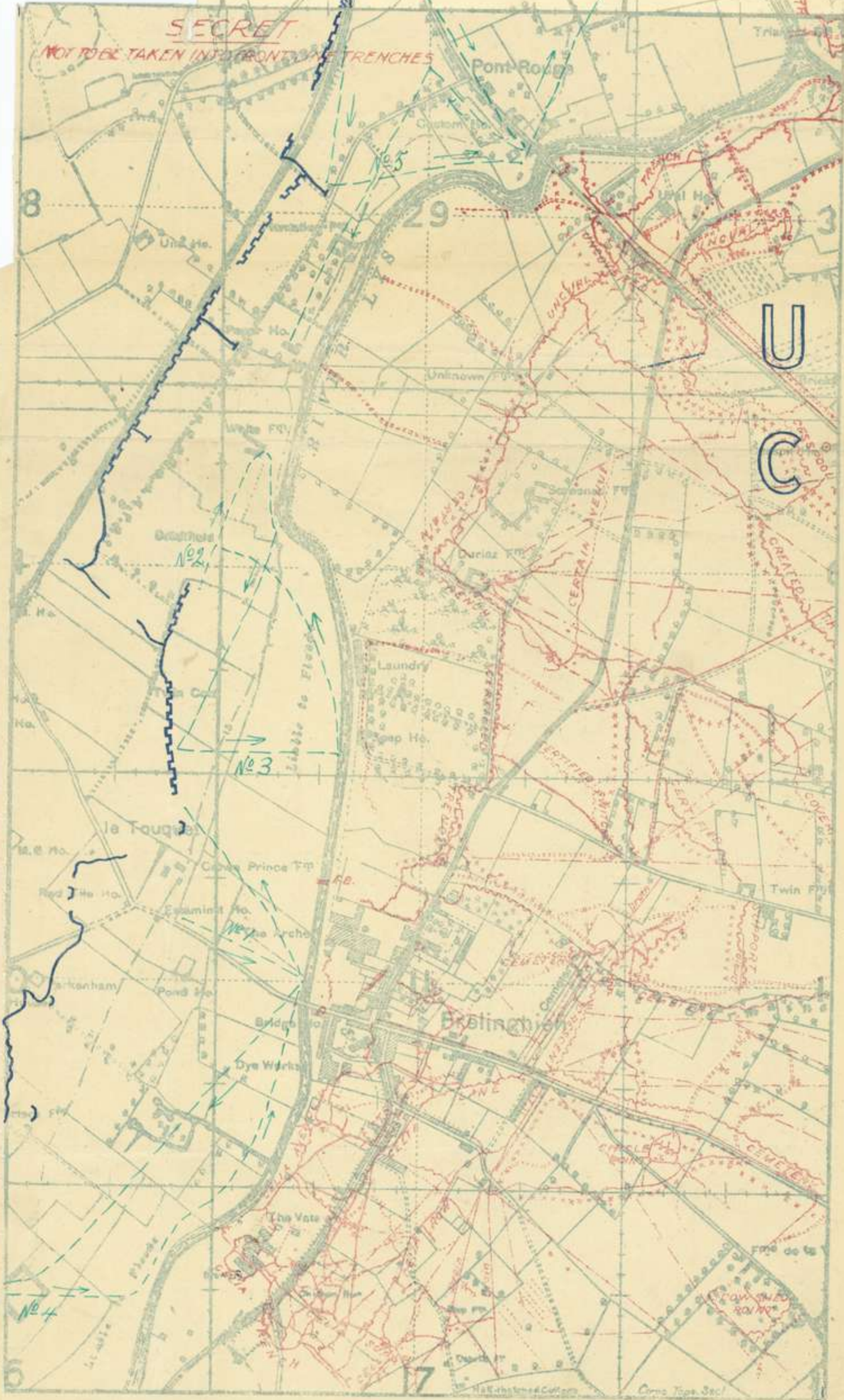
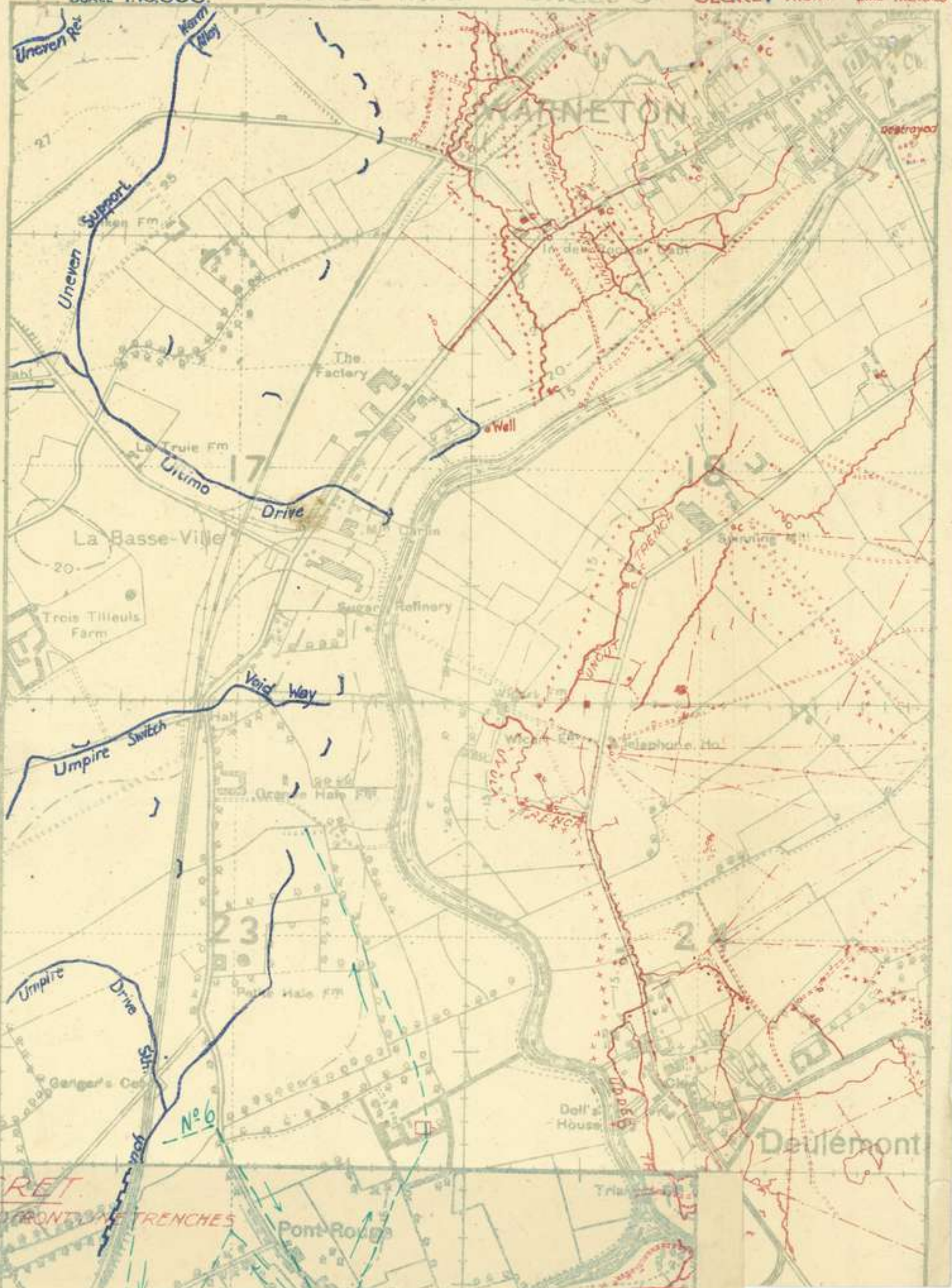
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4. Movement in enemy lines. At 9.30 a.m. two parties each of 6 men were seen on road at V.8.c.3.4. They disappeared at V.14.a.70.95. Between 9.30 a.m. and 11 a.m. individuals were seen moving on tramway line at V.20.a.8.5. and on the CHEMIN DU TEMPLE at V.20.c.75.95. During the morning movement was noticed on road from C.6.b.3.6 to FARM DU GRAND VERQUIN.
- At 8.30 a.m. a man walked from UNKNOWN FARM along trench to U.29.d.70.54. He appeared to enter a dugout here.
- At 9.15 a.m. two men wearing greatcoats and caps moved from U.29.b.75.05 to U.29.d.70.54.
- At 5.40 p.m. sounds apparently from a train or tram were heard in DEULLEMONT.
5. Flares. More flares than usual were sent up by the enemy during the night along the whole Div. front. At 11.30 p.m. 2 greens and 1 Red were sent up from UNKNOWN FARM: nothing resulted. Numerous red, green and yellow cluster flares were sent up on our left Brigade front but no apparent action followed.
6. Miscellaneous. At 11.40 p.m. an enemy searchlight played on PLANTATION FARM.

ADDENDA.Patrols.

Patrol from our left Brigade located an enemy wiring party at approx. U.11.b.7.5, and an active M. G. at U.11.d.8.8.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

From 6 a.m. 1st to 6 a.m. 2nd January, 1918.

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NOTE - Not to be taken into the front line trenches.

OPERATIONS.

1. Artillery. Our artillery was normally active shelling PONT ROUGE, DEULEMONT, WARNETON, and other enemy defences. Battery positions at D.7.c.70.35, C.12.c.5.9 and C.18.a.5.6 were fired on by 4.5" Hows. between 11.45 a.m. and noon. T.M. position at U.24.c.75.65 was fired on by 4.5" How. at 11pm. M.W. positions at U.12.c. and d., at SPINNING MILL, U.18.a. and b., U.12.d.05.40, U.12.c.95.50, U.12.c.35.52, and at WICART FARM were fired on at various times during the day and night. M.G. positions at C.11.a.8.2 were fired on at 11.5pm. and 12.10am. and reported silenced. M.G. positions at LAUNDRY and SOAP HOUSE were fired on at 5.40am. Enemy movement in U.18.c. was fired on at 11.10 pm. and traffic in FRELINGHIEN at 7.40pm. and 2.55am. WARNETON TOWER and vicinity were fired on at 5.40am. WARNETON RAILWAY STATION and M.W. in vicinity were fired on at 4pm. and 7 pm. General harassing fire on enemy roads, etc. was carried out. Registration and calibration were proceeded with.

2. Machine Guns. M.Gs. maintained usual harassing fire on trenches and tracks. 6,000 rounds were fired by our M.Gs. on road from C.11.d.88.45 to C.12.c.25.00. and bridge at C.6.b.65.65.

3. Trench Mortars. T.Ms. fired on active enemy M.G. at about U.11.b.80.25 and silenced it. Trenches in vicinity of U.11.d.9.5. were also fired on. Retaliation slight.

4. Patrols.

(i) Patrol of 1 Off. and 20 O.Rs. with L.G. went out from C.10.d.1.8 at 5.15 p.m. and moved to within 10 yards of FRELINGHIEN Bridge. M.G. fire from C.11.c.5.9 prevented its being examined. Patrol then moved to drift wood at C.5.a.30.35 and found it frozen together but not strong enough to bear the weight of a man. Patrol returned at 9.45pm. through WHITE FARM and C.4.b.6.8.

(ii) Patrol of 1 Off. and 20 O.Rs. with L.G. went out from C.4.d.9.9 at 1.30am. and moved to WHITE FARM. Bridge at C.5.a.37.50 was found to be impassable. Bridge at C.11.a.5.5 is in perfect repair and two men walking abreast can cross it. The approach to the west end of the bridge is wired. After the bridge had been examined the patrol was challenged by a German sentry from C.11.a.7.7. M.G. immediately opened from C.11.a.65.23 and C.11.a.8.6. Flares and several bombs were fired. Patrol returned at 6 a.m. through C.10.b.9.5.

(iii) Patrol of 1 Off. and 25 O.Rs. with L.G. went out from U.29.c.1.4 at 9.30 p.m. and moved to PLANTATION FARM, thence to river at U.29.a.90.15, thence to road at U.29.b.60.35. From here wire was noticed across the road near PONT ROUGE Bridge, and what appeared to be a new trench behind it. From here scouts moved to U.29.b.50.15. PONT ROUGE Bridge appears to be badly smashed in centre. There also appears to be a plank running across the river under the bridge. No enemy movement could be seen or heard. The patrol returned at 11.30 p.m. through U.23.c.95.20.

(iv) Patrol of 1 Off. and 25 O.Rs. with L.G. went out from U.23.b.25.30 at 12.10 a.m. and moved to river at U.23.b.7.3. Numerous flares were being fired to the south. A standing patrol was established at U.23.b.73.55. 1 Officer and 6 men reconnoitred the river between U.23.b.7.3. and BOAT FARM. A T.M. was seen firing from about U.24.a.6.2. The party attempted to reach DOLLS HOUSE but M.G. from there prevented it. Patrol returned at 2.30 a.m. through U.23.c.8.3.

(v) 1 Off. and 3 O.Rs. patrolled up to and around mound at U.17.b.9.5. Clanging of iron was heard from river bank in U.18.a. No enemy observed.

(vi) 5 O.Rs. patrolling in U.11.d. were fired on by a machine gun from about U.11.d.9.7.

(vii) 5 O.R. examined German post at U.11.d.8.8, which was found to be a fortified shell hole well wired in. Enemy working party was heard at U.11.d.9.7.

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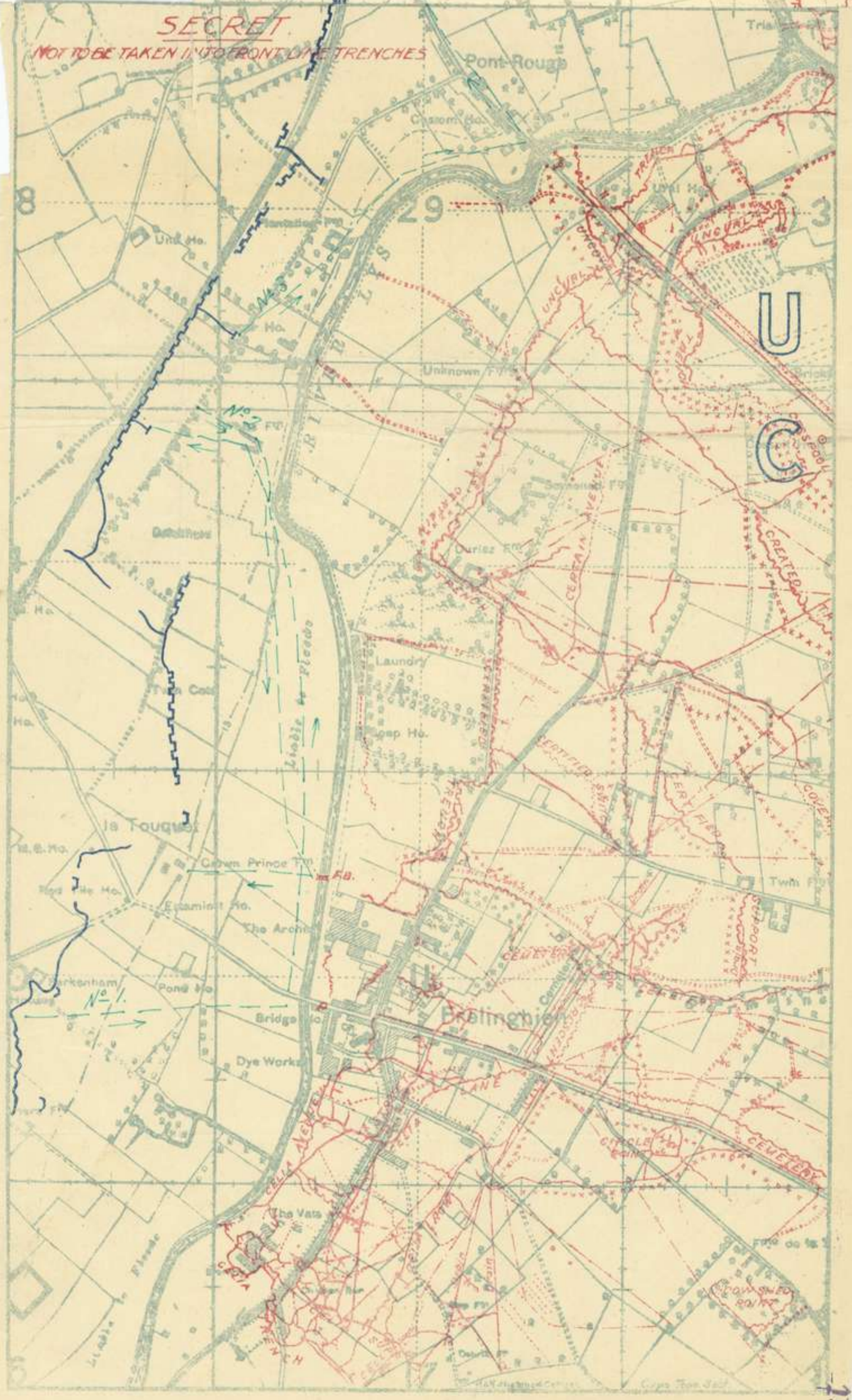
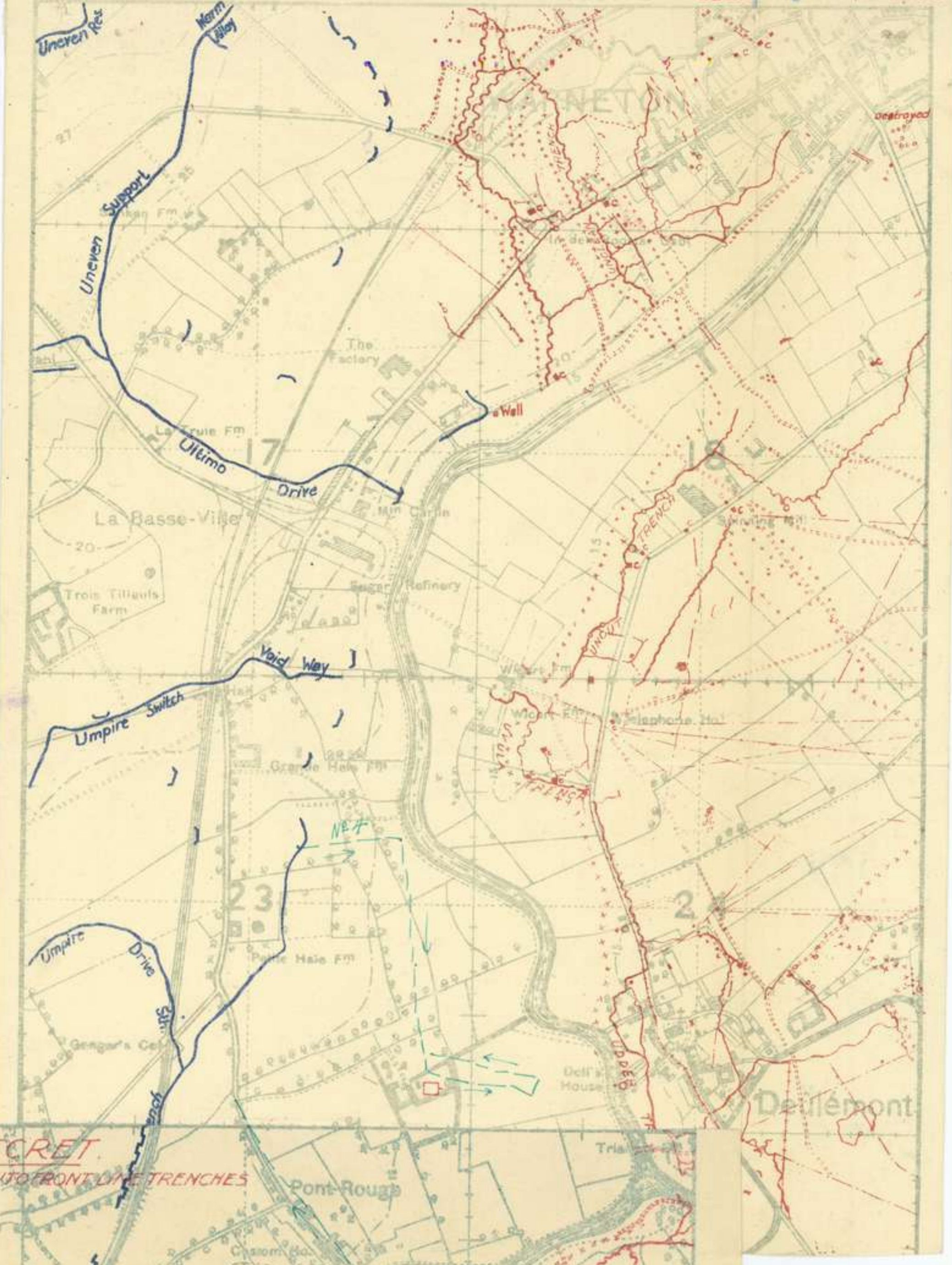
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- (viii) 1 Off. and 12 O.Rs. with L.C. concealed themselves near Pill-box in DOUVE VALLEY at U.11.b.4.4, but no enemy were seen or heard.  
(ix) Other patrols along front and flanks had nothing to report.

ENEMY ACTIVITY.

1. Artillery. Enemy opened with a barrage of 10.5 cm. and 7.7 cm. on our front line and support system about 10.30am. This fire was apparently directed at a large working party which was scattered at first by a salvo of H.E. and shrapnel. No casualties were caused. Shelling continued in this area for  $\frac{3}{4}$  hour. C.2.a and d. were shelled with 10.5 cm. at intervals during the morning. C.2.c. and WHITE FARM were lightly shelled with 77 mm. H.E. from S.E. of FRELINGHIEN. C.9.a. was shelled with 5.9 H.E. from east of FRELINGHIEN. C.10.a, C.4.d., and b. and C.3.c. CROWN PRINCE FARM, SURREY FARM, LE TOUQUET STATION were lightly shelled with 4.2 H.E. from the direction of FARM de la VACHERIE at 9.18.a.5.6. At 4 pm. a few gas shells fell about C.4.b.9.7. from direction of DURIEZ FARM. Between 9am. and 11.30am. the front system of "B" Battalion and U.29.a. and c. were shelled with 77 mm. Gun flashes were observed on T.B. of 85° from C.10.c.60.85 and 54° from C.9.d.23.40.
2. Trench Mortars. A few medium T.M. bombs were dropped on C.4.b. and c. CARTERS FARM, and C.10.d. From SOAP HOUSE and C.11.c.central, U.28.b. was lightly shelled from about U.24.a.6.2.
3. Machine Guns. During the night M.Gs. at about C.11.a.83.15, C.11.a.8.7, C.17.a.35.50. and guns from FRELINGHIEN CHURCH, the LAUNDRY and DOLLS HOUSE were active.
4. Patrols. One German patrol of 5 or 6 men was noticed in front of our post at U.17.b.65.95 near the railway. They fired on a wiring party of ours with a M.G. and then disappeared. No casualties were caused.
5. Movement. At 9.15 a.m. movement and smoke were seen at C.11.c.80.75. At 11pm. and 1.30am. transport and dumping were heard in FRELINGHIEN. Upon our artillery opening nothing more could be heard. During the morning 4 were seen to leave UNKNOWN FARM and make towards URAL HOUSE. A little movement of individuals was observed about houses at U.12.b.35.20. WARNETON TOWER was occupied throughout the day.
6. Signalling. Occasional white flares were fired during the night from C.11.a. and the LAUNDRY. A rocket bursting into 4 red lights was followed by about a dozen 10.5 cm. shells in rear of our two left posts in U.17.b.
7. Aircraft. Considerable activity throughout the day. During the morning 10 planes patrolling our lines were driven off by A.A. fire.
8. Miscellaneous. During the night a searchlight played for a short time on "B" Battalion from about U.29.d.4.6.

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G 447.

Location of Units at 6 a.m. 2nd January 1918.

The following changes are notified to the last report (G425)

- 18th Battalion. - U.27.b.8.2. LINE. Left.
- 19th do - 36.B.10.d.7.8. Le Rossignol.Support.L

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G.451.

Location of Units at 6 a.m., 3rd January, 1918.

DIVISIONAL H.Q.	-	RAVELSBERG.	-	S.17.central.
Artillery H.Q.	-	RAVELSBERG.	-	S.17.central.
4th A.F.A.Bde.H.Q.	-	T.21.d.20.10.	-	Left Group.
5th do.	-	36.B.11.d.15.48.	-	Right Group.
2nd Aus. D.A.C.	-	S.30.c.3.7.	-	
D.T.M.O.	-	36.E.15.d.9.8.	-	NIEPPE.
Trench Mrtrs. H. & M.	-	NIEPPE.	-	Billets.
<sup>A</sup> 5th Aus. Inf. Bde. H.Q.	-	36.B.10.a.6.7.	LRUNE GAYE.	Right Brigade.
17th Battalion.	-	36.B.23.b.2.3.	Pont de Nieppe.	Support Right.
18th do.	-	U.27.b.8.2.	-	Line Left.
19th do.	-	36.B.10.d.7.8.	Le Rossignol.	Support Left.
20th do.	-	36.C.3.c.8.5.	-	Line Right.
5th A. M. G. Coy.	-	Adv. 36.C.7.d.4.7.	Rear 36.B.23.a.2.5.	
5th A.L.T.M.Bty.	-	36.B.17.d.80.35.	-	Line.
6th Aus. Inf. Bde. H.Q.	-	T.20.c.5.5.	-	Reserve Brigade.
21st Battalion.	-	U.19.b.	-	CATACOMBS.
22nd do.	-	T.26.b.9.5.	-	KORTEPYP CAMP "B."
23rd do.	-	T.26.c.6.0.	-	CANTEEN CORNER.
24th do.	-	T.26.b.5.6.	-	KORTEPYP CAMP "A."
6th A.M.G. Coy.	-	T.20.d.20.95.	-	PENZANCE LINES.
6th A.L.T.M.Bty.	-	T.20.c.4.2.	-	BULFORD CAMP.
7th Aus. Inf. Bde. H.Q.	-	36.E.4.c.2.8.	LE ROMARIN.	Left Brigade.
25th Battalion.	-	T.18.d.7.3.	RED LODGE.	
26th do.	-	U.9.b.8.4.	-	Line Left.
27th do.	-	U.15.c.9.5.	-	Line Right.
28th do.	-	36.B.4.a.6.8.	ROMARIN CAMP.	
7th A.M.G. Coy.	-	36.E.8.c.2.0.	-	Line.
7th A.L.T.M.Bty.	-	U.19.b.3.7.	-	CATACOMBS. Line.
C.R.E.	-	RAVELSBERG.	-	S.17.Central.
5th Field Co. A.E.	-	36.B.4.a.5.2.	-	
6th do.	-	T.10.a.5.9.	-	
7th do.	-	T.10.c.7.0.	-	
A.D.M.S.	-	RAVELSBERG.	-	S.17.central.
5th A. Field Amb.	-	(T.18.d.5.3.	UNDERHILL FARM.	A.D.S.
		(36.C.1.d.4.5	BREWERY.	A.D.S.
6th do.	-	T.19.b.5.4.	WETHOF.	D.R.S.
7th do.	-	36.B.8.b.2.5	PONT D'ACHELLES.	M.D.S.
Div. Train H.Q.	-	36.A.5.a.5.7.	-	LA CRECHE.
15th A.A.S.C.	-	36.A.5.a.8.5.	16th A.A.S.C.	- 36.a.5.a.7.7.
17th A.A.S.C.	-	36.A.5.c.9.8.	20th do.	- 36.A.5.d.8.8.
2nd Aus. Pioneer En.	-	36.B.16.c.4.9.	NIEPPE.	1 Rue de Warneton.
22nd A.M.G. Coy. (Div).	-	36.B.8.a.4.1.	-	
Divisional troops.				
Paymaster.	A.P.M.)			
D.A.D.V.S.	D.M.G.O.)	RAVELSBERG.	-	S.17.Central.
Salvage Coy.	-	36.B.7.d.7.3.	-	
Mob. Vet. Sec.	-	S.29.b.2.2.	-	
2nd A.D.S.C.	-	36.A.17.a.2.0.	-	
D.G.O. (Gas School).	-	36.B.20.b.4.3.	-	
D.A.D.O.S.	-	36.B.1.d.2.8.	-	
D.B.O. (Bomb School).	-	T.8.d.4.3.	-	
Div. Wing, Corps Reinft. Camp.	-		CAESTRE.	

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2nd January, 1918.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

No. 46.

From 6 a.m. 2nd to 6 a.m. 3rd January, 1918.NOTE - Not to be taken into the front line trenches.OPERATIONS.

Artillery. Harassing fire was carried out against SPINNING MILL, UNKNOWN FARM, TWIN FARM, DEOREPIT FARM, DURIEZ FARM, and DYE WORKS during the period. Shrapnel was used against roads in V.7.a., V.13.a. and D.13.a. WARWINGTON RAILWAY STATION was shelled throughout the period with 330 rds. 18-pdr. and 40 rds. 4.5" How. Active M.W. were silenced at U.12.c.46.53, U.18.c.1.0, U.18.a.1.6, U.12.c.46.53 and C.5.c.1.1. New works in U.12.c. and near UNKNOWN FARM were harassed. Approaches to PONT ROUGE BRIDGE and that in U.12.d. were fired on occasionally. In conjunction with M.G., 150 rds. Gas were concentrated on FRELINGHIEN from 9pm. to 9.12 p.m.

2. Machine Guns. 6,000 rounds were fired on roads from U.24.d.55.32 to U.24.d.7.5 and from C.6.a.95.75 to C.6.b.23.45. At 7pm. fire was concentrated on roads in and around FRELINGHIEN, 15,000 rds. being fired.

3. Patrols.

(i) Patrol of 1 Off. 18 O.Rs. with L.G. went out from C.10.b.9.7. at 5.45pm. and moved east to river thence along river to C.3.a.3.2, thence to WHITE FARM. No trace of the enemy was found. Patrol returned at 11.20 p.m. through C.4.b.4.4.

(ii) Patrol of 1 Off. and 18 O.Rs. with L.G. went out from C.4.b.3.3. at 12 midnight and moved to C.11.a.3.1. From this point tapping and talking could be heard on opposite side of river. Patrol then moved to C.16.a.9.6 and returned at 3.25 a.m. through C.10.d.15.10. When at about C.16.b.1.9 a M.G. opened from about C.11.a.80.15.

(iii) Patrol of 1 Off. 25 O.Rs. with L.G. went out from U.23.c.9.3. and moved to U.29.b.1.9, thence to ditch at U.30.a.5.8. To the east of this point 2 men were seen on west side of river and were moving to bridge which leads to TRIANGLE FARM. The patrol attempted to move east from this point, but were prevented by M.G. fire from about U.30.a.9.9. The patrol then moved back to U.24.c.2.0. Here a track was found leading to MOAT FARM and between U.24.c.2.0. and MOAT FARM a telephone wire was found leading to the Farm, which wire was cut by the patrol. Patrol was here split into 3 parties, which were posted on S. E. and W. sides of MOAT FARM. The wire was followed to within 30 or 40 yards of the farm. Rattling of tin was heard and 8 or 12 men were seen moving N.E. along canal, which runs to the river. Owing to darkness and broken ground the men were lost sight of and could not be followed. The party posted at S. side of MOAT FARM reported having seen 5 men moving from U.30.a.3.7. towards river at about U.30.a.7.8. About 5 min. later a M.G. opened fire from DOLLS HOUSE firing straight into MOAT FARM and at the same time a M.G. at U.30.a.9.9. opened fire. Sounds of traffic moving on new metal were heard in DEULEMONT. Patrol returned at 9.45 p.m. through U.23.c.95.20.

(iv) Patrol of 2 Off. and 25 O.Rs. with L.G. went out from U.29.c.1.3. at 12.30am. and moved to river at U.29.c.4.3, thence to PLANTATION FARM, thence to HEDGE at U.29.b.3.3, where the main patrol was left and 2 Off. and 2 men searched all houses in PONT ROUGE on the W. side of river. None of these houses showed any sign of recent occupation except an old cellar at U.29.b.45.38. PONT ROUGE BRIDGE was examined and was found to be about 9' wide, 8' high and an iron structure. The bridge has collapsed in the centre, leaving a space of about 10' in the bridge. On the E. side of the break is what appears to be a pontoon about 4' by 3'. On the N. side of bridge is a single raised duckboard track about 2' above the water with wooden railing about 4' high. It was found to be quite undamaged and judging by the tracks on it, which lead to cellar at U.29.b.45.38 and S. along river for 20 yards, the patrol is of the opinion that it has been used by 3 men within the last 24 hours. There is some concertina wire running from U.29.b.5.3 to U.29.b.6.4. which is a poor obstacle. Another duck-

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board bridge at U.29.b.70.38 was examined and found to be undamaged and has been used recently. A duckboard continuation of this bridge runs along hedge to about U.29.b.5.6. There is a well-worn track along W. side of the river between the two bridges. Sounds of stifled coughing and whispering could be heard at about U.29.b.55.25. A search light played on No-man's-land once from about U.29.d.7.6. Patrol returned at 3.45 a.m. through U.29.a.50.75.

(v) 1 N.C.O. and 6 men with L.G. went out to U.11.d.8.2. and moved S. along enemy's wire, crossed road at U.17.b.95.65, and moved along in front of SPINNEY, U.18.a.1.6 for 100 yards. No enemy movement was noticed or hostile patrols seen. Coughing and talking were heard in the SPINNEY. A trench mortar was seen firing from Approx. U.12.c.1.4.

(vi) 2 N.C.Os. and 9 men with L.G. went out to about U.11.b.60.15. The 2 N.C.Os. then crawled forward and heard voices of 3 or 4 men in sap at U.11.b.7.3. A flare was also put up from about here. The N.C.Os. then returned to the patrol and had apparently been seen, as an enemy patrol of about 8 men was observed at about U.11.b.7.1. evidently manouevring round to cut them off. Our party took up a "V" formation and awaited enemy, but must have been seen in the light of a flare as hostile patrol immediately retired. Our patrol reports an enemy wiring party seen some 150 yds. S.E. of C.11.b.60.15. L.G. was turned on the party when patrol returned.

(vii) Usual protective patrols - having nothing to report.

ENEMY ACTIVITY.

1. Artillery. There was no concentrated fire during the period. At 9.45am. to 10am. Gas shell fell in U.26.c., U.2.c. and d: 76 rds. were counted. Scattered shelling was carried out principally during hours of darkness. GUNNERS FARM, SURREY FARM, C.2.central, C.9.c. and d. were shelled with 4.2 H.E. from S.E. of FRELINGHIEN. C.10.b. and C.9.c. with 77 mm. H.E. from A.T. B. of 90° from C.9.d.25.40. C.10.c. EUTCHERS SHOP, HALFWAY HOUSE, BARKENHAM AVENUE, and STATION AVENUE were shelled with 4.2 H.E. from T.B. of 125° from C.4.a.9.9 and 112° from C.10.c.6.8. U.23.c. was lightly shelled with gas, U.29.a.7.8. with 4.2 U.29.a.7.6. with 77 mm. PETITE HAIE FARM with 5.9. Flashes observed on T.B. of 103° from U.29.a.58.26 and 47° 54° 27° and 78° from U.28.d.84-54.

2. Machine Guns. Enemy M.Gs. below normal. During the night guns were active from SOAP HOUSE and from about C.11.a.8.3. This latter gun was silenced by artillery. Occasional burst came from FRELINGHIEN. M.Gs active after nightfall sweeping the knolls in U.16.b. and U.11.c. N. of AU CHASSEUR CABT. also DOUVE track in U.10.b. In the last case bullets seemed too high to cause casualties on the duckwalks.

3. Trench Mortars. At 7.30pm. 2 heavy T.Ms. fired 30 shells into C.4.c. from SOAP HOUSE, and U.M. from C.11.a. fired 5 shells into C.9.c.9.3. NAPOO AVENUE was lightly shelled from SOAP HOUSE. This mortar was silenced by our artillery at 8 pm. Light T.M. bombs from FRELINGHIEN fell along parapet between C.10.b.8.8. and C.4.d.75.50. U.28.d.7.4. was bombed several times during the day. Heavy T.Ms. fell in old ruins of PONT ROUGE at 11.15 p.m. Front line in U.23.c. was fairly heavily shelled with Light T.Ms. Bearings of mortars from U.29.a.58.26. are 95°, 97° and 102°. The SUGAR REFINERY received some attention during the night.

4. Movement. Traffic was heard in N. FRELINGHIEN at 4.30pm. and again between 3 and 5am. Much whooled traffic was heard in the earlier part of the night in DEULEMONT and behind enemy lines between DEULEMONT and FRELINGHIEN. At 7.35am. 2 men wearing black peaked caps were seen at U.30.c.5. and a little later at U.30.c.1.8. At 1.45am. a light railway train was heard to E. of FRELINGHIEN.

5. Signalling. Occasional white flares were fired during the night. Single reds and whites fired from LAUNDRY brought no enemy action. At 8 on the Left of B Bh. front one flare fired, which burst into a cluster of lows, was immediately repeated N. along the line. No result was observed. Our artillery fire at 11pm. caused enemy to put up a NO. of very lights red and green. Between 8pm. and 8.30pm. 18 white and 8 yellow cluster flares were put up in front of WARNETON: no apparent action followed.

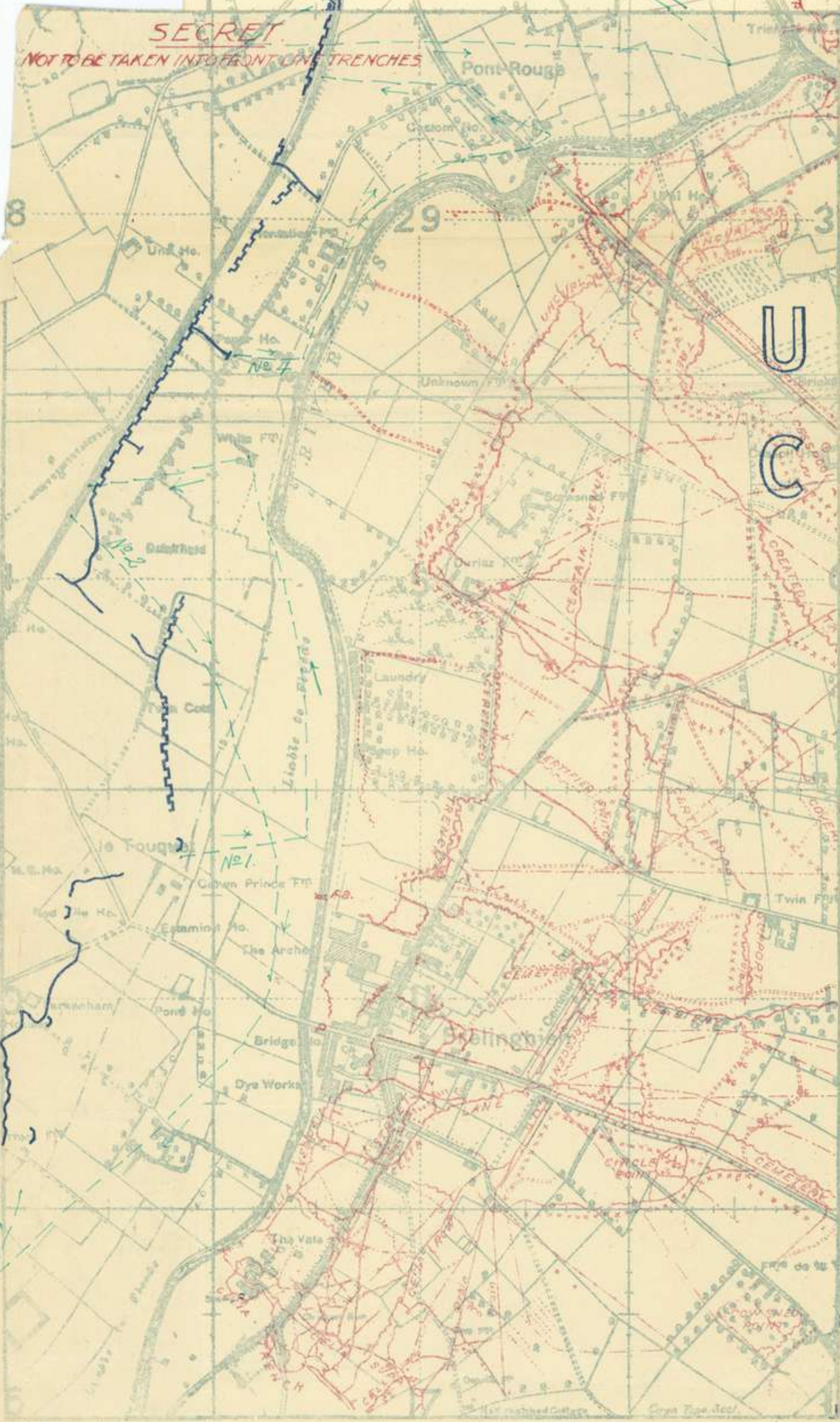
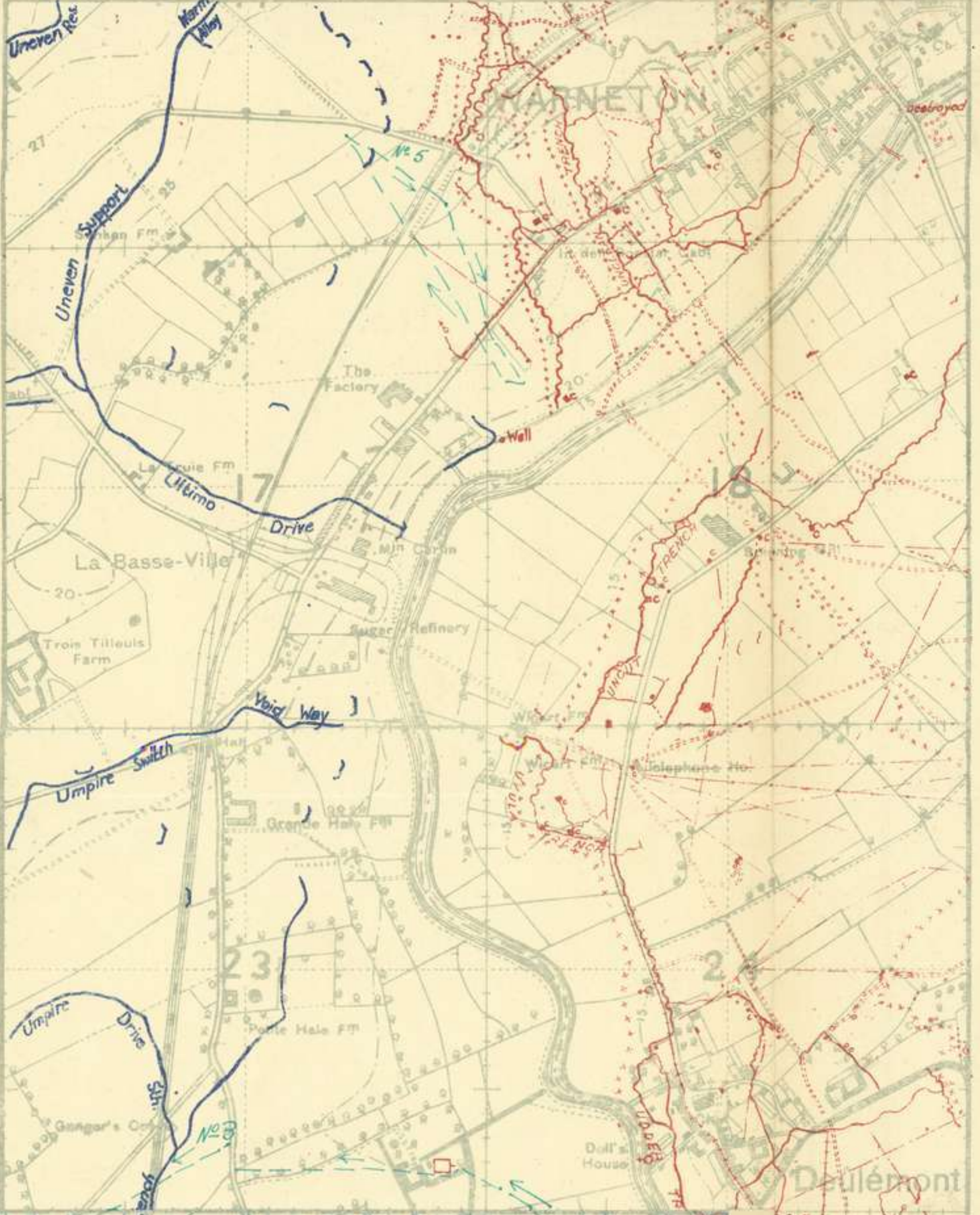
6. Aerial Activity. Enemy aerial activity below normal. Searchlights were observed on the following T.Bs from C.9.d.25.40 and 511° from U.28.d.84.54, also one swept out lines for few seconds from direction of WARNETON. Visibility low.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

No. 47.

From 6 a.m. 3rd to 6 a.m. 4th January, 1918.

NOTE - Not to be taken into the front line trenches.

OPERATIONS.

1. Artillery. WARNETON RY. STN. was shelled at 4.30pm., 6pm. and 7pm. with 87 lbs. 18-pdr. Hostile batteries at D.7.c.60.32 and C.18.a.52.50. were fired on by 4.5" Hows. at 12.30pm. and 2.5pm. A fire was caused, apparently an ammunition dump. Active T.M. at C.5.c.7.1. was subjected to effective fire at 7.15pm. Heavy M.W. at U.12.c.98.80, U.12.c.30.05, U.12.c.95.25, U.12.c.48.25 and U.18.a.1.6 were fired on between 7pm. and 10pm. A light M.W. at U.12.c.98.80 was fired on at 8am. Active M.G. at C.11.a.61.40 was silenced at 7.15pm. Working party in V.13.a. was fired on at 8.50am. and 9.35am. Enemy movement at C.6.s.4.7, C.5.b.50.97, U.12, U.18.a. and road from C.12.a.0.6 to C.11.b.4.9, in DEULEMONT and near PONT ROUGE BRIDGE was fired on at various times during the evening. Harassing fire was directed on enemy roads and communications in V.14, V.20, and V.19.c. (Cross Roads). Registration on SPINNING MILL (by K.B.S.), TELEPHONE HOUSE and GASOMETER was carried out.

2. Machine Guns. Fire was brought to bear on roads from C.11.b.00.30 to C.11.b.32.92 and from C.11.b.32.92 to C.12.a.00.60. Low-flying aeroplanes were also engaged. 4,500 rounds in all were fired.

3. Patrols.

(i) Patrol of 1 Off. 20 O.Rs. with L.G. went out from TOOL HOUSE at 5pm. and moved N. along river. When nearing FRELINGHIEN Bridge flares were fired, followed by bursts of M.G. fire from the village. Talking was heard at about C.11.a.6.0. Patrol moved to WHITE FARM and returned at 10.30pm. through C.4.b.3.1. None of the enemy was met.

(ii) Patrol of 1 Off. 25 O.Rs. with L.G. went out from U.29.a.5.8. at 5pm. and moved to hedge at U.29.b.50.65, thence to U.24.c.3.1 and to U.24.c.20.55, and on to MOAT FARM, which was found to be unoccupied. It was too dark to see any new footprints in the farm. It was noticed that new concertina wire 6 yds. long, had been placed around west end of old footbridge at U.23.d.95.30. No trace of the enemy was found. A M.G. fired once from DOLLS HOUSE. Our artillery fired on traffic in DEULEMONT, upon which horses could be heard galloping. Patrol returned at 9pm. through U.23.b.2.3.

(iii) Patrol of 2 Off. 20 O.Rs. with L.G. went out from U.29.c.25.30 at 12.30am. and moved to U.29.c.4.4, thence to PLANTATION FARM and along river to U.29.a.80.15, thence to U.29.b.5.4, where the main patrol was left, and 2 Officers and 3 scouts moved to PONT ROUGE BRIDGE. Whilst here a T.M. opened from U.29.d.95.80 and a M.G. fired from DOLLS HOUSE into MOAT FARM. A working party was heard at about U.30.c.2.7. Patrol returned at 3am. through U.23.c.95.20.

(iv) One N.C.O. and 5 men left U.17.b.80.38 at 6pm. and moved along river bank, examining dugouts, until enemy wire at U.18.a.2.3 was reached. From here three Germans were seen where enemy's front line joins the River; three bombs were thrown at the Germans who promptly vanished. Patrol then moved N. along wire passed the SPINNEY, and continued as far as the Railway, except for a few yards near the Railway the wire is thick and strong. Patrol was out for 4½ hrs. and no other movement or sound was heard.

(v) One N.C.O. and 6 men left U.11.b.2.5 at 9pm. and moved along the DOUVE. On reaching U.11.b.7.5 an enemy party of three were heard moving backwards and forwards across the bridge at U.11.b.80.55 at 5 minute intervals. Coughing and talking could be heard in Sap leading down to river. Patrol returned at 11pm.

(vi) 2 N.C.Os. and 9 men with L.G. left U.11.d.30.85 at 9pm. to examine enemy wire in vicinity of U.11.b.85.00. The L.G. and 7 men were left on a shell hole on rise about U.11.d.65.95. Trip wire was found about 30 yds. to the N. of this rise. This was plain wire erected in triangular fashion on screw pickets about 10 ins. high and was broken in places. On crawling forward another 40 yds. the main wire was discerned. This is reported to be 3' to 3'6" high and a very good obstacle. 5 Germans were

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seen about U.11.d.80.95, apparently examining their wire: they vanished on three of our 18-pr. shells falling into it. Enfilade machine gun fire seemed to come from U.11.d.85.40 and U.11.b.85.60. Flares were fired from U.11.b.8.3 and U.12.c.0.9. Our patrol returned at 11.15pm. without mishap.

ENEMY ACTIVITY.

1. Artillery. Activity above average on our Left. Quiet on our right. During night approx. 200 rds. gas shell fell in PLOEGSTERT WOOD and at 11pm. 30 rds. gas fell in T.12.b. During the day and night, U. Square received considerable attention from 10.5 and 15 cm. At 8pm. U.7.b. and U.1.d. were heavily shelled by 10.5 and 15 cm. Increased activity in evening was probably due to fact that our activity was above average on account of suspected enemy relief. C.10.a.1.2, C.10.c. and SURREY FARM were lightly shelled from S.E. of FRELINGHIEN. MOTOR CAR CORNER lightly shelled on T.b. of 72° from C.9.d.25.40. BARKENHAM & LONG AVS. LE TOUQUET Stn. and HALFWAY HOUSE were shelled from 9am. to 5pm. with 4.2 H.E. from a T.B. of 145° from C.4.a.9.9. A 5.9 firing from T.B. of 112° from C.15.b.20.65 also fired occasionally into the same areas. 77 mm. battery fired on NAPOO AV. and KIWE ST. from E. of FRELINGHIEN. U.29.c.5.8, U.29.c.4.7, U.28.d.3.5, U.23.a. and U.29.a. were shelled with 4.2 H.E. Gun flash observed on T.B. of 112° from C.10.c.6.8, T.B. of 73° from C.9.d.75.40 (guns appear to be firing from behind trees at D.1.c.1.4). T.B. of 78° from C.9.d.25.40 (guns appear to be firing from behind trees at D.1.d.45.30), 78°, 145°, 94½° from U.28.d.84.54 and 104°, 114° and 79° from U.29.a.71.42.
2. Machine Guns. Fire was opened on our planes from wood in C.11.b, C.11.c.85.70 and C.17.a.35.50. Occasional bursts of fire during the night from FRELINGHIEN and DOLLS HOUSE.
3. Trench Mortars. Five M.W. were fired into LE TOUQUET station and 10 into CROWN PRINCE Farm and NAPOO AV. from SOAP HOUSE U.29.a, U.23.b. and c. were also bombed. Suspected M.W. position at U.29.d.95.85. 12 Heavy T.M. bombs from direction of WARNETON fell about our posts in U.17.b. 3 smaller bombs from SPINNING HILL region were directed on LA BASSE VILLE. No damage or casualties in either case.
4. Movement. A working party of some 50 men was observed in V.13.d. for about an hour, and similar party carrying rails in W.1.d. Increased movement was noticed in and around WARNETON and GASOMETER. Many men were wearing packs. Flares opposite our front appeared to be fired from different places and in a different manner than usual. A local relief was suspected and suitable artillery and machine gun action taken. At 9am. a few men were seen at UNKNOWN FARM C.5.b.50.96. At 7.35am. 8 men were seen walking about U.30.c.2.8 and later at building at U.29.d.9.9. carrying shovels. Several men were seen leaving trench at U.29.d.7.6. and moving to the rear. Transport was heard in vicinity of DEUEMONT during the day and night. The whistling of a train and the sound of unloading iron were heard E. of FRELINGHIEN at 5.40am. Enemy transport was heard at 5pm. along road from C.11.b.c.3 to C.11.k.4.9. The artillery was notified and the road shelled. Four 2-horse limbers moved along road in direction of C.6.d.4.9, two 2-horse limbers on same road moved towards VERQUIN FARM. Two 2-horse limbers were again seen moving towards C.6.d.4.9. Scattered foot traffic was also seen on this road. At 8am. light railway train moving towards C.6.d.65.90 on line running through D.1. and D.8. 5 men - 2 of whom were carrying packs, and the others shovels - moved along road from C.6.c.25.50 to C.12.a.2.6. Smoke from a train moving towards QUESNOY was seen on a T.B. of 71° from C.9.d.25.40.
5. Patrols. One enemy patrol of 4 men was seen across river LYS in U.17.d. They were dispersed by L.G. fire from our post.
6. Miscellaneous. Smoke was seen coming from dugouts C.6.c.15.10 and C.11.b.20.75. Building at C.11.b.1.6 is a concrete structure, with a loophole facing our line. At 8.25am. 8 heavy explosions were heard behind enemy lines, opposite "B" En. front. Aircraft were active on both sides. At 10pm. enemy again appeared to use an A.A. shell bursting into clusters of fire balls. At 1.30am. enemy searchlight from direction of WARNETON swept our support line.
7. Signalling. Chains of green lights were sent up at intervals during the night - no apparent action followed. During the morning, as our planes crossed the enemy lines, the enemy fired a string of yellow lights.

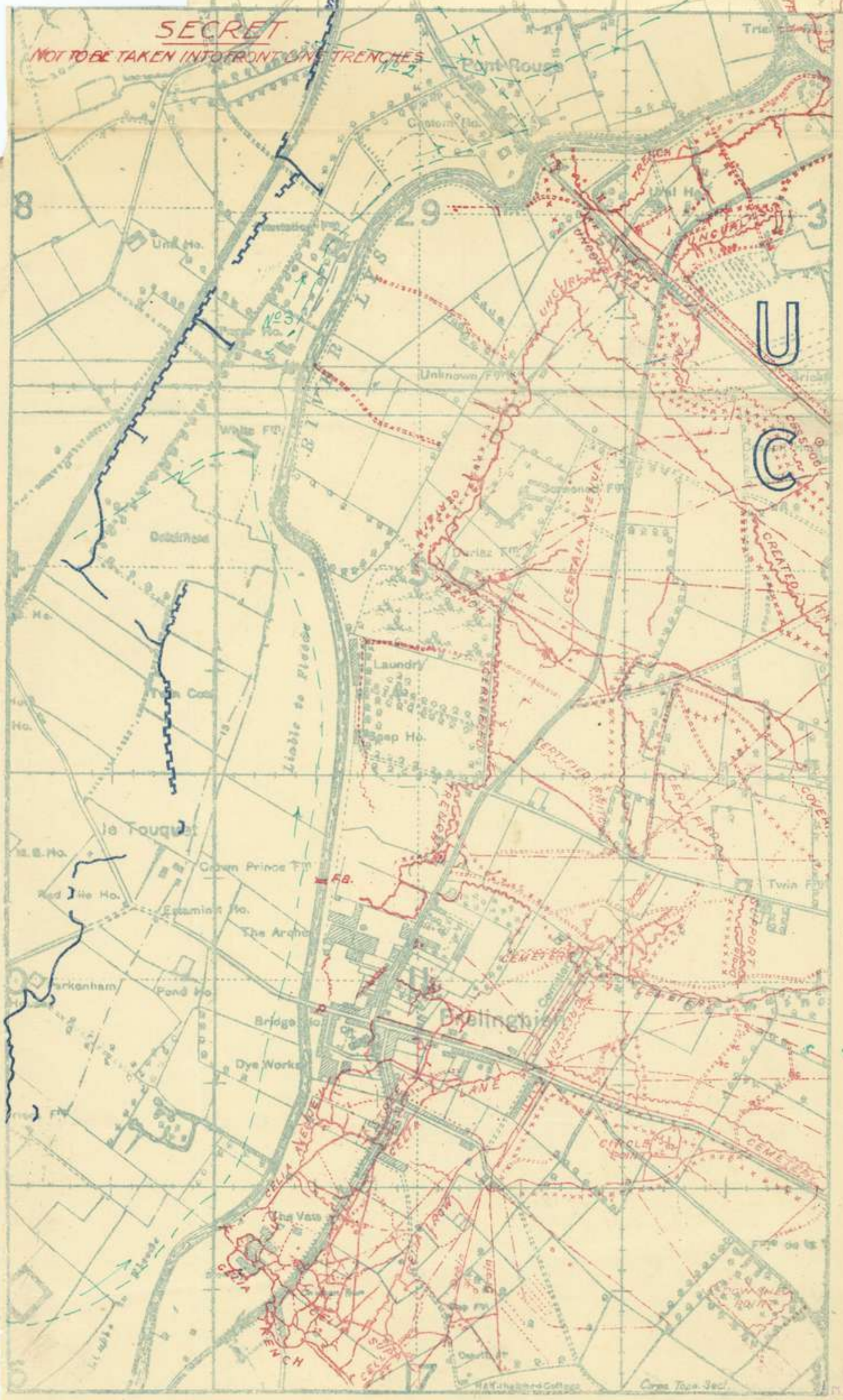
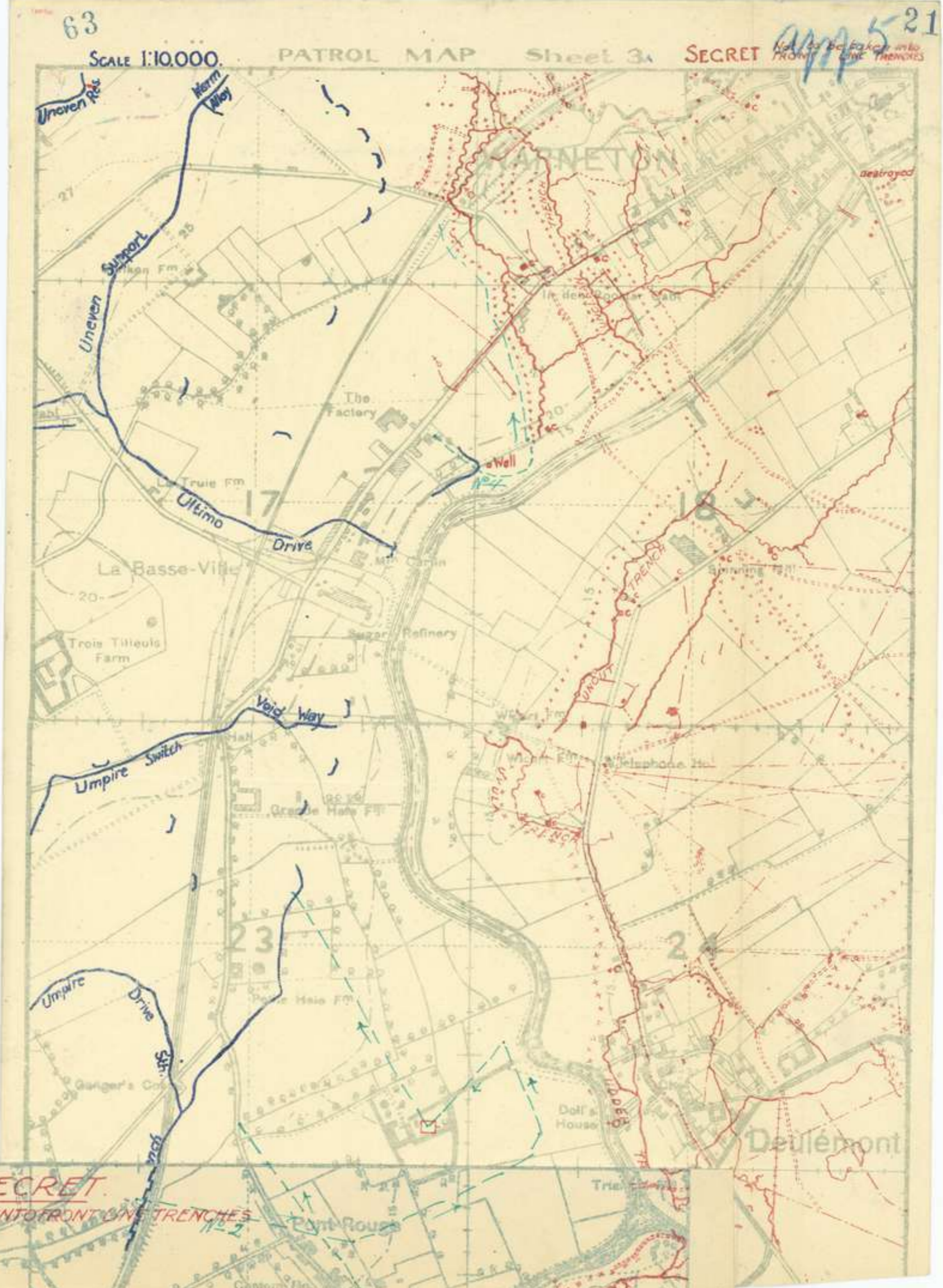
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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

G.462.

Location of Units at 6 a.m. 5th January 1918.

The following changes are notified to the last report (G.451)

- 17th Battalion. - 36.B.10.d.7.8. Le Rossignol.
- 18th do - U.27.b.8.2. Line Left.
- 19th do - 36.B.10.a.75.85. Ingersoll Camp.
- 20th do - 36.C.3.c.8.5. Line Right.
- 5th A.M.G. Coy. - Adv 36.C.7.d.4.7. Near 36.E.9.b.6.2.
- 5th A.L.T.M. Bty. - 36.B.9.b.6.2. Bonanza Camp.

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 Major.  
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 Second Australian Division.

## SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

From 6 a.m. 4th to 6 a.m. 5th January, 1918.

No. 48.

NOTE. - Not to be taken into the front line trenches.OPERATIONS.

1. Artillery. Harassing fire was carried out against roads and cross roads in U.18.c., V.15.a. and U.8.d. WARNETON STATION was fired on at intervals during the night. 110 rds. 18-pdr. were used against the SPINNEY in U.18.a. from 8pm. to 1.25am. Reported wheeled traffic in FRELINGHIEN was shelled after dark, and approaches to the village harassed. Trenches in U.12.c. and U.18.a. and d. were subjected to bursts of fire at 7.15pm. and from midnight to 3am. 4.5" Hows. were used against SCREENED FARM, SPINNING MILL and DURIEZ FARM; 40 rds. gas were fired into lastnamed farm. A 15 cm. How. Bty. located at D.1.c.3.4 was fired on by 4.5" Hows. at 4.30pm. A working party at U.24.d.5.2 was fired on with shrapnel at 12.37pm. and dispersed. Reported movement in vicinity of BREWERY at 5.10pm. and at U.12.b.3.1 at 11.30am. was shelled. Known M.W. positions in U.12.a. and d. and U.18.d. were harassed and M.G. at C.11.c.45.35 silenced. Active M.W. reported and fired on were U.12.d.20.98, U.12.c.93.63, U.12.c.98.80 and U.18.d.1.9.

2. Machine Guns. 6,000 rounds were fired on road from V.19.c.00.60 to V.19.c.22.62, and cross roads at U.30.b.40.65, and bridge at U.30.b.

2.3. Enemy M.W. and M.G. emplacements were subjected to bursts of harassing fire at intervals throughout the night.

3. Patrols.

(i) A patrol of 1 Off. and 15 O.Rs. went out from C.10.b.5.7 at 5.50pm. and moved to C.11.a.1.9, thence to C.5.a.00.15. Bridges at C.5.a.30.33 and C.5.a.5.5 were found to be impassable. Patrol then moved to WHITE FARM. No trace of the enemy was found. Ground is beginning to thaw thus making low-lying ground practically impassable. The patrol returned at 10.45pm. through C.4.b.4.4.

(ii) A patrol of 1 Off. and 17 O.Rs. with L.G. went out from C.4.b.3.0 at 12 midnight and moved S.E. to C.5.c.3.9, thence S. to C.11.a.3.9: from here scouts went to the river. The patrol then moved S. to C.11.a.2.0. No trace of the enemy was found. The patrol returned at 5.10am. through C.10.d.1.1.

(iii) A patrol of 2 Off. and 30 O.Rs. went out from U.29.a.5.8 at 4.45pm. and moved to U.23.d.5.4. At this point there is a bridge across the drain which is covered with brushwood and French wire. MOAT FARM was reconnoitred and found to be unoccupied. A searchlight played on No-man's-land from URAL HOUSE. It flashed on MOAT FARM for about 60 seconds and 3 M.Gs. opened fire from DOLLS HOUSE, U.30.a.3.2 and U.24.c.7.9. Scouts moved 150 yards E. of MOAT FARM and found ground marshy and impassable. The patrol returned at 9.30 p.m. through U.23.b.2.3.

(iv) A patrol of 1 Off. and 25 O.Rs. with L.G. went out from U.29.c.13.85 at 12.30am. and moved to river bank at U.29.c.55.50, thence along river to PONT ROUGE Bridge. Bridge at U.29.b.70.38 was found to be in good order. No trace of the enemy was found. The patrol moved to MOAT FARM which was unoccupied and returned at 6.30am. through U.29.a.38.45.

(v) 1 Sgt. and 5 men with L.G. left U.17.b.8.4 at 5.15pm. and proceeded along river bank to within 20 yards of enemy wire. Here 8 bombs were thrown at them from enemy trench opposite, immediately followed by M.G. and rifle fire from direction of the SPINNING MILL. After lying low for half-an-hour, patrol returned to our lines, and later left same point, proceeded to enemy wire on the railway line, thence along wire towards SPINNEY and home again, but no further movement or sound was seen or heard.

(vi) 2 Sgts. and 9 O.Rs. with L.G. left U.11.d.5.5 at 7.45pm. to reconnoitre enemy wire opposite. The track running N. and S. at U.11.d.7.5., shown on map, is really a slight depression with numerous shell holes and does not afford cover. 20 yds. beyond this track the scouts were stopped by a flare, but they were able to observe the wire, which is from 3' to 3'6" high, and forms a decided obstacle. At this time our field guns commenced firing on the enemy trenches, registering a direct hit on U.11.d.95.58, from which a flare had been fired just previously. Owing to this activity the patrol was forced to withdraw. The drain

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running N.E. 50 yds. in front of our post at U.11.d.3.5 is 8" deep and 18" wide. Patrol returned at 9.45pm. having seen or heard no enemy movement. A M.G. was active at approx. U.11.d.95.30.

(vii) In addition the usual protective and liaison patrols were active.

ENEMY ACTIVITY.

1. Artillery. LE TOUQUET STATION, C.9.c.5.5, SCREEN and SMYTH AVENUES C.10.b, and C.4.d.5.5 were lightly shelled from S.E. of FRELINGHIEN. 50 rounds of 5.9 H.E. fell on C.8.c.central, from about D.1.c.4.3. LONG AV and MONMOUTH TRENCH were lightly shelled with 4.2 H.E. from direction of Fme de la VACHERIE and C.10.a.7.5, by 5.9 H.E. from a T.B. of 45° from C.15.b.2.6, U.29.c.2.7, C.4.a, U.29.a, U.23.b, U.29.c.5.5, U.23.d. and U.29.b. were lightly shelled during the period. Gun flashes were observed on a T.B. of 77°, 92° and 87° from U.29.a.71.42, and 66½°, 71½° and 88½° from U.23.d.84.54, and 73° from C.9.d.25.40. Two 5.9 Hows. located at D.1.c.4.3 were reported to Artillery and silenced.

2. Trench Mortars. Enemy Trench Mortar activity was much below normal. WHITE FARM and our front line in C.10.b. were lightly bombed from the direction of SOAP HOUSE.

3. Machine Guns. Enemy M.Gs were much less active than usual. M.Gs were located at C.11.c.8.7, DOLLS HOUSE, U.30.a.3.2, U.24.c.7.9, SPINNING MILL and U.11.d.95.70.

4. Aerial activity. Planes were active during the day and were continually being driven off by anti-aircraft fire. At 6.5am. a plane flew across our lines. At the same time coin flares of 10 white stars each were fired from enemy trenches. A balloon was observed on a T.B. of 75° from C.4.b.10.35.

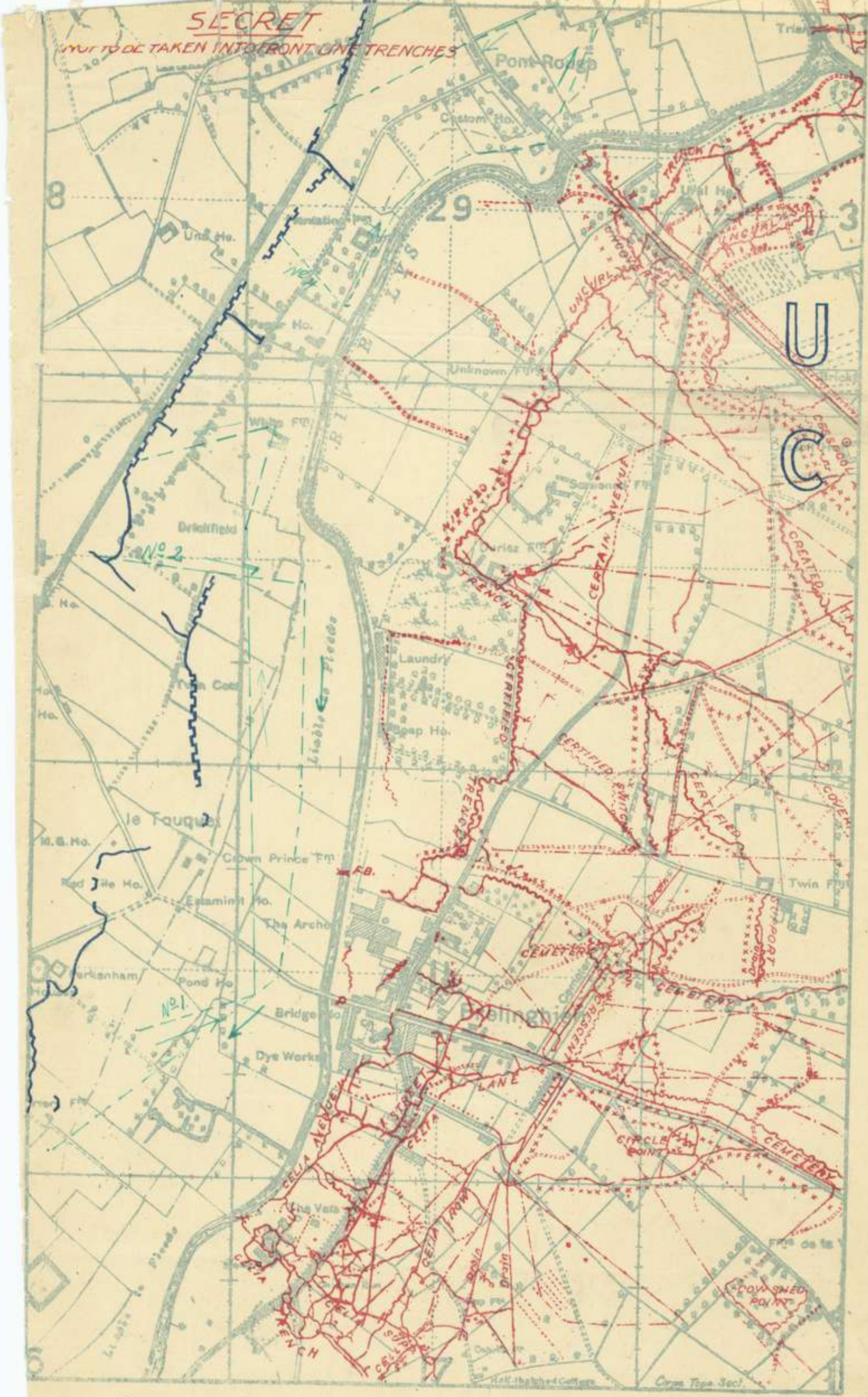
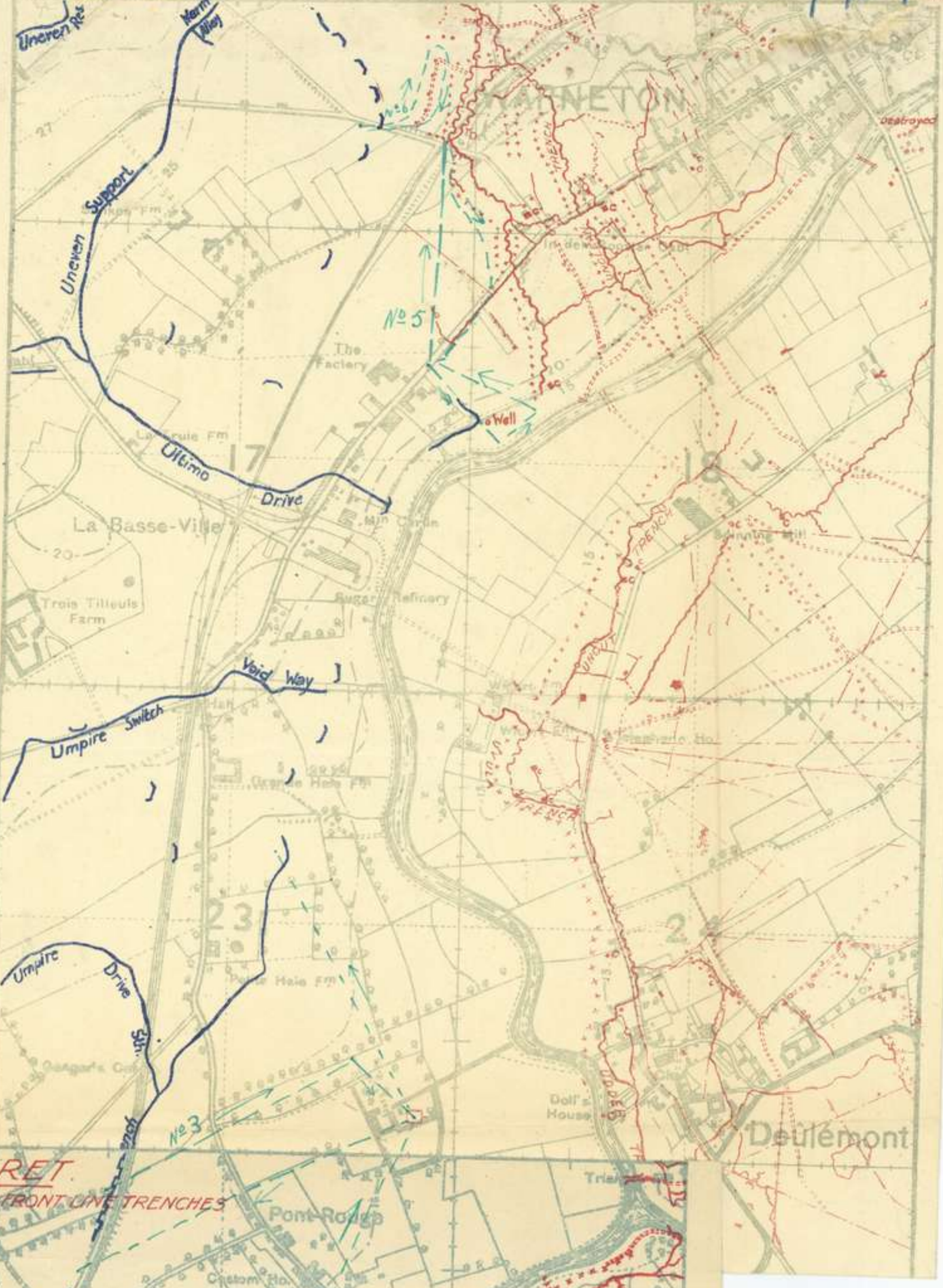
5. Movement in enemy lines. During the morning men were seen moving and working at UNKNOWN FARM. At 8am. 10 men were seen pushing what appeared to be a truck at U.30.c.2.6, and to disappear behind house at U.30.c.1.8. At 9.20am. 9 men left house at U.30.c.1.8 and entered trench at U.29.d.9.7. Movement of single men was noticed about C. 8.c.5. At 10.30am. 6 men were seen carrying timber from the SPINNING MILL to ruins at U.18.b.2.0.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

From 6 a.m. 5th to 6 a.m. 6th January, 1918.

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NOTE. - Not to be taken into the front line trenches.

OPERATIONS.

1. Artillery. Heavy M.W. positions at U.18.c.3.1. (Active) U.12.d.08.72., U.12.c.55.72, U.12.c.93.63, U.9.c.9.8. (active) were subjected to intermittent harassing fire. Bridge at U.12.d.85.15 and approaches thereto were fired on intermittently from 4.30pm. to 7.30pm. WARNETON RY. STN. was fired on between 10.5pm. and 10.30pm. PONT ROUGE BRIDGE (D.29.b.94.26) was fired on at 6.30pm. and 2am. Roads and approaches to FRELINGHIEN were searched at 6.30am. DEULMONT and VANISHED LN were fired on by 4.5" Hows. at 10.5pm. Working party at C.11.c.55.80 was fired on at 5.5pm. Movement about U.18.a.5.3 was fired on at 10.15 and 10.50pm. Enemy roads and approaches in U.12.b., V.7.a., D.7.a. and in vicinity of SCREENED FARM, GESSPIT HOUSE, SUPPLY DUMP (C.6.b.6.3) BATTN. HQRS. (C.6.d.35.25) DURIEZ FARM, BONDI HOUSE to GASOMETER were subjected to harassing fire. URAL HOUSE, PONT ROUGE BRIDGE, C.5.d.2.6 and FRELINGHIEN shelled with 4.5 and 18-pdrs. Guns of heavier calibre shelled the back areas.

2. Trench mortars. f.Ms. fired about 15 rds. into URAL HOUSE and PONT ROUGE Bridge. 10 rds. were fired into enemy post at U.11.b.80.06 at m.n.

3. Machine Guns. 6,000 rds. were fired on roads from C.11.d.88.45 to C.12.c.25.00 and C.11.b.32.92 to C.12.a.00.60

4. Patrols.

(i) Patrol of 1 Off. and 20 O.As. went out from C.4.b.2.0 at 4.45pm. and moved to a point about C.5.c.2.9, thence S. and returned at 11pm. through C.10.d.1.5. No transport was heard in FRELINGHIEN and no trace of the enemy was found.

(ii) Patrol of 1 Off. and 20 O.Rs. with L.G. went out from C.10.d.1.8 at 12 midnight and moved to a point about C.11.c.1.7. Here the patrol stayed about an hour. No traffic was heard in FRELINGHIEN and no trace of the enemy found. Occasional bursts of M.G. fire came from about C.5.c.8.8, as the patrol moved N. to WHITE FARM. The patrol returned at 6am. through C.4.b.2.0.

(iii) Patrol of 1 Off. and 15 O.Rs. with L.G. went out from U.23.b.20.23 at 5pm. and moved to hedge at U.23.b.7.3, thence along hedge to duck-board track at U.23.d.65.53, thence to MOAT FARM. No trace of the enemy was found, nor was there any M.G. fire. Sounds of heavy traffic were heard in DEULMONT. Patrol returned at 8.30pm. through U.23.c.6.1.

(iv) Patrol of 1 Off. and 15 O.Rs. with L.G. went out from U.29.c.15.75 at 12 midnight and moved to river at U.29.c.4.4, thence to PONT ROUGE BRIDGE. All houses in PONT ROUGE were searched and found unoccupied. Patrol then moved to MOAT FARM; whilst here a flare was fired from the direction of DEULMONT. Patrol moved to U.24.c.00.60, but could not find any trace of the enemy. The ground is beginning to thaw and the marshes are rapidly becoming impassable. Patrol returned at 3.30am. through U.23.c.95.20.

(v) A Sergeant and 5 men left U.17.b.60.95. at 5.30pm. to examine enemy's wire between the railway and the river. It was found to be thick, strong, and continuous, and no fresh wire has been put out recently. Coughing and talking was heard in the trenches, but no one was seen. Patrol returned at 10pm.

ENEMY ACTIVITY.

1. Artillery. Enemy artillery was very quiet during the day and only about 50 rounds were fired during the night.

Locality Shelled.	P E R I O D		Rds.	Calibre.	Direction.
	From.	To.			
U.3.a.	11.30am.		10.	15 cm.	WARNETON.
U.11.c.	10am.	11.15am.	9.	10.5 cm.	do.
U.27.c.	6am.	6pm.	50.	"	
C.2.d.	8.50pm.	9pm.	10.	15 cm.	

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2. Trench mortars. At 10.15am. 5. <sup>U.23.a</sup> H.W. from the direction of the SOAP HOUSE fell on KIWI STREET; U.29.a.4.4, U.29.c.2.8, C.4.b.8.5 were bombed from T.B. of 27°, 21°, 35° and 176° from U.29.a.71.42. There is a suspected T.M. position at U.29.d.9.7. 20 Light and Heavy H.W. bombs were thrown into U.11.b.5.4. at 8am.

3. Machine Guns. Apart from a few bursts of fire along our Supports, very little activity. Between 6am. and 10pm. a M.G. at C.5.a.35.30 fired occasional bursts on tramway running through C.4.a. Occasional bursts during the night came from the ARCHES, DYE WORKS and SOAP HOUSE.

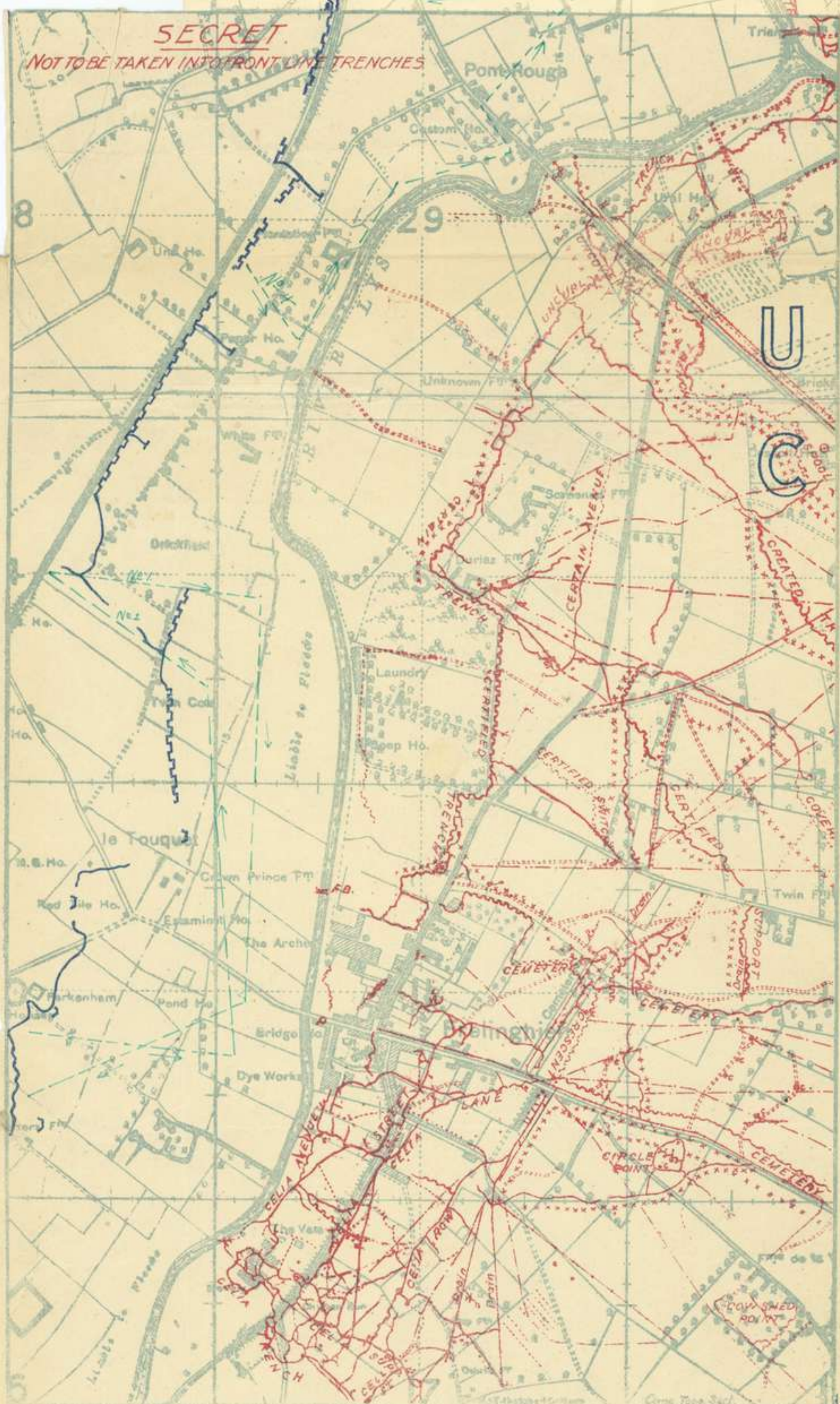
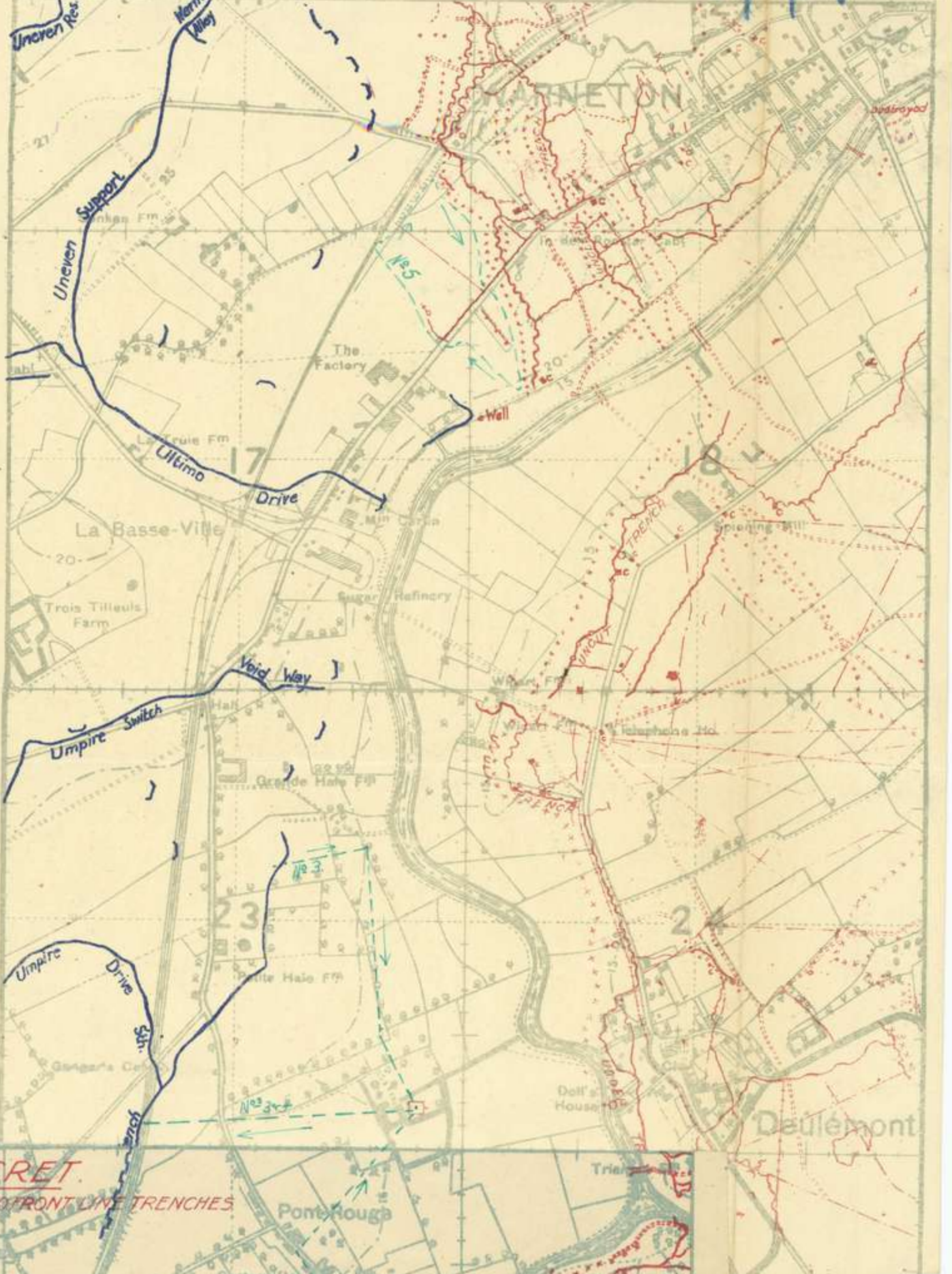
4. Movement. At 2.30am. 20 men were seen working at DURIEZ FARM. At intervals during the day, movement and smoke were noticed in old buildings at C.11. .7. At 9.15am. and 12.20pm. movement was noticed at UNKNOWN FARM. At 5pm. men were seen moving in old building about C.11.c.6.8. Artillery fire was brought to bear on this point. About 6am. a couple of men were seen at about C.11.c.6.8. During the day and night wheeled traffic was heard in DEULLEMONT. At 7.30am. 3 men were seen pushing a truck at about U.29.d.9.9. At 8.5am. one man left house at U.30.c.1.7. and rode a bicycle in a southerly direction. During the day small parties were seen moving in trench from U.29.d.85.98 to U.29.d.8.6. Movement was seen at U.12.c.4.4. which was fired on between 7.30am. and 10am.

5. Miscellaneous. A new strong post appears to have been constructed during the night 4th/5th at U.12.c.4.2.

Smoke is continually seen at U.12.o.2.1.

*R. P. [Signature]*

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

From 6 a.m. 6th to 6 a.m. 7th January, 1918.

No. 50.

NOTE. - Not to be taken into the front line trenches.

OPERATIONS.

1. Artillery. Harassing fire was carried out against roads and approaches in FRELINGHIEN, Cross Roads at POSTE de LOUANES, BAS WARNETON, Roads and tracks in U.24.c., U.18.c. and d, V.13.a. and c., PONT ROUGE BRIDGE and approaches. Buildings and road at D.13.a.3.2 and C.18.b.9.5 were twice shelled with 4.5" Hows. Fire against WARNETON STATION was continued during hours of darkness. 20 rds. 4.5" How. were fired on 15 cm. Battery (Hows.) at D.1.c.5.3 at 11.30am. and some shrapnel on section of guns at V.8.b.05.08. At 7.35am. reported movement near FRELINGHIEN CHURCH was fired on with shrapnel. An active M.W. position at U.12.c.55.72 was shelled on three occasions and those active at U.12.c.46.53, U.12.c.30.05 and U.18.c.3.1 were harassed. 4.5" Hows. were used against M.G. emplacements at C.11.a.8.2., C.11.a.6.4 and DOLLS HOUSE.

2. Machine Guns. M.Gs. maintained usual harassing fire on trenches and communications. 6,000 rds. were fired during the night on road from C.6.a.95.75 to C.6.b.23.45, and bridge at C.6.b.65.65. A working party at U.11.d.9.5. was engaged.

3. Trench Mortars. L.T.Ms. fired 12 rds. on the SPINNEY, drawing little retaliation.

4. Patrols.

(i) Patrol of 1 Off. 20 O.Rs. with L.G. went out from C.10.d.1.8 at 5.15pm. and moved to C.10.b.8.4, thence to C.11.a.45.00. From here voices were heard at C.11.a.55.15. Sentries at C.11.a.55.15 and C.11.a.55.35 could be heard stamping their feet and coughing. Rattle of rifles was also heard. There is a small trench or well constructed drain from C.11.a.45.20 to C.11.a.40.35. The bridge at C.11.a.5.5 is broken off within 10 yards of west side of river. Patrol moved north along river and examined the drift wood at C.5.a.30.35, which was found to be impassable. The patrol then moved to WHITE FARM and returned at 11.30pm. through C.4.d.8.9.

(ii) Patrol of 1 Off. 20 O.Rs. with L.G. went out from C.4.d.8.9 at 2am. and attempted to visit WHITE FARM. This was found impossible owing to bad state of the ground. Patrol, hearing bombing to the South, turned and moved in that direction, and visited all posts as far as C.10.d.25.25. It was then found that what appeared to Mills Bombs were being thrown south of TOOL HOUSE. Patrol returned through C.16.a.8.4. at 6.35am. No trace of the enemy was found.

(iii) Patrol of 2 Offs. and 20 O.Rs. with L.G. went out from U.23.b.2.1 at 5pm. and moved to U.23.b.6.4, thence to MOAT FARM, which was searched. The ground is rapidly thawing and in places almost impassable. No traffic was heard in DEULEMONT, nor was there any sign of enemy movement. Two bursts of M.G. fire came from the direction of DEULEMONT. Patrol returned at 9pm. through U.23.c.90.15.

(iv) Patrol of 1 Off. 20 O.Rs. with L.G. went out from U.29.c.10.34 at 12 midnight, and moved to PAPER HOUSE and PLANTATION FARM, thence to PONT ROUGE. All houses were examined and found to be unoccupied. Patrol then moved to MOAT FARM. No traffic was heard in DEULEMONT, and no trace of the enemy was found. Patrol returned at 4am. through C.25.c.60.02.

(v) A patrol of 11 O.Rs. with L.G. again reconnoitred R. DOUVE up to neighbourhood of bridge at U.11.b.80.55. They confirm previous report as to state of ground. Rain and bad visibility precluded observation. A hostile patrol of 8 men disappeared behind a pill-box about U.11.b.7.4. The pill-box seemed to stand some 5' above the ground and to be unoccupied. No wire was discernable in this vicinity. A M.G. which had fired from North of the DOUVE on a previous occasion infiltrating NO-MAN'S-LAND to the South was now firing direct to its front.

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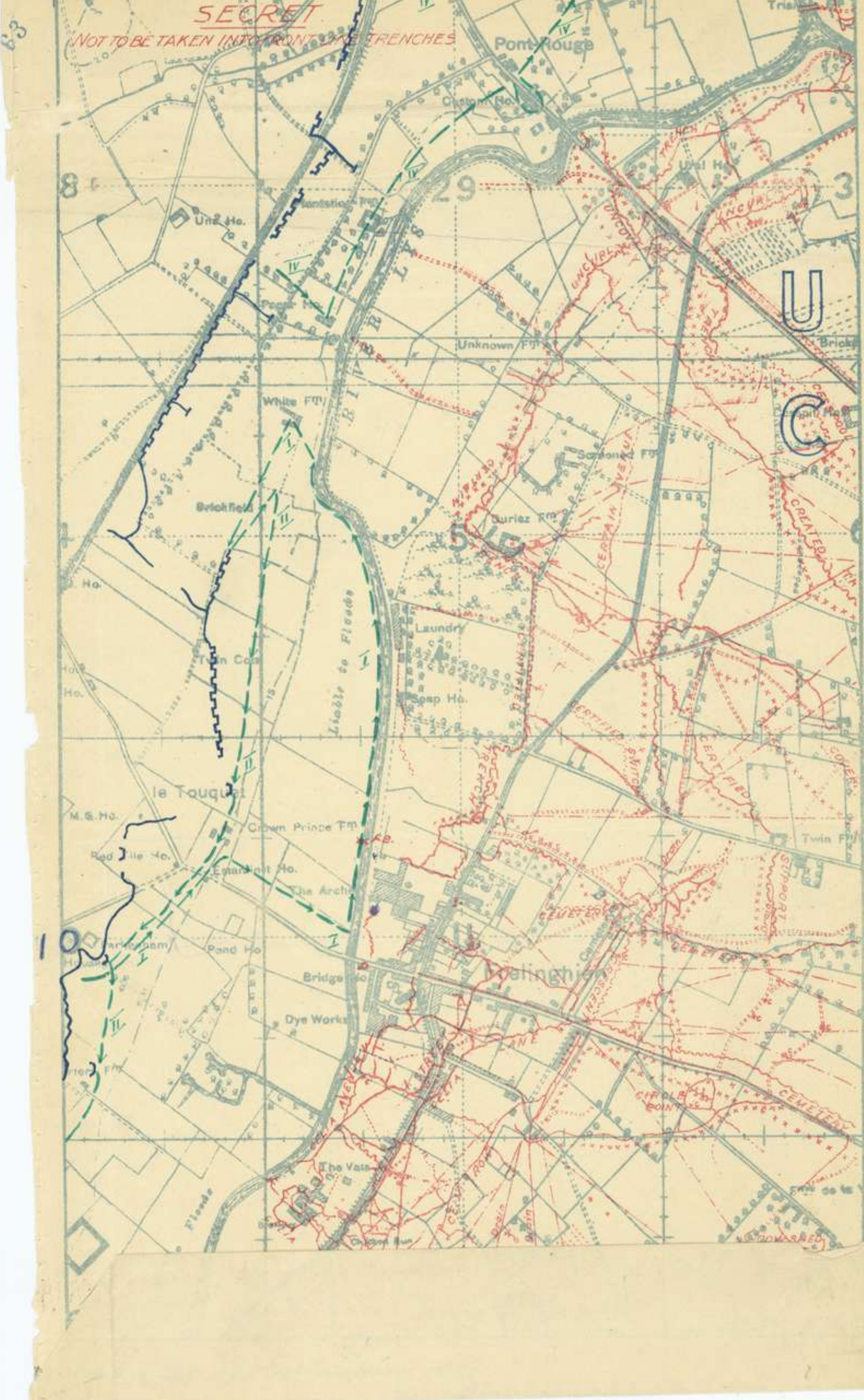
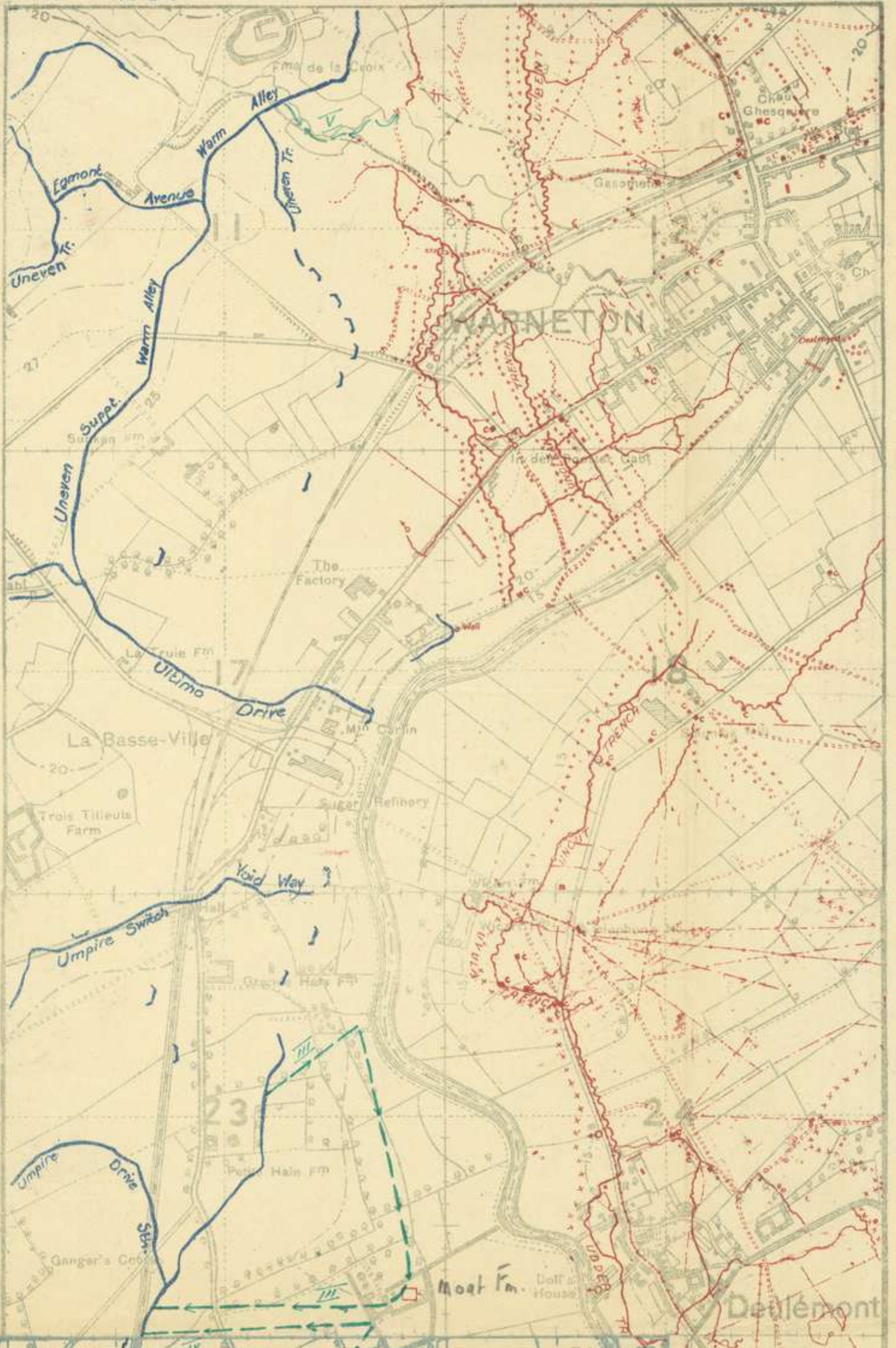
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5. Miscellaneous. A very heavy explosion occurred at 10.48am. on 6:1:18 at U.9.b.6.1, making a huge crater. There was no enemy shelling or bombing at the time. The crater was examined and many S.M. shells were thrown about. It is thought that an old Stokes Mortar dump was exploded by the corroding of a pin, releasing the Stokes Pistol grip. No casualties were suffered.

#### ENEMY ACTIVITY.

1. Artillery. Enemy artillery was quiet except for some shooting on new support line and DOUVE VALLEY with 4.2 and 5.9's, which was intense between 8pm. and 8.5pm., and 9.25 to 9.35pm. No material damage was done. Between 9am. and 11.40am. C.9.a. was shelled with 4.2 from S.E. of FRELINGHIEN and C.8.b. with 5.9 H.E. from a T.B. of 73° from C.9.a.25.48. At 11.45am., 12.15pm. and 2.50pm. 5.9" H.E. was directed at our batteries from a T.B. of 81° from C.10.c.60.85. At 2.5pm. a few 4.2" H.E. fell on HOREKAU AV. from direction of FARM de la VACHERIE. A few shells were fired into the BRICKFIELDS and CARELESS AV. by 77 mm. firing from T.B. of 102° from C.10.c.60.85, and 136° from C.4.a.95.45. At 4pm. a 77 mm. Bty. fired on WHITE FARM and C.3.d. from direction of UNKNOWN FARM. At 8.30am. a 5.9" gun fired 8 shells in the vicinity of LE TOUQUEP STATION from a T.B. of 102° from C.10.c.60.85. U.29.a., U.28.c., U.29.c.6.9, UNPIRE SUPPORT, UNPIRE DRIVE SOUTH, and U.23.d.7.1. were shelled with H.E. from a T.B. of 77° and 99° from U.29.a.71.42 and 89°, 35° and 60½° from U.28.d.85.54.
2. Machine Guns. M.Gs. from C.11.c.9.3, C.11.c.55.60, C.11.c.7.8, C.11.a.6.2, C.11.c.85.30 and C.17.a.60.95 were active during the day firing on our planes. Occasional bursts during the night came from FRELINGHIEN, THE LAUNDRY, and DOLLS HOUSE.
3. French Mortars. At 3pm. a light T.M. was active firing on C.4.d. and C.10.b. from direction of SOAP HOUSE. T.Ms. from U.29.d.9.9 fired several times during the day on U.29.b.1.6. Mortar from a T.B. of 99° from U.29.a.71.42 fired on U.29.a.6.6. Flashes were observed on T.Bs. of 157°, and 155° from U.29.a.71.42. There is a suspected position at U. C.5.b.0.0. A few T.M. bombs fell near LA BASSE VILLE from direction of SPINNING MILL and WARNETON. No damage or casualties were caused.
4. Aircraft. S.A. were much below normal. One plane crossed our lines at 2.30pm. but was driven off by A.A. fire.
5. Movement. About 2.45pm. 2 men were seen walking about building at C.11.c.7.9. Movement was noticed on roof of house about C.11.c.65.80. Enemy transport was heard at 5.35pm. near DURIEZ FARM. At 7.40am. 3 men were seen to leave trench at U.29.b.8.1 and disappear into house at U.29.d.9.9. (men are seen moving at this point every morning).
6. Signalling. At 3.55am. a white flare came from the vicinity of UNKNOWN FARM, and travelled very low and fast in N. direction. No other flares were fired.
7. Miscellaneous. Search lights were seen on a T.B. of 76½°, 115½° from U.28.d.84.54. Visibility low.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.From 6 a.m. 7th to 6 a.m. 8th January, 1918.No. 51.NOTE. - Not to be taken into the front line trenches.OPERATIONS.

1. Artillery. SCREENED FARM, UNKNOWN FARM, TWIN FARM and DOLLS HOUSE were harassed throughout the period. Fire was continued against WARRETON STATION during the night. Tram line at V.14.d.15.15 and Tram Terminus at V.20.a.6.7 had bursts of shrapnel at 3.35pm. Roads in U.18.b. and d., V.13.a. and c., V.19.a., U.24.d. and Tracks in U.29.d. and U.30.c. were searched after nightfall. The new works reported U.30.c.00.90 to U.30.c.20.80 and at U.12.c.4.2 were fired on by 4.5" Hows. and 18-pdrs. On traffic being reported in DEULEMONT at 7.5pm. 18-pdrs. fired bursts of shrapnel on the roads. PONT ROUGE BRIDGE and that at V.7.c.36.89 were fired on. The Hostile Battery at V.8.b.05.28 was shelled with 18-pdrs. at 2pm. and 8.20pm. 100 rnds. 4.5" How. were used against the Heavy M.W. positions at U.12.c.55.72, U.12.c.98.80. U.18.a.1.6, and an active M.W. at C.11.c.75.67 was silenced by 18-pdrs. Following M.G. positions had 20 rnds. 4.5" How. each between 5 and 7.5pm. - U.24.c.60.20, U.29.b. 70.30, U.24.c.80.20. At 8.45pm. 29 rnds. 4.5" How. were fired on DEULE MANSIONS and vicinity.

2. Machine Guns. 6,000 rnds. were fired on bridges at C.11.c.45.90 and C.11.a.45.00, and on road from C.11.c.9.4 to C.11.d.3.2. 500 rnds. were fired at enemy aircraft. M.Gs. fired bursts on enemy working in trench at U.11.d.9.5 at 7am. and 11am. and maintained the usual harassing fire on communications throughout the night.

3. Patrols.

(i) A patrol of 1 Off. and 15 O.Rs. with L.G. left C.4.b.45.15 at 4.45pm. and moved to WHITE FARM, thence south to C.5.a.2.2, thence to C.5.c.4.4, and to C.5.c.3.0. The patrol visited posts at C.10.b.75.30 and C.10.b.8.0. No traffic was heard nor was any sign of the enemy found. Patrol returned at 11pm. through C.10.d.80.84.

(ii) A patrol of 1 Off. and 15 O.Rs. with L.G. went out from C.10.d.1.8 at 12 midnight and moved to C.11.c.3.9, thence north towards WHITE FARM. Post at C.4.d.78.80 was visited. No movement was heard nor was any trace of the enemy found. The ground was found to be frozen and all marshes passable. The patrol returned at 6am. through C.10.b.6.6.

(iii) A patrol of 1 Off. and 20 O.Rs. with L.G. went out from U.29.a.50.75 at 5pm. and moved to hedge at U.23.d.5.3, through MOAT FARM, thence to U.23.d.80.55. At this point there is a sleeper track 7 feet wide and well laid leading S.N.E. along ditch towards the river. Trees have fallen across it in places, there are also a few shell holes in it. The patrol moved along track as far as U.24.c.00.65, and found that the marsh alongside the bridge at this point is very thick and impassable. No trace of the enemy was found and only one burst of M.G. fire was noticed from DOLLS HOUSE. The patrol returned at 9pm. through U.23.b.20.25.

(iv) A patrol of 1 Off. and 20 O.Rs. with L.G. went out from U.29.a.38.45 at 12.30am. and moved to U. .d.70.05, thence towards MOAT FARM. When nearing the farm 2 men were heard coughing which was followed by whispering from east side of MOAT. The farm was searched but no trace of the enemy found. 3 new stick bombs were found at U.23.d.9.2. 10 minutes after coughing was heard. There is a well worn path leading along south side of the MOAT towards the river. The patrol moved to U.24.c.15.35, thence South. When at U.29.b.9.9 several bursts of M.G. fire came from about URAL HOUSE. All houses in PONT ROUGE were examined but no trace of the enemy found. The patrol moved to PLANTATION FARM and returned at 4<sup>am</sup>. through U.29.c.15.85. No traffic was heard in DEULEMONT.

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ENEMY ACTIVITY.

1. Artillery. Enemy artillery activity was below normal till between 8pm. and midnight when some H.E's. were put over in the neighbourhood of Support and Rear lines. Table of shelling observed from O.P., at U.11.a.90.10 as follows:-

Time.	No. rds.	Calibre.	Intervals.	Direction of fire.	Area shelled.
8.5am.	10.	4.2.	1 minute.	85° (sound).	Rear of Supports.
8.20am.	11	"	1 "	100° "	U.11.c.
8.40am.	10.	77.	10 Seconds.	" "	Support Lines.
8.15am.	2	5.9.	60 "	110° "	U.11.c.
8.55am.	15	4.2	60 "	" "	U.11.a.
10.20am.	18	"	20 "	" (Flash).	U.11.a. and c.
11.40am.	8	"	30 "	" "	U.11.c.
12.10pm.	20.	"	60 "	105° "	U.11.a. and c.

Between 9.15am. <sup>and</sup> 9.45am. 30 4.2" H.E. were fired into C.14.b. and d. from S.E. of FRELINGHIEN. At 1.15pm. NAPOO AV. and front line in C.10.b. and C.4.d. were shelled with 77 mm. H.E.: the same gun fired on C.10.d.2.8 and CROWN PRINCE FARM about 2.25pm. T.Bs. of this gun are 94° from C.10.c.6.8 and 141° from C.5.c.15.85. At 7.50pm. GUNNERS FARM was lightly shelled with 77 mm. from S.E. of FRELINGHIEN, and at 1.35am. 2-77 mm. shells fell in C.10.a. from a T.B. of 65° from C.10.d.25.40. About 3.30pm. C.4.b.6.6 and our new work at C.5.a.15.20 were shelled with 5.9 H.E., 4.2 H.E. and 77 mm. H.E. from S.E. of FRELINGHIEN. At 8pm. a gun on a T.B. of 77° from C.10.c.6.8 shelled LE TOUQUET STATION and NORTH BLOCK. The areas U.28.b., U.29.a., U.29.c., U.28.c., U.29.d., C.5.a.3.6, C.5.a.4.5 were shelled from the following T.Bs. - 72, 123, 65½, 41½, 54, 68½, degrees from U.28.d.84.54. Between 2.30pm. and 3.15pm the shelling on "B" Bn. front was very erratic; the batteries were apparently ranging.

2. Trench Mortars. A light T.M. from C.11.a.85.75 fired on our front line posts at C.10.d. at 1.40pm. and 3.25pm. A heavy T.M. from about C.17.a.45.50 fired, on C.10.d.9.0. and front line of "B" Bn. about 3.15pm. HALF WAY HOUSE was fired on by mortar at C.11.c.9.5. At 3.5pm., 7.40pm. 8pm. and 9pm. LE TOUQUET STATION, and C.9.c. were lightly shelled from DURIEZ FARM T.M. from U.29.d.9.9. occasionally fired on front line posts of "B" Bn.

3. Machine Guns. M.G. from FRELINGHIEN, C.17.a.35.50, and C.11.a.65. 55 were active against our planes. Occasional bursts during the period came from FRELINGHIEN, C.11.c.6.8, C.5.c.7.2, URAL HOUSE and DEULEMONT. A M.G. flash was seen on a T.B. of 85° from U.28.d.84.54.

4. Movement. At 8.20am. 2 men were seen at C.11.b.1.4. At 12.50pm. smoke was seen issuing from old building at C.11.c.30.85. Single man were seen moving at C.6.a.5.8, U.29.d.9.9 and UNKNOWN FARM. Heads of men working in posts at U.11.d.9.5 and 9.7 were engaged with bursts of L.G. and M.G. fire.

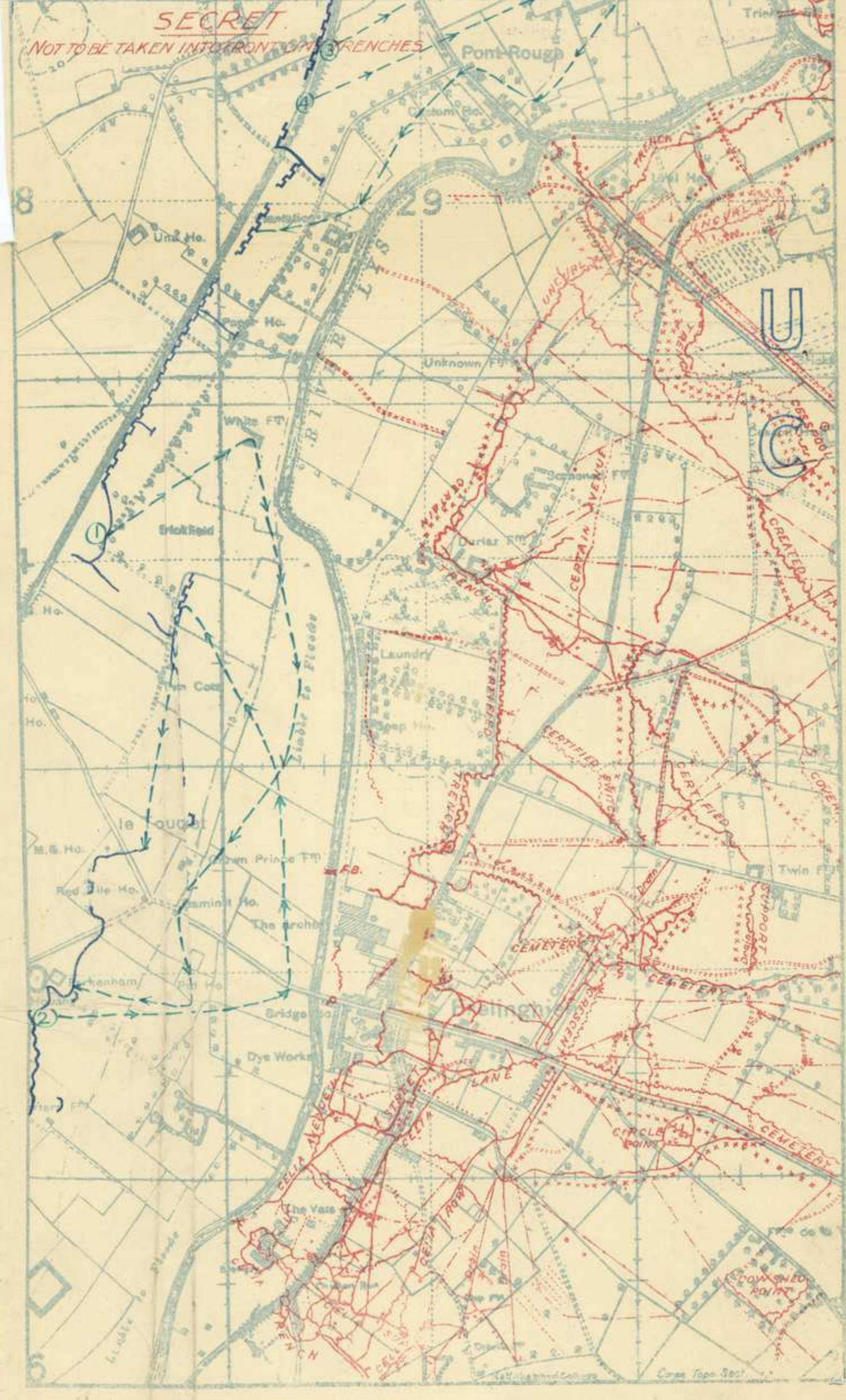
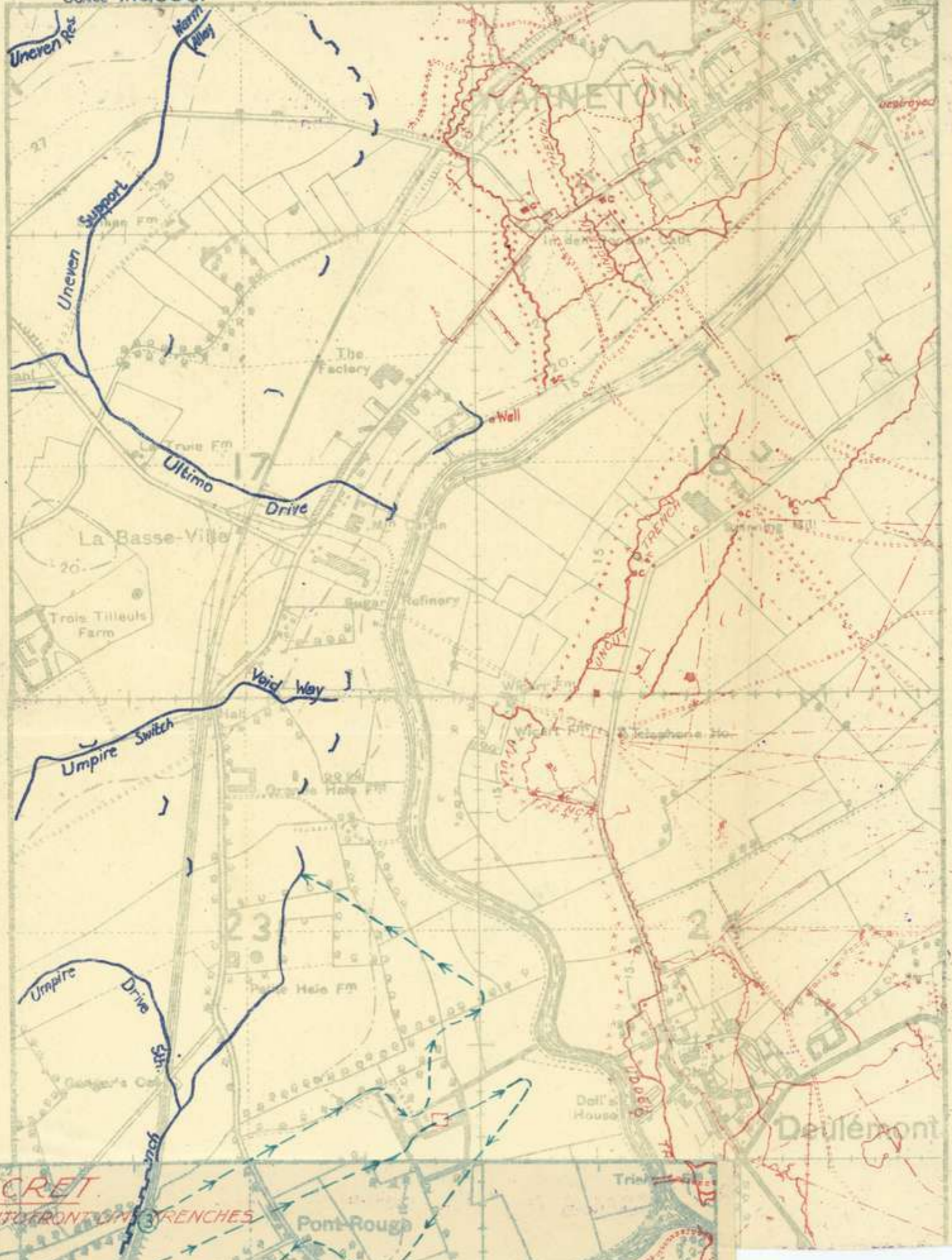
5. Defences. The earth at C.5.b.07.08 appears to be thrown up against the Pill-box. Smoke was seen issuing from this point. 40 yds. of trench can be seen at C.5.b.04.45 with a sap leading to it along S. edge of hedge running from C.5.b.25.25 to C.5.b.05.45. An air telephone line runs into house at U.29.d.9.9.

6. Signalling. White flares were occasionally fired during the night. At 10.15pm. as a plane crossed enemy lines the enemy fired 3 blue rockets, and white clusters were fired at intervals

7. Enemy Aircraft. Below normal.

8. Miscellaneous. Smoke was seen during the morning rising from about U.11.d.05.80, U.12.a.5.1, and U.18.b.3.1. A de-rchlight is reported to have been active again at 1.15am.

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## SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

G.491.

Location of Units at 6 a.m. 9th January 1917.

The following changes are notified to the last reports  
(G.451 and G462.)

17th Battalion.	-	36.C.3.o.8.5.	LINE Right.
20th Battalion.	-	36.B.10.d.7.8.	LE ROSSIGNOL.
26th Battalion.	-	36.B.4.a.6.8.	ROMARIN CAMP.
28th Battalion.	-	U.9.b.8.4.	LINE Left.

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## SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

From 6 a.m. 8th to 6 a.m. 9th January, 1918.

No 52

NOTE. - Not to be taken into the front line trenches.OPERATIONS.

1. Artillery. Searching fire on roads and cross roads in V.7.b. and V.13.c. was carried out during the period. Trenches, dugouts and tracks in U.12.a. were harassed by 4.5" Hows. and 18-pdrs. Reported movement near UNKNOWN FARM at 8.45am. was shelled and the farm fired on at intervals afterwards. Between 11am. and 11.30am. activity at Cross Roads in V.13.c. was fired on with shrapnel and H.E. A limber and team disappeared into URAL HOUSE at 12.5pm. and was fired on by 18-pdrs.; direct hits on the house were observed. The new work in U.30.c. and U.12.c. was again shelled. Bridges at U.29.b.6.2, U.30.b.2.4 and V.7.c.55.75 were fired on with shrapnel in the early morning. A few bursts of shrapnel were fired on Hostile battery in V.8.b.05.28 at 12.15pm. Active Heavy M.Ws at U.12.c.8.6, U.12.c.46.63, U.12.c.55.72 and U.12.c.98.80 were harassed and that at C.11.c.95.50 quickly silenced. FRELINGHIEN and WARNETON had the usual shrapnel concentrations at intervals.

During the period tower in DEULMONT, PONT ROUGE, DURIEZ FARM and houses at C.11.b.6.9, were shelled.

2. Machine Guns. 6,000 rounds were fired during the night on bridges at U.29.b.57.30 and U.30.b.2.3.

3. Patrols. (i) Patrol of 1 officer and 9 o.rs with L.G. went out from C.10.d.2.3. at 10 p.m. and moved in N.E. direction to C.10.d.5.5., thence to river about C.11.c.3.29. No trace of the enemy was found, nor could any transport be heard. Patrol returned at 12.45 a.m. through C.10.b.4.3.

(ii) Patrol of 1 officer and 20 o.rs, with L.G. went out from U.23.c.95.20 at 5 p.m. and moved to MOAT FARM. Farm was searched and found to be unoccupied. Patrol stayed here for 3 hrs but there was no sign of the enemy. Patrol returned at 9 p.m. through U.23.d.2.8.

(iii) Patrol of 1 officer and 20 o.rs with L.G. went out from U.23.c.95.20 at 12.30 a.m. and moved to MOAT FARM, which was unoccupied. Patrol stayed here for 3 hrs and returned via PONT ROUGE BRIDGE and PLANTATION FARM through U.29.c.2.3. at 4 a.m. There was no sign of enemy movement, nor was there any M.G. fire or flares during this time.

(iv) Patrol of 1 officer and 10 o.rs went out from C.10.b.82.30 at 2 a.m. and moved to about C.5.c.6.5., thence along river to driftwood. Slight M.G. fire from FRELINGHIEN; no trace of the enemy was found. Patrol returned at 5 a.m. through C.4.b.40.45.

(v) Patrol of 1 officer and 10 o.rs went out from C.10.b.8.5 at 2 a.m. and moved to C.11.c.35.90. M.G. fire from C.11.c.5.5., C.11.c.6.2., and FRELINGHIEN prevented patrol reaching bridge. Patrol then moved S along river to about C.16.b.7.7. No enemy patrols were seen. Patrol returned at 5 a.m. through C.16.a.8.5.

(vi) Patrol of 1 officer and 10 o.rs with L.G. went out from C.4.b.70.95 at 10 p.m. and visited WHITE FARM. Driftwood at C.5.a.30.35 was examined and it was found impossible to cross the river by it. Patrol moved S to about C.5.c.55.30. No trace of the enemy was found. Patrol returned at 1 a.m. through C.10.b.9.9.

(vii) 1 Sgt and 5 men with L.G. left U.17.b.90.35. at 6.30 p.m. and proceeded along the WARNETON ROAD passed the SPINNEY until U.18.a.0.7 was reached. From here they observed a M.G. fire from approx. U.18.a.15.90. Patrol returned to our lines for a supply of bombs and rifle grenades and proceeding again to the same spot, bombed the enemy M.G., and brought their L.G. into action. Cries of pain emanating from the trench seem to indicate casualties having been inflicted. After firing 20 bombs into this position and trenches in the vicinity, patrol returned at 7.30 p.m.

(viii) 1 officer and 19 o.rs left U.11.b.18.55. at 11 p.m. and moved along river bank to within 15 yds of bridge at U.11.b.80.53. M.G. fire from Brigade on our left was enfilading bridge. 2 orange sprays were fired from approx. U.11.d.99.90., and U.12.a.05.53., and immediately M.G. fire opened from these points. During subsequent enemy artillery action.

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## APPENDIX 12

Patrols (viii) continued.

several 4.2's fell in his own wire. Patrol moved S.W. for 250 yds. and steered a circuitous course for U.11.b.15.25. Owing to yesterday's snow fall, no tracks were visible and no hostile patrols were encountered.

ENEMY ACTIVITY.

1. Artillery. There was scattered shooting on roads and duckboard tracks throughout the period. At 7.15pm. in response to enemy flares breaking into two green stars fired from enemy front line and repeated to roar, hostile batteries vigorously shelled our front and support lines. During this activity the enemy sent up a large quantity of golden cluster and white flares until 8pm. when things became normal again.

Locality shelled.	P e r i o d,		Calibre.	Rounds.	Direction.
	From.	To.			
C.2 & C.3.	6pm.	7pm.	7.7cm.	Bursts.	FRELINGHIEN.
LE BIZET.	9.30pm.	10.15pm.	10.5cm.15	(Gas & Shrap).	
do.	11.50pm.	1am.	"	60 Shrap.	
U.14.a. & d.	11.30am.		15 cm.	30	BAS WARNETON.
U.14.b. U.15.a.	10.45am.		10.5cm.	30.	
Road in U.14.c.	11am.	11.30.	15 & 10.5	45.	V.2.c.
U.8.b.	3.15pm.	3.30	15 cm.	20	
U.2.a.	11am.	12.30pm.	15 cm.	50.	
duckboards in U.15. central.	2.15pm.		7.7 cm.	24.	
U.14.e.	10.50am.	noon.	15 cm.	15.	
U.8.	10.30pm.		"	6	

2. Trench Mortars. Between 5 p.m. and 7.40 p.m. C.10.a. and d, C.9.b. and LE TOUQUET SPN were lightly shelled with heavy and medium T.Ms from direction of FRELINGHIEN GRENCH. M.W. bombs falling near U.17.d. 15.25. came from the direction of WICART FARM.

3. Machine Guns. Much below normal. Occasional bursts came from C.11.c.5.5., C.11.c.6.2., LAUNDRY and DEULEMONT.

4. Defences. M.Gs located at C.11.c.65.60., and a sniper at C.11.c.8.7. There appears to be an increased quantity of wire in front of trench at U.12.a.50.22.

5. Movement. Between 7.35 a.m. and 11.30 a.m. considerable movement was noticed at UNKNOWN FARM and in the sap about 20 yds E of it. Men were seen to leave the farm and return to it, some carrying timber, and others carrying what appeared to be heavy tins. At 8.20 a.m. 50 men were seen to enter the farm. This movement was reported to artillery. At 8.5 a.m. single men were seen moving about DURIEZ FARM. Movement was noticed about house at U.30.a.1.8. and hedge U.30.c.3.3. during the morning. Hammering was heard at URAL HOUSE during the day. A man was seen walking up and down trench at C.5.b.07.08. Every 15 minutes another man came to him for a couple of minutes. This happened every 2 hrs. Movement was also noticed at C.5.b.1.1. and C.5.b.00.09., C.5.b.35.00., and house at U.29.d.9.9 during the morning. At 7.40 a.m. 7 men were seen pulling a hand cart loaded with timber to U.30.c.2.7.; here they unloaded. At 8.20 a.m. they returned with another load. They appeared to be coming from house at C.6.a.9.6. 7 men were seen pushing an empty truck at U.30.d.1.8. At 11 a.m. 5 parties of 3 men each were seen to enter CEYLON FARM, C.6.c.; they appeared from behind hedge to E of the Farm. At 11.30 a.m. 4 men walked from TWIN FARM, C.12.a., along road towards FME du GRANDE VERQUI. Later 5 men walked from the latter place along road towards C.6.d. At 11.25 a.m. a light train was seen moving along line through C.6.b. to D.1.c. At 9.30 a.m. a party of about 6 were seen excavating at V.25.d.60.65. 9.30 a.m. 10/12 men were working in trench at V.25.b.5.7. 10.30 a.m. 4 men walked down road from ST BARBE to QUATRE BRAS and appeared to be engaged carrying planks of timber to the vicinity of V.24.c.15.15. 10.35 a.m. A party of at least 10 men were working at V.13.c.35.75 (probably constructing a dugout) The road at this point has a few squares of camouflago. 11.15 a.m. 40/50 men, moving in single file of eights, used track from V.20.a.95.15. to V.20.b.85.35., where they disappeared from view. These men probably came from V. SABOND TRENCH at about V.20.a.5.2. and have had to hide them from view until they reach V.20.a.95.15.

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Enemy movement (Contd).

11.15 a.m.

From time to time a party of men were moving down road from V.21.a. 25.00 towards the line - at least 40 men in the party. They moved in single file of tens at a large interval.

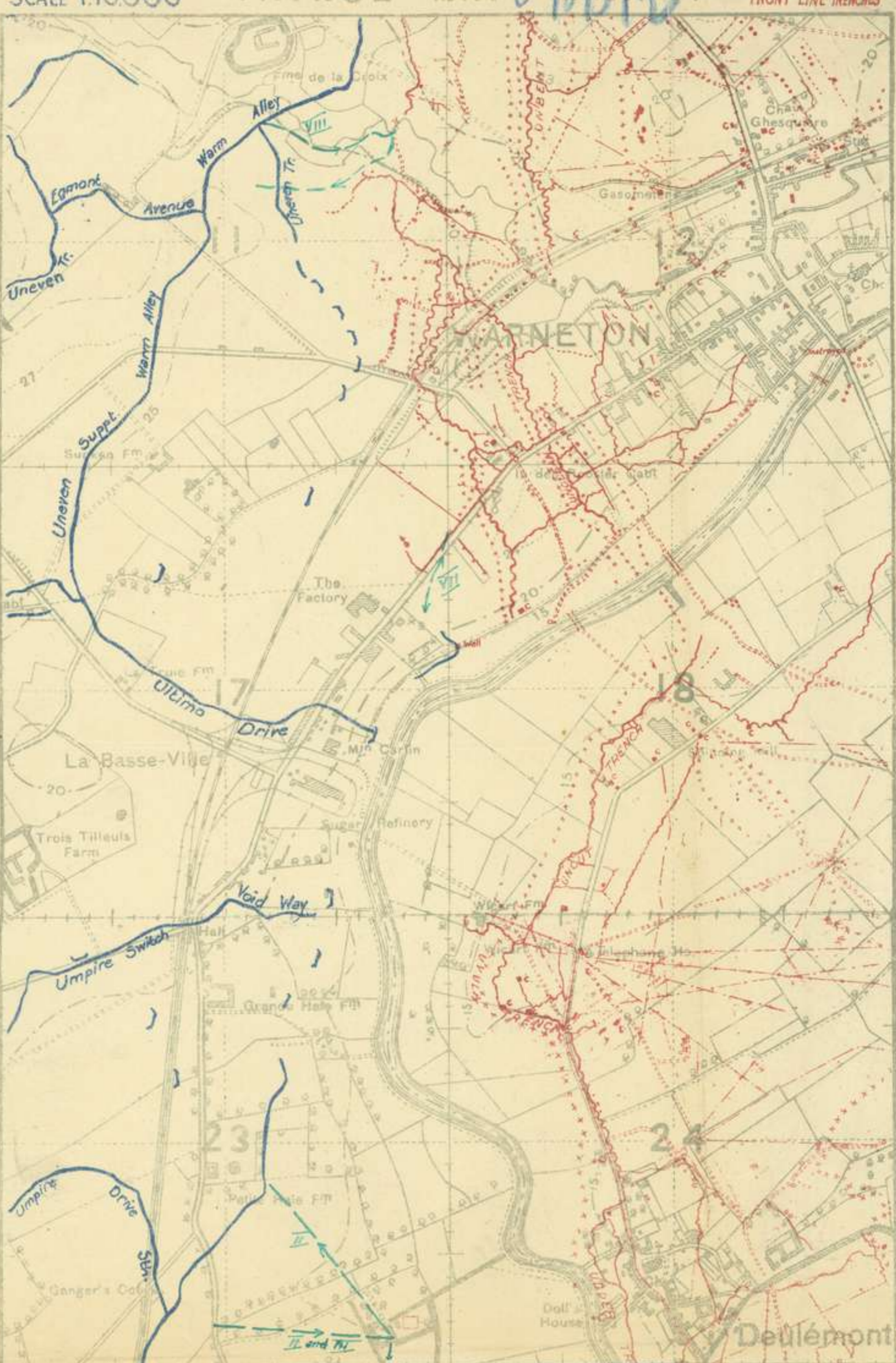
11.20 a.m. 12 men from the direction of ST PIERRE used track from V.14.c. 5.2. to V.20.a.60.65, and then along tram track to V.20.d.6.7, where they disappeared from view.

11.25 a.m. From 11.10 a.m. to 11.25 a.m. the following roads and tracks were in constant use - V.20.a.80.45 to V.20.b.85.35. V.20.a.95.15 to V.20.b.85.35. QUATRE BRAS to V.20.d.60.70. and from QUATRE BRAS to V.20.d.3.6. Of above the last two were most in use. The parties appeared to be returning for fatigue work in the forward area.

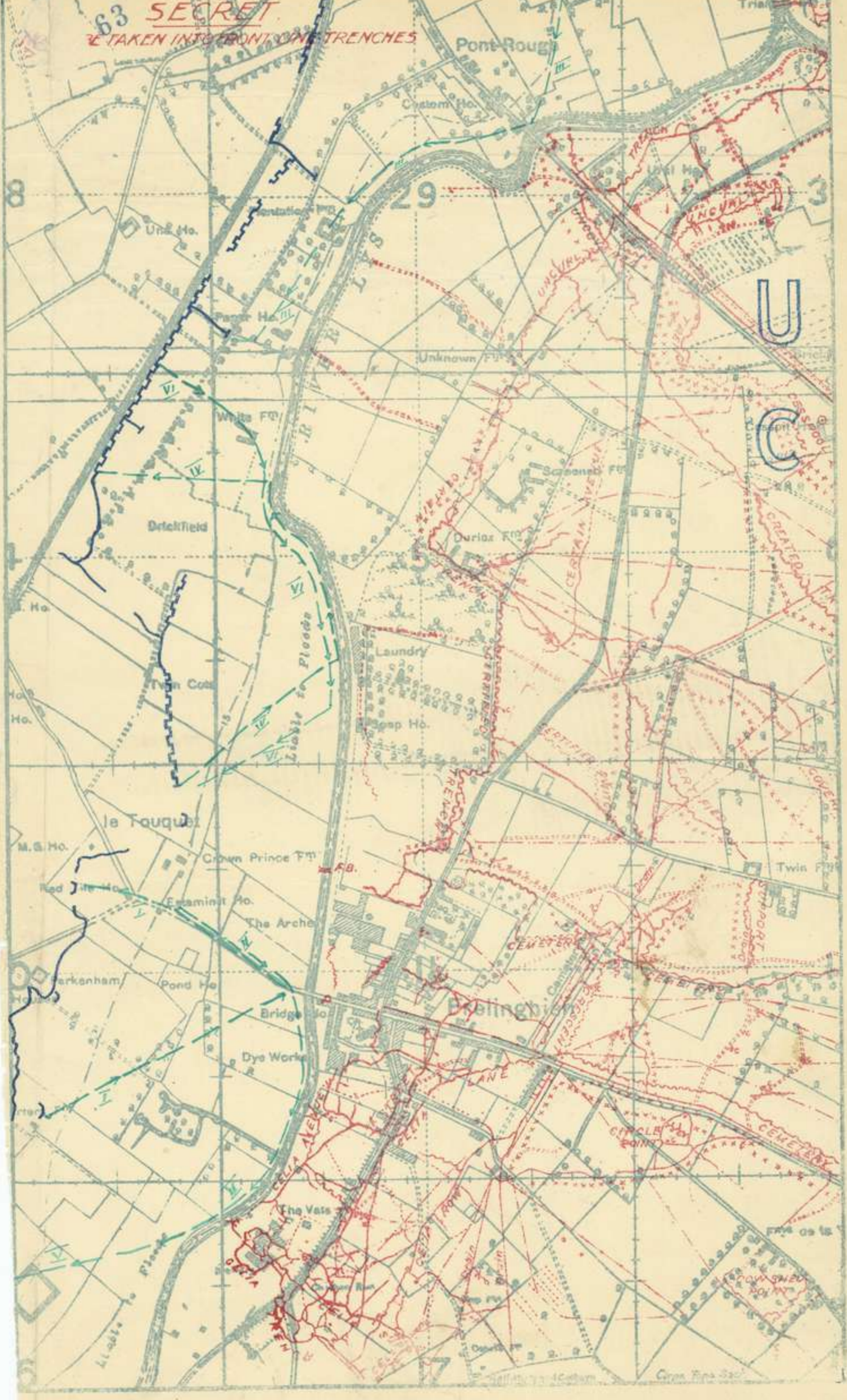
11.25 a.m. 3 men seen to make use of bridge at V.8.c.45.00.  
 6. Signalling. At about 7.10 p.m. 2 green flares, each splitting into 2, followed by golden clusters, which were repeated to the rear and our left flank. They were followed after 3 minutes by artillery and trench mortar fire. Green and red flares were fired whilst the artillery and T.Ms were active. Later, at 8.20 p.m., yellow clusters were again fired, which was followed by artillery and T.M. fire. This was repeated at 12.50 a.m. well to the N of our sector. At 7 p.m. a lamp was seen behind DEULON signalling to the rear.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Location of Units at 6 a.m. 10th January 1918.

G. 497.

<u>DIVISIONAL H.Q.</u>	-	RAVELSBERG.	-	S. 17. central.
<u>Artillery H.Q.</u>	-	RAVELSBERG.	-	S. 17. central.
4th A.F.A. Bde H.Q.		T. 21. d. 20. 10.	-	Left Group.
5th do	-	36. B. 11. d. 15. 48.		Right Group.
2nd Aust D.A.C.	-	S. 30. c. 3. 7.		
D.f.M.O.	-	36. B. 15. d. 9. 8.		NIEPPE.
T. Mortars. H & M		NIEPPE.	-	Billets.
<u>5th Aust Inf Bde H.Q.</u>		36. B. 10. a. 6. 7.	BRUNE GAYE.	<u>Right Bde.</u>
17th Battalion.		36. C. 3. c. 8. 5.		LINE Right.
18th do	-	36. B. 10. a. 75. 85.		INGERSOLL CAMP.
19th do	-	U. 27. b. 8. 2.		LINE Left.
20th do	-	36. B. 10. d. 7. 8.		LE ROSSIGNOL.
5th A.M.G. Coy.	-	Adv. 36. C. 7. d. 4. 7.		Rear. 36. E. 9. b. 6. 2.
5th A.L.T.M. Bty.		36. E. 9. b. 6. 2.		BONANZA CAMP.
<u>6th Aust Inf Bde H.Q.</u>		T. 20. c. 5. 5.		<u>Reserve Bde.</u>
21st Battalion.		U. 19. b.		CATACOMBS.
22nd do	-	T. 26. b. 9. 5.		KORTEPYP CAMP "B".
23rd do	-	T. 26. c. 6. 0.		CANTEEN CORNER.
24th do	-	T. 26. b. 5. 6.		KORTEPYP CAMP "A".
6th A.M.G. Coy.	-	T. 20. d. 20. 95.		PENZANCE LINES.
6th A.L.T.M. Bty.		T. 20. c. 4. 2.		BULFORD CAMP.
<u>7th Aust Inf Bde H.Q.</u>		36. B. 4. a. 2. 8.	LE ROMARIN.	<u>Left Bde.</u>
25th Battalion.		U. 15. c. 9. 5.		LINE Right.
26th do	-	36. B. 4. a. 6. 8.		ROMARIN CAMP.
27th do	-	T. 18. d. 7. 3.		RED LODGE.
28th do	-	U. 9. b. 8. 4.		LINE Left.
7th A.M.G. Coy.	-	36. B. 8. c. 2. 0.		LINE.
7th A.L.T.M. Bty.		U. 19. b. 3. 7.		LINE. CATACOMBS.
<u>C.R.E.</u>	-	RAVELSBERG.		S. 17. central.
5th Field Coy. A.E..		36. B. 4. a. 5. 2.		
6th do	-	T. 10. a. 5. 9.		
7th do	-	T. 10. c. 7. 0.		
<u>A.D.M.S.</u>	-	RAVELSBERG.		S. 17. central.
5th A. Field Amb.		(T. 18. d. 5. 3.	UNDERHILL FARM.	A.D.S.
		(36. C. 1. d. 4. 5.	BREWERY.	- A.D.S.
6th do	-	T. 19. b. 5. 4.	WESTHOF.	- D.R.S.
7th do	-	36. B. 8. b. 2. 5.	PONT D'ACHELLES.	M.D.S.
<u>Div Train H.Q.</u>		36. A. 5. d. 6. 7.		LA GRECHE.
15th A.A.S.C.	36. A. 5. a. 8. 5.		16th A.A.S.C.	36. A. 5. a. 7. 7.
17th do	- 36. A. 5. c. 9. 8.		20th do	- 36. A. 5. d. 8. 8.
2nd Aust Pioneer Bn.		36. B. 16. c. 4. 9.		NIEPPE. 1 Rue de Warner-
22nd A.M.G. Coy (Div)		36. B. 8. a. 4. 1.		(to
<u>Divisional Troops.</u>				
Paymaster. A.P.M.)				
D.A.D.V.S. D.M.G.O.)		RAVELSBERG.		S. 17. central.
Salvage Coy.	-	36. B. 7. d. 7. 3.		
Mob Vet. Sect.	-	S. 29. b. 2. 2.		
2nd A.D.S.C.	-	36. A. 17. a. 2. 0.		
D.G.G. (Gas School)		36. B. 20. b. 4. 3.		
D.B.O. (Bomb School)		T. 8. d. 4. 3.		
D.A.D.O.S.	-	36. B. 1. d. 2. 8.		
Div Wing. Corps)				
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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER No. 158.

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Copy No. 22

Headquarters,  
10th January, 1918.

Reference Maps: Sheet 28 - 1/40,000.  
Sheet 36 - 1/40,000.

1. The 6th Aust. Inf. Bde. will relieve the 7th Aust. Inf. Bde. in the Left Brigade Sector of the line between the 12th and 14th instant.

Details of the relief will be arranged mutually between the G.O's.C. concerned, the necessary preliminary reconnaissances being carried out by officers and specialists of the 6th Aust. Inf. Brigade.

2. Machine Gun Companies and L.T.M. Batteries will be relieved under Brigade arrangements.

3. Engineer Companies will not be relieved, but will continue as at present employed.

4. Trench Stores, Maps, etc., will be handed over and necessary receipts obtained.

5. Relief to be completed before 6 a.m., 14th instant, change of command being reported to Divisional H.Q. on completion.

6. On relief, units of the 7th Aust. Inf. Bde. will move to posts and billets occupied previously by the 6th Aust. Inf. Brigade, and will take over and continue all duties and works previously performed by the Support Brigade.

7. Acknowledge on attached slip.

Lieut-Colonel,  
General Staff,  
Second Australian Division.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

No. 53.

From 6 a.m. 9th to 6 a.m. 10th January, 1918.

NOTE. - Not to be taken into the front line trenches.

OPERATIONS.

1. Artillery. 4.5" Hows. expended 200 rds. on following targets: WICART FARM, CEYLON FARM, PONT de DELLEMONT, WARNETON and Cross Roads in U.12.b., V.13.a., and V.7.a. Roads in V.7.c. and b., U.11.c. and d., V.14.c., V.15.a. and V.25.c. were harassed with shrapnel during the night. House at U.18.b.3.1, SPINNING MILL, THE QUADRANGLE, WAUSTINE FARM and URAL HOUSE were subjected to 18-pdr. concentrations.

Reported new work at C.5.b.1.1 was shelled with 40 rds. How. and working party in V.13.central was fired on and dispersed at 8.50am. WARNETON TOWER was used for registration purposes from 9am. to 11am. From 10.15 to 11.30pm. BAS WAPNETON was kept under fire with 18-pdrs. M.W. at C.11.c.9.5, C.5.c.7.9, U.18.c.35.95 and U.18.c.1.9 were fired on at intervals.

2. Patrols.

(i) A patrol of 1 Off. and 10 O.Rs. left our lines at C.4.b.40.45 at 5pm. and moved to WHITE FARM, C.5.a. and then patrolled in a S. direction. Bridge and driftwood at C.5.a.30.35 were inspected and found to be impassable. Patrol then moved along river bank to C.11.a.4.7. Ground between marsh and front line was patrolled. No signs of the enemy were seen. Patrol returned at 9pm. through C.10.b.80.90.

(ii) A Patrol of 1 Off. and 10 O.Rs. went out from C.10.d.2.3 at 5pm. and moved in an E. direction until the river was reached, thence along river in a northerly direction to the FRELINGHIEN ROAD at C.11.c.35.90. Ground along river to this point and S. of road was patrolled. Enemy M.Gs. were observed firing from C.11.c.55.55, C.11.c.55.85 and C.11.a.6.2. No sounds of movement could be heard in FRELINGHIEN. Patrol returned at 8.45pm. through C.10.b.8.3. No trace of the enemy was observed. A number of flares were fired from the direction of DYE WORKS, C.11.c.55.55. Owing to the thaw the movement of patrol was difficult and slow.

(iii) A patrol of 1 Off. and 10 O.Rs. left our lines at 10pm. from C.10.b.9.9, and moved to river at C.11.a.45.50, thence in a N. direction along bank of river to C.5.a.20.35. A M.G. was observed firing from C.5.c.7.6. No signs of the enemy were observed. Patrol returned through C.4.b.70.95 at 2am.

(iv) A patrol of 1 Off. and 10 O.Rs. moved out from C.10.b.8.3 at 12.15am. Patrol leader and 1 N.C.O. moved forward to bridge at C.11.a.5.5, leaving remainder of patrol as covering party. From C.11.a.50.40, a row of French wire <sup>barbed</sup> about 20 yds. long runs northward protecting bridgehead. Trip wires and alarm wire are also laid about 20 yds. from bridge. A new 3/4" hemp rope is attached to one of the stakes in barbed wire and runs down to bridge where it is also secured. It appeared to be an alarm signal rope. Between the bank and end of bridge there is a space of about 2 feet. The bridge consists of about 8 piers about 10 feet apart and 15 feet in width with a duckwalk planking 2'3" wide. The bridge was found to be 25 yds. by 2'3" and could be made 15 feet wide. It is 2' above water. Flares were fired at intervals of 15 minutes from about C.11.c.50.85 and C.11.c.50.55.

(v) A patrol of 2 Off. and 20 O.Rs. with L.G. went out from U.23.c.90.15, and moved in direction of MOAT FARM, to lie in wait for the enemy. When within 75 yds. of the FARM the leading scouts were fired on from the Farm, one man being wounded. The patrol advanced but when reaching the farm no trace of the enemy could be found. Patrol returned at 10.30pm. through U.23.c.90.15.

(vi) A patrol of 2 Off. and 20 O.Rs. with L.G. went out from U.23.c.90.15 at 3am. and moved to MOAT FARM to lie in wait for the enemy. No trace of the enemy was found. The patrol returned at 6.5am. through U.29.a.5.4.

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## Patrols (contd.).

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(vii) 1 Officer and 4 O.Rs. ~~patrolled No. 11. d. 7.9.~~  
No hostile movement was observed. Two bursts were fired by a M.G. south of the SPINNEY.

(viii) 1 Officer and 19 O.Rs. with L.G. went out at 11pm. to rising ground about U.11.d.7.9. From here scouts went on to enemy's wire about U.11.d.8.7. At this point there is very weak trip wire out of repair. Enemy's main wire 25 yds. in front of his trench consists of heavy barbed wire on angle iron pickets with a coil of plain French wire in the centre. It is in good condition and appears to have been strengthened during the past week. Working N. along the wire, scouts had made about 60 yds. when a number of flares were put up and some 20 bombs thrown at them. At the same time M.Gs. opened from railway embankment about U.11.d.9.5, and trench at U.11.d.98.95. After lying quiet for a bit, patrol made a detour, and regaining the wire followed it to about U.11.b.75.05. They then turned S., picked up covering party, and returned at 1.10am.

## ENEMY ACTIVITY.

1. Artillery. Less active than last period. Scattered fire was contin- (ued.)

Locality Shelled.	From.	To.	Rds.	Calibre.	Direction.
C.1.d.6.5.	10am.		7	7.7cm.	FRELINGHIEN.
U.27.c.47.70.	10.20am.		15	H.E. & Shrap.	do.
U.11.c.5.5.	10.30am.		6	7.7cm.	
U.15.b. & 9.d.	10.40am.	11.15am.	10.	15 cm.	
U.27.d.	11am.		20.	10.5 cm.	
C.2.d.2.1.	11.30am.		8	7.7 cm.	
WARNETON TRACK.	11.45am.		12.	10.5cm.	
U.11.c.	1.4pm.		7.	10.5cm.	
U.9.a.	(9.20pm.				
	(10.30pm.		55	15 cm.	
U.27.c.47.70.	1.30am.		15	7.7cm.	

2. Trench Mortars. BUTCHERS SHOP was shelled with 12 heavy M.W. from about U.11.c. from 2. to 2.50pm. At 9-10am. U.29.a.8.6. and U.28.d. with heavy T.Ms. - direction of mortars unknown. About a dozen T.M. bombs fell about U.17.b.6.8. from direction of SPINNING MILL at 9 pm. and again at 6am. 20 fell about front system in U.11. during the 24 hrs.

3. Machine Guns. Enemy M.Gs. fired on our 'planes from E. of FRELINGHIEN C.11.b.40.95 and C.11.b.10.55. From 3pm. to 9pm. frequent bursts of fire around LE TOUQUET Station from direction of FRELINGHIEN CHURCH.

4. Movement. Between 7.50 and 8 a.m. 8 men walked from C.5.c.15.30 towards TWIN FARM. At 10.30 a.m. 2 men ran from C.11.c.70.85 to rear of ARCHES in C.11.a., carrying what appeared to be planks of wood. At 10.45 a.m. followed a minute later by a second, walked from C.11.b.3.9. over open ground and jumped into trench at C.11.b.1.6. At 6.45 a.m. 1 man was seen climbing down from tree at C.5.c.75.40. At 7.30 a.m. a party of 16 men carrying tools came along trench from C.11.b.35.90 going towards DURIEE FARM. At intervals during the morning single men could be seen moving at C.5.b.07.08., and U.30.c.6.8. Smoke was seen coming from building at U.29.d.9.9. Working parties of about 25 men were seen in V.15.a, and c in early morning; also in U.18.c and d, and V.19.a.

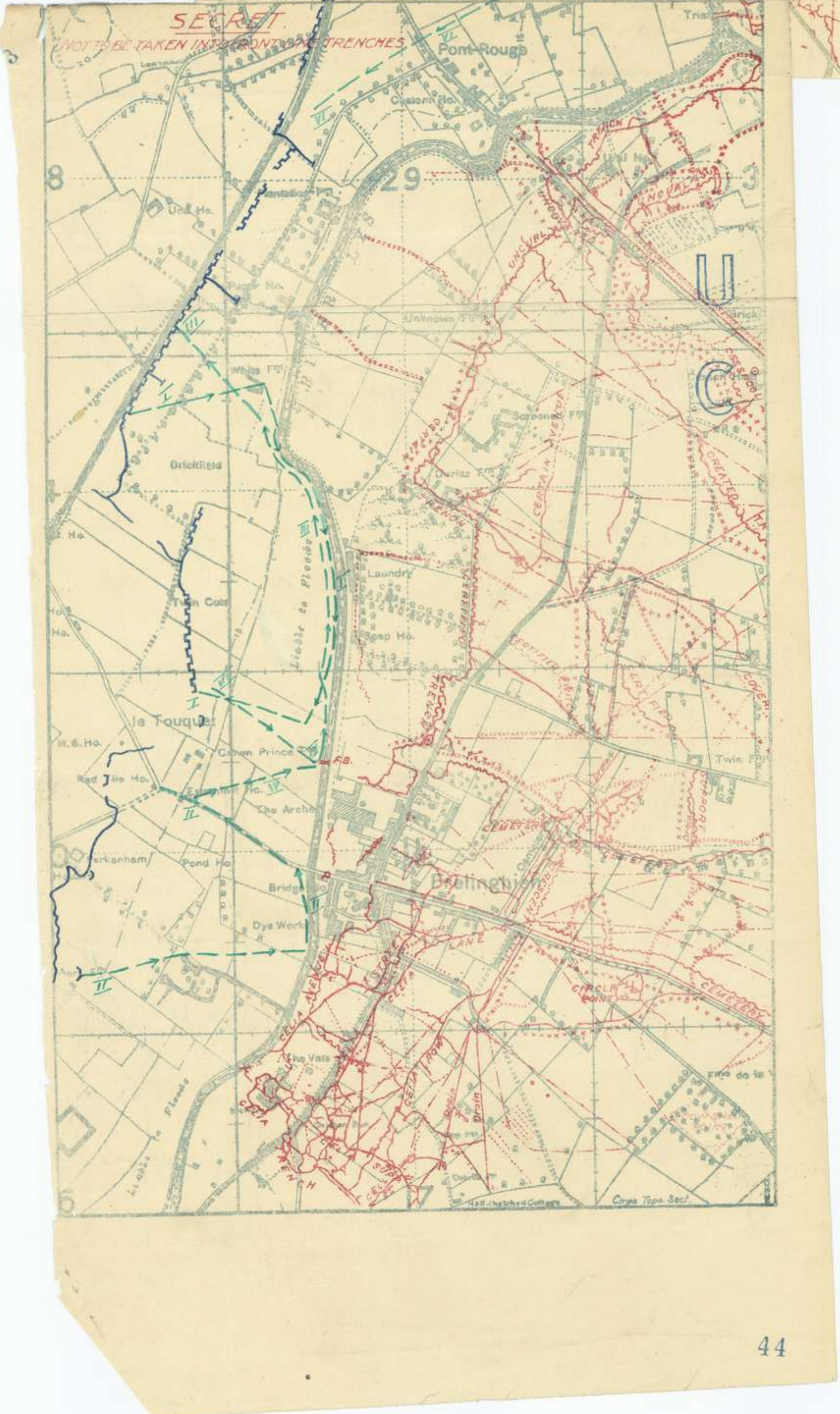
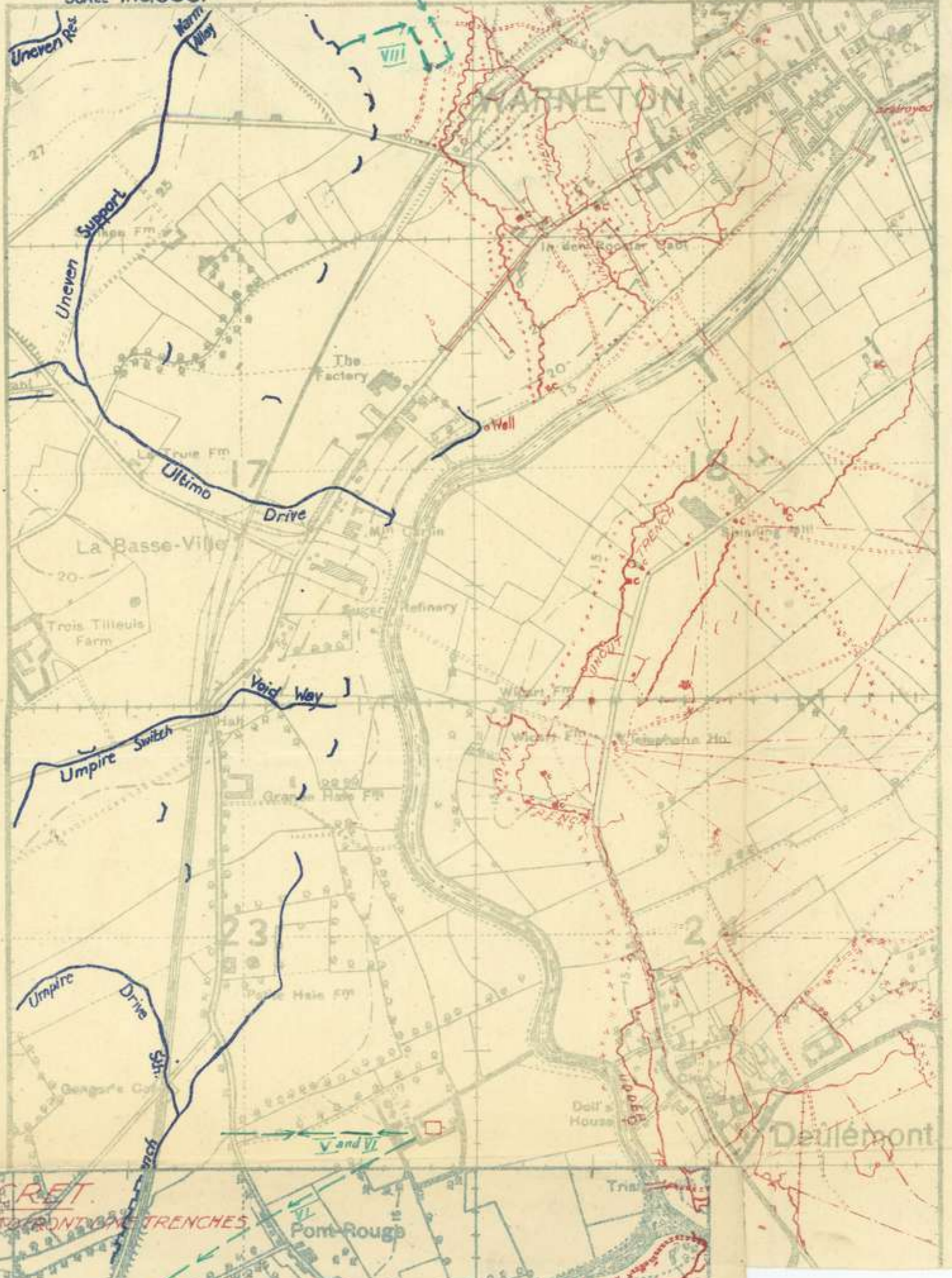
5. Signalling. At 1.35 a.m. when our artillery shelled WARNETON flares were sent up in the following order - green, red, (bursting into 2) golden showers. Between 6.30 p.m. and 9 pm a reflection from a signalling lamp was observed near base of WARNETON TOWER.

6. Miscellaneous. Our 'planes were busy taking advantage of the good visibility during the morning. Few E.A. were seen. At 10.30 a.m. 2 red bodied German machines collided and fell in pieces in N.E. corner of U.12.b. The spot where they crashed was kept under artillery and M.G. fire throughout the night.

*R. B. Westheim Capt.*

Lieut Colonel.

General Staff.



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Headquarters,  
11th January, 1918.

GENERAL STAFF CIRCULAR MEMORANDUM No. 50.

S.O.S. SIGNAL.

1. Beginning midday, 15th January, 1918, the S.O.S. Signal throughout the Fourth Army will be a Rifle Grenade Signal, bursting into coloured stars " RED over GREEN over YELLOW.

2. Australian Corps "Q" is arranging to issue 150 of the above Rifle Grenades to this Division by midday, 14th January, 1918. 50 will be issued immediately to each Brigade in the line.

3. All S.O.S. Signals now in use will be returned to the Divisional Bomb Dump by the 17th January, 1918.

4. ACKNOWLEDGE on attached slip.

*J. ...*  
Lieut-Colonel,  
General Staff,  
Second Australian Division.

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